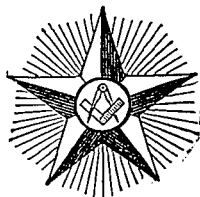


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Delays are Dangerous.



WE are writing on the eve of the thirteenth day since the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys resolved that a copy of the Report of the late Committee of Enquiry into the "Management, discipline, and expenditure" of the Institution should be printed and circulated, and we have not as yet received, in our capacity of Life Governor, a copy. Yet we hear of others who have had opportunity for reading this Report, which, it was stated, had been printed at a distance from London with a view to absolute secrecy until its details might be made known simultaneously to all interested. This is not as it should be, and it has already given rise to severe comment, not only on the continuance of a very lengthened and unnecessary delay, but on the presumed contents of the Report itself. It would appear as though everything that could be has been purposely done to excite the disposition to place the subscribers to the Institution at variance with its committee and officials; though why this should be we are at a loss to imagine. Meanwhile, from the want of that full information which it was not only the desire of the Members of the General Court, but their direct instruction, should be promptly afforded, we have all sorts of expressions of opinion, contradictory one of another, and none in any respect reliable. Brethren who have heard selected extracts from the signed Report, others who place faith in second-hand communications, and yet others who are disposed to promote their own especial views as to the future management of the School, argue and re-argue upon false premises and in the dark, agreeing only on this one point—that the delay which prevents their obtaining full cognisance of the particulars reported by the late Committee of Enquiry is a source of great provocation to themselves and of danger to the Institution.

We stated in our last number that we had reason to

believe that the report is in many respects condemnatory of the "management, discipline and expenditure" of the past few years, and hesitated to say more without having first perused this long delayed document itself. As we have been unable to do this, through no neglect of our own but rather through the indifference of others to very forcibly expressed directions, we consider ourselves absolved from any implied promise not to discuss the matter forthwith. We have gathered from the remarks of those who appear to have been amongst a favoured few, that the subscribers to the institution will learn that the management of the school is altogether unsatisfactory, and that the control of the institution has passed away from the hands of the House Committee. If this be so, what have the members of that Committee to say for themselves? To them has been generously entrusted, year after year, a charge of the utmost importance, and a positive control over all internal arrangements at the school. If they have neglected that charge and permitted themselves to be ruled, instead of ruling as they were required to do, they will indeed have greatly deceived their friends and supporters. Let us hope that this is one second-hand rumour which will be capable of refutation when the delayed copies of the report are forthcoming. In their case, and for their reputation, the delay is dangerous.

"The expenditure is very extravagant and not under any proper supervision, the feeding not by any means such as it ought to be, and there is no proper system in looking after the comfort of pupils at meals." Does the report really read thus, or is this also a second-hand rumour? Can it be wondered at, if these charges are really made in the document, which should be all the more speedily produced because of the gravity of its contents, that year by year, and almost day by day, complaints have been made, as well publicly as privately, against a management which has been defended by "through-thick-and-thin" supporters, against complainants all too feeble for more than a passive and objectless resistance? We think not!

"The domestic servants have not looked after the health of the boys as they ought to have done," is another statement in circulation, but whether really contained in the report—which it requires so much time to circulate—or not, we cannot say for reasons given. But presuming it is there, what answer can be made to the charge;—not by the domestics who have neglected the pupils, but by the Committee who have neglected the domestics? The former, if questioned, might show cause abundantly for their lapse from duty; but if this charge be true we doubt if the Committee could do as much. Let us hope that the report so tardy in its coming does not contain it, for where health has to be taken into account delays are dangerous.

Let us leave the school and visit the office. What does second-hand rumour declare the report says of this? "The accounts have been kept on a very loose system, and are altogether misleading; so much so, that it is almost impossible to understand them. There is really no proper check on the expenditure, and all has been done in a haphazard fashion." These are not our words; they are to be attributed, for the present, to rumour alone, consequent on the slowness of production of a few thousand copies of a forty-eight page pamphlet, which if our publishers, or for that matter, any other large firm of printers in the metropolis had had the "job," would have been in the hands of every Governor and Subscriber on the books of the Institution within forty-eight hours of the receipt of order. But if we find these words when the procrastinating report reaches us, what a heavy indictment will have to be answered at the Special Court when it meets; and from whom will the answer be required? We shall stand between individuals and a collective authority, and to use our Bro. Philbrick's words in his address to the late Quarterly Court, "without fear, favour or affection," seek to fix the blame where the blame really rests. From those to whom much power has been given should the exercise of much power be expected; and it is absurd in the extreme to talk of any one person "having so managed matters as to have got the entire control of the Institution into his hands"—another of rumour's random remarks—if the powers with which the respective committees have been invested had been properly exercised.

We could add to the above "hearsays" many others of a similar nature. We have even heard, in the very words we shall quote, who is to be the future "boss of the show"; but we have taken sufficient on trust in this article, and not being thoroughly certified as to statements *supposed* to be contained in the report which appears to have gone astray, will content ourselves by suggesting to those who will ultimately be the arbiters in this matter, that a body of men is required to govern the Institution who will not be afraid to exercise the powers which the subscribers will give them; that we want no scapegoat in the present for others' sins of omission or commission, nor, in the future, any individual "boss," but each official an expert in his especial department only; and that the sooner the "entire reform," which, it is said, the report, now slowly making its way from the west, will recommend is carried out the better, for in this instance, as in most others where reforms are necessary, delays are dangerous.

STAFFORDSHIRE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF FREEMASONS.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday, the 30th ult., the occasion being one of special interest, owing to the installation of Col. Foster Gough to the position of Grand Master of the Province. The R.W. Bro. Col. G. S. Tudor, P.P.G.M., presided, and was supported by a full attendance of officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, by Col. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, Bro. F. James, P.P.D.G.M., Bro. James Terry, Past G. Standard-bearer and Secretary of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. J. F. Collins, D.P.G.M., Warwickshire, and by past and present Provincial Officers to the number of 260.

After the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge, Col. Tudor and the Grand Secretary and the other officers of the Grand Lodge of England were saluted according to ancient form, and the usual preliminary business, including the calling of the roll of lodges in the Province, was transacted.—Col. Tudor then said when he last presided over the Lodge two years ago at Westbromwich, he little thought that the next occasion on which he should preside would be the installation of his then deputy as Provincial Grand Master. By this selection of Col. Gough, the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, had honoured the Province as well as Col. Gough himself. No one could have been chosen who would have been more likely to render loyal service to Freemasonry, and it was especially pleasurable to find a Staffordshire brother, and one who had worked for many years as D.P.G.M., thus promoted to the highest honour in the Province. He had known Col. Gough intimately for 30 years, and had always found that he did well whatever he undertook. In conclusion, Col. Tudor acknowledged the support which he had always received from his officers in the Province, and expressed a hope that they would do the same by his successor.—The arrival of the P.G.M. designate was then announced, and his patent presented. Seven P.M.'s then retired with the P.G. director of ceremonies, and introduced Col. Gough, who was thereupon, in all due form, invested with the apron, chain, and jewel of office, and installed in the Chair. His subsequent address was very brief, time being limited. He intimated that while accepting the office of P.G.M. with all humility he did so with a full determination to prove that what had been so gratefully received had not been altogether unworthily bestowed.

Most of them had heard him enunciate and enlarge upon the doctrine that Masonic appointments, whether in private or provincial lodges, were not intended to encourage idleness. They were not intended as a sort of receipt in full of all demands as P.M.'s occasionally considered them; they were not even intended as the reward of merit. The real aim and purpose of their bestowal was to strengthen the powers, to increase the opportunities, and to stimulate the zeal of their recipients for the advancement of the best interests of Masonry. In that spirit he had undertaken the work, and as he should never spare himself, so every brother who served under him, no matter in what capacity, would by the fact of his acceptance of an office be considered as having thereby given a pledge for the performance of every duty appertaining thereto. After having heartily thanked Col. Tudor, Col. Clerke, and other distinguished visitors, he added that there would be no material change of established customs under his rule, and invited his officers and other brethren to attend him on the 16th May at Tunstall, at the laying of the foundation-stone of the Jubilee Buildings, and on the 20th May at Westbromwich on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the Masonic Rooms.—The P.G.M. then appointed Col. Bindley as his deputy and the gallant colonel took his place on the right of the P.G.M.—The treasurer's accounts were submitted by Bro. Bodenham and approved. It appeared that all the Lodge dues in the Province had been paid.—The P.G.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—The Rev. W. Randall, 624, S.W.; F. Walton (1,838), J.W.; the Rev. H. Abud, 456 sen. chaplain; the Rev. A. H. Talbot, 726, jun. chaplain; J. Bodenham, 726, treas.; W. T. Copeland, 637, registrar; E. H. Thorne, 1,838, sec.; F. Mountford, 460, S. D.; H. J. Clarson, 1,060, J. D.; J. Powell, 347, Supt. Wks.; G. H. Stanger, 419, D.C.; J. T. Eayrs, 662, A.D.C.; J. Stevenson, 1,942, sw. b.; C. Gee, 1,941, and W. E. Marsh, 526, St. Brs., Dr. Taylor, 726, Organist; F. E. F. Bailey, 539, assistant-secretary; S. Watson, 2,064, pursuant; T. Jones, 696, ass. pursuant; W. D. Batkin, 726; Thomas Evans, 1,520; G. Vaughan, 419; E. J. Mousley, 726; and R. Longden, 1,838, J. Godwin, W.M., 98, stewards; W. Twist, 526, tyler.

After Provincial Grand Lodge had been closed, the brethren proceeded in procession to St. Mary's Church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Abud, R.D., and in the evening a banquet was held at the Swan Hotel, at which covers were laid for 100 brethren, and over which the Provincial Grand Master presided. A full report of the day's very interesting proceedings is beyond the limits of our journal at present; it will be sufficient to say that they were in every respect worthy of the occasion, and to most of the Provincial brethren must have been as instructive as they were entertaining.

SCOTLAND.—ST. JOHN'S KILWINNING—No. 6—INVERNESS.—A meeting of this old and distinguished lodge was held on Saturday, 27th inst., at the Caledonian Hotel. Lodge was opened by W. Bro. James Ross, R.W.M., who was ably supported by his officers. Bros. D. Murray, of Inches House, and F. T. C. Keeble, a P.M. of an English lodge ("The Great City"—1426—London), and a past member of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England, were unanimously elected joining members. Captain W. de Batha Hatton and G. C. Fielder, of the Seaforth Highlanders of Fort George; Lieuts. Evan Sinclair Wemyss and A. Bingham Stewart, of the 3rd Seaforth Highlanders; and Mr. John Fraser, Inverness, were initiated into the Order, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by the R.W.M. The brethren subsequently adjourned from labour to refreshment, which was provided and superintended by Bro. Alex. McFarlane in his usual excellent manner. The visitors were both numerous and representative, and the toast of their health was responded to by Bro. Captain Allenby, Seaforth Highlanders, Lodge Appollo, University Oxford, Bro. Fowler, Isaac Newton, University Cambridge, and Bro. Capt. Jameson, Seaforth Highlanders, Dublin Lodge; Bro. Capt. Allenby expressed his great pleasure in witnessing the initiation in this distinguished lodge, so many warriors bearing the Egyptian and Afghan medals. In the course of a very pleasant evening some expressions of opinion were given that application should be made for the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master for Invernessshire, in which province there is evidently a revival of Masonry.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Freemason's Calendar for Derbyshire; South African Freemason; The Liberal Freemason, Boston, Mass.

STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1275.—On Friday, 3rd inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present—Comps. T. Grummant, P.Z., M.E.Z.; F. Hilton, P.Z., H. and Preceptor; Neeld, P.Z., J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Woods, S.N.; Stone, P.S., and Adding-ton, M.E.Z., 1275. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a remarkably able and energetic style. Comp. Hilton was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting (to-morrow).

JUSTICE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 147.—Thursday, the 2nd May, 1889, at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford. Present: Bros. Dandridge, W.M.; Penrose, S.W.; Dealer, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Faulkner, S.D.; Jones, I.G.; Leng, J.D.; Hutchings (Preceptor), W. T. Hunt and Davis, P.M.'s; Borrett, Prior, Catt, Timms, Campbell, Cook, Leaphard, Drynan, Kemp and Hick, members. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Borrett personating the candidate. The lodge was called "off and on" and was then opened in the second degree. Proficiency was proved by Bro. Timms, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history. Bro. Penrose, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY.

In FAITH the Architect designs,
The Temple that he fain would raise,
Help'd by the Mason's mystic rites;
Though Cowans stand aloof and gaze,
Admiring brethren all approve,
As one by one the columns rise,
'Till the grand structure stands complete,
High towering upward to the skies.

In HOPE the Craftsman takes in hand,
The work requiring ornate skill;
He decks the Temple with high art,
Adorning all with right good will.
And even as the work proceeds,
Dictated by the Master mind,
The BIBLE, COMPASSES, and SQUARE,
In love and truth are all combined.

In CHARITY the brethren join,
And lend a willing, helping hand
To every upright, perfect work
The Worthy Master doth command.
Thus, by united strength and skill,
The true proportions raised on high,
We see the Temple wherein dwells,
Bright FAITH, find HOPE, and CHARITY.

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

THE COMPASS, LEVEL, AND THE SQUARE.

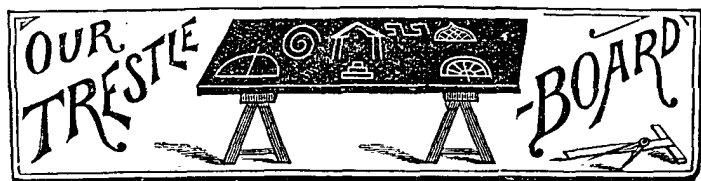
BY CHARLES DIBDIN.

In all our dealings take good care,
Instructed by the friendly Square,
To be true, upright, just and fair.
And thou a fellow-craft shall be.
The Level so must poise the mind,
That satisfaction thou shalt find
When to another Fortune's kind:
And that's the drift of Masonry.

The Compass t'other two compounds,
And says thou augur'd on just grounds;
Keep all your passions within bounds,
And thou a fellow-craft shall be.
Thus symbols of our Order are
The Compass, Level, and the Square,
Which teach us to be just and fair:
And that's the drift of Masonry.

FRIAR TUCK.—Many thanks for your valued contributions. We must ask you to take a rest for a week or two. There are others desirous of being put into the corner.

J. F. SKELTON, Bolton.—We are indebted to you for your original contributions. The two songs respectively entitled "Hail Freemasonry!" and "This is the life to pursue," shall appear next week, and we hope our singing brethren will soon make them familiar in our Lodges. The hymns we hold in reserve.



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

In our correspondence columns will be found a letter from the Chairman of the Scrutineers at the late School elections, on the subject of "spoilt votes." It would be a great help to the Scrutineers of votes at the Benevolent Institution election on the 17th inst., if the "greater care" he asks for should result from his and our appeals. As for the Scrutineers themselves, it would put them in a "paddy" if they found *no* mistakes! And it would be a laudable object on the part of all voters to strive for such a result.

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"Hearty good wishes." It may seem to some persons a matter of very trifling import, and to others altogether unworthy of consideration, whether or not the courtesy which, if not of ancient usage has for many years past been observed between the visitors to our several Lodges and their entertainers, should be abandoned. But there are a large number, if not a majority of brethren, who are not at all disposed to forego the practice of offering an expression of goodwill to the lodges they visit, and of making the members thereof acquainted with the names of the respective Lodges from which they hail. At the present time the minds of these good brethren are greatly exercised between the injunction contained in the ancient charges to "behave themselves courteously within the Lodge," and the very recent and still unauthorised endeavours to set aside a pleasant, and, as we are prepared to argue, profitable custom. For what does the practice in its use (of course not in its abuse) mean, but that the visitor briefly but sincerely thanks the visited for the reception which has been accorded to him, and assures his hearers of his right to do this by informing them whence he comes?

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We are told that the practice of offering "hearty good wishes" is of modern introduction, and that a quarter of a century ago the practice was not known. It may be so, but having ourselves had over thirty years' experience, and an inclination (perhaps too

strong) to "mark down" innovations, we can hardly admit the statement, not being able to charge our memory with any abstinence from the general use of the compliment, and feeling assured that its addition to the ordinary practices in Lodges would not have escaped our attention. However that may be, the questions arise, by what authority did it find place and become custom within the period named, and by what and whose authority is it now sought to disturb such custom? Our brethren as a rule are sticklers for "lawfully constituted authority," and we are sure would not disobey an injunction emanating from an authority "lawfully constituted." Let it be at once determined by those who have power to determine, that the custom referred to is not in accordance with any Grand Lodge edict, and it cannot be supposed that the Craft will fail in obedience; but it is simply intolerable that at present visitors to Lodges are in some instances encouraged, in others frowned upon, if in pursuance of what they have observed and been taught, they rise in their places to offer a courteous acknowledgment to the Lodge which has received them.

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An argument of some of the brethren who have somewhat suddenly, and after many years' adoption of the custom, found out its impropriety, is that the individual visitor has no right to pledge his lodge to the act of courtesy, he not being accredited by the W.M. of his lodge for that purpose. But does he pledge his lodge? We think not; and further that if he did it would be no more than masonic that he should do so. What he practically does is to render his individual thanks, and, as we have already said, inform his hearers whence he comes. The word "from" introduced into the stereotyped phrase gives colour to the argument above stated, and we would counsel those who still uphold the good old custom to refrain from the use of that one word. Mention the lodge to which you subscribe, by all means, for by so doing most frequently an increase of good fellowship results through the interest taken by others in connection therewith. There are abundant reasons which we could give for the continuance of the practice now sought to be condemned, but they must abide a future opportunity should such arise.

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It is suggested to us, and in no measured terms, that we are forgetting certain declarations of our own as to the "impartiality, justice, and fearlessness" with which our journal should be conducted. This, because we have seen fit to delay the publication of a letter from a well-known brother who writes over the *nom de plume* of SUBSCRIBER, and in respect of which delay there was, to our thinking, good and sufficient reason. Our correspondent may be assured that we did not intend to withhold it altogether. As circumstances which held us back are now somewhat changed, his letter, minus a column and a reference thereto which we have thought proper to delete, will be found in our present number.

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We regret to hear of the somewhat serious illness of W. Bro. John Mason, the Collector for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that, under medical advice, he will be compelled to absent himself for awhile from his duties. If our correspondent SUBSCRIBER will take this fact in connection with the above paragraph he will quite understand why we have delayed and deleted.

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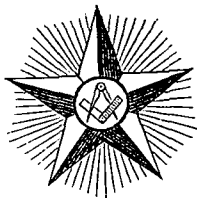
We are supporting the cases of Bros. E. Dodson (No. 25) and H. C. Knill (No. 38) at the ensuing election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to take place at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 17th inst., and should be glad to receive proxies for either of those brethren, both of whom have been well-known to us for many years. The former is a Life Governor of both R.M.B.I. and R.M.I.G.; the latter a highly respected servant of the Craft for many years as hall porter at Freemasons' Tavern until incapacitated by accident. For the latter we have to acknowledge receipt of proxies from W. Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.G.A.D.C.; and on behalf of both shall be glad to receive further assistance. It will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

JOPPA LODGE—No. 188.—The Centenary Festival of this Lodge was celebrated on Monday last, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern. The event was made more interesting by the visit of ladies to the banquet and subsequent musical entertainment, at which some 130 brethren and ladies were present. A number of distinguished Craftsmen were unable to attend, in consequence of the Meeting of the Prince of Wales's Lodge on the same evening, and several letters of regret were received. In proposing the toast of the evening, "The Centenary of the Lodge," Bro. Abrahams, the oldest effective Past Master of the Lodge, said it had been determined by the members to mark the occasion by making a presentation to their Hon. Sec. Bro. Lewis Lazarus, who had acted in that capacity for the last six years without fee or reward. An illuminated testimonial was couched in the following terms: "Presented, with a silver tea and coffee service, by the Lodge of Joppa to Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.M., Hon. Sec., at the Festival of the Centenary, as a mark of esteem for services rendered." In acknowledging the compliment Bro. Lazarus gave one or two facts in connection with the Lodge, not the least interesting of which was a statement that the Joppa was the first to establish a Lodge Benevolent Fund. After giving many a sum of £100 in time of need to set a member upon his legs again, and donations of £50 and £100 to widows and orphans, the fund was still in the healthy condition of having £800 in hand.

JOPPA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 188.—Manchester Hotel, on the 7th inst. Present:—Bros. Garrard, W.M.; Goodinge, S.W.; Liscombe, J.W.; Ansell, S.D.; Poppmacher, J.D.; J. Davis, jun., I.G.; S. Danziger, asst. preceptor; H. Saqui, sec.; R. J. Chillingworth, treas.; Marcus, A. Botibol, C. H. Cohen, H. Waud, J. Botibol, A. Cohen, Jenkins, J. Danziger, A. Quadratsteim, J. Davis, sen., Peyre, White, and Marks. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Quadratsteim personating candidate. The officers elected for ensuing year were Bros. S. Danziger, preceptor; Goodinge, treas.; and H. Saqui, sec.

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Without in any way holding ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed, we freely throw open our columns for the proper discussion of all matters of a general character relating to Freemasonry. Correspondents must be as brief as possible, must write plainly, only use one side of the paper, and cannot expect the return of rejected contributions. Every contribution must be accompanied with the name of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

THE ORDER OF THE MASONIC DEGREES.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Would you kindly inform me, through the medium of the MASONIC STAR, in which order the 33 degrees of Masonry come? By so doing you will be conferring a favour on me, and also, I believe, many other young brethren. Thanking you in anticipation,
Yours faithfully and fraternally,

Dalston, London,
April 25th, 1889.

C. TAYLOR.

** The following are the Designations of the several Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite :—

1. Entered Apprentice.	Not worked by Supreme Council for England and Wales.	17. Knight of the East and West.
2. Fellow Craft.		18. Knight of the Eagle and Pelican, and Sovereign Prince Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.
3. Master Mason.		19. Grand Pontiff.
4. Secret Master.	Composing a Lodge of Perfection.	20. Venerable Grand Master.
5. Perfect Master.		21. Patriarch Noachite.
6. Intimate Secretary.		22. Prince of Libanus.
7. Provost & Judge.	Composing a Council of Princes of Jerusalem.	23. Chief of the Tabernacle.
8. Intendant of the Buildings.		24. Prince of the Tabernacle.
9. Elect of Nine.		25. Knight of the Brazen Serpent.
10. Elect of Fifteen.		26. Prince of Mercy.
11. Sublime Elect.		27. Commander of the Temple.
12. Grand Master Architect.		28. Knight of the Sun.
13. Royal Arch (of Enoch).		29. Knight of St. Andrew.
14. Scotch Knight of Perfection.		30. Grand Elected Knight K.H. Knight of the Black and White Eagle.
15. Knight of the Sword or of the East.		31. Grand Inspector, Inquisitor, Commander.
16. Prince of Jerusalem.		32. Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.
		33rd and last Degree, Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

Of these only the 18th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, and 33rd are worked in extenso in this country. There are also Mark, Templar, Cryptic, and other degrees, which have distinct organizations of their own, the foundations of each being "pure and simple Masonry," which consists of the three Craft degrees and the Royal Arch only. We are greatly indebted to our W. Bro. the Grand Secretary of England for this information.—ED. M.S.

SPOILT VOTES AT ELECTIONS.
To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,
As Chairman of Scrutineers at the election both of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, permit me to say that I am very pleased to see that you have given public notice in your valuable paper to the remarks I was again compelled to make respecting the large number of spoilt votes, and to the manner in which many subscribers fill in their proxy papers.
At the election of the Benevolent Institution next week, I trust that greater care will be exercised, and that subscribers will content themselves with simply carrying out the printed instructions on the proxy papers, and that is to put the figure representing the value of the proxy in the proper space against the name of the candidate they wish to vote for, and nothing more. This will prevent many mistakes, and considerably lessen the work of the scrutineers.
Yours fraternally,
6th May, 1889. G. WARD VERRY.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.
To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,
On the 7th ult. you published a letter of mine on the above subject. As I expected, no information has been vouchsafed touching the questions I then propounded. It may interest some of your readers if you will reproduce in your columns the following :—

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FUND.		Repairs and Enlarging the Hall.		Provincial Expenses.		W. Warden and Matron M.		Office Salaries.		Subscriptions and Donations at per List at FESTIVAL.		Subscriptions and Donations, exclusive of Grants from Grand Lodge.		DATE.
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You will perceive that the subscription list for 1885 amounted to £17,636 6s. 8d., whereas £15,544 is the amount returned as subscriptions and donations, &c. I have not seen any report as to how the balance of £2,000 odd was disposed of, neither do I think it was noticed at the May meeting.
The blanks in above statement I am at the moment unable to fill in, but enough is shown to warrant enquiries.
The office salaries are stated to have been in 1878, £620 17s.; in 1888, £861, an increase of nearly 50 per cent.
In 1878 the warden is allowed £20 and matron £30. In 1888, same servants figure for £20 and £62 respectively. Now, sir, I am informed that during the last 3 or 4 years there has been no warden. Perhaps the secretary will state if this is correct or not.
I have to-day had an interview with a friend who has on several occasions served the office of steward, who by his own and friend's exertions has collected some £1,500, and he tells me that "it is customary for the various secretaries to write to stewards requesting them to pay the money represented by their several lists into the Office." Is commission for "collection" paid on such amounts? If not, is it the difference between "subscriptions and donations," and amount of stewards' lists, which is chargeable. This difference last year appears to be about £3,000, the rate to yield £639 thus being over 20 per cent. on that sum.
I have several other points in connection with this Charity which

I will draw your attention to, but will relegate them to another week. Meanwhile perhaps the writer who criticised me on a former occasion will take the matter I have herein alluded to in hand, and for the good of the R.M.B.I. get us some information.

Fraternally yours,

SUBSCRIBER.

* * See Note in "Our Trestle Board"; and also note that we are informed officially that "the figures in the last column are wrong, no sum of £2,000 having been spent in enlarging the Hall"; and "that the Institution has never been without a Warden, there is one now who is paid £20 per annum."—ED. M.S.

Masonic "Bitter-Sweet."

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

One of the most important "functions" of last week was the Consecration of the London Scottish Rifles Lodge No. 2,310, which was most successfully accomplished on Thursday last by the energetic Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell Clerke, assisted by several well-known grand officers.

The dinner at the Holborn Restaurant was fairly well served, and the speeches were commendably short, but there was far too much music.

I am as fond of music as anyone can be, especially when accompanied by the fragrant weed, but a song between every speech renders it difficult to catch one's train without running away in the middle of the proceedings.

The sun was rising when the last of the brethren (and I had almost said sisters) of the Joppa Lodge left the hospitable roof of Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday. A centenary does not often occur, and the W.M. and brethren evidently determined to make the most of it, and succeeded.

There were great doings in Canterbury on Monday. The Invicta Council of Royal and Select Masters held their first Installation, and the meeting was largely attended.

The Earl of Euston, whom a little bird tells me will succeed the lamented Canon Portal, paid them an official visit, and the Grand Recorder installed Rev. Hayman Cummings in succession to the well known and popular Bro. Horatio Ward.

I was much amused by an article in a contemporary on Saturday, touching the composition of the far-famed "Philbrick" Committee. To my mind it was the old tale over again—no case, abuse the plaintiff's attorney.

From Ludlow (Shropshire) we have pleasant news of the success of the masonic ball, given by the Lodge of the Marshes, No. 611, at the Assembly Rooms there in aid of the funds of the R.M. Benevolent Institution. The party was a numerous one, and general enjoyment was afforded. Terpsichore assisting Charity would not be a bad title for an allegorical painting.

A brother informs us that the smoking concert given by the W.M. and officers of the Harmony Lodge, No. 272, Boston (Lincolnshire), on the 28th ult., was attended by a large number of masonic friends, and that a thoroughly enjoyable evening was passed, out of lodge, certainly, but still in "harmony," under the presidency of W. Bro. C. Lucas, the W.M., assisted by Bro. J. H. Padley, as director of ceremonies, and several able stewards. The programme appears to have been an exceptionally good one.

The men of Kent, or the Kentish men—which is it?—attached to the Robinson Lodge, No. 2046, had a brilliant success in connection with their May-day ball, which was given in the Town Hall, Maidstone, in aid of the funds of the Boys' School. The guests were numerous; by dispensation from the R.W.G.M., Earl Amherst, masonic clothing was worn, and the band of the Royal Engineers gave great satisfaction. I expect that the financial result will be as good for the "Boys" as the evening's entertainment, at which the Mayor and Mayoress of Maidstone and the M.P. for the borough put in an appearance, was agreeable to the brethren and their guests.

From Bolton I hear of an attractive social gathering given by the brethren of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 146, at the charming residence of Bro. Downs, the S.W. of that lodge. The W.M., Bro. Barrett, J.P. and present Mayor, together with the Past Masters and Officers, exerted themselves to make the gathering successful, and it is to be hoped it will be the precursor of many similar assemblies.

THE DINER OUT.

We are requested to Notify that:—

—The installation meeting of the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, W. Bro. A. R. Cranch, P.M. 1669, W.M., will be held this (Thursday) evening, the 9th inst., at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, Flodden Road, Camberwell, at 4 p.m. There will be initiation ceremonies both before and after installation of Bro. T. V. Turner, the W.M. elect, which will commence at 6 o'clock precisely. Brethren of the regular or auxiliary forces are requested to appear in uniform.

—The Panmure Royal Arch Chapter, No. 720, Ex. Comp. H. C. Jefferys, M.E.Z., will meet in convocation on Monday next, the 13th inst., at 6 p.m., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, London, for the purpose of installation of principals for the ensuing year. These are Ex. Comps. G. Treves, II. and Z. elect; W. H. Tilling,

J. and H. elect; and Comp. S. Richardson, J. elect. Ex. Comp. Thomas Poore, P.Z., 151, Wirtemberg Street, Clapham, S.W., is Scribe E. of this Chapter.

—The Ebury Lodge of Instruction, No. 1348, hold their annual festival and supper at the Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, this (Thursday) evening, at 7.30 p.m. The W.M. of the Mother Lodge, Bro. W. Fowles, will preside.

—Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Sec. of the Allied Masonic Degrees, has convened a Special Grand Council, at 8a, Red Lion Square, this evening, 9th inst., for election of a Grand Master in succession to the late lamented Rev. Canon Portal.

—The fifteen sections will be worked in the Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147, at the "Brown Bear," High Street, Deptford, on Thursday next, the 16th inst., commencing at 7 p.m. precisely. Section Master, W. Bro. J. G. Milbourn, P.M. 13; Assistant Officers, W. Bros. W. Martin, P.M. 879; E. C. Talbot, 1310; J. J. Hutchins, P.M. 147, Preceptor; and S. R. Speight, P.M. 147, Hon. Sec.

—Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins, Organist of Lodges Nos. 22, 194, 212, 1365, and 2168, the members of each of which have promised their support, will give an evening concert at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Thursday next, the 16th inst., under the patronage of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess Christian, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and Countess of Lathom, and other distinguished personages. Our worthy brother's programme is an extremely good one, and we wish him the success his energy and ability merit.

Reports of Lodges, &c.

METROPOLITAN.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE—No. 2076.—The lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 3rd inst., at 5 p.m. Present:—Bros. W. Simpson (R.I.M., R.A.S.), W.M., in the chair; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; Col. S. C. Pratt, R.A.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.Swd.Bearer; G. W. Speth; Rev. O. J. Ball; E. Macbean; W. H. Rylands, P.G.St.; Prof. W. Mattieu Williams; and C. Kupferschmidt. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle:—Bros. Col. J. Mead, W. M. Graham, Rev. O. C. Cochran, Prof. F. W. Driver, James Stevens, G. J. Dunkley, W. Lake, Rob. A. Gowan, J. B. Mackey, Max Mendellsohn, F. A. Powell, G. A. Nock, C. F. Hogard, P.G.St.B.; and G. Greiner. Also the following visitors:—Bros. Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, S. Scott Young, G. R. Langley, and Fras. Pegler. The minutes having been confirmed, the secretary called attention to the gift of Bro. W. M. Graham of several photographs of a lodge jewel belonging at one time to Bro. Robert Burns, exhibited at the former meeting, and which he had prepared and brought with him for the acceptance of the brethren. The following 11 lodges and 31 brethren were admitted to the Correspondence Circle, bringing the total of intrants to 629, viz., the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire; Shirley Lodge, No. 1112, Southampton; Mackerfield Lodge, No. 2155, Newton-le-Willows; Humber Lodge, No. 571, Hull; Stewart Lodge, No. 1960, Rawal Pindie; Lindsey Lodge, No. 712, Louth; Cadogan Lodge, No. 162, Chelsea; Menturia Lodge, No. 418, Stafford; Marmion Lodge, No. 1060, Tamworth; and Lurgan Lodge, No. 134, Lurgan, Ireland. And Bros. Gen. J. C. Smith, G.M. Illinois; H. S. Pike, Colchester; F. C. Robinson, Bradford; J. R. Ansdell, Hull; A. Hart, Crewkerne; W. V. S. Cockson, Hartebeestfontein, Transvaal; G. C. Cooper, Graaff-Reinet, Cape Colony; L. Lipinski, A. Levy, H. Levy, C. E. G. Cumings, B. Danyiger, D. C. Stevens, and Mudge, all of Johannesburg, Transvaal; Captain J. J. Vaughan, R.A., Quetta; J. A. Gurner, P.G.Reg.; J. E. Thomas, P.A.G.Sec., both of Adelaide, South Australia; A. Kemp, Glenelg, South Australia; G. L. Young, Port Adelaide; R. S. Brown, Grand Sec. E. of Scotland; J. T. S. Elliot, S.G.W. of Scotland; J. Webster, Edinburgh; H. Manfield, Northampton; Major C. M. Howell, P.Dis.Dep.G.M. Pennsylvania; Rev. Dr. J. Y. Mitchell, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; S. D. Setna, Hong Kong; W. Sheppard, Louth; W. L. Southwell, Bridgnorth; J. G. Koch, Penang; G. R. MacGregor, Bingley, Yorks; and Geo. Kelly, P.Gr.Swd.B., London. The routine business having been concluded, Bro. G. W. Speth read a paper entitled "The Foundation of Modern Freemasonry." In very concise language, perhaps too much so, he recounted the proceedings of the four old lodges in London and Westminster in 1716 and 1717, which resulted in the formation of the Parent Grand Lodge of the World. The subsequent fortunes of those lodges were then glanced at, the growth of the organization described, reference made to the two schisms of last century, and a short account given of the fees, clothing, officers, &c., as they varied from time to time. The history was brought down to the beginning of this century, and notice taken of the Institution of the Girls' School and the various Committees of Grand Lodge. The paper was listened to with much attention, and some additions to the general knowledge were contributed by Bros. Rylands and Gould. A vote of thanks concluded the proceedings, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE LONDON SCOTTISH RIFLES LODGE—No. 2310—took place at 8a, Red Lion Square, London, W.C., on Thursday, the 2nd inst., and was a most interesting event. The new lodge is a welcome addition to those which have been constituted of late years in connection with the popular volunteer regiments of the metropolis formed since 1859, and of which the "Victoria Rifles" Lodge, No. 822, and the "Macdonald" (First Surrey Rifles), No. 1216, are the premier notable exemplars. The selection of the first Master of the new lodge has been made from amongst the Past Masters of the "Macdonald" in the person of Bro. Capt. James Hepburn-Hastie, and as he will doubtless carry the traditions of the "Macdonald" into the "London Scottish," we may look for as excellent work and as great success in the latest

addition to our Grand Lodge register as has ever characterised No. 1216 during the past 20 years. The consecration ceremony of "The London Scottish" was admirably performed by the Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., &c., who was assisted by W. Bro. Berridge, P.G.D., as S.W.; W. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.Std.Bearer, as J.W.; V.W. Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.Chap., as Chap.; W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and W. Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.Swd.Bearer, as I.G. It is needless to say that under the direction of such proficient officers the ceremonial was of a most impressive character. The musical portions of the ceremony (as well as the music after banquet), was under the direction of Bro. Arthur Cranch, P.M., assisted by Bros. Arthur Weston, Wakefield Reed, and F. H. Laughlin, and gave general satisfaction. On the conclusion of the consecration ceremony the W.M. Designate, W. Bro. Capt. James Hepburn-Hastie, was duly installed by the Grand Secretary into the chair of K.S. as First Master of the London Scottish Lodge, and received the hearty congratulations of all present. In acknowledging these Bro. Hastie, in feeling terms, expressed his thanks, and at the same time his regret that, owing to a technical difficulty, the position of First Master could not be held by the esteemed Colonel of the London Scottish Rifles Regiment, Past Grand Master of Aberdeenshire, the R.W. Bro. Col. Henry Lumsden, who would, however, be their first S.W., and, he trusted, in due course, preside over the lodge. He had much pleasure in investing Bros. Colonel Lumsden and Captain W. H. Glynn Smith with their respective collars of office as Wardens designate. The remaining officers were invested, viz:—Bros. Ernest J. Husey, treas.; J. T. Norman Callaway, secretary; Alexander Jardine, S.D.; S. A. Hardiman, J.D.; H. G. Baker, I.G.; Chas. Robinson, D.C.; J. J. Mackay, A.D.C.; M. Grieve, W.S.; and J. J. Mackay, C.S., the appointment of Bro. Wm. Robertson as tyler being left over until first business meeting. Subsequent to the delivery of the addresses to Master, Wardens and Brethren by Bro. Clerke in his customary effective manner, thanks were given to, and honorary membership was conferred on the Consecrating Officers for their valuable services. In connection with these we should not fail to note the very appropriate oration of the acting Grand Chaplain, Bro. Brownrigg, who, in a most felicitous manner, coupled the masonic and military virtues of discipline and obedience in the course of his address. The visitors to the lodge, evidently much gratified with the proceedings in which they had shared, were more than ordinarily in earnest in offering "Hearty good wishes" to the master and brethren, although here and there a certain amount of hesitation was observable, the reason for which was not far to seek. However, in perfect order, peace and harmony, the London Scottish

Rifles Lodge, No. 2310, was closed for the first time, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the Consecration Banquet was prepared for them. This was an entertainment worthy of the hosts, and we regret very much that space, or rather the want of it, precludes our reporting to the fullest extent its interesting particulars. We can however summarise them in the words "absolutely perfect;" and for the present leave our comrades and brothers of the "London Scottish" to make their lodge, like their Regiment, second to none. Amongst the numerous brethren present in addition to those already named were:—Bros. Dr. W. H. Pardoe, M.D.; J. John Mackey, C. Robinson, Craster Humble, J. J. Mackay, R. B. Fowler, Stanley J. Attenborough, William Robertson, Sydney F. Mackway, R. S. Darling, A. S. Hardiman, and Visitors:—W.Bros. G. H. Newington Bridges, P.M. 772, 1216, and 1669, P.G.D., Somerset; B. R. Bryant, P.M., P.Z., &c.; James Stevens, P.M. 1216, P.Z., &c.; Corrie Jackson, P.M. 534; Chas. E. Smith, P.M. 58, Grand Stewards' Lodge; J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1731; W. H. Boys, P.M. 1658; Louis Beck, P.P.G.O., Middx.; E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297; W. Davidson, Frank Loughlin, Heney, R. Sillico, &c., &c.

PROVINCIAL.

KENT.—THE AMHERST LODGE—No. 1223—Held its Installation Meeting at the Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks, on Saturday last, the 4th inst. Bro. William Sparrowhawk, W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge, and was fully supported by his officers. After usual routine business, the installation of Bro. Alfred Herbert Lee as W.M. was carried out in perfect form and with great ability by Bro. A. W. Duret, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Bro. Edwin S. Strange, P.M. acting as D.C. The newly-installed Master invested his officers in the following order:—Bros. Jno. Hamlin, S.W.; Fredk. P. Lee, J.W.; R. Durnell, P.M., P.P.G., Sup. Works, treas.; J. H. Jewell, P.M., P.P.G.R., sec.; D. J. Kent, S.D.; C. Hooker, J.D.; W. H. Pascoe, I.G.; H. S. Strange, D.C.; W. Burfort, Asst. D.C.; Geo. Dixon, steward; Jno. Fyfe, asst. steward; W. South, tyler. Bro. Chas. Edward Birch, P.M., was re-elected to serve on the Charity Committee. Five gentlemen were proposed for initiation at ensuing meeting. Bro. C. E. Birch, P.M. presented the lodge with a photo, framed, the photo taken from a very rare Masonic Picture; and apologies for non-attendance, with regret, and hearty good wishes were received from the Prov. Grand Master, Earl Amherst; the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Eastes; the Prov. Grand Treasurer; the Prov. Grand Secretary, and over fifty other members of the Prov. Grand Lodge and Presiding Masters in the Province; and the visitors present also paid the usual courtesy to the W.M. and brethren of the entertaining lodge. The Installa-

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) (2nd) THURSDAY, MAY 9th.		
19	Royal Athelstan	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
206	Friendship	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
238	Pilgrim	F. M. H.
879	Southwark	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1076	Copper	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
1216	Macdonald	1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1558	Duke of Connaught	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1642	Earl of Carnarvon	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2033	University of London	F. M. H.
2165	Derby Aeroft	Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
Mark.	Davison	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
J.T.	New Temple	Inner Temple, Fleet Street, E.C.
(2nd) FRIDAY, MAY 10th.		
33	Britannic	F. M. H.
134	Caledonian	Ship and Turtle Leadenhall Street
157	Bedford	F. M. H.
1602	Sir Hugh Middleton	Agricultural Hall, N.
1997	John Carpenter	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A.C.	Friendship	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
569	Fitzroy	Hd.-Qrs., Hon. Artillery Co., City Road
F.T.	Faith and Fidelity	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
(2nd) SATURDAY, MAY 11th.		
173	Phoenix	F. M. H.
176	Caveac	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1328	Granite	F. M. H.
1685	Guelph	Town Hall, Leyton
1686	Paxton	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1928	Gallery	Brixton Hall, Acre Lane
2029	King Solomon	8a, Red Lion Sq., W.C.
R.A.C.	West Kent	Thicket Hot., Auerley
1237	Anerley	Ditto
Mark.	Brixton	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
(2nd) MONDAY, MAY 13th.		
5	St. George's & Corner Stone	F. M. H.
58	Felicity	Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
136	Good Report	Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
193	Confidence	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
957	Leigh	F. M. H.
1237	Enfield	George Hot., Enfield
1366	Highgate	Gate House Tav., Highgate
1571	Leopold	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1670	Adelphi	F. M. H.
1789	Ubique	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1922	Earl of Lathom	Greyhound Hot., Streatham
2030	The Abbey (Installation)	Town Hall, Westminster
2243	Argonauts	Cromwell Hall, Putney

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(2nd) MONDAY, MAY 13th—continued.		
R.A.C.	Panmure	Horns Tav., Kennington, S.E.
720	Whittington	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
862	University	F. M. H.
1118	Holy Sanctuary	33, Golden Square, W.
R.C.	53	
(2nd) TUESDAY, MAY 14th.		
167	St. John's	Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead
235	Nine Muses	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
1269	Stanhope	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1593	Royal Naval College	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1604	Wanderers	F. M. H.
1668	Samson	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
Mark.	315	
332	Henuiker	8a, Red Lion Square, W.C.
	Borough of Greenwich	William the 4th, Trafalgar Rd., Greenwich.
	Supreme Counsel 33°	33, Golden Square, W.
(3rd) WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th.		
619	Beadon	Greyhound Tav., Dulwich
700	Nelson	Masonic Hall, Woolwich
969	Maybury	Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
1278	Burdett Courts	Approach Tav., Victoria Park
1369	Royal Arthur	Prince of Wales' Hot., Wimbledon
1382	Corinthian	George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.
1539	Surrey Masonic Hall	Surrey M. H., S.E.
1803	Cornhill	London Tav., Fenchurch Street
2140	Huguenot	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
R.A.C.	1593	
Mark.	Leyspring	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
144	Grosvenor	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
199	Duke of Connaught	Town Hall, Shoreditch
R.C.	79	
	Orpheus	33, Golden Square, W.
	Supreme Counsel 33°	Ditto
(3rd) THURSDAY, MAY 16th.		
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
1227	Upton	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.
1320	Blackheath	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
1321	Emblematic	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1365	Clapton	191, Bishopsgate St., E.C.
1963	Duke of Albany	Albert Palace, Battersea Park
R.A.C.	63	
217	St. Mary's	F. M. H.
507	Stability	Anderton's Hot., E.C.
742	United Pilgrims	F. M. H.
834	Crystal Palace	Thicket Hot., Anerley
1216	Andrew	Windsor Castle Hot., Hammersmith
1383	Macdonald	Hd. Qrs. 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.

tion Banquet was a most successful affair, the newly-installed master presiding with much ability, and the harmony of the evening being considerably enhanced by the vocal and elocutionary efforts of Bros. Pascoe, Grover, Stevens, Gabb, Drewett, Greenwell and Lloyd. The following brethren, in addition to the officers of the lodge already named, were present, viz:—Bros. R. Stevenson, N. Strange, C. H. Whitcombe, John Pyfe, L. G. Smith, T. Houldsworth, Josiah Willmott, Thomas Baker, Edwin M. H. Staite, N. Grunwell, T. H. Knight, S. Newman, George Dixon, A. Wallace Lloyd. Amongst the visitors from other lodges were Bros. W. H. Perryman (Fidelity, No. 3), P.G.P., Eng.; Thomas D. Hayes (Pattison, 913), P.S.D., Kent; John Burton (Holmesdale, 874), P.G.R., Kent; George Kennedy (United Military, 1536), P.G.S.D., Kent; S. W. Shaw (Eastes, 1965), P.G.J.W., Kent; J. G. Calway (Sackville, 1619), P.P.G.R., Sussex; F. D. Vine (Phoenix, 173), P.M.; James Stevens (Macdonald, 1216), P.M.; W. H. Cronk (Knole, 1414), P.M.; W. Drewett (Dobie, 889), P.M.; Geo. Gabb (Burgoyne, 902), P.M.; Thomas Clibbon (Antiquity, 20), W.M.; W. D. Keeble (Pattison, 913), W.M.; Fred. Gordon (Malling Abbey, 1063), W.M.; H. Payment (Nelson, 700), W.M.; Regan Martin (Holmesdale, 874), W.M.; J. B. Groom (Robinson, 2046), W.M.; J. W. Jull (Knole, 1414), W.M.; H. Harris (Holmesdale, 874), J.W.; J. M. Broad (Philbrick, 2255), I.G.; F. Dangerfield (John Hervey, 1260), S.W.; B. C. Colls (Holmesdale, 874); Geo. Guva, J. I. Embery, F. Soman (Pantiles, 2250); R. C. Clark (Holmesdale, 874); G. S. Hunt, J. F. Miles (Commemoration, 1585); Samuel Scovell (New Forest, 319).

The Rev. Edward Heastie, B.A., formerly chaplain of the Wolverhampton Union, died on the 26th ult., at Thirlmere Road, Liverpool, at the age of 77 years. He was a great linguist, and, although not a Freemason himself, his son is Senior Warden of the Holme Valley Lodge, Holmfirth, Yorkshire, No. 652.

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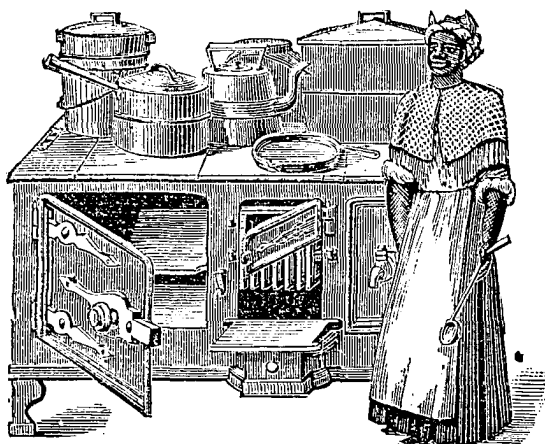
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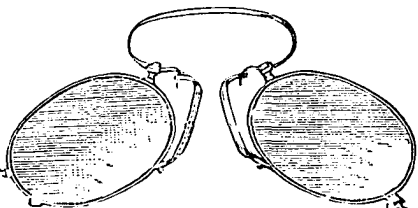
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