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REMINISCENCES OF THE PAST.

IT is the boast of the Masonic Order that its peculiar system of working—veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols—does not change, but that it is the same to-day as it was in the days of long ago, and that it will continue in the future as it has continued in the past. It is of course quite impossible to say how much of the latter part of this argument is likely to prove correct, but there can be no question as to the other part—Freemasonry of to-day is, in all important respects, the same as it was in the days of our ancestors, and we imagine the spirits of our great-great-grandfathers might enter some of the Lodges of the present generation—provided they were allowed to return to earth for such a purpose—and be perfectly at home in the ceremonies and ritual of present day Masons. They would find the same brotherly spirit and fraternal good fellowship among the members of the Lodge as we are told marked the gatherings of the last century, and they would hear the same Masonic lessons delivered from the East, in probably the same terms they used to listen to during their lifetime; in fact they would find the same Freemasonry, practiced by a new generation of Freemasons, whose chief aim is to uphold the principles and tenets of the Craft, and do honour to their ancestors by acting up to the lessons the brethren set them in the years of long ago.

But it is not in the ritual and ceremonies alone that the Freemasonry of to-day resembles that of the past; many of the old associations seem to continue to exercise an influence in certain quarters, and thus it is we find special localities famous in special subjects, just as they were in days gone by. As an example we may refer to the city of York, with which is associated the earliest records of Freemasonry in England just as is also associated with it the earliest efforts of some of those who have taken a prominent part in recent years towards diffusing a better knowledge of Masonic historical records and Masonic writings generally. If we refer to the old tradition of Freemasonry we find it recorded that the first Grand Lodge was formed at York, under Prince Edwin, in A.D. 926, while if we tax our memory in regard to some of the events of the last twenty years we find York again to the front, initiating movements which have made their influence felt throughout the world, and will continue to have an effect on future generations of Masons. York is by no means behind hand to-day, as is evidenced by the proposal referred to in our last week's issue, to reprint in one volume the Ancient Rolls of Constitutions at present in the possession of the York Lodge, No. 236, which, as Masonic students are aware, are some of the most interesting documents known to exist in regard to the earlier days of Freemasonry. We well remember some years back paying a visit to the old city, and viewing with considerable interest the many interesting Masonic

curiosities collected together for the general edification of the Craft at large, but more particularly for the benefit of the Masonic members of the British Association, which was in session at York at the time. Much of the success of that exhibition was due to the energy and Masonic ability brought to bear on the subject by Bros. T. B. Whytehead, J. Todd, and other kindred spirits, and we find these same brethren busying themselves to-day in the work we are speaking of. With them the love for Masonic research is no mere caprice of the moment, they are as enthusiastic as ever they were, and, no doubt backed up by the old Masonic traditions of the city in which they live, they will be the means of providing another interesting link between the Masonry of long ago and the Masonry of to-day.

It is at all times extremely difficult to give credit in the right quarter for innovations which in time come to be regarded as every day matters, but we think the Yorkshire brethren of whom we have just spoken are entitled to a share of the credit, of having inaugurated the series of Masonic Exhibitions which have now been held in various parts of the world, and which have led to the establishment of more than one permanent home for Masonic curiosities. That the same success may attend their latest undertaking must be the hope of all who know them, and not only are we convinced they will have the good wishes of their personal friends but they will also receive support and encouragement from Masons in all parts of the world, as soon as the project they have in hand is brought under notice. We are hoping to have some details of this work for publication in an early issue, but the resolutions carried at the annual gathering of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire, reported in our last issue, will supply sufficient information to awaken the pleasurable anticipations of Masonic students in particular and generally of those who take an interest in the reminiscences of the past.

MASONRY'S GRANDEUR AND GOODNESS.

MASONRY A TEMPLE—A SYMBOL—A SCIENCE OF EMBLEMS AND SYMBOLS—A SOCIETY OF RITUAL AND OF IDEALS.

An Address by Rev. James Byron Murray, Grand Chaplain, before the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York, 8th February 1893.

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MASONRY is a society of ritual. This is a necessity for its work and the imparting of its principles. It is a wondrous preservative of facts and truths; the fine salt which loses not its savour, and keeps them ever ready for use. Principles expressed in the same form of words from age to age, varied slightly perhaps as certain conditions of

an age may demand, are held as in golden shrines which cannot pass away. These forms bind century to century, and are unbroken links in the unseen chain of brotherhood. The long ranks of the departed, aproned and jewelled in them, stand around the altars of fellowship, and are ever visible to the mental gaze. The sound of such form is not lost in the decays of time, but is heard in the tender passion and the magnificence of their tone, as generation speaks to generation face to face. Inclosing the wisest and noblest ideals, they are forerunners for wise and noble action. For man is body, soul and spirit in the trinity of his personality; a being of mind and of sense, and for these are needed truths in visible form and expression. A wise ritual, enshrining the beating heart of humanity, lifts man beyond himself, and is a magnificent influence and teacher. It appeals to the senses, and so lays a touch and a hand on the heart, and knowledge and wisdom and truth are no longer mere memories, but working forces and achievers in the labours and the grandeur unseen endeavours of society. Ritual is dignity; ritual is stability; ritual is harmony; ritual is uniformity; ritual is unity and abiding impression. It is the guard and defence of principles, stronger in its protection than walled fortresses and the shining bayonets of war.

Masonry is a society of ideals. Ideals have been the heritage of all great thinkers. Those powers which have attained special altitude among the nations have not only worked their great principles into their character, but have worked according to an ideal. It is the greatness which inspires, quickens, moves and pushes them out into loftier efforts and princely deeds. In ideals a people finds a voice for its longing, the hopes it cherishes, and the heights it would attain, and the interpretation of its dreams for human good. The pyramids, the colossal forms that lie in the stone wastes of Egypt, are not dead things only, but the broken expression of a glorious ideal, the mute proclamation that the body of man should live forever. Mount Zion was not a mere rock on which to build a temple; it was the enduring monument, to all ages, of the grandeur of the soul as it worships Jehovah, and the beauty of holiness and righteousness in the character. Egypt in a lower sense, Judea in a higher sense, lived and breathed in the atmosphere of ideals. For the latter, its golden age was in the promised Messiah. Who in the fullness of time came, and proclaimed with a voice that has been heard through the world, that the resurrection of the body is a reality, and that life is life immortal in the worship of God night and day before His eternal throne. In the royalty of His nature He became Himself the interpretation of the grandest ideals.

Masonry, by its unwearied patience and energy, has drawn to itself the highest and best things harvested in the centuries. And it has built its temple and shown it to the world to draw these things to itself and fashion them into harmony and the calm beauty of its leading ideals, just as the windowed arch, the shafted cross, and pointed spire, the strong buttress, have drawn to themselves the gentler moonbeams and sculptured them into mellowed light and calm beauty. Each age has given some great truth, or some contribution, and Masonry has held them up for man to imitate and make his own. And here again it has become a school of learning, and knowledge, duty, righteousness, integrity, moral beauty, purity, have educated its members to the lofty height such ideals demand. It has kept every ideal before the Mason, whether it has been enriched by symbol or acted drama or the pageantry of dedicated temple or poised arch. In this, too, it finds its growth, and this will be the standard by which its loftiness will be measured before men. For though Masonry is of the past, it has to do with the present, with times of great endeavour and the constant miracle of invention, and no standard of action can be hidden from sight, no truth of the ever growing institution can be thrown aside among the wastes of the temple, for Masonry teaches with the unvarying order which nature teaches every artistic soul. Every flash of light on leaf or tree, every tint of the firmament, on the waves of the sea, or mountain crag, is formed into an ideal, and inspiration for the mind and hand to impress on stone or to repeat the story of its beauty on the pictured canvas.

Here lies in some measure the educating power of the Lodges and Chapters of the Fraternity. If the Mason is much with its ideals and principles, he can go back to the world, his face illumined as if in the presence of some higher being; their power to guide his life resting with

himself, and their power energised to win mankind to a brotherhood which can contribute such things to man. He has established and set forth in enduring shape the fact that his Fraternity is the home of true greatness, the mansion house of true nobility, the dedicated meeting place where even the Holy Religion can closely identify itself with human helps and human sympathy.

In the temple in the eternal city there is an arch; and there is an arch in the royal companionship. Under the dome of the great cathedral there are truths enfolded, and so under the arch of the imperial Masonic structure. Beneath the arch, builded with human hands, beneath the dome of the brotherhood, there is an altar of light and a shrine of knowledge; the shining path on which the crooked things are made straight, and the darkness which blinds the eyes of the seekers after truth is made light. Belief in God has become the attained privilege of calling on His name; and the glorious thing that was lost is found, which must be found to render life everlasting.

Among the adornments of the structure of Masonry, and which gives a fair beauty to the temple, is the divine gift of charity and love. It is not only a gift, but a voice sweet and haunting like the voice that comes over the waters, falling from the lips of the voyagers in the ship which passes on the summer sea. But it also compasses obedience and respect for the moral laws, which, out of the unapproachable flames of Sinai, came written with the finger of God on tables of stone, to be written henceforth on the heart or conscience. Love to God will issue in benevolence to man; for man, as we saw, is not a being of sense only, but of reason, of immortality and likeness to his Creator. And in these moral and spiritual places charity will have its highest service as it has its lower service in ministering to the body. This is true charity, and as it is among the highest gifts it is among the most blessed. It glorifies every right deed done by man, and it glorifies Masonry, of which it forms so large a part, as the sun glorifies the house of stone on the hillside, in the fading day, painting the varied architecture with the richness of colour, the gleam and royalty of purple.

It bears on it the mark of heaven and is a blessing to mankind. In its lower and practical form it is that compassion for suffering which lifts the burdens which shadow so many lives, and relieves their wants. One of the noblest pleasures which the mind can attain is to comfort the weary, to dry the tear of the saddened heart, to hold out the hand of fullness to the needy. Charity, as it lies at the basis of society, is a strong power to preserve its harmony, and to promote public virtue. If nothing is done to relieve the destitute; if the needy are left to their need, the hungry to their hunger, then too often crime is the unsightly issue. But where homes are built, not to foster idleness or pretense, but for the truly poor; where asylums are founded for the halt and the lame and the blind, in the competition and strifes of business; where they are sustained by public opinion and public means, then a strong moral force is projected into society, and charity has become a blessed influence as the light that passes over the land, leaving its benign footsteps in mellowed fruit, in rippling grain and the incense of numberless flowers.

In these later days the Fraternity has tasted the cup of the rich wine of charity in our own jurisdiction, and the Home has arisen beneath the circle of the hills. This may seem a small thing, but it is really a great thing. In the Cordilleras there are peaks which rise above others and catch the first dawn of the morning which promises the full day, and we admire their grandeur; but lower down there are wide clefts which are fresh with needed moisture, broad ravines, green with herbage for use and breathed into beauty by the fragrance of the mountain flower. Their humility has made them great. There are structures in our civilisation which attest the work of the master spirit, which witness to some great conception of the intellect or commercial enterprise, and we admire the genius which is manifest through all. But there are structures scattered through the land humbler in their look, which call forth the better feelings of the mind, because they are hallowed and consecrated by sympathy with the needy and broken lives. For while there is hunger to be fed and thirst to be stayed and burdens of poverty to be lifted from the shoulders, it is a clear mark of Providence that these are a heritage to society, and which, as it has the remedies, society must relieve. So it is with the Home that rises in our fraternal commonwealth. It represents the mind, the love, the generous spirit of

Masonry. Among structures which manifest human greatness it may not be a magnificent temple, a miracle of man's skill, but it is a temple which reveals the heart, the essence of brotherhood. It stands on its stone foundation a testimony to the faith of him who, in the past, dropped the small seed into the furrow as a promise that the little one should become a thousand; of the course of Masonry through the sunshine and shadow of prosperity and persecution; of its calm, persistent toil; of its ideal of charity breaking into fruition; of the fact that charity should not be in word only, but in deed and truth; of the reality that it should be a shelter from the pitiless rains of suffering for the worthy brother, sheltered under the large protection of Masonic love.

The Home, as it represents a beautiful principle in Masonry, is a constant admonition to its members to be faithful to every vow resting on their conscience. It is a prophetic intimation for the Fraternity to pass on its way, offering for others' good the higher things intrusted to it as a body; a call not to forget that its ministry is a ministry to the suffering, and an inspiration to the moral nature to send forth all those things which shall be a benefaction to mankind. Fulfilling such a ministry, its presence in society will be as lofty as it will be munificent.

It will not be as the dead Pharaohs in their colossal house of stone, with all their withered royalties about them, but a more kingly being moving among men, throwing from its hand in royal bounty charities and beauty, as the richer orchards shower the land with the tender and tinted leaves, when the buds are rounding themselves into the prophecy of the perfect fruit.

The Home is the proclamation that while the past is sacred to Masonry, the present is its working time. It is the assurance that its golden age lies just on the horizon, the heights of which it can reach, and by its moral achievements and kindly deeds make grandly near. The old will not be cast aside, but transmuted into the growth, as it were, of the grapes of Masonic thinking and acting, as the autumn leaves in the vineyards of France, contribute to the white and purple clusters of the branches. By the past, Masonry will pursue its course, guided by its wise and masterly teaching, in the great march of the nations on the globe, to a more useful present and a nobler future. The splendid heritage which has come down to it will be a potent, stimulating influence to a larger, broader, more generous endeavour for the person and the State. The sharper questions, the movements of the day, the problems that sweep with unabated force against the law and religion of the land, the deformities of social living and the unsightly things that lie on the surface of society, like the growths on the Saragossa sea, and hinder largely the best efforts for reform, will be taken up and turned into clearer currents and rightly defined progress, and be changed into real and enduring benefits. For Masonry will recognise that this is an age for humanity; for a more intelligent labour, for a wider diffusion of that culture which beautifies; for a more exultant inspiration, for the better employment of those energies which must toil either for good or evil; for a fellowship which shall not only bind men together, but be a propelling force to achieve and make them men among men, with all the royalties of their manhood unstained, as the Creator proposed them to be in His wise and infinite design. To the brotherhood it will be true, that:

"Not in vain the distance beckons, forward, forward let us range,
Let the great world spin for ever down the ringing grooves of
change.
Through the shadows of the globe we sweep into the younger day;
Better fifty years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay."

(To be continued).

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. in the chair. There were also present—Bros. J. H. Matthews, Henry A. Hunt, J. Brett, A. C. Spaul, W. H. Spaul, William Vincent, Hy. Massey, E. H. Finney, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of

the April Court, and the transaction of other formal business,

Bro. Hedges read a letter from Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, Honorary Oculist, thanking the General Committee for the honour conferred on him by making him a Vice-Patron of the Institution, in consideration of his honorary services for many years.

The letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

On the motion of Bro. A. C. Spaul, seconded by Bro. W. H. Spaul, the brethren passed the following resolutions, on the recommendations of the General Committee:—
"That the General Committee be recommended to grant a sum of £600 to enlarge the infirmary, according to the plans of Bro. Hunt."

Bro. W. H. Spaul said it was of the utmost importance to have a separate entrance for infectious cases to the infirmary.

Bro. Hurst explained, and said the place was in a curious shape. The gates of Lyncombe House originally came near the infirmary. His plan was to fill that corner up and make a separate entrance for infectious cases. He also proposed separate rooms for the nurses.

Bro. Frank Richardson said with that alteration the place would do very well.

The Committee next passed the following resolution:—
"That the 10 eligible candidates remaining from the last election, together with Gertrude M. Templer, and the 26 other candidates whose petitions have been this day approved, be recommended to the General Court as eligible to be placed upon the list for the October election, and that 15 vacancies be declared."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, and Brother Richardson's acknowledgment of the compliment, closed the proceedings.

TRIPS TO CLACTON-ON-SEA, HARWICH, AND YARMOUTH.

THOSE who desire an enjoyable and healthful day and a trip to sea cannot do better than make for Old Swan Pier, London Bridge, about 8.45 a.m., on a Sunday or any week day, except Friday, and take a return ticket of the Victoria Steamship Association, which will secure them a journey by the magnificent "Koh-i-noor," fitted with every luxury for ease and comfort of passengers in any weather. This Association, of which Bro. Edgar Shaud is the astute and indefatigable Secretary, has some of the most experienced navigators on the Thames—one of whom is Captain Arthur Owen, a cautious painstaking officer in command of this speedy and commodious paddle steamer. The "Koh-i-noor" arrives at Clacton about 1.30, lands passengers, and proceeds to Harwich, calling on return at Clacton about 3.30, thus enabling passengers to spend some time there, and continues the return journey, reaching London Bridge soon after 8 o'clock. There is a capital band on board to enliven the trip, and the catering for the public requirements at popular prices are satisfactory and bountiful. The state saloon and dining and tea saloon are fitted in superb style, and the ventilation is well arranged. The vessel is illuminated at night by the electric light; all the seats and movables are unsinkable—thus the safety of those on board are to an extent assured.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. Bro. A. C. Spaul presided, and there were present:—Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., Charles Kempton, James Brett P.G.P., W. Fisher, C. Sheppard, G. C. Haslop, T. W. Whitmarsh, S. N. Abraham P.G.P., A. R. Trew, W. J. Murlis, John Barnett, H. Mason, W. Vincent, A. H. Hickman, G. E. Fairchild, T. B. Purchas P.G.A.D.C., C. J. Perceval, J. L. Anderson, W. Belchamber, A. Durrant, C. J. R. Tijou A.G.P., V. F. S. d'Arcy Brennan, Jas. Speller, J. Newton, T. B. Daniell, J. Hattersley, R. D. Cummings, R. A. Gowan, J. A. Farnfield P.G.A.D.C., C. F. Hogard P.G. Std. Br., J. P. Fitzgerald, and James Terry P.G.S.B. Secretary. The minutes of the June Committee having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of one male and one widow annuitant. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and that of the Finance Committee read, received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. It having been resolved to withdraw £5000 from call and invest it in India three per cent. stock, the proceedings terminated with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

FORTUNATELY favoured by fine weather, and being held at the pleasant watering place of Southend, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex took place last Tuesday under the most auspicious circumstances. A large number of brethren came from all parts of the Province, every Lodge being well represented, journeying by rail or water, the rendezvous being the Clarence Hotel, in Clarence Street. Lord Brooke the Provincial Grand Master and Bro. F. A. Philbrick Deputy Provincial Grand Master were met at the Railway Station upon arrival by a deputation of the reception committee, and were drawn in a handsomely appointed pair horse carriage to the Hall. The Prov. Grand Lodge was called for half past two o'clock, by which time upwards of 160 brethren had assembled. The company included Bros. Sir W. Abdey, Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert P.G.S.B., W. Shurmur P.G.T., Rev. H. T. Armfield, Thos. J. Ralling P.A.G.D.C., George Everett P.G.T., J. H. Salter P.G.J.W., Thos. Lloyd P.M., A. Lucking P.G.P., J. J. C. Turner P.G.S.W., George Cooper P.G.D., R. Clowes P.G.S.B., H. Le Strange P.G.D., Dr. Lennox Browne P.P.G.S.W., George Corble P.P.G.J.W., W. Buck P.P.G.S.W., E. H. Bailey P.P.J.D., Frederick Wood P.P.G.S.W., J. Morrison McLeod Secretary Masonic Boys' School, Col. J. S. Tichenor, Rev. J. Lloyd P.P.G.C., Elliott Fletcher P.M., G. J. Glasscock P.P.G.S.B., T. Hood P.G.R., E. J. Bowmaker, W. E. Bridgland P.P.G.S.B., H. Doughty P.P.G.S.B. Letters of apology for absence were received from Lord Amherst P.G.M. Kent, Lord Henniker P.G.M. Suffolk, Col. Noel Money P.G.M. Surrey, Lord George Hamilton, the Earl of Onslow, Major Rosch, M.P., and a large number of Grand Officers.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master were saluted by the brethren according to ancient custom. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The roll of the Lodges of the Province was then called, to which every one responded, some little amusement being caused by Brother Ralling's omission to mention the William Shurmur Lodge, which, as far as numbers go, is the largest in the Province. Lord Brooke, who on rising to address the brethren met with an enthusiastic reception, expressed the great pleasure he felt at meeting them, especially Bro. Philbrick, who from such sad circumstances was compelled to be absent last year. He was also pleased to record the great success that attended the Festival of the Boys' School, at Brighton, when one of the largest amounts ever contributed to that Institution was received. He thanked them for supporting him in so noble a manner, for despite the fact that they lived in a Province not altogether favoured by prosperity, they had sent up the sum of £2,235. He was glad to report that the Province was in a most satisfactory condition Masonically, its finances were flourishing, and perfect harmony and brotherly goodwill prevailed throughout. The Board of General Purposes would present their report, in which they might observe that it was proposed to charge the Province with the expenses of the brethren attending the elections of the various Charities, and he thought that was the least they could do to recompense those who, year after year, so unselfishly devoted a large amount of time and labour to the cause. He would also have the honour later on of presenting a testimonial to Bro. A. Lucking in recognition of the eminent services rendered to Provincial Grand Lodge for nearly twenty years, and trusted what they had contributed would be accepted by that true and faithful servant. The Lodges in the Province were increasing in numbers, but he never gave his sanction to the creation of a new Lodge unless he was perfectly satisfied that it was necessary. Another Lodge would shortly be consecrated at Wivenhoe, where a large number of Masons resided, and the first Master would be his friend, Bro. C. E. Green. He hoped that the brethren would always entertain the same kindly feelings towards him, and do their best to help him in the discharge of his onerous yet pleasant duties.

Bro. Philbrick D.P.G.M. then presented the report, and

moved that it be received, adopted and entered on the minutes. He said that the roll continued to increase and there were now 1725 subscribing members in the Province. The Board recommended grants from the General Fund of twenty guineas each to the Boys' and Girls' School, and a similar sum from the Charity Fund to the Masonic Benevolent Institution. It was also proposed to give five guineas to the Victoria Hospital, at Southend, in celebration of their visit; and that £12 should be expended on a set of consecrating vessels, the want of which had long been felt. There would be a small profit on the Provincial Grand Lodge Calendar, and it was decided that the portrait of Bro. Lucking should appear in next year's book. In conclusion, he thanked the brethren for their heartfelt sympathy during his time of deep distress, and assured them that his grateful sense of their unbounded kindness would never be effaced from his word.

The following four brethren were elected as members of the Board of General Purposes in accordance with the bye-laws:—Alfred Buck P.M. 453 P.P.G.S.W., Thos. Lloyd P.M. 2342 P.P.G. Chaplain, W. D. Merritt P.M. 1000 P.P.G.S.W. and John J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.S.W. Bro. James Pinder P.M. 15 1662 1997 and P.Z. 141 being the only brother nominated as Provincial Grand Treasurer was declared elected to that position.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—

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| Bro. B. Hoddinott 2005 | Senior Warden |
| Harris Hills 2155 | Junior Warden |
| Rev. H. T. Armfield 650 | Chaplains |
| Rev. Thomas Varney 1817 | |
| James Pinder 15 1662 1997 | Treasurer |
| A. R. Chamberlayne 2255 | Registrar |
| T. J. Ralling 51 (seventeenth year) | Secretary |
| B. Thomas 1000 | Senior Deacons |
| James Boulton 2442 | |
| J. H. Langdon 1457 | Junior Deacons |
| James Speller 2256 | |
| G. R. Cobham 1343 | Supt. of Works |
| A. Lucking 1000 (twentieth year) | Director of Ceremonies |
| W. E. Sutton 1799 | Deputy Dir. of Cers. |
| J. R. Butler 2339 | Assist. Dir. of Cers. |
| Joseph Wilson 2374 | Sword Bearer |
| James Bradbury 1312 | Standard Bearers |
| Walter Smith 1817 | |
| C. F. Rush 1024 | Organist |
| Thomas Ringrose 2184 | Assist. Secretary |
| W. F. Read 2063 | Pursuivant |
| E. Moat 1734 | Assist. Pursuivant |
| A. W. Mar'in | Tyler |
| A. Vaddervord 1000 | Stewards |
| Harold Francis 51 | |
| F. A. Reushawo 453 | |
| C. W. Barnard 1000 | |
| J. W. Tyler 2077 | |
| J. L. Ogier 2342 | |

The newly-appointed Officers were duly saluted by the brethren. Bro. B. Hoddinott P.G.S.W. was elected on the Charity Committee, in place of a member retiring by rotation.

Lord Brooke said that the next business was the presentation of the testimonial to Bro. Lucking, in recognition of his valuable services to the Craft in general and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex in particular. It gave him great pleasure to present the testimonial, which he trusted would be accepted as a slight token of the great regard in which he was held by the brethren. They all valued his services most deeply, and he hoped Bro. Lucking might long be spared to render assistance to them. It was peculiarly gratifying to him to be the means through whom the presentation was made, and he might mention to the brethren that when Bro. Lucking found what a large sum of money had been collected, like a true Mason he decided that the greater part of it should be devoted to charity. He had therefore apportioned £100 to enable him to become a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the remainder had been appropriated to the purchase of a silver tea and coffee service, and a handsome cabinet of plate and cutlery. On the lid of the latter was a plate recording the circumstances under which the presentation was made, and he handed it to Bro. Lucking in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge, with the heartiest good wishes of the brethren.

When Brother Lucking rose to return thanks he was greeted with long continued applause which prevented him being heard, especially as he was suffering from deep emotion. He said that he was quite incapable of giving full expression of his thanks in words. It was the happiest moment of his life to feel that he had done

his duty in such a manner as to gain the esteem of the brethren. He had not the slightest idea of any testimonial until Bro. Ralling had kindly informed him, as he never considered he had done anything to deserve recognition. He had been a Freemason upwards of a quarter of a century, and had always endeavoured to do his duty and had been amply repaid by receiving honours from three Provincial Grand Masters. He sincerely thanked the brethren for the very kind present, which would serve as a reminder, were one needed, of the good feeling existing between them.

The Provincial Grand Master announced that next year the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held under the banner of the Easterord Lodge; and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the W.M. Bro. A. Vandervord, and brethren of the Priory Lodge, No. 1000, for their kind reception and entertainment. This having been seconded and carried unanimously, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to the Ship Hotel, where an excellent repast was served by Brother W. Trigg. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the subsequent speeches were all of a complimentary and eulogistic nature. The utmost unanimity and concord reigned throughout, and every one agreed that the meeting had been a most pleasant one.

RURAL PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 291.

THE annual meeting of the members of this Lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Highbridge, when Bro. John Tyler, the S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, as successor to the D.P.G.M. (Bro. R. C. Else), who conducted the ceremony. The W.M. appointed and invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. E. Burnett S.W., J. H. Sharp J.W., the Rev. E. A. Sandford Chaplain, J. Burnett P.M. Treasurer, T. Floyd Norris P.M. Secretary, H. W. Chapman S.D., T. C. Brice J.D., Dr. Kemmis D.C., W. Brewer Organist, Chas. S. Leech I.G., J. Wall and W. Stiling Stewards, and Ashwell Tyler. The D.P.G.M. (Bro. Else) was presented on his retirement from the office of W.M. with an album containing the photographs of the Lodge brethren, by Bro. Dr. Kemmis, as a mark of esteem on the part of the brethren and of appreciation of the services he had rendered to the Lodge. A vote of condolence to Mrs. Lucette and the members of her family on the death of Brother Chas. Lucette P.M. was unanimously adopted on the motion of Bro. J. T. Darnford, seconded by Bro. Dr. Pescott. The customary banquet was afterwards held under the presidency of the W.M., the visiting brethren including Bro. White, stated to be the oldest brother in the Province of Somerset.

ST. JAMES'S LODGE, No. 448.

THE members of this Lodge, together with a few friends, a party of 54 altogether, had a pic-nic to Ingleton, on Thursday, the 6th inst. They journeyed in a saloon, and they made grateful recognition of the attentions paid by the railway authorities to their convenience and comfort. All the visitors did the round of the waterfalls and spent a delightful day. Lunch and dinner were served at the Ingleboro' Hotel. Mr. James Milligan undertook the management of the excursion, and his services were highly appreciated.

TOWNEY PARKER LODGE, No. 1083.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, 28th June. Bro. George Parker W.M. opened the Lodge at 6.15, there being present:—Bros. George Parker W.M., J. Selby I.P.M., W. Birkbeck S.W., R. Lingard J.W., John Taylor Treasurer, James Simister Secretary, John Chalmers S.D., J. W. Taylor J.D., Hy. Gill S.S., Godfrey Higham P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C., William Hoyland P.M. P.G.P., J. Goldsmith P.M., R. Armitage P.M., Hy. Dawson P.M., C. Shorrocks, George Thompson, P. Somerton, W. Hamilton, W. Lowe, F. E. Hughes, A. Longworth, Hy. Barber, M. Downs, W. Holland, H. Wooler; Visitors:—Brothers Buckley Carr P.M. 1161 and 1558, H. Smith P.M. 287 P.G.D. Cheshire, Sims Lever 17 United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, W. Howard 1147, E. G. Archer 2109. The ballot was successfully taken for Messrs. Henry Bennett (Macclesfield) and James Harford (Crewe), after which Bro. Wooler, who had expressed a desire to be passed to the second degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted with a test of merit. Mr. Jas. Harford was then initiated by Bro. R. Armitage P.M., the working tools being presented and explained by Bro. R. Lingard J.W., who also gave the E.A. charge. The W.M. now resumed the chair, opened the Lodge in the second degree, and passed Bro. Wooler to the degree of F.C., he being assisted by Bro. W. Birkbeck S.W., who presented and explained the working tools of this degree. The Lodge having been opened in the first degree, hearty good wishes were expressed by the visitors, and the business terminated in peace and harmony at 8.15 p.m. At the festive board which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, and the Secretary, by desire of the W.M., gave the brethren an outline of the forthcoming pic-nic to Matlock Bath, on the 19th instant. Bro. Selby I.P.M. proposed the health of Bro. Hoyland P.M. P.G.P., and complimented him upon his

honours. Brother Hoyland in reply thanked the brethren for their good wishes. The W.M. expressed his pleasure in seeing so good a muster on this the last night previous to the vacation, and sincerely hoped he would meet them at the pic-nic on the 19th inst. The proceedings were enlivened by some capital songs given by Bros. W. Howard, Buckley Carr, and others.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 2321.

ONE of the most successful meetings of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Rawson Square, Bradford, on Thursday, the 6th inst., the W.M., Bro. John Niven, in honour of the Royal Wedding, having invited the brethren, their wives and sisters to take tea with him and Mrs. Niven at the Lodge Rooms. The brethren in goodly numbers attended the duties of the Lodge at half past six, and the ladies assembled at half past seven o'clock, the invitations as might have been expected being generally accepted. The arrangements for the happiness of the guests were carefully carried out by the W.M. and his better-half. Amongst the members of the Lodge who attended to support the W.M. during the evening were:—Bros. S. A. Anty P.M. Chap. as I.P.M., Alfred Stephenson P.M. P.P.G.D.C. as S.W., John T. Last Treasurer as J.W., James B. Fearnley Secretary, Chas. H. Ellis S.D., S. A. Bailey P.M. as J.D., Robert S. Hird as I.G., A. Holmes Tyler, Joseph Wilson P.M. P.P.G. Std. B., A. E. Harris Supt. of Works, John W. Bland and John A. Drake Stewards, Richard Harland, John Harland, Albert Gwaine, John J. Whitaker, John Morton, R. J. Marsland and others. Visitors:—Bros. F. W. Durant W.M. 1648, A. T. Akeroyd P.M. 1432 P.P.G.D.C. Salop, James Tilley 600, Henry Waddington Secretary 603, Alexr. Sellar P.M. 414 Reading P.P.G.D.C. Berks. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous Lodge were read and confirmed. On the motion of the W.M. a resolution was unanimously passed adopting a telegram to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master, conveying the hearty congratulations and fraternal greetings of the W.M. and brethren on the marriage that day of H.R.H. the Duke of York and the Princess May. In due course the W.M. received the following telegram from the Grand Master:—

Marlborough House.

To Worshipful Master, Lodge Acacia, 2321, Masonic Hall, Bradford.

I sincerely thank you and brethren for kind congratulation.

ALBERT EDWARD.

The Lodge bye-laws were read, and the recommendation of the Lodge given to a petition on behalf of a daughter of a deceased member for admission to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Notice of a proposition of a candidate for initiation was received and apologies from several absent brethren were tendered; after hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the reception room where the ladies had already assembled. After a substantial tea had been discussed under the presidency of the W.M., the usual Loyal toasts (including the Royal Bride and Bridegroom) were given from the chair. The Visitors was ably proposed by Bro. Stephenson P.P.G.D.C. the Senior P.M., who on behalf of the Lodge gave the ladies and also the visiting brethren a very hearty welcome. He referred to the fact that the members of the Lodge had entertained their lady friends on previous occasions, but this was the first time the brethren had been joined by the ladies on a regular Lodge night. The W.M. had found the Royal Wedding a peg to hang the invitation on, and it was very gratifying to see such a goodly number of visitors present, and he hoped they would all enjoy themselves. Bro. F. W. Durant W.M. 1648 responded on behalf of the visitors, and stated that it was a pleasing duty to acknowledge the generous hospitality of the W.M.; he (Bro. Durant) looked upon the gathering that evening as somewhat of an innovation, but it was nevertheless a splendid innovation worthy of imitation, and he complimented the W.M. for having had the distinction of being the first W.M. amongst the Lodges in the town to have invited the ladies to join the brethren at refreshment after the duties of the Lodge, and he was delighted to see that the experiment had been so eminently successful. The W.M. was ably proposed by Bro. Durant, who expressed the pleasure it had given him and his wife to accept the W.M.'s invitation to be present that evening, and he gladly undertook the duty and privilege of submitting the toast of the W.M.'s health. He had as a visitor from time to time with much interest watched Bro. Niven's progress step by step until he had reached the chair of the Lodge, and he was glad to know that the W.M. was so highly esteemed by the brethren. The toast was very heartily received. Bro. Niven, in responding, tendered his warmest thanks to the brethren for the very cordial manner in which the toast of his health had been received; he was proud to preside over the Lodge, and since his installation he had been waiting for a fitting opportunity for inviting the ladies to join them at refreshment; this had been most opportunely furnished by the fact of the Royal wedding occurring on the day of the regular meeting of the Lodge, and he accorded to the ladies a most hearty welcome; he was glad to see them present on such an auspicious occasion. When he first suggested this gathering, it was by one or two discouraged as an innovation and out of order; he had nevertheless persisted in it with such a happy result that he sincerely trusted the innovation would become a precedent and that all future Masters of the Lodge would on suitable occasions give the brethren pleasure by inviting the ladies in like manner to join their assemblies. He had no doubt that the ladies were a little curious to know something of their "secrets," and he thought he might perhaps disclose to them this much—that the brethren acting up to the "secrets" or principles they, as Masons, professed, were calculated to be better husbands, better men, and better members of society. The W.M. concluded by inviting all the ladies and brethren to a garden party at his residence on the following Saturday. The Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable meeting. Bros. Anty, Wilson, Tilley, Harland, Waddington, Akeroyd, Harris, and several of the

ladies contributed to promote the harmony of the evening by songs and recitations. The W.M.'s garden party at Osborne House, Clayton, on Saturday, the 9th inst., was well attended by the brethren and ladies, who spent a very enjoyable afternoon; the host and hostess spared no pains to promote the pleasure and comfort of their guests.

EAST LANCASHIRE CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 3rd inst. The Lodge was duly opened by Bro. Major John Heap W.M., who called upon the Secretary to read for the information of brethren present the minutes of a former emergency meeting, held 17th April. The principal business of the evening was the initiation of Mr. James Nasmyth Sidebotham, Second Lieutenant 3rd V.B. Cheshire Regiment, which ceremony, after the usual ballot had taken place, was performed by the W.M. Brother Colonel Eaton had given notice of motion, "That 10 guineas be subscribed to the funds of the Royal Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution," which, upon being put to the meeting, was unanimously assented to. At the festive board which followed, songs were given by various brethren, and Loyal and Masonic toasts submitted, a very pleasant evening being spent. There were present—Bros. Major John Heap W.M., Colonel John Eaton I.P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works Provincial Grand Treasurer, Captain D. P. Schloss S.W., John Challenor Chaplain, 2nd V.B., Capt. Fred Pratt Secretary, Capt. Walter Hughes J.D., Major W. H. Hopkins P.M. P.P.G.D. of C., Colonel Henry L. Rocca P.M. P.P.G.J.D., Captain Henry Thomas P.P.G.J.D., Capt. Geo. Kershaw, Capt. A. W. Galloway, Captain Peter Nightingale, Captain T. W. Ashworth. Visitors—Bros. Dr. H. Leslie-Jones P.M. 62, late 2nd V.B., Charles S. Wilson I.P.M. 1253, Edward Roberts P.M. Prov. G.D.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), and others.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 26th ult., Brother F. W. Wollaston W.M. This was the last meeting prior to the recess, and as there was very little business to be transacted, the W.M. contented himself by opening and closing in the three degrees. At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and duly responded to, after which Bros. H. W. Brockbank and Martin Thomas P.M. P.P.G.D. Dir. of Cers., the former having just returned from Colombo, and the latter having paid a recent visit to America, were called upon to recount their experiences. We had not the pleasure of hearing Brother Brockbank, but was informed that his remarks were of an exceedingly interesting character. Bro. Thomas, who spoke for upwards of an hour, gave a very complete and vivid description of his visit to Washington, Chicago, and other places of interest in the land of the stars and stripes, and, as an admirable raconteur proved at least that his progress had not been barred by mere desultory sight-seeing or easy dilettantism, but that he possessed the faculty of quick receptivity, combined with that of a prolific working tourist. He left Manchester shortly before Whitsuntide, and although the intervening time seemed short, yet he considered that he had not been inactive. Upon arrival he was pleased to find that Freemasonry had gained a healthy hold upon American communities, and that it was a popular theme, the ladies particularly being great admirers of it. Nearly every city had its Masonic temple, the first which Bro. Thomas visited being the one at Washington. Unfortunately, he had not an opportunity of seeing any work performed in that city, but he interested himself in the building instead. He gained an introduction to Bro. W. R. Singleton Grand Secretary Dominion of Columbia, who could boast that he had taken the 33 degrees of Masonry. Bro. Singleton was good enough to accept him upon his bare word, and generously dispensed with any test. He acted as guide through the building, and pointed out the objects of interest, amongst others being the library and offices, from the former of which it appears that the members of the Craft and their families, under certain conditions, derive the privilege of being enabled to borrow books. He paid a visit to the magnificent Lodge rooms for various degrees, which he described, explaining also the many remarkable innovations by which they differed from English Lodges. From hence, Brother Thomas went to Chicago by train, which is of course one of the American "big things"; touched lightly upon the World's Fair, the present attraction; but preferring to add to our knowledge of Craft lore, he described the wonderful Masonic Temple, which is, perhaps, after the exhibition, the chief sight of the place. It is said to be the highest building in America, standing as it does 21 floors high, and streams of people may be seen passing in and out during the whole of the day. Bro. Thomas was cordially received by Brother Bernard Grand Secretary for State of Illinois, who evinced an extreme willingness to supply him with information. It appears that two Lodges were being held in this building, viz., the Covenant and Oriental Lodges, the former being the larger, containing upwards of 600 members. The Lodge room, which enjoys the unique distinction of being at the greatest altitude of any in the world, is of that superb and brilliant character which defies description. It is lit by electric jets, of which there are several hundreds. Bro. Thomas described the Blue Lodge room, which is also lit by electricity, and is almost as magnificent as the other; the banquetting and drawing rooms; Consistory Court, and the numerous offices. At the Covenant Lodge, held upon the evening of his visit, our narrator was introduced to the W.M., who received him heartily, and he became a willing spectator of the ceremonial, the same being of a very interesting character, which, however, we are precluded from describing here. A certain well-known North of England entertainer whom, for the purpose of our story we will call

Mr. Jackson, was in the habit of vaunting that he was a Freemason, and sometimes managed to impose upon young members of the Craft who did not know his failing. On one occasion he was boasting in the usual way, when one of the company, who was a veritable wag, said he would put an important test question to him, and his belief in the genuineness or otherwise of the pretensions of Mr. Jackson would depend upon the manner in which he answered. With perfect imperturbability he inquired "in what portion of the Lodge the Worshipful Master hung his hat?" and received the answer, given with equal gravity, "on the back of that Officer's chair." The questioner admitted ironically "that Mr. Jackson had indeed proved himself to be a Freemason." We were forcibly reminded of this story during the progress of Bro. Thomas's graphic description, and the fact suggested itself to us that Mr. Jackson had got hold of some American joker, who had discovered his weakness, and who had taken advantage of the same to extract a little fun out of him. Bro. Thomas reverted to a very praiseworthy feature in connection with the American's method of proving his philanthropy. A brother, who was a foreigner and an entire stranger, had met with an accident, which fact came to the knowledge of the W.M., who ordered (with the acquiescence of the Lodge) that the medical and other expenses should be paid out of the Lodge funds, the W.M. further stating that should the accident prove fatal, he would feel it to be his duty to attend the funeral. Another case of a similar kind also received prompt attention. "Indeed," said Bro. Thomas, "their Institutions are purely charitable, and as a means to this end, they dispense entirely with the festive board except at the time of installation." The above, which is a portion of a very attractive descriptive tour, induced a hearty vote of thanks on behalf of the brethren, who had listened with rapt attention. Bro. Thomas responded in suitable terms. There were present:—Bros. F. W. Wollaston W.M., W. A. Brabner S.W., C. H. Beever J.W., C. Harrop Treasurer, Fred Hilton P.M. P.G.D.C., M. Thomas P.M. P.P.G.D.D. of C., G. R. Ward S.D., Samuel Luke, Thos. Hamnett, W. W. Hitching, R. Brown, Herbert W. Brockbank, J. W. Lloyd P.M. Visitors—Bros. Wm. H. Ballard P.M. 350, Wm. Sharples 2359, Ed. Roberts P.M. P.G.D.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the Moor-gate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, on Monday, the 17th inst. Present:—Bros. A. Scurrah W.M., W. Scurrah S.W., Ellenger J.W., W. M. Stiles Preceptor, Lewes Deputy Preceptor, Johnson Assist. Secretary, Millet S.D., Elliot J.D., Moss I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Edmonds, Gregory, Hose, Whiting, Flemming, D. Smith; Bros. Price, Smith, Price, and Lake. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Edmonds answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Edmonds acting candidate. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and resumed to the second. Bro. Edmonds was presented to the W.M. as Worshipful Master elect to receive the benefit of installation and was obligated in due form. Lodge was resumed in the third degree. The W.M. then installed Bro. Edmonds in very impressive and painstaking style, delivering the addresses in an earnest and perfect manner, gaining the approval and approbation of the many brethren present. Bro. W. Scurrah as Director of Ceremonies gave valuable assistance. Bros. Cooper, Whatter, and Day were elected joining members. Bro. Stiles proposed that Bro. W. Scurrah S.W. should be elected W.M. for the ensuing week; Bro. Ellenger seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. In returning thanks to the brethren for electing him W.M. for the ensuing week, Bro. W. Scurrah said it was a great honour and pleasure to be W.M. of that popular Lodge of Instruction. There were a great number of the regular attendants who were very excellent workers in their beautiful ceremonies, and if the brethren would come and support him next Monday he would, he hoped, by perseverance and study, be able to discharge the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of the brethren. A letter from Bro. Saunders the Secretary was read, stating his gradual improvement, though it would be some time before he could be amongst them again. The greatest pleasure was expressed by the brethren on Bro. Saunders's recovery, hoping they would soon have the pleasure of his genial company and valuable services. All business being ended Lodge was closed in due form.

MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 61.

By BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

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DUE EXAMINATION.

Let not a stranger pass your well-kept door,
Until ye've proved his knowledge of the Square;
He must give freely all the Craftsman's lore,
Before he can our Ancient Mysteries share.
Ready at all times he should ever be
When rightly called for Due Examination;
And they indeed are foes to Masonry
Who cannot answer with facilitation.
Caution should ever whisper in our ear,
Bidding us test him thoroughly and well;
If he be true, he'll have no cause for fear,
But gladly will the signs and pass words tell,
Giv'n him in Lodge, Just, Perfect, Regular,
Which will the firmest of our gates unbar.

Winder House, Bradford.
19th July 1893.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 29th ult. There were present Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. Grand Master, supported by Bros. F. West D.P.G.M., Col. C. H. Nevill P.G.S.W., Dr. Hugh Mackintosh P.G.J.W., S. W. Lambert P.G.M.O., Dr. C. R. Alder Wright P.G.S.O., Rev. W. R. Finlay P.G. Chaplain, Col. A. H. Bircham P.G. Treasurer, Arthur H. Bowles P.G. Secretary, Major Thomas F. Easterbrook P.G.D.C., C. T. Tyler P.A.G.D.C., J. R. S. Lancaster P.G.S.D., Frederick Flood P.G.I. of W., Chas. F. Passmore P.G. Organist, Arthur Adams P.G.I.G., C. F. Matier G. Secretary, F. A. Bowles P.G.D.S.D. Bengal, G. H. White, Ralph Neville, R. Mossop, and many others.

On the motion of the Provincial Grand Master, seconded by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. F. West), a congratulatory address was ordered to be sent to the Grand Master (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales) on the approaching marriage of his son.

Col. Bircham was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

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

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| Bro. F. West | Deputy Master |
| Major G. H. N. Bridges 333 | Senior Warden |
| T. F. Easterbrook 333 | Junior Warden |
| F. Flood 442 | M.O. |
| A. Adams 198 | S.O. |
| J. A. Farnfield 450 | J.O. |
| Rev. W. R. Finlay 333 | Chaplain |
| Col. A. H. Bircham 442 | Treasurer |
| H. L. de Montmorency 114 | Registrar |
| A. H. Bowles 442 | Secretary |
| James Hill 333 | Senior Deacon |
| James S. Fraser 198 | Junior Deacon |
| W. J. Dyer 198 | Inspector of Works |
| Chas. T. Tyler 442 | Director of Ceremonies |
| T. Aitken 114 | Assist. Directors of Cers. |
| John Vicary 451 | Sword Bearer |
| J. A. Braik 333 | Standard Bearer |
| C. F. Passmore 442 | Organist |
| Charles Cheel 114 | Inner Guard |
| J. W. H. Littleboy 407 | } Stewards |
| William Briant 333 | |
| Robert Potter | Tyler |

The musical arrangements were ably carried out under the direction of Bro. C. F. Passmore, Mus. Bac., Prov. Grand Organist.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

THE first meeting of the recently formed Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held on Wednesday, 12th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C. The Provincial Grand Master, Col. A. B. Cook, presided, and among the visitors was the Earl of Euston Pro Grand Master. There were also present Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Deputy Prov. G.M., Fred Mead G. Treasurer, G. Gardner P.G.S.B., Geo. Graveley P.G. Swd. Bearer, Dr. Lawrence P.G.A.D.C., Wyndham Hart Grand Sword Bearer, A. Stewart Brown G. Steward, W. Fisher P.P.G.S. of W., C. Wood P.P.G.S.B., J. M. Klenck P.P.G. Secretary, C. J. Knightley Prov. G.J.W., G. J. Thomas Prov. G.O., Clement Trotter Prov. G.D., Thomas Clark Prov. G. Supt. of Works, Chas. Handley Prov. G.A.D.C., Hall Brown Prov. G.S.B., W. Dickey, Humphreys, West, Scott, Christian, Davis, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened by the Provincial Grand Master and the Officers were saluted. The Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, then entered the Lodge and was received in due form. The minutes having been confirmed the report of the Audit Committee, showing a balance of £26 11s 10d, was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Stewart Brown proposed the re-election of Bro. G. Gardner as Prov. G. Treasurer, and the nomination having been seconded by Bro. C. Handley was carried unanimously.

The following were appointed as the Provincial Grand Officers for the year:—

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| Bro. Frederick Lawrence | Senior Warden |
| John Handley | Junior Warden |
| W. H. B. Scott | M.O. |
| E. W. Davies | S.O. |
| J. West | J.O. |
| H. J. Rogers | Registrar |
| A. Stewart Brown | Secretary |
| M. Christian | Senior Deacon |
| Linzell | Junior Deacons |
| W. C. Dickey | Inspector of Works |
| W. J. Fisher | Director of Ceremonies |
| Kohler | Assist. Dir. of Cers. |
| A. W. Humphreys | Sword Bearer |
| Rio | Standard Bearer |
| W. Puttick | Organist |
| C. P. Bellerby | Inner Guard |
| W. D. T. Turnpenny | } Stewards |
| Dr. Hartzthorne | |
| W. Gilbert | Tyler |

The following were elected on Committee of General Purposes:—Bros. C. J. Knightley, Geo. Graveley, M. Christian, and J. M. Klenck, while the Provincial Grand Master appointed the Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary to act in addition.

During the meeting the Provincial Grand Master presented to the Lodge a handsome sword which had been carried before Bro. Henry Irving when he played the part of Richelieu, and the Deputy Prov. G.M. (Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart.), presented the banner for P.G. Lodge, both gifts being suitably acknowledged, and votes of thanks being passed on the proposition of Bro. Gardner, seconded by Bro. Lawrence. Lodge was subsequently closed, the brethren dining together at the Hotel and honouring the customary Mark toasts. Lord Euston made an admirable speech, congratulating the new Provincial Grand Master on the satisfactory start made by Middlesex as a separate district, and also on the general outlook of Mark Masonry in the country. In the course of his remarks the Provincial Grand Master said that everything had been satisfactorily arranged with Surrey in connection with the division of the former united Mark Province, and he hoped that success would attend their future efforts. Sir Reginald Hansom also spoke in congratulatory terms and added to the general success of the gathering.

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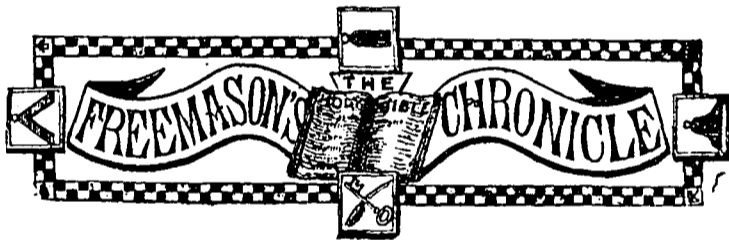
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SATURDAY, 15TH JULY 1893.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE MANSFIELD TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

THE foundation-stone of a new technical school for Mansfield was laid by the Duke of St. Albans on Wednesday, the 12th inst. The site is on the Woodhouse Road, nearly opposite to the Girls' Grammar School, some three or four minutes' walk from the market place. The building, which it is expected will be completed about Midsummer next year, will provide accommodation for 100 boys and a similar number of girls, and the cost, including fittings, is estimated at £5,700. The proposed school will include a chemical laboratory, a room for purposes of assembly, two class rooms for boys and two for girls, workshop for instruction in carpentry, workshop for instruction in the use of tools for metal working, cloak-rooms, &c. There will also be a house for the headmaster, study, and other rooms, with retiring rooms for male and female assistants. The schools will be known as Brunt's Technical Schools. The fund for the erection of the building has been set apart from Brunt's Charity by the Charity Commissioners and trustees of the trust, and special provisions have been established by the Commissioners. The scheme provides that scholars shall have received instruction in some public or elementary school in the parish of Mansfield, or within a radius of eight miles from the market place of Mansfield. In addition to reading, writing, and arithmetic, scholars will be instructed in history, geography, English grammar, composition and literature, freehand, geometrical, mechanical, and architectural drawing, the elements of mechanics, physics and chemistry, designing for textile industries, and other scientific and technical subjects. In the girls department will be taught—cookery, laundry work, cutting out garments, dressmaking, domestic economy, &c. The scheme also provides that not less than 100 nor more than 150 scholarships, in the form of free places or total exemptions from the payment of tuition fees in the school, shall be maintained. The tuition fees to be fixed from time to time by the governors will be not less than 6d and not more than 1s per week. No difference in respect to tuition fees will be made between any scholars on account of place of birth or residence. When completed the building will form a substantial stone erection. The south elevation shows a

structure in three sections, the two ends being lower than the centre section, which contains three large windows, with two roof lights, surmounted by a small bell tower. The end sections each contain two large square windows, and the building although not particularly attractive in the way of design, will be built more for usefulness than beauty.

At the Town Hall, a large number of people assembled to witness the starting of the procession. The banners of the Provincial Grand Lodge and the local Lodges were carried in the procession. On arrival at the ground the Freemasons formed in square on the platform erected round the stone.

The Mayor having been presented to the Duke of St. Albans, in turn presented Mr. R. M. Watson, the Chairman of the school.

Mr. R. M. Watson gave the history of the Charity. He said Sam. Brunt died in 1710, leaving by his will money to give education to poor children born in Mansfield, and also to apprentice a boy to some trade to enable him to earn his living. These sums were applied by the trustees for these purposes till the year 1784. Chas. Thompson, a native of Mansfield, was born in 1714, his father being a maltster in the town. In his will he left to Samuel Brunt's trustees, for the better education of children in Mansfield, £600 in Consols, a further sum of £600 in cash, and a residue of £200. The latter was purchased into Consols in 1790. The trustees erected the school known as Thompson's School, on land belonging to Brunt's Trust, in Toothill Lane, Mansfield. The cost of the building was £188, and extras £12, leaving £400 out of the £600. This sum was invested in Consols in 1803 and bought £700 stock. These three items made £1,500 now invested in Consols, standing the name of the official trustee of charitable funds for the benefit of Brunt's Trust. The trustees being desirous to supply a more varied and higher education of a more technical character than was to be obtained at Thompson's school or the elementary schools, and at the same time give it free to the children of the working people of the town, applied to the Charity Commissioners for power to appropriate money from Brunt's Charity to carry out Samuel Brunt's will, by providing a site for a school, and money for its maintenance. After lengthy correspondence, and frequent conferences with the Charity Commissioners, a new scheme was formed, and in the year 1891 was sanctioned to close Thompson's School, and establish Brunt's Technical School. It was hoped to provide by this school an institution between the Elementary and Grammar Schools. At the time it was expected this would be the only school which would give the education. The number of children being small, only 200 (half boys and half girls), it was hoped would prove an incentive and reward to the best students from the different schools in a radius of eight miles round the market-place of Mansfield. Since that time free education has been granted at all elementary schools. The scholars would be from 10 to 16 years of age. The admission to the school would be for children who could pass the fourth standard or its equivalent. The school would be open to children whose parents resided in Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Pleasley, Skegby, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Hacknall, Huthwaite, Tibshelf, Kirby-in-Ashfield, Annesley, Blidworth, Farnsfield, Clipstone, Walsop, Searcliffe, Boleover, Heath, Pinxton, South Normanton, Blackwell, Luby, Hacknall Torkard, Langley, Edwinstowe, indeed in any towns or villages within eight miles of the market-place of Mansfield. Having presented a trowel to lay the stone,

The Duke of St. Albans said: Mr. Watson, men and brethren,—I am certain that those who have come here to support me on this occasion will share with me the interest in which we have listened to the very able report which you have just read, and will re-echo the wish that you have expressed that this school may add a bright future to Mansfield. I have always found it very difficult to realise what technical education is, or rather what technical education is not. It enters into the creation of bread and butter that rests on our breakfast table, and also in the manipulation of those forces, those wonderful forces of electricity, which are now opening out before mankind. I asked the distinguished Chairman of technical education to give me his explanation, when he told me with that aptitude which your distinguished neighbour, the Duke of Devonshire, always brings to bear that they mean the union of the mind and the hand, the marriage of mental craft with handicraft, and as he put it, practically science. Over two thousand years ago they sang of the wonders and power of man over the beasts and the fishes of the sea; that had reduced the fishes of the sea to his nets, the birds of the air and the beasts to his will. In these days, if the powers of man had to be enumerated, what a much more wonderful thing would have to be sung. How we have annihilated space and land, how we have crossed the waters, how medical skill and great manufacturing forces have been brought to assist the good of mankind, while even the air itself seems as if it bends to the will of mankind. England up to this time has held almost the foremost place in the productions of the world, but other nations press us hard, and as in running a race if a man stops he is soon distanced, therefore I say if we are to hold our own not only in the world, but in our own country, we must teach the rising generation how that best is to be attained. You cannot but be struck if you go into one of those palace hotels which adorn London, to find the cook French, the waiters Germans, the manager and porter Swiss, and only the guests and housemaids English. We must fit our youth if they are to hold their place; if they are to stand at the head of matters to fill the places in our country, which are offered in our numerous industries, in our offices, and other positions. Under these circumstances it has given the Craft and myself great pleasure to be present here to-day, and to accept the honour which you have done me in requesting me to lay this first stone. It is impossible for me to place before non-Masonic bodies our secrets, but let me tell them that the outward and visible sign of Masonry is the encouragement of Masonry.

The Provincial Grand Senior Chaplain having offered prayer, the upper stone was raised, and was lowered and laid in due Masonic form, by the sprinkling on the stone of corn wine and oil. In the cavity was placed a number of documents relating to the proceedings of that day.

PIC-NIC OF THE TRUTH LODGE, No. 1458.

DURING the last twelve months there have been many very successful gatherings in connection with the Truth Lodge, but the most successful of all was the annual pic-nic to Chester, which took place on Saturday, the 1st instant. Members and friends to the number of 80 assembled at the Central Station, Manchester, at an early hour, and upon arrival at the old historical city partook of a very ample breakfast, which had been provided at the Masonic Hall, Foregate Street, by Messrs. Bolland, the celebrated restaurateurs. The party was afterwards driven to the pier, where the steamship "Ormonde," which had been specially chartered, was in readiness to convey the party up the river Dee to Ironbridge, a distance of 8 or 9 miles.

It was a lovely morning, and the sun's rays, clear and bright, were mirrored in the sparkling waters of the river, beautifying the ever changing and splendid scenery which was passed through. Upon disembarking at Ironbridge, the party entered the grounds of Eaton, where carriages were again waiting to convey the party to the palatial residence of His Grace the Duke of Westminster. As the party drove quickly through the narrow and winding roadways, the flowers which garlanded each side emitted a *pot-pourri* fragrance which was delightful and refreshing. At last Eaton Hall was reached, and upon payment of a small gratuity, which is dispensed in local charities, the party gained an immediate entrance. To describe the hall would be a task of too great magnitude, but we can assure intending visitors that they will be well compensated for any trouble and expense in this direction to which they may be willing to go. After an inspection of the hall, the party collected together for the purpose of being photographed, this duty being undertaken by Bro. W. Battersby W.M. 1633.

The next part of the programme was a long drive to Hawarden Castle, the residence of the Right Hon. William Ewart Gladstone, Premier. The sun had now gained in intensity and power, and the party, somewhat dusty and deliquescent, were not sorry when the Glynn Arms Hotel was reached, where refreshments were partaken of. One would imagine that large parties were the exception rather than the rule in this quiet, sleepy village of Hawarden, for the resources of the hotel seemed to be taxed to its utmost limits by the visit, and the word celerity not included in the dictionary of the attendants. But the visitors, who were happily blessed with a great amount of good temper, were at last rewarded for their patience, and ultimately left for a walk through the magnificent castle grounds, where they spent some considerable time in viewing the old ruins, and obtaining a cursory outside view of the residence of England's distinguished statesman.

The return journey was through Broughton and Saltney, and upon arrival at the Masonic Hall, Chester, the party sat down to an excellent dinner, which had also been provided by Messrs. Bolland. This was followed by Loyal and Masonic toasts, and a few songs. In the latter, Mrs. W. H. Worsley, wife of the diligent Secretary of the pic-nic, distinguished herself in a remarkably artistic manner, being listened to by the company very approvingly.

Bro. Worsley S.D. in proposing the toast of the ladies, said that under circumstances like the present, such a toast was a time-honoured custom throughout the world: the company of the ladies lends a charm to society, and but for their influence, the world would not move. The unqualified success of that day must be attributed to the fair sex, whose presence one and all must thoroughly appreciate. In concluding, he hoped to see upon their next pic-nic all who were present at this successful one to Chester.

Bro. Burgess, in response, said that it was one of the most difficult of tasks which they had given to him, but he would try to do his best. Tradition said that there was once a lady Freemason, and he as the mouthpiece of the sex considered that ladies ought to know all the secrets of the Craft, all subterfuges should be swept on one side, and ladies made co-equal with men. With regard to the business of the Masonic Lodges, he considered that it was sometimes prolonged until too late an hour, and he would go in for incontinently shortening it. One matter in connection with Freemasonry the ladies did admire, and that was the provision made for the widows and orphans. The speech, which was very humorous all through, was very well received.

Bro. Fred Hilton P.M. Prov. G.D.C. proposed the toast of the visitors, saying that at the ordinary meetings of the Lodge this toast was always well received, and here it would no doubt be accepted with equal pleasure. He reverted to the presence of the ladies, hoped they would be impressed with the doings of that day, and that they would leave with a good opinion of the brethren. Bro. Russell and Mr. Morgan responded.

Bro. Alfred Hebdon P.M. P.P.G.D.D. of Cirs. proposed the health of Bro. Jas. Archdale W.M., who responded, thanking the company for their attendance, and also the pic-nic committee for the efforts they had put forth to make the gathering a successful one.

The meeting terminated at an early hour so as to give the company an opportunity of visiting the various objects of interest in the city. Several brethren availed themselves of the opportunity which was afforded them to visit the magnificent Lodge-room of the Masonic Hall, and expressed themselves as highly delighted with the same. Indeed, with our experience, there is nothing like it in that part of the kingdom, and a visit to the same would be well repaid.

THERE IS NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN,

is a truism credited to a variety of illustrious authors from the wise King Ulysses to Lord Randolph Churchill. It is a fact that many inventions looked upon as modern are of ancient origin. The Telephone, which recently caused such a furor of excitement, was in ancient days a means by which the high priests worked upon the credulity of their disciples. The Pyramids of Egypt, and other wonders, also prove that this generation has a great deal to learn. Holloway's Pills and Ointment, however, were not anticipated by our forefathers, and to-day they stand alone as the best cure the world possesses for all the ills that humanity is heir to.

SUMMER HEAT AND OBESITY.

Summer, with its sultry heat, is not a source of unmixed pleasure to those who suffer from excessive corpulence. Health cannot be maintained under conditions of great obesity. In general the mental energy of the highly corpulent becomes impaired, and their capacity for the conduct of business is consequently much diminished. Our readers, will, therefore, be interested to know it is an indisputable fact that excessive corpulency can, in all cases, be cured by the system which has now for many years been successfully practised by Mr. F. C. Russell, of Woburn House, Store Street, Bedford Square, W.C. Mr. Russell possesses hundreds of testimonials from persons in all classes of society, many of them holding distinguished positions in the learned professions and in Her Majesty's services, which, taken collectively, prove to a demonstration that any one suffering from obesity, who systematically applies his remedy for a few weeks consecutively, can be cured. The patients under his treatment are not asked to be "fasting men;" and it is remarkable that in the case of many of Mr. Russell's subjects their appetite increases as their weight diminishes. A pamphlet containing most interesting and trustworthy information, *together with the recipe*, may be had by writing to Mr. Russell, enclosing 4d stamps for postage. With such a remedial agent at their command as Mr. Russell's specific, excessively corpulent persons have only themselves to blame if their unwieldy persons are not speedily reduced to fitting proportions.

EXTRAORDINARY SUCCESS IN THE TREATMENT OF OBESITY.

Our corpulent readers will be glad to learn how to positively lose two stone in about a month with the greatest possible benefit to health, strength, and muscle, by a comparatively new system. It is a singular paradox that the patient, returning quickly to a healthy state, with increased activity of brain, digestive, and other organs, naturally requires more food than hitherto, yet, notwithstanding this, he absolutely loses in weight one to two pounds daily, as the weighing machine will prove. Thus there is no suggestion of starvation. It is an absolute success, and the author, who has devoted years of study to the subject, absolutely guarantees a noticeable reduction within twenty-four hours of commencing the treatment. This is different with other diseases, for the patient, in some cases may go for weeks without being able to test whether the physician has rightly treated him, and may have derived no real or apparent improvement in health. Here, we repeat, the author guarantees it in twenty-four hours, the scale to be the unerring judge. The treatment aims at the actual root of the disease, so that the superfluous fat does not return when discontinuing the treatment. It is perfectly harmless. We advise our readers to call the attention of stout friends to this, because, sincerely, we think they ought to know. For their information we may say that, on sending cost of postage (fourpence), a reprint of Press notices from some hundreds of medical and other journals—British and foreign—and other interesting particulars, including the "recipe," can be had from a Mr. F. C. Russell, Woburn House, Store Street, Bedford Square, London, W.C.—*Belfast News Letter*.

GOOD NEWS FOR STOUT PEOPLE?

It does not follow that a person need to be the size of Sir John Falstaff to show that he is unhealthily fat. According to a person's height so should his weight correspond, and this standard has been prepared by Mr. F. C. Russell, of Woburn House, Bedford Square, London, W.C., so that any one can see at a glance whether or no he is too stout. People in the past have been wont to regard fatness as constitutional, and something to be laughed at rather than to be prescribed for seriously; but this is evidently an error, as persons whose mode of life has caused a certain excess of flesh require treating for the cause of that excess, not by merely stopping further increase, but by removing the cause itself. It is marvellous how this "Pasteur" and "Koch" of English discoverers can actually reduce as much as 14 lbs. in seven days, with a simple herbal remedy. His book only costs 4d stamps, and he is quite willing to afford all information to those sending as above; it is really well worth reading.—*Forget-Me-Not*, 19th November 1892.

A POSITIVE CURE FOR CORPULENCE.

Any remedy that can be suggested as a cure or alleviation for stoutness will be heartily welcomed. We have recently received a well-written book, the author of which seems to know what he is talking about. It is entitled, "Corpulency and the Cure," and is a cheap issue (only 4d), published by Mr. F. Russell, of Woburn House, Bedford Square, London. Our space will not do justice to this book; send for it yourself. It appears that Mr. Russell has submitted all kinds of proofs to the English Press. The editor of the *Tablet*, the Catholic organ, writes:—"Mr. Russell does not give us the slightest loophole for a doubt as to the value of his cure; for in the most straightforward and matter-of-fact manner he submitted some hundreds of original and unsolicited testimonial letters for our perusal and offered as plenty more, if required. To assist him to make this remedy known, we think we cannot do better than publish quotations from some of the letters submitted. The first one, a marchioness, writes from Madrid:—"My son, Count—, has reduced his weight in twenty-two days 16 kilos.—i.e. 34 lbs." Another writes:—"So far (six weeks from commencement of following your system) I have lost fully two stone in weight." The next (a lady) writes:—"I am just half the size." A fourth, 'I find it is successful in my case, I have lost 8 lbs. in weight since I commenced (two weeks).' Another writes: 'A reduction of 18 lbs. in a month is a great success.' A lady from Bournemouth writes: 'I feel much better, have less difficulty in breathing, and can walk about.' Again, a lady says: 'It reduced me considerably, not only in the body, but all over.' The author is very positive. He says: 'Step on a weighing machine on Monday morning and again on Tuesday, and I can guarantee that you have lost 2 lbs. in weight without the slightest harm, and vast improvement in health through ridding the system of unhealthy accumulations.'—*Cork Herald*, 27th August 1892.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Royal Aquarium.—The splendid collection of wax figures exhibited for the first time in England in the St. Stephen's Hall, of the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, and brought over from Russia at an enormous expense, consists of three sections. The first section—occupying nearly the whole of the vast hall—we meet with, are a number of figures and groups taken from mythology and history, together with a collection of busts of living notabilities, and of various ethnological types. The expression of the features, the graceful attitudes, and the astounding truthfulness with which the minutest details are rendered, excite the wonder of every visitor and explain the universal enthusiasm expressed by visitors of this interesting show, which is, indeed, unique in its kind, the marvellous likeness to nature being heightened in the principal figures by ingenious mechanical contrivances, moving the limbs, the head, or the eyes, and making the spectator forget that these beautiful figures lack the divine breath of nature's crowning piece-man, or still more beautiful woman. Persons fond of blood curdling stories may have their whim more than gratified by visiting the second section, or the Chamber of Horrors, where they will find a truthful representation of tortures practised in the past, notably by the Spanish Inquisition. Here is depicted with terrible veracity a system of cruelty, which, thanks to the more human spirit pervading mankind since the last century, is not likely to come into fashion again. When we contemplate the indescribable cruelties to which poor creatures of flesh and blood as ourselves, our neighbours, whom we are taught to love and cherish, were subjected—when we consider that only a few centuries ago such inhuman monsters actually existed, who, under the cloak of religion, perpetrated such atrocious acts of brutality—we feel our blood curdling in our veins, and must be ashamed of belonging to such an ignoble race. The milder sorts of tortures represented here are such as were used for the purpose of extorting by the infliction of bodily pain from innocent creatures, confessions of guilt which could afterwards serve as an excuse for the application of more cruel tortures, ending often by punishment of death by burning at the stake. Among these we find the "Thumb Screw," the "Spanish Pear," and the "Spanish Collar." Ascending in the scale of cruelty we come to the forcible tearing off of limbs, rending, tearing, or cutting out the breast or kidneys, branding with heated irons and cutting out strips of skin. The "Man in the Stocks" seems an illustration of the amount of pain a human being may endure. He has gradually gone through the whole series of minor tortures, thumb-screw, leg-screw, rack and other diabolical contrivances, and seems to have arrived at a total indifference against any other pain. The acme, however, of aberration of the human mind in the direction of cruelty, is undoubtedly reached in "The Iron Maid of Nuremberg." Turning to the third section. The Anatomical Museum, which, of course, is not open to the young, we are forced to admire the exactitude with which are represented even the smallest fibres of that frail edifice—the human body. Medical students might profitably spend hours in this splendid and instructive department, where they can have easy access to a vast stock of knowledge, acquired by painful and assiduous study. Here we find wonderfully accurate representations of the components of the human body, notably the so-called "Venus," the mother of Anatomy, "in 36 parts," and a beautiful illustration of man with all muscles, nerves, and ligaments painfully correct, and conveying a truer impression than can possibly be obtained in nature. Amputation of limbs, wonderful operations on nose and larynx, and illustrations of wonderful cures by means of inoculation with Dr. Koch's lymph from living specimens abound, and sights may be seen here which might not occur to a physician could he practice for hundreds of years. A beautiful panorama forms part of this exhibition, which has been known under the name of a "panopticon" in Russia since 1874. Although exhibited for over six years in St. Petersburg, five and a half years in Moscow, and for several years in other large towns in Russia, it has never failed to attract visitors even from the very highest circles. Last but not least in this marvellous collection are two mummies in an excellent state of preservation; one that of a young girl, whose Oriental beauty is still to be seen represented on the painted mask that covers her face, dead these three thousand years; and the other the body of a priest, who died nearly four thousand years ago. This mummy is one of the oldest in existence, and is a better specimen than any of a similar date in the British Museum.

The State performance at Windsor Castle, by command of the Queen, was, perhaps, the most brilliant and most successful of any that Sir Augustus Harris has had the honour of presenting before Her Majesty. The pieces selected were the second act of "L'Amico Fritz" and "Cavalleria Rusticana," conducted by the composer, Signor Mascagni, in which Madame Calvé sustained her original parts, and Signor Vignas appeared in place of Signor de Lucia, who, owing to the illness of his wife, has been obliged to return to Italy. Signor Ancona was also seen to great advantage in both pieces, and acted the parts allotted to him for the first time in England. The two operas were beautifully staged with new scenery, painted for the occasion by Mr. W. Caney, and the orchestra was composed of fifty-six performers. Previous to the performances Signor Mascagni had the honour of being introduced to the Queen, who conversed for some time with the young composer, complimenting him upon his great success in this country; and when the performances were over Her Majesty invited him again to one of the drawing-rooms, in conjunction with Madame Calvé and Sir Augustus Harris, to all of whom the Queen expressed her great pleasure at the entertainments and complimented them heartily upon their success.

The present opera season will be somewhat extended to allow of two extra performances in place of that of the gala night and the one missed when the theatre closed for the Royal wedding. Before the season comes to an end Sir Augustus Harris promises to produce Berlioz's "Damnation de Faust," and Professor Stanford's "Veiled Prophet," in addition to the new opera of "Amy Robsart," by Mr. Isidore de Lara, which has been in constant rehearsal for the past four weeks.

The fanciful extravaganza founded on Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci," and produced at the Palace Theatre under the title of "A Pal o' Archies," has caught on in a manner far exceeding the most sanguine expectations of its authors, Sir Augustus Harris and Mr. Charles Brookfield, or of its composer, Mr. James M. Glover; for ever since its production the house has been literally crammed to overflowing, money being turned away from the doors, even on Friday, which is usually the worst night of the week at most theatres. Judging by the roars of laughter and hearty applause with which this amusing piece is every night received, it is likely to hold the boards for some considerable time.

Another distinct feature in the programme of the Palace Theatre is Mr. Carl Hertz, who appears this week for the first time before the public in an entirely new magical illusion, called "Yum-yum; or, the Japanese Pagoda Mystery." Madlle. Bob Walter, "La Serpentine Mondaine Parisienne," continues to figure conspicuously among the other attractions, so that altogether it is no exaggeration to say that the present bill of this popular theatre of varieties is by far the most entertaining of any in London.

The concert in aid of the "Victoria" Relief Fund, which Sir Augustus Harris had offered to give at St. James's Hall, has been unavoidably postponed, and should it not take place later on it is the intention of Sir Augustus Harris to subscribe, in any case, towards the fund.

The foundation-stone of the new theatre in Sheffield will be laid early next month by Sir Augustus Harris, who, together with Lady Harris, will probably be the guests of Mr. Arnold Muir Wilson, of Whiteley Wood Hall, during their stay in the town.

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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, 22nd July.

1207 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
378 Pr. George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood
336 Benevolence, Jolly Sailor Inn, Marple
1293 Burdett, Mitre, Hotel, Hampton Court
1511 Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1892 Greenwood, Public Hall, Sutton
2048 Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
2121 Carrington, Crown Hotel, Amersham
R.A. 1777 Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

Monday, 24th July.

1632 Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

61 Prohiby, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
89 Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield
264 Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
408 Three Graces, Masonic Room, Haworth
433 Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467 Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
491 Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Jersey

1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542 Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Castleford
1600 Hamilton, Masonic Hall, Alford
1752 Ogmere, Wyndham Arms H., Bridgend, Glam.
1861 Claremont, Masonic Hall, Croydon
1901 Agricola, Masonic Rooms, Castlegate, York

R.A. 189 Sincerity, St. George's Hall, E. Stonehouse
R.A. 210 Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
R.A. 331 Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 827 St. John's, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury
R.A. 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
R.A. 1222 Inkerman, M.H., Weston-Super-Mare
R.A. 2074 St. Clair, F.M.H., Landport

Tuesday, 25th July.

R.A. 890 Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

253 Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby
386 Unity, Town Hall, Wareham
484 Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows
788 Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
799 Dunheved, Masonic Hall, Launceston
964 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal Hotel, Crews

1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1024 St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1028 Royal Alfred, The George, Alfreton
1052 Callander, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1214 Scarborough, Station Hotel, Batley
1266 Honour and Friendship, M.H., Blandford
1358 Torbay, Lodge Rooms, Polsham, Paignton
1390 Whitwell, Masonic Hall, Millom
1482 Isle of Axholme, Masonic Hall, Crowle
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield
1587 St. Giles, The Bank, Bank Street, Cheadle
1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1650 Rose of Raby, Scarth Mem. Hall, Staindrop
1675 Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1823 Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1902 St. Cuthbert, King's Arms Inn, Bedlington
1942 Minerva, Public Hall, Fenton, Staff.
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2405 Ionic, Masonic Rooms, St. Helen's, Lanc.

R.A. 47 Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
R.A. 94 De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Sunderland
R.A. 103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 199 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak, Dover
R.A. 418 Staffordshire Knot, F.M.H., Hanley
R.A. 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 2048 Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow
M.M. 262 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds

Wednesday, 26th July.

Grand Mark Festival, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, N.W.
754 High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Tottenham
898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon
R.A. 13 Union Waterloo, New M.H., Plumstead.

86 Loyalty, King's Arms Ho., Prescott, Lancashire
128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
258 Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
341 Wellington, George Hotel, Rye
372 Harmony, Rolle Arms, Burleigh Salterton
380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
387 Airedale, Institute, Saltaire, Shipley
430 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Commercial Hotel, Nen Moor
533 Eaton, Masonic Hall, Congleton
555 Fidelity, The Crown, Framlingham
580 Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk
697 United, George Hotel, Colchester
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
778 Bard of Avon, Mitre, Hampton Court
851 Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Assembly Rooms, Worthing
910 St. Oswald, M.H., Ropergate, Pontefract

1119 St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Jarrow
1253 Ryburn, M.H., Central Bldg., Sowerby Bridge
1296 Vale of Brisington, White Hart, Brisington
1343 St. John's, King's Arms, Grays
1363 Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Glos.
1386 St. Hugh, Masonic Rooms, Mint St., Lincoln
1511 Mount Edgcombe, Masonic Hall, Camberwell

1645 Colne Valley, Masonic Hall, Slaithwaite
1733 Sunbury, Magpie Hotel, Sunbury
1756 Kirkdale, Skelmersdale M.H., Liverpool
1760 Leopold, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1775 Leopold, Commercial Hall, Church
1783 Albert Edward, F.H., Huddersfield
1809 Fidelis, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
1989 Stirling, Mkt. Hall, Cleator Moor, Cumberland
2019 Crook, New Masonic Hall, Crook, Durham
2084 Smith Child, Town Hall, Tunstall, Staff.
2149 Gordon, M.H., Cheapside, Hanley, Staff.
2320 St. Martin's, Church Inn, Castleton, near Manchester.

2357 Barry, Royal Hotel, Clifton, S. Wales.
2444 Noel, St. James's Hall, Kingston-on-Thames
2448 Bradstow, Masonic Hall, Braintree.

R.A. 236 Zetland, M.H., Duncroby Street, York
R.A. 409 Stortford, Chequers, Bishop Stortford
R.A. 625 Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
R.A. 1852 Forest, Town Hall, Mansfield
M.M. Howe, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham
M.M. Northumberland & Berwick, M.H., Newcastle
M.M. 19 Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 24 Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Rochester
M.M. 373 Ilkeston, Rutland House, Ilkeston
K.T. 16 Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

Thursday, 27th July.

General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H. 4.
1421 Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford
2319 Scots, Scottish Corporation Hall, Fleet Street
R.A. 879 Southwark, Bridge House Ho., Southwark

39 St. John the Baptist, F.M.H., Exeter
116 Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
202 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Devonport
203 Three Grand Principles, M.H., Dunsbury
214 Hope and Unity, White Hart, Brentwood
275 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
283 Amity, Grey Mare Hotel, Haslingden
286 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337 Cardour, New M.R., Uppermill, Saddleworth.
348 United Brethren, The Grosvenor, Blackburn
403 Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
410 Grove, Spring Hotel, Ewell
426 Shakespeare, Masonic Hall, Spilsby, Linc.
450 Cornubian, Freemasons' Hall, Hayle
456 Forresters, Town Hall, Uttoxeter
472 Friendship & Sincerity, T.O. Hall, Shaftesbury
590 La Cesaree, Masonic Temple, Jersey
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
630 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Howden
636 D'Oyle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659 Blagdon, Mechanics' Institute, Blyth
710 Pleiades, Masonic Hall, Totnes
787 Beaureper, Lion Hotel, Belper
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Rotherham

1032 Townley Parker, Town Hall, Chorley
1151 St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Tywardreath
1164 Eliot, Masonic Hall, St. Germain's, Cornwall
1166 Clarendon, Wellington Hotel, Hyde
1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Town Hall, Buxton
1576 Dee, Union Hotel, Chester
1578 Merlin, Masonic Hall, Pontypridd
1705 Prince of Wales, India Arms, Gosport
1971 Army and Navy, Masonic Hall, Aldershot
2091 Castleberg, Ashfield Hotel, Settle
2181 Royal Victoria Jubilee, Forest Hotel, Chingford
2189 Ashburton, Masonic Hall, Ashburton
2195 Military Jubilee, Masonic Hall, Dover.
2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Wesleyan Schools, Etruria, Staffordshire.

2263 St. Leonards, M.H., Surrey Street, Sheffield
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Coffee House, Church Road, Wavertree.
2375 Hiltre, Market Hall, Hoylake, Cheshire.

R.A. 57 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 129 Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
R.A. 266 Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Heywood
R.A. 292 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 424 De Burgh, 34 Denman St. Gateshead
R.A. 449 Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
R.A. 1098 Prince of Wales, The Noble Hall, Tolegar
R.A. 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Burton
R.A. 1395 Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 13 Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond
M.M. 32 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
K.T. 8 Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

Friday, 28th July.

Council, Boys' School, F.M.H., 4
K.T. 74 Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond

318 True and Faithful, Freemasons' Hall, Holston
401 Royal Forest, Hark to Buny Ina, Statibura
445 Fidelity, Pomfret Arms Hotel, Towcester
460 Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle under-Lyme
516 Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
568 St. Germain, M.H., the Crescent, Selby
652 Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmthirch
810 Craven, Victoria Buildings, Skipton

1631 Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Masonic Rooms, Otley
1221 Stour Valley, Masonic Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk
1777 Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham
1822 St. Quentin, Bear Inn, Cowbridge, Glam.
2078 St. Lawrence, Masonic Hall, Southorpe
2415 Tristram, Sunday School Rooms, Salford
2431 Kingsley, Masonic Hall, Northampton

R.A. 212 Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkstall
R.A. 2151 Colne Valley, George Hotel, Halstead
M.M. 161 Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath
K.T. 20 Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Newcastle

Saturday, 29th July.

149 Peace, New Masonic Hall, Meltham
444 Union, Courtenay Arms, Starcross
453 Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1146 De Moulham, Mowlem Institute, Swanago
1462 Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bramley
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

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Saturday, 22nd July.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7'30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
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, 7'30
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 24th July.

22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemakers St., 7
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, at 8
243 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon
332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
518 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tav., Loughboro' Junc.
1319 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6'30
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 212 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7'30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7'30
1655 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8'30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacons' Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2030 Abbey Westminster, Town Hall, S.W., 7'30
2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8
2427 Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras, 8

Tuesday, 25th July.

25 Robert Burns, Frascati, Oxford Street, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6'45
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7'30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
820 Lily of Richmond, Station H., Richmond, 7'30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1014 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7'30
1418 Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7'30
1472 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.
1707 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms Ho., Kensington
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1919 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2146 Sribiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
2411 Clarence and Avondale, M.H., Leytonstone, E.
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, 26th July.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7'30
65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge St.
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, St. Portland St., 8
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
733 Westbourne, 112 Queen's Road, Bayswater,
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7'30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8'30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7'30
1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
1604 Wanders, 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 Crenon, Wheatsheaf, 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, 27th July.

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
 902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford
 Row, W.C., 8
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.,
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E. 7
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commer-
 cial Road, Limehouse, E., 7:30
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1308 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1300 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 8:30
 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
 1612 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
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, 7:30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road,
 Clerkenwell, 9
 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel,
 St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House,
 Canonbury, 8

Friday, 28th July.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8
 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
 785 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8
 1365 Clapton, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, E.-sex, 7:30
 1612 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
 2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The
 Criterion, W., 8
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Heracles 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, 29th July.

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

The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 14th inst. Bro. Richard Eve presided, and was well supported. After the usual formalities, the presentation took place of a testimonial to Bro. George Plucknett. The Chairman made the presentation, and was most happy in his remarks. Bro. Plucknett briefly responded, after which, on the motion of Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., the Court adopted, with slight alterations, the laws relating to the Institution as lately revised by the Board of Management, and submitted to the Council on 7th April and 26th May 1893. The motion standing in the name of Brother George Beech was put, and after discussion and some alteration was agreed to. The Court afterwards declared vacancies for 25 boys at the October election, for which there will be 46 candidates. On the motion of Bro. G. Everett, seconded by Bro. James Brett, it was agreed to place on record the high appreciation in which Bro. J. M. McLeod was held for the manner in which he had carried out his duties in connection with the recent Festival. Bro. McLeod thanked the Court, which was shortly afterwards closed.

Mr. J. P. Heseltine has been appointed a director of the National Gallery, in the room of the late Lord Northbourne.

Lord Ardilaun gave a garden party on Wednesday in Carlton House Terrace. The garden was illuminated, and there was a large attendance.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is indisposed, and by medical advice is confined to the house. His Grace is suffering from a chill.

Mr. Walter Evans has made a conditional offer of £12,000 for the completion of the whole design of the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, the foundation stone of which was laid several years ago by the Queen.

The Prince of Wales will visit Winchester on Tuesday next, to attend the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the college, when the Archbishop of Canterbury will preach a special sermon in the cathedral.

The Marquis of Bute has bought the Priory and grounds contiguous to St. Andrew's Cathedral. It is understood that the Marquis intends to found a Roman Catholic College at St. Andrew's.

The next sessions at the Central Criminal Court begin on Monday. Mr. Justice Wright will be the presiding Judge, but he will not attend there before Thursday next, on his return from the Derby Assizes. The calendar of prisoners is a comparatively light one.

There is a fear that, after all, the Parliamentary yacht race round the Isle of Wight may fall through. The Marquis of Carmarthen and Sir Chas. Hall are eager for the fray, but Mr. Smith-Barry's many engagements stand in the way. Should a favourable opportunity occur, however, the contest might come off one day without much preliminary notice.

In support of the effort to raise a sum of £50,000 to maintain in efficiency the great metropolitan charity known as King's College Hospital, the Duke of Westminster presided at a meeting at Grosvenor House, on Thursday, and addresses were delivered by the Duke of Cambridge and the Bishop of London.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Captain Holford, left Marlborough House on Thursday for Dover, where he laid the first stone of the Eastern Pier of the New Harbour. His Royal Highness afterwards lunched with the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports (the Marquis of Duffering and Ava), and the Harbour Commissioners at the Town Hall, and returned to London in the afternoon.

A novel feature was introduced into the thirty-fourth annual exhibition of flowers, fruit and vegetables at Manor Farm, Highgate, organised by the local horticultural society. Bro. Burdett Coutts, M.P., offered a prize for the best device in garden flowers. This was won by C. Taylor with an effectively designed display of floral flags and anchors, into which was worked the motto, "Health to the Duke of York."

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held in the Drill Hall, Basingtoke, on Tuesday, 8th August, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Wulff's Continental Circus will revisit London early in November, when a large variety of equestrian performances will be given; meanwhile, arrangements are being made to "convert" the business into a limited company.

Mr. Alderman Treloar, on Thursday, asked the Corporation to accept and place in Guildhall a marble bust of Sir Polydore de Keyser, the first Belgian Lord Mayor of this City, and after some eulogistic remarks on Sir Polydore himself from several speakers, the presentation was accepted on the terms proposed. The Lord Mayor took occasion to remind the Court that Sir John Monckton that day completed twenty years of service as Town Clerk. He sincerely congratulated him on having served the Corporation so long and so well—a sentiment to which the Court very heartily responded.

King William Street in the City was on Thursday the scene of an exciting accident at a busy hour of the morning for business people. Between eight and nine o'clock a bus, from Camberwell Green to the Bank, collided with a heavily-laden railway van and immediately overturned. The passengers on the top were thrown to the ground, while those inside were jostled against each other. One outsider complained of great pain in the shoulder, and was taken to Guy's Hospital, but the others, beyond receiving a severe shaking and having their clothes covered with mud, were not injured.

FINCHLEY CEMETERIES.—The Home Office has intimated to the Finchley Local Board that they purpose approving a 12-acre extension of the Marylebone Parish Cemetery at Finchley. The Local Board on Thursday met to consider the subject, and decided to ask the Home Office to hear objections. Already there are three London parish cemeteries in Finchley parish, and these, while seriously depreciating the surrounding property, pay but a nominal sum to the rates, being assessed at agricultural value only. Ten thousand corpses are annually sent to Finchley from London for burial. One cemetery alone records 25,000 burials in ten years.

THE G.P.O. AND NEWSPAPERS.—After having been registered as a newspaper for twenty-three years, the *Bazaar*, the *Exchange* and *Mart* has been arbitrarily removed from the list by the Postmaster-General on the ground that the supplement to the paper is too large. To have altered the arrangement of the *Bazaar* in order to comply with the demands of the post office would have involved the expenditure of £2,000 per annum, and this additional outlay would not have benefited the G.P.O. to the extent of one halfpenny. Verily, the ways of officialdom are beyond explaining, and it is quite time that the assumption of a kind of press censorship should be abandoned.—*The City Press*.

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| 435 Masonic Trestle-Board, adapted to the national system of work and lectures, as revised and perfected by the United States Masonic Convention, at Baltimore, Md., A.L. 5313. By Charles W. Moore and S. W. B. Carnegy. Second edition, with plates. Boston, 1846. [Presentation copy to Wm. Tucker, Esq., Provincial Grand Master Dorsetshire in 1846.] | 1 | 1 | 0 | 528 History of the Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 185. † ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| 436 Robison, John. Proofs of a Conspiracy against all the religions and governments of Europe, carried on in the secret meetings of Free Masons, &c. Third edition. The same Book. Fourth Edition, 1798. | 0 | 15 | 0 | 530 Masonry in Wigan, being a brief history of Lodge of Antiquity, No. 178. With references to other Lodges in the Borough. 1832. † | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| 437 Unparalleled sufferings of John Coustos, who nine times underwent the most cruel tortures ever invented by man, in order to extort from him the Secrets of Freemasonry. To this work is subjoined most valuable pieces on Masonry, and a complete list of regular Chapters. Several plates. Birmingham, N.D. (apparently 1790.) | 0 | 15 | 0 | 531 History of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65. London, 1881. † Scarce. | 0 | 12 | 6 |
| 438 Freemason's Pocket Companion. Containing the history of Masonry from the creation to the present time; the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; lists of the Officers of the Grand Lodges in England and Scotland; with a collection of Charges, Constitutions, Orders, Regulations, Songs, &c. Second Edition. Edinburgh, 1763. | 1 | 5 | 0 | 532 History of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174. By Bro. John Newton. 1898. † | 0 | 10 | 0 |
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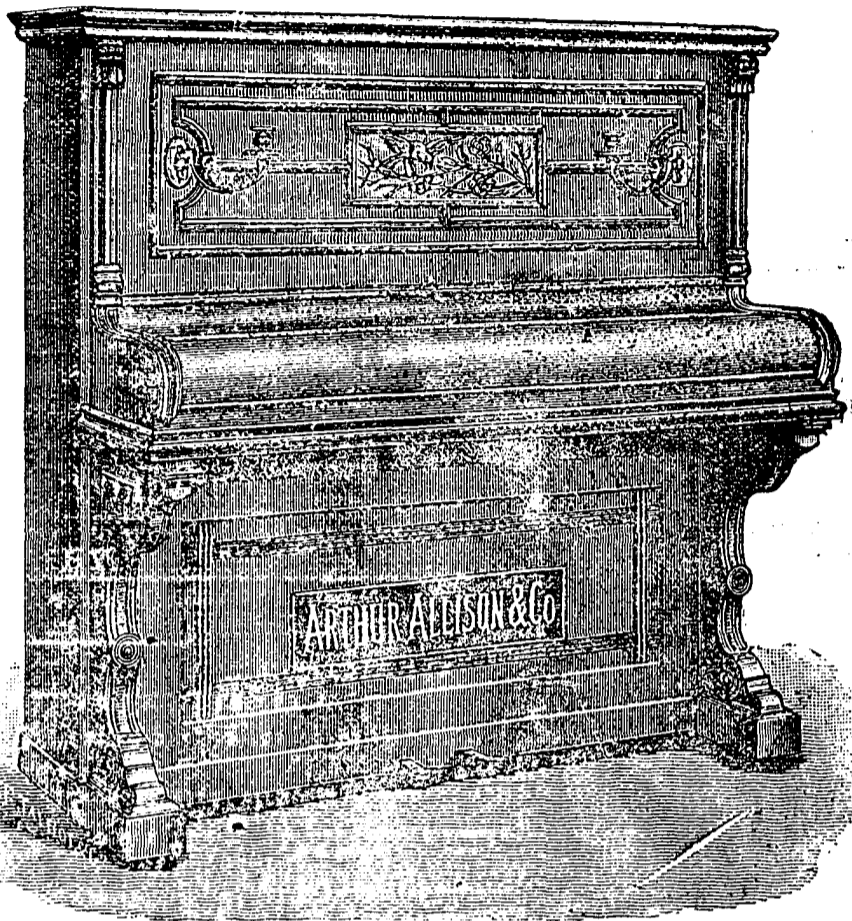
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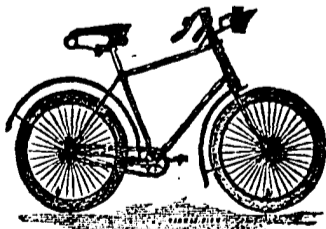
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