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The Mark Benevolent Fund.



THE Twenty-first Anniversary Festival of the Benevolent Fund connected with the Degree of Mark Master Masons, is to be held at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on the 24th July, on which occasion the Grand Mark Junior Warden, the R.W. Bro. Sir Lionel B. Darell, Bart., will preside. This Fund is divided into three branches, the Benevolent, Educational, and Annuity, the first dating from 1868, the second from 1878, and the last from 1885. Its growth during the twenty years which have elapsed since its origination has been proportionate to the progress of the Degree of Mark Masonry itself in the estimation of English Freemasons. In our last week's issue we inserted a letter from "LIFE GOVERNOR, M.B.F.," which briefly but forcibly points out some of the most striking advantages of this Institution, and to this we refer our readers for the text of our present remarks.

It is at a critical moment in the history of our Masonic Charitable Institutions we read, that one of the advantages set forth is that "the entire cash donated is applied to the relief and educational purposes for which it is contributed," and, further, that the subscriptions "are not sunk in expensive building speculations, nor wasted on secretaries nor collectors, the entire expenses for printing, postages, and secretary's or office expenses (which include everything), being only about 4 per cent. on gross receipts." The method adopted for securing this very satisfactory result is explained in the letter referred to; our present business is with the statement alone in respect of the disposition of the contributions of our brethren to the three Craft Charities. It naturally gives rise to the reflection that proportionately more good is being done to those who require assistance, by the Mark Benevolent Fund without establishment and its concomitant charges, than by those institutions which deduct from the contributions

of their subscribers a large percentage to "build, support, sustain, amend, and keep" places of habitation for those relieved.

We treat this question in the abstract, and seek to know what is gained in the way of charitable relief by the possession of extensive domiciles, year by year increasing in extent, and necessitating very considerable annual outlay, in addition to the loss of interest on capital expended in construction? Are there so many fatherless children, widows of our deceased brethren, or aged Freemasons, respectively succoured, educated, or assisted by annuities, as might be, were it not for the first cost of elaborate buildings, the annual expenditure in sustentation, the charges of an executive, and the inevitable waste attaching to the provisioning of large establishments? In part we have that question answered by the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the answer is in the negative. For in the comparatively smaller scope of its operations it provides for the expenditure of £96 out of every £100 subscribed to its funds for relief and education. At the moment we cannot delay to make the computation, but have no hesitation in expressing our belief that not so much as £80 out of every £100 is directly applied in either of the other institutions to the purposes for which the gross amounts are donated. If this really be the case would it not be well to consider now, for probably no better opportunity may arise, whether or not a limit should be placed on the receptive capacity of each of the masonic charitable establishments, and that the tendency should become rather towards a reduction than an extension of accommodation "within the walls." The arguments for and against the aggregation of children in the one direction, and of the aged in another (for with some advantages therewith connected there are also a multitude of evils), can be left for future consideration.

With the better management of each of the institutions (Boys, Girls and Aged) which may be expected after the present agitation is at an end, the existing establishments might be continued to advantage, and provision yet be made for "out door" assistance, after the manner originally contemplated by the promoters of the respective institutions, and still observed by the Mark Benevolent Fund, and some Provincial and District Masonic Charitable Associations. Let it not be supposed that we desire the suppression of any of the advantages, if they be advantages, enjoyed by the children or the aged! We do not; on the contrary would rather increase them. But we cannot think that what is given in the cause of charity by our craftsmen is always so "faithfully applied" as it should be; not from any intention to do other than is honest and just, but from neglect of that superintendence and care

which should be prominent in every manager and official concerned in the distribution of the funds supplied.

It is not to be expected that we can now return to the primitive methods of our predecessors in affording relief in connection with the Craft Charities, but we do earnestly hope that the General Board of the Mark Degree will never listen to any proposition for the provision of special establishments for the reception of its wards or annuitants. If they do, they must say "good-bye" to their "four per cent. only" deduction from receipts; but whilst they do not the fund will deserve and will be sure to receive, as well from the three degree Masons as from their own body, the utmost support. It is a most satisfactory thing to note in its lately published Calendar, the year by year increase of the Benevolent Fund from £50 at its first festival to £2,115 and £1,638 respectively in 1887-8, and seeing what good has been done with the contributions it has already received, we sincerely hope that even these larger figures may be exceeded in the return of the Stewards' lists by the Secretary, at the call of Bro. Sir Lionel Darell, on the 24th prox.

COLONIAL ITEMS.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.—After the grand Masonic function that took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Perth, on the 4th inst., nothing can possibly be wanting to prove conclusively the firm hold the craft has on the community of Western Australia. It was a brilliant and representative gathering, attended by brethren representing every lodge in the colony, as well as the Colonial and English Lodges, His Excellency Bro. Sir F. N. Broome, P.D.S.G.W., also being present. During the ceremony a communication was read from the District Grand Master in which concise and well compiled epistle the present state, both numerically and financially, of the District Grand Lodge was clearly set forth. The number of initiations during the year, being 88, shewed a most satisfactory state of things. Two lodges were consecrated last year, and it is expected two more will be consecrated during the present year. No call has been made on the benevolent fund during the past year, which fact speaks well for the social position of the brethren ranged under the Masonic banner in the colony, and one we venture to think unique in the whole world. The communication was listened to with much attention by the brethren. After the proceedings in the lodge had terminated, the brethren proceeded to the St. George's Hall, where a very excellent banquet had been provided. His Excellency, in proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the District Grand Lodge of Western Australia," remarked that the District Grand Lodge, though only a year in existence, was already a success for the very good reason that, as far as he knew, Masonic Institutions always succeeded wherever they were established all over the world, but more especially in the British Dominions. Why did masonry succeed? Simply because it was a healthy organization, which could not help flourishing and growing. We heard a great deal of "The secrets of Freemasonry," but the chief secret of our craft, was this secret of its success, which we could tell to all the world without violating any obligation whatever. Organization, Discipline, Liberty—these are the grand secrets of Freemasonry. The interior administration of the lodge, its relations with other lodges, all its business and affairs of every sort, not forgetting the arrangement of this excellent and agreeable feast, were minutely regulated, and provided for. Each designated officer has his duty to do, and knew it, and did it. So much for organization. With regard to the next secret of the craft, discipline. Masons well knew that they had to obey those set in authority over them. No Mason ever disputed in a factious manner with his superior in the craft. When the Master, in lodge, gave a decision, all were silent. Masons still remembered a truth, which some outside social and political systems seemed now-a-days rather in danger of forgetting, that it is a privilege and not a degradation to obey those to whom obedience is due. But the greatest secret of our craft is its liberty. The entered apprentice had a right to raise his voice in lodge. The honours and dignities of Masonry were not reserved for the favoured few. The craft is ruled by no jealous oligarchy. Everyone had their turn and opportunity of power and place, and it was impossible to imagine any profession or system in which a career of distinction was more widely and freely open on terms of perfect equality to all who desired it. Nothing was more prized by Freemasons than the liberty which, in the fullest sense, they enjoyed. With such secrets and watchwords as these—organization, discipline, liberty—how could Freemasonry in general, and this District Grand Lodge in particular, fail to be a success? His Excellency's speech was delivered in his happiest mood, and was listened to with the greatest attention by all present. The whole proceedings from commencement to finish were of a highly satisfactory character, and too much praise cannot be given to those brethren who had charge of the arrangements which mark an epoch in the history of Freemasonry in Western Australia.—Extracts from *Western Mail*, Perth, 20/4/89.

PERTH.—ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 2165.—W. Bro. E. Scott, M.L.C., and Mayor of Perth, was installed W.M. of this Lodge, in the Freemasons' Hall, Perth, W.A., on the 18th April last, by the D.G.M. Bro. J. A. Wright, in the presence of a numerous gathering of members of the Lodge and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Sir Frederick N. Broome; Congdon, D.D.G.M.; Michael Samson,

W.M.; Humble, W.M.; Hope, W.M.; Hurst, W.M.; Snook, W.M., &c., &c. The newly-installed W.M. subsequently presided at the banquet served at Bro. Grant's Court Hotel.

NEW ZEALAND.—AUCKLAND.—Masonic circles in New Zealand have lately been stirred by the proposal to constitute a Grand Lodge for New Zealand, which would unite the different lodges, instead of their being attached to the English, Irish, and Scotch Grand Lodges. A gathering of Freemasons took place at Auckland on April 10th on the subject, presided over by Bro. Malcom Niccol, D.P.G.M., S.C. Bro. F. Lawry, M.H.R., moved "That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable, in the interests of Freemasonry, that a United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Zealand should be constituted, with the assent of a majority of the lodges now working in the colony under the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland respectively." Bro. R. Coom seconded the motion. After further discussion, Bro. Leers moved as an amendment, "That they form a United Grand Lodge for Auckland." New Zealand, he contended, was too large and too scattered for one Grand Lodge. The motion was carried by 75 to 17. It was agreed that the brethren form themselves into a branch of the New Zealand Masonic Union. Since the date above-named, we learn that numerous lodges under the English constitution have sent in their adherence to the Union, amongst them being Ashley 1877, Rangiora (the only lodge in Canterbury); Franklin 2138, Auckland; and lodges at Wanganui, Napier, Te Aroha, Dunedin, Ashburton, Nelson, &c. The Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 1338, resists the movement.

In reference to the foregoing item, the following letter, which appeared in the *New Zealand Herald*, of the 12th April, will be read with interest both at home and abroad:—"re The United Grand Lodge. To the Editor. Sir,—I would have liked to have said a few words last night, but the evident desire to hurry the thing through, and my being a total stranger to 99 per cent. of those present, must be my excuse for not doing so. I am told that those who took part in the discussion last night were all P.M.'s. This should not be; it should have been M.M.'s, in whose decision the matter will rest. And now a word of warning to Masons under the E.C. I understand you are dissatisfied with your District Grand Lodge officers. If so, get rid of them; get them changed. You have the power in your own hands; but surely this can be no reason for seceding from a Constitution that gives you absolute liberty (more than ever you will get from a New Zealand Constitution); allows you to keep your own quarterages amongst yourselves till, I am informed, you have quite a respectable sum to your credit, and, what is more, you have the power of spending it as you like. Don't be deceived; It is your representatives in the District Grand Lodge who are to blame that enough has not been spent in charity. As one speaker said, don't blame the institution for the fault of its members, as is proved by the paper put in my hands last night, showing what has been done in West Lancashire; for let us remember, brethren, this result has been achieved by Masons still holding under E.C., and still paying regular dues to Grand Lodge, from which you are exempt. Brethren, no constitution will alter this. It is in your own hand. I am told that you have a charity fund formed some time since, and there are only two life members. Shame on you all as masons, and yet you blame the Constitution! And now a word of caution to English Masons. You should combine and ascertain the feeling of the brethren independent of Scotch or Irish, or you will rue your apathy, as many of us do now in Australia. These bodies have all to gain and nothing to lose. I, and many others with me, only wish we could go back to English Constitution. Don't be apathetic, as we were; take a leaf out of the book of those seeking a new constitution. Why, sir, there must have been 250 or 300 in the hall last night, and only 90 voted for and against the resolution, and of those, I believe, only about one-fourth were English Masons, although they are twice as numerous as both the other bodies. And now, in conclusion, I warn you all to think well about the matter, for if once the New Zealand Constitution is formed there will be no going back to the English, and when too late you will be sorry—as we are now, so I earnestly intreat you either to decide against it or go slow; take plenty of time, or you may live to regret it, as many of us have done.—I am, etc., Australian M.M. (once English M.M.)"

THAMES.—CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 1655.—The installation meeting of this Lodge, on the 9th April last, was most successful, the local sister lodges and many brethren from Auckland, Waikato, and neighbouring towns attending. Bro. Theodore Wood was installed W.M. by the V.W.D.D.G.M. Bro. Lodder. The retiring W.M., Bro. M. Lush, was presented with a handsome P.M. jewel of local manufacture from Thames gold and with appropriate inscription. After labour the brethren banquetted at the Pacific Hotel.

REMUERA, AUCKLAND.—REMUERA LODGE, 1710.—The annual meeting was held on April 8th for the purpose of installing Bro. Colonel T. Viret Shepherd, being the largest and most representative gathering of Masons ever held within the walls of the Lodge. It included representatives of all the city and suburban lodges, many of which attended as lodges. There was a total attendance of 120, including 36 installed masters, and Bro. Lodder, D.D.G.M., E.C., and Bro. M. Niccol, D.P.G.M., S.C. Bro. J. Coom, the retiring W.M., opened the Lodge, and officiated in a careful, studious, and impressive manner, as installing master, and when Bro. Col. Shepherd was placed in the chair of King Solomon by the board of installed masters, and duly saluted in the three degrees, Bros. Bedford, Cooper, and Hewson respectfully presented to him the tools of the master, the fellow-craft, and the entered apprentice degree. After appointment and investiture of officers Bros. H. R. George, B. Esam, and C. LaRoche delivered the addresses to the W.M., the wardens and the brethren most effectively.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."
(Original and Selected.)

HERE'S TO OUR BROTHERS ABROAD!

BY BRO. JOHN FAWCETT SKELTON, P.M. 146, P.Z.

Tune—"The Red, White, and Blue."

FOR Masonry, the pride of the Nations!
The joy of the cream of mankind!
The world rings with constant ovations,
Re-echoed on every wind.
The Craft hath her sons on ev'ry ocean—
Her followers—to death—on ev'ry strand,
Yet all *one* in the deepest devotion,
Around our *one* altar we stand.

Chorus—Then here's to our Brothers abroad!
Soon to see them again from abroad!
Though afar, they are faithful Freemasons,
Then here's to our Brothers abroad!

Where the cannons of war loudest rattle,
Ashore or afloat may be seen
Our Brethren in arms doing battle
For God! Home! Old England! and Queen!
And roaming, for commerce or pleasure,
Are hosts of our Brethren to-day;
But they join us in ev'ry mystic measure,
And each for the other will pray.

Chorus—Then here's to our Brothers abroad, &c.

The cup! worthy Stewards, then, bring hither,
And fill it, good Brothers, to the brim;
Freemasonry never shall wither,
Nor the star of its glory grow dim!
No fate can our unity sever,
Which age after age shall applaud;
It is destined to flourish for ever!
Then here's to our Brothers abroad!

Chorus—Then here's to our Brothers abroad, &c.

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BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF AND TRUTH.

"BROTHERLY love, relief and truth,"
Should blazon'd be upon our shield.
For love can conquer all, and truth
Will make us victors on the field.
But in life's battles should we find
A foeman our compatriot prove,
Stretch forth the hand of fellowship,
And greet him with a *Brother's love*.

"Brotherly love, relief and truth,"
Writ on our pennons floating high,
Should lift the thoughts to Him whose love,
Encompasses the earth and sky.
Then in life's journey should we find
A Brother plung'd in debt or grief,
Let Love suggest the helping hand,
Held open with a prompt *relief*.

"Brotherly love, relief and truth,"
A Mason's heart should e'er engage,
And in life's diary should be found
Engross'd upon its fairest page.
Thus as each daily record lives,
Of earnest work performed forsooth,
With well squared acts his life must be
Pure and unsullied as the *Truth*.

J. H. JEWELL, P.M. (1223), P.P.G.R., Kent.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

MASTER MASON writes us a letter in reference to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the late Committee of Investigation, with the suggestions made in which we quite agree, and believe that the majority of our readers will acquiesce. But we have already said, and now repeat, that in our opinion "it will be the duty of all true friends of the institution to avoid any interference whatsoever with the deliberations or directions" of the Provisional Committee, which has been appointed to the temporary management of the affairs of the school, and to report to the General Court as to the best and most effectual means for carrying out the resolution for the "entire change in the administration." We had decided not to publish MASTER MASON'S letter whilst circumstances are favorable to an issue which will be satisfactory to the subscribers as being in the best interests of the institution. The "tendency to attempt to obtain peace by gentle means," which our correspondent thinks "must surely fail," will, we trust, be strengthened during the next few weeks, and whilst the anxiety to make the ensuing festival a success, particularly in a pecuniary point of view, is upon those who wish well for the children under our care.

But since our intention to withhold MASTER MASON'S letter was formed, other letters have been received having reference to the same subject, and these contain suggestions which it might be advisable should have an "all round" consideration. It would be unfair in us to suppress these latter, and their insertion without the companionship of MASTER MASON'S letter would be still more unfair. We therefore give place to all; may difference of opinion never sever Masonic friendship! What we ourselves think, should be immaterial to every right-minded brother interested in the question and capable of forming a reasonable judgment. Some will doubtless wield the sword in this matter, and others will interpose the shield. Justice may be done and yet Mercy not be frightened. Our part is to act squarely and independently of all external influences, and present to our readers the opinions of others as they are expressed through the medium of our columns. This we have hitherto done, and shall continue to do whilst controversy is conducted prudently and with temperance.

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We are glad to know in connection with the foregoing that the members of the late House Committee who had not resigned at the date of the Special Court (6th inst.), have now resolved to hand over all authority they might have been supposed to possess (which, to our mind, after the last meeting of the General Court, became as *x* is in Algebra, an unknown quantity), to the Provisional Committee. This certainly evidences a further "tendency to attempt to obtain peace," and we congratulate our brethren on the good sense and masonic spirit with which they have so far met the difficulties of their position.

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It now only remains for the General Court at its next meeting in July to again adjourn the business of Election of House Committee, and to do so from time to time, if necessary, until after the advice of the Provisional Committee shall have been given to a future Special Court.

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The following circular has been issued to the several brethren who have kindly undertaken Stewardships for the Festival on the 3rd prox.:—"The Provisional Management Committee appointed at the Special Court on the 6th inst., in fulfilment of the duties intrusted to them, most earnestly intreat the Stewards to spare no exertion in obtaining a liberal response to their appeal for aid. The circumstances under which the Institution is placed imperatively demand a most generous response from all its friends. The Committee has arranged with the Treasurer of the Institution, that all contributions which may be remitted to him shall be paid into a Separate Account, and applied by this Committee in the interest of the Institution. We are, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally, Euston, Prov.G.M. Norths. & Hunts, *Chairman*; Fred. A. Philbrick, *Q.C., G.Reg., Vice-Chairman*."

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The House and Audit Committees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls seem to be alive to the exigencies of the situation in which their confrères of the companion School are placed. On Wednesday, the 12th inst., a joint conference was held, with a view to see what changes may be effected that will advantage the Institution. The axiom that "those who want a thing well done should do it themselves" may have considerable application in this instance. It would certainly have a tendency towards "peace among the subscribers" if reforms can be effected and announced without the intervention of any "Special Court."

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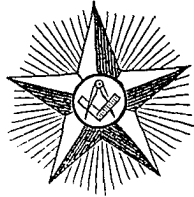
We must go abroad for home news! The *South African Freemason* says—"At a recent meeting of the Unity Lodge, 183, London, the secretary reported that although the Lodge had been at work uninterruptedly for 120 years, it had never had a Grand Lodge collar bestowed upon any of its members."

KENNINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1381.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Friday, 14th inst., at the Horns, Kennington. Present: Bros. W. W. Westley, preceptor and treasurer; H. N. Price, P.M. 177, W.M. 2308, W.M.; E. A. G. Smith, S.W. 2308, S.W.; Buxton, J.W. 2308, J.W.; Cochrane, P.M., S.D.; C. Woods, 1869, J.D.; J. Higgs, I.G. 2308, I.G.; and other brethren to the number of 17. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Spencer, candidate. The second and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Westley, assisted by the brethren. Bros. J. Higgs and C. Woods were elected members. Bro. Ernest Smith was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

A theatrical performance on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was given at the Theatre Royal, Cardiff, on Friday last. Bro. E. Fletcher, the lessee and manager of this popular place of entertainment, arranged with Bro. Munday to carry out the working of the compliment. Great praise is due to Bro. Munday for the pains he took in making the performance so great a success. After the drama of *The Lucky Star*, in which Miss Emma Rainbow shone to great advantage, the Llandaff Orpheus Union sang a couple of glees with much effect. Madame Lucy Clarke, R.A.M., gave "The Children's Home," illustrated by tableaux. Bro. Edward Fletcher recited "The Charge of the Light Brigade," accompanied with martial music admirably composed by Mr. Charles Langley. Bro. Richard Elliott sang two humorous songs and was much applauded, the curtain falling on Bro. J. H. Stephens' most amusing ventriloquial performance. A large number of brethren from the Cardiff and other Lodges in the district attended, and the evening's entertainment was successfully carried through to the satisfaction of the audience, and, we believe, to the benefit of our Boys' School. Bro. Fletcher's liberal assistance is highly appreciated by the members of the Craft in his locality.

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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

The Report of the Special Court, held in London on 6th inst., as reported in your issue of 13th inst., is very unpleasant reading, and I feel certain had you felt yourself at liberty to reproduce the inconsiderate, not to say malicious, language made use of, which you have suppressed, the wave of bitter feeling would very much abate, especially as regards the secretary, who, notwithstanding the unfraternal howling of the infuriated mob who cried "Crucify him, crucify him," must still be venerated not only as the chief organiser of the Boys' Institution, but as, to a very great extent, the energetic advocate of Masonic charity generally, who put nerve and active life into the other two institutions, not only by his advocacy but by his unflinching energy and business ability.

I know a few of the members of the various Committees personally, and although I cannot clear them of blame, yet I know they were ever anxious to do the best in their power to assist the efforts of the secretary to bring the Institution into the highest state of perfection, and had the House Committee of 1887 dismissed the Head Master as well as the Assistants, matters would have gone on much better than they have; and yet Dr. Morris is the only one who escapes, although, throughout the Report of the Investigation Committee, he frequently appears as the rusty hinge that perpetually creaks and keeps things uncomfortable all round, while, on the other hand, it is made distinctly evident that were it not for the indomitable energy and perseverance of the secretary, this great Institution would have come to grief long ago; in short, he had not only to do those duties allotted to him, but had to originate, organise, and also to intervene frequently both as a shield and a buffer to keep matters in working order. Whatever may be the result of the recommendations of the Provisional Committee, there is one thing quite certain—the Institution will never have another such secretary as Bro. Fredk. Binckes, if they, at this time, dispense with his services. I sincerely hope they will be better advised than to do so.

Yours fraternally,
A. VICE-PRESIDENT.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

There seems a tendency to attempt to obtain peace among the subscribers to the Boys' School by gentle means. Such action must surely fail. The General Court is *divided into sides*. How can such a governing body succeed? If public confidence is to be regained the PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE must:—

I. Make a clean sweep of the whole discredited staff, by pensioning, or otherwise.

- II. Appoint a young and energetic secretary at a *reasonable* salary (£200, rising to £400 by annual increase of not more than £10, would be ample).
- III. Establish a nucleus of a RESERVE FUND, and annually add to it by fixed amounts.
- IV. Reduce the cost per head by at least one-third.
- V. Frame rules for the *new* Committees to help them in their work.

It is useless to attempt to defend anybody.

Yours fraternally,
MASTER MASON.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

From the tone of some of your contemporaries there seems to be an idea extant in certain quarters that at the meeting of General Committee in June the *election* of House and Finance Committee was *postponed*—whereas the Chairman ruled "that under the Laws no election could take place, as the hour of 5 o'clock had passed." Consequently, all nominations at the May meeting must then have lapsed by effluxion of time, because the adjournment of the June meeting only took place AFTER the Chairman had given the aforesaid ruling, and the whole election question was void and at an end.

Yours fraternally,
SEMAJ.

R.M.I.B. SPECIAL COURT.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I see by your report of the above Court, held on 6th inst., that "a number of communications from representatives of the provinces of East and West Lancashire, Cheshire, West Yorkshire, Staffordshire, Nottinghamshire, Bristol, Shropshire, and Hampshire and Isle of Wight, and from sundry lodges and individual brethren, were directed to be read," and that "these were in every sense in full approval of the recommendations of the Committee of Investigation, and unmistakably condemnatory of the committees and officials of the institution."

I feel somewhat curious as to whether all these reports, recommendations, approvals, or whatever else they may be called, were cooked, hatched, concocted, or fabricated in the same manner as the will-soon-if-not-now-be-famous-one of East Lancashire.

As one of the Vice-Presidents of the Boys' School, of which rank, and of higher, we have in this province a goodly number, as also many Life Governors, several of whom have served two, three or more stewardships, giving each time their own ten guineas and two guineas fee, besides collecting and influencing what funds for the institution they possibly could, I would like to know—though you cannot, my dear sir, I fear, answer me the question, yet I would much like to have the answer from some source—how many of these aforesaid Life Governors and others had any intimation, verbal or otherwise, of an intended meeting to consider the report of the Investigation Committee, and to decide upon a course of action, or formulate a motion to submit to the Special Court? I had no such intimation; I have asked several Life Governors, Vice-Presidents and others in Manchester and vicinity, and all were as uninformed as myself until the receipt of a circular of which the following is copy:—

"Secretary's Offices—2, Cooper Street,
Manchester, 30th May, 1889.

"Re ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—At a Meeting of Charity Representatives of the Provinces of West Yorkshire, East and West Lancashire, Staffordshire and Cheshire held to-day at the office of the Provincial Grand Secretary of East Lancashire, it was unanimously resolved that the following proposition be made at the *Special General Court of Governors and Subscribers*, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, on *Thursday next*, at Twelve o'clock prompt:—

"That having considered the Report of the Investigation Committee, this Special General Court is of opinion that an entire change in administration, and a thorough breaking away from the present practice must take place."

"You are urgently and respectfully requested to attend the above Special General Meeting, and give the resolution your entire support.
(Signed) E. G. HARWOOD, Chairman.

JNO. CHADWICK, Secretary.

"Supported by the United Provinces, Bristol, and others."

You will notice this circular is dated the 30th May, and although the Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the previous day, not one word was said about this meeting of the would-be representatives, nor of the report of the Investigation Committee, although various other reports were read of Election Committees, &c., except some after-dinner speeches may be taken as of sufficient authority, where not one-twentieth of those dining were donors to the Institution, and where wine more than calm judgment reigned.

Although the first line is very guardedly worded, viz., "at a meeting of Charity representatives of the provinces," it seems to convey the consensus of opinion of all the subscribers to the course decided upon by these self-constituted would-be representatives of those who have acquired by their money the voting power in our Charity Courts.

Some of those who, I am informed, attended this hole-and-corner meeting have not even one vote in the Court of the Boys' School, and never gave a penny in their lives towards the support of the School, except, peradventure, through the charity-box of their respective Lodges, and several others have only two to four votes at elections. Is this the class of men, I ask, who should determine the destruction of such men as constituted the Committees and the Secretary of this Institution, and imperil its very existence?

Our only hope now is that the Special Provisional Committee will

be guided by more prudence and less passion than the Special Court displayed, for there is no room to doubt that the sudden "thorough breaking away" outlined in its resolutions and angry debate will do incalculable and irretrievable mischief if followed out.

Yours very fraternally,
A DISGUSTED LANCASTRIAN.

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

Following up my letter of last week, I hold that a new article should be introduced into the constitutions empowering the G.M. to call upon all below the rank of an Installed Master to retire from Grand Lodge when any matter concerning Installation ceremony or the duties, privileges or observances of Installed Masters were to be discussed. By such means only can we get at uniformity or anything approaching it in the matter of Installation. No Committee or Board appointed by Grand Lodge, as at present constituted, can possibly consider and report on such a subject to any but the Installed Master section of Grand Lodge. And further, as the Act of Union states at Par. I. Bk. of C., "pure and ancient masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz., E.A., F.C., and M.M., including the supreme order of the H.R.A.," it should be made competent for the G.M. to call upon Installed Masters who are not R.A.M. to retire when matters are to be discussed anent R.A.M. and its connection with the M.M. degree, and the G.L. then duly constituted a Grand Chapter from which if need be, all below the rank of Installed Principals should be asked to retire, and so on; but in our present higger-mugger way of conducting business all progress is stopped, and anything approaching uniformity, or even similarity, rendered utterly impossible.

In such matters a hint might very well be taken from the practice of our Irish brethren—that is, if I am correctly informed, and I believe I am—viz., in Grand Lodge of Ireland or by the Grand Master, a Grand Instructor is appointed in each province whose duty it is to visit every Lodge in his province annually, and be present while each ceremony is rehearsed by the W.M. or other expert brother of each Lodge, and point out any discrepancies or irregularities, and report to G.L. through the P.G.M. These examiners are themselves thoroughly examined before appointment, and hence wherever you visit in Ireland you find an exact counterpart in all proceedings, even in matters one might be inclined at first sight to deem objectionable. Such instructor has a diploma which is his warrant to attend any Lodge in his province for the purpose specified. Excuse this rather long-winded epistle, and oblige

Yours very fraternally,
W. NICHOLL, P.M. 317.

"QUESTIONS, &c."

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.

At this season of the year it seems to me that you might wisely make use of the "scissors" for our benefit as a body. The enclosed "Questions, &c.," would probably be of interest to many who have not been able to peruse them. Those who are "learned in the craft" may also be able to give other information about the same. I fancy that a discussion respecting the (a) *true* and (b) *supposed* history of the Craft would be hailed with delight by young and old alike.

Fraternally yours,
C. W.

13th June, 1889.
* * We cannot find space for your enclosure, "The Examination of a (Free)mason," this week, although it is in type. It will be reserved for an early issue.—ED. M.S.

Answers to Correspondents.

MASTER MASON.—See our remarks under "Our Trestle Board."
SECRETARY, No. 632.—T me pressing, we defer notice till next week. Meanwhile kindly send us a little more information as to the brethren interested.

Reports of Lodges, &c.

PROVINCIAL.

DEVON.—PLYMPTON.—ST. MAURICE LODGE, No. 1855.—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Plympton, on the 12th inst., when Bro. G. S. Strode Lowe was installed W.M. for the ensuing year in a Board of twenty-two Installed Masters. The ceremony was conducted by W. Bros. Robert Hambley, P.P.G.D.; T. J. R. Challice, P.M.; G. T. Goad, P.M.; and W. D. Stamp, P.M. There were present a large number of Provincial Grand Officers, members and visitors, and the Masonic work was admirably performed. The W.M. Bro. Strode Lowe presided at the banquet, at the George Hotel, and a pleasant evening was spent in harmony and good fellowship.

ASHBURTON.—The Ashburton Lodge, 2185, held its anniversary meeting in the lodge room, Commercial Hotel, Ashburton, on the 12th inst., when a large gathering of the members and their friends from the neighbouring lodges assembled to witness the installation of Bro. W. T. Gervis as W.M. The ceremony of installation was performed by W. Bro. Oliver, and the W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. C. G. S. Acock, S.W.; W. Pengilly, J.W.; Rev. E. Penwarne-Wellings, chaplain; H. Stevens, treasurer; W. J. Fraser, secretary; F. J. W. Crowe, S.D.; G. Foot, J.D.; H. M. Firth, I.G.; F. Crowe, organist; E. J. Sawdye, D.C.; J. Eales, S.; George Furneaux, T. W. Bro. Charles Vicary impressively gave the charge to the W.M. and officers. The brethren subsequently attended a well-served banquet at Bro.

Sawdye's, Golden Lion Hotel, and the customary loyal and masonic toasts were duly honoured and met with satisfactory responses. The Tyler's toast brought the list to a close. The proceedings were brightened by music and songs by Bros. Crowe, Fraser, Tanner, Sawdye, Pearce, &c., and the evening was a most pleasant one.

LANCASHIRE.—LIVERPOOL.—CROXTETH UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 786.—W. Bro. W. W. Jones, W.M.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, when W. Bro. W. Marwood was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of a numerous gathering from the several lodges in the district, and including numerous Provincial Grand Officers. The installation ceremony was admirably performed by W. Bro. E. Sherwood, P.M. and treasurer of the lodge, and the following were severally invested as officers. Bros. J. Chisholm, S.W.; R. Robertson, J.W.; F. J. Bailey, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., M.C.; E. Sherwood, P.M. treas.; J. A. Sherwood, sec.; A. Cornett, S.D.; R. Wilson, J.D.; W. Hogarth, org.; C. E. Percival, I.G.; G. S. Browne, S.S.; and H. H. Ragg, J.S. A banquet was subsequently served under the direction of Bro. Casey, the house steward.

MIDDLESEX.—HAMPTON COURT.—WOLSEY LODGE—1656.—Installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 11th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel. Present—W. Bro. T. C. Walls, Prov. G. W. Midx., P.M. 141, &c. W.M.; Bros. R. Drummond, S.W.; E. Dare, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., treas.; W. T. Peat, sec.; H. Sapsworth, W.M. 2032, S.D.; T. Grant, J.D.; H. Bond, I.G.; J. Hunt, steward. Past Masters F. L. Chandler, Prov. G.A.P., and T. W. Ockenden, P. Prov. G.D. Among the visitors were W. Bros. Howard H. Room, Prov. G.S., Middlesex; E. Warner, P.M. 1793; B. E. Blasby, P.M. 780, 2032; George Bugler, P.M. 975; Charles Cousins P.M. 209; also a good attendance of brethren. The lodge was in mourning in token of respect to memory of the late Bro. R. Masters. Bro. T. C. Walls performed the installation ceremony in a perfect and impressive manner. Bro. R. Drummond having been duly installed in the chair of K.S., invested the following officers:—Bros. Dare, S.W.; Sapsworth, J.W.; Featherstone, P.M., treas.; Peat, sec.; Grant, S.D.; Bond, J.D.; Spooner, I.G.; Hunt, D.C., and J. J. Smith and Plambock, stewards. W. Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls was the recipient of a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his services as W.M. and founder of the lodge. A substantial donation was placed on Bro. Walls' list as steward from the lodge to the R.M.I. for Boys. After the lodge closed the brethren partook of a well-served banquet, reflecting great credit upon Bro. J. B. Mella and his staff of assistants. W. Bro. H. Room, Prov. Grand Sec., took occasion during the evening to compliment the brethren on the management of the work, each officer being able to perform his allotted function with credit to himself and the lodge also. Owing to the absence of Bro. W. C. Page, the organist, the musical programme had to undergo considerable alteration, but obliging brethren were forthcoming in the persons of Bros. H. Room, T. C. Walls, T. W. Ockenden, W. J. Peat, and others. The tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. Before separating it was unanimously agreed that Bro. R. Drummond, the W.M., should represent the lodge on the Committee of the Woodward testimonial, and that a sum should be granted from the funds of the lodge to the same. W. Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B., P. Prov. G. Sec., has well earned a recognition of his valuable services, the Province having benefitted much during his secretaryship.

FELTHAM.—LEBANON LODGE, No. 1236.—The election meeting of this Lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, on Saturday last. Lodge was opened with commendable punctuality by the W.M. Bro. Edwin Arthur Smith, and at that time and during the afternoon the following brethren were present:—Bros. C. W. Baker, S.W.; J. A. Wilson, J.W.; Samuel Page, Treas.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; James C. Goslin, S.D.; S. Wheeler, J.D.; F. Dunstan, I.G.; E. Whelan, C.S.; A. Robertson, W.S.; F. Waller, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. J. Maul, P.M., P.P.Gd.S.B.; J. Laurence, I.P.M.; James Stevens, P.M., hon. mem.; P. Lodge, W. H. Davey, W. J. Ball, John Amey, George Andrews, and others, and John Gilbert, Tyler. Visitors:—Bros. G. Stockwin, Dalhousie 860; and J. R. Cordill, New Concord 813. The work in Lodge comprised the initiation of Messrs. W. H. Davey, David Moss, and S. H. Platten, by the W.M., and of Mr. John Exton, by W. Bro. Marsh, P.M.; the passing to the degree of F.C. of Bro. B. G. Andrews, by the W.M.; the reading of the Bye-laws; the subsequent election of Bro. C. W. Baker as W.M., Bro. Samuel Page as Treas., and Bro. John Gilbert as Tyler for the ensuing year; the appointment of an audit committee; and the acceptance of a notice of motion by Bro. F. Walters for the presentation of a valuable P.M. jewel to the retiring master. As is the custom in this excellent and ever-increasing Lodge, the ceremonies were carried through by the respective officers in a most perfect and impressive manner; and the orderly arrangements resulting from a strict adherence to the bye-laws gave proof of the quality of the leadership which has of late years directed all its concerns. It is well deserving the encouragement which is given to it by the Provincial Grand Lodge, in which it retains a conspicuous position, and we are pleased to learn that it is intended to place another of its valued members in the ranks of Provincial Grand Officers. Its importance to the charities of the institution is well-known, for year after year the Lodge has been represented by stewardships to each of the three Institutions, and it seems to be a much desired honour amongst its members to obtain the position of representation at each recurring festival. The forthcoming festival of the Boys' School has the support of the W.M. as Steward; there are two named for the Benevolent Institution, and one each for the Girls' and Boys' Schools respectively in 1890; and at this meeting nominations were made for the festivals of 1891. The thanks of the Lodge were voted to Bro. John Amey for his representation of the Lodge (he was, in fact, the only representative of the entire province) at the late festival of the Girls' School. Some cases of required assistance having been considered and decided upon; and

communications from several distinguished brethren whose other engagements precluded attendance having been read, the Lodge was closed and the meeting adjourned to the 20th July (installation). An excellent cold collation was afterwards presided over by the W.M., and the loyal and Masonic toasts and the responses thereto, interspersed with songs and recitations, occupied the remainder of a very pleasant afternoon and evening, members and guests assembling at the station, and by ten o'clock being clear from the scene of well-performed labour and as well-deserved refreshment.

SUSSEX—HASTINGS.—R.A. CHAPTER OF EMULATION—No. 40.—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Castle Hotel Assembly Rooms, on Monday, the 17th inst. The installation ceremonies of the three principals—Ex-Comps. C. W. Duke, P.P.G.Std.B., M.E.Z.; T. W. Markwick, H.; The Very Rev. Currie, D.D., J.—were ably and impressively performed by Ex-Comp. Dr. Trollope, P.G.A.D.C., who was heartily received by the companions present on this his first appearance at the chapter meetings since his late illness. The M.E.Z. invested the following officers:—Ex-Comp. Rossiter, P.P.G.A.S., treas.; J. Pearce, S.E.; Jordan, S.N.; R. Hughes, P.S.; W. S. Allen, 1st A.S.; Botby, 2nd A.S. The business of the chapter being ended, the companions adjourned to the banquet room, where a first-class dinner was satisfactorily served by Bro. Boyce. In addition to those already mentioned, the M.E.Z. was favoured with the presence of Ex-Comp. J. Farncombe, P.G.J.; V. P. Freeman, P.P.G.Std.B., P.G.S.E.; T. Kingston, P.Z. 862; G. C. Chapman, M.E.Z. 311; J. Easte, M.E.Z. 216; F. Duke; W. Davies, P.P.G.J.; W. H. Russell, P.Z.; B. Sargent, P.Z.; Ediner, and Avaré. Letters expressing regret at being unable to be present were read from the P.G. Supt. E. Comps. Gerard Ford, Gen. Randolph, P.P.G.H., &c., and several M.E.Z.'s of the province. The usual loyal and R.A. toasts were given in a pleasing manner by the M.E.Z., and responded to by those companions with whose names they were associated. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Questions and Answers.

* * Querists will please note that we shall in future decline to pay attention to enquiries made anonymously, or otherwise forwarded than in closed envelopes. In some instances it may be found impolitic to publish replies, but answers may be assured by the enclosure of a stamped and addressed cover.

Q.—I find in the "O.B." of the first degree that we are variously described as "F. & A.M. and A.F. & A.M." Is there any rule as to the use of the two terms, or are they interchangeable?—VALENS.

A.—We know of no rule which governs the precise expression, and it would be "sailing too close to the wind" for us to attempt an explanation relating to this most important portion of our esoteric work in lodge.

Q.—Will you kindly enlighten me on the following question, supposing it were to happen in a Mark Lodge:—"Is it regular for a W.M. and S.W., as members of an Audit Committee, to propose and second in lodge that the report of (their own) the Audit Committee be received"?—GEO. CHARMAN, S.W. 1068, Cairo, 9-6-89.

A.—The proposition for the reception of a report from an Audit Committee should be, in our opinion, made only by a member of the lodge not connected with the Audit.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

South Australian Freemason; South African Freemason; Masonic Advocate, Indianapolis, for June; Society.

Masonic "Bitter-Sweet."

"The web of our life is of a mingled yarn; good and ill together."—Shakespeare.

I dined the other day at the Trafalgar, at Greenwich, but, alas! it was not the Trafalgar of olden time. The whitebait had lost its flavour, the green peas had had their local habitation in a tin, and the "Crab Omelette a la Blue Seal" was conspicuous by its absence. "The Sherry," or it may be the Champagne, "was iced; the guests were colder."

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After all, if one wants a good dinner, one must stay in London. River side hostelrys may be very pleasant from a temperature point of view; they certainly are cooler than the Freemasons' Tavern or the Café Royal, but blessed is he who expecteth nothing for he shall not be disappointed—in his dinner.

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The late lamented Bro. Robert Burns, of Ayr, wrote, "Oh, would some power the giftie gie us, To see ourselves as ithers see us," and most heartily do I re-echo the aspiration. At a banquet at which I was a guest not long ago, "The Visitors" was coupled with the name of a young brother wearing a new suit of provincial clothing of a minor office. In responding he, in presence of several Grand Officers (members of the lodge), proceeded to show his immense superiority by finding fault with everything, specially the installation ceremony, which had been faultlessly performed by the I.P.M., a well known and much esteemed Grand Officer, and as good as told us he could do it much better himself.

Modesty was evidently scarce when he received his share of the social virtues.

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There are very few more functions to take place before the professional diners out can enjoy their holiday, for, after all, dining is hard work, and the time comes to everyone when he must recognise the unpleasant and stern reality of a liver. The "sweet" of to-night is sometimes more than counterbalanced by the "bitter" of to-morrow.

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The annual banquet of the Order of the Secret Monitor, at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, will be the first opportunity for the new manager to show what he is made of. And if he only follows in Bro. Madell's footsteps, I can assure him he will have the respect and esteem of THE DINER OUT.

We Notify that:—

—The Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, W. Bro. William Thomas Hunt, W.M., will meet at the Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst, Kent, on Saturday next, at 3 p.m., when Bro. William Hollis will be installed W.M. for the ensuing year. There will be work in the second degree before the installation.

—The "ex-pupils' day" in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, is appointed for Saturday, the 29th inst., in the afternoon, when all ex-pupils are cordially invited to attend.

—The Lodge of the Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, will meet at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Monday next, the 24th inst., at 5 p.m. W. Bro. T. B. Whytehead will read a paper entitled "The Grand Lodge of York." Visitors will be welcomed, and several brethren will be elected to the Correspondence Circle.

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—General Laws and Regulations.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
(THIS DAY) (3rd) THURSDAY, JUNE 20th.		
HOUSE COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.30.		
1320	Blackheath...	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
1681	Londesboro'	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
R.A.C.		
63	St. Mary's ...	F. M. H.
733	Westbourne ...	Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
(3rd) FRIDAY, JUNE 21st.		
HOUSE COMMITTEE, BOYS' SCHOOL, AT 4.		
6	Friendship ...	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
975	Rose of Denmark ...	Greyhound Hot., Richmond, Surrey
R.A.C.		
10	Westminster and Keystone ...	F. M. H.
92	Molra ...	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
Mark.		
226	Excelsior ...	M.H., William Street, Woolwich
K.T.		
6	St. George's ...	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
(4th) SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd.		
1541	Alexandra Palace ...	Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct, E.C.
R.A.C.		
1329	Sphinx ...	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
(4th) MONDAY, JUNE 24th.		
1910	Shadwell Clerke ...	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
2076	Quatuor Coronati... ..	F. M. H.
R.A.C.		
1745	Farringdon Without ...	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
K.T.		
D.	Mount Calvary ...	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
(4th) TUESDAY, JUNE 25th.		
14	Tuscan	F. M. H.
259	Prince of Wales	Willis's Rooms, King St., St. James's, W.
1158	Southern Star	Bridge House Hotel, London Bdg., S.E.
2108	Empire	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
R.A.C.		
1269	Stanhope	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1339	Stockwell	Ditto
1589	St. Dunstan's	Anderton's Hot., E.C.
Mark.		
3	Keystone	Shlp and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
K.T.		
128	Oxford & Cam. Universities ...	33, Golden Square, W.
(4th) WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26th.		
2	Antiquity	F. M. H.
754	High Cross	Seven Sisters' Hot., Tottenham
898	Temperance-in-the-East	6, Newby Place, Poplar, E.
R.A.C.		
753	Prince Frederick William ...	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood
820	Lily of Richmond	Greyhound Hot., Richmond
1624	Eccleston	F. M. H.
(4th) THURSDAY, JUNE 27th.		
GENERAL COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.		
211	St. Michael's	M. H., Air Street, Regent Street
858	South Middlesex	Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
1523	St. Mary Magdalen	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
Mark.		
118	Northumberland... ..	M. H. Tav., Basinghall Street, E.C.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,
WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Grand Patron—HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.
President—H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

**THE NINETY-FIRST
ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,**
AT THE ALEXANDRA PALACE, MUSWELL HILL,
On **WEDNESDAY, 3rd JULY, 1889.**

V.W. BRO. RICHARD EVE,
PAST GRAND TREASURER; P.P.G.S.W. HANTS & I. OF WIGHT, PATRON OF INST.
(Patron R.M.I. Girls; Patron R.M. Benevolent Institution), in the Chair.

Officers of the Board of Stewards:

President—V.W. Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, J.P., P.G.Treas., Patron of Inst.
Hon. Treas.—W. Bro. CHAS. FREDK HOGARD, P.G.Std.B., V.-Pres. of Inst.
Hon. Sec.—W. Bro. FREDK. BINCKES, P.G.Std., P.G.Swd.B., Sec., & V.-Pat. of Inst.

Dinner Tickets—Ladies, 10s. 6d. Gentlemen, 21s.

Morning Dress. No Masonic Clothing or Jewels, Steward's Badge excepted.

Dinner on the Table at Six o'Clock precisely.

Musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. Edward P. Delavante, No. 1319.

Office—6, FREEMASONS' HALL, W.C. FREDERICK BINCKES,
May, 1889. Secretary.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex.

R.W. BRO. COLONEL SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, BART.,
P.S.G.W. OF ENGLAND,
Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

30, Eardley Crescent, Earl's Court, London, S.W.
June 15th, 1889.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge will
be held at the TOWN HALL, TWICKENHAM, on Saturday,
June 29th, at Three o'clock p.m.

By command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master,
HOWARD H. ROOM, P.M., *Prov. Grand Sec.*

N.B.—The TOWN HALL is in the centre of the Town.

Banquet at the Town Hall, at 5.30, Cold. Tickets, 8/6 each, exclusive of Wine.

Brethren intending to dine are requested to apply for Tickets (with a remittance)
to the Provincial Grand Secretary on or before June 26th, otherwise it will be im-
possible to make satisfactory arrangements, and in order to secure the comfort of
those Brethren who have obtained Tickets, none can be issued after that date.

Trains, from Waterloo, 2.0, 2.10, 2.17, 2.20.; from Twickenham, very frequent.

There will be a short Service at the Parish Church, Twickenham, at 4.30 p.m.
(Saturday being market day at Twickenham, the brethren will not go to Church
in procession or in Masonic clothing.) MORNING DRESS.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

Provincial Grand Lodge of London and the
Metropolitan Counties.

THE Knight Companions will meet in Council at 33, Golden
Square, W., on SATURDAY, the 13th July, 1889, at 2.30 for
3 p.m. precisely, and the R.W. Prov. G.M. desires the attendance of
all duly qualified Brethren.

Names and addresses of Candidates with name of Chapter, must
be sent to me not later than the 3rd July next.

The ANNUAL BANQUET will be held at the Zoological Gardens,
Regent's Park, N.W., at 6.30 precisely.

By Order,
28, Golden Square, W. FRANK RICHARDSON, *Prov. G. Sec.*

HOTELS

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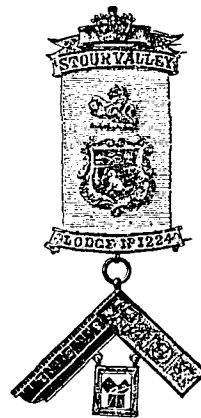
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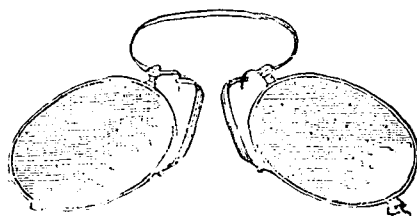
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