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OUR SEVENTEENTH VOLUME.

OUR first duty in announcing the commencement of a new Volume, especially when, as in the present case, such commencement coincides with the beginning of a new year, is the very pleasurable one of wishing our readers all the good things they can possibly wish for themselves during the one just opened. During the past few years we have apparently not had such bright prospects in store for us as when peace abroad and contentment at home were the order of the day, and we can only hope that the expression of hearty good wishes, whether one-sided or reciprocal, may exercise some sort of magic influence in bringing about the object with which they are uttered. Our next duty is to convey to our readers, in terms the most loyal, our thanks for the support we have received at their hands, a support so freely extended as to justify us in the belief that it will be forthcoming so long as we continue to show ourselves worthy of it. It goes without saying that it is no easy task to continue year after year supplying a regular weekly budget of Masonic news and criticism that shall satisfy the tastes, we will not say of every class of reader, but of the majority of readers. It cannot be said that Lodge reports are universally interesting, and now and again there comes a time when there is a comparative cessation of activity in Masonic circles, and then, of course, the said Lodge reports are, to use a homely, but familiar simile, very much like the raisins in a workhouse plum pudding, but few and far between. Again, it happens not infrequently that the course of Masonry runs on so smoothly and harmoniously that the difficulty we experience is to find anything worth criticising, and criticisms, it will be universally allowed, cannot be invented unless there be something to evoke them. In this case also, there invariably follows a dearth of correspondence, especially as there appears to prevail on the part of members of our Fraternity an unwillingness to air their grievances, whether real or imaginary, by means of letters addressed to one or other of their representative organs. A diary of Lodge meetings is most decidedly useful, and even, indeed, necessary, but it is the reverse of attractive reading. Yet, in spite of these difficulties, by which every Masonic paper must be surrounded, we seem to have jogged along during a period of eight years, and, accordingly, we comfort ourselves with the belief that our readers must have derived a certain amount of satisfaction from the perusal of our columns. At all events, as the Clown says in the pantomime, "Here we are again," prepared to continue our labours as heretofore, and braced up to such continuance by the belief that our friends who have helped us forward by their support during the past eight years will remain by us in the future. It will be readily gathered from what we have said that ours is no sinecure office. But if we succeed in pleasing our friends by supplying them punctually and regularly with the best budget of news possible under varying circumstances, and with kindly, yet impartial, criticism of the events that are passing around us, we are prompted to believe we shall secure a portion at all events of the reward we look for at their hands, namely, their respect and patronage. In this spirit and with a determination to labour on to the best of our ability, we present to our readers the first number of our SEVENTEENTH VOLUME.

A FORTNIGHT'S SUMMARY.

IT is not often that so many important Masonic events are crowded together within the brief period of a fortnight, especially when the said fortnight falls at Christmastide. It is true our most busy season extends from about the end of September to the month of May following, and therefore, in a certain sense, we ought not to be surprised, if occasionally, what is in family circles the essentially festive portion of the year should be marked by an unusual activity in Freemasonry. But even in this case we do not look for the consecration of sundry new Lodges and other well nigh equally notable events all occurring within the course of a few days. Yet on the 15th December, the Friday preceding the close of our last volume, was consecrated in the new Town Hall, Hove, Brighton, the Stanford Lodge, No. 1947, so named in honour of Bro. V. Fane-Benett-Stanford, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden Dorset, in the presence of the Grand Master of the Province Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Bro. J. H. Scott P.G.D. D.P.G.M., and other prominent brethren of the district. On the Monday following, a similar ceremony was carried out at Southwold, when Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, had the satisfaction of consecrating the Lodge, No. 1983, bearing his respected name. Yet a few days, and Brother Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., D.P.G.M. Surrey, discharged a similar function on behalf of the Arnold Lodge, No. 1981, Molesey. That three Lodges, each bearing the name of a brother of high standing in the Craft, should be inaugurated at a longer or shorter interval from each other is by no means surprising; but it is a matter worthy of note that in each of these three instances the brother thus honoured should have been able to take a prominent part in the ceremonies. A few particulars of each event will not be without interest to our readers.

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL COMFORTING) COCOA.

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The Stanford Lodge, No. 1947, was, as we have said, consecrated on Friday, the 15th ult., in the Town Hall, Hove, the principal Officers designate in the warrant being Bros. V. Fane-Benett-Stanford W.M., C. A. Woolley P.M. 311 P.P.G. Registrar Sussex S.W., and Captain S. B. McWhinnie P.M. 1466 P.P.G.S.D. J.W. There was a strong gathering of brethren present at the commencement of the proceedings, and the Provincial Grand Master and his P.G. Officers having walked in procession to the large room, Lodge was opened, the chair being occupied by Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., while Bros. J. M. Kidd and G. Smith acted as Prov. G.S W. and Prov. G.J.W. respectively. A suitable address was delivered by Brother J. H. Scott, to whom were entrusted the duties of consecrating Officer, and who, after congratulating the brethren of the new Lodge on having at length been able to take possession of their quarters and commence their labours, administered to them the usual caution as to the care they should exercise in the election and admission of candidates. Bro. the Rev. A. F. Davies followed, with a shorter but equally effective address, in which he pointed out that Masonry had nothing political in its character, nor could it be considered as being otherwise than subservient to religion, and he trusted the members of the new Lodge would uphold steadfastly the principles of the Craft, as exemplified by their devotion to the G.A.O.T.U., and their observance of the watchwords of the Fraternity. The ceremony of consecration was then carried out according to ancient usage, after which Bro Fane-Benett-Stanford was duly and impressively installed into the chair of K.S., Bro. Scott being equally successful in this as in the preceding ceremony. The following brethren were appointed and invested, namely, Bros. C. A. Woolley S.W., Captain S. B. McWhinnie J.W., J. W. Stride Treasurer, G. Nash Secretary, C. J. Smith S.D., J. Eberall J.D., J. Dixon M.C., L. R. Styer I.G., and T. Hughes Tyler. Bros. Woolley, McWhinnie, Stride, Smith, and Nash having been chosen to serve on the Bye-laws Committee, and Bro. Woolley as the Lodge representative on the Charity Committee of the Province, letters of apology for non-attendance from the Grand Secretary and others were read, and several propositions for joining and initiation handed in. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, under the presidency of the W. Master, the after proceedings being of the usual genial character. Sir W. W. Burrell, in responding for the toast of his health as Prov. G. Master, paid a high compliment to his Deputy Bro. Scott for the efficient manner in which he discharged his duties and the services which he (the Provincial Grand Master) always received at his hands. Bros. Scott Kidd, and Woolley responded for the Prov. G. Officers Present and Past, while that of the Prov. G. Chaplain was acknowledged by that brother. The health of the W. Master was proposed by Sir W. W. Burrell, and Bro. Fane-Benett-Stanford, in his reply, expressed a hope that the Lodge founded that day would have before it a long, useful, and prosperous career. The other toasts followed and the brethren then separated. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. W. R. Roe Prov. G. Org., who had the valuable assistance of Bros. A. King, J. Large, G. Broadbridge and G. Cole, and in one of the intervals between the toasts Bro. W. Kuhe P.G.O. played a pianoforte solo in his usually masterly style. It should be added that Bro. Scott was complimented for his serivces as Consecrating Officer by being elected an honorary member of the Lodge.

The Martyn Lodge, No. 1983, Southwold, began its career under most favourable circumstances on Monday, the 18th December. It had been the intention of Lord Waveney, Prov. Grand Master Suffolk, to be present on that occasion, but his Lordship was prevented, by indisposition, from carrying out his wish. He manifested, however, his sympathy with the proceedings of the day in a communication addressed to his Deputy, Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., in which he offered his congratulations and good wishes to the officers elect and members of the Lodge, remarking on the happy circumstances which had led to the revival of an old Lodge, and auguring well, from that proof of the Masonic vitality of the borough, for the prosperity of the new body. Even this expression of hearty good wishes does not appear to have been sufficient in Lord Waveney's estimation, for Bro. Martyn, after his arrival in Southwold, received a telegram from his lordship, in which he reiterated his good wishers for the prosperity of the Lodge, and added the usual Christmas and New Year's greetings. However, the regret experienced at Lord Waveney's unavoidable absence was diminished by the circumstance of his popular and highly respected Deputy, Bro. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., acting as his representative, and undertaking the principal functions of the day. There was a large gathering of brethren from the vicinity and other parts of the Province, and Lodge having been opened, Bro. Martyn delivered the usual address, in which, having expressed regret at the absence of their chief, the circumstances of which have already been explained, and having conveyed his thanks for the honour done in naming the Lodge after him, he hoped the Lodge would go on and prosper, increasing in strength, and doing its utmost to promote the principles of the Craft. Bro. James Terry Past Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts delivered an oration on the nature and design of Freemasonry, and the usual ceremony having been most ably and impressively carried out, the brethren went in procession to the Church of St. Edmund, where a short afternoon service was held, the first part of which was taken by Bro. Rev. P. L. Cautley the Vicar, and the second by Bro. the Rev. J. Frome Wilkinson, Chaplain of the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, Sudbury, Rev. Bro. Martyn's "Home" Lodge; after which, Bro. the Rev. E. J. Griffiths Prov. G.C. preached an eloquent sermon, which it affords us great pleasure to reproduce in full in another part of our columns. A collection, which realised £6 14s 5d, having been made on behalf of the Southwold Dispensary, the procession was reformed, and the brethren having resumed the Lodge, Bro. J. M. Canova, to whom is mainly due the credit of having brought about the revival of the old Southwold Lodge, was installed W. Master, and, after the customary salutations, appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year, namely—Bros. A. E. Smith S.W., R. Barker J.W., Rev. P. L. Cautley Chapalin, H. R. Allen (elected) Treasurer, T. H. Jellicoe Secretary, W. Chambers S.D., R. Claxton J.D., and W. A. Pepper I.G. Votes of thanks having been passed to Bros. Rev. P. L. Cautley for the use of the Church, Rev. E. J. Griffiths P.G.C. for his sermon, W. Clarke P.G.P. who had acted as Director of Ceremonies, James Terry who had travelled specially from London in order to be present, Sir Albert Woods G.D. of C. for the loan of the consecrating vessels, which were the same used by the Prince of Wales at the laying of the foundation stones of Truro Cathedral, and to Bro. Sadler G. Tyler for having brought them down; a similar compliment of a special character was paid to the Deputy P.G. Master Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, the motion being proposed by Bro. Strathern, a surviving member of the old Lodge at Southwold, who remarked that their reverend brother deserved commendation for the manner in which he conducted everything in Masonry, especially on behalf of its Charitable Institutions, while they one and all owed him their thanks, not only for his presence that day, but also for what he and his family had done for the Lodge. If the D.P.G. Master considered it an honour that the Lodge should bear his name, he (Bro. Strathern) was sure the brethren esteemed it a still greater honour that it should have been named after him. The motion having been seconded by Bro. W. Clarke P.G.P., Bro. Martyn warmly returned thanks for the compliment, assuring them of the pride which both he and his children, his parishioners, and his brethren of the Stour Valley Lodge, felt at his name having been adopted by the Lodge, and of his anxiety to do at all times what lay in his power to promote the well-being of the Craft. He had already expressed his regret at the absence of Lord Waveney, and he should experience great pleasure in communicating to him a full and circumstantial account of their proceedings. After sundry propositions for joining and initiation had been tendered, Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Swan Hotel, close by the Town Hall, where the ceremony had taken place. The Lodge was handsomely furnished, the most noticeable articles being a fine Master's chair, presented by the D.P.G.M. and bearing a suitable inscription, and a copy of the Holy Bible, with the following inscription in it:—"Presented to the 'Martyn' Lodge, No. 1983, Southwold, by the daughters of the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, 18th December 1882."

The consecration of the Arnold Lodge, No. 1981, took place on Wednesday, the 20th ult., at the Bull Hotel, East Molesey, the leading part in the ceremony, as well as in that of the installation of the W. Master being taken by Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C. and Dep. P.G. Master Surrey. The initiatory proceedings having been carried

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out, the Rev. Bro. Milner P.G. Chaplain, in response to the invitation of the Dep. P.G. Master, delivered an oration on Freemasonry, in which he laid stress on the necessity and suitability of Freemasons professing a belief in one Supreme Being. Religion, he said, was an instinct of the human race, all men, whether civilised or savage, recognising and worshipping God. In Freemasonry, every Lodge was consecrated, every Lodge was opened and closed with prayer. At every step a brother took in Freemasonry the Divine assistance was invoked on his behalf. It was not a religion, but a religious institution which satisfied the instincts of humanity—recognising all religious truths, and repudiating nothing but Atheism. But Freemasonry was not based merely on religious belief, and would be more than useless unless it impelled brethren to carry out the three grand principles on which the Society was based. After further and equally appropriate remarks, the ceremony of consecration was carried out, and Bro. W. Youldon having been installed W. Master, appointed the following as his Officers for the year, namely, Bros. W. P. Catterson S.W., C. G. L. Kipling J.W., S. P. Catterson I.P.M. and Treasurer, J. W. Moorman Secretary, J. Youldon S.D., and Geo. Moorman J.D. The proceedings having been brought to an end, Lodge was closed, and the banquet, at which the W. Master presided, followed. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and most heartily received. To the toast of his health, and that of the other Prov. G. Officers, present and past, Brother Rev. C. W. Arnold responded, especially thanking the Worshipful Master for the kind words he had used in proposing it, and those present for the manner in which they had responded thereto. If the Lodge was honoured by the permission to use his name and crest, he felt it impossible he could have received a higher honour than to have been asked for such permission. They certainly could not have adopted a more appropriate motto—"Vixit qui bene vixit," —he has lived who has lived well—and he trusted it would be held in reverence by every member of the Lodge. He loved Masonry, which he looked upon in a serious light, because he believed it would help a man on in the path of life, and the more thoroughly he mastered its principles, the better he would become as a man, a father, and a citizen. After expressing a hope that the Lodge might have before it a career of good fortune, and that it might always stand high among the Lodges of the Province, Bro. Arnold concluded by offering to them the toast of the W. Master, whom he had known for several years, and than whom he did not think the members could have selected a better man to preside over them. Bro. Youldon having suitably acknowledged the compliment, the health of the Visitors was proposed and responded to, and then followed the other toasts which invariably complete the programme, that of the Tyler bringing the proceedings to a close.

The testimonial to Bro. James Terry, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was presented at a small but select gathering of his friends, held in the Great Hall of the Asylum, Croydon, on Thursday, the 21st of December, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. being in the chair, while among those present were Bro. Dr. Strong and Mrs. Strong, Bro. Edgar Bowyer and Mrs. Bowyer, Bro. C. J. Perceval and Mrs. Perceval, Bros. T. Cubitt, Keyser, John Newton, and J. A. Farnfield, Bro. Col. Radclyffe and Miss Halford, Bro. P. Hastings Miller and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Paget, Bros. Kenning, Mason, &c., together with Mrs. and Miss Terry. The testimonial consisted of Bro. Terry's portrait, by Mr. Paget, to be hung in the Hall of the Institution as an enduring memorial of the brilliant success which had attended his labours on its behalf, together with a jewel and the clothing of a Provincial Grand Senior Warden of Norths and Hunts, and a bracelet for Mrs. Terry. That such an event as its presentation should be made to bear a festive character was only in the order of things and strictly in keeping with the time-honoured national custom of paving the way for a good deed by partaking of a good dinner. Consequently, on the eventful Thursday, the basis of post-prandial eloquence having been laid in accordance with ancient usage, the superstructure rapidly developed itself, the first evidence of its progress being made patent to the guests by the Chairman rising and briefly proposing the toast of the Queen. This was followed by that of "Success to the Institution," with which was associated the name of Dr. Strong, the honorary medical officer, who was ready at all times, as well as Mrs. Strong, to minister to the wants and ailments of the inmates and make them comfortable. Dr. Strong, in his acknowledgment of the compliment, observed, that during the last two and twenty years he had seen many changes in the Institution, but there had been no change of feeling among the residents, who were deeply gratified to those who had procured for them so comfortable a provision during their declining years. He also stated, for the information of the non-Masons present, that the benefits of the Institution were very far from being confined to the residents, there being in all 325 male and female annuitants, for only thirty-two of whom the building afforded accommodation. The Chairman then rose for the purpose of proposing the toast of the evening—The health of our Guest and Worthy Secretary, Bro. Terry—and in order the better to fulfil one part of his duty in connection with this task he vacated the chair—which was temporarily occupied by Bro. J. A. Farnfield—and, taking Bro. Terry with him, moved to that part of the hall where hung the veiled portrait of the Secretary. He then spoke at length of the services which Bro. Terry had rendered to the Benevolent Institution. He was a thorough-hearted and good Mason, and possessed high qualifications for advocating Freemasonry—Charity. Bro. Dr. Crucefix, whose portrait adorned the walls of the room in which they were assembled, was the founder of the Institution, and Bro. Terry had shown a glorious example in carrying out the great work which the founder had originated. During the last nine years they had been able to double the number of their annuitants, and this was mainly due to the untiring exertions of Bro. Terry; and he felt it would be a great thing for Bro. Terry's family, when his work was completely done, to reflect how he had been appreciated and loved. Having unveiled the picture, and presented also to Brother Terry the clothing of a Provincial Grand Senior Warden, and a handsome jewel corresponding to his rank in the Craft, as well as the bracelet for Mrs. Terry, which he left to the more skilful fingers of Mrs. Bowyer to invest that lady with, the Chairman resumed his place at the head of the festive board, and formally proposed the toast we have mentioned. Bro. Terry, in returning thanks, expressed the pride he felt that his services, with which he had never allowed his individual or home comforts to interfere, had been so handsomely recognised, especially as through the kind instrumentality of the Craft they had had the effect of widening and enlarging the Institution. Twenty years ago, they had paid away £2,600 a year in annuities, now they amounted to £11,600. Then there were but ninety-one annuitants, now there were 325. Then the annuities were on a sliding scale according to age, the highest male annuity granted being £36, and the lowest £15, while the highest female annuity was £25, and the lowest £15; now the men receive £40 each, and the women £32. The investments then were about £32,000, whereas now they were £64,000, so that while the number of recipients had been increased, they had likewise doubled their reserve fund. As to the testimonial, it was indeed an honour, and one he scarcely knew how to acknowledge, to have his portrait hung in that hall, side by side with that of the Founder of the Institution, and he trusted the picture would remain there for all time, not because it was a memorial of him as Secretary, but as a token to those who came after, that if they endeavoured to do their duty thoroughly and conscientiously, they would be appreciated by their fellow men as he had been. He also expressed his thanks for the clothing and jewel, and, on behalf of his wife, who he hoped might be spared for many years, for the testimonial with which they had presented her. On the applause which followed Bro. Terry's resumption of his seat ceasing, Bro. John Newton read some impromptu verses he had composed as an address to Bro. Terry, after which Bro. Farnfield gave the health of the Chairman, for whom, though himself Chairman of the House Committee for the year, he had made way in the belief that the testimonial to Bro. Terry would have greater weight if presented by the hands of Brother Raynham Stewart. Other toasts followed, including those of the artist, Mr. H. M. Paget, and the Ladies, and brought a most agreeable celebration to a close. The jewel that was presented bears the following inscription: "This jewel, with the clothing of Senior Grand Warden of Norths and Hunts, was presented to Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, by the subscribers to the fund for placing his portrait in the Hall of the Asylum at Croydon, in recognition of his untiring energy and unwearied exertions on behalf of the Institu-

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tion. 21st December 1882." For ourselves we beg to offer to Bro. Terry our congratulations on having deserved and received so handsome a testimonial. He has our best wishes for himself and his family at all times, but especially at this, the most festive season of the year.

ENGLISH MASONRY IN EGYPT.

ONE of the early effects of the British Expedition to Egypt has been to revive the interest felt in Masonic bodies working under the Grand Lodge of England. As a matter of fact English Masonry has been long predominant in Egypt, as its laws, rituals, and principles have been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Egypt, over which M.W. Bro. Borg, the British Vice Consul at Cairo, now most worthily presides.

Ten years ago one of the most prosperous Lodges in Cairo was the Bulwer, No. 1068. It was consecrated by the late Lord Dalling, when in Cairo; was the first English Lodge ever visited by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, when a F.C. Freemason, and was most efficiently ruled during two successive years by W. Bro. T. F. Reade, now G.M.M.M. for North Africa. By an unfortunate coincidence, nearly all its active members left Cairo six years ago, and the meetings of the Lodge ceased.

About six weeks since the five surviving members of the Lodge met under the presidency of Bro. Rogers Bey, the last elected and installed W.M., and decided to revive the Lodge.

This resolution was cordially supported by Most Worshipful Bro. R. Borg, and Bros. Wilson Bey and Waller Bey. At the next meeting Bro. A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. of Malta, and Bro. the Honourable Mark Napier, of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, were elected joining members, and at a third meeting the Lodge received an accession of strength in the persons of Bros. Lieut.-Colonel Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., Lieut. Freeman, Dr. Donovan, and Dr. W. H. Russell, all of Lodge 349, Malta. Two candidates for initiation were also proposed. By an unluckly accident, the letters announcing the resuscitation of the Lodge only reached the Grand Secretary a day after the last meeting of Grand Lodge, at which the erasure of Lodge No. 1068 was voted, on the recommendation of the Colonial Board. An official communication has since been received, which leaves no doubt as to this decision being rescinded, and even as it is, it requires confirmation at the next Communication of Grand Lodge. At the last mentioned meeting, Most Worshipful Bro. Borg, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, was unanimously elected Wor. Master of the Bulwer Lodge for the ensuing year; and his acceptance of office, coupled with many applications for initiation and joining, leave little doubt as to a new lease of life awaiting this once flourishing and popular Lodge. After the election of the W.M., W. Bro. Rogers Bey expressed to W. Bro. Broadley the thanks of the Lodge for the manner in which he had seconded and assisted in the resuscitation which had been accomplished. Meanwhile, several M.M. Masons had applied for a warrant for a Lodge to work under the auspices of the Bulwer Craft Lodge. Their request was at once granted, and the Lodge of Egypt, No. 311, duly chartered by Lord Henniker. A preliminary meeting was held on Monday, the 18th December, at the Masonic Hall, Cairo, in which the degree was conferred by R.W. Bro. Broadley on Bros. Rogers, Napier, Wilson, Waller and Goodall. M.W. Bro. Borg, who had taken the degree under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Turkey, was re-obligated as a M.M.M.

The Consecration ceremony took place on the 20th of December, in the presence of a goodly number of members, and with all the usual formalities. The Consecrating Officer was R.W. Bro. Broadley P. District G.M.M. of the Mediterranean, and all the usual formalities were gone through, Bro. Goodall presiding at the organ. R.W. Bro. Broadley delivered the oration, in which he explained at length the history, position, and status of the degree, and its peculiar interest in Tunis, Malta and Egypt. He alluded to this being the fifth Mark Lodge he had consecrated in these countries, and exhorted the brethren to do their best to make the Lodge of Egypt an ornament to the Province of North Africa. The address was warmly applauded. The brethren having retired the Consecrating Officer installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Norman Drummond Pringle, Bart., in the chair, conferring at the same time the P.M. degree on M.W. Bro. Borg G.M. of Egypt, by authority of the P.G.M. of North Africa. W. Bro. Sir Norman D. Pringle, Bart., having been duly saluted, invested the following Officers:—W. Bro. Borg I.P.M., Brothers. Lieut. Freeman S.W., Rogers Bey J.W., Dr. Donovan M.O., Wilson Bey S.O., Quarter-Master McKirwan J.O., Goodall Secretary, Rogers Treasurer, Waller Bey S.D., Dr. Leader J.D., and Hon. M. Napier I.G.

M.W. Bro. Borg expressed his warm admiration of the degree, and promised for it all the support the Grand Lodge of Egypt could give. He hoped other Mark Lodges would soon come into existence. At the motion of Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., seconded by Lieutenant Freeman, a written address was voted to R.W. Brother Broadley for his assistance in founding the Lodge, and especially for the attention he had paid to the interests of Masonry in the midst of his onerous and arduous duties in his successful defence of Arabi Pacha and his associates. The brethren adjourned to refreshment, and a strong determination was expressed to make the Mark Degree as great a success as it has been in the Mediterranean Districts of Tunis and Malta.

CONSECRATION OF THE MARTYN LODGE, No. 1983.

WE feel assured that our readers will be pleased to have before them in our columns the sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. E. J. Griffiths, on the occasion of the consecration of the Martyn Lodge, No. 1983, Southwold. It is a heart-stirring and Masonic composition, and doubtless will be read with an interest worthy of its merits.

Romans xii. 4, 5.—"As we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."

"A birthday anniversary, what solemn thoughts it brings!" These are words from a well-known song, familiar and true. But if true of the anniversary, how much more true of the birth itself; whether it be the birth of an individual or of an institution. We have come to this town to-day to be present at the birth of a new Lodge; we have joined in private in our solemn service of consecration; and we are now assembled in God's house, Masons and non-Masons alike, to pay Him the honour due unto His name; and to testify by this public service, that though we have not all the same office, "we are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."

Suffer me, then, to suggest to you for a few minutes some thoughts that may profit us on such an occasion as this.

I can imagine that many good people who are not Masons may have passing through their minds something of this sort: "How can the consecration of a new Masonic Lodge matter to me? It may be a good thing, for all I know. I dare say it is. But it has to do with a secret body of which I know nothing, and I do not see how it can concern me, or what interests we can possibly have in common."

Let, then, the first part of what I have to say be addressed more particularly to those who are not Masons; and let me try to show that in this, as in other things, we are members one of another.

Will it be presumptuous to add an illustration? Most of us remember the fabrics that were once fashionable called shot silks; each thread contributed to the irridescent beauty of the whole, yet each thread singly seemed without lustre. Withdraw a thread, and the fabric was weakened, and the lustre dulled. So is it with the life of a nation. We are so apt to think great battles, or startling catastrophes, all that is worth regard in history, that we forget history is not made up only of Marathons, and St. Bartholomews, and great Revolutions; but of our daily meetings and partings; of the actions belonging to our business, our friendship, our pleasure. These, I say, mainly make the history of a nation.

We have woven a fresh thread into the tissue of our history this day. See, then, how it concerns you.

Our actions, sensations, and states of feeling, grow together in such a way that when any one of them is presented to the mind, the others are brought up in idea. So the reproduction of tastes, of pleasure or pain, is a great power as regards our happiness. The fractional value of each may be but small, but a total result, very far from insignificant, may be gained by the reflection of a number of our happy moments. It is the custom of our Provincial Grand Lodge to visit periodically the various towns of the Province of Suffolk where Lodges exist, and the happiness that is derived from the visit is not merely caused by the reception and hospitality of our brethren, but also by the kindly welcome, the friendly interest, the pleasant faces, of the inhabitants. I doubt not that one of the pleasurable recollections of our lives will be the day that we spent when the Lodge was consecrated at Southwold.

Next let me urge a consideration of still higher importance. This is not the place for politics, but it would be foolish to ignore the fact that a great social danger is threatening. We cannot, if we are

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thinking men and women, overlook the growing concentration of wealth in a few hands, the ever-widening gulf between poor and rich, and the existence of desperate men who are planning to end all this by a terrible and crushing blow. Now it surely must be for the welfare of the whole community that there should exist as an antidote to the poison of this Godless Socialism a Christian Socialism; a body whose members are taught on their initiation into it that it is their bounden duty to observe obedience to the laws, and especially to remember the allegiance due to their sovereign and their native land; a body whose head is the future sovereign of these realms, and in whose meetings prince and peer mingle with every grade of our middle class, as brothers, united by the holy bond of love, relief, and truth. You know that there are mighty mountains which have slowly been compacted through countless ages of various layers of materials, once loose or liquid, and these layers, by pressure or otherwise, have become solidly united. But through them all run vast veins of granite or basalt, and when, after perhaps hundreds or thousands of years, the hidden forces beneath the earth's crust convulse the mountain, though it may be shaken and tremble, the great veins resist the shock, and the mountain stands. So in the different strata of our social system we have agencies that will strengthen the mass, if it shall please God that the shock come; our charitable institutions; our priests working in the midst of the poorest and most degraded; our Sisters of Mercy ever in their mission of love; and I trust that not the least among these veins of strength will be the Brotherhood of Masonry.

Thirdly, I have to emphasize this declaration of our mutual interest by a practical appeal, the result of which will, I trust, prove that the foundation of a Lodge in Southwold is for the benefit of all. I ask your aid for the Local Dispensary. To my brother Masons on such an occasion I need not say much. I need only remind them of one peculiar moment in their Masonic life when they were bidden to seize every opportunity of practising the virtue of the Charity they professed to admire. To you, my friends, I will only quote one sentence you hear in our Communion Service, "Blessed be the man that provideth for the sick and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble." Let us all show that we realise the truth that "we are members one of another."

And now, my brethren, I turn more especially to you. We have this day woven a new thread into the tissue of our Masonic life. Those who are about to enter Masonry will weave a new thread into the tissue of their lives. Let me speak a few earnest words, not as one standing in a higher court of the Temple to those in the lower courts, but as one who feels that he has been granted a great privilege, the privilege to say, in virtue of his office, those words which at another time might be deemed intrusive or unreasonable.

These threads that make up the tissue of our lives cannot be separated. Our business life, our professional life, our home life, our Masonic life, are all inextricably connected. The Christian who goes to church on Sunday, and then throws off every thought of Christian duty during the week; the Mason who looks on his Lodge merely as a place of social enjoyment, without a care for the lessons of self-restraint, of truth, of charity, and love, that he is taught within it, both these are men of words. We have a right to stand at the vestibule and proclaim that all within the Temple is beautiful and holy; but if those that issue from the porch are hideous and unholy, the world will not believe. And, brethren, the world watches. If we profess to sympathise with human joys and human sorrows, let not our professions be all words. Remember that the words of a true and brave man have the value of deeds, but that if we are not true and brave, our deeds and words have the same value; that is, they have no value at all.

I was speaking strongly some weeks ago about what appeared to me to be an unjust and rukid thing done for the sake of gain, and I said, it was unchristian. I was met with the words, "Christianity has got nothing to do with business!" I thought of an old anecdote of a prince-bishop of the Middle Ages, when great ecclesiastics were great feudal lords. He was a great swearer. One day a dependent ventured to expostulate with him. He answered, that he did not swear as a priest, but as a prince. "Then," said the servant, "when God judges the prince, what will become of the priest?" My brethren, if we separate from our home, our business, and our pleasure, the great moral and religious principles we have been taught, shall we separate them when we stand before the Throne?

Among these great principles is one that embraces many duties. It is enjoined upon us in our earliest charge. "Let Temperance chasten you." A much abused word this. It is used in meanings it cannot have, and in the abuse is both widened and narrowed. Temperance is not abstinence; temperantia, temperance, and its allied word, moderation, is self-restraint. It is keeping within limits. God has given us two natures. The lower nature has its needs, and to their gratification He has attached pleasure, that they may not be neglected. But they may not be indulged till they become masters. The social chat, the cheering glass, the pleasant mirth, the enlivening song, are all good things that the Great Ruler has given us freely to enjoy. But let the wholesome enjoyment of food become gluttony, the lawful use of wine become drunkenness, mirth become licence, and the limits are passed. Temperance is gone.

But Temperance has to do with more than this. We must restrain ourselves in our pursuit of gain, in our anxiety for success, in the judgments we pass on others, in the opinion we form of ourselves. It implies our trying to know God's will, our struggling to carry it out to the best of our ability, our striving to live honestly, conscientiously, and thoroughly by the Rule, and do its work, that God has put each one of us into the world to accomplish. This and nothing short of this, is Temperance. Is this easy? No, brethren; if we honestly try it, we know it is not. But there is One who will help us. "One there is, above all others, best deserves the name of friend." He who healed the nobleman's son and the ruler's daughter, and in whom the poor and the outcast found a helper, He who lived the one perfect life set before us on earth, He will help us, Jesus of Nazareth. In whom "there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. Put on, therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering: forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on Charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body: and be ye thankful."

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

BRO. CLABON'S MOTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to reply to Bro. Mason's letter in your issue of the 16th ultimo. The worthy brother has, I feel assured quite unintentionally, misrepresented what I did say in Grand Lodge on the 6th inst. in the debate on Bro. Clabon's motion.

I am reported to have said—

1. "The Provincial brethren at the present time contribute to the Fund of Benevolence *about* as much as the Metropolitan brethren." What I really said was that, "Individually, the brethren in the Provinces contributed only half as much to the Fund of Benevolence as those of the London District;" and this, I maintain, cannot be disputed.

2. "The country brethren who were relieved represent two-thirds of the amount of that number." What I did say was that "of late the grants which came before Grand Lodge for confirmation represented in number two-thirds of country cases to one-third of Metropolitan;" and this cannot be denied.

3. "I was adverse to be mulcted in a larger sum than the Provincial brethren." What I said was, that "I, for one, had no objection to pay six shillings per annum to have the double privilege which Provincial brethren enjoy, but was adverse to be mulcted in fifty per cent. more than I already paid without corresponding advantage;" and this I still assert.

In each of the above propositions I seek to show that "equal measures" are not secured to Freemasons in England and Wales individually. On the 1st January 1882, there were on the Register of the Grand Lodge 1000 Country Lodges, 312 London Lodges, 495 District Lodges, and 129 Military and non-stationary Lodges, there or thereabout. I take no account of the number of new Lodges created in the year 1882, though if I had present time for the computation I believe my argument would be strengthened. Now, I deal only with the two former sections of Lodges, Country and Metropolitan, and will take Bro. Mason's figures as the basis of an arithmetical test as to the correctness of my statement as applied to the *General Fund* of Benevolence, from which each has like privileges.

Bro. Mason says, in respect of contributions "London provides £2,587, and Provincial Lodges £1,891." Therefore, each Provincial Lodge (taking its members, whether few or many, collectively) subscribes less than £5 per annum, as against £8 5s per annum from each Metropolitan Lodge; that is to say, the former contributes a little more than half as much as the latter. And if I could ascertain the number of individual Freemasons in the Provincial and London Lodges respectively, I feel assured that this proportion of contributions would still further favour my propositions, for the average number of members of London Lodges is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, far in excess of those of Provincial Lodges. Hence a larger proportionate contribution comes from London than from the country.

As to the disposal of the Fund, a large portion is distributed in small grants which do not require the confirmation of the Grand Lodge, and of which we have no published record; but in respect of the larger grants submitted to the Grand Lodge, let us take the agenda paper of the last Quarterly Communication as a fair specimen. On that occasion grants to the amount of £1,050 were recommended and approved. Of this sum seven grants of £50 each, equal to £350, were to London cases, and eleven, viz., three of £100 each, and eight of £50 each, equal to £700, to Provincial. Therefore, as to the number, the latter represented nearly two-thirds of the whole of the cases, and, as to amounts granted, twice as much as to the former.

Bro. Mason says, "It is well known that every Mason in England and Wales contributes one shilling per quarter to Benevolence." Granted, but not to the *General Fund* of Benevolence to which every Mason has an equal right to apply. To quote our worthy brother again, "In London the whole is paid over, but in the Provinces the Constitutions allow the brethren to send half to London, *and half to their Provincial Grand Lodges.*" The italics are mine. Well, thereby the Provincial brethren secure a second source of relief (usually made use of before applying to the General Fund) denied to these Metropolitan brethren who individually subscribe twice as much to the latter as they do; and I therefore say, looking to the fact that the General Fund must be kept up, and its present accumulation left undisturbed, every Freemason in England and Wales should subscribe equally thereto, and if any have the benefits attached to a second organisation for charitable purposes they should provide the necessary additional contributions entirely irrespective of the Supreme Fund of Benevolence.

In my turn I must apologise for the length of this letter, but, for what I hope may be considered a requisite explanation, condensation of these remarks would have been ineffectual.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 19th December 1882.

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At the last monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence, held on Wednesday evening, 20th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice President, presided in the absence, through illness, of Bro. Joshua Nunn President, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford Past Grand Chaplain occupied the chair of Senior Vice President, and Bro. Frank Richardson held the chair of Junior Vice President, in the absence of Bro. Charles Atkins. The attendance was not large, owing to the season of the year. The brethren first confirmed grants to the extent of £390, recommended at the November meeting. Of new cases there were thirty-six on the list, out of which twenty-one were Provincial, and fifteen London. One country case was dismissed, and one deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total of £660.

Our readers will be glad to hear that for the Eighty-fifth Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, Brother Binckes has been so fortunate as to enlist the services as Chairman of Viscount Holmesdale, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Kent. Both Lord Holmesdale and the Province he has presided over for so many years are known to evince on all occasions a deep interest in the success of our Institutions, and we have little reason to doubt that, under his lordship's auspices and through his influence, backed up, as it assuredly will be by the sympathetic co-operation of his Province, Bro. Binckes in June next will be in a position to announce another of his big successes.

At the regular meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on Thursday, the 28th ultimo, Lt.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair, the tender of Messrs. Merryweather for a supply of fire buckets for the School was accepted. It was further resolved to insure the furniture in the Secretary's office, Freemasons' Hall, for £300. Twenty-five vacancies were declared for the April election, for which there are twenty-nine candidates.

Lord Brooke, M.P., it is said, will be the new Prov. G. Master of Essex in the place of the late Bro. Lord Tenterden, K.C.B.

The usual New Year's Entertainment to the Old Folks at Croydon took place on Wednesday. Everything passed off most satisfactorily. There was a strong muster of visiting brethren and their friends. An excellent dinner was provided in the Hall of the Institution, at which, under the presidency of Dr. Strong, the Old Folks thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Later in the evening Bro. George Buckland and Miss Blanche Paige gave a musical entertainment, which was as highly appreciated as it was worthy of appreciation. Bro. Terry, of course, was a prominent figure on the occasion, and the statistics he gave, which will be found mentioned in another part of our columns, were extremely well received.

A painted window, from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, has been erected in Semley Church, Wilts, by Bro. V. Fane Benett-Stanford, in memory of seven of his brother officers of the 43rd Regiment who fell at the Assault of the 'Gate-Pa' fort, New Zealand, on the 30th April 1864, viz.:—Lieut-Col. Booth, Captains Mure, Hamilton, Utterton, Coke Glover, his brother Lieut. F. Guy Glover, and Ensign Langlands; also of Captain G. V. Macdonald, of the 19th Reg., Exon. to the Queen. Brasses on either side of the window contain the badges and honours of the regiments, with suitable inscriptions.

On Wednesday evening, the 10th January 1883, Bro. James Terry P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.S.W. will rehearse the ceremony of installation, including the opening and closing of Board of Installed Masters, at the Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction, held at the Horse Shoe Inn, Newington-causeway. The chair will be taken at 7 o'clock precisely. Brethren are requested to attend in full Masonic clothing.

"The New Crusades: a Vision and a Warning," is the title of a *brochure* which, under the *nom de plume* of "Saladin," will be published immediately by Mr. W. Satchell. It deals with what the writer regards as the socially and politically dangerous tendencies of the "Salvation Army" movement, and foreshadows the state of England under Salvationist domination in the year 1900.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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YORK LODGE, No. 236.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 18th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York. The W.M. Bro. J. Sykes Rymer (Sheriff of York) presided, supported by the following Officers and brethren, viz.:—Bros. Rooke I.P.M., Kirby S.W. W.M. elect, Garbutt J.W., the Very Rev. Dr. Purey-Cust Dean of York P.G.C. Chaplain, Todd P.M. P.P.G. Reg. Treasurer, Border acting Secretary, Draper S.D., Powell J.D., Hodgson I.G., Smith M.C., Take Organist, Lawton, P.M. P.P.G.R., Major Barstow P.M., Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O., Seller P.M., Major McGachen P.M., Lee W.M. Barnard Lodge, Terry, Sampson, Thompson, Foster, Thomas, Leeman, M.P. for York, Dent, Day, Clarke, Hewitt, Eberle, Jefferson, Camidge P.P.G.O., Nicholson, Young, Churchill, Houlden, and many others. Amongst the visitors were the following:—Bros. Gifford W.M. 570 (5th Dragoon Guards), Banks P.M. 570, Cumberland P.M. 1611 P.P.G.W., Millington W.M. 1611, Major-General Nason, Clennel 41, Everett 1045, Short 570, Knight 570, Kendall 570, Cheeseman 570, De Salis Aldershot Camp 1331, Blenkin S.W. 1611, Turner J.W. 1611, Dyson S.D. 1611, Goodall 1611, Maunell 1611, Waters 1611, Starkey 1611, Pearson 1611, &c. After the minutes of two previous meetings had been read and confirmed, Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec. and R. F. Gould Past G. Deacon were unanimously elected honorary members of the Lodge. An illuminated address was then presented by the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, to Bro. Camidge P.P.G.O. on his removal from York. The chair was afterwards taken by Bro. Todd P.M., who appointed as his Wardens Bros. Cumberland P.M. and Rooke P.M., and the W.M. elect was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The following brethren were appointed and invested as Officers:—Bros. Rymer I.P.M., Geo. Garbutt S.W., Draper J.W., Rev. A. B. Day Chaplain, Todd P.M. Treasurer, Smith Secretary, Thompson S.D., Hodgson J.D., Rooke P.M. Master of Ceremonies, Sanderson Organist, Border I.G., Sampson and Purnell Stewards, and Calvert Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. the Dean of York for his services as Chaplain during the past two years, to which the Dean replied in an excellent speech. Letters of apology for non-attendance having been communicated by the Secretary from numerous brethren, and the expressions of hearty good wishes having been given, the Lodge was duly closed. The brethren subsequently dined together in the Masonic Hall, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, and a capital programme of music, by Bros. Gifford, Cumberland, Todd, Sampson, and others, considerably enhanced the enjoyment of the proceedings.

WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

THE last regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ealing Institute, on Saturday, the 9th ult. There was a strong muster of members present, including all the past Masters but Bro. Kingston, who has retired from the Lodge, and sundry Visitors. Bro. Henry E. Tucker W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. Dyer S.W., Seward J.W., H. Kasner P.M. Treas., J. Chambers Roe P.M. Sec., Fisher S.D., Clarke as J.D., Wright I.G., Harrison Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Charles Veal 1549, Henry Stiles Worshipful Master 1507, Henry Essex 511, R. Goodinge Worshipful Master 171, and W. W. Morgan Secretary 211. Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. E. J. Penny was raised to the sublime degree, after which Bros. W. F. Henning and S. C. Hadley were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. In each case the ceremony was perfectly and impressively rendered by the Worshipful Master, who is to be congratulated on the marked efficiency with which he accomplished his task. There being no other business, Lodge was closed, and the brethren made for the Westbourne Restaurant, Paddington, where an excellent dinner awaited them. Full justice having been done to the viands, the cloth was removed, and the usual programme of toasts set before the brethren. Those of a Loyal and Masonic character were received with the accustomed enthusiasm, while that of the W.M., proposed by Bro. Green P.M., experienced a most cordial approval, and drew from Bro. Tucker an equally cordial reply, in kind acknowledgment of the compliment. The Visitors of course received an hospitable welcome in word, as they had previously received in deed, and expressed their thanks and the pleasure it had given them to be present. Bro. Coop, acting for the Senior Warden, returned thanks for the Officers, who were complimented on the efficient manner in which they fulfilled their duties. There was also an additional toast to the Masonic Press, for which Bro. Morgan was called upon to respond, and after he had spoken briefly but earnestly, and to the point, Brother Beasley P.M. rose, and with permission proposed that, in the event of Bro. Morgan reproducing in book-form the series of articles on the "Revised Book of Constitutions," which appeared in the closing numbers of our last volume, the Lodge should purchase the requisite number of copies for the Lodge members. This proposition was carried unanimously, and we trust may be taken as an index that the articles, when they are published in book-form, will be received encouragingly by other Lodges. The Tyler's toast closed this part of the proceedings, and the brethren parted in perfect harmony.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies deserve the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The Ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when the unguent should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, unless the friction causes pain. Holloway's Pills should be simultaneously taken to diminish pain, reduce inflammation, and purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence, and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases which spring from hereditary predispositions, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. The Ointment checks the local malady, while the Pills restore vital power.

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WILLIAM DE LA MORE PRECEPTORY.

INSTALLATION OF SIR KNIGHT SYLVESTER MATTISON AS EMINENT COMMANDER.

A REGULAR meeting of this Preceptory was held at the Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, on Thursday, the 21st ult., when Eminent Sir Knight Captain Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, the Grand Commander of Lancashire, honoured it with his presence. Besides Sir Knight Royds, the following distinguished visitors accepted the invitation of the E.C. elect:—Sir Knights Henry Thomas Prov. Grand Chancellor, John Worsley Prov. Grand Registrar, George Turner Past Prov. Grand Vice-Chancellor and P.E.C. of the William de la More, and William Tyrer P.E.C. of the Jacques de Molay. The members of the William de la More Preceptory present were Sir Knights Robert Goldthorp Brook E.C. and Prov. G. 1st Pursuivant, Sylvester Mattison Marshal, Reginald Young Registrar and Prov. Grand Almoner, William G. Thomson Treasurer and Past Prov. G. Marshal, Walter R. Robinson Sub-Marshal and P.E.C Faith Preceptory, Frank A. Huet 1st Herald, A. H. Jefferis, Thomas Berry Past G. Standard Bearer of England, and Past Prov. Grand 1st Captain. The room was arranged by the Equerry of the Preceptory, Sir Knight John Taylor, and looked exceedingly comfortable. P.E.C.'s Sir Knights William Tyrer and George Turner presented Sir Knight S. Mattison for the benefit of Installation, which ceremony was most ably performed by the Grand Commander Sir Knight Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds. The newly installed Commander made the following appointments:—Walter R. Robinson Prelate, A. C. Wylie Constable, W. Newsome Marshal, Reginald Young Registrar (re-appointed), W. J. Thomson Treasurer (re-elected at the last meeting), R. G. Brook Almoner, F. A. Huet Sub-Marshal, A. H. Jefferis Captain of the Guard, John Taylor Equerry. Apologies for non-attendance were sent by Sir Knights Thomas Chorlton Deputy Provincial Grand Commander, Joseph Wood, J. Kellett Smith, and Joseph Bell. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Sir Knight Beswicke-Royds for coming so far to attend the Installation, and the Preceptory having been closed, the Sir Knights adjourned to the Fleece Hotel, to partake of a most sumptuous banquet, which had been ordered by Sir Knight Mattison the newly-installed Commander. Sir Knight Tweedale Past Deputy Grand Commander of Lancashire, who had been detained on the way, here joined the members assembled, and was, as indeed he always seems to be, a welcome guest.

ST. JOHN'S MARK LODGE (T.I.)

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 14th December, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at half-past five o'clock in the evening, there being present—Bros. Alcock Past Provincial Grand Steward presiding as W.M., Cooper Provincial G.S.D. S.W., Taylor J.W., Kenyon M.O., Partington J.O., Morris P.P.S.W. Secretary, Brockbank P.G.W. Treasurer, Wolstenholme, Wood, Wadeson, Harwood P.P.G.D., Nicholson, Green, Orrell, Riley, Irving, Walker, Phillips, Allen, Barrett, Jones P. Prov. G.S.D. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Cooper Prov. G.S.D. the W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Alcock P.M. P. Prov. G. Steward to a Board of Installed Masters of the Mark Degree, with Bro. Brockbank as W.M. He having been duly obligated was installed, proclaimed, and saluted Master of the St. John's Time Immemorial Lodge for ensuing 12 months. The following brethren, having been appointed to their several offices by the W.M., were invested with the collar and jewel of office by Bro. Harwood P. Prov. S.G.D. and suitably addressed by him on the nature of the duties to be performed by them:—Bros. Taylor Senior Warden, Kenyon Junior Warden, Partington Master Overseer, Wadeson Senior Overseer, Nicholson Junior Overseer, Morris P.M. Secretary, Court Conductor, Tongue Senior Deacon, Barrett Junior Deacon, Kerr Time Keeper, Alcock P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Harwood P.M. Organist, Phillips Steward. Bro. Brockbank, who has served the office of Treasurer for more than 12 years, having earnestly desired to be relieved from its duties in favour of some brother who had more leisure to devote to the office, and being unwilling to be re-appointed, Bro. William Henry Alcock P.M. P. Prov. G.S. was appointed as Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Thos. Higson was re-appointed Tyler. Bro. William Barnes, of Lodge St. John, No. 348, was balloted for and approved as a candidate for advancement, but being detained at some distance from home in consequence of the inclement weather, the ceremony could not be proceeded with. The Lodge was closed at 7 o'clock, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

ON Wednesday, 20th December, the inauguration and dedication of the Gosport Lodge of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners took place at the Lodge rooms at the India Arms Hotel. There were present Wor. Bros. H. M. Green P.M. P.G.M.K. D.C. England and P.M. Inspector-General Royal Ark Mariners, H. R. Trigg P.M. P.G.M.K. S.B. England and P.M. Deputy Inspector-General R.V.M., J. Parnell P.M. P.J.M.K. G.D. England and P.N. R.A.M., A. L. Emanuel P.M. P.P.G.M.O. and G.C. No. 7, R. L. Loveland G. Steward R.A.M. England G. Com. R.A.M. Southampton, G. F. Lancaster P.M. W.C.N. designate, Bros. R. W. Mitchell, F. Powell, B. Ring P.G. Chaplain, J. Howell P.G. Steward, H. Crisp P.G.J.G., G. Darby P.G. Steward, W. Green P.G. Sword Bearer, W. G. Robertson, A. M. Rae, A. Grey, and R. West. The Lodge was opened by Wor. Bro. Green, who appointed Wor. Brothers Loveland J. and H. R. Triggs S. pro tem. Brother Parnell, Acting D.C., addressed the chair, requesting the W.C.N. to form the Lodge, and, after the usual preliminary arrangements, Wor. Bro. Green delivered an eloquent oration on the principals of the Order, after which the Lodge was solemnly dedicated, and Brother G. F. Lancaster was installed Worshipful Commander. He appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Wors. Bro. F. Powell J., B. Ring Chaplain, G. Darby Treasurer, J. Howell Secretary, W. Green S.D., H. Crisp J.D., W. G. Robertson D. of Cer., A. Greig Guard, R. West and A. M. Rae Stewards, and L. Canvin Warden. Votes of thanks were accorded to Wor. Bros. Green, Parnell, Trigg, and Loveland, who were made life honorary members. At the close of the Lodge the brethren partook of a banquet, at which the usual toasts were duly honoured.—*Portsmouth Times.*

We are sorry to announce the death of Bro. E. J. Scott, Secretary of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, and a Past Master of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, who died on Friday, 29th ult., and was buried at Kensal Green, on Wednesday. Bro. Scott had exhibited great zeal in the fulfilment of his Masonic duties, and in so doing had won to himself many friends. Among those who attended the funeral were Bros. Hammond W.M., J. Shand P.M. and Treasurer, and other of the Officers of the City of Westminster Lodge, together with Bros. G. P. Festa, W.M. Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., &c. &c.

We regret to announce the death, at sea, on the 5th October, of Bro. Weber, who last year resigned his post of clerk in the Secretary's office of the Girls' School, on the score of health. He had acquired many friends by the faithful discharge of his duties, and we beg to express our sympathy with his widow and family in their bereavement.

EDINBURGH.

THE Festival of St. John was celebrated by the Masonic body on 27th December. The members of the Lodges in Edinburgh met in their different Lodge-rooms in the afternoon for the installation of the new Office-bearers, and afterwards dined together and celebrated the Festival. In the course of the evening they observed the usual custom of interchanging deputations amongst all the Lodges of the City. In the Journeyman Lodge, No. 8, the proceedings of the evening received additional interest by the presentation of a gold watch, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge, to Brother John Wilson. The presentation was made by the new Master of the Lodge, Brother Rennie, who referred to the services rendered by this Past Master during his three years of office.

THE THEATRES, &c.

COVENT GARDEN.—PROMENADE CONCERTS.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.15, SINDBAD.

HER MAJESTY'S.—At 7.45, THE YELLOW DWARF.

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, RACHEL THE REAPER. At 8.45, LOVE AND MONEY.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7, AUNT CHARLOTTE'S MAID. At 7.45, THE SILVER KING.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 8, THE RIVALS.

OLYMPIC.—FORGET ME NOT.

GLOBE.—At 8.15, JANE EYRE.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 13th day of January 1883, at Twelve o'Clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the List for the Election in April next, and to declare the number of Girls then to be elected.

Also to consider the following notice of Motion, upon recommendation of the House Committee, by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON P.G.D., Vice Paton:—

"That the best thanks of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to Bro. Lieut.-Col. LEACH, R.E., for his fraternal conduct in voluntarily superintending the sanitary works lately so successfully carried out at the School Buildings at Battersea; and that, as a small recognition of the services rendered by him, he be, and is, hereby elected a Vice-Patron of the Institution, with all the rights and privileges attached thereto."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

THE NINETY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held at FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.
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Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

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A "HAPPY NEW YEAR."

OLD Father Christmas, with his traditional smiles, his flowing beard and lapful of blessings, has once more glided past us, gathering up in the folds of his royal robe the last remaining moments of the old year, with all its achievements and disappointments, its failures and successes. We have now entered upon a new era, as it were, and whilst we look back upon the year that has gone with mingled feelings of relief and regret, the stronger tendency within us is to peer into the future with cheerful hopefulness, that this year may be better and more prosperous than that which we have left behind. That time is fleeting, and that we are growing older, our annual bills and grey hairs sufficiently remind us; yet, amidst "all the ills that flesh is heir to," there are bright spots and felicitations which shine hopefully through the dim vista of the future. We will not enter into any speculation as to the "good time coming," nor a sentimental retrospect of departed days; our object is to acknowledge the kindness and support which we have continued to receive at the hands of our numerous friends in the Craft, and to express our hope that we may continue to deserve even a larger share in the future of that confidence which has been extended to us in the past. True, the New Year has come in tearfully and sullen; there is no crisp, frosty ring, as in "ye olden time," in the sound of the "wild bells," such as we have have been wont to hear clanging forth a welcome to the new-born year. The wild bells have rung out to a "wild sky" indeed, but it was a wildness we only expect when the equinoxial gales are fighting in their fury, carrying death and desolation along our coasts, and sorrow into many a parental heart. Instead of the stars glistening out from a pellucid sky, rendered all the more beautiful by the sharp, bracing frost, they were obscured by rain-laden clouds, whose contents sadly marred the festivities of friends whilst wishing to each other "the compliments of the season." Holiday keepers took their pleasures sadly out-of-doors, for the streets were bespread with mud, and the footpaths rendered dangerous by their being coated with a greasy, slippery compound; whilst the fog and rain continued to enforce the advice given us by the nondescript rhymster, who said—

> Now, mind, a respirator buy,
> A waterproof also,
> So much depends on keeping dry,
> And catarrh 's all the go.

Still the brightness of indoor life has compensated, in a great measure, for the meteorological miseries which have so marred the "merry" season, and there does not appear to be any diminution in the gaieties and soothing influences of home life which invariably accompany Christmas and the New Year. We sincerely hope our friends have done ample justice to the toothsome geese, turkeys and prime joints, erewhile decorated on the butcher's boards; that the young folks have enjoyed their frolics under the mistletoe and amidst the holly and all their suggestive accompaniments; that the little ones of all have realised the pictures conjured up in this "Land of Dreams," by the timely arrival of Santa Claus. Let us hope that they have been taken to the pantomimes, and learnt the origin of fairies and wicked sprites; opened their little eyes with rapture at the gorgeous transformation scenes, and laughed gleefully at the merry antics of clown and pantaloon. These are among the many pleasantries which accompany the great festivals which have just passed us, and it is not necessary for us to reverse the picture by any reference to the little obligations which will be reserved to Paterfamilias in consequence of the enjoyments he may have so considerately provided for his family and friends. The social aspect of the Christmas and New Year "tides" is a pleasant feature of English life which, we trust, may ever be sustained, for it brings into closer union those sentiments of love, friendship and amenity which it is most desirable should be cultivated in every grade of society. Moreover, it stirs into fresh activity the great principles of Charity which Freemasons, above all others, strive to inculcate and practise in their daily lives. It is a time when they who are warmly clad, with comfortable firesides and well-lardered kitchens, whence proceed odours of dainty creature comforts, are reminded of others who are less highly favoured, and Heaven only knows there are many such in our midst. We carry our thoughts to homes where fuel is scarce, food not much more plentiful, and clothing but ill-adapted to meet the chill blas; and when we talk about the "unseasonable" weather, we are apt to think whether that which would be otherwise welcomed as a good old-fashioned winter might not, in such cases, seem filling to the brim the cup of misery. We do not doubt that charity has been at work this Yuletide, as of yore, so that none shall pine—if it be avoidable and the case deserving—in misery and want in a time of festivals whose chief characteristics are feasting and joy. We are glad to know that in this specific feature of the festive season the brethren of the mystic tie have been by no means lagging in their efforts, and we have heard with pleasure some gratifying accounts of benevolence on the part of our brethren in various parts of the country towards the necessitous poor. True, Masonic charity is not spasmodic, but flows along in the even tenor of its

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consistency and constancy; but somehow or other there is an impetus given to it even in their case, when the merry-makings of the festive season are in full swing, and the heart swells into abnormal generosity under the kindly influences which accompany the opening of a new year. It is to be hoped that in the year now entered upon this spirit of brotherly solicitude on behalf of our humbler fellows may be kept alive, and that the poor may have "more friends and less need of them." We have started afresh, and anticipation is rife as to what will be the outcome of Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-Three. It is a time when men sit down and apply themselves to the balancing of accounts, the formation of new resolves, the drawing up of new plans for their guidance throughout the year. Experience tells us that many of the good resolutions entered upon with perfect faith on New Year's Day "grow small by degrees and beautifully less" as the weeks pass by; still it is a wholesome tonic after all, and if only adhered to in some instances, must be productive of good. If the remark applies to society in general, it does so also to ourselves as Masons. The Master who enters upon his New Year, when installed as the ruler of his Lodge, forms his plans, and makes a forecast of the duties which he will be called upon to fulfil. He will emulate, even if he cannot surpass, the excellences he has observed in his predecessors in office; he will impress upon his officers and brethren the true beauties of the profession they have espoused, and which they should seek to adorn. Were there no New Year in our Masonic Lodges, no "ringing out" of old and trusty friends, and heralding the advent of others equally true, though yet untried, the monotony of Masonic life would become unknown. But as one excellent Master retires with all the honours that his appreciative and grateful brethren can bestow upon him, so another star blossoms in the firmament of the Lodge, and gives promise of new and more vigorous life and enjoyment. We can only express our hope that peace and harmony will illuminate our Lodges during the coming year, that our numbers may receive a large and welcome, though judicious acquisition, and that the machinery of the Craft may be well oiled by an ample supply of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. There are yet some pleasant réunions to come, in the shape of Charity balls in connection with various Lodges, ere the New Year festivities can be said to be at an end, and we trust they may be eminently successful, so that our Institutions may receive the benefit. But these do not interfere with the ordinary and regular business of the Lodges, which, after a few days' respite in Christmas week, has been renewed with its wonted activity and usefulness, and we have before us anticipations of many a pleasant gathering on the chequered floor ere the summer recess calls us to vary the programme by jolly—there is no other adjective sufficiently expressive—excursions into the country. The Boys at Wood Green, and the "bonnie lassies" at Battersea, will be working up for their Midsummer Examinations, and will be filled with visions of displaying, amidst Civic smiles and friendly approbation, the results of the splendid education imparted to them at the Schools, and of the careful and efficient training they receive through the considerate kindness of the more fortunate section of the Craft. The "Old Folks," too, in their quiet way, will be looking forward to the visit of their best friends, who, in the summer-time, run down to Croydon and exchange with them kindly visits and friendly recognition. In every aspect of the case anticipation is in the foremost place, and we can only express a desire that in all the aspirations formed, either from a studious point of view in Lodge, or of increased friendliness and good-fellowship amongst those who do not participate in the active work of the Order, there may be a great amount of success realised, leavened with the smallest possible degree of disappointment. For ourselves, whilst again acknowledging the support which has been accorded to us in the past, we, too, indulge in the anticipation that, as the numbers of the Craft increase, so also may the recognition of our efforts to disseminate thoughts, and to circulate the record of events transpiring in the Craft, be enlarged. Whilst extending to our readers the wish which stands at the head of this article, we trust, by pursuing the steady, consistent course which the CHRONICLE has followed ever since it was started, and by the improvements which are contemplated in the various departments of this journal, we may succeed in extending our influence, and supplying much information which shall be of value to our Subscribers and to the Craft in general.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1882.

WE congratulate the Craft generally, but especially the Executive Officers and Secretaries of our Charitable Institutions, on the result of the past year's labours. We have become so accustomed of late to extraordinary figures, that it is possible the announcement we are about to make may not be received with the usual fervour. But times have not been brilliant lately, and it is not worth while noting that only in one previous year has the aggregate receipts by our Charities been exceeded. In 1880, the total amounts received for these Institutions was close on £50,000; in 1882 it reached, in actual figures, the sum of £47,444 18s 11d, of which the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution must be credited with £16,595 7s 7d; the Girls' School with £15,969 15s 8d, and the Boys' School with £14,879 15s 8d. As regards "Donations and Subscriptions," however, which constitute the fluctuating income of all three, we note that the Girls' School received £13,927 8s 4d, the Boys' School £13,614 18s 8d, and the Benevolent £13,351 10s 9d, so that the support of the Craft appears to have been impartially distributed among them. As regards permanent income, the Benevolent heads the list, the Girls' School coming next, and lastly the Boys' School, the interest on invested monies being comparatively small in the last named Institution, while its grants from Grand Lodge and Chapter, like those received by the Girls' School, are about one-eighth of those received by the Benevolent. Certainly the work done on behalf of our Institutions during the past year is worth studying, if only showing what can be done for them under circumstances by no means the most favourable for heavy figures. We append a statement in detail of the receipts from all sources of the three Institutions as well as of the grants made by the Lodge of Benevolence during the past year.

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

	£	s	d
Donations and subscriptions	13,351	10	9
Dividends	1,833	9	11
Interest on cash at call	33	6	11
Grand Lodge	1,200	0	0
Grand Chapter	150	0	0
Rent of meadow, and one a-half year	27	0	0
	16,595	7	7

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

			£	s	d
Donations and subscriptions			13,927	8	4
Grand Lodge			150	0	0
Grand Chapter			10	10	0
Dividends			1,454	13	11
Purchase case			187	10	0
Music fees			186	7	6
Interest			44	14	2
Miscellaneous :—					
Donation box	1 12 0				
Advancement fund	1 1 0				
Books of subscribers	3 18 0				
By sale of old stores	2 0 9				
			8	11	9
			£15,969	15	8

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

	£	s	d
Donations and subscriptions	13,614	18	8
Dividends	530	0	0
"Huyshe Devon Presentation"	525	0	0
Music fees	49	7	0
United Grand Lodge	150	0	0
" " Chapter	10	10	0
	14,879	15	8

Lodge of Benevolence.

	Cases relieved.	Amount. £	s	d
January	19	682	0	0
February	35	1,065	0	0
March	32	909	0	0
April	33	775	0	0
May	28	910	0	0
June	26	610	0	0
July	26	750	0	0
August	22	735	0	0
September	18	570	0	0
October	27	610	0	0
November	48	1,310	0	0
December	34	660	0	0
	348	9,637	0	0

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 6th JANUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 8th JANUARY.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel,
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
461—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
599—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 9th JANUARY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
940—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1909—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1515—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 10th JANUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Moriand's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily, Greyhound, Richmond
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 6
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1246—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
M.M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.

THURSDAY, 11th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)

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1709—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
R.A. 538—Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 783—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.

FRIDAY, 12th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
167—Pedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Pells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1268—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
458—Arc and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1269—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme

SATURDAY, 13th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1624—Feelestone, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1713—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 70.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was holden on the day of St. John the Evangelist, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. There was a large attendance of members and visitors to do honour to the advent of Bro. Westlake as the unanimously-elected Master of the Lodge. The ceremony of installation was performed by the retiring Master Bro. Griffen, and Bros. Mayson, Westcott, and Gover. At the completion of the ceremony the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Barker S.W., Kingdon J.W., Gover Sec., Westcott Treasurer, Kingdon S.D., Symons J.D., Scrondel I.G., Watts M.C., Hoppin A.M.C., Westcott Organist, Cook S.S., Hocking J.S., Phillips Tyler. The other appointments are:—Bros. Westcott Representative on Committee of Petitions; Bros. Gover, Westcott, Tout, Griffen, and Westlake, members of the Associated Lodges' Committee, and Bro. Parker is the Charity Steward for the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, and the first sum to be placed on his list will be that of five guineas from the Lodge. Other business was harmoniously completed, and the brethren then adjourned to the Globe Hotel for the banquet, admirably served by Bro. Watts.

LOVE AND HONOUR LODGE, No. 75.

THIS Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John, on 29th ult., at the Lodge-room, Royal Hotel, Falmouth, when Bro. Polglase S.W. W.M. elect was installed by Bro. Newman Treasurer. The ceremony was performed in an impressive manner, and the W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Carter S.W., Richards J.W., Gratrex Chaplain, Newman Treasurer, Tresidder Secretary, J. Carne S.D., Jeffery J.D., Dinner Organist, Reed I.G., Carter I.P.M., W. Carne and Richards Stewards, Rusden Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Carter.

MOUNT SINAI LODGE, No. 121.

THE installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Holman, and the celebration of the Festival of St. John, took place on the 20th ult. The new W.M. was presented by Bro. Boase P.M., and duly installed by Bro. Small P.M., assisted by Bros. Boase and Levin. The W.M. then appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Martin Sampson S.W., Rodda J.W., Read P.M. Treasurer, Colenso Secretary, Simpson S.D., Wedlake J.D., Ralph I.G., Aitken Chaplain, White junior Organist, Rogers Master of Ceremonies, Barkell S.S. and Wellington-Dale J.S. Bro. Reynolds was unanimously elected Tyler, and re-installed. Bro. Read P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. The income for the past year has been £153, and the available balance £90. Bro. Read P.M. was cordially thanked for his many years' services. Ten guineas was voted to each of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and five guineas to the Cornwall Annuitant Fund, of which Bro. Levin P.M. was re-elected Steward. The banquet followed at host Michel's, Western Hotel.

LODGE OF FORTITUDE, No. 165.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on 19th ult., when the retiring Master, Bro. Kitt, installed his successor, Bro. E. A. Lyons (the unanimous choice of the members). At the conclusion of the ceremony the following were appointed as the Officers for 1883:—Bros. Kitt I.P.M., Giffard S.W., Pillar J.W., Bignell Treasurer, Cooper Secretary, Horswill S.D., Hayes J.D., Gray I.G., Parsons M.C., Sloggett A.M.C., Hearder Organist, Joel Senior Steward, Spinney Junior Steward, Phillips Tyler. The Worshipful Master was elected to represent the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions, and the following brethren are to be the committee for this Lodge on the Amalgamated Committee of the Associated Lodges:—Bros. Lyons W.M., Gifford S.W., Bignell, Cooper, and Browning. The banquet will be held at Bro. Walter's, Farley Hotel, on 17th January. Refreshment in the refectory followed, and the usual toasts were honoured.

OLD LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Hall of Friendship on the 28th ult., and there—in a Board of Installed Masters—William Allsford, the retiring Master, Bros. E. Murch P.M. P.P.G.O., H. Welch P.M. P.P.G.P., and J. P. Price P.M. P.P.G.S.B.—in ancient form and with accustomed ceremony, installed as the Master Bro. Joseph Viggers. The ceremony was performed with the care and solemnity which has always distinguished "Friendship." The Officers appointed were:—Bros. William Allsford I.P.M., Charles Organ S.W., Charles William Price J.W., Henry Welsh Treasurer, John David Sandy Secretary, John F. Burns S.D., John N. Taylor J.D., John Leonard I.G., Richard Carter M.C., George Bray A.M.C., William C. Cruickshorne O., Joseph Oldfield Chaplain, Thomas Shears S.S., Hebert William Doddidge J.S., Joseph Benny Tyler. Bro. Gover, by permission of the Master, advocated the claims of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, and the W.M. and Bro. Murch followed. This fund, which now educates and clothes twelve children without removing them from the care of their remaining parent or destroying home influences, having no paid officials, and no buildings to sustain, the money went direct to the object. Dinner—supplied by Bro. G. W. Hancock, of the Golden Lion Hotel—followed, in the well-arranged refreshment rooms in the same building, and was very enjoyable, the W.M. ably presiding.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport, on the 23rd ult., when Bro. Richard W. Pitcher, the retiring Worshipful Master, installed as his successor Bro. John Arthur Whitford, who, from the manner in which he was received, appeared to be as popular amongst the visitors as he was with the members who had elected him. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. R. W. Pitcher I.P.M., James Border S.W., William M. Bidlard J.W., John Lyon Treasurer Richard Cawsey Secretary, Alfred Cawsey A.S., E. H. Littleton S.D., W. Rattenbury J.D., F. Orchard M.C., A. Maddock A.D.C., R. Pike Org., J. Meadley I.G., J. Toms, Charles Hunt, W. H. Burt Stewards, H. Harvey Tyler. The Lodge then proceeded to the election of a representative on the Committee of Petitions in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and Bro. Richard Cawsey was again unanimously selected for this important office. It was also resolved that the annual banquet be held as usual. The ladies will be invited, as on several previous occasions, and it goes without saying that this will be the event of the year. Bro. Gover, by permission, addressed the Lodge, advocating the claims of the Masonic Charities, particularly the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, whose claims certainly were paramount, the object of that fund all the money went direct to the object of the institution. There were no office expenses, no paid officials, and the small subscription of 5s. per year would be felt by those who thus supported a vote, whilst the aggregate subscription enabled twelve children to be clothed and educated at present. The Lodge being closed, the brethren retired to their own room for refreshments, the W.M. ably presiding and proposing the Loyal and Masonic toasts.

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OLD CONCORD LODGE, No. 172.

THE installation meeting of this excellent working lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. At the commencement of the proceedings the following brethren were present:— Bros. Beazley W.M., Hilton S.W., Harris J.W., Hancock P.M. Treasurer, King P.M. Secretary, Cope S.D., Stedman J.D.; A. E. Gladwell I.P.M.; P.M.'s Gurton (the father of the Lodge), Gaubert, Hockley, Hoadley, Holland, Dixon, and a numerous assemblage of the members. The following were among the visitors:— Hickman 177, Gibson P.M. 1420, Carmaud 548, Pilditch P.M. 1420, Lee P.M. 975, Wray P.M. 1604, Ray 1624, Morley 1891, Gosden 1532, Theodore Distin 145, Richardson J.W. 862, Donaldson 1968, Tappenden 548, Grammont 1559, Hilton 1475, Lee P.M. 975, Conolly 157, Worsden 1328, George P.M. 101, Croaker P.M. 185, Merry 1420, Ayling W.M. 973, Vickery P.M. 1627, Reid 1743, Baker 1328, Coleman 11, Baker 73, Hunt 1424, Morley 1891, Ray 1891, Miller 25, Wrigglesworth P.M. 975, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Heideberger and Hone were passed, and Bros. Brooks and Wallis were raised. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. J. Hall, H. J. Braisher, and W. Schutze. The result was unanimous, and these gentlemen were duly initiated into the Order, the ceremonies being ably rendered by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Hilton S.W. and W.M. elect was presented. He was then duly installed into the chair by Bro. Geo. King P.M. and Secretary, whose ability as a worker of the Ritual is well recognised. There were twenty W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom. In appropriate terms he appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:— Bros. Beazley I.P.M., Harris S.W., Cope J.W., J. Hancock P.M. Treasurer (re-elected), G. King P.M. Secretary Stedman Senior Deacon, Whalley J.D., Sadler I.G., Gladwell P.M. M.C., Marriott Organist, C. T. Speight P.M. Tyler. The applause that followed the investment of Officers showed the W.M. had made a selection that was approved of. Feeling allusion was made to a severe accident that lately occured to the Treasurer, but who now, we are pleased to say, was able to be present to be re-invested. Bro. Beazley I.P.M. announced his intention to serve as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Gladwell proposed that ten guineas be voted to the Widows' Fund, and this sum to be given as an endowment for the Inner Guard of the Lodge for the time being, with votes in perpetuity. Bro. Cope proposed that the sum of ten guineas be placed on the list of the Junior Deacon, who will serve as Steward for the Boys' Festival. Bro. Hoadley P.M. stated his intention to act as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the sum of ten guineas was voted for his list. These votes were all carried unanimously. The report of the Auditors was read; it showed the balance in hand was £243 12s 11d, while the Benevolent Fund had £218 19s 5d to its credit. The Lodge was then closed, and an adjournment to the Crown Room was made, where the brethren—93 in number—sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. Grace—"For these and all Thy mercies"—having been sung, the W.M. proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts, Madame Worrell singing the National Anthem. This lady during the evening was assisted by Miss Emma Buer, Bros. Sydney Tower, and Theodore Distin; while Bro. C. Imhoff accompanied at the piano. The brethren seemed well in accord with the W.M., when he, with a few pertinent remarks, introduced the toast of the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, and after a song by Bro. Sidney Tower, Bro. Hilton introduced the toast of the Initiates. He was proud to say the members of the Lodge were pleased to see initiates. Later on they would have a few words addressed to them by the father of the Lodge, Bro. Gurton. He (the W.M.) knew they would be pleased to hear him. Bro. George Gurton, thus urged, then addressed the initiates, giving them some excellent advice, and expressing a fervent hope that neither they nor the Lodge, would ever regret their entrance into Freemasonry. Here Miss Emma Buer sang, with exquisite taste, "Tit for Tat." Bros. Schutze, Braisher and Hall severally responded, and Bro. Speight sang the E.A. song. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Visitors, they had thirty-four present; he as well as every member of the Lodge was pleased to see them, and he would call on Bros. Pilditch, Gibson, Hilton and Wriggles to respond. Bro. Pilditch P.M. 1287, in replying, paid a great compliment to the Lodge for its perfect working, and speaking of its efforts on behalf of the Institutions, said, no other Lodge in one night had done so much for the three Charities. Bro. Hilton fully endorsed these remarks, and hoped other Lodges would follow so noble an example. Bro. Gibson followed; he felt it a great pleasure to see the excellent working of the Installing Master. Several of the other Visitors also spoke in reply to this toast. Bro. Beazley now rose to propose the health of the W.M.; the brethren had seen how ably he had done his duty before being invested; there was no doubt the Lodge would be proud of him, as they had the right man in the right place. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Beazley for his kind remarks; he had been placed there by the free will and accord of the members; he wished to do his duty, and he could rely on his Officers. The W.M. then announced that the Annual Ball of the Lodge would take place, and he hoped it would be the ball of the season. The next toast was the health of the I.P.M., to whom the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge was presented, and special reference made to the energy Bro. Beazley had displayed during his year of Mastership. This was gracefully acknowledged, and then the other toasts were pushed merrily along. In reply for the Past Masters, Bro. Gurton, the father of the Lodge, said, personally he thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions. He had been with them thirty-five years, and if he had worked for that period to the satisfaction of the Lodge, he hoped, while he had health, his services might be equally well appreciated. Bros. Holland, Hockley, Gaubert, and Gladwell followed. The Tyler in due course gave the parting toast. The musical party must be congratulated on their efforts, also Bro. Marriott, for providing good music and such excellent singers; Madame Worrell, Miss Emma Buer, Bro. Theodore Distin, and Bro. Sidney Tower being the artistes engaged.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 223.

THE annual meeting was holden at the Masonic Hall, 193 Union-street, Plymouth, on 19th ult. There was a large attendance to do honour to the retiring Master—Bro. John Moysey—who had well and worthily carried out his duties for the past year, and culminated his work by installing his successor in a manner which elicited warm commendation from the Board of Installed Masters present. The Master installed was Bro. John Delve, and he appointed and invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Moysey I.P.M., Lane S.W., Goodyear J.W., Cornish Treasurer, Browning Secretary, Hoyten, S.D., Hannaford J.D., Frost M.C., Bridgman A.M.C., Stenlake O., Williams I.G., Lavers jun. S.S., Sopers J.S., Bartlett Tyler. The Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, and as a proof it will at the annual banquet present to the retiring Master (Bro. Moysey) a gold Past Master's jewel, to mark its appreciation of his services; and a token of respect will also be presented to the Treasurer (Bro. Cornish), the form of testimonial being left to a committee. The Lodge adjourned for refreshment in their own rooms, where, under the presidency of Bro. Delve, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the Master congratulated, and a pleasant half hour spent. The banquet was held at Bro. Walter's, Farley Hotel, on Tuesday, 2nd January 1883.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 348, BOLTON.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th December 1882, at the Ball's Head Inn, Bolton, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Bros. J. B. Taylor W.M., W. Crankshaw S.W., John Kenyon J.W., Thomas Raby P.M. Treasurer, John Alcock P.M. Secretary, John Partington S.D., R. H. Phillips I.G., Thomas Higson Tyler; W. Barnes, W. Hennifer, Alfred Jones, James F. Ryley, H. Stevenson, T. G. Orrell, James Eckersley, Robert Jones, J. Wood, W. Wood, W. Green, J. Calderbank, James Allen, George Walker, John Hamer, P.M.'s John Harwood, James Horrocks, P. H. Harwood P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works, J. Wolstenholme. Visitors—Bros. G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. G.S.D. and W.M. elect Lodge 37, W. Cooper P.M. 146, J. Brotherod W.M. 221, W. Court W.M. St. George's 1723, J. L. Allred P.M. 221, J. Mitchell, J. W. Forbes 1723, Robert Latham S.W. St. George's 1723, Charles Crompton J.D. 221, William Nicholson P.M. 146 Provincial Grand Sword Bearer. Lodge proceeded to the second degree, when Bro. William Crankshaw was presented by Bro. John Harwood to a Board of Installed Masters under the presidency of Bro. John Alcock, and he having been obligated, was subsequently installed, proclaimed, and saluted as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and proceeded to appoint the following brethren as his Officers:—J. B. Taylor I.P.M., John Kenyon S.W., J. Partington J.W., R. H. Pailips S.D., W. Chadwick J.D., T. Raby Treas. (elected), J. Alcock Sec., J. Horrocks Charity Representative (elected), G. Walker I.G., R. Jones and W. Wood Stewards, R. Harwood M.C., W. H. Alcock Asst. M.C., J. Harwood Organist, T. Higson Tyler. The newly-appointed Officers were invested and instructed by Bro. Harwood on the nature of the duties of their respective offices, and the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were very effectively rendered by Brother Alcock. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, and hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren. A portion of the Ancient Rules and Charges was read by the S.W., and the Lodge closed in peace and harmony at half-past five o'clock. The brethren assembled at banquet, prepared with Mrs. Long's proverbial good taste, and a somewhat long toast list was duly honoured, Bro. Nicholson responding for the present Provincial Officers, and Bros. Brockbank and Harwood for the Past Officers. The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, expressed his determination to work assiduously during his term of office, and repay the confidence the brethren had placed in him by diligent attention to his duties. Bro. James Horrocks, in proposing the Masonic Charities, made a forcible appeal to the brethren to use greater efforts to support the Masonic Institutions, and pointedly referred to their claims upon the brethren of this Lodge, inasmuch as one member was an annuitant on the Benevolent Institution, and another deceased brother's child was being educated by the East Lancashire Institution. A generous response was given to the request made, which doubtless will result in a substantial donation to one of the Charities. The Visiting Brethren was responded to by the W.M.'s of the Lodges 221 and 1723. The Installing Master was duly honoured, and replied to by the veteran Secretary, who for many years has, single-handed, undertaken this onerous duty. The vocal talent displayed added considerably to the success of this well-ordered meeting, and the brethren were indebted to Bros. Allen, Partington, William Wood, and John Harwood for their contributions to the harmony of the evening.

CORNUBIAN LODGE, No. 450, HAYLE.

THE brethren of this Lodge met on the 28th December, to celebrate their annual Festival of St. John. The W.M. elect, Bro. Frank John Vivian, was installed by the retiring Master, Bro. Mills, assisted by Bro. Pearce, who carried out the ancient ceremony very creditably and with much satisfaction to the Lodge. At the close of the ceremony the W.M. invested the following brethren as the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Mills I.P.M., Hawkins S.W., Bazley J.W., Harvey Treasurer, Smith Secretary, West Chaplain, Sopp S.D., Richards J.D., Pearce M.C., Broad I.G., Bray Tyler, and Coombe Steward of the Charities, into whose hands the Lodge voted five guineas to the C.M.A. and Benevolent Fund, and ten guineas to the Boys' School. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the White Hart Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

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Antiquity Lodge, No. 170, Bolton.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th December 1882, at the Bull's Head Inn, Bradshaw-gate, Bolton, at 6.30 p.m.—Present: Bros. George Taylor W.M., Wm. Cooper I.P.M., Rich. Duxberry S.W., Henry Broughton J.W., John Morris P.M. Secretary, John Barrett S.D., J. Galloway J.D., John Haslam I.G., Wm. Heywood Organist, Chorlton Steward, Carter, Kennedy, Nightingale. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Mr. James George Cowper, of Bolton, hatter, was balloted for, approved, and initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason by Bro. William Cooper I.P.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Broughton J.W. The brethren then proceeded to ballot for W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. Richard Duxberry S.W. was declared to be unanimously elected. Bros. William Nicholson P.M. Prov. G. Sword Bearer was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, Thomas Higson P.M. Tyler, John Wild P.M. re-elected Charity Representative of the Lodge. Bros. Broughton J.W. and Barrett were re-elected Auditors of the accounts for the past year. The Lodge was closed in form and with prayer at half-past eight o'clock, and the brethren proceeded to refreshment after labour.

PHŒNIX LODGE, No. 257.

THE installation of Bro. Ernest Hall as the W.M. of this Lodge for the ensuing year took place at the Lodge room in High-street, Portsmouth, on Wednesday, 27th ult. The ceremony was performed in efficient style by the retiring W.M., Captain W. H. C. St. Clair, R.N., who was supported by the Officers of the Lodge. There was a large attendance, while letters of apology were received from Bros. Sydney P. Hall (the well-known *Graphic* artist, and brother of the W.M.), H. Kimber W.M. 804, Thomas Cousins P.M. 257 P.P.G.W., Ellis W. Jolliffe, Henry Reed, W. Camper Storey, C. M. Houghton, Shenton, Herr Kreyer, and others. The W.M. appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. Captain St. Clair, R.N., I.P.M., Miller S.W., Jolliffe J.W., Dr. O'Connor Treas., Hayman Sec., Rev. G. H. De Fraine Chap., Colonel Crease, C.B., S.D., Ferguson, R.N., J.D., Williams M.C., Houghton Org., Drummond I.G., Hall Steward, Carter and Exell Tylers. After the Lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where a récherché banquet was served, under the superintendence of Bro. W. Maybour, of Portsea. The newly-installed W.M. presided. The usual Masonic and other toasts were honoured, that of the W.M., proposed by Bro. Captain St. Clair, being enthusiastically received. The W.M. referred to the high position the Lodge had attained, and mentioned that it was now within three years of its centenary.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 328.

THE installation ceremony of this old and prosperous Lodge was held on 20th ult., when the W.M. elect, Bro. Mortimer, was duly placed in its chief chair, according to ancient custom. The ceremony of installation was conducted by Bro. Watson P.M. 328 P.P.G.D.C. The W.M. appointed as his Officers:—Bros. Taylor S.W., Grant J.W., Salter S.D., Carter J.D., Bovey I.G., Mugford S.S., Brooks Organist, Wakeham M.C., Bowden Chaplain, Harland Treasurer. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a most excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Foxlon.

"ONE AND ALL" LODGE, No. 330.

A MEETING of the brethren of this Lodge was held in their Hall in Turf-street, Bodmin, on the 20th ult. Bro. Treverton was installed in the chair as Worshipful Master, Bro. Rowe was unanimously elected Steward of the C.M.A. and B.F. Bro. Vercoe presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Rowe, in recognition of his services; he feelingly replied. The Officers appointed for the ensuing year are:—Bros. Vercoe I.P.M., Angwin S.W., Derry J.W., Rowe P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Treasurer, Edyvean Secretary, Spear S.D., Davey J.D., Whale M.C., Brewer I.G., Randall S.S., Watson J.S. The banquet, in celebration of the Festival of St. John, was held subsequently at Bro. Sandoe's, Royal Hotel. Forty members attended.

LOYAL VICTORIA LODGE, No. 557.

THE annual festival of the above Lodge was held on Thursday, 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Callington. The weather being extremely rough, the number of brethren present was fewer than on former occasions. Bro. George Morgan W.M. elect was installed by Bro. C. T. Pearce P.M. P.P.G.J.D., assisted by a large Board of Installed Masters. After the ceremony, which was most efficiently performed, the W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Tamblyn I.P.M. Chaplain, Cousins S.W., Rabbage J.W., Pearce Treasurer, Williams Secretary, Bennett S.D., W. Bond J.D., Dawe I.G., T. C. Batty M.C., Edwards Organist, Norrington 1st Steward, Julyan 2nd Steward, Henwood Tyler, John Turner P.M. Steward to the Cornwall B. and A. Fund. The W.M., in a few well-chosen remarks, said he had endeavoured, with the advice of the P.M.'s present, to select his Officers so as to give satisfaction to all, and he trusted all would work harmoniously, and that every brother would do his best to be deserving the honour he had received. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren (about thirty) retired to Golding's Hotel, where a most excellent banquet was provided, and to which all did ample justice.

UNION LODGE, No. 411.

A REGULAR Lodge was held on Tuesday, 19th December, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Bros. Mount Prov. G.S.W. Berks and Bucks W.M., Ferguson S.W., Wheeler J.W., Withers Secretary, Parry S.D., Witherington J.D., Blackwell I.G., Webb Steward, Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Oades, Stephens, Egginton, Morris, Bradley; Bros. Tench, Sherwood, Higgs, George, Dodd, Long, Hawkes, McDowell. Visitors—Bros. Hole 410, Moran P.M. 1101, Hawkes J.W. 1101. After preliminaries, the ballot was taken for Mr. C. B. Tubbs, as an initiate, who was elected. Mr. G. H. Stubington was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Ferguson was elected Master for 1883; he, in acknowledging the compliment, said: Worshipful Master and brethren, I thank you very sincerely for the honourable position you have thought fit to place me in as Master of this Lodge for the ensuing year, and I trust I shall receive from each member, as well as from the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge, their hearty support and assistance in carrying out the good work of the Lodge, and that at the end of my year of office, I may vacate the chair with credit to the Lodge. I must admit it is with some diffidence that I accept the position, but I hope that at the end of my Mastership it will be found that your confidence has not been misplaced. The election of Treasurer resulted in the present W.M.'s appointment. Bro. Hemmings was re-elected Tyler. Some discussion took place respecting the demise of Bro. Jonathan Leaver (for 36 years Secretary of the Lodge), at Moulsford, in the parish of Cholsey, where he was buried without the knowledge of the Freemasons of Reading. It is in contemplation to erect a monument, either a tablet, stone, or window; the subject will be resumed at a future Lodge. All business being ended, Lodge was closed according to ancient form. The installation of Bro. Ferguson will take place on the third Tuesday in January. We congratulate Bro. Mount on a successful year of office, and on his having been appointed the Senior Grand Warden of the Province of Berks and Bucks.

ST. ANNE LODGE, No. 970.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their annual meeting on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, East Looe. Owing, doubtless, to the wretched weather, there was not so large an attendance of members as might have been expected, the W.M. elect Bro. T. Cook being very popular among the brethren. Brother Cook was installed by his predecessor, Bro. R. Olver, supported by a full Board of I.M.'s. The ceremony was ably conducted by Bro. Olver, and at its close the W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. Olver I.P.M., A. Hunter S.W., G. W. Martin J.W., G. Kerswill P.P.G.J.W. Treasurer, J. G. Henwood Secretary, J. Marshall S.D., S. White J.D., R. Edgcumbe I.G., J. Lillicrapp and S. Pearce Stewards, J. T. Hunting Tyler. The brethren afterwards reassembled at the Ship Hotel, where dinner was served up in excellent style by Bro. Cook. After dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the Treasurer congratulated the members on the flourishing financial condition of the Lodge. The health of Bro. G. W. Martin J.W. and late Secretary, who is about to leave England, was warmly drunk, and earnest wishes were expressed for his future prosperity in his new home. A very pleasant evening was spent, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

ELMS LODGE, No. 1212.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Huyshe Masonic Hall, Stoke, when Bro. William Jenkins, who had been previously unanimously elected, was installed as the W.M. The important ceremony was well performed by Bros. Joseph Bassett, the retiring Master, T. Ripper P.M., and F. G. Bickle P.M., in a large Board of Installed Masters. The Officers appointed and invested were Bros. Joseph Bassett I.P. Master, H. Widden Senior Warden, William Bickle Junior Warden, William Fowler Treasurer, T. G. Bickle P.M. Secretary, J. Leonard Senior Deacon, John Elliott Junior Deacon, A. Watts Inner Guard, Cox M.C., Walter Wiggin Organist, Richard Bassett Senior Steward, Albert Spear Junior Steward, James Rashbrooke Tyler.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1247.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. This, one of the younger Lodges, is also one of the most prosperous, and, under the presidency of W. Bro. J. Kinton-Bond, has gained increased repute. Bro. Bond, with the assistance of W. Bro. J. Russell Lord P.M., performed the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Richard A. Penrose, and the Installing Officers fully sustained the high reputation they hold in the Order. The Officers invested were Bros. Kinton-Bond I.P.M., Barter S.W., Elliott J.W., Lord P.M. Treasurer, Rendle P.M. Secretary, Rider S.D., Uglow J.D., Hamblyn I.G., Pearce P.M. M.C., Olver A.M.C., Strain Organist, Moses S.S., Dockett J.S., Phillips Tyler. The Lodge also unanimously chose W. Bro. Lord as their representative on the Committee of Petitions of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and Bro. Firke continues the Charity Steward for the Devon Masonic Educational Fund.

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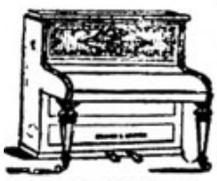

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MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1882.

WE publish elsewhere a letter from "Q," a frequent correspondent of ours, and his remarks on the subject of Masonic Benevolence, so far as they concern our Institutions, not so much in relation to the past and previous years, but with a view to the future, are well worthy of consideration. We know from our own experience that a large number of brethren are of the same opinion as he is as to the policy which should be adopted for some years to come, and that, having latterly increased so enormously the liabilities of our said Institutions, we are in duty bound to proceed with caution, if only that we may be the better assured of our ability to maintain them at their present strength. This view is at all events one which we cannot afford well to despise. We have no right to expect that brethren who have already given freely and frequently out of their means in order to provide for the education of our boys and girls, and make comfortable the declining years of the old folks, will go on repeating their subscriptions regularly; for it is not by any means apparent that the enthusiasm of the minority of the Craft, which has done this good work, has seriously affected the disposition of the majority to take their share of it. Brethren who are as accustomed as we are to scan narrowly the lists of subscriptions announced at successive Anniversary Festivals must be well aware that it invariably happens that the Lodges in London which have given towards one list, go on giving towards the next and the next and the next, and that the appearance of a new Lodge—new that is to say, in the sense of not having before appeared, or but seldom—is a matter of infrequent occurrence. Newly-created Lodges are proud of signalising the commencement of their career by giving liberally, but these are necessarily limited in numbers. Moreover, in a few years they cease to be new, and the efforts they make to raise Lodge subscriptions become in time somewhat less enthusiastic, or more probably still, they feel it is necessary they should have a little breathing time before renewing their assistance to the Charities. As to the Provinces, some make a point of giving regularly and liberally, and others, when they do contribute, do so handsomely, while there are yet others who, having local charity associations of their own, are only able to spare from time to time a modest donation to one or other of the Central Institutions. There is also, we regret to say, a fourth category, in which are included the Provinces which rarely, if ever, contribute anything. To state the case summarily, it will be found that the duty of providing from year to year the wherewith to keep our Charities in good working condition is in the main discharged by the same Lodges in London and the same Provinces, and it is not going too far to suggest that a day may come when these Lodges and Provinces may grow tired of these self-imposed responsibilities, and the alternative be forced upon us, either of looking for help where hitherto we have looked in vain or but to little purpose, or of reducing the number of those who derive benefit from our Charities. We allow these are not the most agreeable suggestions to offer, but they are suggestions which it would be an act of folly for us to ignore, and for this reason, "Q.'s" letter, which deals pretty exhaustively with the figure part of this question, is the more worthy of our consideration.

Naturally enough he begins by speaking in laudatory terms of the results of last year's Masonic Benevolence. Over £40,000 from subscriptions and donations is unquestionably a magnificent sum. What, however, he mostly directs his attention to is, the extent of the liabilities to which we stand committed and the extent to which those liabilities are provided for out of permanent income. He estimates the average annual expenditure of the three Institutions as amounting to £33,500 namely, on account of the Benevolent £13,500, of which £11,600 is for Annuities; Girls' School, £10,000; Boys' School, £10,000; and those who have seen the several reports must be well aware that this is by no means an excessive estimate. To meet this outlay there is, he points out, a permanent income amounting, in round figures to £5,900, of which, some £3,590 belongs to the Benevolent, £1,620 to the Girls' School, and £690 to the Boys' School. That is to say, the permanent liability in respect of the three Institutions taken all together is about five and two-thirds as much as the permanent income they receive together, while, if we take them separately, the liability of the Benevolent stands to its permanent income in the ratio of about three and three quarters to one; the liability of the Girls' School to its permanent income in that of over six to one; and the liability of the Boys' School to its permanent income in that of, as nearly as possible, thirteen and a half to one. To put the case less technically; the Benevolent Institution has £1 of fixed income to meet every £3 15s of liability, the Girls' School £1 of fixed income to meet over £6 of liability, and the Boys' School £1 of fixed income to meet £13 10s of liability, while if we take all three together there is £1 of income to meet £5 13s 4d of liability. His contention is, that under these circumstances, which he states briefly, but we have stated more fully, before we think of extending the sphere of our operations, it is our bounden duty to reduce this serious inequality between fixed income and liability. He argues, reasonably enough, that in the event of a war, a commercial crisis, or a succession of bad harvests, it would be useless to expect that the large sums which we have succeeded of late in raising by voluntary subscriptions would continue to be received. He points out that we narrowly escaped a great war in 1878, and suggests the possibility that the next time there is a serious difference among the Powers we may not be equally fortunate. He implies, if he does not particularly state it, that if either, or more than one, of these unpleasant contingencies should overtake us, whatever deficiency might be caused through the loss of voluntary assistance would have to be made good out of our investments, and this would necessarily have the effect of reducing the permanent income that is now available. We have spoken of his argument as being reasonable enough, and we will venture to emphasise this by adding that in the views to which he gives expression there is nothing of an exaggerated character. He advocates caution in our proceedings, and having regard to what we have done in the way of increase during the Grand Mastership of the Prince of Wales, we cannot say he is wrong

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in so doing. Moreover, though in the nature of things it is not in the power of the next and succeeding generations to show any consideration to the present, it is certainly part of the latter's duty to avoid committing those who may come after it to an expenditure which they may be ill-qualified or incapable to bear. Moreover, "Q.'s" letter comes the more opportunely, seeing that the Girls' School is not yet up to its full strength, while, as regards the Boys' School, we are to a certain extent committed to the establishment in connection with it of a Preparatory School. Consequently, there will, in the course of a short time, be a still larger amount of permanent liability placed upon our shoulders, and the duty of caution becomes more imperative still. We have reason to be proud of what we have done of late, and we must not mar the excellent effect of that good work by overtaxing our strength. Even the generous-hearted Mason must occasionally draw tight his purse strings.

OURSELVES.

IT is not often that we obtrude matters of a personal character upon our readers, but the receipt of so many kindly letters, from friends and subscribers in various parts of the country, emboldens us to say a few words respecting the progress and present position of this journal. We thank our correspondents most sincerely for these expressions of their sympathy and fraternal recognition, and also for their reciprocated wishes for our enlarged prosperity in the year upon which we have just entered. As we observed last week, we hope by steadily and consistently following the course we have pursued during the eight years of our existence, and by the improvements which are contemplated in the various departments of this journal, we may succeed in securing for ourselves a greater share of public confidence than we have enjoyed in the past, and that the CHRONICLE may be the means of constantly increasing usefulness to all sections of the Craft. We take the opportunity, at the opening of a new year—when men are forming their plans and entering into arrangements for the future—of bringing somewhat more into detail than it would be good taste often to do the claims that a paper like our own possesses upon the class to whose welfare it is devoted. And we do so on this occasion with entire kindness and frankness, knowing that our own interests are inseparably associated with those of the vast and important Fraternity amongst whom the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE circulates.

The further our experience as journalists extends, the more conscious we are how far our paper comes short of the standard we should desire it to reach; but yet we must be content for our work to be judged on its own merits. As we have never made promises or professions, it would ill become us now by a resort to such means to conciliate public favour, if we have not already by our past efforts succeeded in securing it. These efforts, however, we may truly say, have been appreciated in a degree far beyond what we could have hoped, and that our paper has found a circulation, and commands an influence, amongst the Craft generally it would be ungrateful to deny.

That in one respect, however, we have deserved the success that has attended our exertions we have no difficulty in saying. With whatever inefficiency it may have been, we have yet endeavoured to adhere to the great principles which guided us at the outset of our venture. We have always felt the importance of providing a journal worthy of general support amongst Masons, containing information on all matters of interest to the Craft, affording every opportunity for criticism and interchange of thought and opinion; and this we have sought to do in a manner free from any language or allusion that would offend the most fastidious sense of delicacy or propriety. As a class journal, addressing the vast number of thoughtful and studious men who are ranged under the banner of our Ancient and Honourable Institution, we have been free to admit all matters bearing upon the progress and welfare of the Order, deprecating the introduction of factious jealousy in anything affecting the general interests of the Brotherhood.

We are desirous, however, of extending, if we can, still more widely the influence of our paper, and to make it a still more complete and interesting reporter of Masonic events and opinions; and we have thought that we should take the present opportunity of explaning to our many thousands of readers *why* and *how* they should aid us in doing so. And first, perhaps, it may be proper to ask what are the legitimate uses of what is called a "class" newspaper? Some are inclined to ascribe to it a very circumscribed field indeed, and suppose that its functions are limited to the mere detail, without note or comment, of the affairs of the circle amongst which it moves; and that if it assumes in any degree the position of a moral or social teacher, or an advocate of ever-increasing improvement, it goes beyond its province. We have never accepted this definition of our duties. We do, indeed, hold most fully the desirableness of making our journal a medium for circulating with accuracy, and with a fulness proportionate to their interest and importance, the various occurrences of the Craft. Care and judgment are also needed in no small degree not to give undue prominence to any one interest, or to the affairs of any special locality, but to present, as it were, a bird's-eye view of the entire occurrences in Freemasonry, both at home, in the colonies, and abroad. But while accomplishing this, the intelligent and conscientious journalist has other responsibilities. Addressing himself as he does every week to the minds and thoughts of students of the Art, it is for him to interest and instruct, as well as to amuse; and so, alike by his own writings as by his selections from those of others, he is called to point the moral of the tale of current events his columns tell, and to enforce the great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth which it is the object of his journal to promote.

But a Masonic paper has other duties, of a less lofty, yet perhaps of more direct, interest to its readers. It is called as a sentinel to guard the special interests of the Craft, to watch the conduct of the various Lodges and branches of the Order, to expose wrongdoing when it has been made manifest, to foster intelligently the spirit of Masonic enterprise and charity, and to facilitate and stimulate measures of a moral or material nature—in a word, to exercise an honest, faithful, and fearless guardianship over all the interests of the community amongst whom it is circulated. To be qualified to discharge a trust so important as this, a journal must commend itself, by the straightforward honesty of its tone, to the confidence of its readers; maintaining a spirit of manly independence, it must never descend to unworthy personalities; and whilst zealously promoting every project calculated to further the general good, it must keep itself unspotted from even the suspicion of partisanship with cliques or coteries. The influence of a paper or magazine conducted on such principles as this must be healthful and beneficial to the audience by whom it is listened to, and the effect of such a messenger of information and instruction cannot be other than the most potent.

At the same time, it is a fact that the sheet we sell our readers costs us more money than we receive for it, and if the price we get for our paper merely was considered, we should expend our industry, and capital, and thought not only without pecuniary return, but at a positive loss, for, as is very well known, the profits of such a paper as ours are derived almost exclusively from the advertisements that are published in its columns. We, then, have no difficulty in appealing to all who are interested in the Craft, and its literary support, to sustain us liberally by their advertisements. To those engaged in business we shall not repeat the familiar arguments in favour of advertising. They are so generally understood now by intelligent commercial men that it has come to be accepted as an axiom that, for ordinary business, advertising is essential to success. We shall, therefore, only say to the vast audience to whom we speak that there is no other agency in existence so effective for making business announcements public as in the columns of this journal. And we must remind our business friends that the gain they thus derive from advertising is not only direct, but incidental. The general effect upon the interests of any community of a good paper is, as every one knows who has studied the subject, most important; and, as we have shown, a good journal cannot be sustained without liberal advertising. Thus it will be seen that the judicious advertiser not only increases his own business, but at the same time the prosperity of the Craft, by the policy he pursues; and we might cite the highest commercial authorities in support of the statement that no investment pays so certain and so large a per centage as advertising of this character.

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reached appeals for charitable or benevolent purposes, or proposals for new commercial enterprises, or contemplated business improvements. One notice in the editorial columns of such a paper will at once find attention and circulate information on subjects like those we have named which no amount of private effort could produce; and the cost of the publication of the lists of the donors, the appeals of committees, the representations of the promoters of worthy enterprises, is almost in every case repaid twenty-fold in the increased subscriptions they produce. The policy of economy, therefore, that would save the cost of advertising in such cases is of the "penny-wise and pound foolish" kind, that all experienced promoters of works of charity or schemes of public enterprise or improvement have long since abandoned.

It will, then, be seen that as the prosperity, so the real power, of a newspaper depends upon the extent of its advertising business, and therefore we appeal to the entire advertising community for their liberal support in this way. We make this appeal on independent commercial grounds, for we give the most abundant value for the price paid us. In speaking thus we do not wish to be understood in any sense using the language of complaint, for, on the contrary, it is our grateful duty to acknowledge that never, we believe, has the advertising business of this journal been larger or more satisfactory than during the year just ended. But our ambition is to achieve still greater things, and in thus pointing out the advantages of advertising in our columns, we are but suggesting the means by which our supporters, with pecuniary profit to themselves and advantage to the Craft, may extend the circulation and increase the power of this paper. That the spirit in which we offer this appeal will be understood and reciprocated we have no doubt; and we believe that many who differ from us on some "minor points" still respect us for the honesty with which we maintain what we believe to be the true interests of the Order, and will sympathise with the desire to uphold a journal which, rising above party considerations in all matters that concern the welfare of the Craft, will be found advocating any measure calculated to promote the general good, from whatever quarter or whatever party it may proceed.

Of course, to the brethren of the mystic tie we come with especial claims—claims which we are sure will be cheerfully admitted—for support even more generous than we have hitherto received. We pray them to bear in mind what a powerful agency this paper places in their hands for propagating and defending the principles of Fraternity and Charity which they love, and to the advocacy of which let us assure them the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE will be devoted in the future with as great earnestness and zeal as in the past—and we hope with efficiency, at least, not diminished.

DISTRICT G. LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

A REGULAR Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Friday, the 6th October last. The R.W. Bro. Cornelius Thorne District Grand Master presided, and among those present were Bros. T. W. Kingsmill Past District Grand Senior Warden as Dep. Dist. G. M., H. Evans D.G.S.W., Lewis Moore D.G.J.W., H. S. Morris D.G. Treasurer, W. H. Short D.G.Reg., W. H. Anderson President of D.Board of General Purposes, A. Johnsford D.G. Secretary, D. M. David P.G.D.S.D. as D.G.S.D., J. D. Bishop D.G.J.D., E. P. Lalcaca D.G.D. of C., G. R. Wingrove as D.G.S.B., G. B. Fentum D.G.O., John Morris D.G.P., J. Findlay, and C. J. Holliday D.G. Stewards, C. Merritt as D.G. Tyler, while among the visitors was R.W. Bro. C. P. Chater D. Grand Master Hong Kong and South China. The members and visitors having taken their places, R.W. Bro. C. Thorne D.G.M. accompanied by R.W. Bro. C. P. Chater entered and was saluted in ancient form, and Bro. Chater having, at the invitation of the District Grand Master, been saluted with the grand honours and acknowledged the compliment, District Grand Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the April Communication read and confirmed. A resolution fixing the regular meetings of the District Grand Lodge for the 7th January and 22nd September, or as nearly as possible to those dates, was confirmed. From the report of District Board of General Purposes, which was submitted, and, on motion duly made and seconded, carried, it appeared that (1) a provisional arrangement till the end of the year that the Hall should be lighted, cleaned, and warmed on Lodge nights at a charge per night of two and a half dollars was held over for reference to the District Grand Lodge, and (2) that Brother T. Hore had resigned the office of District Grand Tyler, his place being temporarily occupied by Brother Charles Merritt. A motion to the effect that the sum of two and a half dollars for one night in accordance with the above arrangement be paid was agreed to. The D.G.M. then read an extract from a letter he had received from the Grand Secretary under date 30th March 1882 on the subject of Wardens conferring degrees, which was to the following effect: "With reference to the question of a Warden conferring degrees and the views of my predecessor as expressed in his letter of 18th January 1877, I can only say that the regulation I have quoted in my letter of the 22nd October last is the ruling given by the Grand Registrar of late years. Although, however, this must be considered as the law generally, there may be exceptional cases, as you urge, in distant spots, where, at the discretion of the local authority, the rule may be relaxed so as to permit of a Warden conferring the degree, but in such case he should be held responsible that no Installed Master was procurable within practicable distance." A case was mentioned in which the D.G.M. stated that it had been unofficially brought to his notice that endeavours had been made to obtain instruction in an irregular manner in some of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the D.G. Lodge and that, in reply to a communication of his, the Grand Secretary had informed him that there was no doubt such irregularity constituted a Masonic offence, and that it was in his (the D.G.M.'s) power to inflict the punishment of admonition, fine, or suspension, on conviction. Among other matters referred to was one concerning the Lodge Germania, Tientsin, holding under the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin. The D.G.M. said he had visited that Lodge by invitation on the occasion of the installation of its W. Master, Bro. J. Haas, who was not entrusted with the secrets of the Chair, and was consequently not qualified to be present at a Board of Installed Masters in an English Lodge. He had explained this to Bro. Haas, and the latter had fully understood and appreciated the explanation. Complimentary reference having been made to the presence of Right Worshipful Bro. Chater D.G.M. Hong-Kong and South China, and the kind and valuable assistance that brother had rendered when the D. G. Lodge of Northern China was constituted, and Bro. Chater having appropriately expressed his acknowledgments and the satisfaction he had experienced from being present that evening, District Grand Lodge was closed with the accustomed formalities.

The "Phœnix Universal Multiplying Tablets," of Messrs. Rath and Co., of Paul's Alley, Australian Avenue, E.C., will be found invaluable for the reproduction, whether for trade purposes or amusement, of Manuscripts, Sketches, Music, or Plates from Illustrated Papers or any Printed Pictures, &c., by architects, surveyors, solicitors, artistes, musicians, secretaries, and indeed those who require such multiplication. The process is very simple, and the materials inexpensive and trustworthy. There is no time wasted, as with other processes in use, in washing and preparing the Tablets, the production being effected so rapidly that in a few minutes hundreds of copies in different indelible colours and on different varieties of material can be produced without fail. The manufacturers already possess more than a hundred and twenty forms of reproductions by these Tablets, of which a first series of seventeen has been published, one being for copying printed originals, types, and illustrations, without any machine whatever, by mere manual proceeding, in colours and bronze. We commend this invention to the notice of our readers.

Monday the 8th instant was the nineteenth anniversary of the birthday of Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and was marked by the usual observances at St. James's and in Windsor.

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MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1882.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Like every one else I have read with the greatest satisfaction your statement of particulars showing the amounts received from all sources during the past year by our different Charitable Institutions and the Grants made by the Lodge of Benevolence during the same period. Especially worthy of praise is the total of the "Donations and Subscriptions" which, for the Schools and Benevolent together, amount to £40,893 17s 9d; and if to this be added, as I think may fairly be done, the "Huyshe Devon Presentation" to the Boys' School of five hundred guineas, we have a sum of £41,418 17s 9d raised by the benevolent exertions of the Craft during the year 1882, of which £14,139 18s 8d—including the aforesaid Huyshe Presentation of £525—was received by the Boy's School, £13,927 8s 4d by the Girls' School, and £13,351 10s 9d by the Benevolent Institution. As regards the other subscriptions we have, in respect of the R.M.B.I. for Dividends, Interest and Rent £1,893 16s 10d; from Grand Lodge £1,200 (the full amount for the year is £1,600); and from Grand Chapter £150; together £3,243 16s 10d. For the Girls' School we have Grand Lodge £150 and Grand Chapter £10 10s; Dividends and Interest £1,499 8s 1d; Purchase Case £187 10s; Music Fees £186 7s 6d; and Miscellaneous £8 11s 9d; total £2,042 7s 4d. For the Boys' School Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, as in the Girls' School, together £160 10s; Dividends £530; Music Fees £49 7s; total £739 17s. These figures show the following results as regards (1) Fluctuating Income from "Donations and Subscriptions and (2) Permanent Income from Grants by Grand Lodge and Chapter and Dividends—the other items, such as interest on moneys on deposit, music fees, presentations, &c., being for obvious reasons omitted from the calculation. For the sake of perspicuity I will state them thus:—

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Fluctuating Income from Donations and Subscriptions in 1882, say		£13,350	0 0
Permanent Income, viz.:—			
Dividends, say	£1,830		
Grants	1,750*		
		3,580	0 0
Total		£16,930	0 0

* N.B. Only three-fourths of the full grant from Grand Lodge received last year.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Fluctuating Income from Donations and Subscriptions in 1882, say		£13,927	0 0
Permanent Income, viz.:—			
Dividends, say	£1,455		
Grants, say	160		
		1,615	0 0
Total		£15,542	0 0

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Fluctuating Income from Donations and Subscriptions in 1882, say		£13,615	0 0
Permanent Income, viz.:			
Dividends	£530		
Grants, say	160		
		690	0 0
Total		£14,305	0 0

It will be seen that while the Fluctuating Income of the three Institutions varies but inconsiderably, the Permanent Income of the Benevolent is vastly more than double that of the Girls' School, and five times as much as that of the Boys' School, while that of the Girls' School is as nearly as possible two and one-third times as much as that of its sister Institution at Wood Green.

Then the Investments stand as follow:—

Benevolent Institution	£64,000
Girls' School, say	£45,000
Boys' School	£15,000

There is then a vast inequality in the Permanent Incomes of the three Institutions, both in respect of those derived from Investments and the Grants by Grand Lodge and Chapter.

As regards expenditure, I shall not, I imagine, be very far out when I state it to be in round figures as follows, expenses of management being included in the case of each Institution:—

Benevolent Institution	£13,500
Girls' School	£10,000
Boys' School	£10,000
Total	£33,500

This is the sum that must be provided under any circumstances, if the Institutions are to be maintained in their present state of efficiency. Of course, it will be said—What could be better under the circumstances? Here is an Income from voluntary contributions of over £40,000 to meet an expenditure of no more than £33,500. Consequently, there is a balance on the right side of the account of £5,500, to say nothing of the certain receipt from permanent sources of a further £5,885—say, £5,900. What I wish to ask, however, is—How will it fare with our Charities, if at some time, nearer or more remote, the Donations and Subscriptions from the Craft show a substantial diminution from, say, £13,000 to £10,000 for each Institution in the year? Such a contingency must be taken into account by a wise administrative body, and it ought in my opinion to be so taken into account forthwith. We have before now had bad harvests, there may be, as there has been before, a stagnation in trade, or the country may find itself engaged in a great war, with a triple income tax and heavily-increased customs' duties to provide for. Whence, in either of these cases, shall we look to obtain the wherewith to maintain and educate our 450 Boys and Girls, and find the annuities for 325 Old Folks? We cannot always expect to have sunshine, and when the rainy weather comes and is prolonged for some years, as it was during the long war at the close of the last and the beginning of the present century, and as it may be again, can we hope that the Craft collectively will be much better off than the rest of their countrymen, and that they will be able to find the requisite funds for the necessities of their Institutions, just as they do in these piping times of peace? Much as I should like to do so, I cannot picture to myself so fortunate a state of things. I remember the Crimean War, which, though it lasted but little more than two years, cost about one hundred millions sterling. The then income tax of—if I remember rightly—11½d and 16d in the pound, according to the amount of income—pressed heavily on the well-to-do professional and trading classes from which come the majority of Craftsmen, and left them but a narrow margin for the luxury of Charity. We were on the verge of war in 1878, and, though I have no desire to be thought a Cassandra, it is by no means improbable, that, when the Eastern or some other great question affecting British interests crops up again, we may not be so fortunate as we were a few years ago, and keep clear of the disturbance. In short, we must not look forward to be always in a position to extract £40,000 a year from the pockets of the Fraternity.

In these circumstances, I hold that it will be well if we look the future boldly in the face. During the last few years we have pursued the plan of extending the benefits of our Institutions, and having regard to the fact that the permanent income of our three Charities together is less than one-fifth of their liabilities, I think it behoves us to adopt, for some time to come at all events, a policy of consolidation. Let us resolve on making no additions to the strength of our Schools and Benevolent Institution, at least until the vast inequality between the permanent income and normal expenditure of each is greatly reduced.

I am well aware that this is the reverse of the popular view in regard to our Institutions. They have prospered of late so marvellously that it does not appear to enter into the minds of Freemasons that the contingency of a war, a succession of bad harvests, or a financial crisis must seriously affect the receipts of our Charities. I am equally well aware that a policy of increase has about it a glorious fascination. I am moreover well aware that the expression of so unpopular a view would be quite uncalled for, if every subscribing Mason gave only the small sum of five shillings a-year to each Institution. Then they would have the wherewith to make the necessary provision for present requirements and at the same time to largely increase their investments against the inevitable rainy day. But I cannot shut my eyes to the fact that between the increased expenditure of, and the increasing demands upon, our Charities, we are going out of our way to invite the very failure of our obligations which all members of our Fraternity are so anxious to avoid.

Apologising for the length of this letter,

I remain, fraternally yours,

"Q."

London: 8th January 1883.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to congratulate you, whilst reciprocating the "Compliments of the Season," upon the new departure which your excellent journal has taken, and the improvements which are visible at the outset of your new arrangements. Few but those intimately connected with journalistic work know the amount of anxiety, thought, and care—to say nothing of expense—that is involved in the production of a newspaper, and if this be true in an ordinary sense, I imagine it is far more so in dealing with a class journal, and particularly one devoted to the interests of our Craft. As a rule, I fear Masons are not quick to appreciate the means placed within their reach, of acquiring information and a store of useful knowledge. Masonic journals are often heedlessly thrown aside unopened and unread, much to the disadvantage of those who profess to strive after "more light" in pursuance of their study of the Art. All the greater credit is due, therefore, to persistent enterprise, such as your own, to keep before such as are desirous of acquiring knowledge a record of events which are of daily occurrence and interest to the Craft, which should be more universally appreciated than they are.

I have watched with pleasure the steady, consistent course which the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE has pursued during the eight years of its existence, and consider the Craft is indebted to you for the mass of valuable information and record of Masonic intelligence contained in the volumes which I am proud to point at, ranged on the shelves of my library. They are to me a source of infinite pleasure in the hours of relaxation, and invaluable for reference on many points which call for thoughtful consideration in the execution of my Masonic

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duties. I would that every Lodge in the kingdom, nay, every individual brother, had secured to itself and himself the privilege of possessing so comprehensive and valuable a compendium of Masonic intelligence, criticism and counsel, and that they would put the same to practical use, in which case they could derive nothing but advantage to themselves and those around them.

I am fully aware of the difficulties you must have had to surmount; and to which you so modestly allude in your leaders last week. Such efforts, made patriotically in the cause of our Institution, deserve all the encouragement which it is in the power of the Craft to bestow, and I for one sincerely trust that in the future the brethren will be willing, even more than in the past, to show their appreciation of the labour and expense put forward in order to advance the true interests of Freemasonry.

I regarded with no little surprise and regret the apparent suspension of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE for a couple of weeks recently; but its reappearance in a more vigorous and complete form has set my fears at rest, for I should regard it as a positive loss had any apathy on the part of your should-be supporters and subscribers induced you to discontinue the issue of so valuable and essential a help to me and my fellow students of the Mystic Art. With all good wishes for the coming year,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

SENIOR WARDEN.

9th January 1883.

OUR MASONIC ORGANS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASONS' CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It can hardly have escaped you that certain vague rumours have been whispered about amongst the brethren that we were about to lose your valuable literary aid, in consequence of an apathy on the part of the brethren in according sufficient support to keep the CHRONICLE afloat. The assurance to the contrary conveyed in your last issue is most welcome to me, as I am certain it will be to many other brethren; for I should be utterly at a loss at the end of the week could I not number amongst my literary budget the familiar organs of the Craft, which I always peruse with much interest and pleasure. Considering the vast amount of valuable information you provide weekly, and the admirable means you open to Masons for the interchange of friendly thought and opinions, your journal should be read, certainly in every Lodge, if not by every member of the Order.

As a rule, Masons are not great readers: they are content with things as they find them in Lodge, or at their meetings for instruction. But I must say that, apart from the interest I have derived from a perusal of Masonic doings in this and other countries, recorded in your columns, I have been much edified and instructed by your able dissertations on the principles of Freemasonry, your criticism on nice points connected with the Craft, and the freely expressed opinions thereon by your numerous and talented correspondents.

I am, therefore, glad that the suspension of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE was only temporary, to enable you to pull matters straight and to complete another volume, and that you purpose with renewed vigour to continue your laudable efforts on behalf of the Craft, on a wider and improved scale.

With all best wishes for your enterprise, believe me to remain,

Yours very fraternally,

CONSTANT READER.

Torquay, 9th January 1883.

P.S.—Kindly renew my annual subscription, and send copy weekly, as directed, to my brother at Hornsea.

We are surprised at the letter, signed S. X., which appeared in our contemporary and which, while it animadverts most strongly on the courtesy of the officials of our Boys' School at Wood Green, would lead people to infer that the youngsters are anything but well treated. All who like ourselves have seen anything of the Institution must be well aware that such allegations and suggestions have no foundation whatever in fact. The officials are, at all times and in all circumstances, as courteous as it is possible for any persons similarly placed to be, while the Boys, if we may judge from their appearance, are the picture of contentment and happiness. As to the "awe-struck manner of one or two of the poor little fellows who had occasion to address" the said "S. X." and his companion on the occasion of their visit, we should, if such a thing were possible, be inclined to attribute it to the terror-inspiring aspect of the visitors, whose appearance must have exhibited a considerable amount of ferocity in order to have produced so unaccustomed an effect on the part of the little boys. We would point out that Brother Doctor Morris is as kind as he is capable, and that his subordinates, be they matrons or masters, have shown themselves on all occasions to be his worthy coadjutors. The executive, that is, the House Committee, but more especially Brother Binckes, the Secretary of the School, are as untiring in their efforts to promote the comfort and happiness of the pupils, as they are kind and considerate in their demeanour. The testimony of successive Festival Chairmen to the efficiency of the system of education pursued at the School and its happy effects on the Boys is so well known that we need do no more than refer to it as being ten thousand times more valuable in its favour than S. X.'s attempts at denunciation are in the opposite direction. Our Boys' School is not, perhaps, a perfect institution—having regard to the fact of its being worked by fallible men, that is out of the question; but that it will successfully bear comparison with other schools of the same or similar character has been proved again and again to the infinite credit of the Secretary, the Committees, and the Staff. Indeed, we almost feel ashamed at having felt called upon to defend its high character, nor should we have taken heed of the letter in question, but for the baneful effects it must exercise on the reputation of the School in the minds of those who are unacquainted with its tone and management.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Stewart (in the chair), Dewar, Adlard, Mather, Matier, Roebuck, Moon, Bowyer, Duff-Filer, Rev. Richard Morris, D D. (Head Master), Brackstone Baker, Massey, Gladwell, Festa, Mann, Webb, Young, Gillard, Maple, Ousey, Paas, Saunders, Godson, Motion, Martin, Venn, Palmer, Binckes (Secretary). Two presentation cases were accepted, and two candidates were withdrawn; nine new applicants were placed on the list, and four outfits were granted. The list of candidates for the April election was settled at sixty-seven, and twelve vacancies were declared. It was remarked by Bro. Binckes that in October there would probably be twenty-two vacancies. Bro. Edgar Bowyer called attention to a letter printed in the *Freemason*, signed S. X., in which complaint was made of what the writer considered incivility he had received when he visited the School at Wood Green; and Bro. Bowyer inquired what would be done to ascertain the truth or falsehood of the statements in the letter, as it was the first time during his long acquaintance with the Institution that any such complaint had been made. Bro. Binckes said the letter was not properly before this Committee. The proper course would be to lay it before the House Committee on the 19th inst., and inquire into it. The letter would then be read in the minutes of the Committee at the next meeting of the General Committee, on the 3rd of February, and it would then be properly before the General Committee. Dr. Morris said the letter was thoroughly censorious, ill-tempered, and petty, and it was false on the face of it. The writer, who said he was ten minutes at the School, wrote about the awe-stricken appearance of the boys: the boys were admitted to be in School at the time of the visit. Did the writer expect them to be mirthful at such a time? He at first felt inclined to answer the letter, but it was so petty, and as the writer was no gentleman, he resolved not to answer it. If the Committee thought fit to do so they might. During the eight years he had been at the School, he had never received such indignity, except on one occasion, when he had to threaten to have a man turned out, he was so rude. Bro. Raynham Stuart said the more dignified way for the Committee would be to treat the letter with contempt. Bro. Binckes said the letter had appeared in print, and there were certain charges in it. The House Committee might inquire into the matter. It was hardly worth while to remain under these charges if they could get rid of them. Bro. Matier said the letter was an anonymous one. The author should write to the Committee and give his name, and the charges could be inquired into. Dr. Morris remarked that the editor of the *Freemason* was a weak-minded man; he refused the letter last week, and inserted it this. The Committee then adjourned.

The brethren of the Stockwell Lodge of Instruction, No. 1339, accompanied by their Preceptor, Brother Frances P.G.S.D. Surrey, will visit the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., for the purpose of working the Fifteen Sections. The Lodge meets at the East Hill Hotel, Alma road, Wandsworth, and will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely.

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NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT AT WOOD GREEN.

THE bleak weather on Thursday evening did not prevent a large assemblage of friends from participating in the New Year's entertainment given to the pupils at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, arrangements for which had, as usual, been made by the House Committee. These Festivals are looked forward to with very keen interest by the chubby little lads who, from a variety of circumstances remain at school, while the majority of their comrades are away enjoying their Christmas vacation; and, judging from the happy faces assembled in the great hall on Thursday evening, the considerate kindness of the executive in providing them with a couple of hours' real enjoyment was appreciated to the full. It is very evident that those to whom have been entrusted the conduct of this splendid Institution, do not believe in the motto, "All work and no play," and the consequence is that there are very few "dull boys" among the circle over which Bro. the Rev. Dr. Morris so genially and ably presides as Head Master. We have had the pleasurable duty, on many occasions, both at the summer athletic fêtes and other red-letter days at Wood Green, to notice how thoroughly wholesome relaxation is blended with the ordinary studies in the School, and we must congratulate the House Committee and the subscribers generally, upon the happy results which have flowed from the wise and discreet admixture of labour and recreation included in the curriculum at this Institution. In the face of many difficulties and disappointments, which were alluded to in the course of the evening by the indefatigable and excellent Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, a varied and attractive programme was placed before the boys and their friends at this year's merry making, and all passed off as pleasantly as could be desired. The youngsters having been treated to a little extra consideration in the dining-hall by their ever-attentive and thoughtful Matron, Miss Hall, assembled at half-past six o'clock for the entertainment, and we could but notice the cheerful, happy countenances of the lads as they filed into the room, and took their seats, full of anticipation of the treat in store for them. Here they were joined by a large company of friends and supporters of the institution, who occupied the front tiers and seats, and amongst whom we noticed—Bro. J. L. Mather, Bro. C. F. Matier, Mrs. and Miss Matier, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Morris, Bro. Frederick Binckes (Secretary), the Misses Binckes, Bro. C. F. Hogard, Bro. G. F. Row, Mrs. Culmer, Mrs. Canning, Bro. W. Wray Morgan, Mrs. and Miss H. E. Morgan, Mrs. J. Constable, Bro. E. C. Massey, Mrs. Penny, Bro. Richardson, Mrs. and the Misses Durrant, Mrs. Bowyer and Family, and many other visitors resident in the village of Wood-green and its surroundings. As the audience was assembling the band of the Institution—or such members of it as Mr. Ware could muster, many of his corps being away on holiday bent—played selections of music in a style most creditable to a "scratch" team, and they were loudly applauded for their efforts. Bro. Binckes, who was, as usual, almost Protean in his efforts to make the affair go off smoothly and successfully—for he was here, there, and everywhere, superintending the arrangements, even to the minutest details, and improvising every available means of filling up gaps where they would otherwise have remained apparent—addressed a few words to the company, intimating that the executive had this year taken a new departure, which he hoped would be accepted. They had secured the valuable services of Brother Lieutenant Cole, the eminent and unequalled ventriloquist, who was about to submit to them some of his marvellous powers of mimicry and mirth, and he felt sure the children especially would be delighted with his clever exploits with "the Merry Folk and Talking Automata." He then introduced Brother Cole, who went through his very humorous and clever reportoire of ventriloquial sketches, to the infinite amusement of the little folk, as well as of the "children of larger growth." For upwards of an hour the "Lieutenant" kept up a running fire of fun, at which the audience laughed consumedly—more especially at the mercenary "Tommy Tucker;" the jolly old Lancashire lad, "Tommy Treddlehoyle," who persisted in declaring the whole "show" was "a regular do;" Miss Maggie Macdougall, the braw Scotch lassie of the old school; Zac Longshanks, the blighted being; and the comic little black bogie in buttons, whose grotesque guffaws were as catching as a cough before a sermon. At the close of his very clever delineations, Brother Cole received a most cordial vote of thanks, proposed by Brother Binckes, on behalf of the Committee and the audience, and the Lieutenant suitably acknowledged the compliment paid to him. In the interval between the first and second parts of the entertainment, the Misses Binckes played Coote's "Promenade" quadrilles as a duet upon the pianoforte, in a manner that elicited unqualified tokens of appreciation. A concert of vocal and instrumental music followed, in introducing which Bro. Binckes explained the difficulty which the committee had experienced in securing professional talent at this season of the year, which had compelled them to fall back, at very short notice, upon volunteer effort. He was much pleased, however, that many friends had rallied round them, and he trusted the audience might be enabled to complete a couple of hours' unmitigated enjoyment. The programme opened with a trio on the pianoforte, "The Chough and Crow," brilliantly played by Miss Binckes, Miss Agnes Binckes, and Miss Matier, who were rapturously applauded; and this was followed by a song from Miss Coyte Turner, who sang "Punchinello" in charming style, displaying to advantage a rich soprano voice of great compass, and well under control. Bro. Richardson came next, with a familiar nautical song, "Sailing," which was much enjoyed, and Miss Binckes played an exquisite solo on the pianoforte, which met with a cordial reception. Bro. Matier, then, in facetious terms, announced that, in spite of all their disarrangements, the Committee had succeeded in securing the services of one of the most eminent tragedians of the day, who would recite a selection from Shakepeare; and the laughter was loud and genuine as Bro. Binckes stepped upon the dais, and acknowledged the delicate encomium passed upon his histrionic qualifications. He then recited with good effect the apology from "Othello," for which he was greeted with genuine applause. Miss Coyte Turner then sang "Turn again, Whittington," in a manner that earned for her renewed expressions of approbation; and Bro. Matier recited the grotesquely humorous "Yarn of the Nancy Bell," from the "Bab Ballads," which evoked irresistible laughter. Bro. Richardson followed with the lusty old ditty, "Down among the Dead Men," and Bro. W. W. Morgan recited in spirited form the "Charge of the Light Brigade," which was well received. The trio, "Gli Ugueonotti," was then played by the Misses Binckes and Miss Matier, bringing to a fitting close a programme which was intensely relished by all present. At the close, Bro. Binckes expressed the hope that the audience had not been altogether disappointed with the evening's amusement which had been provided for them. He had enjoyed the evening from his point of view, and he only wished those who chose to write florid descriptions of the "cold and cheerless" aspect of this building had been present, when he thought they would arrive at a very different conclusion. Every one connected with the Institution did his best to give a hearty and hospitable reception to those who visited the School, and such comments as those which had recently appeared in a certain journal were utterly undeserved and uncalled for. The committee were much pleased to see so numerous an assembly of the friends of the Institution; they only wished there were many more. In commencing the New Year, he offered them all, on behalf of the executive of the School, the best wishes for a "Happy New Year." It had opened in a truly sensational manner, but let them hope that in the course of it they might derive all the happiness they themselves could wish. He concluded by quoting the old couplet—

"To each and all a fair good night,
Most happy dreams and slumbers bright."

Bro. Binckes's appropriate remarks, and especially his reference to a recent anonymous imputation against the management of the School, were received with unbounded applause. The Head Master then proposed a vote of thanks to those ladies and gentlemen who had combined to make up so excellent and enjoyable an entertainment, and to the Committee and Bro. Binckes, who had taken the trouble to go into every matter of detail, and to provide so capital a treat as one and all had thoroughly enjoyed. The vote was carried amidst acclamation, and Brother Binckes replied in a few happily chosen sentences, after which the National Anthem was sung by the whole company, and the lads soon afterwards were marched off to supper and bed. A number of the invited guests who had come from a distance were subsequently entertained at supper, returning home by the late trains, after having spent a thoroughly happy and enjoyable evening.

The members of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, will hold their Annual Ball on Tuesday next, 16th inst., at the Cannon-street, Hotel. Brethren from other Lodges desirous of attending can procure tickets, by applying to Bro. J. Roberts W.M. 65, 32 Lawrence-lane, Cheapside, who will be happy to furnish full particulars. We may add that the price for a lady's ticket is 10s 6d, a gentleman's 15s; while double tickets, admitting lady and gentleman, can be had for 21s. This includes refreshments and supper.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement, Canonbury Tavern, Islington, N., on Thursday, 11th January, Comp. Gregory filled the chair of Z., Comp. Deane H., R. Bird J., Osborn S.N., Pearcy P.S., Edmonds Preceptor. The various duties were sustained by each officer in a praiseworthy manner.

At the monthly meeting of the Constantine Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 145, held at the George Hotel, Colchester, on Thursday evening, 11th inst., Bro. James P. Lewin J.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. W. Bro. Fred. A. Cole was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Munson Tyler. Twenty brethren were present.

On Wednesday evening, the 24th January, Bro. James Terry P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.J.W. Herts, &c., will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation, at the Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, No. 1922, held at Brother Charles Sims's, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, S.E., Lodge will be opened at 6 o'clock precisely. Brethren are invited to attend, in full Masonic clothing. After Lodge is closed there will be a supper, the tickets for which will be 5/ each. Brethren wishing to stay to the latter must signify their intention to Brother Sims, not later than the 20th instant.

The First Festival of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, will be held on Tuesday, the 23rd instant, at the Prince Regent (Brother Monk's), Dulwich-road, East Brixton. Brother H. Lovegrove P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works Middlesex, W.M. 1949, will preside.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE January meeting of this Lodge was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, the 9th instant. Present—Bros. Usher Back W.M., A. Withers P.M. as S.W., F. J. Hentsch J.W., C. Greenwood P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. W. Morgan Sec., T. H. Peirce S.D., E. Thring I.G., C. T. Speight P.M. Tyler; Past Masters Brothers Alfred Green, Dr. John Waters, William Radcliffe, &c. After Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of last regular meeting, also of emergency meeting of the 19th December 1882, were read and confirmed. The ballot was then brought into requisition for Mr. Frederick Trotman Bennett, proposed by Bro. Pembroke, seconded by Bro. H. Green; for Mr. Henry Lindfield, proposed by Bro. Thring, seconded by Bro. Radcliffe Past Master; for Mr. Frederick James Goodall, proposed by Bro. Thring, seconded by Bro. Radcliffe Past Master. In each case the result was unanimous, and these three gentlemen were introduced and initiated into the Order, the ceremonies being conducted, separately, by Bro. Alfred Green P.M., who fully sustained the excellency of working which characterised his Mastership of this Lodge. After the Bye-Laws had been read, the election of Master was proceeded with, and Bro. Hentsch, the Junior Warden, was chosen by the members as their W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. W. E. Young, the S.W. of the Lodge, would have been elected Master, but the critical state of his health rendered it impossible for him to undertake the duties. Brother C. Greenwood was re-elected Treasurer, and Brother Speight Tyler. The Secretary was requested to carry to Mrs. Young the deep regret with which they had received intimation of their esteemed brother's illness. A capital banquet was served by Brother Jennings, and the after proceedings were of a very agreeable character.

CAREW LODGE No. 1136.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall Torpoint. There was a good attendance. The W. Bro. W. J. Barrat was the unanimously elected Master, and he was ably installed by the retiring Master W. Bro. W. Stephens assisted by W. Bros. T. Heath P.M., and E. Poor P.M. and P.P.G.P. The following were appointed as the Officers for the next year:—Bros. Wm. Stephens I.P.M., A. White S.W., C. Haggerty J.W., E. Poor Treasurer, R. Truscott Secretary, A. Debnam Assistant-Secretary, J. Pearse S.D., A. K. Collins J.D., J. Black I.G., J. Jewell M.C., S. Hoskin Organist, P. Lewis, J. Bailey, J. Walters, and T. Treaize Stewards, J. Webb Tyler. The brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, Devonport, where the banquet was admirably served by Bro. and Mrs. Parker, to whom a vote of thanks was given for their catering.

It is understood that the newly-appointed R.W. Prov. G.M. of Essex, Lord Brooke, M.P., has intimated his intention to re-appoint W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Recorder of Colchester, to the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and W. Bro. Thomas J. Ralling P.M. and Secretary 51, to the office of Prov. Grand Secretary.

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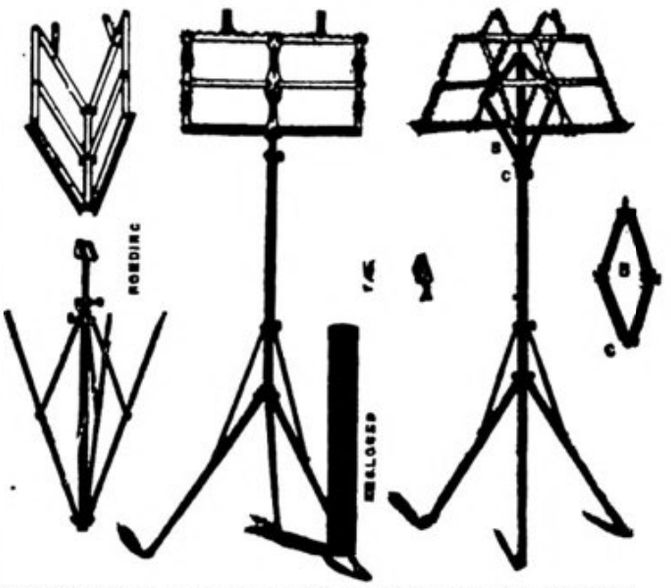

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THE annual installation meeting of this old and eminently progressive Lodge was held on Monday evening last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there was a gratifying attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. J. E. Fells, the genial Worshipful Master. Bro. Fells' year of office has been characterised by the utmost urbanity and harmony, and the working has been of such uniform excellence throughout the year as to elicit unbounded expressions of appreciation from all who have visited the Lodge, as well as from the members collectively. It is not too much to say that the Master who has just resigned his seals of office evinced true wisdom to discern and ability to execute the responsible duties of his position, and the profuse expressions of admiration manifested towards him on Monday evening were most assuredly deserved. Lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, when the Wor. Master was supported by Bros. James Smith S.W. and W.M. elect, Walter Wood J.W., Walter Cubitt S.D., W. Saint J.D., G. F. S. Warne P.M. Treas., J. Shackell P.M. Sec., F. Silvester I.G., Henry Webb P.M. W.S., Bedford Lemere P.M., B. D. Kershaw P.M., J. R. Biddell P.M., H. T. Reed P.M., R. Foottit P.M., S. Webb P.M., J. Desave, J. Gelderslene, W. Kedge, E. Kiddell, J. Grundy, E. J. Davey, G. P. Nightingale, W. M. Covell, S. Smither, J. J. Craske, H. Morris, H. Doubleday, J. Collins, G. Masters, J. H. Bayley, C. H. Davis, W. Rickell, J. H. Clare, A. Jay, R. M. Presaud, E. W. Filbian, Jas. Roberts, E. Walden, Isaac Passingham, W. J. Hall, F. H. Clemow, E. Symons, J. D. Collins, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. F. L. Tinckley 1772, W. Diplock 65, C. W. Cox 1566, W. Fieldwick P.M. 1634, H. Massey P.M. 619, H. Barwell 901, J. Cox Sec. 1766, C. Wise 1158, Chas. Steel J.D. 1365, J. Staton P.M. 1287, K. Clemow 1744, C. Handley 475, J. Chinnery 145, C. G. Eastman 179 (Manchester), F. Mansfield 21, F. Meriton 1766, &c. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, and advanced to the third degree, Bro. John Grundy was raised by the Worshipful Master, who performed the impressive ceremony in masterly manner, delivering the charges with good effect. Lodge was then lowered, and the ballot opened for Mr. James Heffard Clare, who had been proposed by the W.M. elect, and seconded by Bro. Covell. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Clare was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Bro. James Smith was then presented as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and having assented in the customary way to undertake the responsibilities of the high position, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and Bro. Smith was formally inducted into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Samuel Webb P.M., who performed the ceremony with faultless precision and with admirable effect. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly installed Wor. Master was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, his reception being of a very cordial description. He then proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bros. J. E. Fells I.P.M., Walter Wood S.W., Walter Cubitt J.W., W. Saint S.D., F. Silvester J.D., G. F. S. Warne P.M. Treas., J. Shackell P.M. Sec., G. P. Nightingale I.G., and L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. After the transaction of some formal business, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Pillar Hall, where a sumptuous repast was provided by Bro. F. H. Clemow, whose arrangements were fully in accordance with the well-known excellence of this first-class City hotel, and which elicited the most unqualified expressions of satisfaction from all present. At the conclusion of the repast, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the W.M., in giving the Queen and the Craft, speaking of the name of Queen Victoria as one that is revered in every household, and always received most heartily in the Lodge of Confidence. He also alluded to the admirable service rendered to the Craft by the M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the able way in which he discharged his duties in Grand Lodge—a sentiment that was heartily reciprocated by the company present. A similar compliment having been paid to our Masonic Rulers, Bro. J. E. Fells assumed the gavel, and proposed in felicitous terms the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master. He had had the honour of Bro. Smith's acquaintance for three or four years, and had worked shoulder to shoulder with him throughout the year. The more he had of his company the better he liked him. They had worked together in Lodges of Instruction previous to their holding any position in the Lodge, and as Officers of this Lodge they had worked together with the utmost unanimity and good understanding. It had afforded him a great amount of pleasure to have the honour of being acquainted with such a brother, whose heart and soul was in Freemasonry, and who was a thorough master of the Art. He heartily congratulated them upon the choice they had made in electing Bro. Smith to the chair, for, during the past year, he had rendered him (the speaker) most valuable counsel and assistance. He had had a very prosperous year of office, as they all knew, and he hoped Brother Smith might enjoy a still better one. It afforded him much satisfaction to know that he was to be followed by a better man than himself, and one who was thoroughly competent to perform the ceremonies in all the degrees. The toast having been cordially received, the Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for the very kind manner in which the toast had been accepted. It was almost a wonder to himself, his having been so unanimously elected by the brethren of the Confidence Lodge to be installed in that high and exalted position. Had they told him, eleven years ago, when he was admitted into this Lodge as an E.A., that he should so soon attain to that dignity, he should have had his doubts. But having been elected and installed into the chair, he had but one object in view—the good of Freemasonry in general, and this Lodge of Confidence in particular. From the hour he entered the Lodge to this moment he had received nothing but kindness at the hands of the brethren, and the proceedings of the evening would be remembered by him wherever he might be, and whatever part of the world he might visit. It had made a deep impression upon him, and he should ever carry with him the happy recollection that he had lived in the esteem and confidence of the brethren of this Lodge. He had now a very pleasing duty to discharge, namely, to ask Bro. Fell's acceptance of a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the whole of the brethren, as a mark of esteem and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office. Turning to Bro. Fells, the W.M. said: You have had a most prosperous year of office. Your heart and soul, and your voice has been in your work, and I do say—and when I say it I express the feeling of every member of this Lodge—your heart has been at work in the cause of Freemasonry. You have had an eminently successful year, and in the name of the Lodge and every brother of it, I present you with this jewel. May you live many years in health and strength to wear it, and to continue to be an ornament to the Lodge of Confidence. The jewel was a massive one, of gold, beautifully chased, and inscribed in suitable manner, commemorative of the event. The Immediate Past Master, who on rising to acknowledge the compliment paid to him was loudly applauded, thanked the brethren heartily for the kindness they had manifested towards him, now as on all previous occasions. He should have been well repaid by their approbation of his humble endeavours to serve them as Master of this Lodge, and he thought his efforts had been crowned with success. The jewel they had so kindly and unanimously given him to-night would ever be prized, as much for its own worth as for the kindly motives which prompted it; he hoped he might be spared many years to wear it, and to be of service to the Lodge of Confidence. The health of the Installing Master was then given from the chair, and cordially received, and Bro. S. Webb responded in a lengthy speech, expressing the pleasure it had afforded him to instal his old friend Bro. Smith, whom he had known for many years. He, however, advocated that each retiring W.M. should instal his successor, as such a practice invested the ceremony with greater *eclat* than when the aid of an outsider was called into requisition. The health of the Past Masters was the next toast, and in response suitable speeches were made by Bros. Warne, Foottit (who remarked that it was thirty-one years since he was admitted into the Lodge of Confidence) and Reed. The W.M., in giving the Initiates, said they were always glad to meet in this Lodge good, honest and upright men, and he trusted the brother whom he had the honour to initiate that evening would in a few years make a most excellent and useful Mason. Bro. Clare replied, expressing the pleasure it afforded him to have been admitted a member of this ancient and honourable Fraternity. In proposing the Masonic Charities the W.M. asked the co-operation of the brethren in his task of Steward for the Old People's Annual Festival next month, and Bro. Kershaw P.M. very appropriately replied, supplemented by a few practical words on judicious charity by Bro. S. Webb P.M. The health of the Visitors came next, the toast being heartily received and replied to by Bros. Joseph Cox, C. W. Cox, Wise, Fieldwick, Handley, and Steel. Other toasts followed, including the Treasurer and Secretary, to whom deserved compliments were paid for the manner in which they had discharged their duties for many years; the Officers were responded to by the Wardens, and the Tyler's toast followed. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by some vocal and instrumental music, Bro. Silvester lending valuable assistance as accompanyist on the pianoforte.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 309.

THERE was an unusually large attendance at the meeting of this Lodge, which took place at the Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, on 27th inst, when the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., attended with his Officers, to witness the ceremony of installing Brothers Edward Goldsmith, of Hambledon, as the W.M. of the Lodge for the year ensuing. The P.G. Master was supported by the following P.G. Officers:—Bros. the Revs. G. H. De Fraine and Pickering P.G. Chaplains, J. E. Le Feuvre P.G. Sec., J. R. Hayman P.G. Reg., H. W. Townsend P.G.S.D., C. W. A. Jellicoe P.G.J.D., S. Dore P.G.D.C., J. Laverty P.G.A.D.C., J. W. Willmot P.G.S.B., R. W. Beale and W. Dart P.G. Stewards. Amongst other members of the Craft who attended were—Bros. the Rev. A. A. Headly, Goble, Goldsmith, Edmonds, Holbrook, Bond, Hickman, Lancaster, Page, T. R. Williams, T. H. Williams, Powell, Rastrick, Rev. T. White Hall, Brickwood, Gale, Pink jun., Heath, Rev. A. C. Hervey, Gieve, Fraser, Dr. Crouch, Love, Gilmour, Cooke, Poad, Harry, Burt, Hill, Sutton, Nance, Rev. F. J. Ashmall, Smith, Pillow, Whitehall, White, &c. The ceremony of installation was efficiently conducted by Bro. J. R. Hayman P.G. Reg. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follows:—Bros. Hayman I.P.M., W. G. Heath S.W., Rev. A. C. Hervey J.W., Rev. F. J. Ashmall Chaplain, J. B. Goldsmith P.M. Treasurer, E. Goble P.M. Secretary, J. W. Gieve S.D., D. J. Gilmour J.D., W. A. Hill I.G., Liddell P.M. Organist, Henry Cooke M.C., Dr. E. T. Crouch and G. Harry Stewards, R. Eames Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hayman for the able manner in which he had carried out the work of installation, and in recognition of his services in the chair during the year it was unanimously decided to present him with a P.M.'s jewel. After the Lodge business the W.M. presided at the banquet, which was attended by the P.G. Master, and a large number of the brethren. An apology was made for the absence of the Deputy P.G. Master Brother Hickman, who was detained on urgent business.

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LODGE OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP, No. 276.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, at Chelmsford, on Thursday, the 21st ult., and the proceedings passed off with much *eclât*. At 3·30 the brethren and visitors assembled in the Board Room of the Corn Exchange (kindly lent for the occasion), under the presidency of W. Bro. E. Shedd W.M., and the usual routine business having been transacted, a brother was passed to the second degree. The only other business was the installation of Bro. W. J. Upton S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year, a ceremony that was performed by W. Bro. C. P. Drawbridge W.M. 77 and P.M. 20. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Wor. Bros. E. Shedd P.M. 1543 I.P.M., Arthur Mead S.W., F. P. Sutthery J.W,, the Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, F. Whitmore P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, Jas. Nicholls, M.D., P.M. P.P.J.G.W. Secretary, A. C. Durrant S.D., A. G. Maskell J.D., Andrew Durrant P.M. P.G. Treas. M.C., W. Metcalfe I.G., J. Taylor and C. Williams Stewards, Thos. Sarel Tyler. The Treasurer presented the financial statement, from which it appeared that all debts were paid, and there was a small balance in hand. The I.P.M. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Master for his kind attendance and services that day, which being seconded by Bro. J. S. Brown P.M. P P.G.S.D., was carried by acclamation. Bro. Drawbridge acknowledged the compliment. The W.M. having been congratulated on his accession to the chair by the Visitors present, Lodge was closed. At six o'clock about 30 or 40 brethren assembled at the White Hart Hotel and partook of an elegant banquet, provided by the new host Bro. Haxell. The manner in which the dinner was put on elicited universal commendation, while the wines were of a very choice character. Bro. Haxell personally was most active in looking after the comfort of his guests, and all appeared thoroughly to enjoy themselves. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the Past Officers of the P.G. Lodge, the W.M. deplored the fact of the death of the P.G.M. since their last anniversary, and spoke in high terms of the ability with which the late Lord Tenterden presided over the affairs of the Province during the three years his Lordship held office. The names of Bros. Andrew Durrant P.M. 276 P.G. Treas., and Thos. J. Ralling P.M. 51 P.G. Sec., were coupled with the toast, and both brethren endorsed what had fallen from the W.M. as to the earnestness with which the late Lord Tenterden devoted himself to the duties of the P.G.L. whenever the occasion offered. Bro. Ralling also announced, amid great cheering, that H.R.H. the Grand Master had appointed Lord Brooke, M.P., of Easton Lodge, Dunmow, to be P.G.M., and expressed a hope that his Lordship might long live to preside over them. The toast of The Visitors was responded to by Bros. Humphrey Wood P.M. 20 P.P.G.W. Kent, and W. Sowman W.M. 51. The health of the W.M. was heartily drunk on the proposition of Bro. Shedd I.P.M., and the W.M. in returning thanks, mentioned that he had been five years in office in the Lodge, and should do his very best to discharge the higher duties they had called on him to perform. Other toasts followed, and songs were given by Bros. Gowers, Lewin, A. C. Durrant, Clowes, and Sutthery, Bros. Gowers and J. J. C. Turner playing the accompaniments. The Visitors present included Bros. Humphrey Wood P.M. 20 P.P.S.G.W. Kent, Thos. J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 P. G. Sec., W. Sowman W.M. 51, J. J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., F. Bird W.M. 1024, D. J. Wright I.P.M. 1024 P.G.P., J. J. Cavill W.M. 1312, R. Clowes W.M. 650, A. F. Stevens 20, E. Gowers 1024, H. Phillips 1818, C. Taylor 1765, J. Taylor jun. J.W. 1817, and the following members of 276, besides those already mentioned:—Bros. J. P. Lewin P.M. P.P.G.S. of W., J. S. Brown P.M. P.P.G.S.D, A. F. Ginn P.M. P.P.G.S.B., J. W. Hair P.P.G.R., J. Tomlinson, J. R. Jarvis, John Taylor, J. O. Creswell, E. Durrant, A. Haxell, &c. It may be mentioned that "Ye olde White Harte," at which this festival is held, has lately been renovated throughout, and Bro. Haxell will be found a genial host.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Bro. J. Lancaster W.M. Among those present were Past Masters Corrie Jackson, V. Jagielski, F. Rath, W. Paas Secretary, and Nowakowski Treasurer. The Officers of the Lodge were well represented, but otherwise the meeting was sparsely attended. After confirmation of the minutes the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Busby was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Lodge being resumed, Mr. Robert Cooper, for whom the ballot had previously been taken, was introduced and initiated by the W.M., who performed this and the preceding ceremony in a most creditable manner. Bro. Paas having announced the receipt of communications from the two Schools in reference to the approaching Festivals, the W.M. offered himself as a Steward for the Boys', upon which it was proposed that the sum of ten guineas should be voted from the Lodge funds; five guineas to be placed on the W.M.'s list for the Boys' School, and five guineas on that for the Benevolent Institution, for which Charity Bro. Lancaster had previously expressed his intention of acting. The vote was unanimously agreed to; after which notice of propositions to increase the Lodge dues were submitted, and Lodge was closed.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Counsel for the delicate.—Those to whom seasons of changeable temperatures are protracted periods of trials should seek the earliest opportunity of removing all obstacles to good health. This cooling Ointment, perseveringly rubbed upon the skin, is the most reliable remedy for overcoming all diseases of the throat and chest. Quinsey, relaxed tonsils, sore throat, swollen glands, ordinary catarrh, and bronchitis, usually prevailing at this season, may be arrested as soon as discovered, and every symptom banished by Holloway's simple and effective treatment. This Ointment and Pills are highly commended for the facility with which they successfully conquer influenza; they allay in an incredibly short time the distressing fever and teasing cough.

Obituary.

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BRO. JOHN ENTWISLE.

IT is with very deep regret that we announce to our readers the death, on Wednesday, the 10th instant, of Bro. John Entwisle, one of the most capable and popular Masons of East Lancashire, as he was also, without the slightest approach to exaggeration, one of the kindest and most generous of men. Our deceased brother during his Masonic career, extending over seven and twenty years, had taken a leading part in all the branches of the Craft. He was initiated in January 1856, in the St. John's Lodge, Bolton, and the very next year was chosen its Junior Warden. In 1850 he was advanced to the superior position of Senior Warden, and in 1859 was elected W. Master, his services in the latter capacity receiving cordial recognition from the Lodge in the shape of a handsome Past Master's jewel, while, later on, he was honoured by the G. Master of his Province with the appointment of Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works. He was exalted in the Royal Arch Chapter attached to his mother Lodge in 1857, and rose, step by step, to be its M.E.Z. He was also a joining member of the Chapter of Concord, No. 37, and Past Prov. Grand Scribe N. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in 1856, under the old regulations, and was nominated Senior Warden the year following, in the St. John's Lodge, No. 2, Scotch Constitution, being chosen Master in 1858. When Lancashire became a Mark Province under the said Scotch Constitution, Bro. Entwisle's abilities were so highly appreciated that he was presented with the patent of Prov. Grand Mark Master, and continued to fulfil the duties of that high office until the Union of the rival Prov. Grand Lodges, when he retired in favour of our late Brother W. Romaine Callender, M.P., who thus became the first Grand Master of the United Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, Bro. Entwisle himself being accorded the status of a Past Provincial Grand Master in the Mark Grand Lodge by the then G.M.M. Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal. He was perfected in the Palatine Chapter of Rose Croix, 18, then periodically held at Bolton, and subsequently became a founder and second M.W.S. of the St. Peter's Chapter. He was also a member of the 30 degree. In addition he is a member of the Order of St. Lawrence, and a Past N. of the Mount Ararat Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners; a founder and P.S. of the St. George's Conclave of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine; Past Grand Junior Warden Lancashire and Cheshire, of the Royal Order of Scotland; a founder and Past Master of the St. John's Council of the Royal and Select Masters, Chief Adept of the Lancashire College and Hon. IX. degree of the Rosicrucian Society, and a Past Preceptor of the St. James of Jerusalem Preceptory, No. 33, of the Order of the Temple. When to this array of titles to the respect of his brother Masons we add that he had contributed largely to all three of our Charitable Institutions, and had several times acted as Festival Steward for each of them, it will be seen that by the death of Bro. Entwisle the Craft has lost one of the ablest exponents of its mysteries, one of the most indefatigable and enlightened of its workers, and, in fact, one of the staunchest and strongest of its pillars. We sincerely sympathise with East Lancashire, and likewise his family, at the very great loss they have just sustained.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer in the chair. The Secretary (Bro. Terry) reported the death of two annuitants and one approved candidate, one of the annuitants at the advanced age of 95. A vote of thanks was passed to the donors of the gifts to the New Year's entertainment to the Old People at Croydon, of the previous Wednesday. After the adoption of the Report of the Finance Committee, the chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the amounts mentioned therein. Sixteen petitions were examined, two of which were rejected, three deferred, and the remainder accepted. Bro. Terry informed the Committee that there were at present 131 candidates for election in May, but that this number might be slightly added to at next meeting. There were only 13 vacancies.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 13th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
176—Cavcac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

MONDAY, 15th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1158—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
1488—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
825—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
834—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973—Saye and Sele, Essenden Hotel, Belvedere
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 16th JANUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham

WEDNESDAY, 17th JANUARY.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
969—Mayhury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
682—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustire, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

THURSDAY, 18th JANUARY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street

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901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
266—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
R.A. 20—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 28—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead

FRIDAY, 19th JANUARY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
145—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
177—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
2—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 70 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1269—Royal Standard, Albion Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1612—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tinton
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
510—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Lonaine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
992—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Leconsbulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1144—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
131—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
139—Mariner, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1042—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1772—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 6.30
R.A. 52—Truth, Freemasons Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 20th JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1367—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
177 7—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
Survey Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

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ECCLESTON CHAPTER, No. 1624.

THE regular Convocation of this popular Chapter was held on the 27th ultimo, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. Vincent Z., Pulman P.Z. as H., Fisher J., Isaacs Treasurer, Beckham S.E., Wyer P.Z., Tayler P.S., Bond 1st Assistant, Coulthard 2nd Assistant. Visitors—Comps. Pulman P.Z. 157, Levy P.Z. 188. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of last Convocation were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Comp. Johnstone. This was unanimously in his favour, and he was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry by the M.E.Z., who rendered the ceremony perfectly and impressively. The same may be applied to the H. and J.; in fact, every Officer was perfect, and it was a pleasure to listen to the excellent working. The election for Principals then took place. Comps. Johnson was elected Z., Fisher H., Wyer P.Z J., Beckham S.E., Tayler S.N., Bond P.S., Isaacs Treasurer, Church Janitor, all were unanimously elected. Comps. Grist and Ray were elected Auditors. The By-laws of the Chapter were then read. It was proposed that a jewel value £5 5s be presented to the M.E.Z. on retiring from office, for the able, zealous and energetic manner in which he had discharged the duties during his year of office, and in testimony of the respect he is held in by every Companion in the Chapter. Chapter was then closed till the fourth Wednesday in March, and the company adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was supplied by Comp. Hamp that gave great satisfaction. The M.E.Z. ably presided, and gave the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. Wyer P.Z. had great pleasure in proposing the health of the M.E.Z., Comp. Vincent. They had seen how ably the Z. had worked the ceremony. He, as an old P.Z., had never heard it better done; he might say both in Lodge and Chapter he had rarely heard better work. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked Comp. Wyer for his kind expressions. If he had been successful in mastering the ritual, and had done the work to their satisfaction, it was sufficient for him. He had their interests at heart, and he hoped the Chapter would flourish. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the newly-exalted Companion. They were glad to welcome among them an old friend. It was indeed a great pleasure to exalt Companion Johnstone. Comp. Johnstone, in a very excellent speech, responded, and then the H. and J. were complimented. The M.E.Z. regretted the absence of the newly-elected H., Comp. Johnson, whom they would have been pleased to welcome as the newly-elected Z. He was in every way qualified to fill the chair; he now, in the name of the Chapter, personally thanked Comp. Pulman P.Z., and one of the founders of the Chapter, for coming this evening to assist in the working. Comp. Pulman had exalted him into R.A. Masonry, and had been his Mentor and friend through all his Royal Arch career; he had only to ask him for assistance on any occasion, and he was ready to give it. As for the J., the perfect manner in which he did his duties merit their respect; no better Officer could have been selected, and he hoped to see him in due course in the chair. Comp. Pulman P.Z. in reply said as a founder of the Chapter his heart was with them. In the absence of the H., he was only too pleased to render any assistance. Comp. Vincent was the first M.E.Z.; he had done his work thoroughly, and it was a pleasure to study him in every respect. Companion Fisher J. fully endorsed all the former Companions had said; he also informed them he was a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and hoped what they had done in the Lodge would be continued by the Chapter. The toast of the Officers was given. Comp. Wyer had been P.Z. of another Chapter, but he was their S.E.; they had elected him J. to-night; he was a founder. Although the Treasurer was absent, they had the S.E. present; he had done his duty thoroughly. Comp. Beckham S.E. responded, and so did Comps. Wyer and Tayler. Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z. responded for the Visitors. Comp. Bond 1st Assistant was toasted; he had been in ill health for some time, and they were pleased to see him among them again. The Janitor's toast was given, and an agreeable evening terminated. Several Companions contributed to the harmony.

GOSPORT CHAPTER, No. 903.

THE installation meeting of the Principals of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, when Comps. R. W. Mitchell was installed as Z., R. W. Downing H., and F. Powell J., the remaining Officers being invested as follow:—Comps. W. Brunwin E., Rev. Dr. Ring N., J. Senior P.S., Irons and Miller A.S., and Canvin Janitor. The ceremony was most ably performed by Comp. Valentine Brown, the retiring Z., who was subsequently presented with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel for his services as First Principal during the past year. The Companions afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, provided by Mr. Kingswell, at the India Arms Hotel, the newly-installed Z. presiding, and a pleasant evening was spent. The following Visitors represented neighbouring Chapters:—Comps. R. J. Rastrick Z., W. Palsgrave H., and R. W. Beale J., Portsmouth No. 487; G. F. Lancaster Z., W. Johns H., and G. P. Arnold J., United Service No. 1428; J. W. Wilmot Z., and R. Barnes H., Royal Sussex No. 342; J. R. Hayman J. Friendship No. 257, and others.

HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 156.

THE annual meeting of the above Chapter was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, on the 23rd ult. The installation of the elected Principals was very well performed by Ex-Companion Michell, and the following are the newly-appointed and invested Principals and Officers:—Ex-Companions D. Banks Z., W. H. Pike H., R. Hamley J., W. Whittley P.P.Z., W. K. Michell S.E., E. B. Thomson S.N., G. Whittley P.S., W. Skardon 1st A.S., T. R. Challice 2nd A.S., W. K. Michell Treas., W. H. Phillips Janitor. The Companions retired to dinner in their own rooms, where the newly-installed Principals presided.

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TWELFTH NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE annual Twelfth Night entertainment to the pupils remaining in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls during the Christmas holidays, was given on Friday evening, the 5th inst. There was a very large attendance of brethren and ladies on the occasion, notwithstanding the miserable weather. The entertainment, which was thoroughly enjoyed, consisted of tea and coffee at half past five, and Lieutenant Cole's well known ventriloquial entertainment at six. At seven there was dancing in the large hall, and the Twelfth cake and other refreshments to the children, and the company at eight. The Twelfth cake was, as usual, presented by Brother Louis and Mrs. Hirsch. At a quarter to nine Dr. Lynn gave his conjuring entertainment, which was followed during the rest of the evening by dancing. The whole of the proceedings were highly satisfactory.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A MEETING of this institution was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes-place, Plymouth, on 29th ult. Bro. Richard Lose P.M. P.P.G.P. Vice-President, occupied the chair. There was a large amount of business on the agenda paper, but in the absence of Bro. Curteis the motion in his name was adjourned to the annual meeting. It was also proposed to adjourn the consideration of a large number of alterations in the Bye-laws, but it was decided by a large majority to consider and determine the matter then. Bro. V. Bird gave his reason for proposing the alterations in a lengthy speech. The brethren present, however, did not think they would be any improvement, and one proposed erasure having been negatived, all the other proposed alterations were withdrawn. Bros. Rev. W. Whittley, A. R. Luscombe, and J. A. Christie, were elected Scrutineers, and they having chosen Bro. Whittley as their Chairman, a ballot was taken for the election of one child on the Fund. There were four candidates, three of whom applied for the second time. The result of the poll was that case No. 3, the son of a late Brother of Lodge 1205, a Sergeant in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, was elected, with a total number, including 205 brought forward, of 712 votes. Case No. 1 carries forward 59 votes, No. 2 carries on 83 votes, and No. 4 94 votes. The Charity, now firmly established, requires only to be more widely known amongst the Lodges to become one of the most valuable in the Order. Whilst the Financial Committee certainly never refuse the ten guineas to qualify for a Vice-President, or the five guineas for a Life Governor, they wish especially to rely on the annual subscriptions of five shillings, and if the Charity Stewards will give their valuable assistance, many more candidates could and would be elected. Thanks were cordially given to Bro. Lose for his able Presidency, to the Scrutineers for the performance of their arduous duties, and to the Treasurer and Secretary.

THE HOME FOR FATHERLESS GIRLS.

CONCERT AT BELMONT HALL.

ON Thursday last week, in the Belmont Hall, Grafton-square, Clapham, a concert was given in aid of the Home for Fatherless Girls. "A Message Across the Sea," by Madame Worrell, was warmly applauded, but her rendition of "I Dreamed a Dream," which is a gem of melody, was encored, when she substituted "Three Old Maids," in so charming a manner as to create a genuine *furore*. Miss Lizzie Dunkley made a favourable impression by her graceful and pretty manners, whilst her rendering of "Auntie" displayed cultivated style, distinctness of enunciation and sweet expression. She was awarded hearty testimony of appreciation. The pianoforte solos of Madame Traynor, "Home, Sweet Home," and "La Pasquinade," constituted one of the most successful features of the programme. Bro. Egbert Roberts sang "Big Ben" with fine gusto, his rich and powerful tones fairly astonishing the audience. Bro. Chaplin Henry gave "The Brave Old Temeraire" in his usual spirited style, and was equally felicitous with the "Wolf." Bro. G. S. Graham in his buffo song, "Awfully Jolly, or the Christmas Party," provoked much laughter, and his "Perverted Proverbs" produced most ludicrous merriment and unbounded applause. Miss Browning, Miss Louisa Distin, Miss Isabel Browning, Miss Amy Graham, Mr. Sinclair Dunn, Bro. Theodore Distin, Mr. Plant Martin, Mr. John Pietroni, and and Mr. L'Estrange also contributed their valuable services towards one of the most successful entertainments ever held at Clapham.

COUNT MOLTKE ON GAMBETTA.—It is related at the time of the Franco-German War that some German Officers were one evening ridiculing Gambetta and his armies, when Count Moltke, who was standing near, remarked, "Yes, gentlemen, that is all very well; nevertheless it took us no more than a month to beat the great disiplined army of France, but it took no less than five months to beat recruits and mobiles. Indeed, M. Gambetta's *levée en masse* so astonished us soldiers, that we shall have to study this question during long years of peace." The interest is now necessarily revived in the details of that tremendous struggle between France and Germany, the issue of which still forms the key to the present state of Europe. In view of this the Publishers have determined to issue immediately, in monthly parts at 7d, a new Illustrated Edition of *Cassell's History of the Franco-German War*, with about 500 illustrations.

Mr. John Spencer has moved his business of a wrought-iron tube manufacturer to Wednesbury, he having purchased the Globe Tube-works, which were for many years conducted by the late firm of Whitehouse & Co. (Limited). These works were established in 1847. His London address (3 Queen-street-place, Cannon-street, E.C.) will remain the same.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22. — A meeting was held on Monday evening, 1st January, at Brother McDiarmaid's, the Cambria, Cambria-road, Loughborough-junction. Present—Bros. Littlewood P.M. 780 W.M., Banks S.W., Westley J.W., McDiarmaid Treasurer, McKinley Secretary, Keyse S.D., Warren J.D., Johnson Preceptor, Long Inner Guard. P.M.'s Bros. Price, Spencer, Westmore. Lodge was opened with the usual formalities, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Prince answered the questions leading to the third degree. Lodge was further advanced, and the ceremony of passing was most ably rehearsed. Bro. Westley next worked the third section of the lecture. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Littlewood, the brethren having been greatly edified by his most efficient working. There being no further Masonic business, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till Monday evening, the 8th instant.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Saturday the 6th inst. Brothers Galer W.M., Ashton S.W., F. W. Jones J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, C. Lorkin Treasurer, Venning S.D., Archer J.D., J. Rhodes I.G.; also Bros. C. K. Killick sen., Hickman, Long, Houghton, Dixie, Weeden, Gribbell, A. M. Marks, Richardson, Hirst, Nicholls, J. A. Powell, &c. The usual formalities were observed in opening, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then ably rehearsed, Brother C. Lorkin officiating as candidate. Lodge was called off, and called on, after which the W.M. gave the charge to the initiate. Brother Pearcy worked the fourth and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Brother Ashton was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was carried that the Bye Laws of this Lodge of Instruction be re-printed, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—The ceremony of installation was rehearsed in this Lodge at its meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 29th ult., when there was a good attendance of members and friends. Bro. James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor officiated as Installing Master, and carried out the ceremony in full, installing Bro. J. N. Bate as W.M., Bro. Thomas Poore P.M. acting as M.C. The following brethren were invested as Officers, viz. :—Bros. F. Thurston P.M. and Treasurer S.W., Klingenstein J.W., M. E. Stokes S.D., C. H. Wiltshire J.D., H. H. Wiltshire I.G. At the conclusion of the business of installation a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens was carried, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Thurston was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 9th January. Present :—Bros. T. Clark, W. M. Robinson S.W., Wardell J.W., Christian S.D., Smyth J.D., Collins I.G., F. Carr Sec., Wallington P.M. Preceptor, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Carr offered himself a candidate for passing, was interrogated and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Carr was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. T. Clark then vacated the chair, and the Preceptor occupied the same and rehearsed the ceremony of Installation, Bro. Clark being the candidate for the Master's chair. Lodge was regularly closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Clark invested the Officers. Bro. Wallington then delivered the addresses in a most eloquent manner. Bro. Robinson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his Officers in rotation. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541.—The above Lodge of Instruction, which also embraces the dual character of a social and harmonic club, now holds its meetings at the Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, of which Bro. Sims, of the Duke of Connaught, No. 1558, is the host, and he certainly has made excellent accommodation for these gatherings. On Saturday last about forty brethren were present; the business is commenced on these nights with great punctuality. On this evening it was the working of the ceremony and lectures of the first degree. The offices were filled as follows :—Bros. Stunt W.M., Spencer S.W., Maxted J.W., Stokes S.D., Appleton J.D., Spicer I.G. Preceptor and President, J. R. Stacey, Dawson Treasurer. The ceremony of initiation was very correctly rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Luckhurst being the candidate, and afterwards the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth sections of the lecture, the whole of the brethren being well up to the work. Bro. Tidsley, of the St. Dunstan's Lodge, was elected as a member. Bro. Maxted was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Several announcements having been made, the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then resolved themselves into a social party, Bro. Webb, of the Kingston Lodge, being called to the chair. A number of excellent songs and recitations were given, and an hour or two was spent in complete harmony and the genuine spirit of Masonry.

Zetland Lodge No. 1071.—A silver flagon, privately subscribed for by the members, was lately presented to their respected Treasurer. On it was engraved "Presented to the W. Bro Foxwell P.M. as a token of esteem and affection, by the brethren of Zetland Lodge, No. 1071, Saltash, of which Lodge he was one of the founders, and for fourteen years the Treasurer. December, 1882." It was intended to be, and was, a surprise to the worthy recipient, who is held in deserved esteem by the brethren of his own and other Lodges.

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United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—The meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 5th inst., was well attended. Lodge was opened punctually by Brother F. Thurston as W.M., supported by Bros. M. E. Stokes S.W., Richard Poore J.W., C. H. Wiltshire S.D., A. J. Style J.D., E. C. Percy Stevens I.G.; Brothers James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor, J. N. Bate, A. Jones, and others. Labour was entirely in the first degree, the first four sections, including ceremony of initiation, being worked in most perfect manner. Lodge was called off for "Entry Drill," and called on for further despatch of business. Brother M. E. Stokes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Officers were appointed in rotation. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Botley (Secretary) W.M., Beckett S.W., Monson J.W., Sperring S.D., Botley J.D., Maton I.G., Andrews P.M. Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the first and second sections of the lecture were worked. Bro. Beckett was elected W.M. for the 12th January.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—A meeting was held on 8th January 1883, at the Norfolk-square Hotel, Paddington. Present:—Bros. Mickelbury W.M., Chalfont S.W., Davis J.W., G. Read Treasurer, H. Debane Secretary, Snell S.D., Wickens J.D., C. S. Mott I.G., Hardy W.S. Past Masters—Bros. James Stevens, Craig, Sugg, Tribbel, H. Cotter, W. Poulter. Members—R. D. Smith, D. Stroud, J. Webb, Sinclair, Foskett, Thomas, W. C. Williams, J. H. Taylor, J. H. Smith, Matthews, Appleton, Watkins, Hatton, Mitchel, Perry, Cursons, Dutton, Burton, Holland, Goswell. Visitors—J. Debane 1052, T. Williams 221, T. E. Rogers 818, Robinson 1681, Job Windle 7536, Hayes 1767, J. Collinson 862, C. J. Fox 1743. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. introduced Bro. Stevens, with a few appropriate remarks. After a very earnest acknowledgment of the reception accorded to him, Bro. Stevens entered upon his lecture, and for over two hours kept his listeners thoroughly interested and frequently amused by the explanations afforded in relation to Ceremonial and Ritual as practised in Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges. The brethren unanimously expressed their entire satisfaction with the remarks of the Lecturer, who gave direct answers to many important questions arising from the diversity of working in certain localities. At the termination of the lecture Bro. G. Read P.M. and Preceptor moved, and Bro. G. Davis P.M. seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens, and a request that he would accept honorary membership. This proposition was carried *nem con.* The Lecturer having briefly responded, the following brethren were elected members:—Bros. Robinson, Snell, Cotter, F. T. C. Keeble, C. J. Fox, Hayes, Thomas, Williams, Job Windle. A vote of thanks was then proposed and carried unanimously to Bro. H. Debane W.M. 1543 P.G.S.D. Essex, the Hon. Sec., for his gift of the Ashlars. The Lodge was closed, and adjourned until the 15th January, at 8 p.m. We cordially recommend other Lodges of Instruction to hear Bro. Stevens's lecture, particularly as we learn he is willing to accept any invite for that purpose without further expectation than that of a friendly welcome.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—On Tuesday last this Lodge of Instruction held its usual meeting at Hornsey-wood Tavern, when Bro. Bird P.G. Sword Bearer Middlesex occupied the chair, supported by Bro. Davies Preceptor and several other brethren. The ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed by Bro. Bird, to whom a vote of thanks was recorded for the very excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremonies. On the second Tuesday in February Bro. Davies, the Preceptor, will rehearse the ceremony of installation, commencing at 8 o'clock p.m. Brethren are invited to attend.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, the 9th instant, at Bro. Monk's, the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, where Bro. Pooler W.M. was supported by the following:—Bros. Warren S.W., C. H. Phillips Treasurer J.W., Richardson S.D., R. Poore J.D., E. Bye jun. I.G., E. A. Francis Preceptor, H. Hooper Acting Secretary, H. M. Williams Secretary Organist; also Bros. Amsden, Monk, Wright, Napier, Robinson, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Amsden proved his proficency and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was opened in the third, and regularly closed to the first degree. On the motion of the Preceptor, Bro. Warren was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the W.M. for the very efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in his Masonic career, the resolution to be entered on the minutes. Hearty good wishes being expressed, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned. The first Festival of the Lodge is to be held on the 23rd instant, when Bro. Henry Lovegrove P.M. P.P.S. of Works Middlesex and W.M. 1949 will preside.

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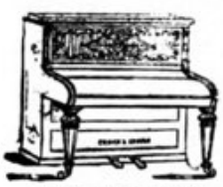

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IT is evident that "S. X.'s" letter on the Boys' School has excited much indignation, not only among those officially connected with the School, but likewise among the Craft generally. That "S.X." imagined what he tells the world he saw, is not improbable, but he has yet to learn the folly of attempting to convert the imaginary into the actual, as he would have us believe it to be. We publish elsewhere a letter written by "AN OLD BOY," and one who, from the fact of his having spent seven years and a half in the School, must be accepted as a competent witness for the defence. Moreover, it is the letter of an ex-pupil, who can have no other object than to write impartially, and what he tells us of his personal experience during so many years must be looked upon as being far weightier evidence in favour of the system of training pursued at Wood Green than "S. X.'s" remarks, after a quarter of an hour's observation, can possibly be in condemnation of it. What says "AN OLD BOY" on the subject? "I was educated there for a period of seven and a-half years, two or three years of which time I was taught by Dr. Morris, and I can safely say that never during that time did I receive anything but kindness from either Masters or Matron," and, he adds, with marked emphasis, "If a boy was not happy, then he had only himself to thank." He winds up still more emphatically in his apology for troubling us with his short letter, because, as he remarks, "I feel deeply the wrong that has been done Dr. Morris and all the masters under him, and I feel it a duty to protest against such false statements as 'S. X.' brings forward." Had this been written by a present pupil of the School, it would have had less weight. Ill-natured people would have said perhaps that it was written to order. But "AN OLD BOY" has nothing either to gain or lose by describing his experiences—his connection with the school has ceased altogether. Thus, as between the imagination of "S. X." and the direct evidence of our present correspondent, the School—as every one expected it would—comes off with flying colours.

But shall we set down as of any value statements made, without any sense of responsibility, by an apparently dyspeptic brother who, to judge from his one letter, would seem to belong to that class of persons who think criticism is only worth listening to when it assumes the form of fault-finding? "S. X." presumes too much on the child-like simplicity of the rest of the world, if he thinks his single carping criticism will succeed in establishing the faults he imagines he has discovered, especially when there is an overwhelming array of testimony that such faults have no existence whatever. Successive Festival Chairmen, who, on the occasion of their visits to the School, must be held to have seen as much of its interior economy as "S. X.," and a great deal more, have spoken in the highest terms of its arrangements, and the system of education in force. Their praise is the more acceptable because it has been bestowed with discrimination, the practical suggestions they have offered from time to time showing clearly enough that while, in their opinion, the School was well managed and efficiently, there was here and there room for improvement. We know what examiners and examining bodies think of it as a home of education. The reports of the former have been on the whole as satisfactory as any executive or any staff of masters could desire, while the latter have adjudged honours to, or passed, the great majority of the candidates hailing from Wood Green who have submitted themselves to their examination. It is also on record that the dietary is both wholesome and sufficient, that discipline is maintained, and, if testimonials to the Matron for the efficiency of her services have any value, that the domestic arrangements leave little, if anything, to be desired. In short, we have, as opposed to the one unfavourable critic, who writes anonymously, the testimony of "AN OLD BOY," of successive Festival Chairmen, and of the examiners, as well as of hundreds of brethren who, when they have visited the School at prize distributions and on other occasions, have been most favourably impressed with all they have seen and heard. However, it is an ill wind which blows nobody any good, and in his uncompromising denunciation of the School, and all connected with it, it is not unlikely that "S. X." may unintentionally have done it the greatest possible service.

CRAZY AND PARTIZAN MASONIC WRITERS.

BY BROTHER JACOB NORTON.

THAT Masons have written a great deal of rubbish, cannot be disputed or denied; that some of these writers were mere crazy enthusiasts, I will readily admit. Others, however, have doubtless been prompted to pervert truth from mere partizan motives. Thus, it has pleased some brethren to try and persuade the Craft that Masonry is a *Christian* Institution, and others that it is a *very ancient* Institution; and to prove their pet theories, they have not hesitated to invent legends, to garble quotations, and to quote authorities which do not exist.

Mr. George Long, the translator of a work called "The thoughts of the Emperor M. Aurelius Antoninus," in the introduction to the said work, exposes the falsehoods of the early Christian martyrologists, and the sophistry and unfairness of modern ecclesiastical historians; thus, a letter on martyrology was preserved by Eusebius, said to have been written in A.D. 177, in which the following miracle is related:—

Sanctus was burnt with plates of hot iron till his body was one sore, and had lost all human form, but on being put to the rack he recovered his former appearance, and was thus cured instead of being punished. He was, however, afterwards torn by wild beasts, and then placed on an iron chair and roasted, and of course he died at last.

Now, ecclesiastical writers profess to believe in the martyrdom of Sanctus and Co., but, strange to say, they carefully omit the miracle, or deny its truth. As the evidence of the miracle, as well as of the martyrdom, rests upon the testimony furnished by the writer of the self-same letter, Mr. Long very justly remarks that if the writer of

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the said letter could invent the miracle, he could also have invented the martyrology, and therefore censured the modern ecclesiastical writers for their inconsistency. I can give instances of partizan Masonic writers who have been guilty of similar tricks, one will, however, for the present suffice.

Bro. Simon Greenleaf issued a book in Portland, Maine, in 1820, viz.: "A brief inquiry into the origin and principles of Freemasonry." The writer ridicules the alleged Masonry of Grand Master Adam and Co., but he does not hesitate to assert as "*beyond reasonable doubt*," that Prince Edwin was Grand Master at York in 926, and that the York brethren were always styled "Ancient York Masons." Besides which he accepts the story about St. Alban, &c., and he refers to Anderson and Preston for his authorities; but as the Masonry of Adam and Co. rests also upon the authority of Anderson and Preston, why did Bro. Greenleaf reject their histories about Adam, and why did he believe, "beyond reasonable doubt," their histories about Prince Edwin, &c.?

The same writer has given long histories about the Eleusinian, Pythagorean, and Druid mysteries; the last-named mysteries, he says, were preserved by the English people even after Christianity was introduced into England; he defends the Druids from the charge of human sacrifices. He also says, "It is worthy of observation that the Supreme Being was worshipped by the Gauls and Britons, and under the name of *Hesus*, a word expressive of omnipotence, as Hizzus in the Hebrew," &c., and refers in a note to Psalm xiv. 8. As *Hizzus* sounded strange to me, I consulted the Bible. Yes, three different versions of the Bible; but the fourteenth Psalm does not mention Hizzus, and, what is more, there are no eight verses in the said Psalm; only seven could I find. I next looked into Cruden's Concordance, and into Smith's Bible Dictionary, but no Hizzus could I find anywhere in the Bible. Another of his references to the Bible I was equally as unsuccessful in finding. Now, if there is no truth in his statement about Hizzus, why should I believe in the rest of Bro. Greenleaf's statements?

Bro. Greenleaf, however, wrote more than sixty years ago, when the only authorities he could consult were Anderson, Preston, Hutchinson, and Laurie. These, together with the legends he received in the high Christian degrees, were enough to bamboozle his half, or little-informed mind. Indeed, he wrote in what may justly be called the *dark Masonic ages*, and he must have possessed considerable courage to deny even the Masonry of Adam. But what shall we say to the nonsense promulgated in 1881, by Bro. John D. Jennings, 33°, of Michigan, in an official pamphlet of the high degrees. He says, "The archives of the Rite can reckon among its votaries such men as Orpheus, Pythagoras, Thales, Virgil, Hippocrates, Socrates, Plato, and many other great names in Greece . . The sages educated in the Solomon mysteries of Heliopolis, Thebes, and Memphis were the conservators of the Divine fire. The sacred fire of Masonry glowed a thousand years, and no attempt was made to extinguish or weaken it. . . St. John, of the Apocalypse, was an initiate of the Cabiri, and alluded to the mystic stone just noticed when he says: "To him that overcometh will I give to eat the hidden manna, and will give him a White Stone." This is a fair specimen of Bro. Jenning's knowledge of the history of Masonry, and can any one blame me for believing (supposing he is sincere) that he, and all who believe like him, are fit subjects for a lunatic asylum?

But here is even a more recent candidate for Bedlam. Appleton and Co., of New York, have just issued a new book, by Robert Hewitt Brown, 32°, viz., "Stellar Theology and Masonic Astronomy;" the book is illustrated with numerous heathen and high degree woodcuts, coloured astronomical plate, &c. Bro. Brown throws overboard the Solomonic and Hiram legends, but insists that Masonry originated from the pagan mysteries. It is no use to try to select the most ridiculous passage in his book, for the whole of it is alike ridiculous. But here is a specimen of his *lecturing*:—

Q. "By what name were Masons anciently known?

A. "Long before the building of King Solomon's temple Masons were known as the *Sons of Light*; Masonry was practised by the ancients under the name of Lux (light), or its equivalent in various languages of antiquity."

Q. "What is said to be the origin of the word Masonry?"

A. "We are informed by several distinguished writers that it is a corruption of the Greek word *mesouraneo*, which signifies I am in the midst of heaven, alluding to the sun, which being in the midst of heaven is the great source of light. Others derive it directly from the ancient Egyptians, *Phre*, the sun; *Mas*, a child. Phre-Masen; children of the sun, or sons of light."

In the concluding part of the book the author complacently says, "We believe that the key is at length restored," and then goes on thus: "And why is not the explanation correct? Have you ever considered the 'calculus of probabilities,' as applied to a subject like this?" The *Boston Advertiser* of 4th December gives a brief notice of the said "Stellar Theology," &c., and good-naturedly winds up thus: "It is sad to have to despair of Adam. The full regular meetings in Eden must have been very entertaining."

But the ridiculous pranks of our high degree Masons are by no means exhausted. About fourteen years ago, our great American Masonic writer, and possessor of all the Masonic degrees in creation, "*and more too*," as Paddy would say, made a pilgrimage to what he called "*the five Masonic centres*," viz., Jerusalem, York, Kilwinning, Rhodes, and Malta. How he could designate these places as "Masonic centres," after Brother Findel demonstrated that our Masonry had no more connection with them than it had with Timbuctoo, &c., is more than I can tell. Brother Morris has since then again visited Jerusalem once or twice. Upon one occasion he opened (in one of the caves he visited there) a Masonic Lodge, with all imaginable solemnity, and to commemorate the great event, he scratched on the wall of the cave a *Square and Compass*. Probably, some future enthusiastic Masonic visitor to the said cave, may jump to the conclusion that the Square and Compass on the wall was placed by order of King Solomon. In a Lecture recently delivered by Bro. Morris in Boston, he claimed to have been initiated in the Holy Land into a *Dervish Lodge*. He assured his hearers that the Dervishes gave him three degrees, and some important parts in the said three degrees are precisely the same as in our Craft degrees. I shall not be at all surprised to learn of Bro. Morris receiving a Dervish Commission to establish the Dervish Order in America. But the latest scheme of Bro. Morris may be learned from the following editorial, copied from Loomis' "Musical and Masonic Journal," of Newhaven, Connecticut. Here it is:—

"PALM AND SHELL."

We learn from an exchange that a new Order, by the above name, has been organised in the city of New York, founded by Bro. Robert Morris. One of the objects is to gain possession of Mount Moriah, and construct thereon a Masonic Temple worthy the site and society of Ancient Masonry. We would mildly suggest, when possession is gained, to remove the Mount to America, and place it beside the Egyptian obelisk, before the erection of the Temple is begun, so that the American Mason can have a slight chance of witnessing it at its completion, and, perchance, take a part in its dedication. It is not stated whether plans are yet decided on, but we have no doubt it will be an exact imitation of King Solomon's Temple, with its roof of olive wood covered with gold. Nothing less would suffice to satisfy the demands of many of the "temple builders" of the present generation. Let all hands join the "Palm and Shell," and assist in carrying out the following extremely modest practical aims which this new Order has taken upon itself to perform:

1. To open the way broadly for Masonic intercourse between the East and the West.
2. To soften the fanaticism of Oriental sects—Christian, Jewish, Moslem,—by the soothing influence of Freemasonry.
3. To encourage Pilgrim Knights to make profound researches in the Orient, under the auspices of the Oriental Order, thus establishing our claims as a Scientific Association.
4. To encourage our Oriental brethren to visit America, that we may learn from them the legends and traditions transmitted to them by their fathers.
5. To organise Lodges in the cities of the Holy Land, and combine them, in due time, into a Grand Lodge at Jerusalem.
6. To establish a hospital in Jerusalem for the care of Masonic pilgrims sojourning there.
7. To gain possession of Mount Moriah, the birthplace and cradle of Ancient Masonry, and construct thereon a Masonic Temple worthy the site and society.
8. To prosecute special inquiries into the crypts that exist in Mount Moriah for objects believed to be concealed there.

Now, if Bro. Morris is not a downright humbug, he must certainly be afflicted with a deranged mind; and the fact that he could muster a sufficient number of demented Masons in New York to form an Order for such a Quixotic scheme, indicates an insanity among American Masons; and if our Grand Lodges cannot stop or check this Masonic malady, the best thing

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they can do is to provide at once one or more lunatic asylums for these unfortunate brethren.

But, before finishing the subject of *Masonic irrationals*, I must give an equally ridiculous specimen of anti-Masonic reasoning. A work called "Isis Unveiled," by a lady with a long Russian name was published several years ago, in which I found extracts from the late Bro. Leon Hyneman's book on the Grand Lodge of York, also from Bro. Yarker's writings, &c. &c. The lady was also acquainted with more or less Masonic *exposés*, and consequently regarded herself as a well-posted Masonic authority. She evidently believes in the high degree theories, viz., that the origin of Masonry was due to sun worship, and she therefore came to the conclusion that King Solomon was a *myth*, but it merely signifies the sun. Thus: *Sol* is the sun, *Orn* is the sun, and *On* also means sun. So, therefore, that imaginary individual was named by Masons as their Grand Master. Now, I admit, that her ladyship's ingenuity equals that of our Doctors Oliver, Mackey, Morris, and a host of other Masonic luminaries; but, unfortunately, the King's Hebrew name was not *Solomon*, but *Shlomoh*, which in Hebrew may signify *peace;* but I cannot understand how *Shlomoh* can in any way be tortured or twisted into an allusion to the sun.

BOSTON, U.S., 14th December 1882.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the lungs. In common colds and influenza the Pills taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed externally, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic this treatment is easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills and Ointment purify the blood, remove all obstructions to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the overgorged air tubes, and render respiration free without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits. Such are the ready means of saving suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other complaints by which so many are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—I was pained and grieved to see, in your issue of the 13th of January, that a gentleman (?) signing himself "S. X." has been making accusations against the officials of the Boys' School at Wood Green. I was educated there for a period of seven and a-half years, two or three years of which time I was taught by Dr. Morris, and I can safely say that never during that time did I receive anything but kindness from either Masters or Matron. If a boy was not happy there, he had only himself to thank. I would not have troubled you, Sir, with this short letter, but I feel deeply the wrong that has been done Dr. Morris and all the Masters under him, and I feel it a duty to protest against such false statements as "S. X." brings forward.

Believe me, Dear Sir,

Yours obediently,

14th January 1883. "AN OLD BOY."

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1882.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I quite agree with you that the views expressed by "Q.," in his letter of the 8th inst., are reasonable, and void of all exaggeration, and I am glad he has succeeded in eliciting from you a certain measure of approval. As he shows clearly enough, the Craft at this present moment stands committed to an annual expenditure very largely in excess of £30,000, and a very large portion of this liability has been incurred within the last few years. Additional accommodation has been provided at our Schools, and the number of pupils has been largely increased. So in the case of the Benevolent Institution; there are not only more annuitants on each fund, but the annuities they receive are greater. That notwithstanding these formidable increases, all three Institutions should have been able to add to their investments speaks volumes for the care, energy, and ability with which they have been managed. But it seems to me, as I fancy it does to you and your correspondent, that for some time to come we should rest content with what has been done, and is promised to be done in the case of the Girls' and Boys' Institutions, and that no further increase should be undertaken in any of the three Charities until their respective permanent incomes have been largely augmented. This is especially necessary in respect of the Wood Green Institution, which has not even enough, in the shape of interest and grants, to cover its working expenses. There are, no doubt, many who will take what "Q." describes indirectly as the popular view, and will suggest that further pupils shall be taken on at the earliest possible opportunity in the Boys' School, because the number of applicants is so vastly greater than the number of vacancies. These brethren, however, appear to me to lose sight of one fact I have noticed, namely, that as the strength of the School increases, so also does the number of those who seek its benefits. The same remark will apply to the Benevolent Institution, notwithstanding that, as Bro. Terry pointed out only the other day, it is paying away £11,600 in annuities as against £2,600 twenty years ago.

There is another point which deserves mention. Very many of our Provinces have Charity Associations of their own, and yet the pressure on the funds of the principal Institutions shows no sign of diminution. I am aware the benefits dispensed by these local associations are on a limited scale, yet some relief to the central associations should have resulted, and I have not come across the brother who has been able to trace any. Be this as it may, the questions to be considered are worth noting. Are we to go on adding to our responsibilities, leaving their fulfilment to the chance of raising the necessary funds by voluntary subscriptions; or, shall we rest awhile, till we have larger funds at our disposal without being compelled to trust to such chances? The latter seems to be the safer, and, therefore, the policy, for some years to come.

Fraternally yours,

SLOW AND SURE.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me also to congratulate you on the new start you have made, and to express a hope that the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE may long continue to be a representative of the Craft. Had you brought your labours to a close at the end of last year, as some inclined to think you proposed doing, it would have been a sad blow to Masonic periodical literature in this country. Competition between rival journals is good all round, in Masonry as in all things else. Greater energy, and it may likewise well happen, greater ability, are brought to bear on the production of the regular budget of new. Greater care is taken with the leading articles, and the views they express, for the simple reason that anything eccentric or injudicious is sure to meet with sharp and instant, albeit, I allow, good-natured criticism. In short, where there are rival journals, each feels it necessary to put its best foot forward and keep it there, but where one only is in the field it can do pretty much as it likes.

There is one particular in which the CHRONICLE would have been sadly missed had it not continued its labours. From the very outset of its career it has made an especial point of furnishing the fullest possible particulars in connection with our Charitable Institutions. It started the idea of carefully analysing the subscriptions, not with a view to establishing invidious comparisons between this and that Lodge or Province, but in order to promote amongst them a healthy spirit of emulation, and so in the end benefit the Charities. At the outset the purpose with which these analytical articles were written was not perhaps fully understood, but, as time went on, the anxiety evinced by individual brethren or stewards to have any clerical or other error corrected must, in my opinion, be regarded as conclusive evidence of the interest taken in the analyses, and the services they were the means of rendering to the Institutions. This fact should of itself enlist the sympathy and support of the whole Craft in England.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

L. C. S.

It is impossible to walk any distance in the streets of London, but especially in the main thoroughfares, without coming to the conclusion that, owing to the nature and variety of the pavements in use, there is a terrible strain on the powers of all working horses, and, as a consequence, that in the course of every succeeding twelvemonths, there must be an immense waste of horse life. Any invention that will appreciably diminish this waste must be looked upon as a benefit, and it is our belief that the patent horse-shoe, manufactured by Messrs. Bidder and Rowley, of 14 Blandford street, Portman-square, is admirably calculated to satisfy the public need in this respect. Even if it were more costly than the shoe in ordinary use, it would still be well worthy of general adoption, as the terrible wear and tear to which horses are subject must be vastly more expensive in the long run. The great feature of Messrs. Bidder and Rowley's shoe is, that it is practically always roughed, and, consequently, that it enables the animal, all weathers, to get a firm grip of the pavement, whether granite, wood, or asphalte. Moreover, it involves no extra expense in the manufacture, no extra appliances in the shape of pads, screws, spikes, &c. Lastly, it has been tried very extensively, and, in all cases, has been found to answer its purpose of reducing the strain on the horse to a minimum. Military men, veterinary surgeons, farriers, and owners of horses, bear uniform testimony to this fact, and fully justify their strong recommendations in favour of its general adoption.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30.

THE brethren of this old and exceedingly popular Lodge assembled in strong force on Tuesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, to witness the installation of Bro. Joshua Shipley as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. A variety of reasons combined to invest this gathering with more than usual interest, amongst them being the congratulatory success that had attended Bro. J. W. Crossley's year of office, which richly entitled him to the compliments bestowed upon him, both in the Lodge room and at the banquet table, and an equally substantial recognition of the continued and valuable services which had been rendered to the Lodge for many years by its indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Joseph Driscoll P.M., and for the unwearying support he has lent to the Masonic Charities. It is well known that for a long succession of years the United Mariners have been staunch and consistent promoters of the interests of our Institutions, in which they have set an example worthy of imitation, a fact to which Bro. James Terry made graceful allusion later in the evening. Lodge was opened soon after five o'clock, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Joseph William Crossley, who was supported by Bros. Hiram Cosedge I.P.M., J. Shipley S.W., T. E. Davey J.W., J. Harling P.M. Treasurer, Joseph Driscoll P.M. Sec., J. Linscott S.D., L. Steingraber J.D., V. Fassheber M.C., A. Couldrey I.G., S. Lampen Steward, W. Audey P.M., C. Davey P.M. 7, T. Smith P.M., A. Lefeaux P.M., J. Clark P.M., G. J. C. Smith P.M., J. Lanckeman, J. H. Morgan, T. Oblein, D. J. Thomas, J. Rotheroe, A. Field, W. Boyce, J. Hildrath, H. Meyer, F. W. Sanders, C. Howard, J. Lewis, T. Campbell, G. L. Reinhardt Tyler, and many others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. H. Dodson P.M. 55, W. Gill W.M. 612, W. H. Rudderforth P.M. 1668, L. J. Turner 1598, S. Richardson 183, D. C. Long 768, T. Tulett 1326, F. M. Harling 1139, L. Solomon 1732, E. A. Crosoe 1704, W. Martin 879, George Rowe 754, J. Terry P.M. 228 (Secretary of the R.M.B.I.), F. J. Parrott, R. Lawson W.M. 1426, W. Manger P.M. 1314, A. Murling 748, B. Ollendorf Montefiore, C. H. Gray 1704, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report, which showed the finances of the Lodge to be in a healthy condition, was unanimously adopted, after which Bro. Shipley was presented in due form as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The usual interrogatories having been assented to, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, when Bro. Shipley was installed into the dignified position to which he had been chosen by the entire voice of his brethren. The impressive ceremony was worked by Brother Crossley, whose rendering of the Ritual was characterised by careful study and elocutionary effect, clearly demonstrating the lesson so often inculcated in this Lodge of the desirableness of each retiring Master installing his successor. On the re-admission of the brethren Bro. Shipley was saluted in the three degrees, the heartiness of the greeting being such as to afford him evidence, if indeed any were needed, as to the warm regard in which he is held by all the brethren of his Lodge. The newly-installed Worshipful Master then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, the collars being thus distributed :— Bros. J. W. Crossley I.P.M., Thomas E. Davey S.W., J. Linscott J.W., J. Harling P.M. Treasurer, Joseph Driscoll P.M. Secretary, L. Steingraber Senior Deacon, A. Couldrey J.D., C. Fassheber I.G., C. Davey P.M. W.S., W. Boyce Assist. W.S., G. L. Reinhardt Tyler. Some formal business having been disposed of, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the throne-room of the hotel, where a sumptuous repast was spread, the arrangements for which, under the supervision of Bro. J. Marcham, gave general satisfaction. After the banquet the W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft, and the M.W. the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the toasts being received with loyalty and enthusiasm. The health of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, were given with equal zest, special reference being made to the valuable services they each rendered to the Craft, together with the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present. Bro. Crossley then assumed the gavel, and in felicitous terms proposed the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, making special reference to the able manner in which he had discharged his duties in the minor offices through which he had passed, and in which he had proved his thorough love of Masonry. He had made way for Bro. Shipley, because, in the ordinary and inevitable changes in a Masonic Lodge, he was compelled to do so; and nothing had afforded him a greater amount of pleasure than to have had the privilege of installing so worthy a brother into the chair of K.S. In every way he was eminently worthy of the honour which had been conferred upon him by the brethren, and he wished Brother Shipley a very happy and prosperous year of office. The Worshipful Master was most cordially greeted on rising to acknowledge the toast. He assured the brethren of his deep interest in the Craft, and said in the future, as in the past, he should exert his utmost to promote the welfare of the Craft in general, and to uphold the prestige which had been gained by the United Mariners' Lodge in past years. He had attained to the proud dignity to which he had aspired, and he trusted that when he resigned into the hands of his successor the honourable trust which had to-day been handed to him, he might do so with the feeling that he had discharged his responsibilities with credit to himself and with satisfaction to the brethren. He then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master and installing Officer, in doing which he congratulated Bro. Crossley upon the success he had achieved during his year of office, and upon the satisfactory position in which he left the Lodge upon his retirement from the chair. He acknowledged the kind and courteous assistance he had at all times received from his Immediate Past Master, who had so well and wisely ruled the Lodge during the past year, and whose worthy example he should study in every way to emulate. He then begged Bro. Crossley's acceptance of a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him unanimously by the whole of the members of the Lodge, and expressed the hope that he might live long to wear it, and to adorn the Craft, of which he was a brilliant ornament. The jewel was a massive one, of gold, and bore the following inscription :—

Presented to
Brother JOSEPH WILLIAM CROSSLEY P.M.,
by the Brethren of the
UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30,
In appreciation of his ability and courtesy while Worshipful Master.
January 16th, 1883.

The Immediate Past Master, in rising to acknowledge the compliment passed upon him was vociferously cheered. He briefly thanked the brethren for the proud distinction they had conferred upon him, and assured them he should wear this magnificent token of their esteem and regard as long as he was able to take an active part in Masonic life, which he trusted would be for many years to come. He thanked the Past Masters for their generous assistance during his term of office, and especially in the installation ceremony of to-day, and concluded by reiterating his continued interest in the prosperity of the United Mariners' Lodge. The W.M. then gave the health of the Visitors, on whose behalf Bro. Rudderforth P.M. 1668 responded; and the Past Masters severally acknowledged the mention of their names in such fraternal terms as those in which the toast had been couched. A pleasing and gratifying incident occurred at this juncture, when the Worshipful Master rose to propose the health of their able and excellent Secretary Brother J. Driscoll. He reminded the brethren of the long and faithful services which that brother had rendered to the Lodge, his unwearying advocacy and substantial support of the Masonic Charities, and his untiring efforts to uphold and increase the prestige of the United Mariners' Lodge. He had been the mainstay of the Lodge, and the brethren could not sufficiently thank him for the efforts he had put forth to promote its welfare. As a slight mark of their appreciation of those exertions, and sincere recognition of his personal worth, he begged Bro. Driscoll's acceptance of a testimonial which had been spontaneously and gladly subscribed to by brethren of the Lodge, and expressed the fervent hope that their excellent Secretary might be spared many years to work with them, and live in the high esteem and affection of all by whom he was surrounded. The testimonial consisted of a magnificent and valuable timepiece of black and brush marble, of the reconnaisance style, with real bronze ornaments, finished in green and picked out with gold, with gold ornamentation in the marble. The clock is fitted with a dead-beat movement, striking the hours and half hours on a gong, and goes for fourteen days. Accompanying the gift was an address, beautifully illuminated and engrossed on vellum, and which was admired for its exquisite and artistic design and finish. The address, which was enclosed in a massive gilt frame, and glazed, ran as follows :—

UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30,
Of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.
Brother Thomas E. Davey S.W.; Brother J. Linscott J.W.
To BRO. JOSEPH DRISCOLL P.M. P.P.G.P.

We, the undersigned members of this Lodge, desire to express our gratification at the able and zealous manner in which the duties of Secretary have been performed by you for some years past, and further for the ready and fraternal help that you have at all times given to those who have sought Masonic instruction at your hands.

We also recal with satisfaction the many instances in which your sage counsels have safely guided the bark of the Lodge in the past, and we feel assured you will skilfully do the same in the future. We trust the Great Architect of the Universe will give you health and happiness for many years, to remain amongst us, and to give us the benefit of your experience.

16th January 1883.
(Here follow a number of signatures).

Bro. Driscoll, who was received with a perfect ovation, replied as follows: It would be affectation on my part were I to say merely that the testimonial you have just presented to me is too much to enable me to thank you for. I feel what you have done for me very keenly. I feel it in this way—not so much for its value, which is superb, and which appears to me to be splendid, but for the gracefulness with which you have forgiven many faults and drawbacks on my part. You know that I have endeavoured, and with the best of feeling, to do my duty; but I am getting on in years, and I feel my ability not so great as it might have been some time ago. But I try to do my best. I cannot thank you sufficiently for this estimation—and more than proper estimation—of the little I have done during the few years I have acted as your Secretary. It is true I am the father of this Lodge, but that does not much exceed twenty years, and I do hope that I may live to be the father of it for some time longer yet, even when my abilities to discharge the duties of Secretary shall have gone by. However, I thank you kindly and gratefully. I feel this much, and I feel it sincerely, that although this has been done altogether unknown to me, it has been done with a feeling towards me that the many errors I have committed—not of intention, but whatever they have been—are kindly and cordially forgiven by you, and I shall brace myself to the effort, with all the strength that remains, to do my duty if possible better than I have hitherto done. Bro. Driscoll resumed his seat amidst fresh outbursts of cheering. The Masonic Charities was the next toast given from the chair, and Bro. James Terry in reply said it was not the first time in the history of this Lodge that he had had the pleasure of responding to the toast. In fact, in this Lodge the toast of the Masonic Institutions could never be forgotten, because if they reverted to their early history, they would find that amongst the two Lodges which first supported the Boys' School the United

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Mariners' was the one which took the leading part. The Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, was the other, but the chief instrumentality came from the United Mariners'. Therefore, he was thankful to say, that as long as these Institutions existed, and as long as this Lodge lasted, so also would the history of the Institutions be closely allied to, and connected with, the history of their Lodge. He had to thank them very much indeed for the handsome donation of fifteen guineas which they had voted to the R.M.B.I. that evening, and the brethren also around the table, who had contributed liberally to the funds of that Charity. During the whole history of Freemasonry, so far as regarded our Institutions, there had never been such a list of candidates for the benefits of the Benevolent Institution as would be exhibited at the election in May next. When he told them that the list closed last Wednesday, and they had then no less than 136 candidates seeking admission, whereas there were only thirteen vacancies, he ventured to say it was a state of things unparalleled in the history of the Craft. The help afforded by this Lodge, therefore, came with double force to that Institution, and he was certain that when he could produce such facts as these before them he should always have their support, never mind whether it might be "the Old People's turn" or not. He made an eloquent appeal in behalf of the funds of that Institution, which so sorely needed help, to enable it to meet the urgent cases before it, and exhorted the brethren to do all they could to assist those who were too old and feeble to support themselves. The health of the Officers of the Lodge came next, and Bro. T. E. Davey S.W. briefly replied, the official list being closed with the Tyler's toast. During the evening some excellent songs were sung by Bros. Gill P.M., Harling P.M., Gray, Morgan and others, and Bro. Driscoll gave a pathetic recitation, which was much admired. Altogether a very happy and enjoyable evening was passed.

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, 12th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and, as usual on such occasions, was numerously attended both by members of the Lodge and visitors. Bro. James McLean, the W.M. of the past year, presided at the opening of the Lodge, and during the proceedings the following Officers were present:—Bros. W. Herbage S.W., W. M. Foxcroft J.W., G. Everett P.M. Treasurer, Thomas Morris Sec., P. Pierpoint S.D., A. Skinner Steward, Harry Price M.C., W. Harris I.P.M., W. J. Ferguson P.M., H. Bowman Spink P.M., Edward White P.M., W. F. Smith P.M., Isaac Buscall P.M., J. E. Walford P.M., Frederick Kent P.M. Among the Visitors to the Lodge were Bros. Reichelmann P.M. 515, Alfred H. Bisley 901, W. H. Harrison I.G. 1895, B. Lyons P.M. 1227, Robert Thornton 217, Samuel Brooks P.M. 1608, Thomas Read 1420, C. Donaldson 1763, J. T. Pilditch P.M. 1420, W. Banberry 217, Robert George 1524, G. W. Clement Smith 1319, B. Simner P.M. 1405, 1096 P.D.G. Warden British Burmah, W. Iron S.W. 1579, H. Stiles W.M. 1507, J. Van Essen 171, C. Parsons Steward 1637, C. H. Everett 1507, F. Crockford P.M. 515 P.D.G.R. Malta, W. P. Webb W.M. 1381, C. M. Gray I.G. 1706, C. Phillips I.P.M. 820, A. Ercoll I.P.M. 1593, T. Fenn P.M. 259 P.G.D., G. P. Brotheridge 1649, W. Rudsell P.M. 77, James Terry P.M. 228 Sec. R.M.B.I., H. E. Tucker W.M. 1612, G. H. Finch 1586, H. Massey P.M. 619 1928, F. East 1678, J. Smith 1602, R. Underwood 780, J. Batting P.M. 1501 P.G.Reg. Berks and Bucks, B. Phillips W.M. 1305, J. Clarey 511, W. M. Stiles I.P.M. 1507, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, J. Plenderleeth 1898, E. Bowles 1056, J. F. Hallet 907, T. W. Williams 1601, F. Briggs 25, T. C. Edmonds I.G. 1507, H. Reynolds 1772, H. Cox 144, C. H. Abrams 511, J. Coppen 1719, &c. The agenda paper shewed a full complement of business, the three degrees being set down for working, in addition to the installation ceremony. After the formal opening of the Lodge, Bros. F. Cole and A. H. Wilson were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and Bros. T. D. Scott, L. Busmer, and J. E. Spurrell were passed, after which the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, Brother William Herbage being placed in the chair of K.S. by Brother Edward White P.M., in a most impressive manner. After the customary formalities, the following were appointed and invested as the Officers for the year, viz.:—W. M Foxcroft S.W., R. Pierpoint J.W., George Everett P.M. Treasurer, T. Morris Secretary, H. Price S.D., A. Simner Junior Deacon, Montague I.G., Chapman M.C., and Harvey Steward. The ceremonial of the installation was then completed. The newly-installed W.M. at once had an opportunity of showing his ability for office, Mr. Walter Bonwick, an approved candidate for Freemasonry, offering himself as candidate for the first degree, Bro. Herbage conferred on him the benefit of Masonic light, performing this first task in a most gratifying manner, and showing by his style that he was competent to fulfil the duties of W.M. Among other matters of business brought before the Lodge previous to its being closed was a proposal to vote the sum of twenty-five guineas towards the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which proposition was carried. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren proceeded to the banquet hall, and there engaged in one of the most successful gatherings we remember taking part in. The Master had provided a first-class musical programme, and everything was done to ensure the enjoyment of all present. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual toasts were given. The first on the list, the W.M. said, was one that was always acceptable to Freemasons, and indeed to all Englishmen. All knew the gracious way in which the Queen had discharged her duties in every sphere, whether as mother or as Queen. Of her it had truly and justly been written—

> "Her Court was pure, her life serene,
> God gave her peace, her land reposed;
> A thousand claims to reverence closed
> In her as Mother, Wife, and Queen."

As regarded the Craft, which it was customary to couple with the toast of the Queen, the brethren one and all knew sufficient of its merits to warrant them joining heartily in the toast. After the singing of the National Anthem, the health of the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was proposed. As brethren of the Craft they could but feel a deep debt of obligation to the Grand Master for the manner in which he performed every work connected with the Order, and the great lustre he had shed upon it. The next toast—that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present—the Master felt it a great honour to propose. The manner in which the Officers of Grand Lodge did their duty was an example every Lodge might feel proud to emulate. They had that night the honour of numbering Bro. Fenn, a Past Grand Officer, among them. The W.M. felt he need say little in connection with that brother's name to ensure a welcome to the toast; the kind way in which he always tendered his services towards the diffusion of Masonic knowledge was well known. He had always done it in such a manner that those whom he instructed became in themselves centres of Masonic light. Bro. Fenn tendered his thanks for the cordial manner in which the toast of the Grand Officers had been given and received. He felt especially gratified to feel that the poor services some of them were able to render to the Craft were appreciated. It was a matter of nineteen years since he had received the honours of Grand Lodge office, and since that time he had done what lay in his power for the welfare of the Craft, a course which should be pursued by each of the Grand Officers, although it must be admitted that some of them felt their work was done as soon as their year of office had expired. He might refer to Brother Brett, a member of the Domatic Lodge, as an example of the opposite kind, who had devoted his time to Freemasonry ever since his connection with it, and was as active now in advancing its welfare as ever. To such a class he (Bro. Fenn) hoped to belong. As one of the Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, he felt extremely gratified to be present at the installation of one of its pupils. Bro. Herbage had long been known at its meetings, and was efficient in its style of working. He had heard that evening the ceremonies most efficiently performed, especially that of installation, but in many respects they had differed from what he was accustomed to. Still, though he had been born and bred under the wing of the Emulation Lodge, he was not so blind as to be unable to appreciate the beauties of other workings, especially when they were rendered as Bro. White had that evening done them. Bro. McLean I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., assuring the brethren they had elected a brother who would do them credit, and perform the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of all. The W.M. heartily returned thanks. He called to mind the moment when, seated on the right of his present position, he first returned thanks in the Domatic Lodge, and remembered how that then he looked upon Freemasonry as a glorious institution; an opinion which after experiences had confirmed. He should endeavour to perform the work to the satisfaction of all, and hoped at the conclusion of his term of office he might have obtained, in the words of Shakspeare—

> "Honour, love, obedience, and troops of friends."

The next toast on the list was a most important one—that of the Installing Master and the rest of the Past Masters. Bro. Fenn, in the course of his remarks, had most kindly and warmly called attention to the way in which Brother White, the Installing Master, had performed his work, and he (the W.M.) felt sure that no words of his would carry more weight than did those of Brother Fenn. The other Masters had done well in the past year, as indeed they had always done, and he hoped they would one and all be spared for many years to be present at the meetings of the Lodge. Brother White replied. With so many Past Masters around him he felt it a mere accident that he had been called upon to discharge the duties of Installing Master that evening, and felt that every other member of the board could have worked the ceremony equally as satisfactorily as he had done. Bro. Ferguson also replied; after which the W.M. rose—it was his pleasing duty to attach to the breast of the I.P.M. the jewel which the members of the Lodge had been good enough to vote him, in recognition of his services during the past year. All knew what he had done, and all thanked him for the attention he had given to the duties of his office. The brethren hoped he might long live to wear the jewel as the unanimous expression of the good feeling which was always felt towards him. Bro. McLean returned thanks, assuring the brethren he greatly appreciated the kindness they had shown him. He had endeavoured, during the past year, to perform the duties of his office to the best of his ability, and he hoped he had given some amount of satisfaction. As regarded the future, it would be his endeavour to advance the interests of the Craft generally, but more particularly to promote the welfare of the Domatic Lodge. The next toast was one always well received in the Domatic Lodge. If there was one thing that Freemasons delighted to honour it was the toast of the Visitors, and more particularly was this the case in the Domatic Lodge, the meetings of which were usually attended by a goodly array of guests. The W.M. considered that Visitors to a Lodge shed a light and lustre on the meeting which nothing else could supply. With the toast was coupled the names of Brothers Phillips Worshipful Master 1305, and Tucker Worshipful Master 1612. The former brother expressed the pleasure he, in company with the other visitors, felt in being present, and witnessing the working of the Lodge. He was also very pleased to see Bro. White acting as Installing Master. Twice he (Bro. Phillips) had been installed by Bro. White into the chair of a Lodge, and now as W.M. of the St. Marylebone Lodge, he hoped ere long to perform a like task for him, he being the present S.W. He looked upon Bro. White as a credit to any Lodge. Bro. Tucker followed, congratulating the members on the prosperity of the Lodge, and wishing them every success in the future. Bro. Webb, of the Kennington Lodge, also responded to the toast, and then the W.M. gave that of the Charities. This he considered a toast, which, whenever proposed, reached the heart of every

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Mason. As members of the Craft they could but feel proud of the Institutions connected with the Order, for them, year by year, close on £50,000 was subscribed. He was associated with a Company where he knew there were more than one or two clerks who owed their position in life to the teaching at the Boys' School, and in many other ways he had been enabled to judge of the merits of the three Masonic Charities. The toast having been heartily received, was acknowledged by Bro. James Terry, who, in a forcible speech, urged on the brethren the advantages of the Institutions, and their need for continued support. They were the means of providing for a family of close on 800 persons, and he hoped they would never fail for want of contributions from the Craft. This Lodge had acquired a good reputation, and the way in which the brethren had supported the Steward for the coming Festival of the Benevolent Institution shewed they were still continuing the good work. Brother Terry urged on every member of the Lodge to do his utmost to secure donations, for, as the Earl of Carnarvon had remarked, it was not so much the large amounts, as it was the large number of donors that swelled the total. The coming year would be an eventful one for the Domatic Lodge, which had two candidates for the support of the Benevolent Institution, one a widow, who now made a third application, the other an old member of the Lodge. He asked the brethren to do their very best to place these two old people on the funds of the Institution; surely they would not like it to be said that the Domatic Lodge, with a membership of close on 150, could not provide for two of its old friends, while younger Lodges carried their cases on first application. In conclusion he would remind the brethren that they could never be girls, they could never be boys again, but they all looked forward to be old men, and such being the case he urged them to support the Benevolent Institution, which, in case of misfortune, would be open to receive them in the time of need. The Worshipful Master had great pleasure in proposing the health of their worthy Treasurer and Secretary, hoping that they would long be spared to render their services to the Lodge. They were both deserving of every honour that could possibly be bestowed on them. Each having replied, the toast of the Officers was given, and the proceedings brought to a conclusion. The musical arrangements were all that could be desired, consequently a most enjoyable evening was spent, and one that will be long remembered.

ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37.

THE installation meeting of this old Lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Swan Hotel, Bolton, on Monday, 15th January 1883. The Lodge was opened at 4·15 p.m. by the W.M. Brother Dr. E. M. Garstang, assisted by his Officers, the following brethren being present on the occasion:—Bros. John Booth S.W., F. W. Pacey J.W., G. P. Brockbank Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon Secretary, James Newton P.P.G.S.D., Samuel Crowther Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, Reuben Mitchell Past Prov. Grand Sword Bearer; P.M.'s W. H. Horrocks, James Walker, R. K. Freeman, Walter Pennington, Rooke Pennington, Johnson Mills; Rev. J. H. Gibbon S.D., J. W. Poyntz J.D., W. H. Lomax, Dr. C. F. Porter, James Naylor, William Golding, Robert Nightingale; also the following Visitors:—Bros. E. G. Harwood S.D. 1723, Mayor of Bolton, William Nicholson Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, J. W. Taylor Past Prov. Grand Organist, R. Duxbury W.M. 146, J. Boothroyd W.M. 221, W. Crankshaw W.M. 348, Dr. W. Court W.M. 1723, Thomas Morris P.M. 221, James Richardson P.M. 221, J. M. Rutter P.M. 221, John Alcock P.M. 318, J. H. Greenhalgh P.M. 1723, N. Nicholson P.M. 1723, John Priestley Chaplain 1723, J. M. Bentley, Mus. Bac., and John A. Orr P.M. 950. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been confirmed, the Lodge proceeded to the second degree, when the chair was assumed by Brother James Newton Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon, the Installing Master, by whom the Worshipful Master elect, Brother G. P. Brockbank, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to antient custom, and proclaimed and saluted accordingly. The Auditors' report on the Lodge finances was read and adopted, and the retiring Treasurer, Brother William Slater Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon was unanimously reelected to that office. The ballot was taken for the election of Brother J. M. Bentley, Mus. Bac., as joining member, the result being that he was unanimously elected. Brother Walter Pennington then proceeded to invest the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Booth S.W., F. W. Pacey J.W., Rev. J. H. Gibbon Chaplain, William Slater Treasurer, James Newton Secretary, J. W. Poyntz S.D., John Hardcastle J.D., Walter Pennington M.C., J. M. Bentley Organist, W. H. Lomax I.G., James Naylor and R. Nightingale Stewards, J. W. Roiley Tyler, Thomas Higson Assistant Tyler. The addresses to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren were delivered by Brother Johnson Mills P.M. Brother John Morris P.M. was reelected Representative of the Lodge on the East Lancashire Charity Committee. The Worshipful Master, on behalf of the Lodge, presented a Past Master's jewel to the retiring Master, Brother Dr. Garstang. Brother James Newton referred to the recent decease of Brother Thomas Entwisle P.M. 221 Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, and the great loss which the Craft in this district had thereby sustained, and proposed a resolution, expressing the deep sense of regret of the members of this Lodge at this untimely occurrence. The motion was seconded by Bro. Walter Pennington, and unanimously adopted. Two brethren were proposed as joining members of the Lodge. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the Lodge was closed at 5.45 p.m., the brethren adjourning to the banquet table.

It is a singular coincidence that Brother G. P. Brockbank was initiated into Freemasonry on 15th January 1846, and that in precisely thirty-seven years after, viz. on 15th January 1883, he should be installed as Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 37.

ST. JAMES'S UNION LODGE, No. 180.

THE installation meeting of this excellent Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th January, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, at 4 o'clock. The W.M. Bro. G. A. B. Fletcher presided, supported by the following Officers and Brethren:—Bros. Stoner P.M. S.W., W. H. Baker W.M. elect, J. W. Maxted S.D., Chester J.D., Denne I.G., C. Wade I.P.M., E. Farwig P.M., J. Robinson P.M., J. Miles Treasurer, W. Parsons P.M. Secretary; also Bros. Bishop, Bar, Russell, Sarti, White, Shout, Spence, Van Duren, Symons, Dibley, Adams, Staden, and many others. Amongst the Visitors were Col. Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, Bros. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, Woodrow P.M. 1297, Cantle P.M. 1257, R. Baker P.M. Joppa, Everett P.M. Domatic, Shand P.M. City of Westminster, Failly W.M. 1470, Taylor, Rolfe, Sir E. Lee, Lord H. Bruce, W. Hudson, J. Andrews, and several others. The Lodge being opened in due forme and the minutes of the previous meeting and the report of the Auditors having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. G. and N. Hemsted, initiates, also for Bro. Smead as a joining member; this being unanimous, the W.M. then proceeded to pass Bro. Paillard, who, having answered the usual questions satisfactorily, was duly entrusted and passed. The initiation of the Messrs. Hemsted was then completed by the W.M., whose perfect working deserves especial praise. Bro. W. H. Baker the W. Master elect was presented and duly installed into the chair of King Solomon, according to ancient custom, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. C. J. Wade P.M. in a manner which left nothing to be desired. The following brethren having been appointed to their several offices by the W.M., were invested with the collars and jewels of office, and suitably addressed by him on the nature of the duties to be performed by them. Bros. Maxted S.W., Chester J.W., Denne S.D., Staden J.D., Bishop I.G., Sarti W.S., Miles Treasurer, Parsons P.M. Secretary, and Farwig P.M. Master of Ceremonies. The Lodge being closed the brethren adjourned and enjoyed an excellent banquet. The W.M., who makes a capital President, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The National Anthem was sung by Miss Amy Romayne. In proposing the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the W.M. said:—If evidence were needed of the loyalty of Freemasons to the throne we have it supplied in the fact that our beloved chief the M.W.G.M. is himself the heir apparent. His Royal Highness has connected himself with our Order, thereby affording an undoubted guarantee that Freemasonry has, even to the outside world, a something in it which men must respect; the country may be proud in the belief that H.R.H. would not connect himself with any institution which had not for its object the welfare and benefit of his fellow-countrymen. "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was here sung by Mr. Miles. The Worshipful Master then proposed the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past. A body so well organised as that of Freemasons, possessing as it does such a powerful influence over the habitable globe, must be subject (in degree) to other men and other minds. Masons love order and discipline, because those attributes are the very concrete of their system. We are honoured with the presence of two Grand Officers to-night, and in calling upon Brother Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke to respond to the toast, all knew he would be able to speak well of the inner working of Grand Lodge. Brother W. Bolton then sang "Largo al factotum," which was capitally rendered. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers, said it gave him infinite pleasure in being present at the working of the Lodge. Having previously heard of its excellence, he was delighted to bear witness to the fact, he also thanked Brother Wade for the very perfect way he had installed the W.M. With reference to the Grand Officers, he was always delighted to bear testimony to their worth. In all matters connected with the interests of the Craft, they were the life and soul, and he trusted the day was far distant when they would become unworthy of the respect, honour and esteem in which they were at present held by the St. James's Union Lodge and the Craft generally. The I.P.M., Bro. Fletcher, next proposed the health of the W.M., and in doing so, observed it was an especial pleasure to him, as not only had Bro. Baker worked up through the different offices in the Lodge to qualify himself, but he was an old, tried, and valued friend; and Bro. Baker having been unanimously elected by the brethren in open Lodge assembled, he felt he was only giving the toast in honour of their W.M. as the mouthpiece of the brethren. In addition thereto he not only congratulated Bro. Baker upon the position he had that day attained, but also the brethren upon the wisdom of their choice; he felt certain that the honour, influence and lustre of the St. James's Union would be transmitted to the Worshipful Master's successor pure and unsullied, and he would content himself by observing that, as in the past, so in the future, the W.M. would continue to merit the good opinion and esteem of every Brother of the St. James's Union Lodge. Mr. Miles then sang "Cœur de Lion." The Wor. Master in reply, said: Brethren, I acknowledge with gratitude, the very kind and flattering expressions which have just fallen from my old and valued friend, and our esteemed I.P.M. Brother Fletcher, I feel it is due more to his generous nature than any merit of my own. A man in any position, especially if that position be one of responsibility, naturally feels anxious, if not to some extent troubled. Anxious, in the first place, that he may not disappoint the kind expectations of his friends, and troubled when becoming Master of his Lodge that its interest might not suffer somewhat through his inefficiency. On the other hand, nothing gives strength and confidence so surely as the knowledge that, judging by the kind expressions of the I.P.M., I shall start with the sympathy, encouragement and help, not only of those who have preceded me, but of those who will, I trust, succeed me in the proud position I now occupy. I thank you, Bro. Fletcher, for the flattering manner in which you have proposed my health; and you, brethren, for the very hearty way in which you received it. The W.M.

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then proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Fletcher. He said: Brethren, if the labour and anxiety of the chair be great upon an installation night, the pleasures and privileges undoubtedly counterpoise them. The greatest of his pleasures that night was certainly the proposition of this toast—the health of our I.P.M. Bro. Fletcher. This was not the place to give precedence to the very natural feelings of regard for a personal friend, and he resisted the temptation. His first duty, as representing the brotherhood of the Lodge, was to express the unqualified appreciation of the earnest and kindly manner in which Bro. Fletcher had performed the duties of the ancient and honourable position of Master. All knew how ably he had performed his duties, and how gracefully he had presided at the social gatherings. On behalf of the brethren he presented a jewel, token and symbol of the high estimation in which Bro. Fletcher is held by every member. Gifts are the beads in memory's rosary, and in the hope that this gift may long hang on the chain of your memory, and ever link you with the traditions of the Craft, and the still more sacred remembrance of the brethren of the St. James's Union Lodge, Brethren, I ask you to be upstanding, and drink this toast with all the warmth and cordiality which is always accorded to popular members of the St. James's Union Lodge. Miss Amy Romayne here sang "The Lost Chord," with great feeling. The I.P.M., in responding, said: Worshipful Master and brethren, for the first time in my life I feel utterly unable to reply as my heart dictates; to you, Worshipful Sir, I tender my heartfelt thanks for the very high eulogium you have been pleased to pass upon my labours of the preceding twelvemonths, and to you, brethren, (I would I could do it individually) for the generous way in which you received it. It is a source of great gratification to me to mark the progress we have made during the past year, not only in numbers and finances, but in that happy concord without which no Lodge can be permanently successful. Brethren, as we are now once more fairly launched, I feel perfectly certain that we shall continue our even passage for many years to come; and I trust I may live with you to verify the very pleasant prophecy of our Worshipful Master. Worshipful Master and brethren, I again thank you. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Initiates: the duty he had to perform was one which all Masters take great pleasure in doing; that was, welcoming the Initiates. He was pleased to say they had two that night (and one joining member), and it gave him additional pleasure to say they were personal friends. In calling upon the brethren to welcome the Initiate with the social glass, he knew them to be good fellows; may they prove equally good Masons, and he felt sure they would always look back with pleasure upon their introduction into Freemasonry. After a song, Bros. George and Nathaniel Hemsted suitably and in well-chosen terms replied, as did also Bro. Smead, the joining member. In giving the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. said the brethren of the St. James's Union were always pleased to see them at the working of their Lodge, and to meet them at the social board. They had that evening with them a very distinguished and numerous company of Visitors; he would call upon Bros. Buss, Everett, and Lee to respond. Miss Amy Romayne then sang the "Gates of the West." Bro. Buss said it gave him much pleasure once more to visit the St. James's Union Lodge, and to endorse the remarks of Col. Clerke as to the work of the members; he specially wished to express his satisfaction, and thanks to Bro. Wade for the very excellent way in which he conducted the installation, and on behalf of the Visitors generally for the sumptuous hospitality with which they had been received. Bro. Everett had great pleasure in bearing testimony to the pleasurable evening they had all experienced; nothing could exceed the perfect way in which the ceremonies had been performed. He had the greater interest in witnessing the progress and general excellence of the St. James's Union Lodge, as it was exactly twenty-four years ago since he was raised there, by the kindness of the then W.M. He thanked Bro. Fletcher for giving him the opportunity of again coming amongst them. Bro. Sir E. Lee thanked the W.M. and brethren for the Masonic treat accorded the Visitors; he assured them it would afford them happy reminiscences. The W.M., in giving the next toast—the Past Masters—linked with it the Treasurer and Secretary. The Lodge was much indebted to the P.M.'s for the great care, time and attention they devoted to its interests. He was sorry Bro. Wade had been obliged to leave, as he desired to express to him his sincere thanks for many kindnesses, especially for his having installed him. The Treasurer, Bro. Miles, all know, and all esteemed. The members would be glad to know their Treasurer had stated he had now more money in hand than on any previous occasion. They felt he was the man to guard it jealously. He now asked them to be upstanding, and drink to the health and prosperity of the Past Masters. After a humorous song from one of the Visitors, Bro. Farwig responded; assuring the brethren of the continued interest of the body he represented. Bro. Miles also replied, for himself and Secretary. Several of the Officers responded for the compliment paid them by the W.M., and then the Tyler brought this pleasant meeting to a close.

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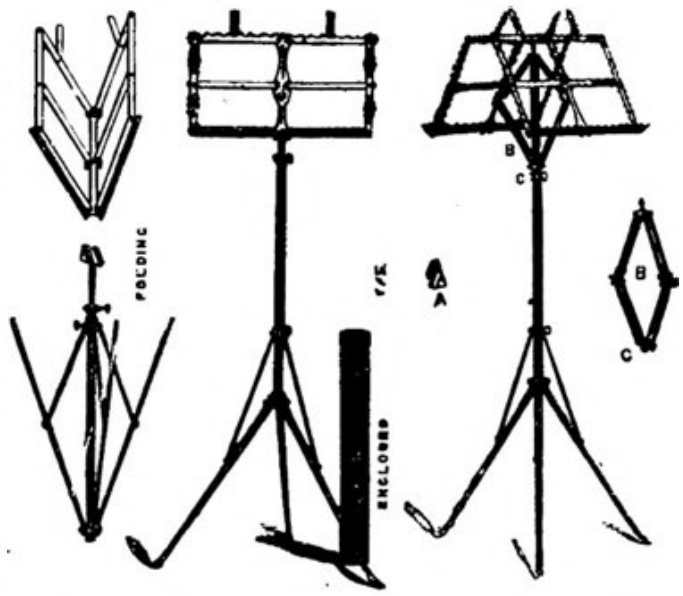

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MASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA.

THE Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the 27th December last, under the presidency of M.W. Brother Samuel B. Dick Grand Master. The annual returns from the Lodges were received, and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted their report. The Library Committee announced that Part IV. of the Proceedings of G. Lodge was ready in manuscript, and would be published shortly. The report of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund showed that, during the past year, the sum of 2,770 dollars had been expended in the relief of 171 poor but respectable brethren, of whom 149 hailed from the home, and twenty-two from foreign jurisdictions, while the Almoners of Grand Lodge Charity Fund had distributed 2,933 dollars among 257 applicants, of whom 233 hailed from Pennsylvania. Brother Dick, in his valedictory address, referred to the events of the past year. and especially to the Sesqui-Centennial celebration of Grand Lodge, and the sale of the old Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street for the sum of 225,000 dollars. The addresses delivered at the former he characterised as especially valuable, and said they should be preserved in a permanent form, and published by Grand Lodge for the edification of the brethren. As to the sale of the Hall, he congratulated the Craft on an event which released so large a sum belonging to them, a sum that had been locked up for nine years, but had now been added to the Grand Lodge Sinking Fund, which was thus increased to 255,000 dollars. He also stated that the bonded debt of G. Lodge which, in 1873, amounted to 1,455,000 dollars had since been reduced to 1,028,000 dollars, and he hoped and believed that the same steady ratio of decrease would be maintained. At the close of the address the principal Grand Officers were elected and installed, namely, Bros. Conrad B. Day M.W.G.M., E. Coppée Mitchell D.G.M., Joseph Eichbaum G.S.W., Clifford P. MacCalla G.J.W., Thomas R. Patton Grand Treasurer, and Michael Nisbet (P.G.M.) Grand Secretary. Grand Master Day then appointed and invested the other Grand Officers, namely, Rt. Rev. Brother Cortland Whitehead, D.D., Rev. Bros. William Suddards, D.D., Richard H. Allen, D.D., J. J. McIlvar, D.D., William B. Wood, D.D., J. S. McConnell, William H. Platt, James W. Robbins, D.D., Frank E. Miller, Henry S Getz, Samuel Hirsch, A. V. C. Schenck, D.D. Grand Chaplains; George S. Graham G.S.D., Robert E. Pattison G.J.D., John Slingluff and John W. Lee Grand Stewards, George W. Wood Grand Marshal, Louis M. Chastean Grand Sword Bearer, Robert P. Dechert Grand Pursuivant, William A. Sinn Grand Tyler. Bro. Nisbet then proposed a series of resolutions by way of recognising the valuable services rendered by Bro. Dick during the term of his Grand Mastership, and these having been unanimously accepted, and ordered to be engrossed for presentation to the retiring Grand Master, Bro. Richard Vaux P.G.M., on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented Bro. Dick with a valuable Past Grand Master's jewel, which the latter accepted, and for which, as well as the resolutions, he returned thanks in a very appropriate speech. Grand Lodge was closed and the brethren separated, but in noticing these proceedings we cannot allow the opportunity to pass without congratulating Brother MacCalla, of the *Keystone*, from which we have derived these particulars, on his appointment as Grand Junior Warden.

The annual Convocation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held in the evening of the same day, in the Temple, and was presided over by M.E. Comp. Hibberd P. John Grand High Priest, who also reviewed the events of the past year, referring, with regret, to the great loss sustained by capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania through the deaths of Past Grand High Priests, Comps. Potter, Parke and Griscom. He also suggested that G. Chapter should take into favourable consideration the subject of the Masonic Home advocated by the Girard and Columbia Mark Lodges, and concluded by thanking the Companions who had been his Officers and the members of Grand Chapter for the kindness and assistance they had rendered him. The following were then elected and installed as the Principal Grand Officers, namely, Comps. Augustus R. Hall M.E. Grand H. Priest, George W. Kendrick junior Grand King, Matthias H. Henderson Grand Scribe, Thos. R. Patton Grand Treasurer, and Charles E. Meyer Grand Secretary, after which the Grand H. Priest appointed the following Officers, namely, Comps. Henry R. Coulomb Grand Captain of the Host, John Keller jun. Grand Principal Sojourner, James S. Barber Grand R.A. Captain, J. V. Robbins, D.D., T. J. Davis, D.D., W. B. Wood, D.D., A. N. C. Schenck, D.D., T. F. Jackson, J. F. Crouch, W. H. Platt, W. P. Howell, H. S. Getz, and Alex. M. Wiggins, Grand Chaplains; Charles W. Bolen Grand Master of the 3rd Vail, Arthur H. Woodward Grand Master of the 2nd Vail, and Fred. K. Womrath Grand Master of the 1st Vail; Edward Masson Grand Marshal, Michael W. Reinoehl S.G. Master of Ceremonies, Elias W. Hale jun. G.M. of Ceremonies, Edward Frier Grand Pursuivant, and W. A. Sinn Grand Janitor. A memorial notice of the late Comp. Parke Past Grand High Priest having been read by Comp. Samuel C. Perkins Past G.H.P., Grand Chapter was closed until its quarterly meeting in March, when the Mark Master's degree will be exemplified by the Grand Officers.

The *Keystone* closed the year 1882 with a double number, of unusual excellence. Among the additional matter we note with pleasure a well-executed engraving of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, and portraits of the principal Officers of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, with short historical sketches of the majority of them. There are likewise several tales and items of general interest.

The *Voice of Masonry* begins its volume for the current year bravely. We have so often spoken in terms of well-deserved praise of the contents and general style and tone of this Magazine that it will suffice if we say that the number for the present month maintains, if, indeed, it does not enhance, its reputation as a first class organ of American Masonic news and opinion. By the way, it notes a mistake we made some time since in attributing to the *Masonic Review* an article we quoted from its pages. We regret the error, which was unintentional, and apologise for having made it.

Our brethren are reminded that the annual ball given under the auspices of the City of London Lodge, No. 901, is fixed to take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on the evening of Wednesday, the 31st instant. In past seasons this event has been attended with a very large measure of success, and, judging for the demand for tickets, this year a similar result may be anticipated. The Stewards are doing their utmost to make the ball attractive, and those who have not yet secured tickets should lose no time in applying to them, or to the Hon. Sec., Bro. R. P. Stevens, 5 Little Argyll Street, Regent Street, W.

The Committee of Petitions of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon will be held this year at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. The Officers will be appointed, petitioners will be relieved, and candidates for the Great Charities will be selected to receive the support of the Province.

The Hon. Frank Lyon, second son of the Earl of Strathmore, was, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., installed as Prov. Grand Master of Forfarshire.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair; William Roebuck, Leopold Ruf, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Massey, C. F. Matier, Don. M. Dewar, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The Court declared a list of 65 candidates for the election of the 16th April, and vacancies for twelve boys in the School. There was no further business before the Court.

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CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 901.

THE annual installation meeting of this highly disciplined and thoroughly popular Lodge was held on Monday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was an unusually numerous attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Brother George Cundy. A hearty and fraternal greeting was interchanged as the brethren assembled, soon after four o'clock, and it was evident that the proceedings of the evening were anticipated with a considerable amount of interest. This arose, no doubt, from the exceedingly able manner in which Brother Cundy had transacted the business of the exalted position he had held during the year, and the equal popularity and promise of Brother John Hughes, who had so well discharged his functions as Senior Warden. Soon after four o'clock Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, the Worshipful Master being supported by Brothers Charles Beaumont Immediate Past Master, John Hughes S.W., D. Hughes J.W., Henry Darcy P.M. Treasurer, George Darcy P.M. Secretary, T. McClelland S.D., E. V. P. Harris J.D., R. Clinch M.C., H. Harbord I.G., Ernest C. T. Hand Organist; also Bros. A. Ginger P.M., W. Lewis P.M., R. Gillard, D. Hughes, J. E. Finister, A. Bisley, R. Stevens, H. Smith, J. Watkins, J. Vale, A. Prince, R. Diamond, G. Lawson, G. Grist, W. R. Hanlock, C. Bates, Geo. Chivers, H. Gooch, E. W. Cundy, A. J. Sheffield, J. Hoddinott, George Britton, C. Huish, F. Eade, H. Barwell, W. B. Smith, J. Hoskins, J. Richardson, W. Alder, H. W. Taylor, W. C. Plater, A. Parker, W. Dance, P. C. Rogers, J. Hardwick, R. F. Whur, G. F. Lawson, W. Wallace, W. Hopkinson, G. Rubardt, T. Baines, T. James, T. Hocking, J. Hardwick, G. Walker, R. Fletcher, J. Woodstock Tyler, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. R. Jeffreys P.M. 435, J. Zidpast P.M. 1306, J. Cooper P.M. 55, J. W. Cooper P.M. 538, J. Eldridge P.M. 167, J. Bladen 1839, G. G. Symons P.M. 45, E. King 554, V. Borg 515 (Malta), R. Woodward S.W. 1728, R. W. Henry 144, C. W. Cox 188, H. Wright 1965, A. Hickman W.M. 228, H. Price S.D. 177, B. J. Woolfe 720, W. Thomas 1853, E. A. Peachy 1764, E. Wood 829, F. J. Healey 749, S. Hurdle 1744, J. W. Hiscox 1512, Fredk. Hurdle 548, W. H. Chalfont 1425, E. Gell 1017, S. J. Ball 1517, H. Millis 1853, S. Etherington 1305, J. Barker 933, H. Champness 18, W. F. Green 861, Geo. Bassett 969, &c. After the confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, Lodge was advanced and Bro. Watkins was passed to the second degree, the ceremony being ably performed by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Bro. John Hughes was then presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, he was duly installed into the chair by the retiring Worshipful Master, whose eloquent delivery of the Ritual elicited universal expressions of approbation, and afforded much pleasure as well as edification to all present. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed with the customary honours, after which he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. George A. Cundy I.P.M., David Hughes S.W., McClelland J.W., H. Darcy P.M. Treas., C. Beaumont P.M. Sec., E. V. P. Harris S.D., H. Harbord J.D., J. Clinch M.C., Daniel Hughes I.G., Ernest C. T. Hand Organist, Gillard and R. Whur Stewards, R. Pittam Stevens W.S., and Woodstock Tyler. The ballot was then opened for Mr. Richard Fletcher, who had been proposed by Bro. Vale, seconded by Bro. D. Hughes, and the voting being unanimously in favour, that gentleman was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. The proposal, by Bro. Lewis P.M. seconded by Bro. Venner, that ten guineas be given out of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, to a Brother, was agreed to, and after the transaction of some other business, the brethren adjourned to the throne-room of the hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, and personally superintended by Bro. Henry Mills, whose arrangements gave every satisfaction. Dessert having been placed on the tables, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the W.M. alluding in felicitous terms to the honour enjoyed by the Craft in having the first gentleman in the land to be its G.M., and speaking of the deep interest which his Royal Highness ever manifested in the welfare of the Order, which he had so nearly at heart. The toast was cordially received, and was followed by the trio, "Hail to thee, Prince of Wales," admirably sung by Bros. Hand, Sanford and Minton, who were deservedly applauded. Our Masonic Rulers formed the subject of the next toast, special mention being made of the valuable services each rendered to the Craft, and after the usual honours, Bro. Frank Laughlin played a brilliant pianoforte solo, from "Lurline." The I.P.M. then assumed the gavel, and said the brethren were compelled to listen once more to his voice, of which they must have heard enough during the past twelve months. He asked them to drink to the health of their W.M., whom he had the pleasure of installing that evening. When he said Bro. Hughes was a great honour to the City of London Lodge, it was sufficient to say he would be an honour to any Lodge in the world. He, therefore, asked them to drink with all cordiality the health of their esteemed Worshipful Master, hoping he might have a grand year of prosperity. The toast was received most heartily, and was followed by the trio, "The Peasant's Morning Song," by Bros. Hand, Sanford and Minton. The Worshipful Master, who on rising to reply was most cordially received, thanked the brethren heartily for the manner in which they had received the toast, and Bro. Gundy specially for the flattering terms in which he had referred to his humble services. When he entered the Lodge, four years ago, he little dreamed of so soon occupying the position to which he had that day attained, by the kindness of the brethren. It was a matter of great pride to him, and if he had given them satisfaction in what little he had done that evening, he should labour ten times more to give them satisfaction in the future. He then proposed, in suitable terms, the health of the Initiate, which was followed by the glee "Banish, O Maiden" by Bros. Hand, Minton, Sanford and Laughlin. Bro. Fletcher, in acknowledging the toast, said he felt very much honoured by having been admitted a member of the Ancient and Honourable Institution of Freemasons, and expressed the hope that he might prove an apt student of the art, and become a good Mason. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of his Immediate Past Master, remarking that very little was needed from him to enhance Bro. Cundy in the opinion of the brethren. They must all acknowledge that he had conducted the ceremony of installation that evening in a most admirable manner. The effect was such that it thoroughly thrilled him. Throughout his year of office everything that Bro. Cundy had done, or attempted to do, had been done with the best intentions, and for the welfare of the Lodge. They had much to thank him for, because, before he took office, he was always busy in the Lodge, and did much to promote its interests. He had now pleasure in affixing to his breast a handsome jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the brethren of the Lodge. He was sure the company would all agree with him when he said never did jewel adorn the breast of a more worthy Mason than that of their Bro. Cundy. He hoped he might be spared many years to wear it, and to enjoy the respect and esteem in which he was held by all the brethren of the Lodge. The Immediate Past Master was warmly received on rising to respond. He said: Believe me, brethren, through my year of office I have, as you know, stood up many times to respond for the toast of my health, and to propose many toasts, and I generally have done so with a certain degree of confidence. But upon this occasion the words that our excellent Worshipful Master has used, saying that I have given such immense satisfaction to the Lodge during my year of office, and before, really make me feel a great amount of diffidence in returning thanks. I feel that during my year of office, and since I have been a member of this Lodge, I have been treated by every member of it, individually, with that degree of kindness, courtesy and respect which invariably exists amongst Freemasons, and it is this which makes me feel the diffidence which I have mentioned. Your kindness in voting me this jewel will never be forgotten. It will be worn by me upon every available occasion, with the greatest amount of pride and pleasure, because I know it has been unanimously voted, out of the good feeling of the brethren of the City of London Lodge. I shall always wear it as a token of the good feeling which I know does exist between every member of this Lodge and myself—a good feeling which, I trust, may continue to exist as long as I live. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors, on whose behalf Bros. Jeffreys, Thomas and Chalfont suitably replied; after which the health of the Past Masters was given, and duly acknowledged by the P.M.'s present. Bros. Sanford and Minton sang excellent songs between these toasts, and after the Officers, Bros. Hand, Sanford, Minton and Laughlin gave the quartette, "Oh! who will o'er the Downs?" in capital style. The Tyler's toast closed the official programme, and was appropriately followed by the song, "The Passing Bell," by Bro. Hand, soon after which the brethren separated, having spent a thoroughly happy and harmonious *réunion*.

UNION LODGE, No. 52.

THE Mayor of Norwich, Brother Charles R. Gilman, was on Tuesday, 9th inst., installed W.M. of this, the premier Lodge of the province of Norfolk, at the Norfolk Hotel, in presence of a large number of subscribing and visiting brethren—mostly the latter. The Right Worshipful W.M. afterwards proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Courtenay Boyle I.P.M., P. E. Hansell S.W., C. A. B. Bignold J.W., H. G. Barwell Treasurer, Charles Cubitt Secretary, Harry Bullard S.D., Rev. W. Vincent J.D. and Chaplain, W. M. Pigott I.G., W. Murrell Tyler. Certain formal business having been transacted, a banquet, supplied in host Tidman's best style, followed, and the proceedings at the social board were of the most harmonious character. We may state, however, that the loss of Brother Gardiner C. Stevens, who had long acted as Secretary of Union Lodge, was alluded to with much feeling.

LODGE FORTITUDE, No. 131, TRURO.

THE brethren celebrated the festival of St. John, on Tuesday, 9th inst., when Brother R. Angel S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Brother T. Chirgwin P.M. The W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. W. B. Morriss I.P.M., H. Simmons S.W., T. C. Mack J.W., W. Middleton Treasurer, J. Tonkin Secretary, G. M. Downing S.D., W. J. Green J.D., J. Hearn Chaplain, J. Higgins I.G., T. Kendall M.C., W. T. Hawking and J. Greenaway Stewards, Lukis Organist, J. Langdon Tyler. Brother W. B. Merriss was appointed steward for the Cornwall Masonic Benevolent and Annuity Fund. The brethren afterwards sat down to a first-class banquet, supplied By Mrs. Bray, at the Red Lion Hotel. Amongst those present was Brother Sir James McGarel Hogg, M.P.

PROSPERITY LODGE BALL.

ONE of the most successful and agreeable ré-unions ever witnessed in connection with the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, took place on Tuesday evening last, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, where the annual ball was given in aid of the Masonic Charities. Each succeeding Worshipful Master seems to be animated with a determination, if possible, to excel those who have gone before. The brethren who acted as Stewards on this occasion were Bros. Roberts, Schadler, Rich, Hawkins, Marshall, Gregory, Jones, Walker, Dyson, Goodwin, E. S. Cornwall, L. A. Leins, C. Daniel, C. E. Ferry, W. Chicken, G. F. Burge, Stafford, Bond, Ruse, Edridge, Bourn, and Wallis, to whom the utmost meed of praise is due for the excellent and efficient manner in which the whole of the arrangements were carried out. The hall

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was brilliantly illuminated by means of the electric light, whilst massive lustres adorned the mantle shelves, decked out on either side with ferns and ornamental foliage plants. On either side of the hall were large mirrors, tastefully adorned with curtains of white lace, whilst in the corners of the room were fountains from which cool plashing of water came with a refreshing sound. Lounges and seats were judiciously placed for the rest and retirement of the guests between the exciting phases of the dance, and the committee seem to have studied to the very minutest detail the comfort and convenience of their numerous party of friends. An excellent selection of music was submitted by Bro. Sibold's City of London band. At twelve o'clock supper was announced in the Pillar Hall, the entire company assembling under the genial presidency of Bro. J. Roberts.

LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 174.

THE annual installation meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge was held on Wednesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a very numerous assemblage of the members and visitors. Lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. F. Brown, who was supported by the whole of his Officers. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the auditors' report, which was of a very satisfactory character, was unanimously approved. The ballot was then opened for Bro. George A. Bashford, of the Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604, who had been proposed by Bro. W. Gayton, and seconded by Bro. John Newton P.M., and the voting was unanimously in his favour. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Clifford was passed to Fellow Craft. Lodge was then advanced to the third, and resumed in the second degree, Bro. J. S. Fraser was presented as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being worked by the outgoing W.M. Having received the customary salutations, he invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. F. Brown I.P.M., A. Haig Brown S.W., T. F. Harvey J.W., Charles Lacey P.M. Treasurer, John Newton P.M. Secretary, W. Fraser S.D., F. Dellow J.D., H. J. Cant I.G., G. T. H. Seddon P.M. Organist, C. Blain M.C., John Miller Wine Steward, and J. Very Tyler. At the conclusion of some routine business, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the throne room of the hotel, where a récherché banquet was provided, and the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. These were interspersed with an abundance of good singing and music, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 382.

THE regular meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, the 15th inst. Bros. J. Lonsdale W.M., G. Rowles S.W., H. W. Nicholson J.W., and a goodly attendance of the members. The Lodge being duly opened, M. W. H. Goodban was initiated. Lodge was then opened in the second, and Bro. Marsh was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, after which Lodge was resumed to the first degree. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and the choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. G. Rowles Senior Warden. The Treasurer and Tyler were both unanimously re-elected, and after the appointment of two of the brethren as Auditors, Bro. C. Russ P.M. proposed that a Past Master's jewel be presented at the next meeting to the retiring W.M., as a proof of the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair during his year of office. At the close of the Lodge the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, provided by the host Bro. Phillips, and after due justice had been done to this, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drank. Bro. C. Russ P.M. P.G.P. Middlesex, on behalf of the brethren, presented Bro. W. Coombes P.M. P.G.S.B. with a handsome testimonial, consisting of a sterling silver tea service, and an illuminated address, as follows:—

To Brother W. Coombes P.M. Prov. Grand Sword Bearer Middlesex, Secretary to the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We, the brethren of the Royal Union Lodge, present you with this testimonial as a token of our esteem, regard, and appreciation of your many years valuable and devoted services as Secretary of our Lodge.

We also present you with this sterling silver tea service, the frequent use of which we trust may be conducive to give you health and strength, long to continue to be our worthy Secretary, and remain a beloved brother among us.

CHARLES RUSS P.M. P.G.P.

15th January 1883. Uxbridge.

The following is the inscription on the Tea Service: –

"Presented to Brother W. COOMBES P.M., by the members of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, as a token of esteem. January 1883."

Bro. Coombes having responded, a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Russ for the excellent way in which he carried out the wishes of the brethren, and for the trouble he had taken in getting up the testimonial. This closed a very successful meeting.

The fourth annual ball, in connection with the Crichton Lodge, No. 1641, will take place on Friday, the 9th February, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. An influential list of Stewards has been announced, and as the proceeds will be devoted to the Charity Fund of the Lodge, we trust there will be a large attendance. A dispensation has been obtained to wear Masonic clothing.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Brothers Richardson, Montennis, Massey, Massa, Tattershall, Harvey, Matthews, Webb, Roebuck, Peter de Lande Long, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the chairman announced that there would be twenty-nine candidates at the next election in April, and twenty-two vacancies. On the motion of Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D., Vice-Patron, seconded by Bro. A. H. Tattershall, the following motion was unanimously passed: "That the best thanks of the subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Leach, R.E., for his fraternal conduct in voluntarily superintending the sanitary works lately so successfully carried out at the School buildings, at Battersea; and that, as a small recognition of the services rendered by him, he be, and is, hereby elected a Vice-Patron of the Institution, with all the rights and privileges attached thereto." In moving the resolution, Bro. F. Richardson said, that in consequence of Col. Leach's services, the building was now the most healthy in the country, and as they could not recompense the voluntary services of such a distinguished scientist in money, the House Committee thought they might offer him some slight recognition of those services by electing him a Vice-Patron of the Institution. Bro. Tattershall said he had great pleasure in seconding the motion, because it was he who introduced Col. Leach to Col. Creaton. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

We beg to draw the attention of our readers to the reprint, in pamphlet form, which has just been issued, of the Series of Articles that appeared in our last Volume on the Proposed New Edition of the Book of Constitutions. We were anxious on our own account, as well as at the instance of a large number of our readers, to undertake the difficult task of revising the Revise, and from letters received from various influential quarters it appears that our criticisms have been received with considerable favour. These criticisms have been most carefully overlooked since their first publication, and we are inclined to believe, from the kindly opinions which have been passed upon them, that they are not altogether unworthy of consideration, while here and there may be found suggestions which are not entirely valueless. At all events, we have reproduced them, and have derived no little satisfaction from the manner in which they have been received. If it should prove of service in promoting the important work which has been undertaken, and which must be discussed at length by Grand Lodge, we shall feel that our labour has not been in vain.

At a meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement, held at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's Road, Islington, on Thursday, the 18th inst., Comp. Gregory occupied the chair of Z.; Comps. Cull H., Hunter J., Gillard P.S., and Edmonds S.N. Brethren desirous of instruction in the duties of Royal Arch Masonry could not do better than join this Chapter of Improvement. Comp. Edmonds is a painstaking and competent Preceptor.

The *Keystone* for the 6th of January publishes a small supplement in the shape of a well-arranged Calendar, showing the names, numbers, and meeting-nights of the different Masonic bodies in Philadelphia for the year 1883. Its budget of news, though of local interest, is very readable. In fact, our Pennsylvanian contemporary has closed the past year and inaugurated the present in a manner worthy of its acknowledged rank of a Masonic journal.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 20th JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
22—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hote', Fleet-street
905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1542—Legiolinm, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 23rd JANUARY.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Holmesey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1714—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 24th JANUARY.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hotel, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester

THURSDAY, 25th JANUARY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington
R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester

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1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 282—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 8—Palms of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley
K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 26th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
653—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1103—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1385—Gladamuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 243—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 27th JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965—Eastes, Pariah Rooms, Bromley, Kent

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THE annual installation meeting of this old and popular Lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on New Year's Day, when there was a large attendance of the brethren and Visitors. Under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. L. M. Myers, Lodge was opened soon after half-past four o'clock, the Worshipful Master being supported by Bros. Benjamin S.W., Martin J.W., Albert P.M. P.G.P. Hon. Sec., Lyon Treasurer, Bean S.D., Wall J.D., Dewsnap M.C., Wynman Steward, Van Noorden Org., Baker I.P.M., P.M.'s Dodson, Levy, Alexander, Lazarus, Hyman, Berkowitz, and many other brethren. Amongst the Visitors were:—Bros. Isaacs 1614, Sims 1558, Thompson 1695, Phillips 205, Davis 1017, Jacobs P.M. 1327, Forge W.M. 1950, Woodman 1950, Pond 1260, Lazarus P.P.G.W. Wilts, Kauffmann 1732, Clark P.M. 1222, Adlard P.P.G.A.D.C. Essex, Faulkner P.M. 1423, Abrahams P.M. 1017, Posener W.M. 15, Da Silva W.M. 205, Massey P.M. 1928, Bush P.M. 185, Vallentine 1017, Lewis P.M. 1261, Fletcher W.M. 180, Myers 185, Bignold 1624, Braham 946, Hollis P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Cohen P.M. 185. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Davies was raised to the sublime degree by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers, the ceremony being ably performed, and the charges delivered with good effect. Bro. Benjamin, who had discharged his duties as S.W. during the year in exemplary manner, and had been unanimously chosen as the W.M. elect, was then presented, and a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, he was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Richard Baker P.M., whose admirable rendering of the ritual was much admired, and afforded the utmost pleasure and satisfaction to all present. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, after which he appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow: Bros. L. M. Myers I.P.M., Martin S.W., Bean J.W., Lyon Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.M. P.G.P. Secretary, A. Botibol S.D., Wall J.D., Dewsnap I.G., Dodson P.M. M.C., S. B. Alexander A.M.C., J. Wynman Steward, G. Green A. Steward, Van Noorden Org., J. Woodstock P.M. Tyler. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren and visitors partook of a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Benjamin, who, when dessert had been placed before the guests, proposed the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. In giving the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, he said it was a toast that was always received with loyalty and enthusiasm, his Royal Highness being deservedly popular with all classes, and more especially amongst his brethren of the Craft. He (the W.M.) had therefore great pleasure in submitting this toast for the acceptance of the company. Bro. E. P. Albert suitably responded on behalf of the Grand Officers Past and Present; after which the Worshipful Master proposed Success to the Joppa Benevolent Fund, with which he associated the name of its excellent Past President, Bro. L. Alexander. Bro. Alexander said he had so frequently been called upon to respond to this toast that he had but little further to add as to the great usefulness of the fund, which was established in 1819, under the fostering care of its promoter, Dr. Canstatt. Since then they had dispensed large sums of money, with infinite advantage in many cases to its recipients. He detailed several instances of the benefits conferred by this fund, which now amounted to nearly £2900. Bro. Myers then, in felicitous terms, proposed the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, who had worked hard and zealously in the cause of Freemasonry and this Lodge in particular, and who well deserved the honours which had that day been conferred upon him. He felt sure that when Bro. Benjamin had completed his year of office the brethren would be in a position to congratulate him upon the happy result of his labours. The toast was most enthusiastically received, and Bro. Benjamin, in response, thanked the brethren for the cordiality of the greeting which they had accorded him. It had been his earnest desire to emulate the deeds of those who had preceded him in that high and exalted position, and he assured them he should strive ever to promote the true interests of the Joppa Lodge. His heart was warmly in the work of Freemasonry, and no words he could employ were adequate to express his appreciation of the dignity and honour which they had to-day bestowed upon him. The brethren had vouchsafed a kindly and patient hearing while he had been speaking of himself; he would now ask them to extend a similar mark of consideration to his Immediate Past Master, whose health it was now his pleasant duty to submit to them. In eulogistic terms, he then alluded to the admirable work of the brother who had just vacated the chair, and the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during his very successful year of office; and, in conclusion, he asked Bro. Myers' acceptance of a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the whole of the brethren as a token of regard and appreciation of genuine and useful service to the Joppa Lodge. The jewel was a very massive and handsome one, of gold, and bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the brethren of the Lodge of Joppa to Wor. Brother Lewis M. Meyers P.M., as a mark of esteem for his valuable services, and the efficient manner in which he discharged the duties as W.M. during the year 1882. January 1883." Bro. Myers, who on rising to acknowledge the gift was loudly cheered, said he should look upon the jewel not merely for its intrinsic worth, but more especially for the kindly and generous motives by which the gift had been prompted. The Joppa was not his mother Lodge, but since he had been connected with it he had made many valued friends, from whom he had received nothing but kindness; he assured them he should strive every nerve to advance the best interests and welfare of the Lodge. A compliment was paid to Bro. Silver, of 117 Gower-street, for the excellent banquet he had set before the brethren, and for the arrangements, which had elicited unqualified satisfaction. Bro. Da Silva, of the Israel Lodge, responded in a happy vein for the Visitors, as also did Bro. S. V. Abrahams the present W.M. of the Montefiore Lodge. He alluded to his initiation into the Joppa Lodge, of which he at one time filled the chair, and made suitable reference to the admirable way in which the Benevolent Fund was managed by its past and present Officers. He trusted, by removal to the Freemasons' Tavern, the Lodge might be benefited in every way, and continue to sustain the prestige it had for many years enjoyed. Brother T. W. C. Bush also suitably responded. For the Past Masters Bro. Baker replied, in a few happily chosen sentences, and the health of the Officers, for whom the Wardens responded, was followed by the Tyler's toast. During the evening some excellent vocal and instrumental music was given by Madame Pellitier, Miss Emily Dashwood, Bros. Arthur Thomas, Frank Quatremayne, Signor Villa, Chas. Braham, whose performances tended much to enliven the proceedings of the evening. Bro. Walter Van Noorden, son of Bro. E. P. Van Noorden, Organist of the Lodge, efficiently accompanied on the pianoforte.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 496, ST. AUSTELL.

THE members of the above Lodge held their annual meeting, to commemorate the festival of St. John, on 9th inst. After the second degree had been conferred on a brother, Brother John Brewer the W.M. elect was most ably and impressively installed by W. Bro. John W. Higman P.M. The W. Master appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Charles Tozer I.P.M., Houseley S.W., William J. Tredinnick J.W., Rev. F. B. Paul Chaplain, W. Guy Treasurer (20th year), W. J. Watts Secretary, J. G. Blight S.D., H. Harris J.D., J. McTurk I.G., J. Bunt M.C., S. Truscott Organist, S. Tank and J. Connett Stewards, and William Real Tyler. W. Brother Guy was re-elected Steward of the C.M.A. and B. Fund. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. J. Doney S.W., and G. Louth 856, Lostwithiel, and Richard Parson J.W. 977, Fowey. The banquet which was well attended, was served at W. Brother Luke's, White Hart Hotel.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—At the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Friday, 12th inst., Brother Stokes officiated as W.M., and was supported by Bros. Richard Poore S.W., C. H. Wiltshire J.W., A. J. Styles S.D., H. H. Wiltshire J.D., J. N.

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Bate I.G., James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor; J. Wilmott and others were also present. The Lodge having been opened in Fellow Craft, the first section was worked by the brethren, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., and the charge in the degree given by Bro. Bate. The Lodge was then lowered, and after the election of Brother Poore as W.M. for the ensuing week, was closed in due form and the meeting adjourned.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—The members held their usual meeting on Saturday last, at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road. There were present Bros. A. W. Fenner W.M., Jones S.W., Ashton J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Lorkin acting Secretary, Gribbell S.D., Richardson J.D., Marks I.G., also Bros. Weeden, Defriez, Wolf, Arober, Cohen, Nicholls, Houghton, Mackey, Hatch, Brasted, Galer, Rushton, &c. The usual preliminaries were observed, and then Brother Weeden answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Brother C. Weeden candidate. Brother C. Lorkin gave the lecture on the tracing board. Brother Rushton answered the questions leading to the third degree. Lodge opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Brother Rushton being the candidate; the ceremony included the recital of the traditional history. The W.M. worked the third section of the lecture, thus completing an instructive evening's labour. Lodge resumed to first degree. Brother Rushton, of the Crusaders' Lodge, No. 1677, was elected a member, and Brother G. F. Jones was appointed W.M. for next week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 12th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Beckett W.M., Monson S.W., Sperring J.W., C. E. Botley Secretary, F. Botley S.D., Goss P.M. J.D., Cammell I.G., Andrews P.M. Preceptor, Past Master Bro. Blasby; Bros. Maton and Turner. Business—Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The questions leading to the third degree were answered, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Brother Turner candidate. Lodge resumed to first degree, and the third and fourth sections of first lecture were worked. Brother Monson was elected W.M. for 19th January. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday, 16th instant. Present—Bros. Seward W.M., Acworth S.W., Longhurst P.M. 133, 1272 J.W., Smith S.D., Jones J.D., Wells I.G., Andrews P.M. acting Preceptor, and Brown. After preliminaries, the Worshipful Master rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Brother Wells candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Brother Longhurst worked the fourth section of the first Lecture. Brother Acworth was elected Worshipful Master for the next meeting, and then Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 23rd instant.

On the 19th ult., at a well attended meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, Bro. James Terry, Past Provincial Grand S.W. Norths and Hunts, rehearsed the ceremony of installation. In acknowledging a vote of thanks most cordially passed to him, Brother Terry referred to the very able assistance he had received from Brother Delevanti, who presided at the organ on the occasion.

Bro. R. P. Forge, W.M. of the Southgate Lodge, No. 1950, will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693, held at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's Road, Canonbury, on Monday, 22nd January, upon which occasion the Lodge will be opened at 8 o'clock precisely, and will be closed at 9; after this it is the intention of the members to spend an hour in conviviality, several musical brethren having promised to support Bro. Forge on the occasion.

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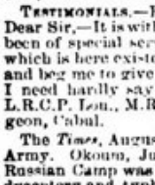

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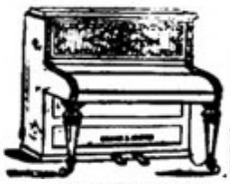

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INSTALLATION OF SUCCESSORS.

HOWEVER excellent and instructive a good precept or maxim may be, it becomes a little ludicrous at times when it is harped upon *ad nauseam*, and flourished about with as much dexterity as a Hibernian would wield his shillalagh. Is their a man amongst us who, whilst attending an Installation meeting, has not heard the sentiment expressed that each successive Wor. Master should, and ought to be, installed by the former occupant of the chair, who should have so profited by the experience of his year in office as to have mastered the Ritual sufficiently to enable him to dispense with the services of an independent Installing Officer? This is a sentiment which, good as it is in itself, has been so often reiterated in our hearing, that we naturally anticipate what the Installing Officer will say when the toast of his health is proposed at the festive board. There can be no question whatever that it is desirable—most desirable—that every man who aspires to, and attains the dignified position of Master of a Lodge, should study to make himself perfect in all his work, amongst which is, that he shall be able to instal his successor when the time arrives, when he must, in the course of the changes that are inevitable in Masonic Lodges, retire, and take his place amongst the ranks of the Past Masters. Nobody will deny that this is a task to which every Master who is competent, and has the time to spare for it, should devote himself with all the zeal and assiduity at his command. It not only lends additional *éclat* to a ceremony which in itself is impressive and sublime, but it also gives pre-eminence, and a more lofty status to the brother who has devoted his efforts, and that successfully, to the acquirement of a complete mastery of his duties. It is the keystone to the archway of his year's labour, the last round in the ladder of his achievements while in the possession of the gavel. But there are occasions in which a Worshipful Master is unable to devote the time to that mental labour which is required to discharge so onerous a duty. He may be engaged in professional or commercial pursuits, in which case time is the very bread he has to win for himself and those dependent upon him; and in such a case he must feel unequal, much as he would desire to do so, to the somewhat formidable task of performing the Installation rite. Again, he might be possessed of the requisite tact and ability, with the assistance of his Past Masters and Officers, to discharge the ordinary duties of his Lodge, and to acquit himself passably in the three degrees; and yet he may be entitled to indulgence if he feels at last unequal to fulfil a function which—if the axiom that every retiring Master shall instal his successor were rigidly insisted on—would come to him only once in his Masonic career. To upbraid such a brother, therefore, and to cast an imputation on either his intelligence or zeal, is, to say the least, unkind. Many a man in such a case would reason to himself and say, that amongst his Past Masters he knows of one who, by constant reiteration of the part, having a love for elocution, a more than ordinarily quick memory—and perhaps a slight penchant for popularity—has mastered the whole subject thoroughly, and is able to deliver the charges with telling effect and accuracy. He has installed incoming Masters over and over again, and likes the work, as well as the expressions of approbation which follow his execution of it. What more natural, let us ask, under such circumstances, than to request that prominent Past Master to step on to a platform, where he feels so much at home, and to officiate in the room of him who, properly speaking, should have done the duty himself? Yet we know of instances in which brethren have undertaken this responsibility with readiness, and with every appearance of good faith, turn round when their health has been given at the banquet table, and lament that the practice of "every Master installing his successor" is not universal, and that the aid of "an outsider" had been found necessary in that particular case. Not long ago a very striking example of this assumption of the virtue of modesty,—which we fear our brother had not,—came under our notice, and suggested to our mind the opportunity of saying a few words upon this oft-repeated precept. Our brother, whose breast glittered with jewels, and whose countenance beamed with infinite self-complacency, feigned regret at having been called upon to discharge a duty which, easy and pleasant as it was, should not have been left in the hands of an "outsider," but have been discharged by the newly-fledged Immediate Past Master. It so happened that the last-named brother has under his personal care and supervision a large and important branch of commerce, which so absorbed his time as to render him capable, with great difficulty only, to sustain the responsibilities he undertook at his elevation to the rank of Master. He had, however, rendered a better account of himself to his Lodge than the brethren had a right to expect, who knew the multifarious duties which crowded daily upon the object of their choice. The Lodge had flourished more than ordinarily, thanks to his tact, urbanity, and business-like capacity; the working had been praised up to the hilt for its excellence and perfection; the Charities had been liberally upheld; and every good work in and connected with the Lodge had been duly and diligently performed. Yet, forsooth, because our brother relegated his prerogative of working the Installation ceremony to one of his Past Masters, who by constant practice had the whole of the Ritual at his fingers end,—and doing it more as a graceful compliment to a senior officer than from any wish to shirk the responsibility—the latter must needs turn round and build up his own vain glory by imputing, by inference, that the Immediate Past Master was deficient in intelligence and power of grasp, and that being unable to perform the ceremony himself, had shifted the saddle on to the shoulders of another,—an unwilling horse. There is a smack of the Uriah Heap in such conduct which does not "go down" among brethren who have sufficient sagacity to read between the lines. The brother to whom we allude is able to perform the ceremony perfectly,—and he knows it. He admits he is fond of the job, and as a consequence courts, and obtains it whenever he has the opportunity. He loves to pose before his less-favoured comrades below the chair, and seems to say, "Behold your superior in intellectual capacity and confidence in his powers." All this is very well, but for such a brother to feign regret that he has been compelled, unwillingly, to step into the shoes

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of either an incompetent or indolent retiring Master, is too good a joke to be swallowed seriously by those who know better. There are Past Masters who would sooner forfeit their jewels than concede what they deem to be their prerogative of installing every Master who succeeds to the chair of their Lodge. They are founders, and fathers of the Lodge, and as such it would be to deprive them of their right, and to sully their pleasure and popularity, were the brethren to insist upon the principle of every retiring Worshipful Master installing his successor. In such an event the occupation of these zealous, but somewhat selfish Past Masters would, like Othello's, be gone, and they would subside into that limbo of obscurity which would be so purgatorial to them as to be unendurable. This class of active men who love to shine before their fellows, and who delight in the work they have so well succeeded in accomplishing, say so straight out, and have done with it. They "esteem it a high honour to be permitted," &c. but do not, like sycophants, "wash their hands in invisible soap, in imperceptible water," and lament the incapacity of the brother, who has just completed his year of office, to instal his successor, while all the time he laughs within his sleeve, plumes himself upon his own superiority, and fattens upon the applause elicited by his own egotism and self importance. We do not say there are many cases of this kind, but there are some we have witnessed, with anything but pleasure or approbation, for we have seen good men wince under a sense of the infliction of reproaches, perhaps not intended, but which came like barbed arrows when charges made by inference apply with peculiar fitness to the case immediately under consideration. Thus, while fully endorsing the view so often expressed, that every retiring Worshipful Master should, if practicable and convenient to himself, instal his successor, it is by no means tantamount to saying that he who does not is an imbecile or a shirker of his rightful duties. There are circumstances, as we have pointed out, in which men are utterly unable to spare the time for such work, without injuring themselves in their businesses, which would be most reprehensible, and opposed to the tenets of the Craft. On the other hand, there are always plenty of brethren who, having passed the chair, and caught the spirit of the theme, are only too proud and pleased to be lifted into the distinguished and honourable position of Installing Officers whenever the opportunity presents itself. In these matters, as in all others in this life, mutual concession and consideration are most necessary and desirable, and it ill becomes one man to push his own popularity, or puff his own conceit, by triumphing over the apparent weakness of his neighbour. Having said thus much, it is our pleasant experience that the installation of successors is becoming a more frequent practice of late than it was in the olden times, and that the antiquated race of perpetual Installing Masters are rapidly dying out. Every young Master should strive, if convenient to himself, to make himself perfect in the most important of his duties; but if from any of the reasons above indicated he does not feel equal to, or inclined for, the task, there is no great harm done after all, and the delinquency has no shame whatever attached to it. In making these observations we do so free from any bias or personal feeling in the matter whatever, but only trust that the harmony and fraternal amenities of our Lodges will never be ruffled by even the slightest approach to unfriendly hints or inuendoes. If such is the case, happy we shall meet, and happy part, and happy meet again.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL AND ITS CRITIC.

WE are glad the Boys' School critic is no longer an unknown personage, and congratulate Bro. Capt. Nicols that he has had the manliness to avow his authorship of the letter which has created so much stir during the past few weeks. It is to him, of course, a source of satisfaction that the distinguished brother, the District Grand Master of the Punjab, who accompanied him, endorses fully his statements. But we cannot congratulate Bro. Nicols on the very curious reasons he assigns for having written the letter signed "S. X.," any more than on the tone and taste which characterised it. He tells us that "several passages (equally true) of the original letter were omitted, lest injury might be done to the prestige of the School in public opinion;" and he goes on to explain that the "sole object" of his letter "was an honest endeavour to prevent a repetition of the unseemly treatment which visitors to the Institution may be subjected to, and to ameliorate the social *régime* with regard to the lads themselves." He considers Dr. Morris, when he says that Bros. Col. Stewart and himself were only ten minutes at the School, "admits the whole gravamen of our complaint, which is this, that owing to the brusqeness of our reception, and the cynical curtness of his remarks, we were obliged to abridge our visit, and had to wait three-quarters of an hour at the railway station." He points out that he wrote originally under the initials "S. X." because he did not wish to make "a public matter too much of a private grievance," and because he and his brother visitor "felt satisfied that the Committee of Management, and Bro. Binckes as Secretary, would trouble themselves far more about facts affecting the interests of the Institution than the names of individual visitors." He concludes with this remarkably sagacious observation: "If the publication of this correspondence will eventually benefit the School, our object will have been attained." The letter which contains the foregoing passages deserves, and shall have, at our hands a very careful analysis.

Bro. Nicols does not tell us whether it was he himself who struck out from the "original" letter the other "passages (equally true)" which did not appear, or whether it was done, in the exercise of his discretion, by the editor of our contemporary. The matter, however, is of no material consequence. What it is important to note is that some damaging statements were allowed to stand, in the hope, we presume, that they might promote the well-being of the Institution, while other damaging statements, which the writer speaks of as "equally true," were struck out, "lest injury might be done to the prestige of the School in public opinion." We can understand that a man may not, to use a common expression, desire "to pile up the agony," but Solomon himself would have been puzzled to explain how any one, professing to be anxious for the prestige of a School, could publish, or rather ask to have published, certain statements seriously reflecting on its management. We care not what was omitted from "the *original* letter;" but it cannot have been calculated to cause greater injury "to the prestige of the School in public opinion" than what was allowed to appear in the letter of "S. X." We cannot conceive what could have been more injurious than the reference to "the awe-struck manner of one or two of the poor little fellows who had occasion to address our conductor," the remarks, "I pity the poor boys here;" "How different is all this from the happy contentment I observed at the Girls' School, at Clapham, the other day," the "pity for the poor boys themselves, whose natures might possibly be influenced through life under such moral training," or the comparison of our Boys' Institution with "the Industrial School at Feltham" where "the waifs of society are taught and trained under the strictest discipline;" and where, in place of "awe-struck" faces, there was nothing but "confidence and evident affection." It is not necessary to enumerate all the bruises a man who has been well thrashed may have received in order to prove that he has been thrashed, and nothing beyond what we have quoted from "S. X.'s" letter, as it appeared in print, is required in order to show that a school, of which such remarks, if true or applicable, can be made, must be in a very sorry condition as to its system of management. But Captain Nicols in the character of "S. X." and Captain Nicols in his own proper person are apparently two different individuals. The former suggests that he and his fellow visitor may have been "somewhat annoyed" at their reception—the exact words were, "perhaps we were somewhat annoyed at our reception"—that a "want of system" appeared to them to prevail, and that there was need for a "more careful 'surveillance' by the heads of departments at the School" in the "details of the domestic arrangements." These suggestions are followed by a description of the "awe-struck manner" of some of the "poor little boys," which is heightened by several expressions of pity for them, lest in after life their natures should be influenced by "such moral training" and by an unfavourable comparison of the Wood Green establishment, in the first place, with our Girls' School, and, in the next, with the Feltham Industrial School. Hence his complaint "against the unsatisfactory state of things" as they appeared "to him and his companion" at Wood Green. This is Captain Nicols's style of writing when he figures before the public as the mysterious unknown "S. X."

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But Captain Nicols when he writes with something like a becoming sense of his responsibility is quite another person. He tells us the sole object of his letter was "an honest endeavour to prevent a repetition of the unseemly treatment which visitors to the Institution may be subjected to, and to ameliorate the social *régime* with regard to the lads themselves," while in the very next paragraph, the desire to "ameliorate the social *régime*" disappears altogether, and we learn that the "whole gravamen" of his complaint is this, "that owing to the brusqueness of our reception," by Dr. Morris, "and the cynical curtness of his remarks, we were obliged to abridge our visit and had to wait three-quarters of an hour at the railway station." Here the "unseemly treatment" resolves itself into a certain "brusqueness" of manner, and a "cynical curtness" in the remarks of the head master, while, as to the abridged visit, and the very serious consequences it entailed, in the shape of a three-quarters of an hour's detention at the railway station, we cordially sympathise with Captain Nicols on the latter score, but we fail to see how, under any circumstances, a visit of even twenty minutes or half an hour can be sufficiently long to enable him or any one else, to form an opinion, favourable or unfavourable, of the system pursued at a large school and its "social *régime*," that is to say, of course, an opinion that is worth listening to. We should like to hear what Captain Nicols would say if Dr. Morris, after spending half an hour in a barrack, should take upon himself to publicly condemn the interior economy of the regiment quartered there, and the social *régime* under which the men belonging to it were placed, as well as the bearing of the officer in command, because, in his opinion, the latter having been interrupted in the performance of his military duties was,—we will even go so far as to suggest,—a little brusque in his manner and curt in his remarks. A man who is suddenly called away from his work to attend on visitors may receive them with courtesy, yet not endue it with any excess of cordiality, and he is necessarily curt in his remarks because he still has his work to complete. But a lack of cordiality in receiving visitors and curtness in answering their inquiries do not constitute "unseemly treatment." And, after all, the brusqueness of manner and the cynical curtness of speech come before us not as matters of fact, but as matters of opinion, and may be regarded as having about the same value as the wholesale condemnation of a school system and its "social *régime*" after a ten minutes' experience of their character.

Of course, it is not surprising that Captain Nicols should reiterate the statement he made as "S. X.," and proclaim every word of it to be true; but we must remind our readers that his statements are only matters of opinion. It *appeared* to him and his friend that "a want of system" prevailed, and that more "surveillance" was required over the domestic arrangements, and even this opinion he is kind enough to qualify by suggesting that they might have been annoyed at their reception. He did not raise his voice against "the unsatisfactory state of things" at Wood Green, but against what *appeared* to be such, while "the awe-struck manner" of the little boys can only have been a fancy. Thus the reiteration of the original statement carries with it no greater weight than the original statement itself, and how utterly valueless is the latter may be judged from Captain Nicols's first letter—the "S. X." one—in which he says, "Thus, practically we saw nothing of the School." He may well disclaim for himself the province of judge, when he publicly condemns what practically he knows nothing about. We can also well understand why Captain Nicols preferred writing originally under the initials he adopted. He assigns as his first reason for this preference that he did not wish to make what he and his friend "considered a public matter too much of a private grievance." Next he tells us "the whole gravamen" of their complaint was "the brusqueness" of their reception by the head master and "the cynical curtness of his remarks." But be this a matter of fact, or only a matter of opinion, what else is it than a "private grievance?" No one will venture to say that Dr. Morris's manner, whatever it may have been, when receiving two visitors on a particular day, is a matter of the slightest interest to the world at large. We have already remarked that a lack of cordiality in receiving people is not the same thing as meting out to them "unseemly treatment," and we will go further, and say, that even the greatest possible discourtesy on Dr. Morris's part would not justify the wholesale condemnation of the School of which he is the head master, and its system and "social *régime*." However, Dr. Morris, who has been some eight years at Wood Green, and against whose manner of receiving visitors we have never yet heard one word of complaint, will no doubt answer this attack at the proper time and in the proper place.

That "the Committee of Management and Bro. Binckes as Secretary would trouble themselves far more about facts affecting the Institution than the names of individual visitors" is more than probable, and, if we mistake not, it will be for this very reason that they will resent more deeply than even the Masonic public generally the letter of Captain Nicols. Any vice in the system of administration at Wood Green directly concerns them, because it affects their character as the executive body. But Captain Nicols, as we have shewn, has established no facts at all, much less facts which call for any interference on the part of the Committee and Bro. Binckes with the magisterial functions of Dr. Morris, and the manner in which he discharges them. If, however, they think it consonant with their dignity to express any opinion on Captain Nicols's letter, it will probably be to suggest to him the propriety of in future submitting to them any private or personal grievance he may have, or imagine he has, against the School authorities at Wood Green, instead of promoting it to the rank of a public grievance, and airing it publicly in the columns of one of our Masonic journals.

The last paragraph of his second letter declares that "if the publication of this correspondence will eventually benefit the School, our object will have been attained." We fail to see how his publicly condemning the head master, the system, and the social *régime* of the School, and comparing it disadvantageously with other schools, can benefit the School any more than it can be said that a man is benefited when some one knocks him down in order to set him on his feet again. Were it an established fact that the system pursued at Wood Green was a vicious one, there would be good reason—indeed there would be an absolute necessity—for proclaiming and recognising it with a view to its being set aside in favour of one to which no exception could be taken. But there is ample testimony that it works admirably; and though in all human institutions there is always room for improvement, we have yet to learn that a system which turns out well-behaved and well-trained boys will be improved by wholesale condemnation in a public newspaper.

There is only one remark we are desirous of adding. We necessarily hear a good many things said about persons and things, and they do not always happen to be complimentary. For instance, we have heard it said, and we are not to be blamed for having heard it, any more than we are prepared to advance it as an established fact; we say, we have heard it remarked that Bro. Capt. Nicols is a haw-haw-ish kind of being, who carries himself rather majestically, speaks slightingly of Militia Officers, and boasts that his Lodge consists only of "gentlemen." Of course we have not lived all the years of our life without being perfectly well aware that in every grade of society there are people who have a very high opinion of themselves, and a very poor opinion of others. They are the salt of the earth, and none else will compare with them. Heaven forbid we should be understood as including Bro. Nicols amongst these worthy, albeit self-sufficient and self-opinionated, personages, but as he has expressed himself in public with greater freedom than good taste and gentlemanly feeling are usually held to warrant of Dr. Morris's bearing and manner of communicating information, there can be no harm in our suggesting that, if, by the remotest chance in the world, it should happen that Capt. Nicols even in the slightest degree answers to the description we have heard of him, and to which, we repeat, we attach no importance even as a matter of opinion, it is just possible Dr. Morris may have been less cordial in his reception of him in consequence, and more curt in his remarks than is his custom. Head masters being, as a rule, scholars and gentlemen, and what is more to the purpose, kings in their own several domains, do not care to be addressed with anything approaching to a supercilious haughtiness, and still less do they care about being patronised, as it were, by those who go to them seeking information. If they experience any "unseemly treatment" of this kind, they wisely ignore it, but it does not conduce towards making their manner more cordial than good breeding prescribes, or their discourse more effusive than is absolutely necessary in order to satisfy inquiries. This,

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by the supercilious writer, would no doubt be regarded as "brusqueness" of manner and "cynical curtness" of speech, but even then a supercilious person, if he is wise, will not condemn the subject-matter of his inquiries because of the manner in which they were answered. These remarks, of course, constitute only a vain imagining, resting on nothing more substantial than hearsay observations of no importance, but we have heard less unreasonable explanations offered of the origin of other wordy warfare. In any case, however, it is "hard lines" on the School.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Colds, Coughs, Shortness of Breath.—These maladies require early and unremitting attention, for if neglected they often end in asthma, bronchitis, or consumption. The Ointment, well rubbed upon the chest and back, penetrating the skin, is absorbed and carried directly to the lungs, whence its expels all impurities. All the blood in the body is perpetually passing through the lungs, and there all noxious particles tending to disease can be quickly, thoroughly, and permanently neutralised, rendered harmless, or ejected from the system. Holloway's Ointment and Pills perfectly accomplish this purification; and, through the blood thus cleansed, the influence of these wonderful medicaments reaches the remotest parts of the human body, and thus cures all diseased action, whether internal or external.

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STORIES ABOUT MORGAN.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I sent to your office the last revelation about Morgan of the late Thurlow Weed; also some slips from American newspapers containing opinions thereon. Weed was a professional American politician and lobbyist, and his influence in New York was immense. He began his career with the Morgan anti-Masonic excitement, and it was the means of supplying him bread and butter during his lifetime. I am not able to say whether he was ever Governor of New York, but the following anecdote will show that, if he was not governor *de jure*, he was governor *de facto*; thus: While Mr. Seward was Governor of New York, and before railroads were diffused over the States, Mr. Seward mounted the top of a stage coach, and being of a sociable disposition, he distributed cigars to his fellow passengers right and left. One of these asked for the donor's name. "Oh! don't you know," said another, "he is the Honourable William H. Seward, Governor of New York." "Bah!" replied the former, "I will bet five dollars that he is not the Governor." "Who, then, is the Governor?" asked Mr. Seward. "Thurlow Weed," was the reply.

Professional American politicians, with very few exceptions, will cant about religion, morality, temperance, and other virtues; but as a rule they are utterly minus all virtues; the life of a professional here, *is a fraud from beginning to end.* A politician here is generally a *lobbyist*, which Worcester defines thus: "To frequent the lobbies of the House of Legislation for the purpose of influencing the action of the members, or of securing their votes for some favourite bill."

Mr. Worcester might have added, or for soliciting government offices for those who pay the highest for the same. In short, the lobbyist is the grand corrupter of American legislation; and, hence, an oath of a man like Weed would not generally be believed if even it was his death-bed oath. Weed's confession, therefore, attracted but little attention when it first appeared in print, and I have seen nothing more about it since. But here is another Morgan story which appeared a day or two after Weed's confession was printed; it had already found its way into one Masonic periodical, and it will probably be copied by others. Here it is:

"Tobias Forbes, of Clyde, New York, who is eighty years of age, and whose father was a cousin of William Morgan, of Masonic notoriety, says, that Morgan was not murdered by his captors, but was released on condition that he would leave the country. He did so, going to Melbourne, Australia, and there he commenced the publication of a newspaper, which, after his death, passed into the hands of his son, who may now be living."

As far as I know, no one has yet tried to ascertain whether Tobias Forbes lives, or ever lived, in Clyde, New York, or how much of the story has any foundation. One thing, however, is certain, viz., Morgan could not have left America for Melbourne, Australia, in 1836, because Melbourne did not come into existence before 1836; it was so named after the then Prime Minister, Lord Melbourne.

Bro. Benjamin F. Nourse, the Tyler of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, told me that about twenty or more years since, while he was Grand Lecturer, he visited a Lodge, in his official capacity, in Duxbury, Massachusetts (a sea-port town where the French Atlantic cable was landed), and an old sea captain, a member of the Lodge, told him that Morgan sailed in his ship from Boston to Smyrna. The old captain said that just as the ship was about leaving Boston, a man offered himself as a passenger for Smyrna; he at first refused to take the passenger, but the man was so urgent, and offered to pay any price, that he finally took him. During the passage the man avoided all conversation. One night the passenger was on deck, the captain suddenly asked him, "Where do you live?" The passenger replied, "In the moon." After which, he made no further effort to pry into the passenger's affairs. At Smyrna, the man left the ship with the Custom house officers, and he heard nothing further about him until the ship's return to Boston. Then he learned, for the first time, about the Morgan mystery. He was told that Morgan was traced after his mysterious disappearance as far as Boston, but after this no clue was discovered as to his whereabouts. It immediately occurred to the said old captain that his mysterious passenger must have been William Morgan, and, what is more, the description given of Morgan by those who knew him corresponded with that of his passenger. The next time the captain went to Smyrna he was determined to find out all he could about the said Morgan. After some inquiries, he learned that the suspected party was in the habit of dining at a certain coffee house. The captain went to the said coffee house, and at once detected Morgan there, dressed Turkish fashion. Without ceremony the captain called him "Mr. Morgan," but the man denied that it was his name. "Did you not come here in my ship?" asked the captain. The man answered in English, "I don't know you." The man then left the house, and that was the last he saw of him. I must only add that Bro. Nourse, whom I have known for many years, is a very reliable man, and I am therefore satisfied that he did not invent this story, but whether the old captain's yarn was correct or not, is a question I cannot answer.

A similar story about Morgan having been seen in Smyrna was told to me about twenty years ago by a brother Mason; that is, the person who told the story to the said brother was positive that he met Morgan in Smyrna. I asked whether his informant was a Mason, and he answered in the negative. By pure accident I met the said brother Mason about a fortnight ago, when he assured me that the old gentleman who told him about Morgan was still alive; he met him a short time ago; he even told me the name of his informant, &c., and he seemed persuaded of the truth of his friend's statement. My old friend gave me his address; he lives in Malden, about six miles from Boston, and he promised to pay me a visit. The above statement ought to be investigated; my recent illness precludes me from making the necessary exertion, and Masons generally *are minus curiosity.* So, whether there is any truth in the statement or not, must remain a puzzle.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

BOSTON, U.S., 5th January 1883.

REVIEWS.

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A Masonic Calendar for the Province of Hertfordshire. Published by authority of Provincial Grand Lodge. 1883.

THIS is an admirable compilation, and contains full particulars of the Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, and the Stuart Encampment and Mark Lodge which meet in the Province. These particulars take the form of nominal lists of the Officers and Subscribing Past Masters of the Lodges, Officers and Subscribing Past First Principals of the Chapters, Officers and Subscribing Past E.C.'s of the Encampment, and Officers and Subscribing Past Masters of the Mark, together with lists of the Officers of Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Great Priory of the Order of the Temple, and Grand Mark Lodge for England, and the Provincial Grand Officers of the Craft and Arch Degrees for Hertfordshire. The number of subscribing members to each Body, together with the name and address of the Secretary or corresponding official, and dates of meeting, are also given, and, to crown all, there is by way of Appendix a full and particular account of the brethren belonging to the Province who are subscribers to the Charitable Institutions, an * denoting those among them who have acted as Stewards at the Anniversary Festivals. As Hertfordshire has distinguished itself greatly by the liberality of its contributions, the reader will take it for granted that, for so small a Province, this list is a most formidable one. A Calendar, with the principal Masonic events of the year, as they concern Masonry in general and the Province in particular, with alternate pages facing each month for the insertion of engagements, precedes the above particulars, the whole being put together in a most workmanlike manner. We must congratulate Brother John E. Dawson, Provincial Grand Secretary and Provincial Grand Scribe E., on the able manner in which he has carried out his task. It is a model Calendar, as "little Herts" is a model Province.

An especial Provincial Grand Lodge will be holden in the Lecture Hall, Soldiers' Home, Colchester, on Friday, the 2nd of February next, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of installation of the Right Worshipful Brother the Right Honourable the Lord Brooke, M.P., as Grand Master of the Province, on which occasion the R.W. Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire, has kindly undertaken to perform the ceremony. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at high twelve.

According to the accounts furnished by the *Voice* of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois, there are in that jurisdiction 165 Chapters, with a total membership of 11,260. The receipts of Grand Chapter for the past year amounted to over 17,842 dollars, while the disbursements only reached 6,103 dollars.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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PRUDENT BRETHREN LODGE, No. 145.

THE installation meeting was held on the 23rd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Woods. Bros. Kerrell S.W., Reed J.W., Bull P.M. Treas., Haslett P.M. Secretary, Brock S.D., Banks J.D., Masters I.G.; P.M.'s Lister, Leggott, Thiellay P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, States P.G.S. Visitors—Cottebrune P.G.O., Waugh P.M. 1563, Taylor P.M. 911, Harrup P.M. 1604, Smith P.M. 18, Clemow 1589, Watson 1641, Finch 1641, Edmonds 1507, Green P.M. 27, Street 23, Gordon 901, Distin late Phœnix, Carter P.M. Royal Union, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. After preliminaries, a ballot was taken for the admission of Captain Moore, who was elected unanimously. Bro. Hampton was passed to the second degree. This ceremony was worked by the Worshipful Master with his usual ability. In due course, the W.M. elect was presented, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened. Bro. Kerrall S.W. was then duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. in a perfect and impressive manner. Bro. Woods was warmly congratulated on the conclusion of the ceremony. On the re-admission of the brethren, after the customary salutations, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers :—Bros. Woods I.P.M., Reed S.W., Brook J.W., Bull P.M. Treasurer, Haslett P.M. Secretary, Banks S.D., Masters J.D., Detrax I.G., Cox M.C., Doyle Steward, Reinhardt Tyler. The W.M. then raised Bro. Hembron to the third degree, a ceremony rarely undertaken by a Master on the occasion of his installation. The Auditors' report showed the Lodge was in a flourishing condition; it was unanimously adopted. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet and dessert provided by the new proprietors of the Freemasons' Tavern. Grace having been sung, the W.M. proposed the initiatory toast. The National Anthem was artistically sung under the direction of Bro. T. Distin, by Miss Distin and Miss Burnett and Bro. Carter. After the toast of his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful G. Master, Miss Burnett sang, and was deservedly applauded for her efforts. The toast of the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, was next given. They were honoured by the presence of one they were all proud to see, an old and valued friend in Freemasonry, Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P. This brother, in replying, wished the distinguished noblemen referred to had been present to witness how ably Bro. Woods had performed his duties in the chair. It was rarely indeed they could witness such excellent working. Bro. Woods I.P.M. then rose,—it was with great pleasure he had to propose the health of the W.M., who was essentially a good working Mason. He was sure during Bro. Kerrell's year of office the interests of the Lodge would be studied in every respect. It had been his (Brother Woods') fortune to have preceded him, but to-night they had seen how ably he had performed the ceremony of raising. That augured well for the future. He would ask them to drink health and prosperity to the W.M. Miss Distin sang "Auntie," and was deservedly encored. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Woods for the kind manner he had spoken of him. It was with pride he could say he had filled every office. Ten years ago he was initiated; to-night he had to thank them for placing him in the chair, which he hoped to fill to their satisfaction. He must not fail to thank Brother Woods for his kind assistance. He trusted to be able, at the expiration of his year of office, to say that he had emulated the brethren who had proceeded him in the chair. He hoped their next anniversary meeting would be as successful as this one. In proposing the toast of the Initiates, the Worshipful Master said it was one that is received in this and every other Lodge with pleasure. They had that evening two new brethren, Bro. Hembron will be an ornament to the Order, also doubtless would be Brother Hampton, whom all were pleased to see had paid due attention to the ceremony. At this stage of the proceedings, Brother T. Distin sang a new song, "Defiance to the Foe," after which Brother Hampton in a pertinent speech responded. The toast of the Visitors came next, and then Master T. J. Distin played a solo on the pianoforte, which he rendered very artistically; he was accompanied by Miss Distin. Brothers J. Waugh, T. C. Edmonds, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188, responded; each paid great compliments to the excellent working of the Worshipful Master, and Brother Woods for his able rendering of the ceremony of Installation. In speaking of the Past Masters, the Worshipful Master said the toast was one the brethren were proud to honour. It had been conceded by all that Brother Woods the Immediate Past Master is a good working Mason, but they had other Past Masters equally efficient. Brother T. Bull the Treasurer would be an honour to any Lodge. The same may with justice be said of Bro. Haslett P.M. and Secretary, and then they must not forget Brother G. S. States, a Past Grand Steward. Again, Brother Lester, though but a young Mason, did his duty well. There was also Brother Thiellay, a Past Prov. G. Officer of Middlesex, and last, but not least, we have Bro. Leggott who, in connection with this Lodge, had raised nearly £1,000 for the Charities. Before resuming his seat he might tell the brethren there was a duty that devolved on him, and he might add, it was a most pleasurable duty. It was to place on the breast of their Immediate Past Master a jewel, which the members trusted would be worn by him with pride, as it evidenced their appreciation of the way in which he had discharged his duties. Personally he trusted Bro. Woods might be spared for many years to assist the Prudent Brethren Lodge. Bro. Woods said he would reply on his own behalf, as doubtless some of the other Past Masters would have something to say. However, he would be brief. He was a working Mason, and considered it desirable brethren should attend the Lodges of Instruction. He desired to advance the Charities of the Order, and was about to serve a Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He scarcely hoped to achieve as much success as had rewarded the efforts of Bro. Leggott, still he hoped to carry up something worthy of their Lodge. He sincerely thanked the brethren for their gift, and for their invariable kindness to him on all occasions. Bro. T. Bull P.M., in responding as Treasurer, said he felt great pleasure in having now held that office for many years; he could assure them their funds would be well taken care of, and would only be expended in the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Haslett Secretary also responded. The Wardens and Junior Officers were next complimented by the W.M., and after suitable responses had been elicited, the Tyler gave the parting toast. The musical arrangements of the evening were well carried out by Bro. Theodore Distin, while Bro. Doyle, the newly appointed W.S. paid special attention to the comfort of the Visitors.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 221, BOLTON.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th January 1883, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton. Present—Bros. Boothroyd W.M., Aldred I.P.M., Isherwood S.W., Melrose J.W., Brockbank Treas., Mitchell Sec., Bradborn S.D., Crompton J.D., Taylor M.C., Walker I.G., Chambers and Siddon Stewards, Higson Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Ferguson, Wadeson, Stead, Morris, Rutter, Flitcroft, Whitaker; also Bros. Chirnsides, Haslam, Elliston, Forrest, Halliwell, Briscoe, Cuerden. Visitors:—Bros. Peers 71, Chester, Martin 350 and 678, Court W.M. 1723, Collins W.M. 678, Duxbury W.M. 146, Alcock P.M. 348, Skelton 146, Cheesewright 907, Barnett J.W. 1723, Edwards 721, Nicholson P.M. 1723, Greenhalgh P.M. 1723, Crankshaw W.M. 348. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge proceeded to the second degree, when Bro. Isherwood W.M. elect was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, under the presidency of Bro. Brockbank W.M. of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, and a P.M. of this Lodge, and obligated, installed, and proclaimed, according to ancient custom, W.M. of this Lodge for the ensuing year, Bro. Taylor P.M. P. Prov. Grand Organist acting as Master of Ceremonies. Bro. Brockbank P.M. and P. Prov. S.G.D. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, after the accounts had been presented and duly audited by Bros. Chirnsides and Briscoe. Bro. Brockbank, in thanking the brethren for the renewal of their confidence, expressed his indebtedness to Brother Aldred, who had, acting as his Deputy, rendered considerable service to the Lodge. The following brethren were invested Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year, by Bro. Mitchell P.M. and Prov. Grand Tyler:—Bros. Edwin Melrose S.W., Peter Bradburn J.W., G. P. Brockbank Treasurer, Mitchell Sec., Crompton S.D., Walker J.D., J. W. Taylor M.C., W. F. Chambers I.G., W. Siddorn and Richard Cuerden Stewards, and Thomas Higson Tyler. The addresses to the newly-appointed Officers were admirably rendered by Bro. Jabez Boothroyd I.P.M. Bro. Thomas Morris P.M. was elected Charity Representative of the Lodge for the ensuing year in the place of the late lamented Brother Thomas Entwisle, to whose admirable business tact and ability in his capacity as a Charity Representative the proposer of the resolution paid a warm and earnest tribute, and commended his example to the study of his successor. Bro. William Wadeson, an old and respected member of the Lodge, as a mark of his regard and esteem for the brethren, presented an elegant floor cloth, painted by himself. The orthodox pavement, tesselated border and blazing star, surrounded by the twelve signs of the zodiac, beautifully embellished, the genuinely artistic work of our brother, was much admired by the brethren and Visitors, and the thanks of the Lodge were unanimously accorded to him for his valuable presentation. A silver Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Boothroyd, the retiring Master, in accordance with a vote of the Lodge on the occasion of the last regular meeting. A portion of the Ancient Charges was read by the Senior Warden, and the Lodge was closed in form and with prayer at 6 o'clock. The banquet was immediately served in an adjoining room, and at its conclusion the brethren re-assembled in the Lodge-room, which in the meantime had been suitably prepared. The W.M. presided, and the post of M.C. was admirably filled by Bro. J. W. Taylor Past Prov. G.O. The ordinary Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. A special toast, drank in solemn silence, was proposed by Bro. Rutter, to the memory of Bro. Entwisle, whose long services to the Lodge were eloquently dilated upon by the speaker, who also expressed the deep regret of the Masonic world at the loss of so distinguished a Masonic student and guide. The presence of every Master of Masonic Lodges of Bolton was a matter of congratulation, and the Master of the oldest Lodge in Bolton, who is the Senior Past Master of this Lodge, was facetiously complimented on his having attained the distinction of becoming Master of Lodge 37 on the precise day of completing his 37th anniversary of his initiation in the Lodge. The musical arrangements were perfect, and a rich musical treat was afforded to the brethren. Bro. Briscoe presided at the piano, and Bros. Cheesewright, Greenhalgh, Collins, Skelton, Bradburn, Chambers, Siddorn, and Flitcroft contributed vocally to the success of the meeting. The last toast was proposed as Mr. Bruce rang out his warning note.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THE annual banquet of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 20th instant, at the Royal Hotel, Devonport, and, as on three previous occasions, the ladies (the wives and sweethearts of the members and visitors) were invited, and graced the ceremony; and certainly no more enjoyable meeting takes place in the county. The chair was well filled by the Worshipful Master, Bro. John A. Whitford, and he was supported by Bros. R. W. Pitcher I.P.M., R. Cawsey P.M. and S., Lynn P.M. P.P.G.S.B. and T., Burt P.M., Harris P.M., Swiss P.M., Codd P.M. P.P.G.O., Pike P.M., Border S.W., Ridland J.W., Curteis P.M. P.P.G.S.W., Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., Lord

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P.M. 1247 P.P.G.S.B., Stribling P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., Aitken-Davies P.M. P.P.G.S. Works, J. Kinton Bond P.M. 1247, Rendle P.M. 1247, Pike I.P.M. 156, Tucker P.M. 358, Knight P.M. 202, Vigger W.M. 202, Rattenbury J.D., White S.W. 1136, Haggarty J.W. 1136, Orchard M.C., Cassell P.M. 1136, Cawsey A.S., Dodridge J.S., Maddock A.M.C., Owens, Meadley I.G., Swiss, Leonard, Woodland, Toms S.S., Quance, Hunt J.S., Sherwill 1205, Willis 1255, Masters 1847, Coleman, Werry, Vicary, Wiggin, Vinnecombe, Stevens, Bray, May, Marten 189, Gillixon, Dart, Tippett sen., Harvey, Gorey, Coath P.M. 893, Sutton, Bentley, Littleton S.D., Burt, Berry, Blampey, Mole, Launder, Easterbrook, Dyer, Spicer, W. Tippett, Churchward, Smith, Harrison, Earl 223, Harrison, Maynard, Strath, Gill, Evans, 70, Harris, McQuire, Jones, and Lelleux. The ladies present were Mesdames Whitford, Pitcher, Cawsey, Lynn, Burt, Harris, Swiss, Codd, Pike, Border, Ridland, Gover, Tucker, Ladd, Haggarty, Orchard, Cassell, Swiss, Woodland, Toms, Quance, Hunt, Cochran sen., Cochran jun., Willis, Masters, Coleman, Werry, Marten, Sutton, Bentley, Littleton, Easterbrook, Tippett, Churchward, Smith, Strath, Harris, McQuire, Jones, and Misses Burt, Knight, Haggarty, Maddock, Leeder, Florrie Sherwill, Dyer, Thomas, Huggins, and Stentiford. The dinner was excellent, and the attendance all that could be desired. Miss Haggarty (piano) and Master Haggarty (violin) played some choice music at intervals. The Master proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts in a very happy manner, and the rule was short speeches, interspersed with songs and recitations. Bros. Gover and Lord responded for the Provincial Grand Lodge. The names of the Treasurer and Secretary were warmly received, and in an able manner responded to. As in all other Lodges, the absent brethren were not forgotten, and it was a very pleasing episode that Bro. F. Strath, one of the supposed absent brethren, happened to be there to respond, and a fervent wish was expressed that more absent brethren could have been present. V.W. Bro. J. Curteis, speaking of the Masonic Charities, said that during his experience a sum of £5,000 was about the amount collected, whilst last year for the London Charities no less a sum than £40,000 was voluntarily given. But whilst so much had been done for the greater Charities, he wished all to bear in mind that they had in their own county an institution which was doing valuable work. Many children of Devonshire Masons were being clothed and educated by the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, at a merely nominal cost as regards expenses, and they were not removed from their homes. He appealed especially to the ladies, to ask their husbands to subscribe; if the 2,400 members of the Order in Devon would only give an annual subscription of five shillings, it would place the fund on a firm basis, and an amount so small would never be missed. The room being cleared, dancing, by the majority, was thoroughly enjoyed, whilst for others, in other rooms, there were other entertainments. Mr. West presided at the piano, and gave a selection of his own composition. Mrs. Temple Willis, Bros. Rendell, W. J. Barratt, Debnam, J. Kinton Bond, W. Pike, Leonard, and others gave valuable aid. Lodge Fidelity marks another day with a white stone.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

CAMALODUNUM LODGE, No. 660.

ON the 16th inst. the brethren of the Camalodulun Lodge, No. 660, held their annual installation and banquet. The first-named ceremony took place in Freemasons' Hall, Yorkersgate, Malton; the W.M. for the present year being Bro. Smithson S.W. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. King P.P.G.J.D., and the Wor. Master afterwards invested the following Officers for the year, viz.: —Bros. Constable I.P.M., Dodsworth S.W., Goldie J.W., the Rev. R. G. Fish (of the Castle Howard Reformatory) Chaplain, Bower Treas., Walton Secretary, Buckle S.D., Williamson J.D., Heckley M.C., Marshall Organist, Metcalfe I.G., Milner and Dr. Hartley Stewards, and Waudby Tyler. The banquet was held at the George Hotel (Mr. Davison's), where an excellent spread was provided. There were Visitors present from other Lodges in the Province, and the usual Masonic proceedings were fully carried out.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 663, WILTSHIRE.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Tuesday, 16th instant, when the Devizes members were supported by several brethren, including Bros. J. Sparks P.M. 1271, Bradford on Avon, P.P.G.O. Wilts, A. J. Beaven P.M. 1271 P.P.G.P., Dr. W. D. Lovell I.P.M. 1271 P.P.G.D.C., F. B. Norris S.W. 632, Trowbridge, E. J. Grubbe J.W. 68, Bristol, L. E. De Ridder 152, &c. The outgoing W.M., Bro. J. A. Randell, performed the earlier part of the ceremony of installation, the remainder being, at his request, taken by Bro. W. Nott P.M. 663, the Provincial Charity Secretary. The W.M. elect, Bro. George S. A. Waylen S.W., having been duly installed, invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. J. A. Randell I.P.M., S. M. Badham S.W., W. H. Bush J.W., D. A. Gibbs P.M. Treas., W. Nott P.M. Secretary, F. S. Hancock S.D., T. C. Hopkins J.D., H. A. Canning I.G., H. Howse P.M., W. J. Baldwin and H. J. Johnson Stewards, and C. R. Barnes Tyler. The usual addresses to the Worshipful Master, Officers, and brethren were delivered by Brother Nott. The W.M., Bro. Waylen, afterwards congratulated the brethren on their first installation meeting in their own Masonic Hall, and said that although they had already made that Hall very convenient and very handsome, yet there were many items of furniture and of embellishment which were still wanting. He thought that every brother on attaining the position which he had that afternoon reached would feel glad to contribute something to make their Masonic home more complete, and he would set the example by presenting a large oaken tablet to be fixed against the wall, and on which would be recorded the names of the Worshipful Masters who had ruled over the Lodge from its commencement, with room to add the names of those yet to come. He trusted that this would be found to be an ornament to the Hall, and afford matter of interest to the brethren. This gift, and the remarks with which it was introduced, were warmly applauded. The usual routine business was gone through, and the alms bag having been sent round, in aid of the Lodge Charity Fund, the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where there awaited them an excellent banquet, to which a member of the Lodge—Brother S. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park—though unable, through absence abroad, to be present himself—had contributed a liberal supply of venison and game. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE, No. 1287.

THE installation of this Lodge was held on the 18th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was numerously attended by both members and Visitors. Bros. Cleghorn W.M., Owen S.W., Bathard J.W., Webb P.M. Treasurer, Staton P.M. Sec., Kempton S.D., Cane J.D., Lancaster I.G., Morant Organist, P.M.'s Tribbel, Forbes, Jupe, Reed, Christie, Robinson. Visitors—Cerexbe 142, Lloyd 1141, Leach 49, Kempton 442, E. Anderton 1657, Ruth 1003, Neats P.M. 22, Jenkins P.M. 34, Wuest 753, White 1671, Bruce 334, Harrison 1671, Rake P.P.G.W. Hants, Cushion late 1287, Ball 45, Stephens 1425, Miller 73, Allhausen P.M. 1435, Smith W.M. 569, Wright 1965, Blum 511, Parker 1158, Willimore 1056, Gooding 198, J. Reid 72, Smith W.M. 1584, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was formally opened, and minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Bros. Doughty and Osborne were raised to the third degree, perfectly and impressively. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Owen S.W. and W.M. elect was presented, and in the presence of 15 W.M.'s and P.M.'s, duly installed into the chair by Bro. Cleghorn, the retiring W.M., who conducted the ceremony throughout in a most perfect manner, the brethren listening with rapt attention to the addresses. After the customary salutations, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Cleghorn I.P.M., Bathard S.W., Kempton J.W., Webb P.M. Treas., Staton P.M. Sec., Cane S.D., Lancaster J.D., Morant Organist, Edgar Inner Guard, Hemming Master of Ceremonies, Rawles Tyler. The newly-installed W.M. Bro. Owen now displayed his proficiency, and initiated Messrs. F. Lloyd and H. M. Bleakley into the Order, in a manner most creditable for a Master so recently installed. He was well supported by the Officers. The Auditors' report was adopted; it showed the Lodge was in a sound position, and had a balance in hand for the Benevolent Fund of £77 15s 6d. A letter of apology was read from Bro. West P.M., regretting his inability to attend, owing to indisposition. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and Lodge was closed and the meeting adjourned until the third Thursday in February. The brethren, eighty-one in number, then adjourned to the Crown-room, where a capital banquet and dessert was provided, the service being superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M., on the cloth being removed, proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts, and Bro. S. Webb, Past Master, sang the "National Anthem." In proposing the toast of the Initiates, the Worshipful Master said he had to compliment the Lodge on the acquisition of these brethren. Brother Lloyd is the youngest of a family of six, all boys; he hoped to initiate the remainder of this family. As for Brother Bleakley he had been proposed by Brother Hemming, and no one would be brought into the Lodge by him but would redound to its credit. Brother Reed sang the E.A. song, and then Brother Lloyd, in an excellent speech, returned thanks. Brother Bleakley also responded. Brother Cleghorn I.P.M. said it afforded him great pleasure to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. That Bro. Owen followed him in the chair, was owing to his engagements. However, he had predicted he would be a Master the Lodge would be proud of; that prediction had been verified that evening, not only by his presidency, but by the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation, and his remarks on investing his Officers. Brothers Morant and Webb sang the duet, "The Moon has raised her lamp on high." They were deservedly applauded. The Worshipful Master in reply thanked Brother Cleghorn for his kind remarks, and also the brethren for their reception of the toast. He assured them he would do his best for their advancement. He was initiated a year before the Immediate Past Master, but he thought a better man should precede him, and that wish had been carried out. He would endeavour to follow in Brother Cleghorn's footsteps; he was sure he could not do better. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Visitors; there were many present, but he would call on Bro. Rake Past Provincial Grand Warden Hants, Jenkins P.M. 34, Wuest P.M. 753, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188, to respond. Brother Webb delighted the brethren with one of his excellent songs, and then the brethren named severally responded to the toast. All expressed the pleasure they had experienced by the able manner in which the W.M. had conducted the duties; the excellent working of Bro. Cleghorn was also descanted upon. In proposing the health of the I.P.M. the Worshipful Master said they had had good Past Masters; but they had never had a better worker than Bro. Cleghorn. All in the Lodge looked up to him with respect, and he (the W.M.) knew that he had a good Mentor. In the name of the Great Northern Lodge he had great pleasure in presenting Bro. Cleghorn with a jewel; he was sure it would be appreciated. He had given satisfaction to the Lodge, and all hoped he might be spared for many years to be among the Past Masters, and also to continue his valuable services in the Lodge of Instruction, to conduct which he in every respect was so well qualified. Brother Cleghorn, in responding, thanked the Worshipful Master for his kind words. It was a source of pride to him to speak of his connection with the Great Northern Lodge; he had to thank the Past Masters for their kind assistance. The jewel that had been placed on his breast he would prize, not for its intrinsic value, but for its

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associations. These would never be forgotten by him. Anything that lay in his power to do for the benefit of the Lodge, he would achieve. He might now remind them he was a Steward for the Girls' School in May; he regretted its energetic and worthy Secretary, Brother Hedges, was not present, but he would tell them that at present there were two hundred and forty Girls entirely supported by the Institution. He hoped the list he should take up in May would be a credit to the Great Northern Lodge. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Webb P.M. and Treasurer is the founder of the Lodge, while Brother Staton P.M. and Secretary initiated him. Now what could he do beyond thanking them both; they had enabled him to occupy the chair, and their efforts conduced to the success of the Lodge. In replying Brother Webb remarked he was pleased to say that the brethren and Visitors had expressed their satisfaction, not only at the working, but also with the hospitality of the Lodge. He had been its first Master, and he was proud of it. Brother Staton also eloquently responded to the toast. In responding for the Past Masters, Brother Cleghorn said that he had great pleasure in stating that the Worshipful Master and Brother Christie had each given the sum of five guineas for his list. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Wardens, Bros. Bathard and Kempton; they were the Masters in embryo; both excellent working Masons. The same compliment might be paid the Junior Officers. This toast having been eloquently responded to by Bros. Bathard and Kimpton, the Tyler gave the parting one, thus terminating a very agreeable evening. Bro. J. Hemming M.C. was indefatigable in his efforts to secure the comfort of the brethren and Visitors.

KILBURN LODGE, No. 1608.

THE annual meeting of this ably-conducted Lodge took place on Monday, at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn. There was a fair attendance of members, whilst among the visitors were Bros. Thackara 487, Pringle 145, Fisher P.M. 1366, Collier P.M. 1366, Dean P.M. 417 and 1900 P.G.S.D. Dorset, Daines P.M. 1366, Blasby P.M. 780, Bate 228, Witherilt J.W. 1681, Thomas 1853, T. Walker Cooper P.M. 538, Martin P.M. 15, Hunt J.W. 1225, Wilson 1704, Dodd 1887, Dale 902, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, Bray (Creaton), Green 108, Holloway W.M. 108, Fred Green 1687, Chivers 901, Barfield P.M. 35 W.M. of the Londesborough Lodge, Botting P.M. 1501 P.G. Reg. Berks and Bucks, Hill P.M. 95, Harris P.M. 177, Wetheril 186, Vine 511, Sladen 186, Cooper P.M. 1637, Flood 1642, Taylor 1642, Eccles 1425. In the absence of the W.M. Bro. F. Brewer, whose state of health is far from satisfactory, Lodge was opened by Brother Past Master Cuff. After the minutes of last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was presented. This showed a balance in hand of £26 16s 8d. Taking into consideration the munificence, in regard to its charitable proclivities, of this Lodge, this balance may be considered eminently satisfactory. Moreover, it is the expressed intention of the members not to attempt to realise a large surplus, but to enjoy themselves, at the same time to set other Lodges an example how to support the Charitable Institutions of the Order. The ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Henry Johnson, who was proposed for initiation by Bro. John Holmes, Master of Ceremonies, and seconded by Brother Alfred Price. The result was unanimous in favour of the candidate, and he was introduced and initiated by the acting W.M. The event of the day, the installation of Bro. Frederick James Baker, the W.M. elect, was then undertaken by Bro. Samuel Brooks P.M. and Secretary. Bro. Brooks is recognised as a skilful and earnest exponent of the Ritual, and on this occasion he fully sustained his reputation. On the labours of the Board of Installed Masters being completed, the brethren who as yet are not entitled to mount the levels were re-admitted, and they saluted in the three degrees. The investiture of Officers was creditably performed by Bro. Baker, who made some happy allusions to the duties expected to be carried out by those brethren whom he had selected for office. The following brethren were invested:—Bros. Turner S.W., Barclay J.W., Everett P.M. Treasurer, Brooks P.M. Secretary, Walton S.D., Kiallmark J.D., Holmes I.G., Parry Cole P.M. Organist, Fletcher P.M. M.C., Bennett P.M. Steward, Thomas Tyler. Bro. Brooks then delivered the addresses, thus completing the work he had undertaken to the satisfaction of all assembled. It was then arranged that the W. Master should undertake a Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the customary grant of 25 guineas—which the Lodge has annually committed itself to—was voted on behalf of that Institution. The Secretary announced the resignations of two members, which were received with regret. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and then the Secretary touched upon some home matters, and recommended that in the cases he referred to the Bye-laws should be enforced. This proposal did not meet with general acceptance, but the Treasurer offered some explanations, which were of a truly practical nature, and in due course Brother Brooks's suggestion was agreed to. Shortly afterwards Lodge was closed, a capital banquet was supplied by Brother Hartley, the proprietor of the Queen's Hotel, and on the removal of the cloth, the toast list was proceeded with. After full honour had been done to the preliminary ones, Bro. Brooks assumed the gavel and proposed the health of the W.M. Brother Baker was not an initiate of the Lodge, but he became a joining member on the night of its inauguration, and had been an earnest and consistent worker ever since. He (Brother Brooks) regretted the absence of Brother Frederick Brewer, through illness, but he felt he could on his behalf congratulate the brethren on the choice they had made, and claimed for the new Master the faithful co-operation of the members of the Lodge. In the course of his reply Brother Baker stated that he too had suffered through illness, and at the present time was scarcely equal to any exertion; however, he had the interests of the brethren at heart, and would strive to the uttermost to merit their esteem. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was given, and Brother Brooks, in the absence of Brother Everett, who had been compelled to leave early, acknowledged the compliment paid them. Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in responding for the toast of the Masonic Charities, remarked that it had been hinted to him that he should direct attention to what was being done for the Institutions by this Lodge. The Lodge was now entering on the seventh year of its existence, and for the third time, as regarded the Institution he had the honour to represent, the members had voted a sum of twenty-five guineas. If we throw in the Chapters belonging to the Order, with the Lodges on the Roll of Grand Lodge, we shall be well within the mark if we take them at a round 2,000. Now, if all these bodies acted with the same generous spirit that pervaded the members of the Kilburn Lodge, 50,000 guineas per annum would be realised, and that would obviate the necessity for all appeals to individual members, and Annual Festivals for the Institutions would not be necessary. However, this desirable result was not likely to be consummated. At the same time he must not neglect to give this Lodge full credit for their benevolence, which he appreciated at its full value. The remaining toasts received due attention during the evening, and the proceedings throughout were varied and enlivened by some capital songs. It was a late hour ere the brethren separated.

ALEXANDRA LODGE, No. 1511.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, 16th inst., at Hornsea. The W. Master Bro. Shackles P.G.S.D. presided, supported by the following Officers, Brethren and Visitors:—Bros. Spink S.W. W.M. elect, Maw J.W., Medd S.D., Stephenson J.D., Elsom I.G., Train M.C., Laking Sec., P.M. Hardy P.P.G.S.D., Wells P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, Milner, Hislop, Goodwin, Smithson and others. Amongst the Visitors were the following, viz.:—Bros. P.M.'s Reynolds P.P.G.D.C., Haigh P.P.G.D.C., of the Minerva Lodge 250, King W.M., Beavers I.P.M., Wilson P.P.G.S.D., Haberland P.G.J.D., Myers S.W., Storry J.D., and Wildbore, of the Humber Lodge 57, Forder W.M., Sissons P.P.G. Reg. of the Kingston Lodge 1010, Bennett S.W., and Chappell of the De La Pole 1611, and A. P. Wilson P.W. of the Constitutional, Beverley. After the Lodge was opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was ably rendered by Bro. Geo. Hardy P.M., assisted by Bros. Walter Reynolds and Geo. L. Shackles. A Board of Past Masters having been opened, the W.M. elect was installed into the chair of K.S. in ancient form. The following brethren were appointed and invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Geo. L. Shackles P.G.S.D. I.P.M., R. A. Medd S.W., A. E. Allen J.W., John Heslop P.M. Chap., B. L. Wells P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, Laking Secretary, Geo. Stephenson S.D., Elsom J.D., Train M.C., Webb. I.G., Goodwin Steward, and Miskin Tyler. Bro. Wells, in a graceful speech, presented to Bro. Shackles the I.P.M. a handsome and chaste P.M.'s jewel, informing him that it had been subscribed for by all the members of the Lodge as a slight token of their esteem and appreciation of the services he had rendered to the Lodge during the two years he had been the W.M. Bro. Shackles, in responding, thanked the brethren for their handsome present, and said that he should not only value the jewel for its intrinsic worth, but it would at all times remind him that he had won the esteem and regard of the members of his Lodge, which to him was far more valuable than any jewel, however costly. Apologies having been conveyed from numerous brethren for their absence, and expressions of hearty good wishes having been given, the Lodge was closed. Subsequently the brethren attended a sumptuous banquet, provided at the Alexandra Hotel, by Bro. Burdal, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

BOSCAWEN LODGE, No. 699, CHACEWATER.

THE brethren of the above Lodge celebrated their St. John's Festival on Monday, the 22nd inst. After one initiation and one passing, Bro. Eslick, the retiring W.M., very ably installed Bro. Bennetts as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. Eslick I.P.M., Searle S.W., Hall J.W., Rev. G. L. Church Chaplain, Ninnis P.M. Treasurer, Rapson P.M. Secretary, Retallack S.D., Kent J.D., Martin M.C., Easterbrook and Jenkin Stewards, Olds I.G., and Lean Tyler. After the Lodge was closed the brethren dined together in their banquet room, the W.M. presiding. Dinner was served by Bro. Host Jones, of the Britannia Hotel.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

A Ball was held on Monday evening, at Brixton Hall, and, like its predecessor of 1882, proved a great success. Brother H. F. Bussey, the Master of the Lodge, gathered round him a grand array of friends, and with the assistance of Brother Sibold's excellent band dancing was kept up with unflagging spirit till past five the following morning. After supper the health of the W.M. was most enthusiastically drunk, and the same enthusiasm was repeated when the company expressed their approval of the name of Brother W. T. Perkins, the Secretary of the Ball Committee, whose exertions for the past few weeks had contributed so much to the enjoyment of the evening.

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ROYAL CUMBERLAND CHAPTER, No. 41.

101st Anniversary, and Presentation to Colonel. A. W. Adair.

ON Thursday, the 11th instant, the Royal Cumberland Chapter attained its 101st anniversary, having been warranted on the 11th Jan. 1782. Advantage was taken of the occasion to present Colonel A. W. Adair, the Grand Superintendent of the Province, with a gold centenary jewel—the first of its kind ever issued—and an illuminated address. The proceedings were of an unusually interesting and pleasing character. At six o'clock the Chapter was opened, and the following Officers, Companions, and Visitors admitted:—Lawson Howes M.E.Z. P.G.R., F. Wilkinson H., C. W. Radway J., T. B. Moutrie Treasurer, E. J. B. Mercer Scribe E., Francis Glover Scribe N., William Peach P.S., R. B. Cator 1st Assistant S., J. Knight 2nd Assistant S., C. Becket P.Z., J. Hearne P.Z., H. Hopkins P.Z. 41 328 587 710, T. P. Ashley P.Z., T. Wilton P.Z., W. Williamson I.P.Z. P.G.A.S., E. L. Hill P.Z. P.P.G.A.S., S. G. Mitchel P.Z. P.P.G.R., R. E. Peach P.Z., T. S. Keene P.Z. Members—F. H. Goldney, G. H. Bartlett, W. S. Wilcox, J. H. Macfarlane, J. Robinson, W. H. Young, W. H. Reynolds, J. Hayward, S. Bigwood, A. W. Adair (Grand Superintendent), T. E. Wilton, Charles Wilkinson. Visitors—J. A. Timmins Royal Sussex 53 Scribe E., J. Sumsion Royal Sussex 53, Ed. England Phillip Tynte 379 P.Z., W. A. Scott P.F.P. 61 P.Z., G. V. Law Royal Sussex 53 C., J. B. Wilson Royal Sussex 53 C.

After some preliminary business had been disposed of, Companion Thomas Wilton, one of the oldest P.Z.'s of the Chapter, advanced to the dais, and addressing the presiding Principal, said owing to the unfortunate absence of their very old and esteemed P.Z., Edmund White, who at his advanced age had been unable to undertake the journey from Weston-super-Mare in order to be present on that very interesting occasion, it had fallen to his lot to occupy a position which Companion White would no doubt have filled with more ability and efficiency than himself. He must, at the outset, congratulate the first Principal upon the very distinguished position that Chapter occupied in being the first in England able to prove a continuous working of 100 years. They were on that day commemorating the first year of another century, and it must be gratifying to all present to see the Chapter in such a vigorous and prosperous condition. Having obtained a centenary charter from the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, signed by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, it was thought that the event should be celebrated by electing Colonel Adair, the Grand Superintendent, as a member of the Chapter. Turning to Colonel Adair Companion Wilton, addressing him personally, said that, he having graciously consented to join the Chapter, the Companions determined to mark the event by presenting him with a gold centenary jewel, and he (Companion Wilton) now asked his acceptance of the jewel—which was the first of its kind presented to any Grand Superintendent in England—as a token of the kindly feeling entertained for him, and in recognition of the Masonic good work he had done in the Province of Somerset. Although his dear friend, Edmund White, was not there to personally testify his appreciation of that ceremonial he had deputed him, on his behalf, to present the accompanying illuminated scroll commemorative of the presentation of that jewel, and which would be a lasting record of the kindly feelings and generous sentiments entertained by the Companions towards Colonel Adair, not only in Bath, but by the Province generally. The address was as follows:—

Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath.

Warranted 11th January, A.L. 1782, Centenary Charter granted August, A.L. 1882.

To the Most Excellent Companion, Colonel Alexander Wm. Adair, Grand Superintendent of the Province of Somerset, and P.P.G.M. Somerset.

Most Excellent and very Dear Sir and Brother,

We, the Principals, Past Principals, Officers and Companions of the Royal Arch Cumberland Chapter, No. 41, respectfully request your acceptance of the accompanying Centenary Jewel—the first of its kind issued—as a small, though marked, testimonial of the great esteem in which you are deservedly held by the Masonic body of which you are a distinguished ornament, and more especially of our own affection and respect for you personally, and for the manly and Masonic virtues of which you have given us so many proofs in all the high offices to which you have been appointed, especially in that of Grand Superintendent of this Province, in which we pray the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe may long preserve you in peace, happiness and prosperity.

[The signatures of the whole of the members of the Chapter will be appended to this address. It should be mentioned that it was beautifully illuminated, in different colours, on vellum by Messrs. Wilkinson Bros., Union-street. It is to be enclosed in a very handsome frame, carved with suitable Masonic emblems.]

The jewel having been pinned upon Colonel Adair's breast, and the address having been handed him,—Colonel Adair, who was evidently very sensibly affected by the cordial manner in which he had been greeted on that occasion, and also at the thoughtfulness of Bro. White—who has for close upon fifty years been a member of the Chapter—at the commencement of his reply expressed the great gratification it afforded him to accede to the wishes of the Companions that he should become a joining member of the Chapter. He could most heartily Masonically thank them for their kindly expressions towards him, and assured them that the jewel would ever be worn by him as a pledge of that Masonic friendship held towards him by the Bath brethren, and that the illuminated address which had been prepared by the thoughtfulness of Brother White would most certainly find a resting-place in his dwelling. He trusted that, in years to come—when, perhaps, he had passed away—those who followed him would view with satisfaction the testimony of those who had that day Masonically banded themselves together to do him honour. He regretted exceedingly that Brother White was not present in person, but he felt assured he was there in heart. Every Companion would regret with him most heartily that increasing age had precluded him from a personal participation of the pleasures of that day. He (Col. Adair) could look back to Masonic friendships formed in Bath during a period of over thirty years, and he always felt, whenever he came into the good old city, that he was sure of meeting many friends, with whom he had had much intercourse, and who, equally with himself, were pleased to renew old associations. He again thanked them most heartily, and trusted that, at no distant date, he should be able to come amongst them again.

After the business had been disposed of the Companions adjourned to the Grand Pump Room Hotel, where they partook of refreshments. M.E.Z. Lawson Howes occupied the chair, supported by Colonel Adair and the other Officers, and thus an important event in the annals of this Chapter, of which all who had the privilege of being present will have grateful reminiscences, came to a satisfactory conclusion.

Comp. Macfarlane, by his assistance in the musical arrangements, added very considerably to the pleasures of the evening.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Joshua Nunn, James Brett and Thomas Cubitt occupied the three chairs. Bro. Nunn informed the brethren that he had to give them the very satisfactory intelligence that since the last meeting letters had been received from four recipients of relief, thanking the Lodge for their grants. This was a circumstance which did not often occur. There had been also two very gratifying acknowledgments from America, one a copy of resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, signed by the Grand Master, Wardens and Secretary, thanking the Lodge of Benevolence for assisting an Illinois brother to return. A brother in Chicago, also, who was relieved with £10, in 1880, to enable him to return to his native country, had also sent a letter thanking the Lodge and returning the £10. Bro. Nunn said these were not the only instances the Lodge had had of similar acts by American brethren, and it showed the brotherly feeling of American Freemasons. Bro. Nunn then stated that he had given notice to Grand Secretary to move at the Special Grand Lodge which would be convened to consider the Revised Constitutions, that before a brother could be eligible for relief he should be a subscribing member five years. Bro. W. Smallpeice said, he had given notice of motion that the quarterages of both London and country brethren should be four shillings a year. The Lodge then confirmed recommendations of grants at last Lodge to the amount of £180, and granted a total of £685 to the new list, which consisted of 29 petitioners. Four of these were deferred, not being complete. The Lodge sat till near ten o'clock.

The General Committee, for January, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 25th inst., under the presidency of Colonel Creaton. There were also the following brethren present: Col. Peters, J. H. Matthews, A. H. Tattershall, Arthur E. Gladwell, Robert Grey, Peter de L. Long, and E. C. Massey. The minutes of the 28th December were read and verified, and the minutes of the following Committees were read for information, viz., Quarterly General Court, 13th January; House Committee, 18th January; and Audit Committee, 21st January. The Chairman was authorised and requested to sign cheques to the amount of £1,379 14s 5d for tradesmen's bills, &c. for December. This was the only business before the Committee, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 27th JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Contts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

MONDAY, 29th JANUARY.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1633—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
146—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 30th JANUARY.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1506—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1613—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 134—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham

WEDNESDAY, 31st JANUARY.

73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1708—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1511—Alexandra, Horncea, Hull (Instruction)
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
R.A. 238—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THURSDAY, 1st FEBRUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
193—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgovne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
983—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Pengo, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
308—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon

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2839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
996—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
143—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1623—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1946—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

A REGULAR meeting of the members of this excellent Lodge was held on Thursday evening, 18th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a goodly muster of the brethren and Visitors, under the presidency of Bro. Lewis C. Haslip, the esteemed Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. Tiddeman S.W., Stillwell J.W., Rev. C. J. Stevens Chaplain, Boulton P.M. Treasurer, Harper P.M. Secretary, Potter S.D., Harnett J.D., A. Perl M.C., Weedon I.G., F. Perl Steward, Pierpoint I.P.M., Bartlett P.M., Cusworth P.M., Sampson George P.M., &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Purvis Belgrave, Howe W.S. 1155, Hubbard P.M. 820, Sargent P.M. 1099, and Chubb 186. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, soon after five o'clock, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, was advanced to the third degree, when Bro. Adams was raised by the W.M., who worked the ceremony in a most efficient and praiseworthy manner. Lodge was resumed in the second, and Bros. J. J. Pilley and J. B. Smith were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the rites being most satisfactorily performed. It was announced that Bro. T. J. Cusworth P.M. was one of the Stewards for the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and Bro. H. J. Gabb P.M. for the Boys' School, and each appealed to the brethren for assistance in support of his list. The brethren were also reminded that the New Concord Lodge of Instruction is held every Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, with Bro. Cusworth P.M. as Preceptor, and they were invited to make the attendances as numerous as they conveniently could. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren and Visitors partook of a banquet, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, when admirable arrangements were made for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured, especial reference being made to the zeal and assiduity with which the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Past and Present, promoted the welfare of the Craft. The I.P.M. then proposed, in suitable terms, the health of the Worshipful Master, in doing which he said he was perfectly certain the gavel was never held by worthier hands than those of Brother Haslip, to whose health he asked them to join him in drinking, with the heartiest wishes for his continued happiness and prosperity. The toast was cordially received, the W.M., in response, thanking the brethren most sincerely for the honour they had done him, and for the uniform kindness with which he was always received by them. He had not much longer to remain in office, but as long as he was in the chair he hoped he might be able to give the same satisfaction to the brethren in the discharge of his duties as he had done in the past. He then gave the toast of the Visitors, to whom he extended, on behalf of the Lodge, a very cordial and hearty welcome. He was quite sure they would all agree with him that it was a great pleasure to meet Visitors, coming amongst them on every available occasion. Brother C. Hubbard, whose name was associated with the toast, briefly replied; he expressed his delight in being once more amongst his friends of this Lodge, and to see that the same hospitality and generosity was dispensed as on all former occasions, whilst their sympathy for the poor had not diminished, as was proved by their considerate grants, of £5 each, that evening to two indigent brethren. He concluded by expressing a hope that there would be a large attendance at the annual ball, to be given at Guildhall Tavern, on the 9th proximo, for the benefit of the Charities, and alluded to the pleasure they had all derived from similar *ré-unions* in times gone by. The W.M. in proposing the Past Masters referred to the valuable assistance they had rendered him during his year of office, and to everything that was necessary to keep the Lodge in good going order. Bros. Pierpoint, Cusworth—who made a warm appeal on behalf of the Girls' School—and Harper, replied. Others toasts followed, including the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, who responded, as also did the Officers, and the list was concluded with the Tyler's toast. During the evening some good songs were sung, and the gathering was characterised by much heartiness and good feeling.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE usual monthly meeting of the above Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 13th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was numerously attended. Bro. W. F. Kibble W.M. presided. Bros. Keable S.W., Baker J.W., Fendick S.D., Potter J.D., Skinner I.G., Headon P.M. Treasurer, Blackie P.M. Sec., Rev. R. J. Simpson Chap., and Past Masters Freeman, Stevens, &c. The number of Visitors was smaller than usual. Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes read, Bro. E. M. Caslon was questioned as to the progress he had made in the science since his initiation. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and he was passed to the degree of F.C. Lodge was then resumed to the first degree, when Mr. Small, candidate, was impressively initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Bro. Droscher, one of the Visitors, entered into an explanation of the Masonic statistics given by him at a previous Lodge, which had elicited articles from time to time in the *Freemason*. These were received with great satisfaction and loudly applauded. Some other business having been transacted, Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, and on withdrawal of the cloth the Worshipful Master gave the usual formal toasts. In response to that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain and Chaplain of the Lodge, said he thanked the Worshipful Master and the Lodge on behalf of the Grand Officers, past and present, for the compliment which had been paid to them, and which he had no doubt they would very much appreciate. He felt there were few members of the Grand Lodge who were more cognisant of the difficulties that arose in that great assemblage than the nobleman whose name appeared at the head of the toast. It was quite clear that in a few years if there was no alteration in the antiquated rules which at present governed Grand Lodge that it would soon resolve itself into confusion worse confounded. He felt sure that the time would come when they would be compelled to take into consideration the great increase in the number of Lodges, and make the legislation and constitution of the Grand Lodge adequate to the increased numbers. He was exceedingly pleased that the Worshipful Master had coupled his name with the toast of the Grand Officers, although perhaps he was one of its humblest members; but much as he honoured the position given him by the late Earl of Zetland, as Grand Chaplain, he felt much greater pleasure in being year after year chosen as the Chaplain of The Great City Lodge, and for the affectionate manner in which he was always received by its members. He trusted that Bro. Small, who had that night been initiated,—if they would permit him to use a bad joke,—would not be a small brother; he was glad that he had joined The Great City Lodge, and trusted and believed that he would not prove an unworthy member. He thought he saw, in the ceremony of initiation, so admirably performed by the W.M., the impression that must have made upon him. That brought to his mind the toast which he had been asked by the W.M. to propose, which was usually placed at the foot of the list, and by breaking in upon that rule he believed it would be more honoured in the breach than in the observance. Bro. Small had received his first degree, but there were two others more important, and he might observe that many men had received the first and second, but never obtained the third, for before they could do so the G.A.O.T.U. had given them notice to quit the world immediately. Their Charities were founded upon the knowledge of this fact, that they knew not what was in the hands of the Great Architect of the Universe, and they knew not what a day would bring forth. The Charities drew forth their sympathies for their fellow men, for the widow and orphan, who were left, like the leafless tree of the forest; but these three great Charities, so well known, then came to aid them. He preached no sermon, but reminded them of what was right and true; to assist in the great work of doing the greatest thing in the code of Freemasonry; this was Charity; and when he found that upwards of £40,000 was raised in one year towards the support of these Charities he said that was unique. After some further observations to the same purport, he asked the brethren to support the W.M., who would represent the Lodge at the ensuing Festival of the Girls' School. The W.M. returned thanks on behalf of the Masonic Charities, and hoped the brethren of The Great City Lodge would support him on the occasion which had been referred to by Bro. Simpson. Bro. Stevens proposed the health of Bro. Kibble W.M., and referred to the able manner in which he had discharged his duties in the chair. The W.M. returned thanks for the very kind manner in which his name was always received. If his duties involved some labour and time, they were well spent, and he was amply repaid by the kindly greeting with which he was always received. The Worshipful Master said he had then come to what might be truly termed the toast of the evening, a toast to which they wished to do the greatest honour. They had that night admitted amongst them Bro. Small, who had been well and worthily recommended. He might well consider this as the turning point in his life. He had travelled a great deal, and in taking the first step that night on his initiation, a wide vista was thrown open to him for future inquiry, and to aid in the completion of an edifice—of which he trusted he might attain the summit, which was the just ambition of every Mason. Bro. Small, in returning thanks, said he was deeply impressed with the beauty of the ceremony he had passed through, of which he had hitherto little conception; with that feeling he was highly pleased in having joined Freemasonry. The W.M. next gave the Visitors, expressing the happiness the Lodge felt in seeing them amongst them. Brother Droscher, of the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, in responding, said: I am nearly ashamed of the honour shown me each time I come among you, inviting me as you do to speak on behalf of the visitors. Among my brother visitors there are many who would be more apt than I am to return thanks; this you must have discovered ere this, for I am not a master in the art of paying compliments. I can but thank you for the kind reception which we have met with this evening. We will endeavour to follow your example when, in your turn as Visitors, you come to see us in our

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respective Lodges. This duty of politeness accomplished, allow me, W.M. and brethren, a slight digression. A few day ago, I read in the *Pall Mall Gazette*, with some sadness, that Peterborough Cathedral, so famous in English history, one of the most beautiful Gothic churches in the world, built by our brethren of the thirteenth century, was threatened with ruin. Mr. Pearson, a brother Freemason I hope, was called by telegram to give his opinion, and he declares it indispensable that the tower should be demolished. If, instead of coming to this conclusion, Mr. Pearson said it must be repaired, and I give that important task to my brother Masons of The Great City Lodge, I suppose you would have been astonished and much embarrassed, for there are few amongst us I think who would be capable of setting a brick. Does it not seem strange, brethren, that in this great Masonic Society, which covers the world, we meet bankers, clerks, and members of every profession, but few Masons, properly speaking? We call ourselves Masons, but not the slightest spot of mortar is seen on our aprons. This is anomalous to-day, but not in the past, now nearly two centuries ago, when our brethren were really constructive Masons. To find the solution of this enigma we must seek it in the Masonic History of England. Two centuries ago Masonry had arrived at a collapse, which I will relate. Many Societies had sprung up apart from Masonry, and there were schisms which had divided the directing authorities; thus in the fourteenth century, the abolition of the celebrated Order of Templars. This ambitious Order, which had absorbed for its own benefit all the Masonic Lodges of the Christian world, had contributed not a little to enfeeble the Order. Then again in the eighteenth century, which we have reached, work failed. The great baselisks were completed—those gigantic effervescences of stone and marble, which are always the admiration of poets and artists, and the despair of architects. All these circumstances have dislocated, and Masons were regarded with suspicion. It then became necessary to give new life and infuse new blood into the Association, so that, in 1702, the London Lodge of Saint Paul, now the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, came to a decision which entirely changed the whole Constitution of Masonry. That decision decided that Masonic privileges should no longer be the exclusive property of constructive Masons, and that members of different professions should be called to enjoy them, provided they were regularly approved and initiated. From that day the private and phiosophical element was introduced. From that day, on which Masonry opened its portals to science and philosophy—to Voltaire, Rousseaux, Diderot, Helbetius, Holbach, and many others whom I could name—dates Masonry's new era. The consequences of this decision of the Lodge of Antiquity were immense. It gathered together all the scattered remains of the dissenting Lodges — Templars, Albigenses, Parantines, and Bulgarees—to form, in the eighteenth century, the sect known as the Illuminati, which for a little while made the world tremble, and of which Cagliostro was one of the chiefs. From the time of this schism Masonry became philanthropic, humanitising, renovated, and young again. It accomplished, in the interest of liberty, charity and benevolence, the work which the Templars had tried to appropriate to their own ambition, and which, so bravely commenced, was suddenly interrupted by Philip the Fair, King of France, and the execution of the Great Master of the Order, Jaques de Molay. That is why, brethren, you are Masons but by name, and why you will not be called upon to re-construct Peterborough Cathedral. Therefore, brethren, I am happy if I have been able to interest you by raising a corner of the veil which conceals our great Masonic history. Some other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in complete harmony.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE, No. 1614.

THE installation meeting of this new and flourishing Lodge was held on the 9th instant, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, where the gathering was numerously attended. Bros. Simeon Jacobs W.M., Gulliford P.M. 1017 S.W., Coleman J.W., Jacobs P.M. Treasurer, Bourne P.M. Secretary, Jacobs S.D., Kedgley J.D., Dickson I.G., Stacey P.M. Organist, Solomon Steward, Feis M.C., Rev. Philip M. Holden P.P. Grand Chaplain Middlesex, Baldwin P.P.G.P. Middlesex, Albert P.G.P., Smith 1348, Roots 1273, Cox P.M. 190, Headon 779, Hyams 1348, Gross 901, Parish P.M. 1604, Davis 188, Marks 1349, Jacobs 704, Miller 1681, Richardson P.M. 1348, Bond 704, Reis 12, Smith 1563, Jordan 1580, Jacobs 1348, Mason P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, Hart 1348, Waghorn P.M. 946, Smeed P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex, Isaac 1624, Butt 834, Gulliford 1017, Price 733, Fowler 1507 754, Wells P.M. 299, Hammond 569, Cooper P.M. 946, Hillier 946, Hart 1348, Madell 1201, Ralph 1421, Holmes 141, Demetrius 1348, Judge 1178, Hawkes P.M. 1071, Alexander 1348, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Jackson P.M. 534. After the Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. C. Williams and Freeman were passed to the second degree, by the W.M. Bro. Reynolds, No. 749, was unanimously elected a joining member. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Gulliford P.M. 1017 S.W. and W.M. elect was inducted into the Master's chair by Bro. Jacobs P.M. and Treasurer, who conducted the proceedings in a very perfect and impressive manner, and at the conclusion of the ceremony was warmly congratulated by those present. There were twenty W.M.'s and P.M.'s present at the Board of Installed Masters. On the re-admission of the brethren the customary salutations were given, and the W.M., with some appropriate remarks, appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. S. Jacobs I.P.M., Coleman S.W., J. Jacobs J.W., Reverend P. M. Holden Chaplain, E. Jacobs P.M. Treasurer, Bourne P.M. Secretary, Stacey P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks Organist, Kedgley S.D., Dixon J.D., Solomon I.G., Figges W.S., Baxter M.C., Bassett A.W.S., Potter P.M. Tyler. The applause that followed the investiture of each Officer showed the W.M. had made a selection that was approved. The W.M. on rising said it was a great pleasure to know the members of the Lodge were delighted at the ability the I.P.M. Bro. Simeon Jacobs had displayed in conducting the duties during the past year, and in placing the P.M.'s jewel on his breast, he might say it carried with it the good wishes of the Lodge. He hoped Bro. Jacobs might be spared for many years to wear it, with honour and credit. Bro. Jacobs thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the Lodge for the splendid jewel presented to him. He hoped, while he had health, his endeavours might redound to the welfare of the Lodge. He would wear the jewel with pride, as a pleasing remembrance of his connection with the Covent Garden Lodge. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, eighty-four in number, sat down to a capital banquet and dessert, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and superintended by Bro. Madell. The tables were beautifully and artistically decorated, and the W.M. provided a "button hole" for every guest. Grace having been said by the Rev. P. M. Holden, the W.M. proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing the toasts of the P.G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said he would call on a brother who had been honoured by H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. on the auspicious occasion of his Installation at the Albert Hall. He hoped to see Brother Albert in health and prosperity for many years. Fifteen years ago he (Bro. Albert) initiated him into the Order. Bro. Albert P.G.P. was pleased to return thanks for this toast; he could testify to the zeal displayed by the Grand Officers. Brother S. Jacobs proposed the health of the W M., who had ably worked his way to the chair. Bro. Gulliford knew the duties thoroughly, and would doubtless receive the fruits of his labour; he was well worthy of their respect. Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden here gratified the brethren with his splendid delivery of "The Midnight Charge of Kassassin." The W.M. in responding said, after the wonderful recital of the Wor. Brother, he felt somewhat at a loss to reply. However, he might remark that if they would allow themselves to be led by the Blue Ribbon, they would have nothing to regret at having elected him W. Master. He thanked Bro. Simeon Jacobs for proposing the toast, and the brethren for so kindly responding to it, and now, before resuming his seat, he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the I.P.M. Bro. Jacobs, in acknowledging the compliment, said he had not received a classical education, but by attending at Lodges of Instruction, he had, he believed, qualified himself to occupy the chair, he hoped to their satisfaction. The jewel presented to him that evening he should wear with pride. He thanked them for their kindness. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bros. Smeed, Levy, Cox, and Baldwin severally responded. In proposing the toast of the P.M.'s, the W.M. said if time permitted he could say a great deal; but as it was late, he would merely propose the toast, and call on Bros. Bourne and Jacobs, than whom there were none superior, in regard to their duties, in the Craft. Bro. Jacobs said, so long as he occupied his position, his services would always be at their command. Bro. Bourne followed, with an excellent speech, as also did Bro. Kedgley. The toast of the Wardens and Officers came next, and Bro. Coleman responded. The Tyler's toast was then given. Bros. Holden, Solomon, Master Solomon, Marks, and Bassett entertained the brethren. Bro. Charles Solomon ably presided at the pianoforte.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22. — A meeting was held on Monday evening, 22nd January, at Brother McDiarmaid's, the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Longhborough-junction. Present—Bros. Banks W.M., Perkins S.W., Warren J.W., McKinley Secretary, Brown S.D., Sherring J.D., Johnson Preceptor, Carnock I.G., also Bros. Westley, Spencer, Tapps, Leigh. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Brother Leigh as candidate. The second section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Sherring, and the third section by Bro. Westley. Bro. Sherring, as one of the Auditors, presented the annual report, which showed a most healthy account. It pointed out that sixty new members had joined the Lodge during the past year, and that a contribution had been paid to the Charities in the name of Bro. Johnson, and that the furniture had been presented gratuitously to the Lodge, thus avoiding any strain on the funds. Bros. Johnson Preceptor, McDiarmaid Treas., and McKinley Sec. were unanimously elected to their respective officers for the ensuing year. The balance sheet having been duly signed by the Auditors, showing a good balance to be carried forward, and all business being ended, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till Monday evening, the 29th inst.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—A meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, S.E., on Friday, the 19th instant, and was well attended. Bro. James Stevens P.M. Preceptor opened the Lodge at 7.30, the Officers being Bros. C. H. Wiltshire S.W., Style J.W., H. H. Wiltshire S.D., Bate J.D., Philips I.G., James Terry P.M. Secretary, Thurston P.M. Treasurer; there were also present Bros. Fullwood P.M., Williams, Pooler, and others. Lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. Thurston, as candidate, proved F.C. proficiency, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. and Officers, in a most effective and impressive manner; the traditional history being fully given, and Bro. Bate subsequently delivered the charge in M.M. degree. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and called off for "entry drill," and called on. Having been again raised, Lodge was closed down in due order. Bro. Poore was nominated by the Preceptor as W.M. for the ensuing week, the Officers to retain their present positions. Bro. Thurston announced his intention to serve as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and acknowledged a liberal support by brethren. Lodge was then closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned.

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SPHINX LODGE, No. 1329.

THE regular meeting of the members of this popular Lodge was held on Saturday afternoon, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. Lodge was opened punctually at five o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Mansell, when the following were present:—Bros. Bickerstaffe P.M., in the absence of Bro. Middlemass, acted as S.W., Reynolds jun. J.W., Hernaman Secretary, Brinton S.D., Marsden jun. J.D., Hall Organist, Forbes Steward, Voisey I.G.; also Bros. Richards I.P.M., Sugden P.M., Bryant P.M., Bradley, Cooker, Bigg, Parnacott, Thornhill, Webb, Britten, Lye, Brookes, Wilson, Gooding, Henriques, Dr. Gross, Heller, Turney, Partridge, Erskine, Knox. Visitors—Bros. Hawkins P.M. Kingsland 1693, and Dr. Bull Mount Lebanon 78. Mr. Alfred Partridge was balloted for; the result being unanimous, he was initiated into the mysteries of our Order in due form. The Secretary — Brother Hernaman—then read the Bye-laws. Several matters associated with the Lodge financially were discussed and forwarded. Bro. Brinton regretted there was so little of vocalisation in the Lodge; they had an excellent Organist in Bro. Hall, whose post it was desirable should not be a sinecure. It would, therefore, afford him (Bro. Brinton) much pleasure to provide copies of anthems and hymns to be sung whenever the brethren assembled. It might be remembered that at the recent installation an anthem was rendered in a manner seldom excelled either in or out of a Lodge. Why should not vocalization be more cultivated? He was aware, in other Lodges which were far less pretentious than their own, musical offerings of praise ascended to the Great Architect of the Universe at all meetings. An animated discussion ensued, all being in favour of this musical introduction, and a Committee was formed, consisting of the W.M. and Officers of the Lodge, in order to carry into effect so desirable a suggestion. During the meeting applications were made by some brethren who represented themselves as being in distress, and solicited assistance. Bro. Brinton opposed the giving any assistance to those of whom they knew nothing whatever. In the cases at that moment under consideration it appeared that no applications had been made to the Lodge of Benevolence. Why not? They were warned continually against aiding and assisting such impecunious and peripatetic brethren, the antecedents of whom were questionable. He would suggest that due inquiry should be instituted before any relief be bestowed. It was far from his wish to stem the current of relief; what he desired was, that only the really deserving should be assisted. After a long discussion, it was resolved to relieve both applicants. Bro. Brinton here remarked that doubtless at their next meeting they would have a number of similar applications. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to another part of the hall, where Bro. Slawson, of 736 Old Kent-road, had served up an excellent repast in his approved manner. After the removal of the cloth, the usual Masonic and patriotic toasts were given, and pledged right loyally. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, whom he eulogised for the assistance they at all times rendered to the Masters in particular, and the Lodge generally. He associated the names of Past Masters Richards, Sugden, and Bryant, who severally responded for the compliment. Bro. Richards then proposed the health of the W.M., whom he heartily congratulated. The W.M., in response, regretted he had failed in carrying out the duties associated with his office on that occasion so efficiently as he could have wished. As, however, he had been so recently installed, he hoped his shortcomings would be pardoned. He would do all in his power to become efficient, and also to maintain the prestige of the Lodge. He had Officers around him on whom he could rely, who were conversant with their duties; therefore their co-operation would materially assist him. This afforded him great comfort. He then proposed the health of the Initiate, Bro. Partridge, who made a capital speech in reply thereto. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Visitors. As a rule many Visitors were present at their meetings—on that evening there were but two. He would state, however, Visitors would always be welcomed at the Lodge. Bro. Dr. Bull acknowledged the compliment, and expressed the pleasure he had felt on a former occasion when he was present. He felt great interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and it was a source of comfort to him to know that, both financially and numerically, the Lodge was in a satisfactory condition. No doubt the introduction of more music would be attended by satisfactory results. The W.M. next proposed the Officers of the Lodge, and made a graceful allusion to P.M. Bro. Bickerstaffe, who had acted as S.W. during the evening, in the absence of Bro. Middlemass, who was unavoidably away. Any Master of a Lodge, who had the assistance of good Officers, was to be congratulated. He would include himself among that number. Bro. P.M. Bickerstaffe, in response, said he was not an orator, a fact they all knew. He was a man of deeds, not of words, he therefore would content himself with simply thanking the W.M. and Brethren on the part of himself and the Officers for the fraternal manner in which they had received and pledged the toast. The W.M. next called on the brethren to drink to the health of their zealous and able Secretary, Bro. J. Hernaman, to whom they were all much indebted. The duties their Secretary had to perform were arduous, and tentative as well. But the more labour there was for him to do, the more he seemed to like it. After some more remarks, the toast was pledged with hearty good wishes. When the Secretary was called upon, he, with great reluctance, spoke. He feared giving some offence to his brethren on points of internal rule, to which he especially wished to draw the attention of the Lodge; matters of seeming unimportance in themselves, but which had a great effect on the comfort of the brethren and conduct of the Lodge. He expected that other Secretaries met with similar difficulties in the prompt payment of dues, and in the thoughtless way in which communications were left unanswered, after even providing the members with the necessary material. This was a matter of "Home Rule," and, at the risk of being considered offensive, he ventured to draw attention to these matters on this quiet home night of the Lodge, rather than on an occasion like their last installation banquet, when the meaning of his remarks were but half understood, and concluded by hoping for the generous sympathy of the brethren in future. The W.M. then in warm terms proposed the health of Bro. Forbes, Steward, who in a characteristic speech replied. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings of the evening. We must not omit to mention that Bros. Voisey, Knox, and Gooding, by their singing, contributed to the pleasures of the meeting, as did also the recitation of Bro. Hernaman, which was delivered in the style of a true orator.

OLD GLOBE LODGE, No. 200.

ON the 17th inst. the brethren of the Old Globe Lodge held their annual installation at the Masonic Hall, Londesborough Rooms, Scarborough. The W.M. for the present year is Brother W. Parkin P.M. The ceremony was impressively performed by Brother Major Smyth P.M. 712, and Provincial Grand Master Lincoln, assisted by other Officers. The various Officers were installed for the year, after which the brethren and visitors adjourned to Brother Joseph Shaw's, where a banquet was provided.

LION LODGE, No. 312.

ON the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, Whitby, Bro. M. Smith S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bro. J. Stevenson P.M. The following are the Officers for the year:—Bros. H. C. Walker S.W., J. Brooks J.W., T. Tate S.D., J. T. Stewart J.D., R. W. White I.G., J. N Lawson P.M. Treasurer, J. B. Dale Secretary, W. H. Attlay M.C. and Organist, J. Brand and H. Wald Stewards, T. H. Trueman Tyler. The installation banquet afterwards took place at the Royal Hotel, the W.M. presiding, while the S.W. was in the vice-chair. The customary Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

UNION LODGE, No. 414.

ON Tuesday, the 16th inst., the annual festival and jubilee of the above Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Grey Friars'-road, at 8.30 p.m., when there was assembled one of the most distinguished and numerous gatherings that has been witnessed here for many years. The special occasion of the meeting was the installation of Bro. Ferguson, who was elected as Master at the last regular Lodge. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Moxhay P.M., &c., who for some years past has acted as Installing Master of this and the Grey Friars' Lodge. The admirable manner in which Bro. Moxhay performs his duty has become a proverb in the Province of Berks and Bucks. At the appointed hour there were assembled the following Officers:—Mount W.M., Ferguson S.W. W.M. elect, Wheeler jun. J.W., Withers Secretary, Parry S.D., Witherington J.D., Butler M.C., Blackwell I.G., Martin Senior Steward, Webb and Armstrong Junior Stewards, and Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Stephens, Bradley, Oades, Smith, Morris, Baker, Weightman, Hounslow, Blowers, Bradley, Long 663, Biggs Hon. Mem. Members—Bros. Sydenham, Tirbutt, Hawkes, Walters, Hayward, Tench, Rayner, Hart, Higgs, Sherwood, and Stubbington. Visitors—Bros. Colonel Heathcote 1101, Tompkins 414, Bateman W.M. 591, Vardy W.M. 1566, Heath 1767, Edmonds 1899, Ivey P.M. and Sec. 1101, Trower P.M. 122, Tucker J.W. 1899, Fall 173, P.M.'s Ferguson 1101, Hurley 1101, Pulley 1436, Stransom Treasurer 1101, Hawkes J.W. 1101, Blackwell I.P.M. 1101, Scribner 1427, Faulkner 1720, Beale P.M. 1101, Short 1008, Denny 1899, Brown 123, Ridley S.W. 1101, Barton W.M. 771, Margrett P.M. 1101, Batting P.M. 1501, Bent P.G.C. P.M. 1894, Ravenscroft J.D. 1101, James 1101, &c. After the Lodge business was ended the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where a banquet was provided by Bro. Flanagan, which reflected great credit on the caterer, and to which about 70 brethren sat down. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, being interspersed with some excellent music by Bro. Dyson, of Windsor, and three other brethren, forming a quartette of unusual ability. The toast of the evening was most rapturously received, being that of the "Master," to which he feliciteously responded.

EBRINGTON LODGE, No. 1847.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, was held at the Ebrington Masonic Temple, Stonehouse, on Tuesday, 9th inst. The business of the Lodge was an initiation, admirably performed by the W. Master Bro. R. Lose jun., assisted by W. Bro. S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.T., and a raising done by W. Bro. R. Lose sen. P.M. P.P.G.P. in the impressive manner so much appreciated by the brethren. The claims of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund to increased support was ably advocated by W. Bro. A. R. Lethbridge P.M., and W. Bro. Jew. They clearly showed how much good was being accomplished at the minimum of working expenses by this institution, and they confidently expected that each member would continue to become subscribers. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren with their visitors adjourned to Bro. W. B. Thomas's Great Western Hotel, for the annual banquet. About sixty-six persons sat down to enjoy the very bountiful provision made for the comfort of all. Bro. Thomas received well deserved encomiums for his liberal catering. The W. Master Bro. R. Lose ably presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The pleasing feature of the evening was a presentation to the late Master, W. Brother C. A. Nicholson, who was prevented by illness from being present. It took the form of a very handsome clock, selected from the stock of Brother J. Griffin, of Union-street, Stonehouse, bearing the inscription:—"The gift of Lodge Ebrington, 1847, to P.M. Brother C. A. Nicholson, for his great zeal in Freemasonry, and the working of this Lodge especially.—December, 1882." A very pleasant evening was spent, the members and visitors contributing songs and recitations.

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TRUE LOVE AND UNITY LODGE, No. 248, BRIXHAM.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday last, at the Freemasons' Hall, Brixham. Bro. James, the W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by his predecessor, Bro. Colston P.G.D. At the close of the installation meeting, the W.M. invested the following brethren as Officers to assist him in efficiently working the Lodge during his year of office:—Bros. Colston I.P.M., Gregory S.W., James J.W., Rev. R. Ebrington Chaplain, Woolley Treasurer, Kendrick Secretary, Grove S.D., Wheaton J.D., Smith Organist, Sevill I.G., Cole Tyler. In the evening forty-two of the brethren dined at the George Hotel, the spread being a most sumptuous one, and reflected great credit on Mr. Banfield, the host. On the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, after which the meeting became convivial.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Saturday, 20th inst. Present—Bros. Hirst W.M., Ashton S.W., Weeden J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Dixie S.D., Galer J.D., Venning I.G.; also Bros. Brasted, Richardson, Darnell, Marks, Rushton, Glass, Jones, Houghton, Hatch, Gibbs, Woolf, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Glass candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Ashton was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was cordially voted to Bro. Hirst for the able manner he had discharged the duties of the chair, for the first time, in this Lodge of Instruction. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

Brother Forge W. Master of the Southgate Lodge, No. 1950, will rehearse the ceremony of installation on Saturday, the 27th instant, when it is hoped there will be a numerous attendance of brethren.

A Grand Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is to be held in the School-room, Bishopstoke, on Friday, the 2nd proximo, to elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer, to receive the report of the Committee appointed to consider the proposed Revision of the Book of Constitutions, and for other business. The Portsmouth brethren have unanimously resolved to support the candidature of Bro. R. J. Rastrick, of Southsea, for the Treasurership.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Charities Association will be held on Monday, 29th instant, in York, when petitions will be considered, and other matters of importance will be brought forward.

A handsome presentation has recently been made by the officials of the West London District School to Bro. Roberts, Past Master of Nos. 209 and 742, Past Grand Deacon of Berks and Bucks, and to Mrs. Roberts, Superintendent and Matron of the School, on their appointment to similar situations in the Surrey District Schools. The gift consisted of a superb liqueur case, with massive bottles of richly-cut glass, and a lady's hand-bag, most elegantly fitted with all the travelling requisites of a lady. Bro. Hume, a Past Master of 209 and 742, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies of Berks and Bucks, and Clerk to the Board of Managers, made the presentation.

A ball will take place in connection with the St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, at the Langham Hotel, on Tuesday, the 6th of February, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Benj. Phillips, with the following Stewards:—Bros. E. White S.W., Mouflet J.W., Chaplin Treasurer, Hill S.D., Halliday J.D., F. Smith I.G., Drake W.S., H. W. Williams, R. F. Botting, W. H. Pope, J. Phillips, Edwards, Bar, Cox, Raymond, Bisney, H. Hashmel, and J. L. Baker P.M. and Secretary. Tickets—including supper, wine, and refreshments during the evening—for a gentleman, 21s; a lady, 15s; double ticket, 31s 6d. A dispensation has been granted for the brethren to appear in Craft and Royal Arch clothing.

Bro. Victor Cerexhe, No. 142, was elected Officier d'Académie, by the Minister of Public Instruction, M. Devau, on the 1st inst. Bro. Cerexhe is Professor of French Language at the University College, Gower-street.

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ON Tuesday evening, the 16th inst., the installation of the Worshipful Master of the York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial) took place at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-street. The Master elect was Bro. C. G. Padel, and the ceremony of installation was performed by his predecessor, Bro. J. S. Cumberland. The Worshipful Master afterwards appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Gainforth S.W., Millington J.W., the Rev. James Blake Chaplain, Seller M.O., Turner S.O., T. Humphries J.O., Whytehead P.M. Treasurer and Secretary, Smith R.M., Dyson S.D., De Salis J.D., Balmford P.M. Organist, Rymer (Sheriff of York) M.C., Walker I.G., White and Slinger Stewards. At the conclusion of the proceedings the company sat down to supper at the Queen Hotel.

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APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE R.M. BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

IT is quite time we directed the attention of our readers to the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The event is fixed for Wednesday, the 28th instant, and the chair will be taken by R.W. Bro. General Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Superintendent of Surrey, a Province which, if it has not enjoyed the distinction of raising a very large subscription at any particular Festival, has been invariably represented by one or more brethren as Stewards, and has pretty impartially distributed its favours among the three Institutions. On the present occasion we may take it for granted that it will put forth special exertions, not only for its own sake, and from the interest it takes in the R.M.B.I., but also in order to show the respect it entertains for the chief who has guided its destinies since 1871, and during whose period of government the Craft has gone on increasing in prosperity by such gradual but certain steps. Speaking Masonically, perhaps, the County is not a strong one. A portion of it is included within the Metropolitan district, and the sums subscribed by the Lodges located in this portion will go to swell the London total. The extra-Metropolitan section of the County can boast of as many as six and twenty Lodges, but there are in it no important industrial centres, and Croydon and Kingston-on-Thames, each with four Lodges, and Surbiton, with two Lodges, are the Masonic strongholds of the Province. Still a great deal may be done when there is so popular a chief as Brother General Brownrigg, so zealous a Deputy as Brother the Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G. Chaplain, and so experienced a Secretary as Bro. Charles Greenwood, Past G.S.B., not to mention such as Bro. Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C. and others, who have already on several occasions taken upon themselves the responsibilities of Festival Stewards, to the great advantage of the Institutions whose cause they have advocated. That the Surrey Lodges in the London area will be only too ready to help their Provincial brethren may be taken for granted, and we may look to see some extra zeal displayed by the immediately adjacent Provinces. In fact, the circumstances all tend to justify our belief that so far as Surrey and its immediate neighbours are concerned, the Festival of the 28th instant will compare favourably with its predecessors.

That such a consummation is most necessary is within the knowledge of all our readers. The Benevolent Institution, though the youngest of our three Charities, has grown to be the most exigent of them all in respect of the funds it is required to disburse; and, what is to be very much regretted, the demands on its resources are, at the present moment, exceptionally heavy, there being only thirteen vacancies to be filled up at the election in May next and no less than a hundred and thirty-one candidates to compete for them, and even this unusual number may be still further increased in the course of the present month. The sum annually disbursed among the annuitants is, as Bro. Terry very recently pointed out, £11,600, and to this must be added the expenses of the management in the shape of salaries, office expenses, maintenance of building, &c., &c.; so that we shall not be far out in estimating the total amount required from year to year as quite £15,500. This, of course, is a liability which it is within the competency of the Craft in England to satisfy. London and the Provinces muster together over 1300 Lodges, and a contribution of £10 from each, added to the permanent income of the Institution, would cover the liability, and leave a balance to be carried forward to another year. Unfortunately, the burden of providing the necessary funds for this and our other Charities is not as evenly distributed among the Lodges as we should like to see it. Some contribute regularly and some frequently, but others do so only on very rare occasions. Were this unequal distribution of support the result of a correspondingly unequal distribution of ability, we should studiously avoid making any comment. Charity is enjoined on all Masons at the very outset of their career, but they are at the same time bidden to be just to themselves and their families before being generous towards those who may need assistance. Still, when we have made allowance for those who cannot spare of their means, we fear there will be found a strong array of brethren who are not as strongly imbued as they should be with the Masonic virtue of Charity. Indeed, the published lists of successive Festivals place this statement beyond question, and a mere glance at them will show that the same Lodges, the same Provinces, and, so far as they are made known, almost the same brethren, go on figuring Festival after Festival, while other Lodges and Provinces are as invariably absent. We are aware, in saying this, we are only repeating an old complaint, on which for years past brethren of distinction have insisted. But the frequent iteration of the complaint, though it has not been without its effect in diminishing the evil complained of, has by no means removed it altogether, so that, with the increased and increasing expenditure of our three Institutions, those who recognise and act up to their obligations find that the task of providing the necessary means is one of unusually increasing difficulty. We have said before, and we see no reason why we should not repeat it on the present occasion, that all difficulty in raising the necessary provision for our Charities would disappear if only every subscribing member of a Lodge would set aside annually the modest sum of five shillings as his contribution towards the maintenance of each.

Other opportunities will no doubt present themselves between now and the day of the Festival, for impressing on brethren the claims on their support of the Benevolent Institution; but we must not close these remarks without referring to the special circumstances of the present year. We have stated the sum annually required for distribution among the annuitants and expenses as being fully £15,600, and though there are 325 old brethren and widows to whom annuities are given, there are no less than 131 applicants for admission—eighty widows and fifty-one brethren—while there is yet time for this number to be increased. These old men and women once lived in comfortable circumstances, but through misfortune they have been reduced to a state of comparative, or absolute poverty, while many of them have other burdens to bear; in other words, many of these unfortunate old people have the difficulty of supporting themselves intensified by the necessity

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they are under of supporting helpless or invalid members of their families. Yet, as we have pointed out, there are only thirteen vacancies to be filled up in May, and, therefore, 118 deserving people, and it may be more, will have to be left to endure their present state of poverty for at least a further period of twelve months. This is a terrible tale of distress, which it is out of the question to expect can be alleviated entirely, but it must be borne in mind that the extent of the relief which it may be possible to afford rests almost entirely with the Craft. A handsome subscription at the approaching Festival may enable the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to increase, temporarily at all events, the number of the annuitants. We may be sure that Brother Terry and his staff will leave no stone unturned in order to bring about so desirable a result. He has achieved most brilliant successes in the past, and we trust he will be fortunate enough to secure one that shall mark the Festival of 1883 as among the highest of his achievements.

REGULARITY IN LODGE ATTENDANCE.

As a Mason is known by the regularity of his initiation, frequent trials and approbation, &c., so also is a good and true Mason known by the regularity of his attendance at the meetings of his Lodge, the assiduity with which he applies himself to his Masonic duties, and the advancement to which he aspires in pursuit of the studies of the Art. We have often heard it remarked that many a man has been known to ride his Masonic "hobby to death," and unquestionably there is a certain degree of force in the simile, when we watch the progress of some brethren who, like the hare in the fable, disdaining the tortoise-like plodding of more sensible men, scamper over the chequered floor, carried on the wings of a fleeting popularity towards their only goal—distinction. They covet every jewel that glistens on another brother's breast, and there is not a degree but they must possess its secrets. But in a majority of cases these men are of a transient disposition, and the overcharged enthusiasm which impels them forward, with sometimes ill-judged impetuosity, speedily evaporates, and often leaves its pursuer broken-winded or apathetic. There is a vast difference between these spasmodic spirits, whose ambition is fickle and unabiding, and those who plod on with steady earnestness of purpose, with the single eye of not only aggrandising their own position, and feasting on a brief span of popularity; but of affording substantial assistance in the hard dry work of their Lodge, and enriching others by the results of their own sound and persevering industry. These are the men who are the comfort and mainstay of the Worshipful Master, who have the vital interests and prosperity of our Lodges at heart, and who have the abiding satisfaction of knowing that they are held in the confidence and esteem of sensible men. They, too, are the brethren who exemplify the more useful virtues of human excellence, punctuality and regularity, which is so essential in every sphere of life, and which tell far more in the long run than the most brilliant flashes of intermittent enthusiasm. A brother can scarcely be termed a useful member in his Lodge who bestirs himself by fits and starts, and puts in a fussy show now and then of activity. We are aware that many men think it quite sufficient to put in an occasional appearance at their Lodges, and to "drop in" casually at a Lodge of Instruction. They know sufficient of the work to enable them to follow the outline of their duties in Lodge, and show themselves times just enough during the year to prevent them from being forgotten by the rest of the members. But this is not what we call praiseworthy, or any approach to the fulfilment of those duties which a Mason takes upon himself at his initiation. Far be it from any one to check the impulses of that ambition which fires the mind naturally when it is first illuminated with Masonic light. In the very nature of our Institution, the beautiful symbolism which then dawns upon the new-found sight of him who gains the "predominant wish" of his heart, "stirs the young blood," and impels him to stretch forth his mental hands to grasp a further instalment of those grand and glorious principles of which he has received as yet but a little foretaste. It would be strange indeed if the young Mason could be found who would rest satisfied with this first insight into our mysteries, and think he had completed his Masonic education when he had responded to the toast of his health as the Initiate at his first banquet with the brethren. From this starting-point all Masons have set out on their explorations of the system, and it would be absurd to expect them to run all at the same pace. We might as well imagine the droll picture of a dozen horses starting for the Derby, and moving in a machine-like line to the winning post, all abreast. The race is not always to the swift, however, and it is the experience of most of us in every phase of life that steady and consistent perseverance is to be preferred—and is preferred—to the gushing and irregular speed manifested by the unstable and impulsive. It is, therefore, the greatest comfort and satisfaction to a Master, when he finds that on assuming his gavel he can count upon a certain number of the brethren who are always at their posts, to assist him in carrying out the work, upon whose fidelity and constancy he can reckon, and about whom he has no occasion for an anxious thought. We have seen the blush of vexation and disappointment mantling to the brow of many a Worshipful Master who, when he comes to the opening of his Lodge, is compelled, through the absence of his Wardens or other Officers, to select from the rank and file some other brother upon whom collars have not yet been bestowed. He is vexed and irritable, because he has invited a Visitor or two to come and see the working of his Lodge, and all at once he finds the machinery out of gear. Perhaps the brethren he has called to fill *pro tem* the chairs whose rightful owners are delinquent fail to answer his expectations, and the audible voice of the prompter does not improve matters in the least. This, indeed, is but a natural sequence in a Lodge where regularity of attendance is not one of the cardinal virtues, for we never knew a Lodge yet where perfection of working, and competency amongst the rank and file were very conspicuous when the attendance was kaleiodoscopic and ever-changing. Far different is the view presented in many of the Lodges which it is our privilege and pleasure to visit, both in London and in the provinces. We have seen Masters who can stand robust and erect, and look around them with complacent satisfaction as they bestow compliments, which they feel inwardly are no mere platitudes, upon their Officers. There is a sterling ring in the utterances of such men, and it betokens the evident fact that regularity of attendance is a point most rigidly observed by members of the Lodge. There is no "screw loose" anywhere, and matters flow on as peacefully and as right as the proverbial fiddle. In the other case to which we have alluded, there is a jarring and an uncomfortable feeling of uneasiness, just as we find in a home where there is a smoky chimney and a scolding wife. It is pleasant to reflect that the latter aspect is but seldom seen, though on some occasions we have been literally pained at the slip-shod way in which the work of Lodges has been scamped over, and the beautiful ritual laboriously mutilated. We love to see, in a gathering of the brethren, a pervading sense of inward consciousness that duty is systematically and well regarded. Then we discern the perfection of the circle of brotherly unity, peace and concord, such as should be ever manifested in a Masonic gathering. As a matter of necessity, the work must be well performed, for the invariable regularity of attendance speaks volumes in support of the inference that such and every brother has his heart in it, and unswerving interest in and fidelity to the interests of his Lodge. Better have a dozen such,—of men who are constant and true in the discharge of their responsibilities,—than a big show in point of numbers, but with a very small cultivation of *esprit de corps*. The point which we would wish especially to drive home to the thoughts of our readers is, that regularity is one of the first principles which should guide all Masons, and especially younger brethren, in their Masonic career. They have entered upon a path of duty which demands certain calls upon their time and thoughtful consideration, and they are morally bound to fulfil their obligations honourably and with assiduity. There must be no disaffection, and no apathetic neglect or glossing over of their responsibilities. In a word, there should be no drones in the Masonic hive, where there is so much excellent work to be performed. The strength, vitality and thoroughly healthy condition of our Lodges depends entirely upon the sturdy recognition of duty on the part of individual members, and should be insisted upon in the minds of every right-thinking man. It would be half the battle if this was always kept in view, as then we should have heard the last of

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bickerings and heartburnings, and anxious fears on the part of Masters, of arrears in subscriptions, or disappointment in every shape and form. A lethargic and irregular Mason is a stumbling-block in the way of others, and should either mind his ways or keep out of the path altogether. His example is bad, and his influence is apt to deteriorate others. But a stedfast and industrious man is ever to be welcomed and respected, and many there are whose career we have watched with interest and gratification as they have attained to merited eminence, beloved and appreciated by all their fellows. Without making invidious allusions, can we not point to one instance, recorded in our columns to-day, of a ripe old Past Master who, for the long period of thirty-three years, during which he has been connected with his Lodge, had been absent from the regular meetings only three or four times? That is a testimony as to sincerity and earnestness of purpose but very rarely equalled, though we doubt not there may be some others who could bear similar evidence of their love for the "most beautiful system that ever emanated from mankind." These virtues are certain to find admirers, if not imitators, in every Lodge; and it is refreshing to obtain such a slice of honest pride as that which fell—in no boastful spirit—from Bro. Past Master Wilcox, at the Neptune Lodge last week. The spirit which animated him has been well infused into the other members of that Lodge, which ranks as one of the most solid and healthy in the metropolis. Reverting to the general principle, we would that brethren should estimate the all-important responsibility resting upon them of being regular and punctual in their attendance at the meetings of their Lodges. When this is thoroughly observed, there follow settled satisfaction, harmony, and excellence of work, whereas, if it is disregarded, there is nothing but listlessness, indifferent working, and often galling disappointment. Let every man make up his mind upon these points, and strain every possible nerve to support his Master by being ever present when there is work to do, and then, depend upon it, harmony will prevail, and the success and prosperity of our Lodges will be abundantly secured.

Yesterday (Friday) was fixed for the installation of Lord Brook, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of Essex, by H.R.H. the Duke of Albany Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire and Past Grand Junior Warden of England. It seems but the other day — indeed, it is but little more than two years and a half since the late lamented Lord Tenterden was installed as chief of the Craft in Essex, and in the ordinary course we might have anticipated for his Lordship a prolonged occupancy of his high position. But the G.A.O.T.U. has willed it otherwise, and our deceased brother passed away in the very prime of life, and at a time when the interest he took in the Province was calculated to be productive of the most beneficial results. We trust the new Provincial Grand Master, who is both young and enthusiastic, may enjoy a long career of usefulness in his capacity of chief. He has the best wishes of the Craft generally, and will, doubtless, rule his Province with firmness and courtesy, to its advantage and to his own credit.

The Sportsman's Exhibition, which opened yesterday (Friday), at the Agricultural Hall, and will remain open during the whole of next week, is well worthy of a visit. It enjoys the patronage of Bro. His Highness the Maharajah Dhuleep Singh, the Dukes of Beaufort, Rutland, Montrose, Hamilton, Portland, Sutherland, and Westminster; Bro. the Duke of Athole, and Bro. the Duke of Manchester, as well as of many other noblemen and gentlemen who take an interest in our sports and pastimes. The exhibits embrace all the requisites in the hunting field, for shooting, fishing, coursing, racing, yachting, bicycling, cricket, athletics, lawn tennis, &c. &c. and cannot fail, therefore, to interest the British public at large. We shall take an opportunity of giving further details next week.

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THIS is the title of a lecture, printed in pamphlet form by the Secretary of the Victoria Mutual Assurance Society (Limited), and it contains many broad and comprehensive views on the subject of assurance, together with some new aspects of the subject. He starts with the uncertainty of life, and how it is overlooked by many of the provident professional, trading, and working classes; and laments the frequency of wives and families being left unprovided for, in consequence of the disregard of those principles of prudence and forethought which every man is morally bound to practise. He then explains the principles upon which life and old age assurance is founded, and sets forth, by means of simple and lucid tables, the rates of premium, and the advantages to be secured. There is considerable practical force in his argument comparing assurance with investment in clubs and friendly societies. In joining the latter, which give a certain sum on the death of a member, working men, he admits, to a certain extent do avail themselves of the principles of life assurance; but he asks any reasonable man what is the sum of £10 or £12 ordinarily given by clubs to leave a wife and family? It can do little more than meet the expenses of a decent burial. On the other side of the question he puts it—how different would be the position and prospects of a family, were a life policy left for £50, or better still, for £100? The author, however, seems to ignore the fact that in the friendly societies there are additional advantages enjoyed by what are called financial members. For instance, if the breadwinner is laid aside by illness, he is allowed a weekly sum from the funds of his lodge or court, besides which he has the attendance gratuitously of a medical men, whose interest it is to provide him with the most efficient treatment. Then again there is the ugly aspect of the assurance question, in which an insurer "lapses," if unable to keep up his regular payments, and the savings of months and perhaps years are forfeited. This is not the case in a savings bank or building society. However, the general arguments in favour of assurance are practical and founded on common sense; and a man is entitled to little credit for his providence or forethought if he does not secure a £50 policy, which he can do in this society for a penny a day, if under thirty-five years of age. There is a still more commendable feature in this little work, in which the author stirs up a spirit of independence and self-reliance in the minds of his readers, in respect to their avoiding the chances of falling back upon the cold hand of public bounty, either in old age, sickness, or at death. He points out that many philanthropists and others who interest themselves in the welfare and progress of the masses are of opinion that nothing tends more to earn the working-classes a bad name, and to retard their social advancement, than the circumstance that they, in their old age, or, in case of their premature decease, their wives and families too frequently become burdens upon the ratepayers, who groan and grumble under the ever-increasing poor rates. Instances are far from rare where the ratepayers have to bury the deceased workman, and provide for the maintenance of his family. In other and more frequent cases, a wife is left with little more than enables her to decently inter her husband, but actuated by those feelings of independence, and that love for her offspring which characterise most mothers, she strives to keep herself and children above the receipt of public or private charity. The change, however, proves too sudden, the task too great; her plans are unsuccessful, and she and her children ultimately become paupers. He urges abstinence from tobacco and alcoholic drinks, and describes in an interesting way the benefits to be secured by following out the plan laid down to us by the society of which he is a responsible officer, and his practical observations are worthy perusal by all thoughtful minds who have the forethought and sagacity to provide for the "rainy day," whenever it may come.

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TESTIMONIALS.—Head Quarter Staff, Cabul, May 31st, 1880. Mr. R. Freeman, Dear Sir,—It is with much pleasure I am able to state that your Chlorodyne has been of special service to me in alleviating the wearisome spasms of Asthma, which is here existent in an aggravated form. Many of my patients now come and beg me to give them that medicine which always relieves them, and which I need hardly say is your Chlorodyne. Yours faithfully, CHARLES W. OWEN, L.R.C.P. Lon., M.R.C.S. Eng., the Divisional Head Quarter Staff and Civil Surgeon, Cabul.

The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoum, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of **CHLORODYNE**, with which I effected miraculous cures.

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THE LATE BRO. DE SAINT JEAN.

BRO. De Saint Jean, President of the Council of the Grand Orient of France, as well as of the College of Rites, died after a brief illness on the last day of the old year, at the ripe age of seventy-three, and was buried, on the 3rd ult., at the cemetery of Père-la-Chaise, Paris, a large concourse of brethren from the Lodges in Paris being present to pay their last tribute of respect to one who had been so long and so honourably associated with French Freemasonry. *Le Monde Maçonnique* contains a brief sketch of Bro. De Saint-Jean's career, and from it we gather that he was initiated in the Lodge *Saint-Pierre des Vrais Amis* as far back as the year 1834, and had consequently been a member of the Brotherhood for close on half a century. No long time passed before he was chosen to fill the office of Venerable (W. Master) of his Lodge, and thenceforward he took an active part in the proceedings of the Grand Orient. In 1843 he was selected as a member of the permanent Commission appointed to watch over the interests of the Order, among his associate members being Bros. Charassin, Roblot, Bouchet, Bessin, Faultrier, Morand, &c. On the 12th April 1844 he submitted a very valuable report on the necessity of exercising greater precaution in the initiation of candidates, and the same year he was nominated a member of the Commission charged with the revision of the Statutes General, their labours resulting in the Constitution of 1849. In 1845 he was chosen Orator of the Chamber of the Supreme Council of Rites. In 1857 he entered the Council of the Grand Master, which subsequently was transmuted into the Council of the Grand Orient, and it was in the discharge of the functions attached to this latter office that he made himself known to the brethren by his devotion to their interests, his zeal and energy, his benevolence, and his disinterestedness, all which qualities secured to him the general respect of the Fraternity. In 1872, on the abolition of the Grand Mastership, and the transfer of a part of its prerogatives and duties to the Council of the G. Orient, Brother de Saint Jean was elected President of the Council, and since then his re-election to that high office has been, as it were, almost a matter of course. From 1872 to 1878 he was in like manner chosen President of the General Assembly of the Grand Orient. His personal qualities made him beloved even by those who did not share his opinions. He laboured energetically, but with invariable courtesy, in order to ensure the adoption of the views which he deemed right, and calculated to prove serviceable to the Craft, but, at the same time, he accepted without reservation the decisions of the majority, and in that respect showed himself to be as estimable as a citizen as he was in his capacity of Freemason. It was characteristic of him that he rarely, if ever, showed any inclination towards extreme views. On the contrary, he exhibited a moderation of opinion which eminently fitted him for the high and important functions which he so worthily and so conscientiously discharged during the last ten years of his life. But irrespective of his particular duties, he took a considerable interest in organising the ambulance provided by the Grand Orient in 1870, while to him especially belongs the honour of having instituted the several courses of gratuitous education, to which so many French youths are indebted for the completion of their elementary training. At the interment several addresses were delivered, to wit, by Brother Cousin on behalf of the Council of the Order; Brother Viénot in the name of the brethren of the Province; by the Venerable of the Lodge *Les Vrais Amis*; by Brother de Serres, former President of the Masonic Orphanage; and by Mdme. Braisbant on behalf of the present and past pupils of the Classes of the Grand Orient.

We learn that Bro. Grimaux, till recently editor-in-chief of *Le Monde Maçonnique*, has been appointed to the Secretariat of the Grand Orient, and that his place in the literary direction of our contemporary has been filled by Bro. Rocher.

According to the official bulletin, there are fifty-three Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council and Grand Orient of the Argentine Republic, of which seventeen are located in Buenos Ayres.

We are glad to see that our brethren in Jamaica are bestirring themselves with a view to raising funds towards the relief of the terrible distress entailed by the fire which broke out in Kingston on an early date last December, and, in the short space of twelve hours destroyed about one-third of the city, thereby rendering thousands of worthy people homeless, to say nothing of the many fatal casualties which likewise occurred through the conflagration. According to the latest returns we have seen, over 7,000 out of a population of 30,000 have lost their all, the value of the property destroyed being estimated at £650,000, of which only £150,000 is covered by insurance, the net loss thus amounting to half a million sterling. We consider the case of these unfortunate people is one that calls for a prompt and liberal contribution from the funds of our Grand Lodge. If precedent is asked for, it is only necessary for us to enumerate some of the many instances recorded in the Grand Lodge Calendar. Thus, in 1825 £100 was voted towards the "Relief of Sufferers by Inundation in Hanover." £100 was voted in 1867 towards the "Turks' Island Relief Fund," and a like sum in 1871 towards the "Refugees' Benevolent Fund." In 1870 the "National Society for Aid of Sick and Wounded in War" received £500, and in 1872 the "Chicago Relief Fund"—a great part of that city having been destroyed by fire—benefited to a like extent. In 1874 the sum of £500 was voted to the "Bengal Famine Relief Fund," and in 1877 £210 towards "Relief of Sufferers by the Fire at St. John, N. Brunswick," and £105 "in alleviation of distress caused by the 'Cataclasm' on the Coast of Peru." Some of the calamities, to relieve the sufferings caused by which these sums were granted, occurred in foreign States, and others in British Colonies and Dependencies, and Jamaica, which comes under the latter category, should not, and we believe will not, be passed over without some help being extended to her by the Craft in England. Nevertheless, the old proverb should not be forgotten—"*Bis dat qui cito dat.*"

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold Duke of Albany has consented to preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Printers' Pension Corporation, to be held on Tuesday, the 19th June next.

The interesting old church of Brackley, in Northamptonshire, of which the Earl of Ellesmere is patron, has been enriched by a painted window, from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners Street. The subject of the window, which is the gift of Mrs. Bayley, of Brackley, is "The Resurrection."

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has accepted an invitation from the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, to deliver his lecture, explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonies of the First Degree, at the ensuing Lodge Meeting at Dunmow, Essex, on the 20th inst. The attendance of members of Nos. 276, 409, 1280, 1312, and other Lodges in the surrounding district is anticipated.

Bro. Richard Poore has been elected Secretary to the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507, which holds its meetings every Friday evening, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., under the Preceptorship of Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z.

The Lord Mayor has issued a circular to the Provincial Mayors, inviting their assistance in promoting the fund which is being raised at the Mansion House in aid of the sufferers by the conflagration in December last at Kingston, Jamaica.

Subscriptions to the extent of £1200 were announced at the anniversary dinner, held on Saturday last, in aid of the funds of the French Hospital and Dispensary. The Count d'Aunay, Chancellor of the French Embassy, presided, in the absence, through illness, of the French Ambassador.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Nervousness and want of Energy.—When first the nerves feel unstrung, and listlessness supplants energy, the time has come to take some such alterative as Holloway's Pills to restrain a slight disorder from developing into a serious disease. These excellent Pills correct all irregularities and weaknesses. They act so kindly, yet so energetically, on the functions of digestion and assimilation, that the whole body is revived, the blood rendered richer and purer, while the muscles become firmer and stronger, and the nervous and absorbent systems are invigorated. These Pills are suitable for all classes and all ages. They have a most marvellous effect on persons who are out of condition; they soon rectify whatever is in fault, restore strength to the body and confidence to the mind.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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THE INSTALLATION OF SUCCESSORS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Whilst agreeing with many of your ideas anent this subject, in your leading article of last week, I am disposed to think there is a very growing opinion in our Lodges that a Master cannot be said to have completed his course of studies, or to have acquitted himself with perfect success, unless he is competent when retiring from the chair to instal his successor into office. It is, as you say, sometimes the case that a man is so pressed with business as to be unable comfortably to spare the time required in mastering the ritual. But may it not be asked, if he cannot do this, why did he aspire to the rank of W.M. at all? And if it was his fervent zeal or aspiration to be ranked among the Past Masters that prompted him to ascend the official ladder, is he to suddenly lapse into indifference the moment he is decorated with his jewel, "in recognition of his able services to the Lodge," &c.? Surely, if a brother has been able to spare the time, and has the ability, to acquire the knowledge and practice to conduct the affairs of his Lodge he might, during his tenure of office, manage, without any striking effort, to possess himself of the confidence and capacity of rendering the Installation ceremony as he retires from his exalted position. It takes no more time to do that, and not nearly so much, as to rule a Lodge for twelve months; and it strikes me it is rather a lame excuse to plead want of time and interference with business, when he has passed the chair, obtained his jewel as reward, and can expect nothing more unless some Provincial honour might suddenly crop up. The fact is, in many cases brethren are "rushed" through the minor offices, and pitchforked into the chair, regardless of their competency or administrative qualifications; they struggle through their duties with a painfully frequent recourse to the promptings of the Past Masters, and heave a genuine sigh of relief when their time is up and they are enabled to slide quietly away into the "serried ranks" of the veterans! Such men have no right to W.M.'s collars, and the feelings of friendship or personal interest which hoist them into office are impolitic and un-Masonic. I am pleased to see the sterling desire evinced by most young Masons to secure a thorough grounding in their duties, before rising to posts of elevation; and it is refreshing to hear, as we very often do, a Worshipful Master say that amongst the rank and file of his Lodge there are many brethren fully competent to take the duties of any office, up to the chair, should they be called upon to do so on an emergency. This proves not only that discipline and sound tuition is imparted in the Lodges, but testifies, perhaps, more to the value of Lodges of Instruction, which cannot be too heartily encouraged. A retiring Worshipful Master is to be pitied if at the end of his tenure of office he is incompetent to instal his successor, and equally so if, from sheer apathy and laziness, he calls in the aid of a Past Master—much as the latter may "like the job"—to do for him. But I would rather be in such a position than that of the egotistical P.M. who, whilst rejoicing at every opportunity of making a parade of his own fancied superexcellence, turns round upon the well-known brother who has asked him to perform the ceremony—whether of necessity or out of compliment—and treats him with a dereliction of duty or may-be something worse. I know of more than one such inflated and bejewelled Uriah Heap, who from their self-complacent pinnacles, cannot look low enough to see how their sagacious "inferiors" are laughing in their sleeves at the vanity of which the possessors are apparently oblivious.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

SQUIB.

London, 29th January 1883.

THE "UPPISH" BOY WHO WAS NOT TREATED WITH PROPER RESPECT!

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having recently paid a visit to the Boys' School at Wood Green, I am perhaps the better able to appreciate your able and interesting article in which you deal very properly with a captious critic. He has got it, and smartly deserved it. On the occasion of my visit I found Head-masters and Officers as courteous and attentive as any reasonable being can expect mortals to be who have plenty of work on their hands and do not care to be interrupted unnecessarily by visitors of priggish ostentation, who, because they subscribe to the funds of an Institution (*sic*), fancy they are in some way monarchs of all they survey when they choose to pay a visit of inspection to *their* school. It would be a dull world, however, without a little fun, or even a little waspish spite, for that matter, to vary the monotonous routine. But what on earth could have induced the anonymous correspondent to hatch up such a fable as that which has set so many Masons by the ears, can only be found in his very fertile imagination. Those who know the School, and are acquainted with the splendid education there given, who are familiar with the sight of the chubby-faced, happy and contented lads, have seen them at their studies and their romps, and know how happy they are, will only smile at the vapid drivellings of such bilious creatures as "S. X." They have had a good laugh over it, and the "goak" has done them a vast amount of good. Those who are not so well informed as to the interior economy of our School for Boys, may have felt a twinge of surprise and pain on first seeing so pointed an accusation against the executive and the entire system pursued there. But the very audacity of the charge stamped it as hyperbolic and untrue, and the disclaimers and refutations which have since appeared must have set all doubts at rest, wherever they existed. They, too, can now join in the smile which must curl on the contemptuous lip of all who refer to the snivelling "critic" who, under an initial, sought to disparage one of our best conducted Institutions in the eyes of the Craft, or those of the brethren who, living at a distance, are unable to visit the School more frequently; but the reaction will establish more firmly than ever their respect for, and appreciation of, the School from which emanate so many cultivated young gentlemen, fortified by a splendid education for the battle of life. The "critic" has posed as a mountebank in print, and the laughter levelled at him is not of the sort to be coveted. He has scowled upon the Boys' School, but, like the "terrible curse" of the raven in the "Jackdaw of Rheims," nobody feels "a penny the worse."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

AN AMUSED READER.

28th January 1883.

OLD GRAVESTONES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Last week, being in Rochdale, I was looking over the old gravestones in the churchyard, many of which bear dates from 1600 to 1700, but one I found, close to the church wall, between the battresses, struck me as being curious:—

"Here lyeth Benj. Brearly Free Mason, who died Feby. 1737."

All the above letters are preserved, though the stone was broken down one side next the wall of the church. It is a very old church. In the year 1100 it was under the jurisdiction of the Abbots of Whalley. A chapel of Ease, under Rochdale, was founded in our parish by the above abbots in 1189 or thereabouts.

Can you account for the name Free Mason so far back?

I remain, yours fraternally,

JAMES LAWTON P.M.

Secretary Candour Lodge 337.

The Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction has been removed to the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane. The members meet every Thursday evening, at eight o'clock, under the Preceptorship of Bro. Richardson, P.M. of the Ebury Lodge.

A meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on the 25th ult., at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road. Companions Isaac occupied the chair of Z., Hunter H., Pearcy J., Gregory S.N., Sheffield P.S., Edmonds Preceptor. The ceremony was rehearsed in a very creditable manner. The members invite Royal Arch Masons to visit them.

A Lecture will be given in the Speech Room of Willesden High School, N.W., on Wednesday evening, 21st February, by Bro. Charles E. Botley, Assoc. Mem. Inst. C.E., on "Gas, its manufacture, utility, and proper method of using, for Lighting, Heating, and Ventilating, with some remarks on Electricity as an Illuminating Agent." Bro. Botley will illustrate his Lecture with Experiments, and from our knowledge of his practical ability, we anticipate his audience will be both interested and instructed. The chair will be taken at eight p.m. by T. D. Thomson, Esq., F.S.S.

The brethren of the Eccleston, No. 1624, announce that the Annual Ball in connection with their Lodge, will take place on Friday, 2nd March, at the Grosvenor Hall, Buckingham Palace-road. On this occasion Craft clothing may be worn, and Tickets can be had of the following Stewards:—Bros. Edward Powell W.M., Audit Office, Somerset House; A. W. Beckham Secretary, 182 Ebury-street, S.W.; W. Chilcott, 119 Alderney-street, S.W.; J. Galt Fisher Past Master, 57 Spring-gardens, S.W.; J. C. Flattely P.M., 3 Cambridge-terrace, S.W.; S. Jones P.M., 2 Colchester-street, S.W.; W. E. Moorman A.M.C., 200 Buckingham Palace-road, S.W.; J. Purnell, 90 Buckingham Palace-road, S.W.; C. Tayler S.W., 3 Cambridge-terrace, S.W.; W. Vincent P.M., 120 Ebury-street, S.W.; A. A. Johnson M.C., Hon. Secretary, 11 Cambridge-terrace, S.W. We tender our best wishes for a pleasant gathering.

Brother James Francis, one of the Managers of the talented Mohawk Minstrels, announces his eleventh annual benefit, which will take place at the Agricultural Hall, on Thursday, 22nd inst. On this occasion the doors will be opened at 6·30; and the performance commence at 7·30. We anticipate a large gathering of the friends of our worthy and popular brother.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 901.

THE Annual Ball took place on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Tavern, and was attended by about two hundred brethren and friends. Dancing commenced soon after nine, to the excellent band of Bro. Henry Tinney, I.G. of the Asaph Lodge. About twelve the company adjourned to the Crown Room for supper, which was most liberally placed on the tables, under the superintendence of Bro. Dawkins, and presided over by Bro. John Hughes, W.M. of the Lodge. After the toast of the Queen and the Craft, Bro. Fowles, of the Ebury Lodge, in a few complimentary remarks, gave the toast of the City of London Lodge, coupled with the name of the W.M. The Visitors' toast followed, and in some well-chosen words was replied to by a visiting brother. Bro. Russ P.M. gave the Stewards, coupling it with the name of Bro. R. P. Stevens, Hon. Secretary of the Ball. Bro. Whur then proposed the health of the much esteemed I.P.M., Bro. G. A. Candy, and after the toast of the Ladies, which was replied to by Bro. Hurdell, W.M. of the Ebury Lodge, dancing was resumed, and kept up with much spirit till half-past four, when the company separated, after spending a most agreeable evening. Bro. Jarvis was M.C.

CHINE LODGE, No. 1884.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the New Institute, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, on Thursday the 25th ult., when Bro. Newman P.M. P.P.G.W. was installed for the second year in succession Worshipful Master of the Lodge. There was a large attendance of the brethren, including Bros. Rev. Palmer P.M. 698 P.P.G.S.W., Salter P.M. 551, Petherick I.P.M. 551, Darwin 'Secretary 551, Look W.M. 151, Groves P.M. 175, Linfield P.M. 551, Houston P.M. 551, Saunders W.M. 551, Trueman P.M. 551, Durrant S.D. 175, Gabell I.G. 175, Williams 1884, &c. The installation ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner by Brother the Rev. J. N. Palmer P.P.G.S.W., and the W.M. afterwards appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Dr. Dabbs I.P.M., Quickfall S.W., Cooper J.W., Bailey Treasurer, Judd Secretary, Greenham S.D., Cantelo J.D., Moorman M.C., Rayner I.G., Humby Organist, Buckell and Middleton Stewards, Mew Tyler. It had been arranged to present a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Dr. Dabbs in recognition of that gentleman's services to the Lodge, but owing to a professional engagement he was not able to attend. The banquet was served in the Masonic Hall by Brother Thomson, of the Madeira Hotel, whose catering gave every satisfaction.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, Bro. C. Weeden in the chair, supported by Bro. A. J. Dixie S.W., F. C. Dixie J.W., P.M. Cusworth Preceptor, Perl Secretary, Ashton S.D., Western J.D., Marks I.G., Potter, Flack, Clark, Ferrar. Lodge having been opened in due form, and the previous minutes read, the W.M. opened in the second degree, when Bro. Potter offered himself as a candidate to be raised, answered the necessary questions, and was entrusted. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Potter acting as candidate, the traditional history being also ably delivered by the W.M. Lodge was then closed to the first degree. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned until Wednesday, 7th February. The brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, will work the Fifteen Sections on Wednesday evening, 28th February. Lodge on that occasion will be opened at seven p.m. precisely. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, at the Institute, Ealing, at 7·30. Bros. Acworth W.M., Porter S.W., Smith J.W., H. E. Tucker W.M. 1612 Treasurer, Wells Secretary, C. Botley S.D., Cunningham J.D., C. Bellerby I.G., J. Green P.M., W. W. Morgan, Jones, Botley, Clark, Brown, Owen, Dyer, Geflowski, William Seward, Wells. Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Worshipful Master rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Clark candidate. The charge was well given by Bro. Acworth. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. Some consideration was then given to a proposed change in the night of meeting, which as now arranged was inconvenient for some of the members. However, it was clearly shown that whatever night in the week should be agreed upon, would have some drawbacks, and as the Hall of the Institute, in which the brethren were assembled, was engaged for other purposes, it was decided that the meetings should be continued on the Tuesdays. Those present, however, pledged themselves to carry out the business with a greater regard to punctuality than seems to have been the rule latterly, and consequently we may expect a continuance of the good work that has hitherto been done by this Lodge of Instruction. Tuesday next will be Officers' night, when the members of the mother Lodge will fill the several chairs. After Lodge had been closed, the members of the Charities' Association in connection therewith held a meeting. There were ballots taken for three Life Governorships, of £10 10s each; Bros. Acworth, Essex, and Clark being the successful members. This earnest of what is being done for the Institutions by the brethren of the West Middlesex, cannot but be satisfactory to the Secretaries.

Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, No. 1922.—An interesting meeting was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at Bro. Charles Sims's, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, when the ceremonies of consecration and installation were most impressively rehearsed by Bro. James Terry Prov. G. S.W. Norths and Hunts, &c., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The oration and invocation were splendidly delivered, and the ceremony throughout elicited unqualified tokens of appreciation from a large assemblage of brethren, representing nearly all the principal metropolitan Lodges. Bro. Cross presided at the harmonium, and greatly contributed by his able accompaniment to the hymns and anthems. Bro. Antony Runacres (W.M. of the Earl of Lathom Lodge) was installed W.M. of the evening, and appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. P.M. Witts S.W., Chapman J.W., Taylor Treasurer, Spencer Secretary, George Evans S.D., Charles Evans J.D., and Sims I.G. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Terry for his great kindness in attending, and particularly for the perfect manner in which he had performed the ceremonies; also to Bro. John Mason for his assistance, and to Bro. Cross for his kindness in conducting the musical portion of the ceremony. These votes were ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The several brethren referred to having suitably replied, the Lodge was closed in ancient form. Supper was then served, and after the usual toasts had been duly honoured, some excellent songs were given by Bros. Cannon, Chapman, and others, the proceedings being brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem. Among the brethren present were Bros. P.M.'s Mason, Farwig 180, Gallant, Ball 144, Moore, Markland W.M. 144, Cross, Cobham 141, R. J. Taylor, and many others of standing in the Craft. This Lodge of Instruction will be held every Wednesday evening, at eight precisely, at the above address, and brethren are cordially invited to pay it an occasional visit.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The first Festival of this young and prosperous Lodge of Instruction was held on Tuesday, 23rd ult., at Brother Monk's, the Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, when a goodly number of the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, served by Brother Monk in ample style, the viands being satisfactory, and the staff of waiters very attentive. The W.M. of the Mother Lodge, Brother Lovegrove P.P.G.S. of Wks. Middlesex, presided, and Bros. Harling P.M. and Stokes as S.W. and J.W. respectively, ably supported him. The following brethren, among others, were present, Bros. Poore P.M., and Francis joint Preceptors of the Lodge, Phillips Treasurer, Williams Secretary, Hooper, R. W. Pooler, Richardson, Poore, W. H. Williams P.M., Maitland, Bye jun., Cotton, Newby, Durham, Knight, Cawley, Letchford, Lee, Jones, and Wickes. On the cloth being removed the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Craft toasts of the M.W.G.M., Pro Grand Master, Deputy G.M., and Grand Officers past and present. Bro. Poore P.M. in proposing the health of the W.M., stated how pleased he was to find the W.M. of the Mother Lodge in the chair that evening. Brother Lovegrove thanked the brethren for their good wishes, he hoped the Lodge of Instruction would go on as it had begun; it had already done good service to the brethren of the neighbourhood. Brother Poore P.M. in responding to the toast of the Preceptors, said the honours should fall to Brother Francis, who was the real Preceptor of the Lodge. He (Bro. Poore) had promised to assist Brother Francis whenever necessity compelled his absence, and had had great pleasure in doing so on one or two occasions. Brother Francis also thanked the brethren for coupling his name with Brother Poore as one of their Preceptors. He was proud of his connection with the Lodge, so many of the brethren working with him so earnestly and well; he should continue to promote the prosperity of the Lodge by devoting himself to its interests on all occasions. The W.M. in proposing the health of the Treasurer Brother Phillips, and Brother H. M. Williams the Sec., warmly eulogised them for their efforts in founding the Lodge, and carrying on their departments so successfully. The Treasurer and Secretary, in responding, thanked the W.M. for his too flattering remarks; what they had done in the past, was an earnest of what they desired to do in the future. The other toasts were, the Visitors, Officers of the evening, the Musical Brethren, and the host Brother Monk; all being suitably proposed and duly responded to. Several of the brethren displayed their musical talents, viz. Bros. Johnstone, Lee, Poore, Monk, Cotton, Wickes, while Brother Poore recited "the Beadle," by Dickens, inimitably, and Bro. Lee gave "Look at the Clock," in a most telling manner. Brother Williams the Secretary presided at the pianoforte. The meeting closed with "Auld Lang Syne," after a most pleasant evening.

UNITED STRENGTH CHAPTER, No. 228.

A Quarterly Convocation of this Chapter was held on 23rd ultimo, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the presidency of Comp. Halford M.E.Z., supported by Comps. Timothy Scribe E., Hunter Scribe N., Fenner P.S., Edis 1st Asst., Griggs P.Z., Goode, Rolleston, Paine, and others, with Comp. Thomas Janitor. Amongst the Visitors were Comps. Pearcy J. 1602 and Pigott P.Z. 1266. There was no business on the agenda, and the Comps. adjourned at an early hour for banquet, when the customary Royal and Arch toasts were duly honoured, and an agreeable evening was passed.

Munificence, "In Memoriam."—A lady has given a donation of five hundred pounds to the Chelsea Hospital for Women, for the purpose of naming after her deceased sister, one of the Memorial Wards in the New Building, which is situated in the Fulham Road. The Princess of Wales laid the Foundation Stone of the New Building for the Hospital two and a half years since, and it will be ready for occupation in the coming spring. The same lady has given fifty pounds for the furnishing of the Ward. There are now but three out of the seventeen Wards remaining to be furnished, by special donations of a similar amount.

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FREEMASONRY IN DEVON.

THE annual meeting of the Committee of Petitions of the Prov. Grand Lodge of the Province of Devon was held on Tuesday, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. Amongst those who attended were R.W. Brother Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M., (who by courtesy occupied the chair), W. Bros. W. G. Rodgers D.P.G.M. the Chairman, Charles Godtschalk the London representative, Gover the Secretary, Cornish, Brewer, Stocker, Westlake, Rev. Whittley, Curteis, Orchard, Welch, Browning, Casey, Roberts, Swann, Mackay, Lord, Bird, Crabb, Fulford, Loram, Lethbridge, Powell, Harvey, and Hambly. Bros. Brodie and Bradnee were unfortunately prevented from attending. The minutes of the former meeting were confirmed. The Secretary reported that there had been only two elections since the last meeting of the Committee, that the number of votes received had been 291 boys and 202 girls—an increase of 24 boys and 13 girls over the last numbers. There was still a large number of votes diverted, and many lost by being forwarded after the election was over. The representatives would do good service if they would take it as part of their duty, and it really was, to collect and forward the votes as soon as issued from the Institutions. This report was received and adopted. The report of Bro. C. Godtschalk having been circulated, was taken as read. After discussion, this report was received and adopted. Arising out of the discussion was a question as to certain votes, and it was resolved, "That a committee, consisting of the P.G. Master, the D.P.G. Master, the P.G. Secretary, W. Bros. Curteis, Whittley, and J. B. Gover, have power to inquire into the matter, and settle it." Consequent on this question of votes, the case of the boy from Lodge 164 was withdrawn. The widow of a late member of Lodge 223 was elected to receive the support of the Province until her election. The widow of a brother of Lodge 39(Exeter) was granted £5. The widow of a brother of Lodge 202 (Devonport) was granted £5, and these were the only applications for relief. Worshipful Bro. Gover having slightly altered his motion, it was carried, and now is as follows:—"A brother who has been relieved cannot petition again within one year, and a widow who has been relieved cannot petition again within two years." Worshipful Bro. M. G. Rogers was unanimously elected the chairman for the next year, and was warmly thanked for his past services. Worshipful Bro. J. B. Gover was also unanimously elected the Secretary of the Committee, a position he has held since the reconstruction in January 1870. It had been understood for some time that Bro. Godtschalk, who had been the valued representative in London since 1876, would not consent to be re-elected, and Bro. J. E. Curteis was unanimously elected to this responsible and important office. The members then resolved, with a large amount of enthusiasm, "That this Committee desires to express its regret at the resignation by Bro. Charles Godtschalk of his office of representative of the Province of Devon in London, the duties of which he has so well, so long, and so faithfully discharged, and to record their sense of the energy, ability and discretion with which he has managed the affairs of the Province, to tender him their best thanks and warmest good wishes. And that this vote be engrossed on vellum and presented to him." Bro. Godtschalk, in reply, said he was amply repaid for his time, trouble, and expenditure by their good wishes and the knowledge that his services had alleviated distress and lessened sorrow. He appealed to all to help him by subscribing to the great Charities he had so long endeavoured to serve. A very cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

No one is ever the worse for gaining a new wrinkle as to where it is possible to satisfy the requirements of the "inner man" with comfort, and at a moderate outlay. Not many days since we were in the neighbourhood of the Broad-street Station of the North London Line, and its neighbour, the Metropolitan Station of Bishopsgate, when it occurred to us that substantial refreshment was desirable, and we sought and obtained it at the "Union Café, Restaurant Français," 42 Old Broad-street. The "welcome snack" was capitally served, the surroundings being neat, comfortable, and business-like. Some coffee we also partook of was excellent, and as the raw material was ground almost before our eyes, we can speak of its genuineness. We can conscientiously recommend our friends to the "Union," located as aforesaid, where there is ample accommodation for 150 customers at one time, and where parties of three or four can enjoy their refreshment, if they wish, in private compartments, marked off from the General Cafe. Mr. C. Rosenberg, the proprietor, was recently *chef* at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, and is both a courteous and considerate host.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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PRINCESS'S.—At 7, AUNT CHARLOTTE'S MAID. At 7.45, THE SILVER KING.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 8, THE RIVALS.

OLYMPIC.—At 7.30, BETSY BAKER. At 8.20, FORGET ME NOT. A SILENT WOMAN.

GLOBE.—At 8, A FAIR ENCOUNTER. 8.45, JANE EYRE.

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COURT.—At 8, THE HAPPY RETURN. At 8.40, COMRADES.

TOOLE'S.—At 7.30, TAKING IT EASY. DOT. At 10, Mr. GUFFIN'S ELOPEMENT.

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AVENUE.—At 2.15, WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT. At 8, OLIVETTE.

GAIETY.—At 8, THOSE GIRLS. At 8.45, VALENTINE AND ORSON.

ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, IMPULSE.

IMPERIAL.—At 2.30, JACK THE GIANT KILLER.

STANDARD.—At 7, LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 7th of February next, at six o'clock in the evening.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes (as follows) will be submitted to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th October 1882, to the 16th January 1883, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	507	8	9	Disbursements during the quarter	196	5	3
„ Unappropriated Account	201	19	11	Balance „ in Unappropriated Account	681	0	7
Subsequent Receipts	400	11	7		232	14	5
	£1,110	0	3		£1,110	0	3

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions Reuben Williamson as Z., Thomas Barber as H., Clark Turner Kaye as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Holme Valley Lodge, No. 652, Holmfirth, to be called "The Chapter of Industry," and to meet at the Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth, Yorkshire.

2nd. From Companions Edward Loftus Roche Thackwell as Z., John Clement Cobbe as H., William Munro Jack as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Goodwill, No. 465, Bellary, to be called "The Goodwill Chapter," and to meet at Bellary, Madras, East Indies.

3rd. From Companions Joseph Woolley Brooke as Z., William Alfred Malony as H., George Frederick Smith jun. as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, London, to be called "The Duke of Cornwall Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, London.

4th. From Companions William Henry Skinner as Z., Charles Moseley Nelson as H., Frederick William Edmund Dawson as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338, Auckland, New Zealand, to be called "The Auckland Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes Street, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand.

5th. From Companions William Lodder as Z., William Pollock Moat as H., William Henry Cooper as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Remuera Lodge, No. 1710, Remuera, New Zealand, to be called "The Remuera Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Remuera, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand.

6th. From Companions Nathaniel Goodchild as Z., Henry Slyman as H., George Clark jun. as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Camden Lodge, No. 704, London, to be called "The Camden Chapter," and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, in the City of London.

The foregoing Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, P.G.Pr. Soj.
Grand Treasurer,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
17th January 1883.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE regular Convocation was held on the 29th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. Isaac Z., Littaur P.Z. as H., Henochsberg J., Lazarus P.Z. Treas., Emanuel P.Z. S.E., Dewsnap S.N., Brooke P.S., L. Lazarus P.Z. as 1st Assist., Mann as Z.; P.Z.'s Lazarus, Dickinson, Levy, Gulliford I.P.Z., Littaur, L. Lazarus. Comps. Botibol, Lyon, Mann, Howard, Silver. Visitors—Comps. Eckstein 1196, Bott 507. Chapter was opened and the minutes of former Convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. da Silva I.P.M. 205, who had been previously balloted for, was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. The working of the M.E.Z. was perfect, and each Officer took example from him, with very satisfactory result. The resignation of a Companion was accepted with regret, and three candidates were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting. Comp. Lazarus P.Z. and Treasurer announced that he was about to leave England for a time, on urgent business, and that he wished to resign the Treasurership for a short period,—he hoped for not longer than three or four months,—when his services would again be at their disposal. The M.E.Z. said the Companions would all regret his absence, but he thought they had an efficient substitute who would do the work in his absence, viz., Comp. Emanuel P.Z. and S.E. Therefore he thought they need not accept Comp. Lazarus's resignation; consequently, he had much pleasure in re-investing him with the collar of Treasurer. Comp. Lazarus having suitably replied, Chapter was closed until the last Monday in March. The Companions then sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Comp. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. Silver. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. Gulliford I.P.Z. in proposing the health of the Z., said he had known Comp. Isaac for many years; all were glad to see him in his exalted position. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked Comp. Gulliford for the manner he had proposed the toast of his health; it was always his endeavour to advance R.A. Masonry, and this Chapter in particular. In speaking to the toast of the new exaltee, Companion Da Silva, the M.E.Z. remarked he had made his mark in Freemasonry, and was a P.M. of the Lodge of Israel. Doubtless he would prove a good and able R.A. worker. He trusted in a few years to see him occupy the chair in this Chapter. Comp. Da Silva said his thanks were due to the M.E.Z. and the Companions who had so ably assisted to exalt him into R.A. Masonry. The impression made on him was deep, and would be lasting. He hoped to do all in his power for the benefit of the Chapter. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of I.P.Z. Gulliford, whom they all respected, and with the toast he would couple the names of the other P.Z.'s. Comps. Gulliford, Littaur, and Lazarus very ably responded to this toast. After the Officers had received and acknowledged the compliment paid them, Comp. Eckstein responded for the Visitors. The M.E.Z. then called on them to drink a special toast—a happy voyage to their worthy Treasurer, Comp. Lazarus P.Z., wishing him God speed and a happy return. After a very able response, the toasts of the S.E., P.S., and the Junior Officers were given, and then the Janitor concluded a very agreeable evening. Companions Dickinson, Davis, and Eckstein contributed to the harmony.

POLISH NATIONAL CHAPTER, No. 534.

THIS Chapter held its regular convocation on the 25th ultimo, at the Freemasons' Hall. Comps. Warner M.E.Z., Hyde Clarke P.Z., Palmer P.Z. as J., Nowakowski Treasurer, Paas P.Z. 28 S.E. pro tem, Johnston S.N., R. Kelsey 1st Assistant, W. E. Kelsey 2nd Assistant, Palmer I.P.Z. Visitors:—Comps. Tongue 1201, Louden 1348, and H. M. Levy P.Z. 188. The Chapter was draped in mourning, owing to the death of the late respected Comp. Sherwill P.Z. S.E. After preliminaries, the ballot was taken for the admission of Bros. Jagielski P.M. 537, Oliver Bryant J.D. 534, and J. L. Hayhoe 1163; these were unanimous in favour of the candidates. The two former being in attendance were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by Companion J. Palmer P.Z. (who presided by permission of the M.E.Z.), in a very perfect and impressive manner. The M.E.Z. rendered valuable assistance as J., while Comp. Jackson ably officiated as P.S. Companions W. Paas P.Z. and Treasurer No. 28, and Dr. Corrie Jackson late Joppa Lodge 183 were unanimously elected joining members. A letter of condolence was unanimously voted, to be sent to the family of the late Companion Sherwill P.Z. S.E., of whom all deeply deplored the loss. Comp. Louden was proposed as a joining member, and Brother R. Morley was proposed as a candidate for exaltation. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to an excellent banquet, superintended by Companion E. Dawkins. After the routine toasts had been honoured, Companion J. Palmer P.Z. rose; it was a great pleasure to him to propose the toast of the M.E.Z., whom he congratulated on having so many present; he thought shortly the room they now occupied would not be large enough. He hoped they would give the toast the reception it merited. The M.E.Z. said he could hardly find words to express to Companion Palmer his thanks; he trusted during his year of office he had done the work to the satisfaction of all the Companions. He might add that he was exalted in this Chapter; he had worked in the various offices, and had reached the highest position the Chapter could confer; he hoped to be among them for many years. The Z. in proposing the toast of the H. and J. said, no Royal Arch Chapter could flourish without the combined assistance of its H. and J., they had the honour of having two distinguished Companions to fill those positions. He felt sure they would give a hearty reception to the toast. Companion Hyde Clarke Past Z. Haggai responded. They had many members of the parent Lodge with them, and he hoped to see many more. He might mention incidentally that this was his fiftieth year in Masonry. Companion Palmer P.Z. said he took the office of Joshua in the absence of that Officer. His great aim was to do all he could for the welfare of the Chapter. In responding to the toast of the exaltees, Companion Jagielski rose to thank the Z. for his kind expressions. He had passed though the several grades of Craft Masonry, and now anticipated much gratification on acquiring new knowledge in such a sublime and beautiful degree as that of the Royal Arch. There were several members of the parent Lodge present, and he was pleased to meet them. Comps. Tongue, Louden, and H. M. Levy responded for the toast of the Visitors. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the S.N. Companion Chaplin was one whom they all respected. Companion Dr. Corrie Jackson, who that evening had been unanimously elected a joining member, had ably assisted the Chapter by his perfect working as P.S. Companion Jackson in responding said, he had been introduced into the Joppa Chapter some years since by Companion H. M. Levy; he was pleased to be received as a joining member of the Polish National; any time they required his services they were at command. Companion Chaplin followed, and then the toasts of the Junior Officers and that of the Janitor were given.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1550—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1634—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
60—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields
83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1442—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
8—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 3 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
166—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastl
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Bussard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1332—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Belham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1768—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 281—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street

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704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6 30. (Instruction)
902—Burgovne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
113—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
782—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1096—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
K.T. 21—Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

FRIDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instrutt.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harriogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge

SATURDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1891—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22.

THE annual installation meeting of this old and proverbially efficient Lodge was held on the evening of Thursday, the 25th ultimo, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a very numerous attendance, including many distinguished Provincial and other Officers. Additional interest was infused into the gathering by the presentation of a well-deserved tribute of respect and esteem to Bro. Isaac Wilcox P.M., C.C., the excellent Treasurer of the Lodge, who had rendered such substantial service to it during the long period of over a quarter of a century. The retiring Worshipful Master Bro. Harper, Ph.D., had also fairly earned the compliment that was paid to him at the expiration of his year of office, the duties of which he had well and worthily discharged. Indeed, it was admitted that few men had more deservedly won the honour of a Past Master's jewel than had Bro. Harper. Under his presidency Lodge was opened, in accordance with ancient rites, when the Worshipful Master was supported by Bros. Slater S.W., Povey J.W. and W.M. elect, Wilcox P.M. Treasurer, Storr P.M. Secretary, Coulcher S.D., Cook J.D., Corbett I.G., Collins P.M., M. of C., Neats W.S., Wattrall P.M., Ashwell P.M., Crauford P.M., Harcourt P.M., and a goodly number of other members, with Bro. Parkinson as Tyler. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Serjt. Robinson P.M. 136, Sir John Bennett P.M. 1, Rees Copestick P.M. 819 P.P.G.S.B. Herts, McDowall P.M. 948 P.G.D.C Berks and Bucks, Edgar Bowyer P.M. 1580 P.P.S.G.W. Herts, Kenning P.M. 1657, Massey P.M. 1928, Francis 34, Coker 196, Morgan 108, Hannay, Carter 453, Hayworth P.M. 15, Bonner 1357, Phillip 73, Bishop 180, Russell 180, Green 861, Wilcox 1658, Bailey 1445, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes of last meeting Lodge was advanced, and Bro. King was raised to the sublime degree by the retiring Worshipful Master, who performed the rite with faultless precision, and to the unqualified satisfaction of the brethren assembled. On resuming, the Worshipful Master elect was presented by Brother Collings P.M., when a Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and Brother Povey was installed, with all the impressive ceremonial, into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Britton P.M. who discharged his duties most admirably, and to the satisfaction of all present. On the re-admission of the brethren, he was saluted with the honours in the three degrees, after which he invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Harper I.P.M., Slater S.W., Coulcher J.W., Storr Past Master Treasurer, Britton Secretary, Cook S.D., Corbett J.D., Hedderly I.G., Collings M.C., Neats W.S., and Parkinson Tyler. A massive and handsome Past Master's jewel was presented, on behalf of the whole of the members of the Lodge, to Brother Harper, on his retirement from Office, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during the past year. The gift was suitably acknowledged, and afterwards substantial testimony was borne to the high appreciation by the brethren of the efficient and faithful services rendered by Brother Wilcox, as Secretary of the Lodge. Brother Wilcox was cordially congratulated on his zeal and fidelity, in the discharge of his responsible trust, and his unwearied efforts to uphold the prestige of the old Neptune Lodge. In making the presentation, the newly installed W.M. said, it was 26 years ago that evening that Bro. Wilcox assumed the collar of Treasurer of the Neptune Lodge, when it was placed upon his shoulders by Brother Goodwin. Many and varied had been the changes he had seen take place in the Lodge. Very few of the brethren remained who witnessed the interesting ceremony of Brother Wilcox's initiation; they had gone, he hoped, to the bright sphere above. Still he was with them, though after such a lengthened term of service as 26 years he felt the time had arrived when he could no longer continue to hold the office. That being the case, the brethren had unanimously resolved to present him with a testimonial in recognition of his long and faithful service, and he (Brother Povey) asked his acceptance of it, assuring him that every brother of the Lodge joined with him in expressing the hope that his life might long be spared, and that the evening time might be calm and peaceful. Longfellow had said—

"Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime;
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of Time."

Bro. Wilcox, in his departure from his office, had left his footprints on the annals of the Neptune Lodge, and he trusted this would stimulate every succeeding Treasurer to as faithful a discharge of the duties of the office as Bro. Wilcox had displayed in the past. In the name of the brethren of the Neptune Lodge he asked his acceptance of the testimonial, which consisted of a splendid silver salver, richly chased and embossed; in the centre was Bro. Wilcox's crest, surrounded by a girdle and leaves and other ornamentation. The salver was supplied by Bro. Sir John Bennett, who also generously gave the cost of the engraving as his contribution to the testimonial. In addition to the unusually rich embellishment, which was much admired, the salver bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
Brother ISAAC WILCOX P.M.,
by the members of
THE NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22,
In grateful recognition of his valuable services as
Treasurer, for Twenty-Six Years.
January 25th 1883.

Accompanying the gift was a beautifully illuminated address on vellum, enclosed in a massive gilt frame and glazed, which was pronounced to be a most recherché specimen of artistic work. The address, which was engrossed in the finest style of the art, and was much admired for the beauty of its design and finish, was executed

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by Bro. Robert W. Coulcher, of 50 Chancery-lane, and ran as follows:—

NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 23,
Presented to
Brother ISAAC WILCOX P.M.,
upon his retirement from the office of Treasurer,
as a token of fraternal regard, and appreciation, by the brethren, of the valuable services he rendered to the Lodge in that capacity during a period extending over a quarter of a century.
Initiated 1850; Master 1855; Treasurer 1857.
(Signed) JOHN HARPER S.W., HENRY POVEY J.W., E. F. STORR P.M. Sec., GEORGE BRITTON I.P.M., R. W. COULCHER S.D., W. COOK J.D., JOSEPH CORBETT I.G.

Bro. Wilcox, who on rising to acknowledge the handsome gift, was cordially received, said their Worshipful Master had been very kind in the observations which he had been pleased to make in regard to himself, and he thanked Bro. Povey and the brethren very much for their too flattering recognition of his very humble services during the twenty-six years he had filled the office of Treasurer. He assured them it was with considerable regret that he felt it his duty to ask them to release him from that responsibility. He was very sorry indeed to relinquish the office, because he had worked in the Lodge for thirty-three years, during the whole of which time he had served as an Officer, from I.G. to W.M., and ultimately as Treasurer. He had throughout all that time been absent from his post only three or four times at the utmost, and that was saying a good deal. He thanked God for giving him health and strength to be able to continue amongst the brethren; and he hoped he might be spared for many years to enjoy the kindly, friendly association of the brethren, such as he had experienced during the last thirty-three years. This was a long time, and he was sorry to say he was the only member of the Lodge remaining who was present at his initiation in 1850. There were, he believed, Bro. Townsend, and the late Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. Thomas Eames, still in existence, and there was also Bro. Norman, who, he regretted to say, was a great invalid, who joined the Lodge at an early period, and from whom he had received an affectionate letter, regretting his inability to be present on this occasion. As the W.M. had observed, many changes had taken place during the time that he had been connected with this Lodge, and he was pleased to say—not that he wished to take any credit to himself for it—there had been instilled into the minds of all the brethren the essential necessity for good working. Without this, a Lodge lost its position and prestige in Masonry. He had endeavoured, during the twenty-six years of his term of office, to keep the Lodge in a position which, he hoped, it would always maintain. He held it to be one of the essential points that a Treasurer should keep his Lodge free from debt as far as possible, and felt sure that this would be the aim of his successor, as it had been his in the past. He was deeply sensible of the great compliment which the Lodge had paid him. He regretted leaving the post he had held so long, but his time was encroached upon in so many ways, and he felt he could not consistently hold the office without being present at the Lodge meetings. That was his only reason why he asked the brethren not to re-elect him. Bro. Wilcox resumed his seat amidst prolonged applause. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the throne-room of the hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided, and the arrangements, as usual, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Henry Mills, gave the utmost satisfaction. The usual Loyal toast, and that of our Masonic Rulers, having been disposed of, the Immediate Past Master said once more he took the gavel in his hand, though it was with very different feelings to those with which he laid hold of it twelve months ago. To-night it was to him a sign of decadence, and however much he might feel he had shed a sort of rushlight ray of light over the Lodge during his year of office, it now paled before the sunbeams that had risen in the Masonic firmament. He must hide his diminished head, and pale his uneffectual fire; but really he rose with great pleasure to propose the toast of their newly-installed Worshipful Master. In doing so, he would not employ the usual platitudes, hoping the office had fallen into abler hands, and upon one who would do some justice to it, and so on, because he did not think any one was more capable of doing justice to it than he was himself. He would explain what he meant. They could only judge of Bro. Povey by what was past; and as he happened to be intimately acquainted with him for several years, and had studied with him in their Masonic duties, he could say that Bro. Povey was perfectly able to perform the task of the office to which he had been elected, from beginning to end. Two years ago, he (the speaker) considered himself inefficient, and feeling that he did not know the ritual completely, he made up his mind to resign; Bro. Povey assisted him at that time, and the way in which he prompted at times perfectly astonished him how he had acquired the knowledge. Therefore, he was qualified to let the brethren know that the prestige of the Neptune Lodge would not be lessened in the hands of their present W.M. He knew of no one who had worked harder to perfect himself in his working, from the lowest grade upwards; therefore, it was with the greatest pride that he found the members of the Lodge had unanimously voted him to the chair. Bro. Povey had given them a slight inkling of the way in which he could perform his duties at the social board, which was all they could wish. But as they were so particular, and considered that no man should take the office unless he was competent to undertake it properly,—to equal, if he did not surpass, any who had preceded him,—he thought they would be pleased to know they were perfectly justified in the selection they had just made. He had, therefore, very great pleasure in wishing Bro. Povey long life and happiness, to enjoy their respect and esteem. The toast was cordially received, and Bro. Povey tendered his thanks for the very kindly way in which the I.P.M. had proposed his health, and the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received the toast. He assured them that, in the future, as he had done in the past, he should do his utmost to promote the best interests of the Neptune Lodge. He was fully alive to his many shortcomings, but he felt he could look with confidence to the brethren to bear with his imperfections, feeling sure he should do as well as he could, however imperfectly it might be. He hoped the year upon which they had entered would be full of pleasure and prosperity to them all, and again he sincerely thanked them for their invariable kindness towards him. In turn he proposed the Visitors, of whom he was pleased to see upwards of twenty on this occasion. He associated with the toast the names of Bros. Sir John Bennett and Serjeant Robinson. Sir John, in response, said he esteemed it a most distinguished honour, in the heart of the City, to be a guest of this ancient Neptune Lodge. Whatever they might think of other public matters, attending as many of them did the most gorgeous ceremonials, on great occasions, he looked with the most profound reverence and respect upon the Masonic Craft and its objects. They could not write a history of the human race without attributing to the Craft the most distinguished and honourable career during the last 3000 years. It had run through every phase of human existence. Century after century, whatever else had changed, Masonry had not changed. Empires had risen and fallen; dynasties, kings, and princes had come, had done their work, and had passed away. Even religions had changed, but Freemasonry stood where it did from its origin 3000 years ago. He said they little knew, for history could not tell them—the very character of Masonic operations precluded it—history could not tell them how much the world was indebted to the Craft. Whatever was going on in times of tyranny, whether in the Church or State, in all the varied forms of kingcraft or priestcraft, century after century, there stood the Masonic Lodges, wherever civilisation appeared, doing their work; there alone stood the Craft. Yes, throughout the dark ages, while the great mass of the people were in intellectual darkness, Masonry was doing its work quietly and silently, even under the ægis of the Church itself. When they saw its magnificent governance, and the external and visible signs of theological authority, we know how much they were indebted to the Craft for their material progress; and more than that, there resided some of the brightest spirits to whom the world had been indebted for its liberty, both civil and religious. Coming down to later times, they knew how much the Craft had done for the intellectual advancement of succeeding generations. For all this they took credit to the Craft, and he, as a most humble visitor, and Masonically an insignificant one, felt how honoured they must be, seeing all this great progress, and how much the world was indebted for its social, moral and material prosperity to this remarkable and valuable Institution. He thanked the brethren sincerely for the hospitality they had extended to the Visitors, and wished for the Lodge a long career of future success. Bro. Serjeant Robinson and Bro. McDowall also responded. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters, and Bro. Harper, in reply, said the Past Masters were invariably referred to as props of the Lodge to which they belonged. He had only been a few minutes in that position, and therefore he did not know that he need say anything about it, excepting that they all had a great interest in the Lodge, and that in future they would only be too happy to do all they could for its welfare. He trusted those who had been initiated during his year of office would do justice to themselves as Masons, and be a credit to the Lodge. They must all have been delighted that evening whilst listening to the performance on the violin by one of the brethren he had the honour of initiating, and others possessed equal talents, though of a varied character. He felt proud of having introduced those brethren, for he was always anxious about young men. He never lost an opportunity of persuading them to do the best they could to perfect themselves so as to occupy the position they might be called upon to fill, and he would do all in his power to further their interests. What all should aim at was to uphold the status of the Neptune Lodge by those who came amongst them; and he was proud to know that many brethren who had not the chance of reaching the chair for years to come, were in a position to do so now if they were called upon. Years ago a very different state of things existed. The road to the chair was a hard one to travel, and everything depended upon commencing early. Therefore, it behoved all who aspired to that office, however remote the chance appeared to be, to prepare themselves, and when the opportunity offered, let them accept it at once. He was, of course, pleased to have passed the chair, and now to occupy the position of I.P.M. As Past Masters, they were imbued with the same feeling, viz., the interest of the Lodge and how they could best advance its usefulness and prosperity. So far as he was concerned, he did not intend to relax his energies in that direction, but should continue to do all he could for the welfare of the Lodge. In proposing the health of the late Treasurer, the Worshipful Master said this was the last time the name of Bro. Wilcox would be coupled with the toast of Treasurer of the Neptune Lodge, and it would be an omission on their part if they failed to do honour to it on this occasion. He then formally asked Bro. Wilcox's acceptance of the salver and address to which we have alluded above, as a further mark of their affection and recognition of the faithful services he had rendered to the Lodge. Long might he live to enjoy the gifts, and when with him time should be no more, might they be handed down to his children and children's children. Bro. Wilcox, in acknowledgment, said he must confess he was at a loss to find words to express what he felt on the present occasion. He thought, when he expressed himself in the Lodge-room of the compliment and high honour conferred upon him by the members of the Lodge for the very humble services he had rendered; but he now felt he had the additional duty laid upon him to return his sincere thanks, because he looked upon this testimonial as a vote, or rather a spontaneous response to a call that had been made upon them to present him with an additional compliment in the most elegant piece of plate which had just been placed before him. He assured them, in accepting it, he did so with the most heartfelt feelings of gratitude to every member of the Lodge. As long as he lived it would be treasured near to his heart, and would be handed down to those nearest and dearest to

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him. He looked upon Masonry as one of the most beautiful Institutions that ever emanated from mankind, and had ever said there was no society or association—no meeting of men—where there was that sympathy and feeling as there existed amongst Masons. The more they knew and saw of each other, the more they must feel convinced this they was the true system of Brotherhood, when it was carried out as it should be, as it was intended. Nothing is more gratifying to an Officer, when he has endeavoured to the best of his ability to discharge the duties imposed upon him than to have, after many years, such recognition as he had received to-night. He alluded again to the many changes that had taken place during his thirty-three years' connection with the Lodge, and he was pleased to see it now in the height of its prosperity. When he first joined it, it consisted of a different body of men from those of whom it was at present composed. They met at a house close to the King's Head, in the Poultry, and very few of the brethren could now remember such a place, though it was a very grand house at that time, with large tanks in which live turtles were kept, and which crawled about the yard. They stayed there till the house was wanted for public improvement, and they went to the St. George, in St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, where, he was sorry to say, they met with sad reverses. The property got into difficulties, and their furniture was seised, and, as a consequence, they had to meet at the London Tavern, the proprietors kindly consenting to take them for a time. He described many other vicissitudes through which the Lodge had passed, and congratulated the brethren upon its present proud position. Several other toasts were honoured, including the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers, Prosperity to the Lodge, and the Masonic Charities, the list being brought to a conclusion at a late hour, with the Tyler's toast. A most enjoyable *réunion* was thus closed happily.

LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65.

THE members of this Lodge met in goodly numbers at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Thursday, 25th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Roberts W.M., who was supported by Bros. Schadler S.W., Rich J.W., Brown P.M. Hon. Secretary, Hawkins S.D., Marshall J.D., Gregory I.G., Walker M.C., Jones Steward, Chicken I.P.M., Daniel P.M., Ferry P.M., and about thirty other brethren, with Bro. Banks Tyler (acting for Bro. Speight P.M.) Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Maidwell P.M. 27, Butler 130, and others. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient usage, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was opened for Mr. Buggins, of Bowling Green-lane, Clerkenwell, who had been proposed by Bro. Jones, and seconded by the Secretary. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Buggins was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Bro. Bentley Haynes, J.D. of the Egyptian Lodge 27, was unanimously admitted a joining member, on the proposition of the Worshipful Master, seconded by the Secretary. The business having been satisfactorily disposed of, the brethren and Visitors adjourned for supper, and at the conclusion of a substantial repast the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ECONOMY LODGE, No. 76.

THE installation of Bro. W. H. Jacobs as W.M. of the above Lodge took place on Friday, 26th ult., in a very full Lodge, in the presence of many past and Provincial G. Officers, Bro. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, arriving in time to witness the ceremony. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Harris P.M. P.P.G.W. At its close the W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Nixon I.P.M., Powell S.W., Stopher P.M. Treasurer, Gamon P.M. Secretary, Dodd Sec. 1833 Organist, W. Stopher S.D., Cox J.D., Clifton and Gover Stewards, Marks J.W., Goodwin M.C., Murray Inner Guard, Sims Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks to the P.Prov. G.M. was given from the chair for his kindness in attending, at much inconvenience to himself, and Bro. Beach responded with his usual heartiness and felicity. The banquet was served at the Royal Hotel in Mrs. Sprigg's best style. About forty brethren were present. It was stated that the Worshipful Brother and P.G.M. was, this next spring, going to promote a good work in connection with the Girls' School, and it was hoped he would have the support, financial and personal, of the brethren in his project. There were Visitors from Basingstoke, Portsmouth, Ventnor, Southampton, Winchfield and other Masonic centres, including Bros. Hayman P.M. 257 P.G.R., Rake 487 P.M. P.P.J.G.W., Willmott P.M. P.G.S.B., Townsend P.M. 1902 P.G.R., Beale W.M. 482, Hall W.M. 257, Goldsmith W.M. 302, Rev. A. C. Hervey J.W. 309, and others.

INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 186.

THE installation meeting of this sound working Lodge was held on the 23rd ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was numerously attended. The chair was occupied by Bro. Allison P.M., in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Johnston, who unfortunately had met with an accident. Bros. J. J. Taffs S.W., Horsley J.W., Mann P.M. Treasurer, Seex P.M. Secretary, Page J.D., P.M. Philps, Robinson, Lake, Tallent, and Hook. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former and emergency meeting of 9th January were read and confirmed. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Taffs S.W. and W.M. elect was presented, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Allison P.M., in the presence of twenty-one W.M.'s and P.M.'s, Bro. Horsley acting as M.C. The customary salutations were given, and the W.M. appointed and invested as his Officers:—Bros. Horsley S.W., Hook J.W., Mann P.M. Treasurer, Seex P.M. Secretary, Page S.D., Earl J.D., Westley I.G., Hollands and Sherring Stewards, Allison P.M. M.C., Woodstock P.M. Tyler. Bro. Mann was appointed Steward to represent the Lodge at the Boys' Festival, and the Lodge headed the list with its usual liberal donation. A vote of sympathy was passed to Bro. Johnson, in consequence of the accident which prevented his attendance, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet. Many toasts were ably proposed, and the W.M. and Officers were highly complimented upon the efficiency of the Lodge in every respect. A select programme of music was well arranged and ably executed. Amongst those present were Bros. Carmand 548, Poupart 9, Clarke 1950, Marsh 1326, Eagle 1901, Richard P.M. 954, Johnson 1541, Langton W.M. 1673, and No. 1 G.M. Lodge, Lowry W.M. 1339, Skelton P.M. 1506, Ayling W.M. 975, Carington W.M. 1314, Moody P.M. 1287, Madell 1201, Calvert 780, Pearcy W.M. 1427, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

CANDOUR LODGE, No. 337.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place in the new Masonic Rooms, Upper Mill, Oldham, on the 18th ultimo, Bro. John Hirst P.M. P.P.J.G.W. installed Bro. Drake S.W. as W.M. John Buckley S.W., T. G. Platt J.W., H. Walker P.M. Treasurer, J. Lawton P.M. Secretary, James Young S.D., T. H. Tanner J.D., E. W. Platt P.M. Organist, Thomas Stott I.G., received their respective collars. The brethren met at high twelve. Banquet at 3·30, at which sixty-eight brethren attended. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through, interspersed with singing. The meeting separated at 10·30, in peace and good harmony.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 23.—A meeting was held on Monday, 29th ultimo, at Brother McDiarmaid's, Cambria Tavern, Loughborough Junction. Present—Bros. Perkins W.M., Warren S.W., Brown J.W., McDiarmaid Treasurer, Cornock S.D., Reynolds J.D., Taffs I.G., Johnson Preceptor; also Bros. Westley, Bellis, Sherring, Westmore, Banks. After preliminaries, the second section of the first lecture was worked by Brother Westley, and the third by Brother Sherring, the brethren answering the various questions in a satisfactory manner. The W.M. then ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Brother Banks acting as candidate. Thanks were voted to Bros. Miller and Sherring for their presents of aprons to the Lodge. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in antient form and adjourned till Monday, 5th February, at 7·30 p.m.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., on Saturday, the 27th ultimo. Present—Brothers R. P. Forge W.M., Ashton S.W., Galer J.W., R. Pearcy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, Venning S.D., A. Ferrar J.D., J. Rhodes I.G.; also Brothers Brasted, A. M. Marks, Weeden, Dixie, Houghton, Humphreys, Mackey, Archer, Snook, Gillard, Richardson, Gribbell, Ruffett, &c. The usual ceremonies were observed in opening, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Brother Ashton acting as W.M. elect. Brother Ashton vacated the chair in favour of Brother Forge. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Weeden acting as candidate. Brother Pearcy worked the first section of the Lecture. A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Forge for the able manner he had discharged the duties of the chair. Lodge was closed and adjourned until Saturday, the 3rd February.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No 507.—The meeting held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.D., on Friday, the 26th ult., was presided over by Brother Richard Poore as W.M., who was assisted by the following Officers, viz.:—Brothers Styles S.W., Philips J.W., Wiltshire S.D., Bate J.D., Sargeant I.G., James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Brother Bate delivered the charge in the third degree. Lodge having been duly lowered, Brother Styles was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The resignation of Brother Terry P.M. as Secretary was received with regret, and honorary membership was unanimously voted to him for past efficient services. Brother Richard Poore was elected to supply the vacant office, and accepted the appointment. Lodge was then closed, and the meeting adjourned till the 2nd of February.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 30th ultimo. Present—Bros. Smyth W.M., Brasted S.W., Christian J.W., Darnell S.D., Bunker J.D., Gray I.G., Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor, and others. After due formalities, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Brother Carr candidate. The traditional history was ably given by the Worshipful Master. Brother Brasted was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation.

It may be taken in the natural order of events that the popularity of our several Lodges of Instruction should rise and fall, and that at certain periods the number of those brethren who attend the periodical meetings should exhibit a perceptible variation, but we may say of the Dalhousie it has never seriously been affected by these changes. The Preceptor, Brother Wallington, one of the most competent of instructors, keeps steadily at his post, and can with satisfaction point to numbers of his pupils who have made their mark in the Craft. Brother Brasted, who will preside on Tuesday next, is recognised as an ardent and consistent worker, and Brother Carr ably fulfils the duties of Secretary. When we add to this that Brother Smyth provides comfortable quarters for the brethren, we think we need hardly say much in favour of a visit from those who seek instruction and have their Tuesday evenings at disposal.

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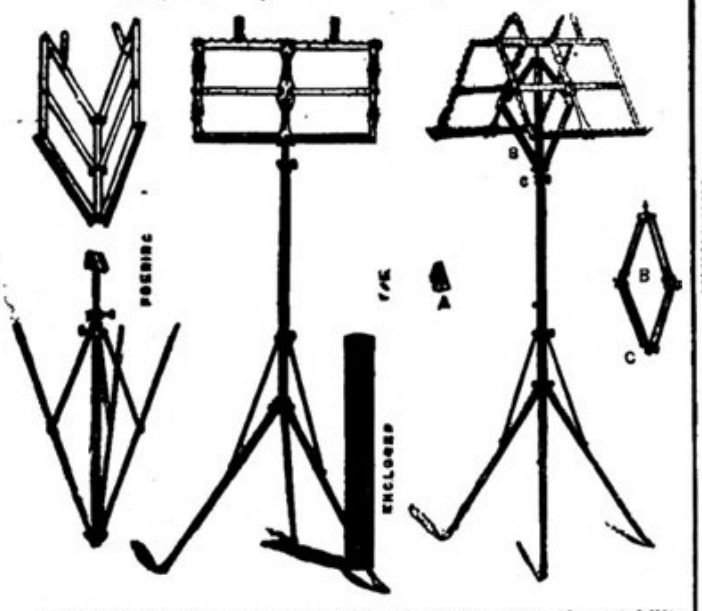

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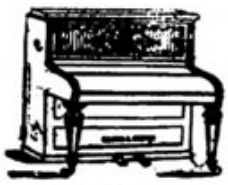

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MASONIC LITERATURE.

IT appears somewhat strange, though it is nevertheless true, that as a rule in this country the literature of the Craft is neither sought after nor read as it is on the other side of the Atlantic. A variety of reasons may be assigned for this want of interest in publications whose object it is to supply information and to reproduce, from the dusty records of ages past, some of the pristine light which illumined the minds of the Fathers of Masonry. We all admit that the "beautiful system of morality" is veiled in allegory so sublime and holy that the deeper the draught the more is revealed of the grandeur of a system which has withstood the buffettings of centuries, against the wiles of kingcraft, priestcraft, and all the ills that follow in the wake of tyranny and oppression. 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Springing from these are the efforts of the antiquarian and the archæologist, whose experiences in travel, learning and research have enriched the pages of our English literature, and bespangled them with gems of thought and inspiration more brilliant than ever did the writers of ancient Greece and Rome. From the mouldy archives of the past have been dug out nuggets of interesting lore, of quaint but telling testimony to the antiquity of the Craft, and of the uniformly unselfish sympathy and love it has shed upon mankind. Even in our own day there are writers who thus glance back upon the chequered pages of history, and by means of their perception and research weave for us a link which connects the present with the past. With such a fund of interesting study within the reach of all of us, the wonder is, we say, that these aids to Masonic knowledge find so few to apply them to their individual necessities or luxury. 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Can it be that our Transatlantic brethren are more eager to store their minds with the real and intrinsic knowledge that all Masons should possess than we are in this phlegmatic and changeable clime? Or is it that we in England are too tenacious of our seclusion, and of the halo of secrecy which surrounds our doings? We are inclined to believe that neither is the case. Our belief is, that a majority of those who unite with the Brotherhood do so with an instinct of sociable goodheartedness, mingled with a genuine desire to make themselves more useful to their fellow-creatures. They are actuated, first of all, by a desire to penetrate behind the veil of what to them had hitherto been a sealed book, and it will be their universal testimony that whereas they expected to find a true and beautiful and beneficent system unfolded to their vision, the realisation has been of a far different and infinitely more gratifying kind. 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the person of a true Masonic student we find a rarity and a joy that is ever to be appreciated; and the companionship of such men is to be coveted, and held in high esteem. Yet in truth these possessions of the depths of Masonic learning are placed within the easy reach of each and all of us if we would only embrace and make good use of them. Masonic writers have collected for us facts and information, enriched with purest gems of thought and theory, and have handed them down as heirlooms for our common use and benefit. Ours is the fault if the fragrance of such exertions is wasted on the desert air. By the side of these standard works of literary art are the magazines, periodicals and newspapers of the day, in which are recorded the events that surround us, the movements of our every-day Masonic life. These, if the truth must be unfortunately told, are too often cast aside and disregarded, to the loss only of those who have no soul for more light, no appetite or digestion for more than the mere commonplace fare of oral rote. We are conscious that all we can say or do will tend little to alter this sense of indifference, and our object will be accomplished if we can only awaken some to a sense of their own loss by continued apathy in the matter of Masonic reading and instruction. Some are prone to argue that too much is already made of the doings of the Craft, that its meetings, its charities, and its deeds of beneficence are paraded too freely before the "outer world." The day is past for such a fallacy, and so long as Masonic writings are in the hands of discreet and honourable men there need be no fear of any danger to the well-being of the Craft. Referring again to America, we see there how prolific are the emanations from the Masonic press, and yet how studiously discriminating and honest. If we Englishmen would only relax in our individuality, and our seclusion, which often borders on the selfish and the isolate, we should figure more prominently in the cosmopolitan arena, and still wear the badge triumphantly of *Semper fidelis* upon our escutcheon. In such an Institution, whose members are scattered over the whole of the habitable globe, interchange of thought and opinion is a priceless and essential gift, and this is supplied only in its fullest sense by the matter which emanates from the public press. By its means brethren resident in distant climes are brought in near affinity of mental intercourse, and the common atmosphere which Masons breathe is pervaded with the sounds of universal harmony. They are kept *au courant* with the operations which concern the whole body of which they are the members, and by this means there is ever a deepening, widening and unintermittent flow of sympathy and reciprocity kindled amongst the various sections into which the Order is necessarily divided. Thus it is our pleasure as well as our duty to form part of that system which encircles the brethren everywhere with the means of mental intercourse, and if possible to contribute in some little degree to the enlightenment of all those subjects, in which we take a deep and identical interest.

INSTALLATION OF LORD BROOKE, M.P. AS PROV. G. MASTER OF ESSEX.

FRIDAY last was a gala day in the good town of Colchester, in all respects save one. The Clerk of the Weather, though he invariably smiles on our good Queen, when she engages in some public function, did not, for reasons of his own, show the same favour to her youngest son, the Duke of Albany, and if we cannot say with truth that the rains descended and the floods came, we cannot describe the weather as having been otherwise than most unpropitious. As far as the particular object of the Duke's visit, this, perhaps, did not make any great difference. His duty was essentially of a private character, and one from which the curious eyes of the general public were necessarily excluded. Masonic work does not, save in certain cases, come under the notice of the public, and except for the discomfort it inflicts on those who take part in it, the weather can neither make nor mar the success of a Masonic festival. That the good people of Colchester fully appreciated the visit of our Royal brother, even though it was for a private purpose, may be gathered from the interest they manifested, and doubtless but for His Royal Highness's wish that no especial display should be made on the occasion, there would have been more of that outward show which is always associated with a royal visit. In this particular the natives—by which we do not mean the oysters for which Colchester is famous, but its worthy inhabitants—respected the Duke's desire for comparative privacy, and a few appropriate decorations at the principal public buildings, a guard of honour, and a sort of semi-official welcome from the municipality, were the only outward and visible signs that anything of an unusual character was being celebrated on the day in question.

It is, of course, impossible to describe the proceedings without some reference to a similar event which took place less than three years since, when Lord Tenterden, the predecessor of Lord Brooke in the Grand Mastership of this Province, was installed into office by the Deputy Grand Master of England. Lord Tenterden was a man in the very prime of life, and apparently in full health and strength, when His Royal Highness the Grand Master designated him for the position of chief of the Essex brethren, and in the nature of things there might have been anticipated for him a long career of usefulness in that capacity. An All-wise Providence, however, decreed it otherwise, and in little more than two years from his installation Lord Tenterden was gathered to his fathers, to the great regret not only of the Province he had ruled so wisely, but of the whole Craft throughout the length and breadth of all England. It seems but the other day that we personally assisted at the last Provincial Grand Lodge over which his Lordship presided, Chingford being the locality in which, and Chigwell Lodge, No. 453, the Lodge under whose banner, the meeting was held. In a few weeks he died, and on Friday last his successor was inducted into office. But the Province had grown in the interval between its late chief's appointment and death, and Lord Brooke was as just as he was generous when he paid a graceful tribute to his memory and expressed a certain feeling of diffidence in succeeding one who had laboured so zealously for the interests of the Craft.

Nor was he the less just in his estimate of the important interests entrusted to his care, or less generous when he expressed himself well assured of the hearty co-operation of the brethren he had been called to rule over. It was, perhaps, a slight exaggeration on his part when he described Essex as a large as well as an important Province. Important it is no doubt, but, speaking numerically, we should hesitate to call a Province with only twenty Lodges a large one. However, in zeal and the excellence of its material it will compare favourably with other Provinces, and in this sense no doubt Lord Brooke's epithet of "large" may be considered justifiable.

As to the meeting itself, it was held in the Lecture Room of the Soldiers' Home, and Lodge having been opened, and the Duke of Albany having explained the purpose for which it was held, a deputation of seven P. Provincial Grand Wardens ushered in the Provincial Grand Master designate, and his patent having been read, his lordship was very ably and impressively installed by His Royal Highness. Lord Brooke's first official act was his appointment and investiture of Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., who had held the same office under Lord Tenterden, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and Brother A. Durrant having been re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, the following brethren who had been appointed Provincial Grand Officers last autumn were re-appointed and invested with the insignia of their respective offices, namely:—

Bro. Alfred Buck I.P.M. 453	P.G. Senior Warden
E. B. Florence P.M. 214	P.G. Junior Warden
Rev. Julius H. Rowley 1343	P.G. Chaplain
Andrew Durrant P.M. 276	P.G. Treasurer
J. F. Barrett P.M. 1000	P.G. Registrar
T. J. Balling P.M. and Secretary 51	P.G. Secretary
H. E. Dehane W.M. 1543	P.G. Senior Deacon
A. J. Manning P.M 1437	P.G. Junior Deacon
F. C. Smith P.M. 1457	P.G. Supt. of Works
A. Lucking P.M. 160	P.G.D.C.
C. Hempson W.M. 1799	P.G.A.D.C.
Henry Bowles Organist 276	P.G. Organist
J. M. Farr P.M. 1817	P.G. Sword Bearer
D. J. Wright I.P.M. 1024	P.G. Pursuivant
T. S. Sarel 276	P.G. Tyler
W. Sowman W.M. 51	P.G. Stewards
R. Clowes W.M. 650	
E. Shedd I.P.M. 276	
T. G. Mills W.M. 697...	
Arthur Mead S.W. 276	

The Bye-laws at present in use in the Province having been duly confirmed, a resolution of thanks to the Duke of Albany for his kind services on the occasion, was, on the

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motion of Lord Brooke, seconded by Bro. Philbrick, passed with acclamation, and briefly but gracefully acknowledged. Votes of thanks were also passed to the Major-General commanding the district and the Officers of the Garrison for their services in escorting the Duke; to the High Steward of the Borough and others for placing their carriages at the disposal of the Committee; to Miss Daniel, proprietress of the Soldiers' Home, and Miss Campbell, its Lady Superintendent, for their assistance in allowing the use of the building; and to the officials of the Great Eastern Railway Company, and those in particular at the Colchester Station, for the very great convenience they had afforded. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn having, on behalf of Lord Waveney, Prov. G.M. Suffolk, and the Province itself, offered his congratulations to Lord Brooke, and the Duke of Albany having discharged a similar duty on behalf of his own Province of Oxfordshire, in which Lord Brooke was initiated, the proceedings were terminated, and the brethren adjourned to luncheon in the Corn Exchange, the Band of the 7th Hussars supplying an admirable selection of instrumental music, while the following artists from St. Paul's Cathedral were equally pleasing in the vocal music which graced the entertainment, namely: Bros. H. J. Dutton, T. W. Hanson, and Edward Wharton, Bro. C. Esmond, P.P.G.O., and Organist of St. Mary's, Colchester, being the conductor and accompanyist.

After lunch, Bro. Lord Brooke proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, that of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, being acknowledged by Lieut. General the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe Past G.J. Warden. These were followed by a similar compliment to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany as Installing Master, in proposing which Lord Brooke said:—

"I will not inflict upon you a long speech, because I am quite sure that my words would not be adequate to convey to you our hearty and kindly feeling towords his Royal Highness on this occasion. It has been an act of great kindness towards myself, brethren, on the part of his Royal Highness to come down here to-day. I know how many duties always fall to his Royal Highness's lot, and how ready he always is to discharge them, no matter at what personal inconvenience. Therefore, when at your request I appealed to his Royal Highness, and asked him to come and give us the great privilege of his presence here to-day, I felt that if he possibly could he would not refuse my request. I feel it to-day a very great honour and pleasure in having been installed by his Royal Highness. I will not weary you with my past history, but I may go back a little bit, to tell you that my earliest recollections of Freemasonry are connected with his Royal Highness; that when, at Oxford, I went through the first ceremonies of Freemasonry, I was assisted into the Brotherhood by his Royal Highness. Therefore, some time having elapsed, it is a matter of peculiar pleasure to me, as you may imagine, that his Royal Highness should put the finishing touch to my Masonic experience. Now, brethren, it is needless for me to recount the many occasions on which his Royal Highness has taken part in Masonic ceremonies, but we all know that his Royal Highness at the present moment occupies a distinguished position amongst Freemasons, that he has filled many, and most important offices, not only in the Grand Lodge, but as Master of many well-known and important Lodges in the country, and, brethren, we return to his Royal Highness on this occasion the warmest, the deepest, and most heartfelt thanks we possibly can for honouring us here in Essex. In this assembly, on this peculiarly Masonic occasion, it is perhaps difficult for me to allude to the pleasure which I am quite certain his Royal Highness's visit must have given to the town of Colchester at large. It is a matter of deep regret to his Royal Highness, as to all of us, I am sure, that so unfortunate a day should, to a certain extent, have marred the proceedings, but notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, we have been able, I trust, we Freemasons of Essex, and the inhabitants of Colchester, have been able to give his Royal Highness a reception, though perhaps not so magnicent as we could have wished, yet still to great extent not unworthy of the town of Colchester, and have shown his Royal Highness that it is with the very deepest feeling of affection that we have entertained him to-day. I will not detain you longer, but give you the health of his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany.

The toast was received with much enthusiasm. In reply, the Duke, who rose amidst renewed and hearty cheering, said—

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Brethren,—I return you my most hearty thanks, first, to the Right Worshipful Grand Master for the kind and too flattering terms in which he has alluded to me, and next to you all here present for the kind manner in which you have received the toast proposed. I have already told you, and I can only repeat it again, that it has been a very great pleasure to me to come here to-day, not only for the purpose of installing an old friend, but also for the purpose of visiting Essex. I very much regret that the weather has been so unpropitious that I have not been able to see the beauties of the city, but although that has been impossible I observed the whole way through the town, on all sides, the kind welcome which has been extended to me. Brethren, the pleasing duty devolves on me now of proposing a toast, which, with all due deference to your Master, I must really call the toast of this day. Lord Brooke has, unfortunately, taken out of my mouth the very words I had intended to say. I was going to allude to the long Masonic connexion I have had with your Prov. Grand Master. He has told you all about that, and I can only speak of him now and propose his health as that of a very old and very intimate friend. I had two years ago the pleasure of installing him, if I may use that term, by acting as his "best man" at his marriage. And now to-day I have had the pleasure of installing him as head of this distinguished Province. I do not know what will be the next step. No one can wish him joy to-day more sincerely than I do, and at the same time I must congratulate this Province on having such a Master at its head. Brethren, I give you the toast of "The health of your Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Lord Brooke," the toast being received with enthusiastic cheering, followed by "three times three," led by His Royal Highness.

In acknowledging the honour done him, Lord Brooke expressed his thanks, and also referred in the warmest terms to his predecessor, of whom he said—

I know that the late Lord Tenterden was most zealous, not only in his duties as a Freemason, but also in any work to which he put his hands, and it would be, I think, very unseemly of me, if on this occasion I did not pay a tribute to his memory—a tribute which I am sure will be appreciated by all those whom I address. You will therefore understand my feelings of diffidence in succeeding Lord Tenterden, for I am well aware that a very large and important Province of this sort requires a great deal of attention, and I hope, when it comes to real work and business, you will not find me wanting whom you have placed in this important position. I feel that I shall receive your indulgence and forbearance to the very greatest extent.

His lordship concluded by proposing the health of his Deputy, Bro. Philbrick, who, on rising to return thanks, met with a cordial reception, the other Officers of the Province being included in the toast. At this stage of the proceedings, his Royal Highness and Lord Brooke being under the necessity of leaving to fulfil other engagements, the chair was taken by Bro. Philbrick, who proposed the toast of the "Visitors," coupling with it the name of Major-General Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, who responded as follows:—

As I have been called upon in my capacity of Grand Master of the Colony of Nova Scotia, to address you in reply to this toast, I would say a word or two in connection with Nova Scotia, which is, perhaps, little known, and because little known I think rather misunderstood. I may say my first acquaintance with Nova Scotia dates from the time I was a little boy in the nursery. I was then, whenever I was troublesome, told to go to Nova Scotia. I had no idea that after serving in three other parts of the world, I should finally be sent to that Colony, and find it was not in any sense a penal settlement, I found many associations connected with home. I found one of the most prominent and enterprising counties in Nova Scotia was named after the Shire town of Colchester. It contained the finest iron mines, it contained great farming land; it was a county that always took the first step forward in all agricultural exhibitions, and I hold therefore that there must be some connection much more than sentimental or merely in the name between the County and this well-known shire town and agricultural community. Perhaps I may refer to the fact that there was a personal association in connection with your chief guest of to-day. When, eight years ago, I was called upon to lay the foundation-stone of a new Freemasons' Hall to accommodate the increasing numbers of our Fraternity at that Colony, the builders took up a foundation-stone, which, on examination, proved to have been laid fifty years before by His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, the grandfather of the Duke of Albany, who has been your guest to-day. You see, after all, we were associated together in more ways than at first would come to our minds, and it was gratifying to me when I succeeded to the place that the Duke of Kent had so ably occupied, and became President of an independent Lodge which looked back to old English associations. I can assure you that nothing gratifies the members of the Fraternity, who number something like one hundred Lodges, over whom I have the honour to preside, more than to know that they are kept fresh and green in the memory of the brethren on this side of the Atlantic, from whom, perhaps, they are to a certain extent separated, but only in name. I trust that all the Lodges belonging to the Grand Lodge of England will always feel the same pleasant, friendly, and fraternal sentiments towards our Colonial Lodge as they at present do. On behalf of the Visitors I would desire to offer you my hearty thanks for the kind reception you have given to them and to me.

The toast of the Local Committee was entrusted to Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, and acknowledged by its Chairman, Bro. Sowman, W.M. No. 51, shortly after which the meeting rose, and the brethren dispersed for home.

It is needless to say that everything passed off most satisfactorily. The meeting was a very large and enthusiastic one, among those present or invited being Bros. General Laurie, Colonel Malet de Carteret, Montague Guest, Lieut.-General the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe, Sir Charles Du Cane, Revs. Dr. Cox, R. J. Simpson, C. J. Martyn, A Hall; Bros. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Dr. Wendt, Major John Penrice, John A. Rucker, Thomas Fenn, Captain N. G. Philips, Peter de Lande Long, Reginal Bird, Colonel C. H. Gregory, C. A. Murton,

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Robert Grey, Colonel Somerville Burney, Sir Albert Woods, Dr. Pigott, C. Greenwood, G. Lambert, W. G. Cusins, H. G. Buss, F. Binckes, J. Terry, Hedges, Andrew Durrant, Thomas J. Ralling, &c. &c.

It should be added that the music in Provincial Grand Lodge was efficiently rendered by Bros. Osmond, and Gyvers; nor must we omit to render our acknowledgments to the *Essex Standard*, to whose columns we are indebted for a portion of the foregoing particulars.

WORTH THOUGHT.

From the Voice of Masonry.

"I WOULD rather wear ragged clothes, and live on hog and hominy, than starve my brain." A quotation like this appears to a prosy, plodding, money-catching brother as the height of nonsensical sentimentality. View literature of any kind in the light of dollars and cents, and it may be nonsensical, but view it in the light of intelligence, and it is the exact reverse.

When first reading the quotation given I was reminded of a remark a professional man and brother Mason made to me, not long since, when I was examining a packet of books which a kind brother had sent me. After glancing at one of them for a moment he said: "What can you find interesting in that pile of books? There is nothing but Masonry in them." I must acknowledge I was surprised at his remark, for he was a man of good intellectual ability, who for years had prefixed Sir to his name and been honoured with positions of trust and honour in the Craft, but in all that time had failed to find the cream of Masonry—its literature. Unfortunately, there are many brethren who view the literature of Masonry in the same light as the brother referred to; which is not only their loss, but that of the whole Fraternity.

In one sense, the question, What is Masonic literature? is not easily answered even by those who have made Masonry a life-long study. Mankind, fortunately, are not all endowed with the same reasoning faculties. God, in His infinite wisdom, decreed that the human race should be composed of different intellectual as well as physical abilities, and, for that reason, each person as an intellectuality which, when developed, will be the means of the enlightenment of his fellow men.

Each student has his hobby, or rather, there is some particular branch of study that is best suited to his tastes. One class makes the planets and their revolutions their study, and to them we are indebted for the position the astronomers have attained. With others it is mathematics, others architecture, and still others the arts and sciences, and, in fact, each branch of culture has its students. On the other hand, there is a large class of people who, by their outward demeanour and personal surroundings, seem to have been forgotten in an intellectual sense, or, in other words, their physical abilities have been developed at the expense of their mental faculties. The efforts of the student—call him bookworm if you will—are derided by the physical class, his works are considered of no account, and his ideas nonsensical. In their ignorance they do not know that the enlightenment of the present century is due to brain power, while physical force carried out the ideas and plans.

The question arises: Has Masonry a literature, and if so, what is it? Our answer must be that it has. To our sorrow and shame it must be said, the literary feature of Masonry is too often neglected even by those high in the world of art and science, and in political and religious literature, and on whom the Craft have bestowed all the honours within their power.

Fortunately for Masonry, its literary features are being brought to a higher standard than they had at one time, as well as being more fully developed each day of their existence. Our brethren are opening their eyes to the fact that their Institution has literally features of vast importance, and that there is something in Masonry besides esoteric and exoteric work.

In the first place, has Masonry a history? If so, what was it previous to 1717? A question easily asked, but difficult to answer. Previous to that date but little can be proven of the actual transactions of what is now called Speculative Masonry. There are, however, plenty of theories—surmises, perhaps, would be a better word—any one of which is backed up by what, if only one theory were advanced, might be conclusive evidence, but, just as soon as one is fair settled in the belief that a particular theory is the correct one, and is led to exclaim "Eureka," up comes another one, backed by its advocates with as much force and as plausible arguments as the former one, which overthrows his first idea of Freemasonry's origin. Afterwards others come up, until twelve are passed in detail and the whole are a confused mass of surmises and conjectures, all plausible when only one of them is taken, but none proven by undeniable facts, and all right or all wrong, excepting a particular one, just as one wishes to view it. Now, which one of these twelve theories is correct? Answer it who can; not by surmises but by facts. If to answer it requires more knowledge than any scholar of the present age possesses, does it not at once show that Masonry has a history? Some one will answer that question, in his own mind at least, by the oft-repeated assertion that our ancient brethren destroyed their records, in order that the world at large might never obtain the secrets of Masonry. I ask, how do you know that Masonry existed previous to the eighteenth century? What proofs have you that it was a creation of the Middle Ages, or even before that time?

Modern and ancient historians have given us a history of the world and its people from its formation, which, of course, includes Biblical history. The discoveries of the past century have, however, exploded many of the fine theories of many a historian, until what was once considered a fact can now be safely rated as fiction. Just so with the history of Masonry. The researches of the Masonic students of this age have exploded many of the vague and unsatisfactory theories of the eighteenth century, and no doubt further research will explode many of the fine theories of the present day.

So much for the historical features of Masonry, and right here the statement fitly applies, that the publication of the literary productions of Masonic students does not furnish a sufficient pecuniary recompense to warrant their issue. A man must have bread and butter. Theories will not sustain life, even if one is a bookworm. One must receive a practical benefit from his labours, if it is nothing more than "hog and hominy." Now who is to blame for not enough "hog and hominy?" The Craft, in not sustaining the efforts of our historians, by purchasing their works.

When we read the works of Mackey, Hughan, Morris, Fort and others, we extend to them our hearty thanks for their efforts to remove the darkness of ignorance from the eyes of their brethren; but no one of them proves when, where or how Masonry derived its origin. As we view it, too much is claimed, by many, for the antiquity of Masonry. When we read the arguments of those who claim that it is antediluvian in its origin; or that it began at the building of the Tower of Babel of Biblical fame, we can but say, you claim too much, and do not prove it. In fact the same may be said of nearly every one of the theories advanced, as claiming a certain point is one thing, but proving it is entirely another.

Now you who claim that Masonry has not a history, please inform me, when, where and how did Masonry originate? Who were its founders, and what was the real motive in view for the formation of such an organisation? Before you have answered these questions by proofs which cannot be denied, I am confident you will find that Masonry has a history which baffles efforts to fathom, and will unite with me in saying that its origin is a sealed book. But enough of its historical features.

Now, what are its legal features so far as they pertain to the government of its own members, or, as the lawyers say, its "law points?"

Bro. John W. Simons, in the August and September 1882 numbers of the *Voice of Masonry*, under the head of "Still Undecided," from his standpoint, has ably answered thirty-six important questions pertaining to the jurisprudence of Masonry which are as yet undecided. It is not our province to criticise, much less to discuss those questions, as if we should we know full well that we would not only get into the mud beyond our depth, but would have the self-conceit taken out of us in a hurry.

Those articles suggest two distinct claims of thought. First, that these points are well worth the serious contemplation of every Mason. Second, that they add a double force to the statement that Masonry has a legal literature, as far as it pertains to its own government, which baffles the legal knowledge of its best students.

When such eminent jurists as John W. Simons, W. R. Singleton, T. S. Parvin, J. J. Bell, and scores of others, are "in the fog" on certain legal questions, what must those of us do who are young in years and in Masonry, to decide what is right and what *is* wrong? "When doctors disagree, who will agree?" When such expounders of the law as those mentioned disagree, who is to decide?

A careful study of those undecided questions cannot fail to convince any thinking mind that Masonry has a legal literature which increases in importance with the increase in our numbers.

Masonry must have laws to be governed by, as well as any other organisation. The foundations of those laws are the "Ancient Landmarks," which are as unalterable as the "laws of the Medes and Persians;" not that those laws are an absolute necessity to hold our organisation together, for brotherly love is the bond which unites us, but that they are rendered necessary for the government of ourselves amongst ourselves. According to the dogma of exclusive and perpetual jurisdiction, which is almost exclusively American, each State has a Grand Lodge, which is absolute within its territorial limits. It enacts its own laws, provided they do not conflict with those landmarks, or the civil or the moral law. The question often arises in my mind, do our law makers, or rather law expounders, always keep those landmarks in sight when expounding the abstruse points which arise from them? If they do, I fear they sometimes overlook the fact that brotherly love, relief and truth, and I may well add, unity and concord, are the basis of each and every law. Let them always remember, that force, intimidation, and sequestration should have no voice or place in the administration of the affairs of Masonry.

Now, my readers, give what I have written a passing thought, and see if you will not unite with me in saying that Masonry has a historical and legal literature which is well worth your thought and study.

There is yet another form of Masonic literature which is important, namely, its every-day or periodical literature, such as its newspapers, magazines, and miscellaneous publications.

Nearly every country town of any size has its newspaper, and with many its editor is an oracle of wisdom and intelligence. Each religious denomination has its organ to expound and advocate its particular beliefs. Each political party, no matter how small, has its literature in its press. Each trade, profession, art, or calling, has newspapers and periodicals. Even the poor, deluded, badly humbugged anti-Masonic American party has penny trumpets among the small fry of the press. Now, if each trade, profession, or denomination has its press, why is it not as appropriate that a body of over five hundred thousand men, composed of the talent and learning of the country, should have papers and periodicals?

Masonry is not all esoteric, in fact, but a small portion of it is. The forms and ceremonies of initiation, and modes of recognition are, but the main features, brotherly love, relief, and truth, are far from being so, as its every-day deeds prove.

Love for the Institution, and desire to bring the Craft to a higher intellectual grade, have prompted a few to embark upon the precarious sea of the Masonic press. I say precarious, for any one who has attempted it will tell you that the issuing of a Masonic publica-

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tion is a good way from being a money-making affair. At this day, there are many first class publications issued, that not only bring light to their readers, but add to the general stock of Masonic information. Many of the secular and political periodicals of the day "pay," and their owners "eat, drink, and grow fat," while, I fear, some of those devoted to Masonry do not pay, and their owners eat what they can get, say, "hog and hominy," live on hopes that are never fulfilled, and grow decidedly poor in flesh and pocket.

Now, that is all wrong. It is a burning shame that such an Institution as that of Masonry, of this century, does not give its periodicals adequate support. The fact that so many of them have succumbed to the pressure of want of patronage shows that their efforts are not properly appreciated by the Craft at large. I trust the reader will not think, for a moment, that I am interested, pecuniarily, in any Masonic publication. I am interested just this much; I want them all to succeed, as I think they do a vast amount of good for our far famed and noble Institution.

We do deeply deplore the lack of Masonic information amongst the Craft, and that there are so few who think Masonry has a literature worthy of publication, and so many whose sole idea of the Institution seems to be concentrated in Lodge room work; as if that, and having many degrees, were the some of Masonry. While we are not prepared to discuss the multiplicity of degrees and rites that is making such a stir in the Masonic world, yet we cannot help thinking that if nine-tenths of them were swept out of existence we should have more Masonry, and a lesser number of pretended Masons. Why, my brethren, rites, degrees and Lodge room work are but a drop in the bucket in comparison to the grand principles which Masonry teaches.

With many the idea seems to be paramount, that a bright Mason must be a thorough ritualistic one, and that when he is that he is all Masonry can make him. What an erroneous idea! A parrot can be taught to repeat set phrases, and any brother with a good memory can learn the Masonic ritual; but to tell us of Freemasonry's past and present history, and render a correct version of its laws, requires years of the closest study, besides a retentive memory.

There never was a greater mistake made than to suppose that the Masonic periodicals of this day are not worthy of perusal. The poorest amongst them is worth more than the amount asked for it. If any one doubts the truth of this assertion, just let him try any one of them for a year, and, if he has any of the real spirit of Masonry in him his first year will not be his last; but if he is a surface Mason, he will not be suited, because Masonic Editors and writers have the faculty of speaking plainly, as well as others.

We learn from the "Masonic, Historical and Biographical Memoranda," edited by Bro. J. H. Drummond, of Maine, that the *Freemasons' Monthly Magazine*, edited and published by Charles W. Moore, was commenced November 1841. "For thirty-one years, month after month, he issued the magazine, without a single lapse. The thirty-first volume closed in October 1872, and he delayed the commencement of the thirty-second volume till January 1873; he lived to complete that volume; with it he finished his work on earth. This magazine was the first published that was exclusively Masonic. The *Masonic Review*, of Cincinnati, closed its fifty-sixth volume, January 1882. The *Voice of Masonry* is in its twenty-fourth year. The *Keystone*, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and *Loomis's Musical and Masonic Journal*, of Hartford, Connecticut, are in their sixteenth year. These, I believe, are the oldest of American publications. There are others equally as good, perphaps, yet I think their editors and publishers will unite with me in saying that it is the hardest kind of work to come out even at the end of the year. That certainly is not very encouraging, yet it is a fact. Is it a wonder that we deplore the want of an inclination on the part of the Craft towards sustaining Masonic literature?

Inasmuch as Freemasonry has a literature we may well be proud of, let us one and all do our best to advance that literature. We cannot all be Masonic lawyers or historians, but we can, if we will, add our mite to the cause by subscribing for one or more of the Masonic publications, and thereby cause their Editors to give us a better class of Masonic literature for our money.

If any one doubts that a Masonic publication can be improved by a larger subscription list, let him look over the files of this Magazine for the past ten years and mark the difference between "then, and now."

At this season of the year the Craft have been called from refreshment to labour. Now, my brethren, let us include in our labour a little intellectual work—brain work would be a better term—and give the study of Masonic history, law and literature a portion of our spare time, and by so doing not only benefit ourselves but those around us. Let us have a little more "Masonry on the brain." It will not hurt us any. It will do us good, and we will be the better for it both mentally and spiritually; while the dismal features of life will not look half so gloomy. Give any one of our Editors a lift by subscribing for his publication, and if at the end of the year, you do not find your money well invested, "then I miss my guess: that's all."

As far as I am concerned, I am free to admit there was a time when I was egotistical enough to think I knew much about Masonry, but as I began to read, I very soon found I knew little about it, and I am confident I am not the only one who has had the conceit taken out of him in the same manner. I can truthfully say, the more I study Masonry the more I am convinced that I have not as yet learned its alphabet, and the more I read of its historical features and "law points" the more I see the necessity of a more thorough education, Masonically speaking, than is the lot of the majority of Masons.

Let us, one and all, from the Grand Master down to him who stands in the north-east, do our best to enhance the value of Masonic literature, ever bearing in mind that our Institution stands without a peer in the land, and to keep it in that position we must ever remember that, without its historical, legal and miscellaneous literature we will take the downward course, and instead of being without a peer, the poorest organisation in the land will be our peer.

PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THERE was a very large muster of Freemasons from the various Hampshire and Isle of Wight Lodges on the 1st inst., at the school-room, Bishopstoke. The principal item in the agenda paper was the election of Provincial Grand Treasurer, this office being vacant by the retirement of Bro. Mark E. Frost. The Past Grand Master, Brother W. W. Beach, M.P., presided, and was supported by the Deputy P.G. Master, Brother W. Hickman, the P.G. Officers, and representatives of every Lodge in the Province. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the report of the committee appointed to receive the accounts of Brother Frost, on his retirement, was presented and explained by the P.G. Secretary, Brother J. E. LeFeuvre. The accounts showed assets invested to the amount of £800, and cash in hand £368 2s 7d, and the securities and cash had been received from Brother Frost, and deposited with the National Provincial Bank. The report was adopted, on the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, seconded by Brother Druitt P.G.S.W. The P.G. Master said it was his pleasing duty to move, and he was sure the P.G. Lodge would gladly accede to, a vote of thanks to Brother Frost, for the valuable services rendered by him for so many years. He (the P.G. Master) had himself many opportunities of observing the care with which he had carried out his duties, and the calm judgment he brought to bear on Masonic matters referred to him, and he was sure that every member of the P.G. Lodge would bear testimony to the courteous manner in which Brother Frost had ever met the brethren in P.G. Lodge. He was especially indebted to him for the cordial assistance he had given, and the P.G. Lodge was no less obliged to him for the faithful service he had rendered to their cause. He had had many onerous duties, and he had performed them ably and well. The Deputy P.G. Master seconded the proposition, which was carried with acclamation; and Bro. Frost briefly acknowledged the compliment. Bro. S. R. Ellis, P.M. Royal Sussex, then rose and nominated Bro. Robert J. Rastrick, P.M. and Treasurer of the United Brothers' Lodge at Southsea, to fill the office of P.G. Treasurer. He said that for several years the office had been filled by a Portsmouth Brother, and he argued that it was right that one of the permanent Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge should reside at Portsmouth, pointing out that other districts were already represented. There were fourteen Lodges at Portsmouth, with 1,000 subscribing members, and he thought they should have resident in the town some one in authority to whom they could refer. He referred to Bro. Rastrick's long Masonic career, and to the fact that for some generations his family had rendered good service to Masonry in the Province. Bro. Major Hooper of Southsea, seconded. Bro. R. Eve P.P.G.W. nominated Bro. R. Loveland Loveland of the Sandown Lodge. He disputed the claim of Portsmouth to any territorial right to the office of Treasurer, and said that if any such right existed the Isle of Wight must have an equal claim. He referred to the great zeal which Bro. Loveland had exhibited, not only in his own district, but in every part of the Province. Bro. F. Newman P.P.G.S.W. seconded. On a division, Bro. Rastrick was elected by a large majority, and the P.G. Master then invested him with the collar and jewel of the office. Bro. Rastrick briefly thanked the Lodge for their confidence. The report of the Committee appointed to consider the proposed Revision of the Book of Constitutions was, after some modifications, adopted. Bro. J. R. Hayman, who had given notice of his intention to move that the sum of 1,000 guineas be expended out of the Provincial Grand Lodge funds in the purchase of a perpetual presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, asked permission to withdraw his motion for the present, and this was acceded to. Bro. R. Eye moved that, as the Provincial Grand Master would preside at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the sum of one hundred guineas be presented from the P.G. Lodge Funds to that Institution on the occasion. The proposition was duly seconded. Brother Francis P.M. (Havant) said that he had found, on investigation, that this Province had subscribed only £891 to the Girl's School, as compared with £2,177 to the Boys', and £1,586 to the Benevolent Institution, and while they had only four boys, there were twelve girls from the Province in the Masonic School. He therefore thought that to some extent they owed a debt to the Girls' School, and he moved, as an amendment, that the sum of 250 guineas be presented on the occasion of the P.G. Master presiding. Brother Eve said he would withdraw his proposition, and with pleasure second that of Brother Francis. The proposal to grant 250 guineas was unanimously agreed to, and the P.G. Master expressed his acknowledgments for the compliment thus paid to him. The Lodge was then closed.—*Portsmouth Times.*

The Brownrigg Chapter, No. 1564, was consecrated on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Woking Station, by most Excellent Companion General Brownrigg, C.B., Grand Superintendent of Surrey. Comps. J. H. Askham 1564, W. H. Allen P.M. 153, G. Payne P.M. 1564, are the Principals who were installed.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Chest and Stomach Complaints.—The source and centre of almost every ailment is impurity of the blood; dislodge this poison, and disease departs. Holloway's Pills exercise the inestimable power of thoroughly cleansing each component of the blood, and rendering the fluid fit to perform its important functions. They cope most successfully with chest diseases, stomach complaints, liver disorders, and many other maladies, which were once the besetting dangers of mankind at certain seasons in town and country. The directions for use enable every one to regulate the operations of these Pills with the greatest nicety. Chronic invalids, valetudinarians, and all whom other treatment has failed to relieve, are respectfully invited to try Holloway's celebrated medicine, which will strengthen and cure them.

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CONSECRATION OF THE HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1,986.

A CONSIDERABLE amount of pleasurable interest and excitement was occasioned on Thursday afternoon, the 8th instant, in the picturesque and rapidly improving suburb of Honor Oak, by the consecration of a new Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, a warrant having been obtained through the influence of several brethren resident in the locality, and who had long desired such convenience for the members of the "mystic tie" who, spending the greater part of their time in the City, have chosen this district as their place of suburban residence. The event had been long anticipated with much interest, and in spite of the unfavourable weather on Thursday, there was a very large and distinguished assemblage of the brethren, including many Grand and Provincial Officers, in addition to brethren from the metropolitan Lodges, as well as from Brockley, Forest Hill, Anerley, Lewisham, Greenwich, and other parts. The ceremony was performed at the Moore Park Hotel, in the Westhall Road, which is to be the headquarters of the new "Honor Oak" Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, standing No. 1986 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. Soon after half-past three o'clock, the brethren assembled at the hotel, when Lodge was opened, under the presidency of the V.W. Brother Shadwell Clerke P.G.D., Grand Secretary of England, assisted by R.W. Brother Hugh D. Sandeman P.G.D.M. Bengal as Senior Warden, W. Brother Frank Richardson P.G.D. of England as Junior Warden, V.W. Brother the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. as Chaplain, W. Brother James Terry P.G.W. Norths and Hunts (Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution) as Master of Ceremonies, Bros. Walter Hopekirk P.M. Worshipful Master designate, John Hammond P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex Senior Warden designate, Charles Henry Phillips Junior Warden designate, &c. Amongst those present were Bros. Colonel M. Ramsay 41 P.D.G.M. Punjaub, Joseph William Hartley, J. W. Wilson Haffenden 1854, H. J. Maunder Williams 1669 acting Sec., Henry Stokes S.D. 141, G. W. Knight J.D. 1507, Edmund Bye sen. 141, Herbert Hooper 1949, &c. The Visitors included:—Bros. C. H. Drew P.M. 905 P.P.G.S.W., C. T. Walls W.M. 141 P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, J. Mason 1567 P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, Henry Lovegrove P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Works, W. Hammond P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex, James Stevens P.M. 1426, W. Poore P.M. 186, T. Cantrell P.M. 1397, A. Darch P.M. 186, B. Fulwood P.M. 742, C. Hubbard P.M. 820, C. Pugsley P.M. 179, George Kenning P.M. 192, H. Sadler P.M. Grand Tyler, J. Kew P.M. 179, C. Middlemass P.M. 957, H. Stiles W.M. 1507, A. Millward W.M. 1677, Wringle W.M. 766, A. R. Hanch S.W. 1669, W. Dickeson S.W. 179, W. C. Davey J.W. 1512, W. T. Bell S.D. 1044, John Hammocks 179, T. P. Bedford 77, W. E. Stark 1765, L. Benit 179, G. J. E. March 1586, H. A. Lovell 179, H. Sweeting 1901, T. Seymour 179, F. France 862, J. C. Woodrow 1297, J. Lightfoot 1901, E. A. Francis 1658, W. Carter 141, J. Letchford 1658, C. J. Howe 1155, J. Wicks 815, J. Cotton 1155, Frank Baker 1206, C. W. Fox 1326, A. Pelgrin 1625, T. W. Aldwinckle 1328, J. Holland 141, J. Goodall 1672, D. G. Hewitt 766, D. Forbes 766, S. W. Acock 1901, J. F. Johnson 79, W. Boshier 1901, J. Ingram 172, J. B. Lassam 742, J. Sarjeant 1765, G. C. Hudson 141, J. C. Reynolds 1329, and many others. Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the hymn commencing "Hail! Eternal, by whose aid," was sung, when the presiding Officer addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting, and prayer was offered by the Chaplain. The acting Secretary, Brother H. M. Williams then addressed the presiding Officer, setting forth the mode in which the warrant was obtained, and stating the names of the founders who signed the petition, and Colonel Shadwell Clerke having replied, gave directions by which the brethren of the new Lodge were arranged in order. The acting Secretary read the petition and warrant, and the brethren having signified their approval of the officers named, an eloquent oration on the nature and principles of the Institution was delivered by the Chaplain. An anthem, "The Lord is in His holy Temple," was sung, and the first portion of the dedication prayer said, followed by the chant (Omnes) "So mote it be." The brethren then turned towards the East whilst the presiding officer gave the Invocation, and after the chanted responses, the Chaplain read 2 Chron. ii. 1 to 16. The Lodge Board was then uncovered and the Master and Wardens pro tem carried the elements of consecration three times round the Lodge, halting in the East at each perambulation. During the first circuit the brethren sang, "When once of old in Israel" (Melcombe), and on arriving in the East the Consecrating Officer strewed corn, the emblem of plenty. During the second circuit the brethren sang "When there a shrine to Him alone," and the Consecrating Officer in the East poured wine, the emblem of joy and happiness, followed by the musical response, "Glory be to God on High." During the third circuit the brethren sang, "And we have come, fraternal bands," the Consecrating Officer in the East pouring oil, the emblem of unity, followed by the responses. The Presiding Officer then dedicated the Lodge, in accordance with ancient rites, and the anthem, "Glory be to God on High," was sung. The Chaplain then took the censer three times round the Lodge (solemn music being performed during his progress), and halting, in the East, he said the second portion of the dedication prayer, followed by the chant, "So mote it be." The Presiding Officer then constituted the Lodge, and the anthem, "Glory to God on high," having been repeated, the ceremony closed with the final Benediction. Lodge was then resumed in the second degree, and a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted Bro. Walter Hopekirk P.M. was duly installed as the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, the rite being most impressively performed. On the re-admission of the brethren the newly-installed Worshipful Master was greeted, and saluted with full Masonic honours, after which he proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bros. Colonel M. Ramsay P.D.G.M. Punjaub I.P.M., John Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex S.W., Charles Henry Phillips J.W., Edmund Bye sen. Treasurer, H. Maunder Williams Secretary, Henry Stokes S.D., Joseph William Hartley J.D., Herbert Hooper I.G., G. W. Knight W.S., R. R. Johnstone A.S., and C. Thomas Provincial Grand Tyler Herts Tyler. Several propositions for initiation and joining were entered, and after singing the hymn, "Now the evening shadows closing," Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to a *récherché* banquet, provided in most excellent style by Brother E. Bye, whose arrangements gave unqualified satisfaction to all present. The customary Loyal and Craft toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and amidst an abundance of excellent vocal and instrumental music a thoroughly harmonious and agreeable evening was enjoyed. The Lodge-room is commodious and in every respect adapted for the purposes of the Lodge. We propose giving a report of the speeches at the banquet in our next issue

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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BE TEMPERATE IN ALL THINGS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I can scarcely agree with your correspondent, an "AMUSED READER," in the jaunty tone he assumed in the letter which appeared in the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Discussion of matters affecting the interests of the Craft, and especially of our Institutions, are wholesome and beneficial, and many a time useful information has been elicited by the interchange of even unpalatable truths. It is, therefore, unfair and impolitic to burke all such candid expressions, and try to laugh them down, either by sarcasm or abuse; and I cannot help fancying your "AMUSED READER" has treated us to a little of both. I do not happen to know much from personal experience of the inner life of our Boys' School, from the fact, as your correspondent suggests, of my being one of those subscribers who, living in a distant province, are not often in London, and therefore have few opportunities of visiting the School. But, taking a great interest, as all Masons must naturally do, in the Charities of which we are so proud, I certainly was staggered at some of the statements contained in the anonymous correspondence, upon which you have commented, I think, fairly and impartially. Still, it does not necessarily follow that because a man sees a fault, or imagines such a fault exists, and has the courage to declare his opinion, that he should be at once set upon and belaboured as a dissatisfied and dishonest Paul Pry, whose personal dignity has been offended, or who smarts under the idea of cavalier treatment. I can scarcely imagine a brother setting to himself the task of concocting a gratuitous insult to the Managing Committee, and a gross libel upon the officials, if there were not "something in it." And if there is any screw loose, if the boys look terror-stricken, and present such a forlorn aspect that the officials do not care for them to be seen by visitors, why the sooner some explanation is given the better it must be for all concerned. Your version of the affair is satisfactory to me, as I have no doubt it will have been to the bulk of the subscribers; but the point I would aim at is, that correspondents should use a little less of personality, and not be ready to jump down another man's throat the moment he says anything in disparagement of any of our Institutions. Charity is as valuable an attribute in correspondence as it is in other practice; and an "AMUSED READER" should recollect that, though the shafts of satire are sharp, they are sometimes let fly at random, and do more harm than good. In all cases truth will prevail, and it needs not an angry or peevish pen to defend any of the interests of Freemasonry.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

Torquay, 6th Feb. 1883. VIGIL.

OLD GRAVESTONES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have but just seen Bro. Jas. Lawton's letter on this subject, and, consequently, I must reserve fuller and accurate particulars till next week. Meantime, however, I am in a position to state that there is a tomb in St. Helen's Church, Bishopsgate, to the memory of a worthy gentleman who is described on it as a "Freemason," and who died—if I remember rightly—in the year 1597. The individual thus commemorated was unquestionably a man of position, but what meaning must be attached to the word "*Freemason*" must, in the absence of further information, remain in doubt. In a letter to the *Freemason*, written some time since, I suggested that possibly it might correspond with the present title of "City Architect," and Bro. Hughan seemed to think this was not a bad suggestion. However, I will furnish further particulars, as I have said, in time for your next number, if you will kindly find the required space.

Fraternally yours,

G. B. A.

P.S.—I may add that Bro. Rylands described the same tomb in the late *Masonic Magazine*.

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ROYAL ARCH.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Companions John A. Rucker acted as M.E.Z., Colonel Creaton as H., and James Glaisher as J. There were also present Comps. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., H. J. P. Dumas as Scribe N., J. Marsh Case as P.S., W. G. Harrison, Q.C., 1st A.S., Rev. Thomas Robinson 2nd A.S., H. Maudslay Sword Bearer, Charles Greenwood D.C., A. J. Duff-Filer, Joshua Nunn, Colonel H. Somerville Burney, Frank Richardson, John Messent, Robert Grey, J. Sampson Peirce, H. G. Buss Assistant S.E., W. H. Dean, H. Stiles, George Drysdale, R. W. Forge, W. B. Lloyd, Charles F. Liversedge, Albert Escott, W. G. Kentish, C. A. Woods, E. Farwig, Julius Quitmann, Alfred A. Pendlebury, Neville Green, W. H. Lee, H. Massey, Edgar Bowyer, William Vincent, H. E. Frances, Frederick Levick, S. P. Catterson, E. Legg, W. M. Stiles, and H. Sadler Grand Janitor. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, charters were granted for the following new Chapters :—

A Chapter to be attached to the Holme Valley Lodge, No. 652, Holmfirth, to be called "The Chapter of Industry," and to meet at the Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth, Yorkshire.

A Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Goodwill, No. 465, Bellary, to be called "The Goodwill Chapter," and to meet at Bellary, Madras, East Indies.

A Chapter to be attached to the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, London, to be called "The Duke of Cornwall Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, London.

A Chapter to be attached to the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338, Auckland, New Zealand, to be called "The Auckland Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes Street, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand.

A Chapter to be attached to the Remuera Lodge, No. 1710, Remuera, New Zealand, to be called "The Remuera Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Remuera, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand.

A Chapter to be attached to the Camden Lodge, No. 704, London, to be called "The Camden Chapter," and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, in the City of London.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

A MEETING was held on Friday, 2nd inst., at Bishopstoke, and was attended by upwards of a hundred Companions. M.E. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G. Superintendent, presided, and was supported in the other principal chairs by M.E. Comps. W. Hickman and R. Eve. M.E. Comp. Mark E. Frost resigned the office of Treasurer, and M.E. Comp. R. J. Rastrick (Portsmouth) moved, and M.E. Comp. S. R. Ellis (Portsmouth) seconded, the election of M.E. Comp. R. Loveland Loveland, which was adopted unanimously. A vote of thanks was passed to the late Treasurer, after which the Grand Officers of the Chapter were invested for the ensuing year as follow :—M.E. Comps. Hickman H., Rev. J. N. Palmer 175 J., J. E. Le Feuvre E., Loveland Loveland Treasurer, George Rake 487 N., Major Douglas 1331 P.S., M. Emanuel 130 first A.S., John Brickwood 342 Second ditto, Snelling Reg., T. Good 1776 Swd.B., Elverston 804 St.B., Lynn 1428 D.C., G. Pearman Org. and Biggs, and Exell J.'s. The M.E.G. Supt. warmly congratulated the Grand Chapter on the flourishing condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province, and after the usual business had been transacted, the Chapter was closed in the usual ancient form. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Junction Railway Hotel, when the customary loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given by M.E. Comp. W. W. B. Beach M.P., who presided.

The Sportsman's Exhibition, at the Agricultural Hall, closes to-day (Saturday). It is not inferior to its predecessor. The exhibits are varied and interesting, and those who have not yet visited the Hall should not lose the opportunity of doing so this afternoon. They will see a rare collection of drags, dogcarts, victorias, and other descriptions of vehicles; some of the best horse-gear for hunting and general purposes to be found anywhere; bicycles and tricycles; all kinds of boating appliances, &c. Messrs. Burroughes and Watt's Billiard Table displays are about the most prominent feature of the show. We would also draw attention to the mail coach, exhibited by Mr. W. Carpenter, of Staines; the dogcart and landau of Messrs. E. Robinson and Son, of Cheshunt, and the Clapton-Hooded Phaeton of Mr. W. Goulden.

MARK MASONRY.

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MINERVA LODGE, No. 12.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge of Mark Masons was held on Monday evening, the 5th instant, at the Minerva Lodge, Dagger-lane, Hull. Present—Bros. Ansell W.M., Sissons P.M. Chap., Holder S.W., Scherling P.M. as J.W., Hardy P.M. Treasurer, Reynolds P.M. Secretary, Shackles M.O., Balchin as S.O., Forder J.O., Johnson Registrar, Pyburn as S.D., England J.D., Sidman M.C., Vesey King Organist, Sweeting Steward, Toor I.G., Clayton Tyler; also Bros. Smith P.M. P.G.S. of Works, Thompson P.M., Pyburn, Marshall, Bryan, Hopwood, Loveridge, Logan, Whiteside, Ansell, Vise, Blackburn, Parratt, Whitfield, Matthews, Linwood, Wellsted, Campbell, Thompson, and A. Thornton. Visitors—Bros. Middleton P.M. P.G.D.C. for N. and E.R. Yorks 95, Scarborough, Wilson P.M. 182, Hull, Wilson P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works for N. and E.R. Yorks 281 Beverlac. Lodge having been opened in due form, the ballot was taken for Bros. R. W. Moll, Hermann of the Minerva Lodge, Firth, Lieut.-Col. Pudsey, the Rev. H. E. Casson and Sutton of the Kingston, who were accepted and advanced to the degree of M.M. Mason. The W.M. having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Reynolds P.G.D.C., Bro. Pyburn was installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The Installing Master was ably assisted by Bros. P.M.'s Smith and Scherling, who gave respectively the addresses to the Wardens and brethren. The following Officers were then appointed and invested :—Bros. Ansell I.P.M., Shackles S.W., Baldwin J.W., Hardy P.M. P.G.S.O. Treasurer, Reynolds P.M. P.G.D.C. Secretary, Rev. H. Casson Chaplain, Hopwood M.O., England S.O., Wellsted J.O., Johnston Registrar, Linwood S.D., Thornton J.D., Sidman M.C., King Organist, Fullerton I.G., Clayton Tyler. Hearty good wishes having been expressed and recorded, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. During the evening several of the speakers stated it was their opinion that the good and welfare of the Lodge would be much augmented if it could meet monthly instead of three times a-year, as heretofore, and from the manner the question was received and discussed, we entertain no doubt that some change in the number of meetings may shortly be made.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met last Saturday, at the Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. (in the chair), W. Roebuck, J. L. Mather, A. J. Duff-Filer, F. W. Ramsey, M.D., C. H. Webb, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), Edgar Bowyer, Donald M. Dewar, W. Mann, George M. E. Snow, H. Young, H. Massey, F. Adlard, James Moon, George P. Gillard, W. Maple, H. S. Goodall, W. Pass, Thomas Cubitt, W. H. Saunders, and F. Binckes (Secretary). A letter was read from a former pupil and his mother, thanking the Committee for the grant they had made, which had assisted the boy into the Royal Navy. A candidate (Musgrave) was withdrawn from the April list, making the number of candidates for the April election 64 instead of 65. The Chairman said a full copy of the letter, as originally sent to the *Freemason*, had been obtained from Brother Nicols, and as the General Committee had full confidence in the House Committee, it would be referred to the House Committee. After the report of the Audit Committee had been read and adopted, £1,000 was ordered to be invested in India Debenture stock. One candidate was placed on the list for October, and an outfit of £5 was granted to a former pupil. The Committee then adjourned.

On Thursday Bros. Baker opened their new premises, the "Falstaff," Eastcheap, and invited a host of their friends and patrons to be present on the occasion. We reserve our description of the hostelry till next week, partly owing to the pressure on our space, but principally because the opening for public accommodation will not take place till Monday next, when visitors will have an opportunity of judging for themselves of the enterprise of our worthy brothers. Meanwhile, we may state that Bros. Baker, who are known to be among the most prominent and successful caterers for the public—the Angel, Islington, the Cock at Highbury, and other houses are under their management—have in fact surpassed all their former efforts. The accommodation and provision at the "Falstaff" are excellent, and those who enter its hospitable gates will be hard indeed to please if they cannot find the wherewith to satisfy their needs in the greatest of ease and comfort.

Bro. Davies will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1605, at Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday next, 13th instant, at eight o'clock p.m.

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THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.*

WE are at length in a position to fulfil our promise of reviewing at length the First Volume of Brother Gould's elaborate History of Freemasonry. We briefly described it at the time of its publication, but our remarks were of a general character, or concerned the manner in which the book had been got up rather than the matter it contained. Be it now our care to consider it fully, so that our readers may be in a position to judge of its character, and the influence it is likely to exercise in settling, as far as may be, the many vexed questions connected with the Craft.

The most difficult part of Bro. Gould's labours occurs at their very outset. Before tracing the progress of Freemasonry, it is, of course, necessary, and were it not necessary, it would undoubtedly be desirable, that he should endeavour, to the best of his ability, to enlighten his readers as to its origin. What has been written, heretofore, on this branch of the subject has had no other effect than to make the Craft ridiculous in the eyes of men. What other reception could be expected for works which traced the origin of Freemasonry to prehistoric times, and associated all the principal personages in Biblical history with its development? Yet something of this kind has been attempted by the majority of writers on Masonic history, and hence the remark of Hallam, as quoted in the foot note p 1, by Bro. Gould, that "the curious subject of Freemasonry has unfortunately been treated only by panegyrists or calumniators, both equally mendacious." Hence, likewise, the more recent observations of Dr. Armstrong, Bishop of Grahamstown, also quoted by Bro. Gould, when he refers to "the sprightly and vivacious accounts of the modern Masonic annalists, who display in their histories a haughty independence of facts, and make up for the scarcity of evidence by a surprising fecundity of invention. 'Speculative Masonry,' as they call it, seems to have favoured them with a large portion of her airy materials, and with ladders, scaffolding, and bricks of air, they have run up their historical structures with wonderful ease." The design of Bro. Gould's work, he tells us, is "to embody in a single publication the legendary and authentic histories of the Craft," the former having been already treated by Bro. Fort in his "Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry," and the latter by Bro. Findel, from both which writers, however, Bro. Gould dissents very materially. We are further informed that, "for the sake of convenience"—there being no lodge records in England of the seventeenth century, and records of only one between 1700 and 1717, the birth-year of our Grand Lodge—"the mythico-historical period of Freemasonry will be held to have extended to 1717," the special circumstances connected with early Masonry in Scotland, where the records go back as far as 1599, being considered later on, "when the histories of our British Grand Lodges are separately treated." Of the spirit in which Bro. Gould has entered on his task, we may to a certain extent form an opinion. He writes:—"From the records that have come down to us it will be my endeavour to present, as far as possible, the leading features of the real Antiquities of Freemasonry, that every reader may test the soundness of my general conclusions by an examination of the evidence on which they are based." Again, he says:—"Much of the early history of Freemasonry is so interspersed with fable and romance, that, however anxious he may be to deal tenderly with long-cherished legends and traditions, some at least of those familiar superstitions—unless we choose to violate every canon of historical criticism—must be allowed to pass quietly into oblivion." And, later on:—"In the main, however, whilst carefully discarding the plainly fabulous narratives with which our Masonic system is encumbered, I am of opinion that the view to which Schlegel has given expression is one that we shall do well to adopt. He says: 'I have laid it down as an invariable maxim to follow historical tradition, and to hold fast by that alone, even when many things in the testimony and declarations of tradition appear strange and almost inexplicable, or at least enigmatical; for as soon as in the investigations of ancient history we let slip that thread of Ariadne, we can find no outlet from the labyrinth of fanciful theories, and the chaos of clashing opinions.'" These extracts will suffice to show all that is necessary as to the kind of treatment we may expect from Bro. Gould.

Several "short studies" on the origin of Freemasonry precede the work of examining and estimating the value of the more important theories. Thus attention is drawn to the supposed connection between Freemasonry and Druidism, to Mr. Clinch's theory of its identity with the system of Pythagoras, to its Templar origin, &c., as to the last of which Bro. Gould puts forward an argument which has been favoured by Dr. Armstrong, and which, in his opinion, is as much superior to other theories as "one inconclusive chain of reasoning can be termed better or worse than another whose links are alike defective." This he gives in Dr. Armstrong's own words, who says, "The order of the Temple was called 'the Knighthood of the *Temple of Solomon*,' not in allusion to the first temple built by Solomon, but to their hospital or residence at Jerusalem, which was so-called to distinguish it from the temple erected on the site of that destroyed by Titus. Now, when we find a body said to be derived from the Templars, leaving amongst the plumage with which the modern society has clumsily adorned itself, so much mention of the Temple of Solomon, there seems *some sort of ground* for believing in the supposed connection. The Hospitallers of St. John, once the rivals, became the successors of the Templars, and absorbed a large portion of their revenues at the time of their suppression. This would account for the connection between the Freemasons and St. John."

After a few general observations on the character of the historical connection existing or appearing to exist among divers institutions, Bro. Gould proceeds to consider the four systems or sects from each of which, according to different schools of thought, may be traced the modern system of Freemasonry. These are the Ancient Mysteries, the Essenes, the Roman Collegia, and the Culdees. As regards the first named, those only are noticed which may tend to throw a light on Freemasonry, and for the purpose of investigation they are viewed in a double aspect, one relating to "the mysteries properly so-called, that is, those in which no one was allowed to partake unless he had undergone formal initiation, as distinguished from the mystic ceremonies of certain festivals, the performance of which, though confined to particular classes of persons, or to a particular sect, yet did not require a regular initiation;" and the other "the later or corrupted mysteries, which continued until the fourth or fifth centuries of the Christian era." It being obvious that the mysteries of the ancient world have an important bearing on all the secret societies of the Middle Ages, inasmuch as they present the first examples of such societies, and are the models which have been followed by all later imitations, then, argues Brother Gould, "if we regard Freemasonry (in its existing form) as an *assimilation* of the mysteries, our attention should be chiefly directed to the bewitching dreams of the Grecian mythologists, which, enhanced by the attractions of poetry and romance, would naturally influence the minds of those 'men of letters' who, it is asserted, 'in the year 1646' rearranged the forms for the reception of Masonic candidates," that is, to "the Mysteries properly so-called." On the other hand, if Freemasonry "is regarded as the direct descendant or as a *survival* of the Mysteries" we must look for its origin in the rites of Mithraism, that is, "the later or corrupted mysteries." He then enumerates or describes, "as far as possible, the earlier of these mysteries, and in his examination of their doctrines or principles, their rites or ceremonies, and the emblems or symbols usual" in them, bids the reader have ever in his mind the question propounded by the late Dr. Mackey, "Is Freemasonry a lineal and uninterrupted successor of the Ancient Mysteries—the succession handed down through the Mysteries of Mithras, which existed in the fifth and

* *The History of Freemasonry.* Its Antiquities, Symbols, Constitutions, Customs, &c. Embracing an Investigation of the Records of the Organisations of the Fraternity in England, Scotland, Ireland, British Colonies, France, Germany, and the United States. Derived from Official sources. By Robert Freke Gould, Barrister-at-law, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England; Author of "The Four Old Lodges," "The Atholl Lodges," &c. Volume I. London: Thomas C. Jack, 45 Ludgate Hill. 1882.

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sixth centuries, or is the fact of these analogies to be attributed to the coincidence of a natural process of human thought common to all human minds, and showing its outgrowth in symbolic forms?"

As to the real objects of the Mysteries, and the doctrines they inculcated, in the absence of any certain knowledge of these, Bro. Gould gives in outline some of the theories that have been advanced at different times. These theories, it is well known, are very contradictory: but still, he remarks, "it is tolerably clear, that however much the mysteries may have degenerated in the course of time, or have become obscured by popular tradition or fanciful allegory, they were established in very early and semi-civilised times, and that they contained the germs of those great moral truths—possibly, indeed, the relics of a primitive religion—but which we find implanted in the heart of man (except in a state of savagery) in all ages and countries. They seem to have been mimic representations of mythological incidents, joined with the giving of amulets as preservatives against future dangers, but as all ancient and all false religions are corruptions of one great idea inherent in the human race, and possibly forming originally one primitive creed, in these ceremonies men must have seen or have thought they saw, traces of the teachings of a higher power, and more ancient faith." And further on he remarks, "Upon the whole, it seems fairly certain that the Mysteries tended to open up a comforting prospect in the life to come," and again, "Taken as a whole, the effect was probably good, as awakening and keeping alive a sense of reverence and immortality."

The rites and ceremonies are dismissed with a few general, but sufficient, remarks. It is well to note that no doubt exists, as is pointed out to us, that in all the Mysteries, "the *initiated* possessed secret signs of recognition," the reason of this being exemplified by a passage from Dr. Warburton's "Divine Legation," which may very well be reproduced here.

"Motion, *naturally significative*, which enters at the eye, hath a much stronger effect than articulate *sound*, only *arbitrarily* significative, which enters at the ear. Language, as appears from the records of history, and from the remains of the most ancient languages yet remaining, was at first extremely rude, narrow, and equivocal, so that men would be perpetually at a loss, on any new conception, or uncommon accident, to explain themselves intelligibly to one another. The art of enlarging language by a scientific analogy being a late invention, this would necessarily set them upon supplying the deficiencies of speech by apt and significant signs. Accordingly, in the first ages of the world, mutual converse was upheld by a mixed discourse of words and *actions*: hence came the eastern phrase of the *voice of the sign*: and use and custom, as in most other offices of life, improving what had arisen out of necessity into ornament, the practice subsisted long after the necessity was over."

As Bro. Gould very judiciously remarks, in reference to the foregoing passage, "it is evident that, in the cultivation of this system of pantomimic gesture, it would become necessary to intermix with the gestures, *naturally* significative, other gestures made significative by *institution*, that is, brought by *arbitrary* use, to have as determined and positive a meaning as the others," and he gives as an example of this mode of *speaking by action* an old saying of Heraclitus, cited by Warburton, "That the king, whose oracle is at Delphi, neither speaks nor keeps silent, but *reveals by signs*."

Another feature in connection with the mysteries is pointed out, namely, that as regards "emblems, symbols, types," they "all have this in common; they are the representatives of something else for which they stand," and Dr. Stukeley is quoted as saying, that "The first learning of the world consisted chiefly of symbols. The wisdom of the Chaldeans, Phœnicians, Egyptians, Jews, of Zoroaster, Sanchoniatho, Pherecydes, Syrus, Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato, of all the ancients that have come to our hand, is symbolic." Some curious circumstances are furnished in connection with this branch of the subject, of "the symbolism of the Mason's art" in the Chinese classics, Mr. Giles being his authority for the statement that, in the written language of the Chinese, curious Masonic expressions were in use more than seven hundred years before the Christian era, or only about two hundred years after the death of King Solomon, and he reproduces a quotation by Mr. Giles from the works of Mencius, the great disciple of Confucius, which reads thus:—"A master mason, in teaching his apprentices, makes use of the compasses and the square. Ye who are engaged in the pursuit of wisdom must also make use of the compasses and the square." It should be remarked, that the Chinese words for "compasses" and "square" represent "order, regularity, and propriety," so that the meaning of the passage just quoted will be apparent. Mr. Giles, we are told, has also pointed out that in the oldest of the Chinese classics, "which embraces a period from the twenty-fourth to the seventh century before Christ, there are distinct allusions to this particular symbolism. Of this, indeed, we have already spoken, in a former volume of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, in our review of Mr. Giles's "Freemasonry in China," to which, of course, we refer the reader who may be desirous of multiplying instances of these allusions and expressions.

(To be continued.)

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

MONDAY, 12th FEBRUARY.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Anderton' Fleet-street, E.C.
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
549—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 140—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
685—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

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1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1593—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.

TUESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.

15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
196—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1946—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
273—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
238—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Moriand's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 6
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1534—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
304—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
235—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1343—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1530—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 96 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. Johns Wood
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction
1387—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
265—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street. Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John o' Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall. Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts

FRIDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

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1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
903—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1363—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
M.M. 206—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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FORTITUDE AND OLD CUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 12.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge was held on the 5th instant, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. There was a numerous attendance of members and Visitors, and banners with the arms of the several Masters decorated the Lodge room. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bros. E. E. Barratt-Kidder, Beedell S.W., Mathews J.W., Dudley Rolls P.M. Treasurer, A. Snelgrove P.M. Secretary, Pigache S.D., Jones J.D., Rolls I.G.; P.M.'s Coombs, Lily, Stewart P.G.D., Ruf, Mower, S. H. Rolls, Lemaitre. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Dr. Ramsay P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, Valeriani 1687, Clark P.M. 1777, Chapman P.G.S. W.M. 91, Beedell P.M. 1607, Cozens 907, Weaver 1365, Norman P.G.S., Ockenden P.M. 1512, Green late 12, Snelgrove 108, Murray 1706, Taylor 302, Culyerwell 261, Parsons W.M. 1766, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, a notice of motion, given by Bro. Dudley Rolls, and seconded by the W.M., was carried unanimously:—"That there be no regular meeting of the Lodge in the month of April, but in lieu thereof, the brethren have a recreative dinner during the month of July, if the funds of the Lodge admit; the fixing of the time and place of meeting to be the prerogative of the W.M.; the Secretary to make the necessary alteration in the Bye-laws." A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Beedell S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge in the presence of seventeen W.M.'s and P.M.'s, and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. E. E. Barratt-Kidder, who performed his duty in a very perfect and impressive manner, and was deservedly applauded by the Visitors at the conclusion of the ceremony. The brethren having been readmitted, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom. He then in appropriate terms, appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. Barratt-Kidder I.P.M., Mathews S.W., Pigache J.W., Dudley Rolls P.M. Treasurer, A. Snelgrove P.M. Sec., Jones S.D., H. Rolls J.D., O. Peall I.G., Marsh Tyler. The new W.M. then, in the name of the Lodge, presented a very elegant P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M. He said he had great pleasure in placing it on his breast, as he had done his duties well, even to the last call made on him. He hoped Bro. Kidder might live long to wear it; and be present to hear the same complimentary words spoken of him as were expressed on his leaving the chair. Bro. Kidder, in suitable terms, returned thanks for the valuable gift. The brethren then sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. C. and A. Painter. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The toast of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. was then given, and was enthusiastically received, Bro. Cozens singing God bless the Prince of Wales. In giving the toast of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, the W.M. remarked they had one member of the Lodge who was a Grand Officer, who had done good service to the Craft, and is looked up to as a supporter of its noble Institutions. They were proud to have Bro. Raynham Stewart among them. He is one of their oldest and most respected P.M.'s. Bro. R. W. Stewart P.G.D. said, nothing could have given him greater pleasure than to come down among his old friends in this Lodge. He had been connected with Grand Lodge for 20 years. In reference to the Pro G.M. and the D.G.M., no better Masons ever existed Bro. E. E. Kidder I.P.M. said that it was a great pleasure for him, for the first time, to propose the toast of the W.M. Bro. Beedell for some time had not been in very good health; the members, however, were pleased to see him occupying the chair. He (Bro. Kidder) thought they had the right man in the right place. Bro. Beedell had filled every office in the Lodge with credit, and all felt sure he would give satisfaction, and continue as he had begun. He called on all to drink the toast with the enthusiasm it deserved. The Worshipful Master, in replying, said he felt it a great honour to have his health proposed in this Lodge. He thanked the Immediate Past Master for his good wishes. He trusted as W.M. to be able to do all that might be required of him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. The Lodge was always pleased to see them; as they were so numerous he would call on Bros. Chapman W.M. 91, Beedell 1607 and Martin 1768 to respond. Bro. Chapman, in an eloquent speech, said he had to perform the installation ceremony on Thursday night, and hoped he might be able to do the same as well as it had been done by Bro. Kidder. Bros. Norman and Beedell followed. Bro. H. Norman P.G.S. said the W.M. was a very old friend of his, and he felt he could congratulate the Lodge on his accepting the chair; he hoped next year to see him instal his successor. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Installing Master. Bro. Kidder had reached a step higher than he—and he heartily congratulated him; he had striven to do his duty, and the members fully recognised his qualifications. Bro. Kidder had in every respect done what any Lodge might be proud of—it was due to him to say that amidst all the cares of business he had done what every I.P.M. should do, viz., instal his successor. Moreover, he had done it well. Bro. Kidder, in reply, thanked the W.M. for his kind words. He appreciated them the more as they had ever worked heartily together. He also thanked the P.M.'s for their assistance. He might say he was one of those who thought it was the duty of every W.M. to instal his successor, and he had striven to do it to the best of his ability. He had now again to thank the W.M. for placing on his breast the Past Master's jewel, which would be worn with pride and honour. In speaking to the toast of the P.M.'s, the W.M. said no Lodge could exist without P.M.'s; those present would be a credit to any Lodge; he would couple the name of their Treasurer, and esteemed friend, the father of the Lodge, Bro. Ruf, who was W.M. of the Lodge in 1856. Bro. Ruf, in reply, felt justified in saying the P.M.'s had all done their work well; this had been conducive to the success of the Lodge. He was initiated in 1850, and still hoped to be with them many years. Bro. Dudley Rolls, in replying as Treasurer, said all he could do for the benefit of the Lodge was at the command of its members. Bro. A. Snelgrove P.M. and Secretary followed, and fully endorsed all the previous speakers had said. He, as well as each Officer appointed, had but the welfare of the Lodge at heart. The toast of the other Officers was given, and Bro. Jones S.D. responded. The Tyler then gave the parting toast. During the evening the brethren derived much entertainment from the excellent singing of Bros. Snelgrove, Kidder, Coombes, and others. Bro. F. H. Cozens also rendered great assistance as accompanyist.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting was held on Monday, 5th inst., at Brother McDiarmaid's, Cambria Tavern, Loughborough Junction. Present—Bros. Brown W.M., Banks S.W., Harvey J.W., McDiarmaid Treasurer, Lowden S.D., Wood J.D., Perkins I.G., Johnson Preceptor; also Bros. Price, Westley, Kirk, and others. After preliminaries, the second section of the first lecture was worked by the Preceptor, and the second by Brother Westley. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed by the W.M., with Brother Price as candidate. Bros. Wood and Kirk were elected members. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Brother Brown for his working in the chair, for the first time in any Lodge. Brother Banks was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in antient form, and adjourned till 12th inst., at 7.30 p.m. The usual meeting for harmony followed.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on the 3rd instant. Present:—Bros. Ashton W.M., Galer S.W., Venning J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, C. Lorkin Treasurer, A. Ferrar S.D., Foxcroft J.D., Dixie I.G.; also Bros. R. Defries, J. A. Powell, Wolf, Houghton, Mackey, Parkes, Archer, Weeden, Hatch, Brasted, Francke, Snook. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. W. M. Foxcroft, of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, and W. Francke, of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1686, were elected members. Bro. Galer was appointed W.M. for next week. A vote of thanks was awarded the W.M., this being his first attempt at conducting the business. Bros. Powell, Weeden, Galer, Dixie, Parkes and Ferrar were appointed auditors, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, the 2nd inst. Present—Bros. J. A. Cammell W.M., A. Turner S.W., E. Monson J.W., H. E. Tucker W.M. 1612 Treasurer, F. Botley Sec., C. E. Botley S.D., Fenner J.D., Hurst I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Andrews and Blasby; Bros. Hemming and Howe. Visitors—Bros. Hurst S.W. 15, Williams 902, Weeden 813. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weeden candidate. Bros. C. E. Botley and Hurst worked the first; Bro. Andrews P.M. and the brethren the second; and Bro. Fenner and the brethren worked the third section of the first lecture. Bros. Hurst, Williams and Weeden were elected members. Bro. A. Turner was elected W.M. for the 9th inst. A cordial vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was accorded to Bro. Cammell, for the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time. Lodge was then closed and adjourned until the 9th inst.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its usual meeting at Bro. Smyth's Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road,

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Dalston, on Tuesday, 6th inst. The Preceptor of the Lodge, Brother Wallington, occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Carr S.W., Clark J.W., Brasted S.D., Robinson J.D., Gray I.G., Smyth, Christian, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smyth candidate. Bro. Clark gave the lecture on the tracing board in a most able and instructive manner. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Christian delivered the lecture in that degree to the pleasure of the brethren. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. F. Carr was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE, No. 1305.

THE members held their first ball on the 6th inst., at the Langham Hotel. The arrangements, which were under the superintendance of Capt. Gordon, gave great satisfaction. Bro. Benjamin Phillips, the W.M. of the Lodge, was supported by Bros. Baker P.M. Secretary, White P.M., Chaplin, Drake, Tyler P.M., Smith, Pope, Dunn, Roberts, Williams. Under such an energetic directorate the ladies and brethren had an opportunity of indulging in a social and enjoyable evening. To endue the gathering with a more sustained interest it had been arranged that any surplus should be devoted to the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge. A dispensation was granted by the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, and the brethren availed themselves of the permission and donned Masonic clothing and jewels; thus a glittering display was presented, as many of those present had secured the right to more than one distinction for services rendered to the Craft. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, when the Hon. Artillery string band, under the direction of Bro. Tampling, played a capital selection of music. Bros. Mouflet, Pope, Durance, Cox and Drake acted as M.C.'s. About twelve o'clock the guests, nearly 150 of whom were present, adjourned to a sumptuous supper. The tables were beautifully decorated and nothing was wanting to render the meeting a great success. The W.M. Bro. Phillips proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft; then Bro. White S.W. P.M. 177 had great pleasure in proposing the health of one whom they all respected; he referred to Brother Phillips, their W.M., who was also a P.M. of the City of Westminster Lodge; he had done his utmost to bring this meeting to a successful issue; to him and to the members who had been associated with him, they were much indebted for having so numerous an assemblage present that evening. He (Bro. White) might say no class of individuals knew better how to enjoy themselves than Freemasons, and after their work was finished, they looked after the Charities of their Order. This was their first Lodge ball, and he hoped it would be the forerunner of many more. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. White for the eloquent manner in which he had spoken of him. His great ambition was to get this Lodge ranked amongst the first class in the Craft, not only as regards its working, but also in its support of the Charities. He trusted the members would assist him in carrying out this object. Bro. Drake, in a few but appropriate remarks, responded for the Ladies, and Bro. H. M. Levy for the Visitors. To Bro. Baker great credit is due for the energy he displayed in ministering to the enjoyment of this agreeable meeting. The ladies and brethren then adjourned to the ball room, where dancing was resumed. The suite of rooms placed at the disposal of the Lodge and the attendance was in every respect all the brethren could wish for.

GLADSMUIR LODGE, No. 1385.

THE members of this flourishing Lodge, one of the most popular in the Province of Herts, held their annual installation meeting on Friday, 26th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet. There was a good attendance; the Past Masters who supported Bro. J. G. Yolland, the W.M., being Bros. John Lowthin Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden Herts (Treasurer), Hayward Edwards, Frederick Venables, Robert Fisher Young (Secretary), Charles Gray, John Enerby, and James Cutbush. There were several Visitors, amongst whom we may mention Bros. J. E. Dawson Provincial Grand Secretary Herts, Binstead (Secretary Commercial Travellers' School), A. Hickman W.M. 228, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, &c. After Lodge had been formally constituted and opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Marriott was raised to the sublime degree, after which the ballot was brought into requisition for Mr. Walter Barrett, proposed by Bro. Durham, Organist, seconded by Bro. P.M. Gray; and for Mr. William Nelson, proposed by Bro. Schmidt I.G., seconded by Bro. Yolland W.M. The result proved unanimous in favour of these candidates, who were then introduced, and Bro. Yolland conducted the ceremony of initiating them into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. James Terry P.M. 228, &c., Past Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, then took the chair as Installing Master, and Bro. Charles Allen, the Senior Warden, was introduced and duly obligated as W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Brother Allen was regularly inducted into the chair of the Lodge. After the usual salutations, the Officers were invested, as follows:—Bros. George Askew P.M. 1479 S.W., John Brittain J.W., Robert Fisher Young P.M. Sec., Hopkins S.D., Schmidt J.D., Lewis I.G., Durham Org., and R. W. Goddard Tyler. Bro. Terry then gave the customary addresses, in admirable style, and resumed his seat amidst hearty congratulations. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., and full recognition made of the zeal he had displayed for the interests of his Lodge during his year of office. Amongst other items of business transacted during the evening was the balloting for a Life Governorship in accordance with Rule IX. of the Gladsmuir Benevolent Fund. This resulted in favour of Bro. James Cutbush P.M. Bro. John Lowthin was appointed Representative to serve on Prov. Audit Committee, and the election of Trustees and Officers, in accordance with Rule VI. of the Gladsmuir Benevolent Fund, resulted in the several brethren whose services had given such satisfaction during the past year retaining their respective positions. Several letters, expressing regret at inability to be present having been read (notably communications from the Prov. G. Master Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., and the D.G.M. Bro. Dr. Wilson Iles), hearty good wishes were tendered by the numerous body of Visitors, and Lodge was closed. The banquet was then served by Bro. Hall, who personally superintended. The Red Lion has deservedly gained for itself a high reputation for the way in which it ministers to the creature comforts of its patrons, and if on this occasion it was not quite up to its standard, we fear the fault was more with the guests than with the host, who certainly spared no effort to make matters pleasant. On the removal of the cloth the customary toast list was fully honoured, and as usual at the Gladsmuir the claims of the Masonic Institutions on the purse-strings of the members were fully enforced. The W.M. Bro. Charles Allen signified his intention to serve as Steward at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and liberal contributions were made to his list. Bro. James Cutbush P.M., who so nobly follows the example set by his brother, the late William Cutbush, announced he would undertake the duties of Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be held in June next, and from our worthy brother's great energy we are convinced Bro. Binckes will have ample cause of congratulation that this little Province is to be so well represented.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—Held at Bro. Serjeant's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C. The usual weekly meeting was held on Wednesday evening, 7th instant, Bros. Patrick W.M., Andrews S.W., Serjeant J.W., Pinder Preceptor, Clark J.D., Black I.G., Millington Sec.: also Bros. Leoffler, Claverley, Gieseke, Kramm, Rowe, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsd, Bro. Leoffler being the candidate. Bro. Anderson worked the second section of the first lecture, assisted by Bro. Rowe; and the seventh section, assisted by Bro. Pinder. The sum of five guineas was voted from the Lodge funds, and placed on Bro. Clark's list, he being a Steward for the Old People's Institution. Bro. Andrews was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The brethren of the above Lodge particularly call attention to the change of meeting night, viz., from Thursday to Wednesday.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No 507.—At the meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 2nd inst., Bro. A. J. Styles presided as W.M., having as Officers Bros. C. H. Wiltshire S.W., H. H. Wiltshire J.W., J. N. Bate S.D., J. Sarjeant J.D., M. E. Stokes I.G. Amongst other members present were Bros. James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor, Richard Poore Secretary, Richardson, &c. The Lodge was opened and minutes were confirmed. The sections of the first lecture were worked by the brethren, and explanations given by the Preceptor. Bro. C. H. Wiltshire was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and the Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541.—This excellent Lodge held its usual meeting on Saturday evening, 3rd February, at the Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, and was very numerously attended. The Officers were Bros. Price W.M., Butterworth S.W., Eideman J.W., Stokes S.D., Woods J.D., Johnson I.G., J. R. Stacey Preceptor, Dawson Treasurer, Martin Steward, and the following were amongst the brethren present:—Snell, Westley, H. Thompson, Sherring, Appleton, Bowler, Langton, Jamieson, Luckhurst, C. A. Woods, E. Farwig, Stafford, Walter, Breiling, Wilson, Becket, Hill, Soudan, Reynolds, Banks, Cooper, Taylor, Webb, Stevens, Matz, Haywood. The Lodge having been duly opened, the first, second, third and fourth sections of the first lecture were worked, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Reynolds, the celebrated cornet player, of the Pimlico Lodge, No. 1772, being the candidate. At the conclusion great satisfaction was expressed as to the very perfect way in which the W. Master had discharged his duties, and Bro. Stacey proposed that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Price for the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation, it being the first time he had ever occupied the chair. Bro. Price returned thanks, and said such a vote was most gratifying to him. Brs. Butterworth was elected W. Master for the ensuing meeting, and the Lodge was closed. After which a concert, by the members of the club, was held, when some excellent songs were sung. During the evening Bro. Reynolds delighted the company by his accompaniment to Bro. Mets, who presided at the pianoforte. Bro. Reynolds severally played "Home, Sweet Home," "The Last Rose of Summer," and "You'll remember me," all of which were most enthusiastically applauded. Several recitations were given, and the entire evening was passed in a most agreeable manner.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Meeting held at the Institute, Ealing, Tuesday, 6th February. Present—Bros. H. E. Tucker W.M., Dyer S.D., Smith J.D., Cunningham S.D., Gasson J.D., Wells Secretary, Coop I.G.; also Bros. Green P.M., Kasner P.M., Jones, Bellerby, Clarke, Danby, Hadley, and Essex. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Brother Bellerby candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Brother Jones candidate. Brother Hadley answered the questions leading to the third degree and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Brother Danby candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and was closed in the usual form, and the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 13th February.

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ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Corner, when the outgoing Master, Bro. Daniel Pound Holness, placed his successor, Bro. Edward Blinkhorn, into the chair of the Lodge. The Lodge was opened at half-past four, when, in addition to a large gathering of the members, the following Visitors were present:—Bros. C. H. J. Wright P.M. 986, W. Wiggins 1580, A. Elworthy 1158, H. Dehane P.G.S.D. Essex W.M. 1543, A. Stewart P.M. 1158, R. Pearcy P.M. 228, J. Tyler 1702, W. Seaman P.M. 1314, Thomas Blinkhorn J.D. 120, G. T. Chretien 1328, Strugnell W.M. 1745, H. H. Whale 172, Alex. Mullord 1288, C. Townley 201, J. E. Humphreys W.M. 167, H. G. Holdsworth 1491, W. H. Making S.D. 1278, W. Shearman 1382, H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, James Lister 55, E. H. Steers 179, T. H. Mullord 1288, John Osborn P.M. 1602, John Bolton J.D. 1613, C. F. Hogard P.M. 205 P.P.G.S.W. Essex, G. F. Edwards 766, Edward Hatch P.M. 357, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, S. Earl J.D. 186, W. B. Church 1365, Franklin Clive 1319, R. P. Forge W.M. 1950, E. Woodman S.D. 1950, &c. The following Past Masters of the Lodge were also in attendance:—J. L. Mather, U. Knill, H. C. Saunders, W. Bausor, and Edgar Bowyer. After the minutes of last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, the Secretary read the Bye-laws, and then the Auditors' report and balance-sheet was presented. The accounts showed the Lodge to be in a sound financial position, and the report was unanimously adopted. The W.M. elect was then presented, and in due course regularly installed into the chair, Bro. Holness conducting the ceremony in a manner that gave great satisfaction to all present. The following were the Officers invested:—H. Cox P.M. S.W., J. Lake J.W., Bowyer P.M, Treasurer, A. C. Halestrap Secretary, Shearman S.D., Hunt J.D. Thompson I.G., H. Hunt W.S., Petch M.C. The banquet took place in the billiard room, which Bro. Baker kindly turned to account for the occasion, and it is needless to say that the menu was an excellent one, and admirably served. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and experienced the usual cordial reception. Bro. Holness I.P.M., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Blinkhorn, spoke in terms of eulogy of their new chief. He had already distinguished himself in the several offices he had previously filled, and there was no doubt in his (Bro. Holness's) mind, that during the year then begun the Lodge would go on prospering. Bro. Blinkhorn responded very happily, and thanked both his predecessor, to whom he had already had the privilege of handing the jewel voted by the Lodge, and who had proposed the toast in such complimentary terms, as well as the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received it. He should use his best endeavours to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and he earnestly trusted those endeavours would prove successful. The toast of the Visitors was acknowledged by Bros. Seaman, Hogard, and Dehane, who severally congratulated the Lodge and its Officers on the excellence of their working, and expressed their thanks for the kindly reception which had been accorded them. Bro. Mather returned thanks on behalf of the Past Masters, and, in doing so, expressed some astonishment that he should have been singled out for the purpose. However, he spoke warmly of the interest both he and his brother P.M.'s took in the Islington Lodge, and was firmly persuaded it would go on increasing in strength and prosperity. Bro. Thompson's name was associated with the toast of the "Masonic Charities," and, having pressed their claims on the brethren with considerable eloquence and taste, he was fortunately in a position to announce that his list for the Boys' Festival in June next already reached the sum of £51 19s. The Tyler's toast concluded the programme, and the meeting terminated in the most complete harmony.

Capper Lodge, No. 1076.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 8th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, where, in the unavoidable absence of the Worshipful Master, Brother J. Mitchell, the chair was filled by Brother F. Brien, who was supported by Bros. Job I.P.M., McCarthy P.M., Vincent P.M., W. Dorton S.W., Nevins J.W., J. Dorton Treasurer, Mason S.D., Brown J.D., Harris I.G., Sherwin Organist, Mears and Green Stewards, Page Tyler. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Greene 471, and Callender 471. Lodge was opened with the usual formalities, and having been advanced to the third degree, Bros. Thomson and Crowe were raised to the sublime degree by the acting Worshipful Master, who performed the ceremony in an able manner. Lodge was resumed in the second, and Brother McNeal was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, that work being also admirably performed. At the conclusion of business the brethren and visitors partook of light refreshments, and spent an enjoyable evening.

A meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, on Thursday, 8th of February, when Comp. Edmonds occupied the chair of Z., Gregory H., R. Bird J., Sheffield S.N., S. George P.S. Although the weather was unfavourable the attendance was very good, and a pleasant evening was spent by those present.

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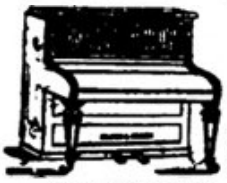

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MASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE *Voice of Masonry* contains some brief particulars of the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and Kentucky. They were held simultaneously, that of Ohio taking place at Cleveland, under the presidency of Bro. Charles C. Kiefer Grand Master. Over three hundred Lodges were represented, and, as usual on these occasions, the G.M. delivered a lengthy address, in which he reviewed the different events that had occurred during the past year, and referred to various topics more or less affecting the interests of the Craft. For instance, he laid it down that electioneering for office was wrong and ought not to be indulged in. He touched on the growing feeling in favour of a permanent location for the Grand Masonic Bodies of the State. He remarked that more danger was to be feared from the popularity of Freemasonry than from any other source; that the physical, moral, mental, and social qualities of applicants should be well weighed, and that too little attention was paid to symbolism in Lodge work. A very able report in favour of the Grand Lodge Library was submitted and received, and an appropriation of 300 dollars voted towards cases and binding. Bro. Charles C. Kiefer was re-elected Grand Master, and Bro. John D. Caldwell Grand Secretary. As regards statistics, it appears that there were at the date of meeting 30,433 subscribing members. The dues amounted to close on 14,359 dollars (nearly £2,872), the receipts to over 18,255 dollars (£3,651) and the expenditure to 12,736 dollars (£2,547 and upwards).

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky met at Louisville. Bro. W. H. Meffert presided, and some four hundred delegates took part in the proceedings. Bro. Meffert extended a hearty welcome to all the brethren, highly complimented the Grand Secretary for his efficiency and zeal, strongly advocated the publication of a Masonic journal for Kentucky, and spoke in favour of the liberal support of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home. A resolution was adopted to the effect that Grand Lodge should solicit the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery to enact laws prohibiting Royal Arch Masons and Knights Templars from dimitting from their Lodge. We can understand a Grand Lodge making a proposition of this or any other kind to the Grand Chapter of its jurisdiction, for the Royal Arch Degree has been defined to be a part of ancient free and accepted Masonry; but to address itself officially to a Templar body is tantamount to committing itself to an official recognition of a degree, which, at best, is only of a quasi-Masonic character. Statistics show the total membership of the jurisdiction to be 15,423, the receipts for the year over 22,610 dollars (£4,522) and disbursements nearly 9,100 dollars (£1,820), the "resources" being close on 26,466 dollars (£5,293). The Masonic Temple Company's receipts amount to, in round figures, 16,445 dollars (£3,289), and the expenditure to 15,833 dollars (£3,166), 2,373 dollars (£475) being invested as a sinking fund, and there being an insurance on the buildings and fixtures of 76,000 dollars (£15,200). Bro. Dr. G. D. Buckner was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Hiram Bassett re-elected Grand Secretary.

We also note a somewhat curious announcement. It seems that last Christmas evening the officers of the Royal Arch Chapter at Sycamore, Illinois, were *publicly* installed by Comp. Daniel Dustin, that "an elegant banquet, participated in by about two hundred persons, *closed the entertainment*," and further, that "the ladies were well pleased, and expressed their willingness to *attend all the meetings of the Chapter*." We fancy there must be some mistake here. Public installations, though we have read of their taking place in some of the American jurisdictions, are utterly opposed to the spirit of Freemasonry, but still more so is the presence of ladies at the meetings of the Masonic body. If any apology can be offered, and we hold it to be impossible, for installing Officers in the presence of men who are not Masons, but who may be eligible to become such, there can be no apology, we should imagine, even in the eyes of those American brethren who seem indifferent as to the essentials of Freemasonry, for allowing ladies to be present at the meetings of a Masonic Lodge or Chapter. It is evident that in some parts of the United States the true character of Freemasonry is not understood.

MARK MASONRY IN NORFOLK.

AN event of more than ordinary interest in Masonic circles will be witnessed on Monday next, in the city of Norwich, that day being set apart for the resuscitation of the Walpole Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 92. It would appear that this Lodge has, for reasons which will doubtless be fully entered into at this *réunion*, been for some considerable time in abeyance, and that a revival of interest in the Mark degree, which has recently been of so striking a character, both in London and the Provinces, has been fully shared by the local members of "ye mystic tie." There is every promise that the resurrection of the old Walpole Mark Lodge will be a source of new life to the Mark degree in the county of Norfolk, as we observe, from the agenda published, that not only are members of the Walpole Craft Lodge named as candidates for advancement, but that there are also nominations from the Union Lodge, No. 52, the Freeman, No. 105, the Cabbell, No. 807, the Sincerity, No. 903, the Perseverance, No. 213, the St. Andrew's, No. 1631, the Phœnix, No. 516, and the Hartismere, No. 1663. The advancement of nearly forty candidates in one evening will form an interesting episode in the history of Mark Masonry in that Province, and will, no doubt, attract a considerable attendance of Mark Masters, not only from various parts of the county of Norfolk, but also from the adjoining Provinces, and from the Metropolis. Additional interest is infused into the event by the fact that the M.W.G.M.M. has been proposed as an honorary member by Bro. H. G. Barwell, the Worshipful Master elect of the Walpole Lodge, and seconded by Bro. Colonel Bignold. Amongst the joining members who are also named for Monday evening are Bro. Frederick Long, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies and Grand Sword Bearer of England; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, M.A., of Long Melford, Past Grand Chaplain of England; and a great many Past Masters of the Lodges above enu-

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merated. The opening ceremony, which is always of a most impressive character, will be performed by Bro. D. M. Dewar, Assistant Grand Secretary of England, who will officiate as Worshipful Master, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the recent Lodge of Emergency, the revised bye-laws, by which the future Mark Lodge will be governed, will be presented for adoption by the brethren. The ballot for members and candidates will then be opened, and such as are eligible will be advanced; and the resuscitated Lodge having thus been constituted, Bro. H. G. Barwell, Junior Overseer, will be installed, by dispensation, as W.M. for the ensuing year. At the close of this interesting rite, the Officers for the year will be elected. Thus it will be seen that a full and important programme is before the brethren who are invited to assemble at Norwich on Monday next, and the proceedings, as we have said, will be certain to be invested with peculiar interest to Masons in that Province. At the conclusion of the business the brethren and their visitors will be entertained at a banquet, for which special arrangements are being made, and of which we hope to give a report in our next issue. The revival of interest amongst Mark Masons in any district is a source of satisfaction to all who are attached members of the degree, and who have the interest of that branch of Freemasonry at heart. We have seen how, in recent years, the degree has made rapid and important advances, testifying to the increasing popularity of the Mark, and it is eminently satisfactory to note the substantial work of beneficence and charity which is carried forward by those who are foremost in the ranks of that degree. There is no longer any disposition, as there appeared to be but a very few years ago, to set down the Mark as a "side degree," and more as an ornament than of any recognised value in connection with the Craft; but it is now regarded as a link, and a very important one, connecting Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, and containing in itself much that is beautiful and instructive. We are pleased, therefore, at this additional sign of the revived interest which is being manifested in the degree amongst our Norfolk brethren, whom we wish every success in the enterprise they purpose to start with a new birth on Monday next.

IN THE FIRE.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

MEMORIES of half a century furnish large stores of material for reflection. There was a time when the passions and ignorance of men assumed the throne, and when reason and humanity were forgotten or neglected. A very few of the Freemasons of the present remember those days, and of the times and seasons when the Craft were "passing through the fires;" and yet there are a few who do, for they were in the storm, they felt its power and witnessed its ravages, and the destruction it wrought in the social fabric. I may not now attempt to picture that storm, or describe its fury, or tell of the wrecks left along its pathway. It is enough to say there was discord in the home-circle, severance in political affinities, and destruction in the churches. It was the desert-blast, withering everything that was growing and green and beautiful. We sometimes read of the wild excitement of the Crusades—this was its equal in intensity, though more limited in its extent. Mahommed, from being a trader and fortune hunter, assumed the character of a Prophet, in which he could gather more money and exercise more power. The flash of his scimitar was the light to guide the footsteps of his thoughtless and half-crazed followers. "Arabia's desert ranger," with his vague fanatical notions, coupled with his reckless daring, came near revolutionising the social fabric, of upsetting the thrones, of trampling upon the crowns and re-modelling the kingdoms of the world. Anti-Masonry was as groundless and as visionary as the belief in Islamism, and would have been quite as destructive in its results, and as wide-spread, if it had dared to be. But it was cowardly, mean and grovelling. The United States, it was found, were not Arabia, and the nineteenth century was very different from the seventh. The civilising influence of Christianity, Science and the arts placed a restriction upon fanaticism, and said: "Thus far thou shalt go, but no farther." That fanaticism, however, did its work within the range of its influence, but that range was limited, as is that over which the cyclone sweeps in summer time. But political parties were sundered, churches and religious organisations were wrecked, the pulpit was invaded, and its utterances were shackled, or breathed of fire and sword; the religious and devout were repelled from the sacraments, as well as from the social circle. The evil spirit was even breathed into the children at school, and the little school boys were sometimes abused and beaten by older ones because their fathers were Freemasons! It is almost impossible for people at this day to comprehend the bitterness and malignity which at that time pervaded society, turned otherwise respectable persons into semi-demons, and blighted and blasted social life from the church circle to the political hustings, in which childhood and age were equally the sufferers, and social life and amenities were driven back for a thousand years—more than half way into barbarism.

Such were the conditions of society and the feelings of men about the years from 1825 to 1830. Middle New York was the "storm-centre," but its ravages extended eastward through Vermont, especially, but more or less through all the New England States; westward to north-eastern Ohio, and through Pennsylvania and even into Maryland. Nearly all the Lodges in Maryland were compelled to give up their charters or close their doors, as well as many Lodges in other States. On "the Reserve," in Ohio, Lodge halls were destroyed by mobs, the jewels and records stolen and carried away, the members ostracised, their business injured and their families slandered and abused. And all for what? To gratify the spirit that moved to the burning of witches, so-called, in New England, and drove Roger Williams to seek peace and safety elsewhere. Such was anti-Masonry in some portions of the country less than sixty years ago among the pious (?) and intellectual fathers. Is it any better yet? If *The Cynosure* utters the same sentiments and breathes the same spirit (as I am informed it does), it is the equal of the past and has been baptised in the same turgid waters; and while it merits the execration of every patriot and Christian, public sentiment restrains it, and this is the safety and safeguard of the Craft and of the community.

But why this terrible disturbance in the social elements, as well as in Church and State? A man in central New York, by the name of Morgan, who it was supposed contemplated an exposure of the "secrets of Masonry," suddenly disappeared, and notwithstanding the most diligent search was made, he could not be found. Hundreds of similar cases of sudden disappearance have been known, that caused wonder and anxiety; but in the case of Morgan a wild fanaticism charged the Freemasons with murdering him! Governor Clinton, himself a Freemason, and one of the ablest and purest men that ever filled that office in any State, instituted the most searching inquiry into the matter; he set the proper legal officers of the State to ferret out the facts, and offered large rewards for the apprehension of the guilty parties, if the crime as alleged had been committed. Several persons were arrested upon suspicion, and all the efforts of the officers were taxed to unravel the mystery, but all proved unavailing; nothing could be discovered, no evidence of guilt found, and the arrested parties were discharged. All efforts failed, the prosecutions failed, and a reaction in public sentiment finally began. After all the official efforts that were made, encouraged by the offer of large rewards, it is not known to this day that a murder was committed, or, if there was, that the Freemasons had any hand in it. The whole affair was a miserable hoax, a spectre had been seen—an apparition caused by the shimmering of moonbeams through the branches. Excited imaginations, roused by fanatical or malignant purposes, conceived a theory; a crime was supposed to have been committed, and pretended pietists, for political purposes, charged it upon the Freemasons. The whole was a groundless fabrication, but the effects were fearful and wide-spread, as well as ruinous in every department of social life, and in all its interests.

The question entered largely into politics, and a party was organized on the basis of hostility to Freemasonry, and its members. In Pennsylvania that party elected a Governor (Ritner) and obtained control of State affairs. The acts of folly committed by the party awakened the people to a sense of their danger, and the tide of feeling not only soon subsided, but rolled back like the waves of ocean until it had recovered its normal condition. The Legislature instituted an inquiry relative to Freemasonry, and summoned three of the best and most prominent men of the State to respond to certain questions, and tell all they knew about "the secrets of Masonry;" but those three men understood their rights as American citizens, and refused to submit to the star-chamber procedure, or reply to questions the Legislature had no right to ask. They were then threatened with imprisonment for contempt, but like the three Hebrews of old, they still refused to "bow down and worship the golden image," and dared the Legislature to execute the infamous threat. But there is the "fiery furnace, and it is heated seven times hotter than usual." "All right," they said, "we prefer the prison or the flames to dishonour, and death to disgrace!" The miserable fanatics in the Legislature quailed in the presence of such an exhibition of virtue and constancy, and—paused!

The party had felt strong enough to attempt to control the National Government. A convention was held and a distinguished lawyer of Maryland was nominated as its candidate for President of the United States. He was a fine scholar, eminent at the bar, and could plead a pure and blameless life. But all would not do: the tide had turned. The masses of the people who had watched the movements of the party and the spirit it manifested became alarmed, and the cause and the candidate were both buried under public contempt and indignation. Yet a few, even of to-day, still plead for Blanchard and his co-workers in a cause which is disgraceful to the ministry, the nation, and the age, and to the literature and intelligence of the nineteenth century. A few encourage and sustain *The Cynosure*, the mouthpiece of fanatical ignorance and the vehicle of a spirit which would have caused the bigotry of the Middle Ages to blush, and witchcraft burning to disavow its acts and sentiments,—and, if not too late, to "call upon the rocks and mountains to fall" and hide them from public contempt.

There is a mystery as well as history here. I have not room, nor have I the data at hand, to recount the entire history, and can only refer to some salient points as above. For more than ten years the excitement continued—in Church and State and family, and then it subsided—dying of its own intensity. May we not hope that such an *ism* will never revive? It was then a mystery—it is now a history: and yet the greatest mystery of all is the constancy of many true and faithful Craftsmen under such trying ordeals. To say nothing of men in humbler life, look at the honoured three who were called before the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and threatened with imprisonment because they would not respond to the illegal and impertinent questions that were proposed. Who were they? George

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M. Dallas, afterwards Vice-President of the United States; George Wolf, then recently retired from the office of Governor of Pennsylvania, and Joseph R. Chandler, as a writer and a gentleman the peer of any in the State, and subsequently Minister of the United States at Rome. They were three among the first men of the State, with culture and intellect, and spotless lives. It was a scene of moral grandeur, when those men stood there accused and threatened, yet conscious of their innocence and firm in the defence of right, and in the resistance of fanatical bigotry. It was a mystery, also. There was a moral influence in Freemasonry—it could be nothing else—which bound them firmly to the faithful performance of their duty. There was no prospect of popularity, for they were breasting the tide of popular feeling: there was no money-making in view, for nothing in that line is to be gained; it was simply an unyielding adherence to duty under the most untoward circumstances. Mystery—but truth.

Allow me just here to record a pleasant reminiscence of the after years, when anti-Masonry was dead and buried. When the persecution began there was a Lodge in North-eastern Ohio, known, if my memory is correct, as "Jerusalem, No. 9." It was located in a small village away from any great line of travel, and its members were quiet and industrious farmers, who were busy in opening farms, and building school houses where their children might obtain a common, but practical and useful education. In their home and social circle, they exemplified the virtues of their fathers in other days. They read the Bible, toiled faithfully, attended the meetings of their Lodge, and heard an occasional sermon in a log school house, delivered by some zealous missionary, or minister seeking a location.

And so passed the days and years among that pure-minded, honest, exemplary people. There were but few tidings reached them from the outer world, for newspapers were then "like angel's visits—few and far between." Occasionally an echo from the far-off scene of excitement came to them, but it was words only,—the spirit had died on the way, or lost its rancour and malevolence. In the meantime nearly or quite all the Lodges in that part of the State had yielded to the storm, closed their labours and given up their charters, while sometimes their halls were sacked by mobs of infuriated men calling themselves Christians! Their records were sometimes destroyed and their jewels carried away as trophies, or to enrich the coffers of anti-Masons. Jerusalem, however, farther back and out of the way of general information, continued its meetings. The members had heard the war of the distant cyclone, that the Lodges had ceased to work, and that even the Grand Lodge had abandoned its organisation, and—all was lost! It was a mistake, however, as it regarded the Grand Lodge, as that body continued to meet and watch over its constituents; but Jerusalem, not sending a representative or paying dues, its charter was at length declared forfeited, as it was supposed to have fallen, like others, in the fury of anti-Masonic persecution. In this condition it remained for several years, but not knowing of the revocation of its charter, it continued to meet. An occasional application for the degrees encouraged the members, who believed that they alone were left as the conservators of the Fraternity, and to transmit to future generations its mysteries, which had been confided to them, and of which they were now the sole possessors. And so the years passed on, and the devotion of its members continued. It was mystery again,—that faithfulness unto death!

At length a Grand Master was elected who lived not a great distance from where Jerusalem was still at work. By some chance he learned of the continued existence of the Lodge, though its charter had been forfeited. He at once opened a correspondence with it, and advised the members to discontinue their labours, as, having no longer a charter, their work was illegal; at the same time suggesting that they should apply to the Grand Lodge at its next session for direction and relief. They were astonished to learn that they were working illegally, and determined to follow the advice so kindly given by the Grand Master.

At the next annual meeting of that body, a delegate from Jerusalem appeared. He was a muscular, strong-featured, and honest-looking old man, with indications of a Mayflower lineage stamped upon his face, and bearing the marks of a life of industry in forest, and on farm and field. The case of Jerusalem Lodge was presented in the address of the Grand Master, with a statement of its present condition and the singular facts of its history and proceedings. The subject was referred to the committee on charters and dispensations, of which the late Judge Thrall was chairman. The committee reported in favour of restoring the charter, and legalising the work the Lodge had done; provided, however, that all the back dues to the Grand Lodge be first paid. The report was adopted, and the old brother from Jerusalem was in despair. It was impossible for the Lodge to comply with the condition; it had no funds, and its members were poor. What should he—what *could* he do.

I had watched the proceedings with deep interest, for I knew the condition of the Lodge was the fruit of anti-Masonic bigotry and hate. In the distress of the good brother he came and asked me if I could not help him in some way, and I told him I would try. After carefully considering the matter, I went to the chairman of the committee and asked him, if I proposed to the Grand Lodge to remit all the back dues from Jerusalem Lodge whether he would make any objection? He kindly said, he would not. I therefore prepared a resolution to that effect, and on presenting it made a brief statement of the facts, and the anti-Masonic influence which had pressed the life out of so many Lodges in that part of the State. Much of this was new to the members of the Grand Lodge then present, and they appeared to be deeply interested. Then referring to the old brother before them, I described the constancy of the members in the discharge of their Masonic duties: men of grey hairs, crippled with age and toil, mounting their horses on a winter's night, and riding from four to eight miles to attend the Lodge. It was night—but "There's a light in the window for thee;" it was cold, but a warm stove awaited them at the Lodge, where smiling faces and strong grasps would welcome them; and then they would repeat the old expression—"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its cunning!" By this time I saw much feeling was awakened among the members; I called for the "question," and the resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

I took my seat, conscious that I had done my duty, but the old brother was in ectasy, and could not sit still. Crossing the hall to where I sat, he grasped me around the neck with both arms, the tears streaming down the furrows of his aged cheeks, while he gave such expression to his joy that others were moved and wept from sympathy. It was a scene, and an event that I shall ever remember. There was mystery again—in the old man's devotion to the Institution—in his earnest zeal—in his tears of gladness. Why all this, but the influence of pure ancient Masonry—the fraternal ligaments which bind hand to hand and heart to heart? But I must stop here; I write for the present and the future. History and mystery!

CONSECRATION OF THE MOLESWORTH LODGE, No. 1954.

THIS Lodge was duly consecrated by the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, on Thursday, 8th instant. The Lodge owes its existence to the efforts of Bros. Henry Jones, Rev. R. H. Treffry, W. E. Fulford, and R. J. E. Symons, who, as energetic Masons, thought Wadebridge ought to possess a Lodge of its own, thus sparing the brethren the journey to Padstow or Bodmin when they wished to attend Masonic duties. There was also the feeling that as Masonry had greatly progressed of late years in the Province, it behoved these well-wishers of the Order not to be behindhand in their own immediate district. The result of these endeavours and ideas culminated yesterday, when the worthy brethren already named had the satisfaction of seeing the new Lodge established. They also had a slight reward for their labours in being appointed the first Officers of the Lodge. Lee's Assembly Rooms, the place selected for holding the Lodge, had been fitted up in capital style by Mr. John Goodfellow, builder, Wadebridge. The Lodge may be fairly congratulated upon the success attained. Lodge was opened at two o'clock p.m. in due form by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, who explained the reason of the gathering, and called on Brother Anderton P.G.S. P.M. 331 to read the warrant which had been received from the Grand Lodge authorising the formation of the Lodge. After reading the warrant, Brother Anderton stated that the bye-laws had been forwarded to be approved in the proper quarters. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master then called on the brethren of the Lodge to signify their assent to the Officers named in the warrant, and the assent being unanimously given, the P.G.M., in most impressive terms, addressed the new Lodge, insisting on the three grand principles of the Order, observing that any brother neglecting to conform thoroughly to those principles brought disgrace and a slur on the Order. Freemasons acknowledged the G.A.O.T.U., and should ever ask Him to make Masonry a guide to both conduct and life. It would thus cause them to fear God, love the Brotherhood, and honour the Queen. A Mason's first duty to the Order was to consider the best means to reflect honour on his Lodge and Province, and by no means to be eager, or to strive assiduously, for office or official honours. Masons met on a perfect equality, and the man who now held office should, in turn, act with courtesy and consideration towards those who, in years to come, should succeed to office. Above all things, it was most needful never to admit into the Lodge a man who would not be an ornament to the highest office in the Lodge. The blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe having been invoked, the corn, oil and wine were poured on the Lodge, appropriate music accompanying the ceremony, after which Bro. Rev. R. H. Treffry read the selection of Scripture for the occasion. Bro. Anderton presented the W.M. designate Bro. Henry Jones, who was addressed on the subject of his coming duties. Bro. Henry Jones was then duly installed as Worshipful Master, Bro. William Rowe P.M. 330 P.P.G.D.C. performing the ceremony in excellent form, after which the Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Henry Jones W.M. 330 One and All, Rev. Reginald H. Treffry S.W. 977 Fowey, William E. Fulford J.W. 1954, S. Pollard Treas., H. Lander Sec., S. W. Stephens S.D., J. Hawke J.D., Charles Higman I.G., Patrick Carrol Tyler 330, all of One and All. At the close of the Lodge a luncheon was held in the Savings Bank room, adjoining the Institute, when the brethren partook of an excellent spread, provided by Mr. S. M. Lee, of the Commercial Hotel. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe presided. Amongst those present at the ceremony were—R.W. Provincial Grand Master Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Anderton P.G. Secretary, Mitchell P.M. 1528 P.P.G.S.W., C. Truscott jun. P.P.G.S.B., Rowe P.P.G.D.C., Joseph Rawlings P.G.D.C., Gay P.P.G.D.C., Hext P.P.G.S.W., Rooks P.G.P., Carrol P.P.G. Tyler, Davis P.G. Steward, Hawken P.P.S.G.W., Williams P.P.G.S.B., Richards P.G.S.B., Hext jun. Vincent, Higman, Martyn, Howard, Roberts, Mason, Spear, Jacobs, Brewer, Watson, Angwin, Gifford, Jones W.M. 1954, Treffry S.W. 1954, Fulford J.W. 1954, Pollard Treasurer, Stevens S.D. 1954, Hawke J.D. 1954, I. de C. Treffry, Harding, Blake, James, Edyvean, Langford, Stribling, Butt, W. Martyn, Nichols, Haynes, and others.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

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TESTIMONIAL TO BROTHER FARWIG.

ON the 8th inst. a numerous gathering of Craftsmen met at Bro. Swallow's, the Goat and Star, Swallow-street, W., for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. Farwig P.M. 180. Bro. Wade P.M. 180 occupied the chair, and Bro. C. A. Woods the vice chair. After ample justice had been done to a good and substantial supper, provided by Bro. Swallow, the President gave the Queen and the Craft, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., and then said he had to bring before them the toast of the evening: The Health of Bro. Farwig. As a Preceptor Bro. Farwig had, by his excellent teaching, enabled many brethren to work the degrees with credit to themselves and satisfaction to their Lodges. Bro. Farwig made his mark in 1873. It was nine years since that he became a member of No. 180, he is now Z. of its Chapter, and is a member of a large number of Lodges of Instruction. To show their respect for him as a man and a Mason, a Committee of Brethren had been formed to present him with a testimonial on vellum and a silver loving cup, for his services, and in token of their appreciation of his excellent working and the consciousness that he had promulgated the excellent tenets of our Order. In presenting him with this testimonial and the loving cup he (Bro. Wade) hoped he might be spared to be among them for many years. The loving cup having been filled, and handed round, Bro. Farwig, in reply said, the honour shewn him somewhat overpowered him; he could scarcely find words to utter his thanks for the valuable gifts. However, he could assure them he felt proud of Freemasonry; he had met with many friends, and he trusted to meet them again on many future occasions. He had especially to thank Bro. Mander, P.M. 1201, who he regretted was not present on this occasion. Personally, as far as he was concerned, his services were always at their command. He should ever remember this day as one of the proudest moments of his life. Bro. Woods said he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the Chairman, Bro. Wade, who was a thoroughly earnest and good working Mason. He had done his duty in his Lodge, and all who knew him respected him. Bro. Wade in reply thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast. Any duties required of him he would feel infinite pleasure in rendering. Before resuming his seat, he would call on the brethren to drink the health of the Vice Chairman, Bro. Woods, who had just vacated the chair of his Lodge, where he had performed his duties admirably. It might truly be said his working was second to none. Bro. Woods said he had never received greater kindness in Freemasonry than at the hands of Bro. Farwig, who was one well deserving of their regard and esteem. He had been pleased to act in the capacity of Vice Chairman on this occasion. Bro. Wade had also to propose a toast he thought worthy of their attention, viz., the health of Bro. Smith, to whom he might say was due the success of this meeting. Bro. Smith, who is Secretary of the St. James' Union Lodge of Instruction, acted as Secretary of the Testimonial Committee; moreover, he is a worthy member of our Order. Bro. Smith, in acknowledging the compliment, said what he had done was a labour of love; he did it with great pleasure in so good a cause, for Bro. Farwig, was one who, by his excellent working, had benefitted many. He took the opportunity of informing them there were ninety-eight subscribers to the Testimonial Fund; he thanked all very heartily for the reception given to his name; but thanks were due to Bros. Docker, Blundell, and Dairy, for the services they had rendered on the Committee. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Hammond, Docker, Swallow, Blum, Collins, Maxsted, Hill, Durant, Festa, Hakins, Groves, Henly, Corby, Langdon, Mackenzie, Chester, Denne, and H. M. Levy. The Loving Cup is of solid silver, and weighs fifty-eight ounces. It is inscribed as follows:—

"Presented to Bro. Ernest Farwig P.M. 180, Preceptor of the St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction, by his brother Masons, as a token of their esteem, for his valuable services.

The balance sheet of the Leeds Masonic Educational and Benevolent Fund has just been published. The Institution was established in 1876, for the purpose of educating, partially maintaining, and advancing in life the orphans of deceased Freemasons of West Yorkshire and of the children of West Yorkshire brethren who have become incapacitated by sickness, accident, or want of means, from properly providing for their families. Since the commencement a capital fund, amounting to £1,083 5s 3d has been realised, and out of this 16 sums of 10 guineas each have been laid out in the purchasing the position of patron of the fund, eight sums of five guineas each for the same position for ladies and Masons' sons, ten sums of ten guineas each for life governorships, 62 sums for five guinea life governorships, £313 12s 6d on amateur entertainments, £16 12s for other entertainments, donations £22 10s 9d, and amount transferred from revenue account £40. The revenue account for the same period shows £394 7s 1d. The expenditure for educational and partial maintenance of the children on the funds has been £239 18s 1d, preliminary expenses and cost of management from the commencement to the present time, £56 11s. There are now fourteen children receiving their education out of the funds of the Institution, and the number will shortly be increased to twenty. A concert was lately given in the Albert Hall, Cookridge-street, Leeds, on behalf of its funds.—*Evening News.*

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OLD GRAVESTONES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In fulfilment of my promise I send you fuller and accurate particulars as to the Freemason's tomb in St. Helen's, Bishopsgate. I have been unable to lay hands on my own remarks addressed to the *Freemason* on the subject, and the details that follow have been derived from the highly interesting paper from the pen of Brother Rylands which appeared in the *Masonic Magazine* for September 1881. I will only add that my own remarks, to a somewhat similar purport, were written independently, and appeared at or about the same time; Brother Rylands' article, however, was fuller and more elaborate.

The inscription, which is so interesting to Freemasons, is on the south of the tomb and reads as follows:—

HERE LYETH THE BODIE OF WILLIAM KERWIN OF THIS CITTIE OF LON FREE MASON WHOE DEPARTED THIS LYFE THE 26th DAYE OF DECEMBER ANO DOM 1596

In the hurry of writing last week I gave the year, in error, as 1597.

On the north side, on the top border of the panel, are the following lines:—

Ædibvs Attalicis Londinvm qui decoravi: Me dvce svrgebant alijs regalia tecta:
Exigvam tribvvnt hanc mihi fata domvm: Me dvce conficitvr cæsibvs vrna meis:

These are neatly rendered by Bro. Rylands—"The Fates have afforded this narrow house to me, who have adorned London with noble buildings. By me royal palaces were built for others. By me this tomb is erected for my bones." For myself I should prefer translating "*me duce*" almost literally "under my guidance," that is, "from my designs and under my superintendence," as it is highly probable that Kerwin was an architect. One thing is well nigh certain—he was not an operative mason (a mere artisan) as we understand the term. In the great window in the south side of the church, which was glazed "at the charges of JOYCE FRATLY, daughter to WILLIAM KERWIN, Esq.," were her father's coat of arms, and those of her first and second husbands. The Kerwyn arms are likewise on the tomb. As a grant of arms would not be made to an artisan, and as such a person would not be described as an "esquire," particularly in days when titular distinctions and distinctions of rank and office were much more carefully noted than they are now, the not unreasonable inference is that the William Kerwyn, thus commemorated by an elaborate tomb, &c., &c., was a man of distinction, and that the term "Free Mason," as applied to him, would have another meaning than that he was a mason free of his guild or company.

Let me add, from Bro. Rylands' article, that, on the west end of the tomb, in a panel supported on each side by ornamental pilasters, is represented the arms of the Masons as granted by William Hawkeslowe, in the twelfth year of Edward IV. (1472-3). On a chevron engrailed, between three squares, castles, a pair of compasses extended—the crest, a square castle, with the motto "God is our Guide." Bro. Rylands remarks:—"It is interesting to find the arms here reudered as they were originally granted, with the chevron engrailed, and with the old square four-towered castles, and not the plain chevron and single round tower as now so often depicted." And also, "So far as I have been able to discover, this is the earliest instance of the title 'Free Mason,' being associated with these arms."

Fraternally yours,

G. B. A.

WARRANT FOR A NEW LONDON LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have seen in more than one non-Masonic paper a notice to this effect, that a new Lodge, to be styled the Strand, No. 1987, was to be constituted at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., and that our esteemed Bro. James Willing jun. was to be installed as its first W. Master. I am sure every one must rejoice that Bro. Willing, who is accepted on all hands as an able and energetic Craftsman, has, by undertaking the arduous duty of bringing a new Lodge into working order, won for himself a further claim on the respect of the English Craft. But what I would draw attention to is this,—in the opinion of many,—unnecessary multiplication of Lodges in the London district. There are, to use a familiar expression, no end of Lodges within a stone's throw of the Strand. Nor is it likely that all the Lodges meeting at the Freemasons' Tavern, to say nothing of those at Anderton's Hotel, the Inns of Court Hotel, &c., are so strong numerically that some of them cannot find room for additional members. I admire the zeal which prompts a brother to seek office in his Lodge with a view to ultimately becoming its Master, and I am well aware that a new Lodge requires skilful Craftsmen to guide it at the outset of its career. Yet, when every reasonable cause has been suggested for this increase in the number of our London Lodges, it must be evident that more are established than is desirable. We may depend upon it that the best policy to pursue, for some time to come, is for Freemasonry to concentrate its strength in the Lodges that exist already. Where there is a district which is unprovided with a Lodge, or which is insufficiently provided with Lodge accommodation, by all means let a warrant for a new one be applied for; but where there are several Lodges round about, easily accessible to the residents and others having business in the locality, let the authorities be chary about granting the application.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, on Tuesday, the 13th instant. In the absence, during the early part of the evening, of the Worshipful Master Brother Usher Back, Lodge was opened by Brother William Radcliffe P.M., who was supported by Bros. Skinner as S.W., F. J. Hentsch (W.M. elect) J.W., Charles Greenwood P.M. P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. W. Morgan Secretary, T. H. Peirce S.D., H. Martin J.D., E. Thring I.G., C. T. Speight Tyler. Amongst the Past Masters of the Lodge were Bros. Alfred Withers, Alfred Green, T. H. Lavers, T. T. Pyecroft, Dr. Waters; while the Visitors were represented by Bros. John B. Stevens P.M. 1627, C. J. Smith 1623, Richard Wainwright 34, J. T. Skinner W.M. 946, A. Martin jun. S.W. 188, C. F. Luckhurst 1604, J. Strugnell W.M. 1445, Charles Greenwood junior Provincial Grand Secretary Surrey, E. Woodman S.D. 1950, Edward Wharton 1706, W. Hanson 1706, J. R. Maples 176, W. A. Cooper 250, W. Hudson No. 1 S.C., &c. After the minutes of last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, Brothers Frederick Trotman Bennett, Henry Lindfield, and Frederick James Goodall, were examined as to their proficiency, and duly entrusted. These candidates having retired for preparation, Lodge was opened in the second degree, and on readmission the three brethren named above were passed, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. P.M. Radcliffe. Bro. Alfred Green had kindly undertaken the duties of Installing Master, and Bro. Radcliffe now vacated the chair in his favour. Bro. T. H. Lavers presented the W.M. elect, who was regularly obligated. Lodge was advanced, a Board of Installed Masters opened, and the candidate was placed in the chair. On the readmission of the lay members, the new Master was saluted and the Officers were invested:—W. W. Morgan S.W., T. H. Peirce J.W., C. Greenwood P.M. Treasurer, William Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, A. Withers P.M. M.C., A. Green P.M. W.S., H. Martin S.D., E. Thring J.D., Thos. Crapper I.G., E. L. Pembroke Org., C. T. Speight P.M. Tyler. In fulfilling this duty, Brother Hentsch is to be congratulated on having gone somewhat from the beaten path, the remarks he addressed to the several Officers in succession being both appropriate and complimentary. Brother Green then delivered the customary addresses, and as we know of no brother who is more capable of undertaking any work in connection with a Lodge, or who performs it in a more self-possessed and yet unpretentious manner, it will readily be imagined that this part of the ceremony was as impressive as it could well be. The Past Master's jewel of the Lodge was presented to the retiring Master, Brother Usher Back, and in pinning it on his breast, Brother Hentsch complimented his predecessor on the success which had attended him during his year of office, and expressed the hope that his (Bro. Hentsch's) presidency over the Lodge would prove as satisfactory. After a graceful acknowledgment from Bro. Back, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted, and showing, as it did, a balance of over £18 in favour of the Lodge, we must congratulate the brethren on its sound and financial condition. The Standing Committee of General Purposes was elected, the names of Bros. Burr and Pembroke being added to the list of members, and hearty good wishes having been expressed on all sides, Lodge was closed, and the brethren betook themselves to the banquet room, and after the labours of the afternoon, partook with great zest of a menu worthy in all respects of the Albion's known reputation for providing *récherché* dinners. The Loyal and Masonic toasts followed the removal of the cloth, and, as a matter of course, were greeted heartily, Brother C. Greenwood P.G.S.B. returning thanks for that of the Grand Officers. On Bro. Back as Immediate Past Master devolved the task of proposing the health of the Worshipful Master who was to be congratulated on his attainment of that high position. Brother Hentsch had been initiated in the Lodge, and had done it excellent service in inferior offices, as well as in that of Warden, and they were fully justified, both from his past career and from the manner in which he had that day acquitted himself in his new position, in expecting from him a most successful year of government, one that should be in all respects creditable to himself and beneficial to the Lodge. Here the even progress of events was interrupted by the welcome entrance of Brother the Lord Mayor, who had kindly promised to be present as soon as his engagements would permit, and who was accompanied by Bros. Ex-Sheriff Hutton P.G.D., and Alderman Ex-Sheriff Sir Reginald Hanson. When the new comers had taken their seats, Brother Hentsch modestly returned thanks to Brother Back for the kindly manner in which he had proposed the toast, and to the brethren present for the hearty reception they had accorded it, and he trusted he should be able to carry out the high duties entrusted to him, so as to promote the honour and well-being of the Lodge. Bro. Greenwood here rose for the purpose of proposing, as a special toast, the health of their distinguished Visitor Bro. the Lord Mayor, and, in congratulating his lordship on the able manner in which he had supported the dignity of the City Mayoralty, and the energy with which he had devoted himself to its many and arduous functions, gave utterance to the satisfaction that had been so generally felt in all quarters at his lordship's health having been so far restored as to allow of his accepting the position of Lord Mayor for the current year. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, who on rising was received with applause, said he hardly expected to have been so fortunate as to be called on to respond to a toast in this Lodge; but after having spent a pleasant evening in another room of the establishment, with the Burlington Lodge, and hearing that the members of the St. Michael were meeting on the same evening, he gladly accepted the kind invitation which had been sent to him, and was happy to be present amongst them. With respect to what had been stated by Bro. Charles Greenwood, the esteemed Grand Officer who had so kindly proposed the toast, relative to the manner in which Freemasonry was sustained at the Mansion House, he observed that so long as he did that which was right, he might depend upon the cordial support and cooperation of the whole of his fellow citizens. Brother Greenwood referred to the fact that Civic institutions were now passing through a period of peril, but for his own part he did not fear any great changes from the measures which had been foreshadowed. Moreover, he did not deem it desirable, or even that it would be submitted to, that the municipal government of the City should be under the thumb of officialism at the West End. The Corporation should maintain its independence, and so long as its affairs were conducted as they had been, for centuries, he challenged the desirableness of any so-called reforms, such as had lately been discussed, and from which he fully believed no practical good was likely to result. It was for the benefit of society at large that municipal institutions should be maintained in their integrity, and that the citizens should retain the management of their own affairs. He spoke to his brethren present not essentially as citizens of London, but as citizens of the world, and men who had the general progress of society at heart. He alluded to the good suit and service rendered by the Corporation in insisting upon the thorough cleanliness of the public streets, and in sustaining the healthy condition of the City under their charge, duties fully recognised by them; and also to the substantial improvements which had been made of recent years in the widening of streets and otherwise providing for the increased commercial industries of the City. All these matters were duly held in mind by the Corporation, who studied every minute detail which conduced to the health and prosperity of the City. He hesitated to occupy too much of their time, but had been tempted to enlarge somewhat by the pertinent remarks which had fallen from the esteemed brother who had kindly proposed the toast. The way in which the City of London maintained its hospitalities was essentially Masonic in its character, and the principles of the Craft were practically illustrated and promulgated at the Mansion House. For the toast of the Visitors, which came next in the list, Bros. Hutton and Alderman Hanson replied in felicitous terms, but briefly. The services of Bro. Green as Installing Master that day, and of the Past Masters generally, received cordial recognition in the toast referring to them, while that of the Officers was replied to by Bros. W. W. Morgan S.W., Peirce J.W., and Radcliffe P.M. Secretary. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings of a very enjoyable day, and the brethren separated in harmony.

UNITED STRENGTH LODGE, No. 228.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a large attendance, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Brother Alfred Henry Hickman, who was well supported by his Officers and brethren. Lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, and the minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the report of the audit committee, which shewed the finances of the Lodge to be in a satisfactory condition, was unanimously adopted. Brother Henry William Alford, who had been selected by the voice of the entire Lodge at the preceding meeting as W.M. elect was then presented, and in due form installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being impressively and ably performed. Having been saluted with the customary honours, the newly installed Worshipful Master invested his Officers for the ensuing year, after which the ballot was opened for Mr John Ogilvie, of Plumstead, who had been proposed by Brother J. T. Ashby, and seconded by Brother Jennings. The voting was unanimously in favour, and the candidate having been accepted, was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the order. At the conclusion of the business the brethren and visitors repaired to the throne-room of the hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided, and the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were enthusiastically honoured. During the evening an admirable selection of vocal and instrumental music was given by Miss Berrie Stephens R.A.M., Madame Jenny Pratt, Brother C. A. White R.A.M., and Brother Henry Prenton, efficient aid being lent by Brother Fountain Meen as accompanyist on the pianoforte.

ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE, No. 1305.

THE brethren of this flourishing Lodge assembled on the 14th inst., at the Langham Hotel, Portland-place, where there were present Bros. Phillips W.M., White P.M. 177 S.W., Monflet J.W., Chaplin P.M. Treasurer, Baker P.M. Secretary, Hill S.D., Halliday J.D., Smith I.G., Drake W.S., Kift Organist. P.M.'s Bros. Fowler, Draper, Tyler, Ashwell, and a numerous assemblage of members and the following visitors:—Bros. Baker P.M. 753, Filtron 1365, Osborne P.M. 177, Emanuel 15, Loibil 25, Binot P.M. 179, Wilson 1563, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After full observance of preliminary requirements, Bros. Curliss, Barr, and Ashdown were passed to the second degree. Ballots were then taken for the admission of Messrs. T. C. Artaud, C. M. Woolf, A. J. Billing, and B. P. Rocco, who were duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., in a faultless and impressive manner. The election of a W.M. for the ensuing twelve months was the next business, and Brother White S.W. P.M. 177, was unanimously chosen. Brother Chaplin P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Brother Daly Tyler. Bros. Drake, Spurgin, and Williams were appointed Auditors. The Committee of the Benevolent Fund were re-elected, and a revision of the Bye-laws was decided upon, and authority given for the same. Bro. Fowler then proposed, and Bro. Williams seconded, that the usual Past Master's jewel be presented to the retiring W.M.—Brother Phillips—for the able manner in which he had conducted the duties of his office. The Lodge was then closed until the second Wednesday in April. The

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brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Captain Gordon. After the routine toasts had had full honour done them, Bro. Tyler rose to propose the health of the W.M. All the members respected Bro. Phillips, and felt they must now make the most of him, as shortly he would rank among the Past Masters. All approved of what he had done in the Lodge, and for the Charities; in short, he could describe him as one of the best W.M.'s the Lodge had ever had. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. In reply the W.M. thanked Bro. Tyler for his kind remarks; if he had given the brethren satisfaction he was very pleased. His great aim had been to promote harmony, and in this he hoped he had succeeded. To Bro. Baker his thanks were due for his kind assistance in every way. As an Initiate of the Lodge, his ambition had been to be its W.M. In this he had succeeded, and now he hoped he might be spared to rank among his good friends the Past Masters for many years. In speaking to the toast of the S.W. and W.M. elect, Bro. Phillips said that Bro. White had joined this Lodge the night he was initiated. He felt sure he would make as good a Master as the brethren could have selected. Bro. White brings with him great experience, which all could thoroughly appreciate, and give him all credit for possessing. Bro. White in reply said that though very unwell, he had felt it his duty to be present. He heartily thanked the brethren for so unanimously electing him; he felt it a great honour. He had been W.M. in two other Lodges, but this Lodge is one where the members meet each other frequently. He had served the Lodge in several offices, and now appreciated the kindness of the brethren in electing him to fill the chair. Speaking to the toast of the Initiates, the W.M. said he was sure no brother would introduce a member who would not be a credit to the Lodge. Bros. Artaud, Woolf, and Billing responded; they were pleased to have entered Freemasonry, and thanked the brethren who had introduced them. Bro. Rocco said, in the year 1848 he was to have been proposed in a Lodge in Milan, but he was called away to fight the battles of his country. His great idea had ever been to be made a Mason. He was proud to have joined this Lodge, as he now saw Freemasonry was a realisation of all that was good. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and Bro. Baker returned thanks. He was followed by Bros. Osborn, Binet, and H. M. Levy, who all expressed their pleasure at seeing the working of the W.M., and thanked the Lodge for its hospitality. Bro. Draper responded to the toast of the Past Masters. In giving the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, reference was made to the success that had attended the efforts of these brethren in connection with the Ball of the Lodge. Due acknowledgment was also made as to the zeal the other Officers manifested. A musical entertainment was provided by the W.M., Bros. Spurgin and Kift, with Misses Douglas and Salmon, being the artistes engaged.

ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND LODGE, No. 1538.

A REGULAR meeting of the members of this popular Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 14th instant; at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a goodly attendance, under the presidency of Brother William Smith W.M., who was supported by Bros. Robertson S.W., Parkes J.W., Hookey P.M. Secretary, Hately S.D., Liversidge J.D., Fluck I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Williams, Gibbs, Gregory, Gilbert Tyler, and many other brethren. Visitor—Bro. F. Paterson Organist 1662. Lodge was opened in accordance with the customary formalities shortly after half-past four o'clock, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting, was advanced, when Bro. Henry Blackwell jun. was raised to the sublime degree, the rite being most impressively administered by the W.M., assisted by his Officers. The ballot was then opened for Mr. James Henry Tee, who had been proposed by Bro. Ferguson, and seconded by Bro. Gibbon. The voting was unanimous in favour, and Mr. Tee was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Several motions, of which due notice had been given, were considered, and it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. Robertson, that the sum of ten guineas should be contributed by the Lodge to each of the three Masonic Charities. After the transaction of some routine business, the brethren adjourned to the throne-room, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided, when the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured. Bro. Gibbs I.P.M. proposed the health of their excellent Worshipful Master, in doing which he said the manner in which Bro. Smith had worked his duties in the Lodge that evening fully proved how zealous he was in the cause of Masonry; and remarking the heartiness with which he promoted all that conduced to the interest and prosperity of the Lodge, he felt sure the brethren would do that honour to the toast which it deserved. The toast was most cordially received, and Bro. Smith, in responding, said he thanked them most cordially for the kindly way in which they had received the mention of his name. He felt very much flattered at the terms in which Bro. Gibbs had spoken of him in regard to the performance of his duties. It had always been his endeavour, in whatever he undertook, to do it with all his might; and that was a maxim which applied to all the duties of life. He strove to do his duty to the utmost of his ability, and he was amply repaid if he succeeded in giving the least degree of satisfaction to the brethren. In turn he proposed the health of the Initiate, a toast which he was sure they would all receive with the utmost cordiality. As the ranks of the Lodge were thinned by the removal of members, or other causes, they were glad to welcome initiates, and he was sure the manner in which the toast would be received would prove to Bro. Tee how much his entrance into the Lodge was appreciated by the brethren. Bro. Tee, in responding, said it was alike his privilege and pleasure to thank them most sincerely for the kind manner in which they had allowed him to enter this Lodge, and still more so for the kindly way in which they had received him that evening. They would believe him when he said it would be his earnest and constant endeavour to discharge to the fullest extent practicable all the solemn obligations laid before him in Lodge, and to which he should give his earnest attention. Whatever he might lack in word or sentiment was more than made up in his sincerity of pleasure at having joined this most worthy Craft. The Worshipful Master then proposed in suitable terms the health of the Past Masters, in doing which he alluded to the valuable assistance they were ever ready to lend to him who occupied the chair. Bro. Gibbs responded, and in doing so observed that he and his brother Past Masters tried to do all they possibly could to promote the advantages and benefits of the Lodge of which they were members. He was one of the founders, and he believed the other Past Masters present were in the same position; and they were all pleased to find the Lodge so well supported. The remarks made by the Initiate that evening proved, with such men as they had now joining their ranks, there need be no fear as to the future welfare and prosperity of the St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge. The Worshipful Master, in giving the health of the Secretary, said the way in which Bro. Hookey discharged the duties of his office was a credit to the Lodge, and he acknowledged the many obligations he was under to that brother for the assistance he had rendered him during his year of office. Bro. Hookey thanked the brethren very heartily for the kind manner in which they had received the toast, and said it had afforded him very great pleasure to give whatever little assistance he could to the Lodge, and he was much gratified this evening when the Senior Warden proposed that they should contribute ten guineas instead of five towards the Masonic Charities, and enabling the brethren who had consented to act as Stewards to go up with better heart. They could afford the money they had voted, and as long as they could do so the best thing they could do was to assist the Benevolent Institutions of the Craft. At present they stood on the books of Grand Lodge at only five guineas, but he hoped the time might come when they would stand at fifty guineas. He concluded by saying it would be always his endeavour to contribute as far as he could to the prosperity of the Lodge, and no effort towards that end should be wanting on his part. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of his Officers, who always evinced a desire to do their duties well, and to assist in carrying forward the best interests of the Lodge. The toast was acknowledged by Brother Robertson, in suitable terms. In responding for the Visitors, Brother Paterson observed that this was not the first time he had enjoyed the hospitality of this Lodge, and he appreciated his visits, not only for the excellence of the working he witnessed in Lodge, but also the good-fellowship and welcome always extended to him by the brethren. The Tyler then closed the list in form, and the company separated at an early hour. During the evening some excellent songs and recitations were given, Brother F. Paterson kindly lending efficient aid as accompanyist on the pianoforte.

NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

THE regular meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 15th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Brother Haslip, who was supported by Bros. Tiddeman S.W., Stillwell J.W., Rev. C. J. Stevens Chaplain, Boulton Treasurer, Harper P.M. Secretary, Smith S.D., Potter J.D., A. Perl M.C., Weeden I.G., F. Perl Steward; Past Master's Bros. Gabb, Pierpoint, Bartlett, Sampson George, Stead, Cusworth, Speight Provincial Grand Tyler Surrey Tyler, and about a dozen other brethren. Lodge was opened in customary form, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, the ballot was opened for Mr. Charles Henry Ockleford, organist, who had been proposed by Bro. A. Perl, and seconded by Bro. F. Perl, and also for Mr. George James Thomas Patten, decorative artist, whose sponsors were the same. Both candidates were unanimously approved, and initiated by the Worshipful Master, whose working was, as usual, of the most satisfactory description. Lodge was then advanced, and Bros. John J. Pilley and J. B. Smith were raised to the sublime degree, the impressive rite being worked admirably. On resuming, the election for the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the choice of the brethren falling unanimously on Bro. Henry Tiddeman, who was warmly congratulated upon the dignity which had been conferred upon him. Bro. Joseph Boulton was re-elected Treasurer, with thanks for his past services, and Bro. C. T. Speight was appointed Tyler. Bro. Cusworth, as one of the Stewards for the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and Bro. Gabb for the Boys', made an appeal for assistance to their lists, and some other business having been transacted, the brethren separated, the customary post prandial festivities being on this occasion dispensed with.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—Held at Bro. Serjeant's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C. The usual weekly meeting was held on Wednesday last. Present—Bros. Serjeant W.M., Legg S.W., Bromet J.W., Millington S.D. and Sec., Clark I.G., Andrews Preceptor; also Bros. Black, Leoffler, Wilson, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Black as candidate. This brother also answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The W.M. then put to the candidate the questions leading to the third, and resumed to the first degree, when, after routine work, he closed his Lodge. Members of the Kent Lodge of Instruction will work the Fifteen Sections, at the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, on Monday February 26th. Craftsmen are respectfully invited to attend.

Gihon Lodge, No. 49.—On Thursday evening last a regular meeting of the members of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham street, when the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Cook presided, and was supported by Bros. F. H. Spiller S.W., C. H. Spiller J.W., Stillwell Treas., Waterworth P.M. Sec., Jackson S.D., Anderson J.D., W. Hart I.G., Turner jun. W.S., with several Past Masters and Visitors. After preliminaries Mr. Barham was initiated, and other business having been transacted, the brethren partook of a banquet.

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REVIEWS.

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A Handbook of the Electric Lighting Act, 1882, with Hints to Local Authorities, Explanatory Notes, and Amended Rules of the Board of Trade. Also detailed information expressly prepared for the use of Metropolitan Vestries and Electric Light Companies. By Arthur P. Poley, B.A. (Late Scholar of St. John's, Oxford), of the Inner Temple and Midland Circuit, Barrister-at-Law, and Frank Dethridge, Vestry Clerk of Paddington and Vice President of the Metropolitan Local Government (Officers) Association. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co., and Waterlow & Sons (Limited). 1882.

THE authors of this little work are fully justified in stating in their preface, that "care has been exercised to make the book as perfect and accurate as possible," and we doubt not it will be found of use by the local authorities, for whose benefit it has been chiefly undertaken. In the introductory remarks are briefly noted what has been done by the City authorities and what by the Metropolitan Board of Works, and the reasons which may deter local authorities from consenting to applications for licenses, while stress is laid on the provision "made in the Act for the compulsory purchase by a local authority of any undertaking at the expiration of a given period, such purchase to be based upon a fair marketable value only, and no addition is to be made in respect of the purchase being a compulsory one, or of good-will, or of any profits which may or might have been made out of the undertaking." In the "Hints to Local Authorities" are described the various courses open to them. They may avoid taking any action, in which case a monopoly would be established, for at least one-and-twenty years, subject to its being terminated by their compulsory powers of purchase. They may oppose the companies applying for a provisional order, which, in any circumstances, would be costly. They may seek to impose conditions, in which case the pretensions of the several applicants should be sifted, and the company proposing the most reasonable terms supported. Or they may become undertakers themselves and apply for a license, which is for a period not exceeding seven years, in which case they might enter into a contract with one of the Electric Light Companies, but they would not be able to divest themselves of their liabilities as undertakers. The plan that is looked upon by the authors as the best is that the local authorities should remain inactive until such time as the new illuminant shall have passed from the realms of speculation. The bulk of the book is occupied with a clear and able criticism of the Act on Electric Lighting passed last year, the Act itself being printed in full, and supplemented by the rules enacted by the Board of Trade. There is likewise a well-compiled Index, which greatly enhances the utility of the work. In short, the book is, as we have before remarked, admirably calculated to assist the local authorities in determining the course it will be best for them to pursue in connection with any scheme for lighting the districts they preside over by means of electricity.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. After the usual preliminaries, the Secretary announced three deaths,—of a male annuitant, a female annuitant, and a male candidate not yet elected, as well as the removal from the list of candidates of one who had succeeded in obtaining employment. He further announced that the complete list of candidates for the May Election comprised seventy-one widows and fifty men, as against five female and twelve male vacancies. Bro. Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, proposed,—but subject to the donations at the Festival allowing of the increase,—and it was agreed to, that over and above the three male and three female deferred candidates provided for by the laws of the Institution, there should be an addition to the number of those to be elected of eight males and seven females, thus raising the number of the total to be ballotted for to twenty-two men and fifteen women. Bro. Terry also stated that Bro. Col. Creaton had kindly given forty-two volumes of *Punch* for the amusement of the old folk at Croydon. Brother C. J. Perceval gave notice of motion, for the next meeting, for the insertion of the following Clause in the Rules of the Institution, namely, that "Every Vice-Patron, upon completion of a further donation of one hundred guineas to either fund, or partly to each fund, in one sum, or in sums of not less than ten guineas each, shall become a patron of the Institution, with twelve votes for every ten guineas subscribed." In the course of the meeting a vote of thanks was passed to the Board of Stewards, and also to Brother General Brownrigg P.G.M. Surrey for having undertaken the chairmanship at the approaching Festival. Among those present were Brothers Colonel Creaton (in the chair), Edgar Bowyer, John Bulmer, W. Raynham Stewart, W. March, Bolton, Stephens, Brett, Quitmann. Girard, Belton, Adlard, Goodall, Bush, Perceval, Webb, Daniel, Cubitt, Tattershall, Moore, Massey, James Terry Secretary.

A temperance Lodge of Freemasons is being formed at Manchester, to be called the Wolseley Lodge, in honour of Lord Wolseley of Cairo, who has written an autograph letter to the provisional Secretary Bro. P. Howard Davis, thanking the brethren for the honour conferred on him in naming the Lodge after him, wishing the Lodge the success it deserves, and soliciting to have his name enrolled on its list of members. R.W. Bro. Col. N. Legendre N. Starkie Prov. G. Master East Lancashire, has signed and forwarded the petition for a consecration warrant to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in England. The first W.M. of the new Lodge is to be Bro. Daniel Edwards Past Master and Treasurer of the Callender Lodge, a life abstainer, and thirty years a member of the Independent Order of Rechabites.

On Monday last Bro. F. Perl was entertained at supper by a few members of the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, of which Lodge he is the Secretary, for the purpose of congratulating him on his recent marriage. Before the company separated Bro. Perl was presented with a handsome tea and coffe service, the gift of the brethren. The supper took place at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, and was served in Bro. Baker's well-known liberal style.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 13th instant. Present—Bros. Carr W.M., Clark S.W., Wardell J.W., Christian S D., Robinson J.D., Bunker I.G.; also Bros. Gray, Cushing, Brasted, Smyth, and Wallington P.M. Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cushing candidate. Bro. Gray then offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Gray was passed to that of Fellow Craft. Bro. Christian worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. T. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

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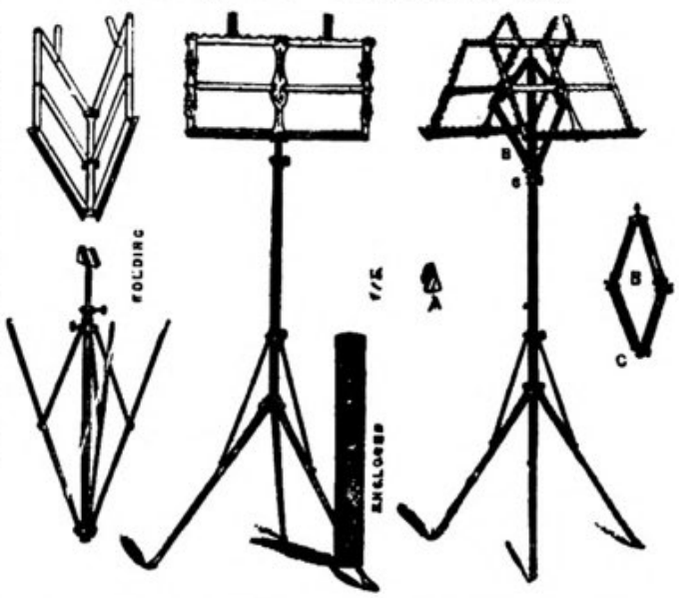

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THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from p 90.)

A CONSIDERATION of the worship of Mithras completes Bro. Gould's account of "The Ancient Mysteries." This cult had its origin in the time of the ancient Persian monarchy, but the Mithraism that was introduced into Rome in the century before the Christian era, or at a later period—there being differences of opinion as to the exact date of its introduction—was a modified form of the Mithraism of the Zend-Avesta, or sacred writings of the Persians, attributed to Zoroaster. In the latter he is the chief of the Izeds under his creator Ormuzd, in whose wars against Ahriman he is the presiding agent; but in the former he was confounded with the sun and the Supreme Deity. "The fundamental dogma of the Mithraic doctrine," writes Bro. Gould, "was the transmigration of souls under the seven planets, over whose operations Mithras presided. The initiated were divided into seven classes or grades"—other authorities, as shown in a footnote, give other numbers—which were named, successively, soldiers, lions, hyænas, &c., after the animals sacred to Mithras. After passing victoriously through the several ordeals, the neophyte was presented with an engraved stone or amulet, as a token of his admission into the brotherhood, and with the object of supplying a means of recognition by its members. He was also offered a crown, which, however, he was instructed to refuse, saying, 'My only crown is Mithras.' The followers of Mithras, differing from the initiated of other systems, never wore wreaths; and when 'tried and proved' as to their having been duly admitted to a participation in this mystery, threw down the offered wreath, saying, 'My crown is my God.' The candidate, moreover, on the successful conclusion of his probation, was *marked* in some indelible manner, the exact nature of which cannot now be ascertained. Mr. King is of opinion this mark was not *burned in*, but incised or tatooed, but he need hardly have suggested that the members of a secret society did not receive the mark of membership on any *conspicuous* part of the body. We learn from sculptured tablets, and from inscriptions and symbols on tombs, that Mithraism prevailed extensively in this country, as well as in Germany and Gaul, in each case, no doubt, having been introduced by the Roman legions." This faith or cult is supposed to have "survived into comparatively modern times in heretical and semi-pagan forms of Gnosticism," which, we are told, "was the earliest attempt to construct a philosophical system of faith. It was a speculative system, and exercised little influence upon the masses of the people." Later on he adds, "From the fact that many genuine Gnostic symbols have come down to us, or reappear in speculative Masonry, it has been contended, that whereas the Gnosis, in its last and greatest manifestation, the composite religion of Manes, absorbed within itself the relics of the Mithraic faith, so in turn the Manichean talismans and amulets have kept an unbroken existence through the Sectaries of the Lebanon, the Soofees of Persia, the Templars, and the Brethren of the Rosy Cross. Von Hammer lends the weight of his authority in support of the Templar link; which, however, he believes to have been forged at a very early period of the Gnostic heresy, and that it connected the Soldiers of the Cross with the *Ophites*, and not the *Manicheans*, their far later successors." He concludes by furnishing an instance from Mackey "of the *transmutation* of Gnostic talismans into Masonic symbols, by a gradual transmission through alchemy, Rosicrucianism, and mediæval architecture," in the "*Azoth Philosophorum* of Basil Valentine, the Hermetic philosopher, who flourished in the seventeenth century." In this is a plate, "which is hermetic in its designs, but is full of Masonic symbolism," representing "a winged globe, inscribed with a triangle within a square," on which reposes a dragon. "On the latter stands a human figure of two hands and two heads surrounded by the sun, the moon, and five stars, representing the seven planets. One of the heads is that of a male, the other of a female. The hand attached to the male part of the figure holds the compasses, that to the female a square. The square and compasses thus distributed appear to have convinced Dr. Mackey that originally a phallic meaning was attached to these symbols, as there was to the point within the circle, which in this plate also appears in the centre of the globe. 'The compasses held by the male figure would represent the male generative principle, and the square held by the female, the female productive principle. The subsequent interpretation given to the combined square and compasses was the transmutation from the hermetic talisman to the Masonic symbol.'"

This completes the sketch of "The Ancient Mysteries" and is followed by an account of that remarkable sect "the Essenes," based on Dr. Ginsburg's essay. It will be as well that we should note the more important particulars respecting them. Thus, as to their doctrines and practices—"They regarded the inspired Law of God with the utmost veneration. The highest aim of their life was to become the temples of the Holy Ghost, when they could prophesy, perform miraculous cures, and, like Elias, be the forerunners of the Messiah. This they regarded as the last stage of perfection, which could only be reached by gradual growth in holiness through strict observance of the law. They abstained from using oaths, because they regarded the invocation, in swearing, of anything which represents God's glory, as a desecration." The degrees of purity, according to Jewish tradition, were four in number: "1. The ordinary purity required of every worshipper in the temple; 2. The higher degree of purity necessary for eating of the heave-offering; 3. The still higher degree requisite for partaking of the sacrifices; and 4. The degree of purity required of those who sprinkle the water absolving from sin." Of these only the first was obligatory on every one, while the others were voluntary. The strictness of the ceremonial law led them ultimately to form themselves into a separate community, in which, with the exception of some weaker brethren, they led a life of celibacy, those who were permitted to take unto themselves wives being debarred from advancement to the higher orders of the brotherhood. They had all things in common, and were governed by a president, "who was elected by the whole body." Trials were conducted "by juries composed of at least a hundred members, who had to be unanimous in their verdict." They "always got up before the sun rose, and never talked about any worldly matters until they had assembled and prayed together with their faces turned towards the sun. Some occupied themselves with healing the sick, some in instructing the young; but all of them devoted certain hours to studying the mysteries of nature and revelations, and of the celestial hierarchy. At the fifth hour (or eleven o'clock a.m.) the labour of the forenoon terminated, and they partook of their common meal, each member taking his seat according to age." Between labour and refreshment they assembled together, baptised in cold water, put on their white garments—the symbol of purity—and entered the refectory with as much solemnity as if it were the temple. They ate in solemn silence, and when the meal was ended, resumed their ordinary dress and occupations till supper time. The observance of the Sabbath was exceedingly strict, ten members constituting an assembly for divine worship. They had no ordained ministry, the ordinances of the brotherhood and the "mysteries connected with the Tetragrammaton, and the angelic worlds" forming the leading topics of Sabbath instruction. Recruits were obtained from the Jewish community. "Every grown-up candidate had to pass through a novitiate of two stages, which extended over three years, before he could be finally accepted. In the first, which lasted twelve months, he had to cast all his possessions into the common treasury, and received a copy of the ordinances, as well as *a spade, an apron*, used at the lustrations, and *a white robe*, to put on at meals, being the symbols of purity. After this probation, he was admitted into the second stage, which lasted two years, and was called *an approacher*. During this period he was admitted to a closer fellowship, and shared the lustral rites, but could not hold any office, or sit down at the common table. On passing through the second stage of probation, *the approacher* became *an associate*, or a full member of the society, when he was received into *the brotherhood*, and partook of the common meal. Before,

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however, he was made *a homiletes*, or finally admitted into close fellowship, he had to bind himself by a most solemn oath (this being the only occasion on which the Essenes used an oath), to observe three things: 1. *Love to God*; 2. *Merciful justice towards all men*—to be faithful to every man, and especially to rulers; and 3. *Purity of character*, which implied *inter alia* strict secresy towards outsiders, so as not to divulge the secret doctrines (*mustéria*) to any one, and perfect openness with the members of the Order."

It is needless to say that so holy a brotherhood has commanded respect from innumerable writers—Jewish, Greek, Roman, Christian Church, and heathen. That they had anything in common with the Pythagoreans, as some, taking a remark of Josephus for the justification of this view, have been led to believe, is shown to be out of the question by Dr. Ginsburg, certain of those differences between the Essenes and the disciples of Pythagoras as noted by that writer being reproduced by Bro. Gould. Thus the Pythagoreans were polytheists, the Essenes were monotheists; the former believed in the metempsychosis, while the latter did not. Pythagoras taught that man could control his fortune, but Essenism held that fate governed all things. The last difference quoted is that, while the Pythagoreans were aristocratic and exclusive, the Essenes were meek and lowly, and beloved even by other sects. There were, however, strong points of resemblance both in doctrine and practice between the Essenes and the Pharisees. "In both systems there were *four* classes of Levitical purity, a novitiate of twelve months, an apron was bestowed in the first year, and the mysteries of the cosmogony and cosmology were only revealed to members of the society. Stewards supplied the needy strangers of either order with clothing and food. Both regarded office as coming from God, and their meal as a sacrament. Both bathed before meals, and wore symbolical garments on the lower part of their body while so doing. Each meal began and ended with prayer. Both regarded ten persons as constituting a complete number for Divine worship," and oaths were forbidden in both. On the other hand, the Essenes differed from the Pharisees in that they were an isolated order and celibates, did not frequent the temple or offer sacrifices, and though they believed in the immortality of the soul, did not accept the doctrine of the resurrection of the body.

Passing over what relates to their origin, antiquity, and disappearance from the field of history, we come to the mention of the theory of Krause who, from his point of view, finds in what he considers the earliest Masonic ritual, "which he dates at A.D. 926," evidence of "customs 'obviously taken from the usages of the Roman Colleges and other sources, that individually agree with the customs and doctrines of the Essenes, Stoics, and Soofees of Persia.' This writer draws especial attention to the 'agreement of the brotherhood of the Essenes with the chief doctrines which the Culdees associated with the *three great lights of the Lodge*.' He then observes 'that though coincidences, without any actual connection, are of little value, yet, if it can be historically proved that the one society knew of the other, the case is altered.' Having, then, clearly established (at least, to his own satisfaction) that the Culdees were the authors of the 926 constitutions, he next argues that they knew of and copied in many respects the Essenes and Therapeutæ; after which he cites Philo in order to establish that the three fundamental doctrines of the Essenes were Love of God, Love of Virtue, and Love of Mankind;" and "these he compares with the moral phases of moral conduct, symbolised in our Lodges by the Bible, square, and compasses."

We next come to "the Roman Collegia," and Bro. Gould quotes Coote's contention "that the Romans of Britain survived all the barbarian conquests, and that they retained their own law with its procedure and police; their own lands, with the tenures and obligations appertaining to them; their own cities and municipal government; their Christianity and private *Colleges*." And he continues quoting from the same writer thus:—

All Roman cities were the foster-mothers of those especially Roman institutions—the Colleges. The Anglo-Saxons found these institutions in full play when they came over here; and, with the cities in which they flourished, they left them to the Romans to make such use of them as they pleased; possibly ignoring them, certainly not interfering in their practice, nor controlling their principles. These Colleges were very dear to the Romans. They were native to the great mother city. They were nearly as old as municipality itself, and it was as easy to imagine a Roman without a city as to conceive his existence without a college. The two made up that part of his disengaged life which was not claimed by home and the domestic avocations. No sooner was the Roman conquest of Britain begun, and a *modicum* of territory was obtained, than we find a *collegium* in our own *civitas Regnorum*—a *collegium fabrorum*. And this was while Claudius was still emperor. The colleges of course multiplied and spread throughout our island, remaining during the whole of the imperial rule, and surviving, with our provincial ancestors, the various barbarian contests.

When these conquests were completed, the Anglo-Saxons, who, unlike their brethren of Germany, did not interfere with the habits of the vanquished, left their new subjects to the possession and enjoyment of this most powerful means of self protection. As the German conquerors of Gaul and Italy, who feared and hated the colleges, *prohibited their very existence under the harshest penalties, because they knew them to be seminaries of free Roman thought*, we must suppose that this leniency of the Anglo-Saxon arose either out of ignorance of their tendency, or contempt of their effect. But whatever was the ground of this toleration, it is quite clear that the colleges, though under another name, continued to exist and maintain themselves.

They are masqued, it is true, under the barbarous name of gild when our historic writers begin to tell us of them. This trivial word, due to the contributions upon which the colleges had from all time subsisted, betrays their constitution; and we find them also, where we ought to expect them—in the Roman cities of Britain.

He also quotes, by way of contrast, from an historical sketch by Mr. Freeman, who, in comparing the *English* settlement in Britain with the Teutonic settlements in the continental provinces of Rome, says: "Elsewhere the conquerors and the conquered mingled; the fabric of Roman society was not wholly overthrown; the laws, the speech, the religion of the elder time went on, modified, doubtless, but never utterly destroyed. In Britain a great gulf divides us from everything before our coming. Our laws and language have in later times been greatly modified, not at the hands of the conquered Britons, but at the hands of the conquering Normans. Elsewhere, in a word, the old heritage, the old traditions of Rome still survive; here they are things of the dead past, objects only of antiquarian curiosity."

There is likewise a long quotation from Mr. Pike's "History of Crime," with the first portion of which we shall content ourselves. He (Mr. Pike) observes "that the priority of any of the three forms of guild becomes a mere matter of conjecture, and the source of the whole system must necessarily remain doubtful. Regarded from one point of view, the guild has a strong resemblance to the family tie of the Teutonic and other barbarous tribes; regarded from another, it is a species of bail, which involves a principle too universally applied to be considered characteristic of any one people; regarded from a third, it is strikingly like that institution of colleges or companies which was always familiar to the Romans, and which we know from inscriptions to have existed in Britain during the Roman occupation, both in the form of the religious guild and in the form of the craft guild."

Having laid these different opinions before his readers, Brother Gould goes on to consider, firstly, the forms in which the Collegia appeared; then, their general or common features; and thirdly, their character when disseminated throughout the Empire. As regards the first point, he groups them in four principal divisions, namely, religious bodies, such as the Colleges of the Priests and Vestal Virgins; associations of official persons, such as the *corpus* or *collegium Scribarum*; corporations for trade-commerce, such as the *Fabri*, *Pistores*, &c.; and associations, somewhat resembling the modern club and known as *Sodalitates*, *Sodalitia*, *Collegia Sodalitia*. These last were originally leagues for feasting together, though at times of civil commotion they frequently became centres of political intrigue. Among the characteristics of the Collegium may be noted that it could not consist of less than three members; that it was divided into *decuriæ* and *centuriæ* and governed by a *magister* and *decuriones* — the "decuriones" being, for the sake of Masonic convenience we presume, translated into "Wardens;" that among the other officers were a Treasurer, Secretary, and Archivis; that to each candidate on his admission was administered an oath; that the expenses were defrayed out of the dues and subscriptions imposed on the members; that the *sodales* supported their poor and buried their deceased brethren; that each college celebrated its anniversary or natal day; and, on the authority of a single instance cited by Mr. Coote, that they called and regarded each other as brethren. As to the character of these Colleges when distributed throughout the Roman empire, it is worth while to note that the Masons' College is not mentioned, it being probable that this body of craftsmen was

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included in the *Collegium fabrorum*. One of the leading features of these provincial Colleges is their connection with the religion of the people, and another the hereditary principle, by which the son succeeded to the occupation of his father. As to their constitution, Bro. Gould quotes the following from Sir F. Palgrave: "It is evident that the Colleges were not of a uniform constitution. Some were entirely grounded on personal obligations; others, if we may borrow from our legal nomenclature, savoured of the realty; and the supposition that the Roman jurists, either willingly or inadvertently, forgot or confounded the primitive distinction may partly account for the perplexed organisation which the colleges assumed." Brother Gould himself considers that "in the widely diversified regions over which the system of Colleges was extended by imperial Rome, the usages, the requirements, and the purpose of these institutions, must have gradually varied from those of their original types, and have assumed features dictated by the circumstances of each locality, and the exigencies of its external relations." As to the connection between modern Freemasonry and the Collegia, Bro. Fort appears to see one existing through "the junction of Byzantine corporations with Teutonic guilds," which "afforded the substantial basis of subsequent lodge appointments and ritualism, such as have descended to modern Freemasonry," Byzantine building corporations being, according to Müller, permitted to live outside the limits of the Byzantine empire, and "exercise a judicial government among themselves, according to the laws of the country to which they owed allegiance."

The concluding section of this Chapter is devoted to the Culdees. Different origins have been ascribed to the term, but whether it was Gaelic or Latin; whether a Culdee was a servant of God, one separated or espoused to God, a man of seclusion, or a worshipper of God, it seems they existed in Ireland, where they "had numerous establishments and retained their name at Armagh down to the time of Archbishop Usher;" in Scotland, where it is said to have originated in Iona, and whence it disappeared after 1382; and in England in the time of Athelstan, who is said to have granted a charter to the English Masons at York in 926. As regards the last, there is in the British Museum Library —Cotton collection—a chartulary of St. Leonard's Hospital at York, an abstract of which was printed in Dugdale's "Monasticon." Of this abstract we have the following particulars:—

"When King Athelstan was on his march against the Scotch in 936, he halted at York Castle, and there besought of the ministers of St. Peter's Church, who were then called *Colidei*, to offer up their prayers on behalf of himself and his expedition, promising them that, if he returned victorious, he would confer suitable honour upon the church and its ministers. Accordingly, after a successful campaign, he revisited this church, and publicly returned thanks for the favours which Heaven had vouchsafed to him. And observing in the same church, men of holy life and honest conversation, then styled *Colidei*, who maintained a number of poor people, and withal had but little whereon to live, he granted to them and their successors for ever, for the better enabling them to support the poor who resorted thither, to exercise hospitality, and perform other works of piety, a thrave of corn from every ploughland in the diocese of York—a donation which continued to be enjoyed until a later period under the name of Petercorn. The record goes on to state that these Colidei continued to receive fresh accessions to their endowments, and especially from Thomas, whom William the Conqueror advanced to the see of York in 1069. The Colidei soon after erected or founded in the same city, on a site which had belonged to the crown, an hospital or halting-place for the poor who flocked thither; to which were transferred the endowments which the said Colidei or clerics had hitherto received. William Rufus removed the hospital to another part of the city; and King Stephen, when further augmenting its resources, changed its name from St. Peter's to St. Leonard's hospital. It contained a master or warden and 13 brethren, 4 secular priests, 8 sisters, 30 choristers, 2 schoolmasters, 206 beadsmen, and 6 servitors."

The Chartulary containing the foregoing particulars was engrossed in the reign of Henry V., and it is by no means improbable, as Bro. Gould says in his footnote, that the incident, as narrated in it, gave rise to the legend about the York Charter granted by Athelstan in 926. However, we will not enter further into this speculation, or delay longer over the subject of Culdeeism with which Bro. Gould concludes his first chapter, and which, therefore, affords a convenient halting-place in the progress of our remarks.

(To be continued.)

The Prince of Wales reached Marlborough House on Thursday after his brief sojourn at Cannes.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney
K.T. 128—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1205—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1238—Gooch, Alba y Hotel, Twickenham
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 20th FEBRUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
78—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Doucaire, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel.
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
960—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powrall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)

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1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
348—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croxton
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prantwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1613—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 106—Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth

WEDNESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1534—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1923—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1592—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
131—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
135—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
136—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
425—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Devonshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Overton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich

1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Eurgovne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington
R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
51—Angel, Three Cups Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
389—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
968—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1313—Vermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple street, Newcastle
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborne Street, Hull
R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
R.A. 43—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 78—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 749—Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
M.M. 223—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

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SATURDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE usual monthly meeting of this old established Lodge took place on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Business commenced at 5.30 p.m. The W.M., Bro. Lancaster, being supported by Bros. Smith S.W., Runtz J.W., Bieling S.D., Bryant J.D., Turner I.G., Hayday M.C., Davis Tyler; P.M.'s Jackson, Jagielski, Rath, Nowakowski (Treasurer), Paas (Secretary). Notice of emergency having been read in open Lodge, in strict accordance with the Constitutions, for the observance of which the W.M. is particularly noted, ballot was taken for the son of the highly respected Treasurer Bro. Nowakowski. This proving to be unanimous in his favour, he was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in the perfect manner which characterises the Polish Lodge. Bro. Cooper was passed to the second degree. The Lodge received, with sincere regret, the news of the sad death of Bro. Chas. Warburton Russell, who was accidentally drowned whilst crossing from Jersey; and it was unanimously passed that a letter of condolence should be sent to his friends, expressing the sorrow that was felt by every brother. Notice of motion was given by Bro. Turner, seconded by Bro. Runtz, that a Committee should be formed to inquire into and arrange certain matters connected with the welfare of the Lodge. A brother applied for assistance, which was given, and the names of Mr. Varley Simpson, Mr. Edrupt, and two other gentlemen, were handed in as candidates for initiation at the next meeting. A pleasing incident during the evening was the investment, by Bro. Rath P.M., of Bros. Geflowski and Draper, with the special jewel appertaining to the Polish National Lodge. All other business being completed, Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren retired to the banquet table, the dinner being a marked improvement on that served on previous occasions. The cloth being removed and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts given, the I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., alluding particularly to the manner in which the work of the evening had been performed, and to the strict adherence of the W.M. to the Book of Constitutions. The W.M. replied; he was pleased the brethren were satisfied with the working of the Lodge, he always strove to adhere as strictly as possible to the laws laid down for their guidance. He hoped the brethren would be more regular in their attendance, as on the last occasion the Lodge was almost entirely composed of Officers and Past Masters. The toast of the Initiates was then proposed, and Bro. Paas P.M. favoured the brethren with the "Entered Apprentice," sung in his usual melodious tones. The Initiate, Bro. Nowakowski, returned thanks; he trusted that he might some day occupy as honoured a position in the Polish National Lodge as his father now held. Bro. Geflowski, a joining member, said that he, being a Pole, was very pleased to belong to the Polish Lodge. He had been in many Lodges, having been made a Mason fifteen years ago in the Marina Lodge, Liverpool, and a few months ago had visited a Lodge in Bombay, where the S.W. was a native. Bro. Draper, the other joining member, stated that he had joined the Polish National Lodge on account of the excellent working of the I.P.M.; he considered the work was as well done by its present Master. The following Visitors attended:—Bros. Hook W.M. East Surrey 463, Hastings Miller P.M. Royal Albert 907, Saegert P.M. Wellington, Dr. J. McWatter Boomer St. John's Lodge, Ireland, Newcome Crystal Palace, Manning Royal Albert, Parlee Old King's Arms 28, Venning, Bourne, &c.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE fifth meeting of the session of The Great City Lodge was held on Saturday, 10th February, at the Cannon-street Hotel, and, no doubt on account of the very unfavourable state of the weather, was but thinly attended. Bros. Kibble W.M., Keeble S.W., Baber J.W., N. B. Headon Treasurer, Blackie Secretary; all the assistant Officers were present, besides several Past Masters and Visitors. The Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes confirmed, was opened in the second and third degrees, and Bro. Ernest Milton Caslon was raised to the degree of M.M., the ceremony being most ably conducted by the W.M. The Lodge was then resumed to the second degree, and Bro. Snell had conferred on him the second degree, which was equally well performed. The Lodge was then lowered to the first degree, when Bro. Hamer P.M., in absence of Bro. Postans, who had given notice of motion, moved, "That the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and placed on the W. Master's list on his serving as Steward at the ensuing Festival." This, having been seconded, was put and unanimously agreed to. The case of a brother applying for assistance at the last Lodge, to whom a donation was made, was again brought before the Lodge, and it appearing that the enquiries had not proved satisfactory, it was resolved that no further assistance should be given. After some communications had been received, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. At the conclusion of the repast and on the withdrawal of the cloth the W. Master gave The Queen, which was followed by the National Anthem, well sung by Bro. Cozens, who accompanied himself on the pianoforte. The W. Master said the next toast was that of The Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, whose services since his connection with the Craft were well known and appreciated; he had only to mention his name to evoke the heartiest applause. This toast was most enthusiastically received. The W. Master said that the next he had the honour of proposing he should do without preface, it was the health of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. Bro. Stevens P.M. said, in proposing the next toast, he also should not indulge in any preface, as it was a standing toast. By an unwritten law of the Lodge they were bound to shew respect to any one who occupied the chair, and he was sure they would never do so with greater sincerity than on the present occasion. Therefore he had great pleasure in calling their attention to what he might designate the toast of the evening, inasmuch that they had not that night a newly-installed brother amongst them. Their W. Master, who was installed in October last, was about to leave the chair, and he (Bro. Stevens) trusted that he would see the means of leaving some work for his successor. He thought they might congratulate themselves on Bro. Kibble's efficient working, and under his kindly rule the prestige of the Lodge had been kept up during his year of office. He looked upon him with great pride as one of the first initiates in the Lodge, and he might say that very few members had gone through the chair with greater efficiency than their present W. Master. He, therefore, asked them to accept the toast in as hearty, cordial, and enthusiastic a manner as it deserved;—the health of the W. Master. The Wor. Master, in reply, said he must make a few remarks on the too flattering manner in which Bro. Stevens had proposed his health, but he appreciated the very cordial shake of the hand he received from all the members, and it would be a matter of regret to him when the time should come for him to cease to occupy the chair; his time for filling it was coming to an end. He had, however, the satisfaction of knowing that the brother who would follow him would do the work better than he had done it, or had been able to do. He thanked the brethren for that kindly expression of their feelings towards him. Having had his day, he knew he should be worthily succeeded by the brother who would follow him in the chair. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was one always favourably received in that Lodge; it was the health of the Visitors. It was a matter of great importance to a Lodge that they should have visitors; they had a good influence; without their presence they might become a little bit careless in the way in which they rendered their ceremonies; but when they knew that the Visitors were observing them, they might perhaps be more cautious, and do their duty in a way which might have a salutary influence upon other Lodges. The Visitors severally returned thanks. The W.M. said he had a special toast to propose; this was the health of Bro. Caslon. He was about to leave them, for a foreign land, and he (the Worshipful Master) asked as a favour that he would leave some memento to give them a pleasing remembrance of him during his absence. Bro. Caslon returned thanks; he was under deep obligations to them for the manner in which he had been received in The Great City Lodge; he should never forget the many happy hours he had spent with them, and it would be to him the greatest pleasure when he should be able to come amongst them once more. Bro. Frost favoured the brethren with a performance of "Home, Sweet Home," with variations, on the pianoforte, and that beautiful air was listened to with intense interest, evoking that heartfelt sympathy which this plaintive melody is so well calculated to draw forth. The Worshipful Master next gave the Past Masters of the Lodge. Bro. Stevens, in responding to the toast, alluded to the coming revision of the Book of Constitutions, and the number of amendments which had been sent in to Grand Lodge, and which would require the most careful attention from not only the oldest, but by the youngest member of that Lodge. The other Past Masters also returned thanks. The W.M. next gave the health of their Brothers Treasurer and Secretary; he regretted that it was a toast that always came so late in the evening, but it was always most enthusiastically received. Their Treasurer was indeed a most wonderful man; he paid bills with money he had not got; he was such a wonderful man that they should never get such another. He also took great trouble in assisting him (the W.M.) in the details of his office, and he could not thank him sufficiently for what he had done. As to their Bro. Secretary, he did a great deal more than what were his real duties. He might add, that as regarded their Treasurer and Secretary, they had a pair of the most efficient officers any Lodge ever possessed. Bro. Bertram sang the splendid air "Alice," with great effect. Bro. Headon said it was the most difficult part of a Treasurer's duty to return thanks for the toast which had been proposed; it was very hard indeed to find anything new to say in returning them thanks for the very cordial manner in which his health was always received. He was pleased that they had that night voted twenty-five guineas, to be placed on the list of the W.M., who would represent the Lodge as Steward at the Festival for the Girls' School. The Lodge had given a sum sufficient to make them Vice Presidents of the Benevolent Institution, also seventy-five guineas to the Boys' School, and the amount they had voted that night would make them Vice Presidents of the Girls' School; it would only require a similar sum next year to be given to the Boys' School to make them Vice Presidents of all the Masonic Institutions. Next year, when their W.M. became Steward for the Boys' School, he would have the gratification of knowing that the Lodge was Vice President of all three Institutions, and after that occasion he thought they might stop and take breath, and allow younger Lodges to do what ought to be done: that was to do their duty. Bro. Blackie thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which they had received the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary; he assured them it was a pleasure to him to attend to the duties of his office,

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which he had discharged to the best of his ability. It appeared that he had given satisfaction to the W.M., and at the end of another year he hoped to give the same satisfaction as he had done in the past. Some other toasts were given, and the proceedings were brought to a close after a most successful and harmonious meeting.

CLARENDON LODGE, No. 1769.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 13th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a goodly attendance of the brethren and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. John Soper W.M. There were also amongst those present Bros. C. Thompson I.P.M., T. Grove P.M., T. W. Mayes S.W., George Croxton J.W., J. Stanley Treasurer, J. Cooper Sec., T. B. Linscott S.D., T. C. Thomson J.D., W. Goldsmith I.G., &c. The Visitors included Bros. E. B. Grabham P.M. 19 P.P.G.S.W. Middlesex, J. L. Sillitoe P.M. 665 P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire, T. G. Smith W.M. 194, G. Snow 1228, S. J. Cook 95, and H. D. Pool 764. There was very little business on the agenda, and at an early hour the brethren and visitors sat down to a well-spread banquet, where the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, interspersed with harmony, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—The members held their usual meeting on Saturday last, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Brothers Galer W.M., Venning S.W., Lorkin J.W. and Treasurer, Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Marks S.D., Archer J.D., Humphreys I.G.; also Bros. Houghton, Wolf, Rhodes, Snook, &c. The usual formalities were duly observed in opening the Lodge, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Brother Wolf gave proof of his proficiency and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Brother Wolf acting as candidate. Brother Pearcy worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was called off and on. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. The W.M. gave the lecture on the tracing board, in an excellent manner. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and opened in the third. Lodge was then closed to the first degree. Brother Venning was duly elected to preside at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed and adjourned. The bad weather, we presume, was the cause of such a small attendance on this occasion.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No 507.—This Lodge of Instruction met at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday evening, the 9th inst. Present—Bros. C. H. Wiltshire W.M., H. H. Wiltshire S.W., Bate J.W., Thurston S.D., Hennig J.D., Fullwood I.G., Poore Secretary, Stevens P.M. and Preceptor, Smith P.M., &c. Lodge having been opened and the minutes read, Brother Dick proved his proficiency, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M. The Lodge being closed to the first degree, Brother Fullwood rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Brother H. H. Wiltshire was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and having appointed his Officers, the Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned.

St. Leonards Lodge, No. 1766.—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, the 7th instant, under the presidency of Brother J. A. Jones Worshipful Master. There were also present—Bros. Stean P.M., Barham P.M., Benjamin P.M., Clement S.W., Funston J.W., Rev. Henderson Chaplain, Walker S.D., Matthews J.D., Drysdale I.G., Thrower M.C., Young Organist, Harrison Steward, Very Tyler, and a good attendance of brethren. The Lodge was opened according to ancient form, and the business comprised the passing of Bros. Rose, Henman jun., and Colls, to the Fellow Craft degree. Mr. Thomas Weatherly was unanimously elected, and initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Brother W. Shurmur 1471, and Brother James Tames 723, were unanimously elected joining members. Brother Clark was appointed Assistant Steward. The whole of the ceremonies were ably worked by the Worshipful Master and his Officers. On the motion of Brother Barham, seconded by Brother Stean, a vote of condolence was passed to the widow of the late Bro. Charles Davis, whose decease is deeply regretted by the members of the Lodge. Lodge having been closed the brethren retired to refreshment.

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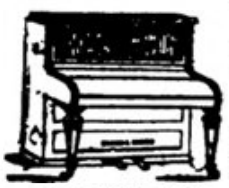

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THE FESTIVAL OF WEDNESDAY NEXT.

WE must not allow the present opportunity to pass without reiterating, for the last time, our heartiest wishes for the success of the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on Wednesday next. We have again and again, and to the best of our humble ability, urged the claims of this Charity on the support of the Craft. The good work it is doing is considerable, and of course entails the expenditure, annually, of a very large sum of money. Its annuitants, of all classes, are some 335 in number, the males receiving £40 per annum each and the females £32, while there is also a limited number of the latter who are allowed to receive the half of their late husband's annuities for a certain term of years, unless in the course of such term they are elected on the Female Fund, when they become entitled to the full amount] for a widow. But, notwithstanding the increased annual grants to the beneficiaries and the large increase in the number of such, the list of candidates is even more formidable this year than it has ever been before, while, as ill-luck would have it, the number of vacancies to be filled is exceptionally small, there being fifty male and seventy-one female candidates as against twelve male and five female vacancies respectively. A law recently enacted enables the Committee of Management to hold in reserve, to be placed on their respective funds without further ballot, the three male and three female candidates who have polled the most votes next after the successful candidates. This raises the number that it will be possible to provide for immediately after the May election, or in the course of the twelve months thence ensuing, to fifteen males and eight females. However, at their last meeting, on the 14th inst., the Committee of Management generously resolved, in the event of the subscriptions at the Festival of Wednesday next being up to the standard of recent years, on raising the number to be elected to twenty-three males and fifteen females. This will necessitate an increased annual liability of £544, and makes it the more imperative that the brethren should bestir themselves so as to enable the Committee to give effect to their resolution. There are reasons which justify us in expecting a very favourable result. The Board of Stewards is already some 260 strong. The Chairman, Bro. General Brownrigg, is deservedly one of the most popular members of the Fraternity, and the Province of Surrey, of which he is the Grand Master, is making strenuous efforts to support him on the occasion. London also is well represented, and we may be sure the Provinces which regularly contribute will not be wanting in their support of the Benevolent Institution, which, though the youngest of our three Charities, is under the necessity of providing the largest amount for its expenditure annually. Last year the sum required for annuities—irrespective of the expenses of management—was £11,600. This year, if the additional candidates are taken on, it will be, in round figures, £12,150. This is, undoubtedly, a large sum, but if we may judge from the experience of the last eight years, it is well within the ability of the Craft to raise it. The conspicuous energy of Bro. Terry and his staff needs no encouragement from us, and we are satisfied the Stewards will do all they can in seconding the efforts of their popular chairman. May the Festival of 1883 be a brilliant success!

ADDRESS OF BRO. J. H. GRAHAM, LL.D.

G. MASTER OF THE G. LODGE OF QUEBEC.

THIS address was delivered by Bro. Graham, at the Thirteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, held in the City of Quebec, on the 31st January and 1st February. So much of it as is of local interest may be described very shortly. Regretful reference is made to the death of Bro. S. D. Harington Past Grand Master of Canada, and representative of Quebec at its Canadian sister Grand Lodge, and sympathy is expressed with the G. Lodges of New York, Massachusetts, and Iowa at the losses respectively sustained by them through the deaths of Bros. J. M. Austin G. Sec. of New York, Tracy P. Cheever G.S. Massachusetts, and Robert F. Bower, the well-known Masonic bibliophile. The warmest satisfaction is expressed at the escape of the Queen when her life was attempted in the early part of last year, and the Grand Master notifies his intention of proposing that an address embodying the expression of such satisfaction be forwarded by the Grand Lodge of Quebec to Her Majesty. He urges on the Craft generally, both in the cities and the rural districts, but especially on the Lodges in Montreal, the advisability, on the score of comfort and economy, of erecting Masonic Halls. He announces his intention of proposing that the honorary rank of Past Grand Master be conferred on Bro. George Otis Tyler G. Commander of Knights Templar of Vermont, and Bro. Colonel McLeod Moore Great Prior (K.T.) of Canada. Referring to the multiplicity of Rites in other parts of the world, and at the same time deprecating all idea on his part of limiting the freedom of action of the Quebec brethren in joining those outside the pale of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Bro. Graham bids them be careful, in taking the chivalric and other orders, not to avoid doing anything prejudicial to the stability of the Craft and Arch degrees. Having noticed his recognition of the Grand Symbolic Lodge of Spain and the Grand Lodge of Arizona, and the interchange of representatives between Quebec and those Bodies, and having likewise explained the reasons which had actuated him in withholding recognition for the present from the so-called "Grand Lodge of New South Wales," and the circumstances which might induce him to suggest the opposite course of recognition, Bro. Graham devotes the remainder of his address to the relations existing between Quebec and England, and it is to his arguments in connection with this subject that we purpose directing our remarks on the present occasion.

We may state at once that nothing that Bro. Graham has said on the present occasion can have the slightest influence in inducing us to change, or even in the slightest degree modify, the opinions we have before expressed. We hold that when it is proposed to establish a new and independent Grand Lodge in a British colony or dependency,

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in which the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland have previously held concurrent jurisdiction, any Lodge or Lodges which may be desirous of remaining in its or their allegiance to the Grand Lodge which granted its or their warrant of constitution should have full liberty to do so. It follows, as a matter of course, that we consider the action of the Grand Lodge of England in making its recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec conditional on the latter's undertaking to leave the English Lodges of Montreal in the full enjoyment of their previous status, as such was perfectly justifiable. Indeed, it would have been an error on the part of the G.L. of England, and shown a pitiful weakness, had she not adopted such a course and insisted that Lodges which owed their existence to her should, if and for so long as they were so minded, remain under her jurisdiction. Canada, when she severed her Masonic connection with the mother country, respected the wishes of those Lodges which preferred remaining under their respective parent Grand Lodges and accepted the obligation to respect them as the condition of her acknowledgment as a separate and independent Grand Lodge. Nova Scotia followed the example of Canada, and there is still one English Lodge—the Royal Standard, No. 398, of Halifax—located within the territorial limits of that Colony, which retains its allegiance to the G. Lodge of England, and the continuance of which, G.M. Laurie of Nova Scotia is so far from considering it in any way detracts from the jurisdiction over which he presides, that he and his Grand Officers not long since visited it by invitation, and he has expressed his belief that it was a great advantage to him and his fellow Nova Scotian brethren to have such a Lodge, albeit a foreign one, in their midst. But what Nova Scotia regards as a benefit to Nova Scotian Freemasonry, and what Canada did gracefully when she invited the Grand Lodge of England to recognise her Masonic independence, ought not to prove a stumbling-block to the existence of fraternal relations between Quebec and England, and mutual representation at either Grand Lodge. Quebec, it must be remembered, is an offshoot from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and in honour is bound to the observance of the conditions which the latter made when it became a separate and distinct jurisdiction from England and Scotland. Many of its Lodges must have been parties to the acceptance of those conditions, and there can be nothing undignified, certainly nothing unfraternal or contrary to that freedom of action and opinion which is a leading characteristic of our Society in acquiescing in a state of things which has endured for nearly thirty years without discomfort or sacrifice of dignity to any of the Grand Bodies in question. Quebec as a Masonic jurisdiction is of recent origin. It has an independent existence dating no further back than 1869. Nearly eight years since—in 1875—England expressed her willingness to recognise that independent existence on exactly the same conditions that Canada had readily acceded to at the establishment of her independence, and what has endured all these years may well be allowed to remain undisturbed for the present and till such time as the English Lodges in Montreal themselves take the initiative and express a desire to become enrolled under the banners of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Of course the age of the Quebec Grand Lodge is of comparatively trivial importance, and we have alluded to it only for the purpose of making the arrogance of its pretensions the more apparent. Nor are we altogether surprised at its arrogating to itself the right to condemn those who do not accept its views unhesitatingly. It is the way of the world in these times for juniors to set themselves up as possessing at least as much knowledge, and as being as fully competent to settle any and every question that may arise, as their seniors. Thus England is plainly told she possesses no right to allow Lodges which have derived from her their warrants of constitution to remain in allegiance to her, if they prefer doing so to joining the G. Lodges established in the Colony in which they are located years and years after their own creation. Such Lodges are plainly given to understand that such freedom of action is denied them, and that if they decline to join the newly-constituted Grand Body, there is but one alternative left them—that of being excommunicated or dissolution. Even Canada, of which Quebec once formed a part, is soundly rated by G.M. Graham, who is of opinion that the Grand Lodge of Canada unlawfully bartered its birth-right of exclusive Masonic sovereignty, the acknowledgment of the possession of which she had justly received from all the sovereign Grand Lodges of the United States,—in accepting, as she did, through M.W. Bro. the Earl of Zetland G. Master of England, concurrent-jurisdiction-recognition from that Grand Body, than which, as it appears to me, no act could have been more short-sighted and unconstitutional, or, consequently more detrimental to the interests of Freemasonry in Canada and elsewhere, as is shown by the condition of local and interjurisdictional affairs here, and in other parts of the Empire at the present time, and which, if not speedily remedied, will in all probability be still worse in time to come. Was it to be supposed that such an unconstitutional compromise, fraught with such deplorable consequences, would stand through one generation of Craftsmen who know their Masonic rights and dare maintain them? Impossible." This looks large in print and probably sounded well at the time of its delivery, but examine it as carefully as you will, and it resolves itself into nothing else than words, many of them formidable enough in appearance, yet perfectly harmless. People who read the passage we have quoted, about an unlawfully-bartered birth-right, short-sighted and unconstitutional compromises, and deplorable consequences, will be led to imagine that Freemasonry in Canada and throughout the world must be in a very sorry plight, the fact being that in Canada and elsewhere its condition is most prosperous. The acceptance of Lord Zetland's "concurrent-jurisdiction-recognition" does not appear to have affected the constitutional system of the Craft in that Colony, which now has close on 400 Lodges and is on the most amicable terms with the Grand Lodges of the mother-country. It cannot be said that the Craft is by any means out of sorts in India or South Africa, while it is in New South Wales alone among the Australasian Colonies that any febrile symptoms are perceptible, and they exist only in an insignificant minority of the Lodges, there being perhaps one-sixth of the whole body malcontent, for reasons of which the members are for the most part ignorant, and which are certainly unappreciated by the outside world, while the remaining five-sixths are as staunchly attached to the Grand Lodges which created them as the most loyal of the Lodges in London, Dublin, and Edinburgh. As far as we can see, the "deplorable consequences" that are likely to arise if England persists, as in honour she is bound to do, in upholding her daughter Lodges in Montreal, exist only in the embittered imagination of Bro Graham. There would seem to be some unwritten law among American Masons which renders it imperative that those who hold the position of Grand Master should deliver long periodical addresses to the Grand Lodge over which they severally preside, and it may well be that, in the absence for some time past of any one-eyed, one-armed, or one-legged candidates for initiation, whose cases invariably necessitate the most elaborate consideration, or failing some of the innumerable petty formalities which have found their way into the American Masonic system, Brother Graham has, for lack of something else to engage his attention, first of all created this grievance, and then continued from year to year dilating upon its unspeakable enormities and the fearful consequences that must ensue if it is not remedied forthwith. Heaven only knows where all the amazing constitutional arrangements come from which are so dear to the hearts of our American brethren. To read some of these extraordinary addresses, one might almost be led to think that Masonry had always been subject to some elaborate system of laws such as the Laws of the Twelve Tables, the Code Napoleon, or the Statute Law of England, whereas no form of government invented of men could possibly be simpler and at the same time more effective, while its code of laws is as large-hearted as it is simple. It will be time enough for Brother Graham to call in question the conduct towards Quebec of the Grand Lodge of England when he can produce irrefragable evidence that it has broken any written or unwritten law of Masonry, always, of course, excepting those curiously-fanciful regulations which the American Masonic mind has invented for its own enlightenment, and to the very great amusement of extra-American Craftsmen.

It is difficult to write seriously about a controversy in which one side does all the talking, while the other maintains a dignified silence, and which more nearly fulfils our ideal of the proverbial "storm in a teacup" than any other difference we have read or heard of. But we have no wish to wound the susceptibilities of our Quebec brethren, and least of all of one who has influenced them so long as Bro. Graham. Yet he must pardon us for

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pointing out that it is idle for him to deny the right of England to do what is forbidden by no known code of Masonic law. He may adduce in support of his argument such authorities as Bro. Drummond of Maine, who is strong in Masonic statistics, but, not that we are aware of, of any rank as a jurisconsult, and Bro. Vaux of Pennsylvania, whose opinion is no doubt entitled to respect, but who does not speak with the same authority on this class of question as our own Bro. Hughan. It is useless for him to quote the laws of the Grand Lodge of England as forbidding the establishment of Lodges within its own jurisdiction by other than its own authority, or to instance the case he mentions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland declining in 1763 to issue its warrant for the establishment in London of a Lodge composed of Scottish brethren. England claims the exercise of no authority to which she is not justly entitled. Her Lodges, like those of Scotland and Ireland, are spread abroad throughout most of the colonies and dependencies of the British Crown. Where there is a Grand Lodge, as in Canada, Quebec, Nova Scotia, she declines to issue warrants for new Lodges, but where any of the Lodges constituted by herself prefer remaining under her jurisdiction, she retains and upholds them just for so long as they desire to remain, and no longer. She exerts no power to keep them, and it would be the height of ingratitude on her part if she exerted any pressure to drive them away. In all this she is acting in accordance with the unwritten law of Masonic morality, if not with the written law of Masonic government as invented by American brethren. It is enough for her to know she is acting rightly, nor when the time comes, as doubtless it will come, for these Montreal Lodges to sever their connection with her, will she raise the slightest opposition, or make even the feeblest attempt to retain them on her roll of Lodges. Quebec can find better occupation for its spare moments than to waste them in idle controversies about mere nothings, and she will secure for herself greater respect in proportion as she treats respectfully the Grand Lodge of England, to whose authority most of her Lodges owe their existence.

FREEMASONRY AND TEMPERANCE.

THE establishment of a "Temperance" Lodge of Freemasons is the latest departure in connection with the Craft, and it is one which has given rise, no doubt, to a considerable amount of speculation on both sides of that great question. On either of those sides there is much to be said, and on which in all probability the brethren will expect to hear something in the consideration of those matters which either directly or indirectly affect the interests of our Order. In entering upon a survey of the subject, then, we may as well say plainly that we do not anticipate any very radical effect which the proposal will exert upon the Brotherhood as a whole, though the permissive character of it may supply the ground of many suggestions which hitherto have been only imperfectly ventilated, and handled as gingerly as one does the proverbial hot potato. There are many to whom it might have occurred that there are amongst our ranks a vast number of men who prefer abstinence from wine on all occasions, not merely from any inflated notions of the "goody" type, but because they like it, and it agrees with them. It may appear in bad taste, or a trifle eccentric, to drink to a toast in coffee, or even zoedone, instead of the orthodox champagne; still, if a guest at a banquet prefers it, we do not see that he should be regarded as a lunatic for doing so, or that the finger of scorn should be pointed at him, or the contemptuous shrug of the shoulder raised at the "milk and water" enthusiasm of such an individual. We shall be excused, we know, for making use of these observations, for nobody can better appreciate than ourselves the true ringing heartiness and the cheery hospitality that are enjoyed when the generous wine brings into greater prominence that "flow of soul," real urbanity, and good fellowship, which are so characteristic of Freemasonry. That the excessive use of stimulants is abhorred by Masons of the present day—whatever might have been said of our forefathers in the good old times of half a century ago—is universally established and admitted. An intoxicated person in a Masonic Lodge would belie his professions, and at the banquet table would be scouted with such practical effect that he would be a bold man to put in an appearance there again. This is the result, no doubt, in a great measure of the fact that our Masonic Lodges include all the elements of refinement and excellence of taste, and around which there is an atmosphere where lurks not even the shadow of a taint of the tap-room. Temperance and moderation are amongst the cardinal virtues of an Order which stands unapproachably high amongst all the institutions that adorn society; and, in spite of the many insinuations to the contrary that have been hurled at our "huge social club," by the ignorant and uninitiated, there is no association of men on the face of the globe less deserving of an aspersion so undeserved. But with all this, there are instances in which a total abstaining brother may appear somewhat out of his element, and conspicuously so when the festivities of the Fourth Degree are in operation; and the difficulty here crops up, as it does in all the other relations and occupations of social life, how is the apparent loss to be remedied, and what substitute can be suggested? If toasts are to be drunk, the glasses must be replenished, and probably our brethren of the as yet embryo Wolseley Lodge, at Manchester, may be able to throw some light as to the *modus operandi* by which they propose to sustain the amenities of the festive board. It is difficult to contemplate a sober and profound assemblage of the brethren toasting to each other's health in water, or, like the pattern teetotallers of Dickens, "swelling wisibly before our werry eyes" upon cups of fragrant tea. It would be an unusual sight indeed to mingle with a company at which the wine cup was entirely tabooed, and this seeming anomaly will be like breaking fresh ground when the Manchester "hydropots" assemble under the auspices of our heroic brother of Tel-el-Kebir fame. Still, in anticipating their convivialities, which we have no fear will lack any of the ordinary heartiness in consequence of the "feast of reason" being predominant, we do not see any reason why the experiment should not succeed. We yield to none in our detestation of rant and platform spouting, which to thinking men are the means of deterring, rather than inducing, them to join the "ranks" of the so-called sober "armies," and have no other feeling but that of pity for those of the dog-in-the manger ilk who, themselves unable to keep within the bounds of discreet moderation, would deprive others who can do so of a means of innocuous and wholesome enjoyment. It cannot be concealed that amongst the most ostentatious of these so-called reformers practices are flagrantly common at which the minds of ordinary and less sanctimonious mortals would revolt; but that says little against the principle that is involved. It is a fact that can no longer be withheld that Temperance ideas and practices have of late years been advancing with rapid and important strides. At this none can rejoice, or does rejoice, more than the great body to what we are proud to belong. Not only is the effect felt upon the moral and social pulses of the nation, but its material prosperity is enhanced in an incalculable degree by the spread of Temperance in any of its forms. We do not mean the blatant sycophancy of those gentlemen who "with faces as long as a fiddle," set themselves up as did the Pharisees of old, and thank Heaven they are not as other men, but who are capable very often of the most despicable and, to say the least, un-Masonic actions. But amongst the substantial and intelligent Masons of our population there is unquestionably a powerful impression in favour of curtailing the habits which were at one time considered the "correct thing" in social circles; and the race of our three-bottle men has been as nearly extirpated as have the Maories from New Zealand and the Red Indians from the hunting-grounds of the Far West. In this respect society has taken a decided, and it must be added, an improved turn; for although much might be, and has been, said of the revels and routs which give a spice of jollity to the past, yet times and circumstances alter, and the society of a toper is not usually held in high esteem amongst the members of modern refined society. After all is said and done, therefore, we are by no means disposed to sneer or jest at our worthy brethren in the city of Cotton for the resolve upon which they have entered, to start a "Temperance Lodge." We rather contemplate the experiment with agreeable expectancy, and should be delighted to be present when the gallant Egyptian warrior is introduced into the Lodge which is to bear his name. No doubt that which is wanting in the one particular of sparkling wine will be made up in other ways, and that the brethren will happy be, happy part, and happy meet again. But it

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is not at all likely the effect and influence of the experiment will end at Manchester. We have often heard the remark that although not absolutely extravagant, and certainly with no approach to excessive indulgence, the wine bill has formed a rather formidable item at some of our meetings, and that the money thus expended might have been more wisely applied. We are quite sensible of the delicate ground upon which we tread when touching upon these questions, and we should be sorry to form a parallel with those who would "rob a poor man of his beer," knowing that the punishment for such an injustice amounts to no less than an eternal condemnation of one's optics! However, it cannot be denied that there are occasions on which the homage done to smiling Bacchus has caused an undesirable encroachment on the Lodge funds, and which either courtesy or urbanity on the part of Worshipful Masters and their Officers has failed to check. Be that as it may, it becomes a subject for calm and dispassionate study, both out of consideration to our Lodge exchequers and the sensitiveness—squeamishness if you like—of those brethren who prefer non-intoxicating beverages with their other enjoyments to see that the case is evenly and pleasantly met. A brother should no more be required or expected to drink wine, if he prefers water, at a Masonic banquet than if he were in his own private dining-room, and we do not know that he is, in reality. But still, as a matter of fact, he *is*, and feels himself, singular in that respect, and we know of some who have a sensation of hesitancy in attending Lodge gatherings on that very account. To avoid this, and to make our abstaining brethren perfectly and freely "at home" with us on all occasions, is a subject upon which we might well invite discussion, and to which the experimental Temperance Lodge at Manchester may supply us with a key. Any suggestions which our correspondents may deem appropriate, bearing on this question, and which we are sure will be interesting to the general body of the Craft, we shall be glad to receive; and they may be readily assured that a free expression upon the question will receive nothing but careful and respectful consideration.

MARK MASONRY IN NORFOLK.

THE gathering at Norwich, on Monday, on the occasion of the resuscitation of the Walpole Lodge of M.M.M. may be described as an eminently successful one. There was a very large attendance; the Most Worshipful the Grand Mark Master, Brother the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, travelled expressly from London to do honour to the occasion, reaching Norwich as early as his many engagements would permit. Brother Donald M. Dewar, Assistant Grand Mark Secretary, opened the Lodge at four o'clock, supported by Bros. C. H. Driver as S.W., and Frederick Long Past Grand D.C. England as J.W. It may here be mentioned that the Overseers and Deacons did their work in a most perfect manner, and this greatly added to the impressiveness of the proceedings. In evidence of the zeal displayed in fostering the Mark Degree, twenty-eight of the thirty-six candidates presented themselves for advancement on this occasion. Lord Henniker was present during the installation of Bro. H. G. Barwell, and amongst other matters brought under his consideration during the proceedings was an application from Bro. Edward Pitt Yonell for a warrant for a new Mark Lodge, at Gorleston, which was graciously acceded to by the Grand Mark Master. The proposal to establish a Grand Mark Province for East Anglia was also countenanced, and altogether this meeting may be looked upon as a pleasant feature in the records of Mark Masonry.

The election meeting of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, was held on Thursday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, under the presidency of Bro. J. Roberts W.M. Bro. Schadler was unanimously chosen W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, and Bro. C. T. Speight reappointed Tyler.

Bro. H. E. Joyce, Editor of the *Shipping and Mercantile Gazette*, was unanimously elected, on Thursday last, as Worshipful Master of the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, for the ensuing year.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, when Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer presided. The following brethren also were present:—Robert Grey, Joshua Nunn, F. Walters, Robert P. Tebb, C. Locke Smiles, John A. Rucker, J. H. Matthews, James Peters, H. A. Dubois, A. H. Tattershall, and E. C. Massey. The minutes of the last General Committee, of 25th January, were read and verified; and the minutes of the House Committee, held on 15th inst., were also read for information. A petition by Mrs. Heastie, on behalf of Sophia Heastie, and one by Mrs. Godfrey, on behalf of Mabel Harriet Godfrey, were considered and approved, and the names of the children ordered to be added to the list of candidates for election. The chairman stated that a letter had been received from Mrs. Lord, asking that her child's name might be withdrawn from the list. The Secretary read a list of accounts for payment, and the chairman was authorised to sign cheques for same. There being no other business, the meeting broke up, with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. R. B. Webster P.M., whose interest in our several Institutions was unfailing, and whose contributions to their respective treasuries showed that it was not mere lip-service he was prepared to render on their behalf. Those of our readers who may desire to learn more of our deceased brother's career will find it recorded in the Second Series of "Masonic Portraits," in which he figures in the character of "A Great Arithmetician." Here it will suffice to say, that he was a member of the Audit Committee both of the Girls' and Boys' Schools, that he was a Vice President of the former, and a Life Governor of the latter, as well as a Life Governor on the Male and Female Funds of the Benevolent Institution. Brother Webster had likewise served as a Festival Steward on several occasions, his support in this capacity having been distributed among the three Charities, but with apparent preference for the Girls' Institution. He also invariably took an active part in the elections, at which his business powers were of great service in determining the results. Bro. Webster was greatly respected in his circle of friends and acquaintances, and by his brother Masons, and his widow will find some consolation from their sympathy in her bereavement.

The Royal National Hospital for Consumption, at Ventnor, is an Institution which well deserves the support of the British public. Its existence depends entirely on the voluntary contributions it receives from year to year. It is admirably conducted, while the social comfort of the inmates is as much cared for as their medical welfare. Thus, on Thursday, the 15th inst., an entertainment of a mixed character was given; the programme consisting of music, both vocal and instrumental, and sundry recitations. The chief contributors were found among the patients themselves, but others also gladly lent their services for the occasion. Everything passed off famously, Mrs. Watson's two songs, "The Skipper and his Boy," and "Kathleen Mavourneen," Mr. Siebert's recitation, "The Death of Montrose," and two violin solos, with pianoforte accompaniment, by Mr. and Miss Westerweld, eliciting loud applause from the audience.

The annual dinner of the Wallington Lodge of Instruction will take place on Thursday evening next, the 1st March. Lodge will be opened at the Public Hall, Carshalton, at 6 o'clock by Brother G. Horsey P.M. 1619 and W.M. 1892, who will rehearse the ceremony of initiation. Brother W. W. Morgan, S.W. 211, will then deliver his lecture on the "Masonic Institutions, their Establishment and Development." After which Bro. W. Baldwin will give the charge, and explain the tracing board of the first degree. Lodge will be closed, and dinner will be served at the King's Arms Hotel.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Neuralgia.—Though the former disease remorselessly attacks persons of all ages, and the latter ruthlessly selects its victims from the weak and delicate, the persevering use of these remedies will infallibly cure both complaints. After the affected parts have been diligently fomented with hot brine, and the skin thoroughly dried, Holloway's Ointment must be rubbed in firmly and evenly for a few minutes twice a day, and his Pills taken according to the printed directions wrapped round each box of his medicine. Both Ointment and Pills are accompanied by instructions designed for the public at large, and no invalid, who attentively reads them, can now be at any loss how to doctor himself successfully.

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BANQUET TO BRO. ALDERMAN DE KEYSER.

REGARDED from every point of view, the complimentary banquet given on Monday night to Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, by the Master and brethren of the Emulation Lodge, No. 21, was a significant and brilliant success. Both from the heartiness and urbanity which characterised the proceedings throughout, as well as from the number of distinguished Masons who graced the assemblage with their presence, the event must be regarded as one of the most important that has taken place in London for some time past. The "guest of the evening" has long been a member of the Emulation Lodge, and it was a graceful act on the part of the brethren to recognise the many acts of kindness, benevolence and public enterprise which have earned for him such high distinction amongst the citizens of London. The atmosphere of the Albion on the occasion referred to was pregnant with expressions of hearty amenity and good fellowship, into which the brethren and the prominent members of Grand Lodge, and others who were invited guests, entered with the utmost spirit of good will. Lodge was opened at five o'clock, with Bro. T. F. Peacock W.M. in the chair, supported by Bros. Samuel Hill S.W., R. C. Grant J.W., T. Taylor P.M. Treasurer, Arthur Hill Secretary, Major Campbell S.D., M. R. Sewell J.D., George Singer P.M. M.C., W. Wing P.M. W.S., H. C. Brunning I.G., and a galaxy of Past Masters, including Bros. Brackstone Baker P.G.J.D., D. Clarke, H. J. Godden, S. J. Morris, J. Pointing, W. J. Vian, H. M. Stoltenhoff, Griffiths, C. E. Stoltenhoff, R. Berridge, R. P. Spice, Geo. Watson, C. Mansfield, W. Abbott, &c. There were about forty other brethren, and amongst the Visitors were Bros. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, No. 1, P.G.W., and lately Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Fowler, M.P., P.M. 626, Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, ex-Sheriff, S.W. 778, Major-General J. W. Laurie Grand Master of Nova Scotia, S. Moss P.M. 7, Canadian Registrar (Montreal), ex-Sheriff Burt P.G.A.D.C., Sir John B. Monckton, Town Clerk, No. 1, President of the Board of General Purposes, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S. England; Rev. J. H. Smith P.M. 279 P.P.G. Chaplain Leicester and Rutland, R. H. Girard No. 1, P.G.D., J. Davis Sewell 1827 P.G.S., G. Lambert P.M. 198 P.G.S.B., R. S. Pigott 11 G.A.D.C., Frank Richardson 14 P.G.D., T. G. Bullen P.M. 197 P.G.S., H. Higgins P.M. 1381, J. Crispe W.M. 410, H. Bishop P.M. 66, A. Gabriel 310, A. W. Stansfield P.M. 1019, J. Donaldson W.M. 7, A. Day P.M. 166, C. Smith P.M. 58, H. C. Barker P.M. 29, C. Monckton P.M. 1150, A. G. Browning P.M. 33, G. N. Johnson P.M. 1, J. R. Cooper P.M. 171, A. W. Morgan P.M. 176, E. M. Hubbuck P.M. 58, L. W. Durden W.M. 370, G. W. Harkwill W.M. elect 1150, W. Herbage W.M. 177, S. Day S.W. 166, C. D. Miller J.W. 28, F. H. Williams I.G. 18, E J. Powell 360 (Scotland), H. J. Griffiths late of 21, E. Matheson 1320; A. W. Stead J.D. 25, J. W. Stockwell 1364, G. B. Cutler, E. Gamman 610, A. L. Drought 163, A. Probyn 172, and many others; with Bro. C. T. Speight Prov. G.T. Surrey Tyler. After the usual ceremonies, the Wor. Master Bro. Peacock was unanimously elected a Grand Steward, and the ballot was then opened for Mr. Joseph Savory, Sheriff of London and Middlesex, who had been nominated by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, and seconded by Bro. George Singer P.M.; also for Mr. Marriott Ogle Tarbotton, C.E., of Nottingham, proposed by Bro. R. P. Spice P.M., seconded by Bro. E. Berridge P.M. The voting in each case was unanimous, and the candidates were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the working of the W.M. and his Officers eliciting very deserved expressions of approbation from all present. After business, there was a good deal of pleasant greeting and interchange of friendly sentiment in the reception rooms, and at seven o'clock the party sat down to an admirable banquet, which did infinite credit to the courteous manager of the Albion, Brother W. G. Jennings. The customary prefatory toasts were got over briefly by the Worshipful Master, and Bro. Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, in responding for the Grand Officers, observed that the Craft generally must feel proud of being presided over by noblemen who devoted so much time to the interests of Freemasonry, and so well discharged the duties of their important offices. He expressed the peculiar pleasure it gave him to be present when honour so deserved was to be bestowed upon his friend Bro. Ald. De Keyser, whose position they had so splendidly recognised on the occasion. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke observed that it was a pleasure to the Grand Officers to witness the success of all Masonic meetings, and more especially to be present in a Lodge like this, which had such a distinguished history for many years past, and when they had met to congratulate one of their members upon the honours that had recently accrued to him. The Grand Officers were thoroughly in accord with every brother who wore the light blue. The Most Worshipful Grand Master had, for good and proper reasons, honoured them with promotion to the dais, and he honestly believed they were all eager and anxious to do what they possibly could to hold and preserve the high positions in which they had been placed. The Wor. Master then gave the Sister Grand Lodges, and coupled with the toast the name of Brother Major-General Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, who was most enthusiastically received. Brother Major-General Laurie, in an eloquent address, in response, said he could not, although they had been kind enough to couple his name with the sister Lodges throughout the world, consider himself a foreigner. He had lately been elected to the Court of the Saddlers' Company, and therefore he was very much at home. Moreover, he had sat as a subscribing member in a Lodge in every part of the world, under the banners either of England or Ireland. But he was called upon under rather peculiar circumstances, some years ago, to join the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, with a view of his name being brought forward as Grand Master. He had endeavoured to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren who put him in that position, although perhaps the state of Masonry abroad, outside the jurisdiction with which those present were acquainted, was not so well known as it might be. It seemed almost a pity that some of the facts were not more widely familar to brethren on this side of the Atlantic. For instance, Bro. Brackstone Baker had just shown him a medal of the Grand Lodge of New York, which meant there were 80,000 subscribing members under the banner of that Grand Lodge alone. They must look at the figures to recognise what a bold step Masonry had taken on the other side of the water. It was the same in principle there as in England, of course, but they were not able to exercise that magnificent charity which is dispensed in this country. Here they were able to put down £42,000 a year as subscriptions to the three grand Masonic Charities, to be distributed for the benefit of the widows and orphans, and old and decayed Masons. In America they could not do that; at least, they had not yet tried. There, perhaps, they did their work in a somewhat different way. Each Lodge supported its own aged, and widows and orphans, and then they went outside and gave personal service. In the fearful scourge of yellow fever they had heard of, Masons came forth from their different Lodges in the States of the Union, and went down and gave their services personally as doctors, nurses, and attendants to the poor suffering fever patients. Then, again, during the fearful floods that had taken place in America, there were twenty-one lifeboats supported by the Masonic Fraternity, for saving lives. Thus the humanity and charity of Masonry were exemplified there as well as here, only they developed in a different practice. They went and gave their own right hands and own good hearts for others. These subordinate Lodges were the children of the great grandmother Lodge of England, and had learnt and inherited the great virtue of Charity from this side, and here they must come as to the fountain of honour. Brother Abbott I.P.M. next proposed, in felicitous terms, the health of the Worshipful Master; and Bro. Peacock, in response, expressed his desire to discharge the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of the brethren. In coming to the toast of the evening, he asked their indulgence while he told them why they had invited their guest, Bro. Alderman De Keyser, to come amongst them on that occasion, in order that they might welcome him in his present position. Bro. De Keyser was born in Belgium, but had come to this country, and become a naturalised British subject. He had worked in the City with intelligence and perseverance, which enabled him to conquer all difficulties that beset his path, and he became a prosperous man in London. Having, like a sensible man, looked after his own interests, and acquired sufficient to enable him to settle down comfortably, he looked around to see how he could benefit his neighbours, and commenced, as many Englishmen did, by entering into the political affairs of his parish. He successively served all the offices of St. Bride's, and was overseer, guardian, and churchwarden. Naturally, after that, he entered the Court of Common Council, and for many years, as now, he had given the results of his experience in life for the benefit of the citizens of London, serving in the office of Chairman of the Bridge House Committee, and becoming a Governor of Bridewell and Bethlehem Hospitals. In due course he was elected as an Alderman, and one of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and was presented by the residents in his Ward with the badge and insignia of his office, at a cost of about £600, in token of their appreciation of his efforts for their general benefit. He was also one of the founders of the Guildhall School of Music, and engaged actively in all matters of public usefulness. He entered Freemasonry, under the auspices of Bro. Brackstone Baker, in this Lodge, and continued in it for many years, ultimately serving as I.G. But Masonry offered no excuses for a man to neglect his business, and with his many and great responsibilities Bro. De Keyser ceased to be an active member of the Lodge for some time. They saw in him, however, one of the founders of the Macdonald Lodge, in connection with the First Surrey Rifles, and he was also with the Volunteers in Belgium, where, in consideration of his active services, he was created by the King a Knight of the Order of Leopold. During all this time, although Bro. De Keyser was absent in person, he was always thought of, and they were most anxious to do honour to him in his own Lodge; consequently, they had invited as many friends as they could accommodate to meet him. He thought they would all agree that in this assembly they had produced a very strong evidence of the respect and esteem in which Bro. De Keyser was held, and in conclusion he wished him health, all happiness, and prosperity, adding the hope that the Corporation of London might live long enough to see him Lord Mayor, and that he might ultimately occupy the chair of the Emulation Lodge. Brother Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, who was enthusiastically received, said his heart was beating with sincere and deep gratitude for the honour they had done him, and his brain was on fire to find expressions adequate to interpret the sentiments which then animated him. He was sure that many of those present, having had similar, if not so complimentary, honours offered to them, would be able to understand how difficult it was in those moments to do justice to such a toast. Their excellent Worshipful Master had been good enough to begin, as he said, at the beginning, and that beginning was one of which, in a Masonic sense, he felt proud, because it proved that Masonry was of a truly generous spirit, as it recognised and admitted him as one of themselves—those who had not even come from the mother country. The Worshipful Master had alluded to the feeble services he had rendered in the different positions he had occupied. He had occasion once before, in the presence of a few of the members of this Lodge to say that which he thought he might still repeat, that one of the reasons which prompted him conscientiously to give up a great deal of his time to public life was not out of vanity or ambition, but a desire to recognise what they had done for him in the country of his adoption. He did not forget he had a duty to perform. He knew too well what they had done for him in the past, and it would be ungrateful, and unlike a Mason, if he were not to express, to the utmost of his power, his readiness to do all he could, not only for the community at large, but for the poor, in recognition of the kindness, friendship, and tokens of affection he had received in this country. He was very pleased when the Worshipful Master began by saying he would tell them why they had invited him to this banquet, because he thought Brother Peacock was going to get him out of a difficulty. He could not say what he had done to deserve the great compliment they had

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paid to him; but he could say it in another sense. Municipal institutions and Masonry had a great many sympathies, and it was to the municipal position he had attained, through their suffrages and confidence, that they paid the compliment and not to him individually. However, he hoped, if the Corporation lived long enough, to do something for that body, and also as a Mason to recognise what the Masons had done for him. He should certainly not forget the great principles of charity, and those institutions so forcibly alluded to by the Grand Master of Nova Scotia. They would find him ever ready to assist them. It was perfectly true he had not been very active as a Mason, but this had not been his fault. He left them immediately after he took office as I.G., because he was living in the country, and had heavy responsibilities, and they knew a man could not keep up a very important place of business, such as he had created, without great anxiety and great work. So he thought it his duty, as he could not attend to the work of his Lodge, to leave them and become an absent member. But the moment he returned, as he had done now, to within a reasonable distance from town, he was again with them, and from that moment his ambition would be to hold the proud position of Master of this Lodge. He hoped, by attention to his duties, he might prove himself worthy of their confidence on the day of election. He begged them to accept once more his very sincere thanks for the honour they had done him, and to excuse him if he was unable to do justice to the sentiments which others might perhaps have expressed in more eloquent language. He thanked the numerous and distinguished Visitors, and Officers of Grand Lodge, for the compliment they had paid him by their presence, and was deeply sensible of the honour, which he should never forget. The health of the Initiates was then proposed by Brother B. Baker P.G.J.D., and suitably acknowledged by Bros. Sheriff Savory and Tarbotton. Bros. Ald. Fowler, M.P., and Ald. Sir R. Hanson responded for the Visitors; and in replying for the Past Masters and Treasurer, Bro. T. Taylor said the P.M.'s were always anxious to do all they possibly could to preserve the harmony and prosperity of their Lodge. They had great virtues, one of which was that they did not interfere with the W.M. in the duties of his office, or dictate to him in any shape or way; but they were always willing, so long as he abided within Masonic rules, as laid down in the Book of Constitutions, to let him have his own course in the appointment of his Officers, and everything else appertaining to his Lodge. At the same time they were always willing and anxious to aid in cases of difficulty, to give their advice with due respect to his position. As a proof of this, he might say with regard to the details connected with this banquet, the P.M.'s did not take upon themselves the duty, but a committee was appointed, upon which some of the P.M.'s were elected ex-officio, and some by choice; but the great burden had been borne by the junior Officers of the Lodge, and he left them to say whether all had not done their duty well. It was characteristic of this Lodge that the P.M.'s constituted, within five or six, one-half of the numerical strength of the Lodge, but they did not interfere with or dictate to the other members. Another virtue of the P.M.'s was, although they did not honour the Lodge with their presence, they paid their subscriptions regularly; thus the funds of the Lodge were not depreciated, but rather exalted. He congratulated them upon the flourishing state of the funds, which allowed them to give this banquet without any encroachment on their pockets. The health of the Officers and Secretary of the Lodge was given, and responded to by Bro. Arthur Hill Secretary, after which the business was closed with the Tyler's toast. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened with a capital selection of music, under the direction of Bro. Winn, assisted by Bros. A. J. Brown, T. W. Hanson, and Kenningham, and a most pleasant gathering was enjoyed. Bro. Harper officiated as toastmaster.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548.—We are requested to inform our readers that the Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction, to be held on Monday evening next, at the White Swan, High-street, Deptford. Bro. David Rose P.M., one of the most eminent workers in the South of London, will take the chair at seven o'clock, and a large attendance of the brethren is expected.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Meeting held at the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday, 20th instant. Bros. Smith W.M., Acworth S.W., Seward J.W., Burr P.M. S.D., Bellerby J.D., Wills I.G., Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, Wells Secretary; also Bros. Kasner P.M., Green P.M., Dyer, Gasson, Hadley. Lodge was opened with the usual preliminaries, and the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. Gasson offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Hadley answered the questions leading to the second degree. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Acworth for books he printed and presented to the Lodge. Bro. Tucker brought before the Lodge the case of a distressed brother, and £1 was unanimously voted from the funds of the Lodge for the assistance of the applicant. The members present also supplemented the vote by individual contributions. Bro. Acworth was elected W.M. for Tuesday, the 27th inst., and the Lodge was closed and the meeting adjourned to that date.

Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901.—The inauguration of the new Masonic room provided for this Lodge of Instruction, at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich-green, is fixed for Friday, the 30th proximo, when a large gathering of the brethren of the district is anticipated. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. R. Allison P.M. 186, after which the annual supper of the brethren will take place. The room has been admirably fitted up for the purposes of this Lodge of Instruction, and is appropriately embellished with the emblems of the Craft. When completed, this will form quite an acquisition to the Masonic assembly rooms of the South of London, and the proprietor of the hotel, Bro. Gurney, appears to have studied in the minutest detail everything that can add to the comfort and accommodation of the brethren at their periodical meetings. The Lodge of Instruction assembles every Friday evening, at seven o'clock, and visitors are assured of a hearty and fraternal welcome. This hotel is near Champion-hill Station, and most convenient of access to brethren desirous of paying a visit, either for the purposes of amenity or instruction.

The Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278, will in future hold its meetings at Bro. James Clayton's, the Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, E., every Wednesday evening, at 8 p.m. Bro. W. Musto P.M. 1349 is the Preceptor, and Brother Alfred Hand 1178 the Secretary.

Honorary membership of the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, at Dunmow, Essex, was conferred by the members of that Lodge on Brother James Stevens P.M. P.Z., on Tuesday, the 20th instant, in acknowledgment of delivery by him, in open Lodge, of his lecture explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonies of the First Degree.

THE PARLIAMENTARY SESSION.—Commencing with the issue for 17th February, a series of Political Coloured Portraits, similar to the War Series, which was so highly appreciated, will appear weekly in *The Pictorial World*. A Conservative and Liberal Member of the Upper or Lower House will alternate each week, and a page in each number will be devoted to Views and Letterpress descriptive of the Constituency to which the Member belongs, and, where it is possible, Views of their Country Seats will be given. With the same number will be presented a magnificent plate "The House of Lords" (size 26 by 36), being a companion picture to the "Ministerial Benches" which was published with *The Pictorial World* last November.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

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THE ATHELSTAN LEGEND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your review of Bro. Gould's "History of Freemasonry," you remark that that able brother considers it not improbable that the story, as related in the Chartulary of St. Leonard's Hospital, at York, and quoted by him and you from Dugdale's "Monasticon," of Athelstan having made a certain grant to the "*Colidei*" of St. Peter's Church in that city, in celebration of his victory over the Scots in 936, "gave rise to the legend about the York Charter granted by Athelstan in 926." I dare say Bro. Gould's suggestion will admit of explanation, but I should like to know how an event which happened in 936 can have given rise to a legend which is, I believe, universally associated with the year 926, that is, ten years earlier.

Fraternally yours,

ALPHA.

[We have referred "ALPHA'S" letter to our reviewer, who explains, in reply, that Bro. Gould, in the footnote referred to, remarks that "the form of the legend, as given by Dr. Anderson in the Constitutions of 1723, varies slightly from that in the edition of 1738. In the former he places the date of the occurrence"—that is, the grant of the Charter to the Masons—"at *about* 930; in the latter at 926." We have nothing to guide us in determining the reasons which induced Dr. Anderson to alter his mind between 1723 and 1738, and, having given the date of the date vaguely in the former year "at *about* 930," to assign it definitely to "926" in the latter. But the year 936 sufficiently answers to "*about* 930" to justify Bro. Gould's suggestion of the probability that the Athelstan incident as described in the St. Leonard's Hospital Chartulary may have had something to do with the origin of the Athelstan Masonic legend generally assigned to the year 926.—ED. F.C.]

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, at the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., on Wednesday, the 28th inst. Bros. J. C. Smith A.M.C. 1744 W.M., James Hemming M.C. 1287 S.W., F. W. Sillis M.C. 1744 J.W. First Lecture—Knight, Perl, Solomon, Edwards, Sillis, Larcbin, Ager. Second Lecture—Fraser, Hemming, Gush, Martin, Snelling. Third Lecture—Pierdon, Storr, Emblin.

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PROCESSIONS OF THE CRAFT.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

THERE *was* a time when the Masonic Fraternity indulged in Masonic processions to excess, but that time expired a century and a quarter ago, since which period the Craft has rarely transgressed in this respect the rules of Masonic propriety. Soon after the "Revival" of 1717, in England, the practice was inaugurated. The first procession of which any record remains occurred on St. John the Baptist's Day 1721, when G.M. Payne, the Grand Wardens, Past Grand Officers, and the Masters and Wardens of twelve Lodges met at the King's Arms Tavern, London, and proceeded through the public streets to Stationers' Hall. Processions of the Craft were continued annually for some twenty-four years thereafter, increasing in display each time. In 1728 coaches were used, and in 1730 chariots, the brethren apparently getting too dignified to walk. In 1734 a band of music was added. In 1739 there were three bands of music in line. The result of this annual publicity and display was, that burlesque processions were gotten up by enemies of the Craft, in order to ridicule the Brethren. The anti-Masons even burlesqued the Masonic displays on St. John the Baptist's Day, and confronted them in the public streets. This occurred in 1741, '2, '4 and '5. Added to these, the satirical poets of the day exercised their wits at the expense of the Freemasons. Jos. Green parodied the Boston procession of 1739, and the author of the popular songs, "God save the King," and "Sally in our Alley," Dr. H. Carey, in 1729, wrote and published a satirical squib. Dr. Carey was a Surgeon to the then Prince of Wales, who was a Mason, and who dismissed him on account of his burlesques of the Craft. Even the famous satirist, Hogarth, tried his hand at a Masonic caricature. The result of all this banter was, that public Masonic processions were laughed out of existence in London. The last occurred in 1745, and in 1747 the Grand Lodge of England formally prohibited public processions of the Craft within the limits of the Metropolis, since which time we believe no public Masonic display has been witnessed in the English capital.

In America Masonic processions are by custom limited to such occasions as the laying of a corner stone, the dedication of a Masonic Temple, the burial of the remains of a Brother, or the celebration of some notable Masonic anniversary, such as the centennial or sesqui-centennial of the organisation of the Craft. On such occasions a properly conducted procession of the Brotherhood is altogether appropriate. It tends to bring together a full representation of the brethren, to evoke their enthusiasm, and to bind them still more closely together in fraternal bonds. We have not gone to extremes in America in this matter, and we trust we never shall. But the love of some for publicity has manifested itself in another direction, and we believe even a more objectionable one. In public processions, all that the Craft does is to walk in public, but in public installations of Lodge Officers, Masonic work, or a portion of it, is exposed to public gaze. The ceremonies of the Lodge-room, with the obligations of its Officers, are profaned. And for what? To curry public favour. To spread a drag-net to catch initiates. To invite the seeking of a familiarity with the remaining mysteries, through initiation. Is this dignified? Is it permissible? Is it Masonic? On principle we do not see how any one can answer, Yes. And yet, perhaps in a majority of the jurisdictions of the United States, public installations of Lodge Officers are allowed. The discussion of this subject is, however, awakening thought, and we have done what we could, in *The Keystone*, to keep before the Craft a fair and full statement of the danger to which it is exposed, if it yields to the desire of certain thoughtless brethren to turn the Lodge-room into a place of public resort and entertainment.

There is nothing more dignified, or less savouring of vain display, than a Masonic procession when properly conducted. The brethren appear clad only in black suits, with white lambskin aprons. The Officers are distinguished only by their collars, or sometimes, instead, by their official jewels. There is no display of Lodge furniture, no revelation of Lodge ceremonials. There is only a manifestation, on a proper occasion, of the character and strength of the Craft. We must bury our dead, dedicate our Masonic Temples, and lay the corner-stones of important public buildings when requested so to do by the proper constituted authorities. Such publicity is unobjectionable. In the matter of the laying of corner-stones we recognise an admission of a connection of the Craft with operative Masonry. Once our brethren were all architects or builders. Once we erected entire edifices. The massive cathedrals of the middle ages, all over Europe, testify to the skill and capacity of the mediæval brethren. Things are now changed, but this change was gradual, almost imperceptible. First, distinguished non-operatives were introduced into the Craft by way of compliment, next they were frequently included, and finally they increased so in numbers, and the art of building so declined, that the operative character of the Fraternity became entirely lost, so that since 1717 Freemasonry has been of a purely speculative character. What we lost in one respect we gained in another. More attention is now paid to morals, and less to materials. The man is to-day the building, a moral edifice, reared for time and eternity. We have withdrawn measurably from the world into our Masonic Temples, coming out only on great occasions when a procession of the Craft is formed for the prosecution of its legitimate duties. The continuation of such processions cannot but promote the weal of the Brotherhood.

The Bishop of Nelson, before returning to New Zealand, has given Mr. Taylor, of Berners Street, instructions for painted glass in two of the churches in his diocese, viz., "Greymouth" and "Picton," an evidence of the growing appreciation in the Colonies of Art Ecclesiastical, as well as secular.

MARK MASONRY.

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PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 238.

THE annual meeting of the members of this popular Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, 20th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of Bro. Thomas R. Richnell P.G.S.B. Surrey and Middlesex Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. T. J. Walls P.M. acting as J.W., J. H. Dodson J.W., C. Brown M.O., F. Clemow S.O., T. Harding J.O., Col. Wiggington Past Master P.G.S.W. Secretary, Alfred Tisley I.P.M., and other Officers and brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the brethren proceeded to the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and their choice fell unanimously upon Bro. Sir C. J. Palmer, Bart., P.P.G.S.O., who had officiated as S.W. during the past twelve months. Bro. J. H. Dodson was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. Harrison Tyler. Bro. Colonel Wiggington then proposed that, in recognition of the straightforward pluck and energy displayed by Bro. Richnell during the time he had occupied the chair as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and of his success in bringing it to a sound and safe position financially, a Past Master's jewel should be presented to him on his retirement from office. He alluded to the urbanity and zeal manifested by Bro. Richnell in the discharge of his official duties, and the interest he had ever taken in the welfare of the Lodge, of which he was one of the founders, and considered it would only be a graceful act on the part of the brethren to testify their appreciation of the services he had rendered. Bro. Walls P.M. endorsed most cordially the sentiments that had fallen from the lips of their excellent Secretary, and remarked that Bro. Richnell was the last of the founders who would occupy the chair, unless indeed they were again elected by rotation, which was an event not likely to happen. The vote was agreed to amidst acclamation, and it was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the Lodge. Bro. Richnell, in acknowledging the vote, said he was deeply sensible of the compliment which had been paid to him by the kindness of the brethren. The services he had been able to render the Lodge were only trifling, but he had endeavoured to the best of his ability to carry out the duties that had been imposed upon him. He should value the jewel which they had generously voted to him, as an expression of their fraternal affection and goodwill, and the kindly expressions that had been uttered in regard to himself that evening were as sincerely appreciated as would be the jewel itself when his successor should affix it to his breast. At the conclusion of business the brethren adjourned to banquet, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Admirable arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the party were made by Bro. F. H. Clemow, and a most harmonious and agreeable evening was passed.

The annual Anglo-French ball will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, on Monday, 5th of March, under the presidency of Bro. J. Cossart, No. 291, Celtic Lodge, and the following Stewards:—Bros. T. Browne, J. Innes, J. Bennett, Wheeler, Charpientier, Jenkins, F. Benoit and Crouch. Bro. Grove Ellis's (188) excellent band will be in attendance. Tickets—10s 6d each—including light refreshments and supper. Bro. Birlet will superintend the service of supper on this occasion.

DANCING.—To Those Who Have Never Learnt to Dance.—Bro. and Mrs. JACQUES WYNMANN receive daily, and undertake to teach ladies and gentlemen, who have never had the slightest previous knowledge or instruction, to go through every fashionable ball-dance in a few easy lessons. Private lessons any hour. Morning and evening classes.

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THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from p 107.)

IN dealing in his second chapter, with the "Old Charges of British Freemasons," Bro. Gould, after noting "the only point of identity between the English and German Constitutions in the shape of legend or tradition," and that our "British Constitutions, or 'Old Charges,' have indeed neither predecessors nor rivals," goes on to remark on the singularity of the fact that the Masons are the only Craft in Great Britain which can furnish documentary evidence "of its having claimed, at any time, a legendary or traditional history." the French *compagnons*, though not without legendary histories of their own, not now possessing any early writings which are comparable with our Masonic Charges. He then proceeds to an enumeration and description of the various MSS., "the original or a certified transcript" of each of which has, except where otherwise stated, been collated by Bro. Hughan or himself. These MSS. which, as he justly remarks, are vastly more numerous now than they were but a few years since, are arranged in three classes or groups, namely "(A) originals; (B) late transcripts; (C) printed copies, extracts, or references." In the case of those which are undated, and whose age therefore is "perfectly a matter of conjecture," he has "generally preferred the testimony," as to their probable periods of origin, "of such independent paleographical authorities as Mr. A. Bond (the principal librarian of the British Museum), and other non-Masonic 'experts,' to the possibly interested opinions of those connected with the fraternity," and has "carefully abstained from overstating the antiquity of these or any other documents relating to Freemasonry."

Group A comprises thirty-one MSS., and it will be as well, perhaps, that we should note the chief characteristics of each. No. 1, in the British Museum, is known as the Halliwell MS., and is assigned approximately to the fourteenth century. Its contents were not made known till the year 1839, in a paper read by Mr. Halliwell before the Society of Antiquaries "On the introduction of Freemasonry into England." That gentleman considers it was written not later than the latter part of the fourteenth century. Mr. David Casley, a former deputy librarian of the Cottonian Library, assigns it to the same century. Mr. Bond places it in the middle of the fifteenth century, and Dr. Kloss between 1427 and 1445. In the opinion of Halliwell, it is "the earliest document yet brought to light connected with the progress of freemasonry in Great Britain." No. 2, also in the British Museum, is the "Cooke" MS., and is so named after its editor, Brother Matthew Cooke. Brother Gould agrees with Mr. Bond in considering it "early 15th Century," though others place it towards the latter part of that century, because it "contains references to the Policronicon," the earliest edition of which, however, it is pointed out, is believed to have appeared in 1342. The "Lansdowne," ascribed to the sixteenth century, and in the British Museum, comes next, and was among the MSS. purchased by Parliamentary grant in 1807, after the death of the Marquis of Lansdowne, and hence its name. Mr. Bond dates it at about 1600, and Bro. Gould suggests it may have been of the middle of the latter half of the sixteenth century, "as these 'Free Masons Orders and Constitutions' are believed to have been part of the collection made by Lord Burghley (Secretary of State, *temp.* Edward VI., and Lord High Treasurer *temp.* Elizabeth), who died A.D. 1598." No. 4, "Grand Lodge," bears date the 25th December 1583, and was purchased in 1839 by Grand Lodge, for the sum of £25, "from Miss Siddall, the granddaughter of Mr. Thomas Dunkerley's second wife." "York No. I.," in possession of the York Lodge, No. 236, comes next. It was presented to the "Grand Lodge of all England" at York by Bro. Drake, who was a native of Pontefract, of which place his father and grandfather had been in turn the vicar. It is assigned to the seventeenth century, its date being "partly determined from internal evidence, and partly from a consideration of the date when Pontefract Castle surrendered to the Parliamentary Forces (March 25, 1649)." Wilson, Nos. 1 and 2, likewise of the seventeenth century, stand six and seven on the list. They were sold to Sir Thomas Phillips by Mr. Wilson, and are now in the possession of his son-in-law, the Rev. J. E. A. Fenwick, of Cheltenham, by whom permission was given to make a transcript of it. Some assign it to the sixteenth century. No. 1, the "Inigo Jones," of the year 1607, is in the possession of Bro. Woodford, who describes it as "a curious and valuable MS. *per se*, not only on account of its special verbiage, but because it possesses a frontispiece of Masons at work, with the words '*Inigo Jones delin.*' at the bottom. It is also highly ornamented throughout, both in the capital letters and with 'finials.' It is, we apprehend, pretty certain that it did belong to Inigo Jones. It is of date 1607." Its owner further considers it "a peculiarly interesting MS. in that it differs from all known transcripts in many points, and agrees with no one copy extant." No. 9, the "Wood" MS., of the year 1610, also in the possession of Bro. Woodford, is described by him as "written on parchment (or vellum), with partially illuminated letters here and there. . . . The 'Finis de Tabula,' at the end of the index (for it has also an index), is, according to some authorities, most archaic, and may refer to an original two hundred years older. It therefore deserves careful noting and perusal." Its title is "The Constitution of Masonry. Wherein is briefly declared the first foundation of divers Sciences, and principally the Science of Masonrye. With divers good Rules, Orders, and Precepts, necessary to be observed of all Masons." The declaration is "Newlye Translated by J. Whitestones for John Sargensonne, 1610," and if, as Bro. Woodford suggests, it is copied from another MS. of the fifteenth century, in that case Bro. Gould considers "translated" as equivalent to "modernised." No. 10 in order is "York No. 3," of A.D. 1630, and has not been traced of late years, though it is known, from its description in the York inventory of 1779, as "No. 3, A parchment Roll of Charges on Masonry, 1630," to have been a version of the Constitutions. Nos. 11 and 12 in the Harleian Collection, at the British Museum, are ascribed by Mr. Bond, the former to the beginning of the seventeenth, and the latter to a period more modern by some half a century, though Bro. Gould thinks there cannot have been much difference in the dates of transcription. However, he considers it probable No. 12 is the copy of an older text. No. 11, he says, is of great importance, as it contains the "New Articles (26 to 31)," which are "not in any other known MS." and the "Apprentice Charge," peculiar "to a few versions only." No. 12 is believed to be in the handwriting of the third Randle Holme, who, like his father and grandfather before him, was deputy to the College of Arms for Cheshire and other counties," and may have been transcribed about 1650. It contains copy of a remarkable obligation "to 'keep secret' certain 'words and signes of a free mason,' &c., and likewise a register of the fees paid (varying from five shillings to twenty) 'for to be a free mason' by twenty-seven persons whose names appear," this being the earliest mention of "words and signes." Nos. 13 and 14 are among the Sloane MSS. in the British Museum. The former concludes "Finis p. me Edwardu Sankey, decimo sexto die Octobris Anno Domini 1646," the 16th October of that year being the date of the initiation of Elias Ashmole and Colonel Mainwaring at Warrington, in which town the Sankey family were landowners for several generations. The latter is signed and dated "Hæc scripta fuerunt p. me Thomam Martin 1659." No. 15 was presented to our G.L. in March 1880 by Bro. George Buchanan of Whitby, who considers, and Bro. Gould thinks he is right, it belongs to the "latter part of the seventeenth century—say from 1660 to 1680." It was found among the papers of the late Mr. Henry Belcher, an antiquary, and partner of Brother Buchanan's father, and Bro. Gould is informed that Mr. Belcher was a friend of Bro. Blanchard, the G. Sec. of the Grand Lodge of all England at York. No. 16 is in the possession of Mother Kilwinning Lodge, Scotland, and is assigned to the seventeenth century. With respect to this and other Scottish MSS. Bro. Gould remarks that "*all the Scottish versions are evidently of English origin.*" No. 17, the "Atcheson Haven" and the property of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, is described as "Ane Narratione

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of the finding out of the craft of Masonrie, and by whom it heth been cherished." It is engrossed in the earliest minute book of the Atcheson Haven Lodge, and bears date 1666. No. 18 belongs to the ancient Lodge of Aberdeen, and is contained in the records of that Lodge, being inserted after Laws and Statutes and with general laws, list of members, &c., all beginning in 1670. No. 19, which Bro. Gould considers of far greater value than Nos. 16, 17, and 18, is Melrose No. 2, of date 1674, and Bro. Gould says, "One can almost positively declare it to be a transcript of an extinct MS. of A.D. 1581 (which I term Melrose No. 1), or even earlier, as the conclusion is a certificate from a 'master freemason,' in favour, apparently, of the lawful service by his apprentice." It was discovered by Brother Vernon of Kelso, though Bro. Hughan, we are told, appears to have had an inkling of its existence, and is certified thus: "Extracted be me, A. M., upon the 1, 2, 3 and 4 dayes of December MDCLXXIIII." Bro. Vernon, it seems, suggests that "A. M." may stand for Andrew Mein, "who wrote also a copy of the 'Mutuall Agreemint Betwixt the Maisonis of the Lodge of Melros,' of the year 1675, which still exists." The title of No. 20, the "Hope" MS., belonging to the Hope Lodge of Bradford, Yorkshire, and assigned to the seventeenth century, is "The Constitutions, articles which are to be observed and fulfilled by all those who are made free by the Rt. Wr.ll Mr.s Fellowes and Brethren of Free Masons at any Lodge or assemblie." Nos. 21 and 22, are York Nos. 5 and 6 respectively, and of the seventeenth century. No. 23, the "Antiquity," MS. of 1686, the date being fixed by the initials at the top, "I 2 R (James II., King)." The invocation, "In the name of the Great and Holy God," differs from that in the majority of MSS., which commence "The might of the Father in Heaven." It concludes "William Bray, Free-man of London, and Freemason. Written by Robert Padgett, clearke to the Worshipful Society of the Free Masons of the City of London, in the second year of the Raigne of our most Gracious Soveraign Lord, King James the Second of England, etc., Annoque Domini 1686." No. 24 was recently discovered by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, and presented by him to the library of the Supreme Council. The incription is "J. 2d R. 1686." No. 25, which is "York No. 4," bears the endorsement "Brother Geo. Walker of Wetherby, to the Grand Lodge of York 1776, No. 4, 1693," its date being further certified by "These be the Constitucions of the noble and famous History, called Masonry, made and now in practice by the best Masters and Fellowes for directing and guiding all that use the said Craft, scripted p. me vicesimo tertio die Octobris, anno Regni regis et Regina, Gulielmy et Marie quinto annoque Domini 1693—Mark Kypling." The "names of the Lodg" are appended at the foot of the Roll. This is valuable, as it contains the "Apprentice Charge," not in the other York MSS., and also from the anomalous instructions preliminary to the Charges, the word "shee" being inserted, and suggestive of the possibility that females were admitted Freemasons, though it is reasonably submitted that this "shee" is a clerical error for "they." No. 26, is styled the "Alnwick" MS., being "the Masons' Constitutions," preceding the records of the "Company and Fellowship of Freemasons of a Lodge held at Alnwicke," the first minute being dated the 29th September 1701. No. 27, the second in point of number, but the youngest in point of age of the York MSS., is entitled "The Constitutions of Masonrie, 1704." Like the oldest of the same series of MSS.—the No. 5 of Brother Gould's list as already described—it commences with an anagram on Masonry. No. 28, the "Scarborough" of the year 1705, is in the possession of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Brother Jacob Norton had a hand in tracing it. It is important as containing the following record: "We . . . That att a private lodge held att Scarbrough in the County of York, the tenth day of July 1705, before William Thompson, Esq. P'sident of the said Lodge and several other brethren Free Masons, the severall p'sons whose names are herevnto subscribed were then admitted into the said Fraternity. Ed. Thompson, Jo. Tempest, Robt Johnson, Tho. Lister, Samuel W. Buck, Richard Hudson." The "Papworth," No. 29, bought by Mr. Wyatt Papworth some twenty years ago, cannot have been written before 1714, as "the 'Water-Mark' consists of a crown and the letters 'G.R.' above." No. 30, the "Gateshead" MS. in the possession of the Industry Lodge of Gateshead, and No. 31, "Rawlinson" in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, are assigned approximately to 1730. The former, according to Bro. Woodford, was bound up with a copy of the Constitutions of 1723, the "Apprentice Orders" which, he says, "in their present form are unique," being entered a little later. These "Apprentice Orders" conclude with an admonition to the neophytes that they should "behave one to another Gentlely, Friendily, Lovingly, and Brotherly; not churlishly, presumptuously, and forwardly; but so that all your works (words?) and actions may redound to the Glory of God, the good report of the Fellowship and Company. So help you God. Amen." Of the "Rawlinson" the original has not been traced, but it is said to have been "Copied from an old MS. in the possession of Dr. Rawlinson." At the end, for the usual termination "the contents of this Booke," or "some such form," are substituted the words "the holy contents of this Roll."

The second group, B, of "Late Transcripts," comprises six copies—the "Spencer," No. 32, which Bro. Gould surmises is "in the main a copy of No. 8"—the "Inigo Jones MS.—"or, at all events, of one very much like it." It was purchased at the Spencer sale in 1875 for Bro. E. T. Carson, of Cincinnati, the Masonic bibliographer, Its date is 1726. No. 33, "Woodford," and 34, "Supreme Council No. 2, are copies of the Cooke MS. (No. 2), and both dated 1728. The former, in the possession of Bro. Woodford, contains "the arms plate of William Cowper Esq. Clerk to the Parliaments (Grand Secretary 1723)," the inscription being, "This is a very ancient record of Masonry, wch was copy'd for me by Wm Reid, Secretary to the Grand Lodge, 1728—Ld. Coleraine, Grd. Master, Al. Choke Depy.; Nat. Blackesby and Jo. Higmore, Gd Wardens." The latter, in the library of the Supreme Council, is termed in a pencil note the "Lord Coleraine MS."

No. 35, "Melrose No. 3," of date 1762, in the possession of the old Lodge at Melrose, is "a transcript of No. 18," and is thus referred to in the Records: "Given out this day, the old Rights of the Lodge in a long Roll to be extracted by Nichol Bowr and Thomas Marr, and they are to be allowed for their trouble." No. 36, once the property of the late Bro. Tunnah, of East Lancashire, after whom it is named, but now of Bro. Hughan, is assigned to 1828, the watermark of the paper being of that year. Bro. Gould says it resembles No. 13—"Sloane" MS. 3941 of 1646, in the British Museum. No. 37, the "Wren" of 1852, belonging to Bro. Woodford, is endorsed "Copy from an ancient parchment Roll, written in old Norman English about the date of 1600, and said to be a true copy of the original found amongst the papers of Sir Christopher Wren, who built St. Paul's Cathedral, London. This parchment roll belonged to the late Rev. Mr. Crane, a very learned divine and most zealous Mason, and who was for many years P.G. Secretary for the Province, when Sir Robert S. Cotton (father of the present Lord Combermere, and now R.W.P.G. Master) was the Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire." This note is signed "Bro. S. Browne, Secretary and Treasurer of the 'Cestrian,' 615, Chester A.L. 1852, December 4th."

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This is the third year of issue of this useful compilation, and we again congratulate Bro. Nott on the admirable manner in which he has fulfilled his task as Editor. It is but the other day, as it were, that we described at some length the contents of this Wiltshire Masonic guide, and there is little that we can add in the present instance. Bro. Nott has considerably enlarged his account of the local Charity Organisation and Benevolent Fund Committee, so that the information it now contains is well nigh as complete as it can possibly be made. In fact, as far as we can judge, nothing more remains for him to do in the future years of his editorship than to reproduce what is herein contained with, of course, such alterations as each new year will necessarily demand. We must, however, express regret at Bro. Nott's announcement that the Calendar in the past two years has not been able to pay its way. For their credit's sake, the Wiltshire brethren should render such an announcement in respect of this and future years impossible.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Cavesc, Albion, Aldersgate Street

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1633—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction
837—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

TUESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham
R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
R.A. 103—Fearnfort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 168—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Rvde, Isle of Wight
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire

WEDNESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Tavern, at 5.30, for 6 o'clock.
House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 78 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1446—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1922—Earl of Lathom Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
290—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
383—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 1353—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 1st MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
8—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
286—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Haywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

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294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 2nd MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1345—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1468—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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KING'S CROSS LODGE, No. 1732.

THIS successful Lodge, which may be considered an offshoot of the Metropolitan, No. 1507, celebrated its Sixth Anniversary Festival on Saturday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Lodge was opened by Bro. Henry Higgins the W.M., who was supported by Bro. Lewis Solomon S.W., W.M. elect, and the other Officers. Amongst those present were Past Masters J. J. Michael (Treasurer), W. M. Stiles, Henry Stiles, J. T. Briggs; James Terry P.M. 228, &c., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Thomas Cubitt P.G.P. Honorary Members; with the following Visitors:—H. E. Turner I.G. 1149, F. G. W. Guyer S.D. 1288. C. Solomon 23, J. A. Harvey P.M. 1314, E. Howlett J.W. 134, Bs. ratt-Kidder I.P.M. 12, John Pitter P.M. 1793, E. Harvey Junior Warden 1314, N. Vallentine Senior Deacon 1017, J. C. Smith A.M.C. 1744, S. Hickman P.M. 188, E. Storr Senior Deacon 167, H. Hamilton 569, J. P. Hamilton 1706, C. Reuter (Cornwallis), F. Silvester J.D. 193, T. C. Edmonds 1507, F. Rothschild P.M. 1288, J. Shipley W.M. 30, J. Hemming 1287, W. J. Burgess P.M. 1472, W. R. Powell 1901, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211, J. E. Pope P.M. 946, Lindsay Sloper, J. B. Edwards 1107. After the minutes of last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bros. J. H. Smith and C. J. Davis were then passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. It has been the rule, since the establishment of this Lodge, that the Worshipful Masters should undertake all the duties attached to their office, and conclude their labours by installing their successor. Our esteemed Bro. Higgins—a most competent worker so far as ability is concerned—unfortunately suffers from a physical infirmity of voice, and under these circumstances we had anticipated he would have claimed the indulgence of his brethren, and called on one of the Past Masters to work the ceremony of installation on this occasion. However, our excellent brother nerved himself for the task, and must have been infinitely gratified at the manifestations of approval and recognition of his zeal that his exertions called forth. However, we feel we are anticipating the business. Bro. Lewis Solomon was in due course presented and obligated, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and he was placed in the chair of King Solomon. On the readmission of the brethren the W.M. was saluted, and he invested the Officers, as follow:—Bros. Leon Jacobs S.W.; G. H. Gorringe J.W., J. J. Michael P.M. Treasurer, Frederick Saintsbury Secretary, C. B. Putland S.D., B. Kauffman J.D., Frank Fletcher I.G., Arthur Hubbard M.C., Alexander Pawson Asst. M.C., W. H. Baker Wine Steward, F. C. Austin Assist. W.S., Daly Tyler. After Bro. Higgins had delivered the addresses a cordial vote of thanks was proposed to him by Bro. P.M. Michael, for the zeal he had displayed during his year of office, and for his able and impressive rendering of the ceremony of installation. Bro. P.M. Briggs, who seconded the proposition, also testified to the satisfaction with which he had listened to Bro. Higgins, and the vote was carried unanimously, with a suggestion that a record to the effect be made on the minutes. Bro. Higgins acknowledged the compliment, as also did he the honour conferred on him by the W.M., who in a few graceful sentences presented him with the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge. He assured the brethren he tendered them his thanks most heartily. He had endeavoured to do all he possibly could for the welfare of the members, and should look back with pleasure on the kindness and consideration that had been shown him during the period he had governed the Lodge; he fully recognised and appreciated the assistance he had at all times received, and which had tended to the success with which he had carried out his labours. After routine work, Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in the pillar-room, and after the cloth had been removed, the W.M. Bro. Solomon briefly introduced the Loyal toast, the Queen and the Craft. After the National Anthem the W.M., in speaking of the M.W. the Grand Master, said all knew the many claims made on the time of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; consequently, we can scarcely expect to see him so frequently in Grand Lodge as we could desire. However, all are alive to the interest he takes in the doings of the Craft, and he (the W.M.) had every confidence in offering the toast for acceptance. After this had been fully honoured, the Grand Officers were toasted, and Bro. T. Cubitt's name associated therewith. Bro. Cubitt, in replying, said the Grand Officers could fully appreciate the kind remarks of the W.M. All Masons recognised the zeal of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master. In the Marquis of Ripon's time, the Earl of Carnarvon made his mark as Deputy Grand Master, and since the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, now some eight years since, he had ably fulfilled the functions of Pro Grand Master. Bro. Cubitt made reference to a rumour prevalent that the Marquis of Ripon will be offered a dukedom at the expiration of his term of office in India. This step in the peerage will mark the Government's high appreciation of the Viceroy's administration, and will be acceptable to the large body of Masons who are fully alive to the great interest the Marquis once took in the doings of the Craft. The Earl of Lathom, up to the time to which he (Bro. Cubitt) referred, was better known in his Province of West Lancashire. However, since his occupancy of the post of Deputy Grand Master, he had secured the good opinion of Masons in a more extended sphere. Bro. Cubitt then referred to the recent Royal visit to Essex, on the occasion of the installation of Lord Brooke as the Grand Master of that Province. The foul weather prevalent on that day did not damp the ardour of the Grand Officers, who, he might say, spared no labour to fulfil their duties. Brother Cubitt concluded an excellent speech by thanking the W.M. for connecting his name with the toast. In proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, Brother Higgins said that Brother Lewis Solomon was one of the Founders of the Lodge, and had been one of the most constant attendants at its meetings; in fact, he might say he had scarcely ever been absent. Personally he felt sure the members could not have made a better choice of a Master than in electing Brother Solomon. He had every confidence in offering the toast for their acceptance. After an amusing song from Brother Silvester, the Worshipful Master replied. He would not take up their time by attempting to make a long speech. He felt fully the responsibilities of his present position; he had striven to gain their good opinion in the past, and he felt he had not been unsuccessful. As he grew older, and gained greater experience, he trusted he should still further advance in their good opinion. He had a competent Mentor in Brother Stiles, to whom he felt infinitely indebted for many kindnesses, and he knew he could rely on the cooperation of those whom he had appointed to office. Under all these circumstances, he looked forward to a pleasant year of office, and thanked them all heartily for the way they had greeted the toast. In proposing the health of the Past Masters, Brother Solomon

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again referred to the way Brother Higgins had carried out the work of the day, and that brother, in acknowledging the compliment reiterated his good wishes for the prosperity of the Kings Cross Lodge. Bros. W. M. Stiles, Briggs, and Henry Stiles also replied. Bro. Terry acknowledged the toast of the Masonic Institutions, and recognised the substantial assistance rendered to the Charities by this Lodge. It was gratifying to know that Bro. Jacobs, the S.W., had over £70 already on his list, and doubtless the zeal he was displaying would enable him to take a position not second to that occupied by Bro. Solomon, their W.M., who had taken up a list of £80 at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution in 1882. Bro. Terry then gave details of what was being done by the respective Institutions, and urged on all to aid in making the Festival of Wednesday next such a success as would warrant the Committee in electing the proposed additional candidates. The other toasts comprised the Visitors, the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers, &c. To each and all suitable responses were made, and it was somewhat late ere the Tyler gave the signal for departure, after a singularly pleasant and harmonious meeting.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

A REGULAR meeting was held on Tuesday, 20th February, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Bros. Francis J. Ferguson W.M., R. C. Mount I.P.M. and Treasurer, S. Wheeler S.W., M. J. Withers J.W., A. W. Parry Secretary, D. H. Witherington S.D., F. Blackwell J.D., J. W. Martin M.C., J. C. B. Tirbutt Organist, C. G. Butler I.G., G. W. Webb and H. G. Armstrong Stewards; P.M.'s Bros. C. Stephens, R. Bradley, J. W. Hounslow, S. Bradley; Bros. Albury, Cookburn, Higgs, Walters, Rayner, Sydenham, Stubington, Tubbs, George, Sherwood, Hawkes, Tench. Visitors—Bros. Colonel Heathcote 654, W. Ferguson P.M. 1101, Ivey P.M. and Sec. 1101, A. Mount 1328, Petty 414, Ashby J.W. 771, General Romer 319, D'Albar 1466, R. Dowsett W.M. 1101, W. Hickie Organist 1101, E. Whitfield 1101, J. Goddard W.M. 771. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge and Lodge of Emergency were read and confirmed. Bro. W. H. Strickland P.M. and P.P.G.O., formerly a member of this Lodge, was elected as a joining member. Bro. C. B. Tubbs, a candidate for passing, gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency in the former degree, was entrusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Tubbs was admitted and passed to the degree of F.C. This being the new Master's first work since his installation, it is fair to say that he conducted the ceremony in a most perfect manner; the effect was considerably heightened by vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. Tirbutt Organist. Bro. Stubington, a candidate for raising to the third degree, was examined, entrusted, and in due course raised to the sublime degree of M.M. This ceremony was performed by the I.P.M., Bro. R. C. Mount, in his usual correct and impressive manner. On the W.M. resuming the chair, a notice of motion, "for increased accommodation in the offices outside the Lodge," was referred to the Permanent Committee to report thereon. Bros. Higgs, Bracher, and Sherwood were appointed on the Permanent Committee. We congratulate Bro. Ferguson on his prospect of a successful year of office. A discussion arose respecting a memorial to the late Secretary, Bro. Leaver; it is contemplated to have a stained window, in St. Lawrence's Church, for which a subscription has been opened. Before closing the Lodge the W.M., in an appropriate speech, presented to the I.P.M. a case, containing the full regalia of Prov. G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, which Bro. Mount felicitously acknowledged, with sincere thanks to the members of the Lodge. All business being ended, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

HELD at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, 14th inst. Bros. Dowsett W.M., Blackwell I.P.M., Ridley S.W., Hawkes J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Ivey P.M. Secretary, Prickett S.D., Ravenscroft J.D., Hickie Organist, Rhind I.G., Hemmings Tyler; Bros. Weatherhead, Creed, Contes, Slaughter, Vowles; Visitors:—Bros. Sparrow 419 and 464 I.C., Hallam P.M. 1349. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The W.M. announced that Mr. Bennett, who was elected at the last regular Lodge, was a candidate for initiation, and while he was being prepared he (the Worshipful Master) addressed the brethren in explanation of his absence from the last regular Lodge, and desired to convey his heartfelt thanks for their kindness in sympathising with him in his late domestic bereavement, and especially he desired to thank the I.P.M. for the very kind manner in which he conveyed those expressions in a letter addressed to him. The candidate being announced, was admitted and initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. The ceremony was admirably performed by the W.M., at the conclusion of which the charge was most correctly given—*in extenso*. The sum of two guineas was voted to the relief of brethren in Jamaica, who are suffering from the late calamitous fire. A moiety of expenses incurred by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks at their last meeting in Reading was ordered to be paid; the Lodge of Union 414 having paid the other moiety. The Secretary produced a paper of suggestions for alterations and amendments in the Revised Book of Constitutions, at a meeting of the representatives of the Lodges in the Province, for the inspection of the members; he also announced that the returns to Grand Lodge had been made, and the fees remitted. The Provincial Grand Lodge returns were also ready for the Audit Committee, when they meet in a few days. After a proposal for a joining member, and the usual ceremonies, including the closing hymn, under the direction of Bro. Hickie, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned.

KILBURN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1608.

THE Annual Banquet of the members and friends of this Lodge of Instruction took place on Monday last, the 19th instant, at Bro. W. F. Walton's, South Molton Hotel, South Molton-street, W. The chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Linscott I.P.M. No. 55, who was supported by Bros. P.M.'s Baker 753, Finch 173, Brooks 1608, Latreille 1260, Willey 9, Willey jun. 9, Valentine 9, Cuff 1608, Foxley W.M. 173, Langdon J.W. 538, Wickens S.D. 733, Soper W.M. 1769, Flood 1612, Spencer 733, Fisher 733, Brooks, Walham 1642, Taylor 1642, Dickenson 1608, Thomas 753, Barr 1305, Coles 1305, Smith 1305, Gomm 1305, Pescod 1305, Dunn 1305, Ashdown 1305, Peirce J.W. 211, Halliday 1305, Dale 1310, Walton S.D. 1608, Morgan S.W. 211, Blum W.M. 511, Steckelbach 766, H. J. Price 55, Wiggins S.D. 753, Raymond 1305, Brooks 66, Pourpart 9. The repast was very well served by Bro. Walton, who personally looked after the comforts of his guests. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Linscott proposed the toast that is never overlooked at gatherings of this nature—The Queen and the Craft. This was followed by the National Anthem. The W.M. then gave the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. If ever there was a Mason who deserved to be toasted, it was our Royal Brother. He would call on those present to do full honour to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. The toast of the Grand Officers came next, and then Bro. Preceptor Baker, in felicitous terms, proposed the health of their President, the Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction, Bro. T. B. Linscott, to whom he gave all credit for the sustained interest he evinces in the welfare of all matters tending to the advancement of the Order. On Bro. Linscott rising to reply, he said he did so with some amount of diffidence. His associations with the members marked some especially happy episodes in his life. Bro. Baker had somewhat foreshadowed his ideas in proposing the toast, but he could assure those present that the Lodge of Instruction was in a flourishing condition; it had a balance in hand, after satisfying all claims that could be made on it. He heartily thanked all present for the way they had received the mention of his name. The President next proposed the health of the principal Officers—the Preceptor and Secretary—whom he eulogised for the earnestness with which they severally entered upon their duties. Bro. Baker was Preceptor of several Lodges, and in all he displayed infinite zeal, which redounded to the advantage of his numerous pupils; all of whom had derived great benefit from his instruction. He (the W.M.) felt all appreciated the ardour their Preceptor manifested. In replying, Bro. Baker stated that for nearly twenty-five years he had endeavoured to perform the functions of a Preceptor, and, as their president had stated, stress of weather never kept him from his post. So long as he had health and strength he hoped to be able to continue his labours, which he trusted would redound to the advancement of the younger members of the Craft. He could endorse what had been said in regard to their worthy Secretary, Bro. Cuff. A more popular brother they could not meet with, and a more energetic Mason it would be difficult to find. Bro. Cuff having replied, several other toasts were given, the efforts of mine host receiving special acknowledgment. The proceedings were enlivened by several songs and recitations.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—Held on Wednesday, 21st February, at Bro. Serjeant's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C. Bros. Tegg W.M., Serjeant S.W., Woolley J.W., Millington S.D., Pinder Preceptor, Stroud I.G.; also Bros. A. Clark, Rowe, Andrews, &c. &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Andrews candidate. Bro. Andrews worked the first, second, and third sections of the first lecture, assisted by Bros. Millington, Rowe, and Serjeant respectively. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Andrews worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Stroud. Bro. Serjeant was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The brethren of the Kent Lodge of Instruction will work the Fifteen Sections at the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction on Monday evening, 26th instant, at seven o'clock precisely.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 23.—A meeting was held on Monday evening, at 7.30 p.m., at Brother McDiarmaid's, the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughborough Junction. Present—Bros. Westley W.M., Barclay Perkins S.W., Westmore J.W., McDiarmaid Treasurer, McKinley Secretary, Howard Reynolds S.D., Serring J.D., Johnson Preceptor, Warren I.G.; P.M.'s Tapps, Lang, Carnack, Littlewood, Banks, Hook, Brown, Bellio, Thompson, Wood, Hervey, Louden. After preliminaries, the Worshipful Master worked the first section of the third lecture. Lodge resumed to the second, when Bro. Wood, a candidate to be raised, answered the usual questions before being entrusted. Lodge resumed to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. After routine work, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till Monday next.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on Saturday, the 17th instant. Present—Bros. A. Ferrar W.M., Foxcroft S.W., Venning J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Galer S.D., Dixie J.D., Ashton I.G.; also Bros. Marks, Parkes, Houghton, Archer, Williams sen., Williams jun., Weeden, Rhodes, Brasted, Wolf. All formalities were complied with in opening the Lodge, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history, Brother Weeden acting as candidate. Brother Fenner worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed to the first degree. Bro. Foxcroft was appointed W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed and adjourned. This evening (24th) the election of the Secretary and Treasurer will take place, when it is hoped there will be a large muster of the members.

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EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THIS Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday evening, at the Queen Hotel, York. Bro. M. Millington W.M. was supported by P.M.'s Bros. Whytehead, Cumberland, Balmford, Simpson; Bro. Geo. Kirby W.M. 236; by his Wardens, and an unusually large attendance of brethren. Two successful ballots were taken for candidates; and two candidates, elected at a previous meeting, were initiated, by the Worshipful Master, the J.D. giving the charge. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, as Treasurer of the building fund, announced that nearly £1,000 had been subscribed towards the purchase of a hall, most of it by members of the Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master had very generously subscribed £50, and so also had Brother J. W. Woodall, of Scarborough, who was always ready to help in Masonic work. There was no doubt that the necessary funds would easily be raised, and he was able to state that a meeting of members of the Mechanics' Institute had endorsed the action of their committee in the sale to the Lodge of their old building. Great satisfaction was expressed by the members at this announcement, and several additional debentures were taken up. Before the Lodge was closed Brother Cumberland P.M. presented to the Lodge a framed photograph of Masonic emblems, Brother G. Irving presented a large framed and coloured bird's-eye view of York, and Brother Whytehead presented to the library a bound copy of the *Voice of Masonry*. Two candidates for Freemasonry were proposed, and the Lodge was closed. At refreshment several good speeches were made, and the proceedings were enlivened by the singing of Bros. Cumberland, Wilkinson, and Child, whose performance of "Willie brewed a peck o' maut," was exceedingly humorous. We may add that the building secured by the Eboracum Lodge for the purposes of meeting is situated in St. Saviour-gate, in the centre of the city, and for many years has been used by the Mechanics' Institute Society, who are now raising a fund for erecting a new and larger building in Clifford-street. The old building is admirably adapted for Masonic purposes, having a very large lecture hall on the first floor, suitable for a Lodge room, and ground floor rooms available for banquetting room, smoke room, library, committee room, &c., and a caretaker's residence at the back. The price is £1250, and as some additional outlays will be required, the members of the Lodge have formed an Eboracum Masonic Hall Proprietory, and are raising £2000 by means of debentures of £5 each, bearing interest at a low rate. There is every prospect of the scheme being perfectly successful.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 16th inst., at eight o'clock p.m. Present—Bros. G. Monson W.M., Tucker (Treasurer) S.W., Gomm J.W., Henning S.D., Gunner J.D., Cammell I.G., Andrews Preceptor, C. E. Botley and F. Botley Joint Secretaries; Bros. Sugg, Sperring, S. Flint, A. Turner, Maton, Hirst, Weeden, Fenner, &c. After preliminaries, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hirst candidate. This brother answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hirst acting as candidate. Lodge was advanced to the third, and closed to the first degree, when Bro. C. E. Botley worked the first section. Bro. T. Flint 780 was elected a member, and Bro. Tucker was appointed W.M. for the 23rd inst.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—On Wednesday evening last, at the Jolly Farmers Tavern, Southgate-road. Bro. F. Perl presided as W.M., supported by Bros. Marks S.W., Potter J.W., P.M. Cusworth Preceptor, Dixie S.D., Chubb J.D., Priestley I.G.; also Bros. W. Potter, Warden, Flack, Smith, and Capstick. The work composed the rehearsal of the initiation ceremony, Bro. Smith acting as candidate. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. Capstick proved himself an efficient F.C., was entrusted, and Lodge was opened in the third and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bros. Smith and Capstick were unanimously elected members. Bro. Marks will occupy the position of W.M. on Wednesday evening, March 7th. Next Wednesday, February 28th, will be devoted to the working of the Fifteen Sections, by members of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 20th instant. Present—Bros. Christian W.M., Robinson S.W., Smyth J.W., Bunker S.D., Cushing J.D., Gray I.G., Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Darnell, Brasted, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Brasted offered himself as candidate for raising, was interrogated and entrusted, and in due course the ceremony was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Lodge was called off, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties by the W.M. working the third section, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Robinson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his Officers in rotation. Proposed by Bro. Carr, and seconded by Bro. Darnell, that Bro. W. W. Morgan be invited to deliver a lecture in this Lodge of Instruction on the first Tuesday in March. This was carried unanimously. It was also arranged that the Preceptor of the Lodge should rehearse the ceremony of installation next Tuesday. On each of these occasions we trust the brethren will make it convenient to attend in force. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

The first meeting of the Neptune Lodge, No. 30, since the installation of Brother Henry Povey, as W.M., was held on Thursday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE agenda paper for the meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, while at first sight it is suggestive of there being little or nothing to do beyond business that is formal or of a general character, is worthy of a few passing remarks. The Grand Master will submit a resolution to the effect that the sum of one hundred guineas be contributed towards the relief of brethren in Jamaica who have suffered by the terrible conflagration at Kingston in December last. That the motion will be carried with acclamation is certain, and our sole regret is, that G. Lodge will not be asked to give of its surplus funds a far higher amount. There are, in the first place, no less than eight Lodges under the English Constitution alone which meet at Kingston, and, in the second, the same amount was voted towards the Palestine Exploration Fund in 1868, and again in 1876, to the Peruvian Earthquake Fund, to the Fund for the Relief of Famine in Persia, and towards alleviating the distress caused by the "cataclysm" on the coast of Peru, while £100 was voted for the relief of members of the one Lodge in Curacoa who suffered from a hurricane in 1878, and two hundred guineas were given in 1877 to the sufferers from the fire at St. John, New Brunswick. In these circumstances it occurs to us that the sum of £105 is by no means adequate to the requirements of this particular calamity in Jamaica. If, for example, £100 was considered a just contribution towards the relief of the members of the single Curacoa Lodge, then £105 manifestly falls short of what is likely to be required by the brethren of the eight Kingston Lodges. On the other hand, if the proposed grant of £105 in the Jamaica case is deemed sufficient, then £100 in the Curacoa case must have been excessive. We do not desire to see Grand Lodge ostentatious in its gifts, but if it can be said to have erred on former occasions on the side of extra liberality in its grants, it may be considered to err on the present occasion on the side of parsimony, and that, too, at a time when the balance to its credit is largely in excess of £5,000. Moreover, where property to the value of half a million of money has been destroyed—only £150,000 out of the £650,000 damage was covered by insurance—and about 7,000 people rendered homeless, it appears to us some consideration might be exhibited for the poor unfortunates outside the Craft. Suffering humanity, whether it comes before us in the shape of Masons or non-Masons, has righteous claims on the sympathy and assistance of Grand Lodge. This duty has been again and again recognised, as in the case of the Lancashire Cotton districts in 1863, the Turks' Island Relief Fund in 1868, the Chicago Relief Fund in 1872, the Bengal Famine Fund in 1874 and in 1877, and the Distress in Ireland Fund in 1880, and others that might be mentioned. In none of these cases was the claim on our assistance more just than is that of our poor Jamaica fellow-subjects, and we hope to see some member of Grand Lodge rise in his place, on Wednesday next, and suggest a larger sum be granted, of which one part shall be set aside for suffering brethren, and the other for the general body of sufferers.

The other business calls only for very brief notice. The grants by the Lodge of Benevolence which will have to be confirmed are more moderate than we have seen them on former occasions, there being only three of £100 each, one of £75, and six of £50 each. It is quite time the Lodge of Benevolence kept its expenditure within its income. The Revised Edition of the Book of Constitutions, and the 800 amendments which have been suggested by different Lodges and brethren, are to be taken into consideration and reported on. It will be proposed that the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, of Cairo, which was ordered to be erased at the December Communication, shall be allowed to resume its functions. For our own part, it strikes us the more businesslike way to proceed in this case will be for a motion to be made that so much of the minutes of the last meeting as relates to the erasure of the Bulwer Lodge shall be non-confirmed. Only eight new warrants have been granted, and will be submitted for Grand Lodge approval, and it is not a little remarkable that not one of these has been issued for a Colonial Lodge, two being London warrants and the other six Provincial. The election of Grand Master and Grand Treasurer constitutes the remaining portion of the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Monday next.

FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE well-wishers of this admirable Institution, the Chairman of the Festival, R.W. Gen. Bro. Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, the Province of Surrey, and the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. James Terry, and his staff, are one and all to be congratulated on the result of Wednesday's gathering at Freemasons' Tavern. There was a numerous company assembled to do honour to the occasion, the brethren and ladies mustering to the extent of some 500. Among the former were Bros. General Laurie Grand Master of Nova Scotia, Colonel Lloyd-Philipps Prov. G.M. of South Wales Western Division, Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C. Dep. Prov. Grand Master Surrey, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., Deputy Prov. G. Master Suffolk, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, J. Messent G.S.B., Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. Prov. G. S. Warden Surrey, C. Greenwood jun. Prov. Grand Secretary Surrey, F. W. R. Hedges Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, C. F. Matier, Captain Nichols, &c. &c. Messrs. Spiers and Pond catered very successfully, and Bro. Dawkins, in his quality of manager, was courtesy itself, as he is invariably. After dinner, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the Chairman, who, in proposing that of the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. Patron and President of the Institution, the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family, referred to the grand spectacle which was presented in the Royal Albert Hall, on the occasion of His Royal Highness's installation as Grand Master, and spoke in terms of eulogy of the interest exhibited in the Craft not only by the Prince, but likewise by his brothers the Dukes of Connaught and Albany. The health of the Grand Officers,

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whose services were justly eulogised by Gen. Brownrigg, was gracefully acknowledged by Colonel Lloyd-Philipps. With the "Sister Grand Lodges" was associated the name of Brother General Laurie, whose reply was well received. In proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," the Chairman spoke briefly but to the point. He drew attention to the vast amount of good that is being done by the Institution, its large expenditure, which amounts annually to over £13,000, and the heavy list of applicants who present themselves year by year to be admitted on the roll of annuitants, and he quoted the well-known story told of Dr. Swift, on the occasion of his being asked to plead for a poor person and preach a sermon on his behalf, the text being "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord," and the sermon—perhaps the briefest on record—"All of you who are satisfied with the security, down with the dust." The toast was enthusiastically received, and Bro. Terry shortly afterwards announced a list of the donations, and subscriptions, amounting to the very handsome total of £13,047 1s, with nine lists still to be received—a total which has been exceeded on only rare occasions, even during the brilliant period of the Prince of Wales's Grand Mastership. London, as represented by 137 Stewards, contributed towards this result £7,646 11s 6d, while the Provinces by their 135 Stewards raised amongst them £5,400 9s 6d, Surrey loyally taking the lead with the splendid sum of £905, a grand achievement for a Province which is very far from being numerically strong. Bristol, Essex, Gloucestershire, Herts, Kent, East Lancashire, West Lancashire, Middlesex, Norths and Hunts, Notts, Sussex, Worcester, and West Yorkshire also sent up liberal donations. The health of the Chairman was proposed by Col. Lloyd-Philipps and, it goes without saying, was received with the heartiest applause, while Brother Hedges, Secretary of the Girls' School, whose Festival is the next in order of occurrence, returned thanks for the toast of "Success to the other Masonic Institutions." Colonel Clerke Grand Secretary returned thanks for "the Ladies," very happily. The usual concert followed in the Temple. Brother W. Ganz P.G.O. had charge of this part of the programme, and ably fulfilled his task, in which he was well supported by the Misses Clara Samuell, Mary Beare, Maria Delval, and Frances Hipwell, Herr Poznanski, and Bros. Lehmeyer, Faulkner Leigh, Franklin Clive, and Egbert Roberts.

Thus has passed for 1883 the principal event in connection with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and while repeating our congratulations to all who took part in it, and all interested in the continued success of the Institution, we can only express a hope that the Festivals of the two Schools will prove at least as successful.

The following is a corrected list of the Stewards and amounts collected by them up to the time of our going to press.

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Lodge				
	Br. Rev. A F A Woodford	12	12	0
	W H Dean	5	5	0
	William Clarke V.P.	10	10	0
1	Bradshaw Brown	21	0	0
1	J G L Hemmerde	72	19	0
2	Charles R Rivington	54	12	0
3	J Peacock	18	18	0
4	W T Whitmore	15	15	0
5	Captain T P Powell	41	9	6
7	H C Brunning	29	8	0
Chapter				
7	Comp. George Drysdale	30	9	0
Lodge				
8	Br. W A Grogono	17	10	0
9	S W Thompson	15	15	0
10	T Weller-Poley V.P.	47	5	0
11	George Anderson	27	8	6
14	Walter Jarvis	10	10	0
15	A Posener	47	5	0
18	Walter E Williams	13	13	0
19	Henry Glenn	89	5	0
21	T F Peacock, Samuel Hill	49	15	6
22	E F Storr	50	2	0
26	G B Brodie, M.D.	52	10	0
28	J E Lloyd	30	9	0
29	Edward Terry	24	3	0
30	Joshua Shipley	52	16	6
33	T W Traill	44	18	0
55	T B Linscott	67	13	6
Chapter				
58	Comp. C E Smith	35	14	0
Lodge				
65	Br. J Roberts	125	0	0
72	F Thurston	100	0	0
78	William Klingenstein	37	16	0
79	C Fowler	47	5	0
87	Alfred W Woodliffe	53	10	0
90	Josiah Griffin	75	2	0
95	R T Hill	42	0	0
108	Edwin B Holloway	66	3	0
144	Thomas Markland	84	1	6
145	Charles A Woods	63	0	0
Chapter				
145	Comp. Thomas Bull	84	0	0
Lodge				
147	Br. John Dixon	60	10	0
Chapter				
157	Comp. Charles Pulman	45	3	0
Lodge				
162	Br. John Ramsey	34	13	0
166	Frederick W Smith	33	12	0
167	H E Coffin	18	2	0
169	George L Moore	108	8	0
172	W O Beazley	36	17	0
174	James S Fraser	148	0	0
177	William Herbage	140	1	0
179	L Bénet	52	4	0
181	Alfred Thomas Layton	30	16	6
183	Thomas Cawley Eager	40	3	0
192	William T Rickwood	24	3	0
Lodge				
193	James Smith	57	15	0
198	F Orchard	36	11	0
228	A H Hickman	86	4	6
Chapter				
228	Comp. R H Halford	32	10	6
Lodge				
256	Br. John A Farnfield V.P.	44	12	6
259	J H Parker Wilson	42	15	0
435	William Ball	25	3	0
511	George Read, Asher Barfield V.P.	106	6	0
534	J Lancaster	23	0	0
548	William G Batchelor	31	10	0
554	J J Berry	51	1	6
704	Nathaniel Goodchild	55	11	0
715	Herbert Cuff	25	2	0
720	George Lambert	43	5	0
742	George Cole	36	9	6
749	Henry W Greenwood	27	0	0
781	Richard F Ould	106	10	0
822	Montagu Hawkins	26	5	0
861	Philip Henry Willson	57	15	0
862	A J Bolton	53	0	6
871	John George Vohmann	28	7	0
907	William Wordley	34	11	0
975	James Garner V.P.	78	15	0
1227	Adolphus Clark	178	10	0
1259	William Hancock	40	0	0
1275	D Moss	343	6	0
1278	R L Sturtevant	28	6	0
1319	John Maclean	27	3	0
1321	James Salmon	26	5	0
1329	B R Bryant	40	0	0
1365	J J Norton, T D Birch	80	6	6
1366	E H Ryde	88	11	6
1383	Gen. Stadholme Brownrigg, C.B.	99	14	0
1397	Thomas W McAnally	60	18	0
1420	W W Young	56	14	0
1421	Albert Meyers	27	18	6
Chapter				
1471	Comp. James Terry	125	15	0
Lodge				
1489	Br. William Stephens	105	0	0
1507	George Clark jun.	43	5	0
1537	Ralph Clutton	90	6	0
1540	R Creese Harrison	26	5	0
1541	J R Stacey			
1563	John Edward Shand	30	9	0
1572	John Clarricoats	35	3	6
1589	Frederick Farrington	15	15	0
1593	Albert Escott	53	11	0
1599	George J Woodman	31	10	0
1607	Thomas Jones	65	7	0
1608	Frederick John Baker	132	6	0
1613	W Medwin	143	17	0
1615	W B Lethbridge	37	4	0
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1679	W F Darnell	26	4	6
1685	Edwin Bare	52	10	0
1704	Hugh E Diamond	38	6	6
1707	E M Money	40	0	0
1708	James C Hayes	63	0	0
1716	Joseph House	67	4	0
Chapter				
1716	Comp. Thomas Griffiths	10	10	0
Lodge				
1728	Bro. Benjamin Buckworth	63	0	0
1732	Leon Jacobs	71	8	0
1769	Albert Marvin	24	11	0
1769	John Soper	28	5	0
1772	J F Lowden	73	10	0
1804	John Dennis V.P.	21	0	0
1805	William Bramham	28	17	0
1839	Edward James Feilden	26	18	6
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1928	H F Bussey	30	18	6
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82	W H Gwinnett	63	0	0
246	W B Felton	5	5	0
592	Clement Tudway	63	0	0
839	R V Smith, J.P., V.P.	36	15	0
1067	Russell James Kerr V.P.	34	18	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

694	Rev F W Thoyts, M.A.	18	18	0
723	Richard Eve V.Pat.	71	8	0
908	Serjeant-Major F Powell	59	10	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

408	Major R B Croft	25	11	0
449	H Charles Heard	35	3	0
Chapter 1385	Comp. W J Crutch V.P.	31	7	6
Lodge 1479	Br. Thos Kent-	23	0	0
1580	Edgar Bowyer V. Pat.	87	10	0

KENT.

1096	George Band	38	17	0
1414	John P Hale	15	5	0
1531	Jas R Behenna	94	3	0
1973	Dr Spurrell			

EAST LANCASHIRE.

52	James Hulis	10	10	0
317	W J Cunliffe	10	10	0
	J W Edwards	52	10	0
	James Wilson	10	10	0
	W Nicholl	10	10	0
467	W H Eckersley	21	10	0
645	E P Stubbs			
	Harry E Sharpe			
815	Major H L Rocca	21	0	0
1009	John Godbert	25	0	0
	Frank A Huet, L.D.S.	10	10	0
1161	A H Jefferis			
1387	J J Lambert	23	16	6
1588	H Crosby			
	John Walton	15	15	0
1730	George Myers			

WEST LANCASHIRE.

32	Lodge	52	10	0
292	Reginald Young	31	10	0
724	John Humphreys	26	5	0
730	Thos Forrester	10	10	0
1213	Thos Hassall	21	0	0
	James Andrew			
1384	W J Thomson	10	10	0
1398	W Whiteside	31	10	0
1502	Philip S Levy	29	10	0
1505	Robert Foote	10	10	0
1675	Thomas Evans	21	0	0

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

Province, per W Kelly		36	15	0

MIDDLESEX.

1237	Alfred Bryant	38	17	0
1293	Robt L Sindall	52	10	0
1309	Thomas Gurney, M.D.	10	10	0
1326	Henry Gloster	33	15	0
	Joseph J Marsh			
	Charles William Baker			
1567	T Duerdin Dutton	56	6	6
1579	William Iron	75	0	0
1637	Joseph S Adkins	42	0	0
1656	John Featherstone	47	10	0

NORFOLK.

107	G S Woodwark	31	10	0

NORTHS AND HUNTS.

Province, per R H Griffin		221	8	0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Province, per S G Gilbert		190	0	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

340	John S Fisher	25	0	0
357	Rev. S R Wigram	38	6	0
599	John Potts	10	10	0
1895	W H Harrison	26	5	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

Prov. per Major A T Perkins, J.P.		52	10	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

539	T Mount Humphries	57	15	0

SUFFOLK.

81	William Page Phillips	121	3	0
376	J W B King			
1224	Thomas B Ardley	44	19	6

SURREY.

per Gen.	J S Brownrigg, C.B.	146	0	0
370	James Richard Boor	34	13	0
410	Chas Greenwood jun.	35	0	0
416	Thomas Franklin Lloyd	33	12	0
452	J C F W Rogers	7	15	6
463	H J Strong, M.D., Hon. Surgeon, V.P.	69	0	6
777	Charles Belton V.P.	55	13	0
889	R T Elsom	41	8	0
1046	George Fred Roumieu	21	0	0
1149	George Alcock	17	4	6
1362	Captain Godson Godson	36	16	6
Chapter 1395	Comp. A H Bowles	35	12	0
Lodge 1564	Br. Harry Shewbrooks	26	5	0
1638	William Lane	56	16	6
1714	Thomas J Pulley	21	0	0
1826	George Benson	34	19	0
1851	George William Saul	33	3	0
1861	H E Frances	94	10	0
1892	John G Horsey	34	10	6
1920	Rev. William Stainer	28	16	0
1929	Edwin Moss	20	19	0
1981	C G L Kipling	21	0	0

SUSSEX.

40	Charles A Duke	105	0	0
315	W H Gibson	105	0	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

739	A F Warrillow	31	10	0
887	F G Swinden	26	5	0

WILTSHIRE.

Prov. per Dep. Surg.-Gen. T Ringer		50	1	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

377	Br. W Clement Green	63	0	0
529	W B Williamson	105	0	0
564	T F Bland	50	8	0

NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

Chapter 606	Comp. Capt. C Hunter	52	6	0

WEST YORKSHIRE.

Lodge 139	Br. John Spencer, Joseph Burney, John H Burrows, Thomas Collinson, Horatio Marsden, Arthur Davy, Simeon Hayes, G W Hawksley	450	0	0
296	Joseph Harrison, James C Wing			
304	Charles Pegler			
380	Cap. Wordsworth V.Pat.			
1239	Charles Stokes, W B Thomas, M.D.			
1513	T W Embleton			

N. and E. YORKSHIRE.

312	W H Marwood	10	10	
1010	Richard G Smith	19	3	

H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany gave birth to a daughter on Sunday evening, and Her Royal Highness and the infant princess are both progressing favourably. The happy event was announced in London on Monday by a Royal salute of 21 guns in St. James's Park.

Mr. W. C. Kemp, late of Reigate Grammar School, and son of Bro. W. J. Kemp P.M. and Secretary of the Royal Albert Edward (Redhill) Lodge, 1362, P.G.P. Surrey, has obtained a Mathematical Scholarship at Worcester College, Oxford, of the value of £80 per annum. The examination was entirely open, and without limitation as to age, and consequently the competitors were numerous, and Mr. Kemp, who is not yet 19 years of age, is to be congratulated upon his striking success. In 1881 he obtained the Exhibition of £70 per annum given by Worcester College to the most deserving candidate of the year in the Oxford Local Examination.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1883 can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

FUNERALS.—Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON, Coffin Makers and Undertakers, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. and 30 Forest Hill Road, Peckham Rye, S.E.

By the death of his father, Lord Egerton, of Tatton, Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason for Cheshire, succeeds to the title, and a vacancy is thus caused for Mid Cheshire in the House of Commons.

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Lord Chancellor Selborne, Lord Justice James, Lord Justice Mellish decided in favour of FREEMAN'S ORIGINAL CHLORODYNE, and against Brown and Davenport, compelling them to pay all costs in the suits. See *Times* of July 24th, 1873. Bottles 1s 1½d, 2s 9d, 4s 6d, 11s, and 20s. Sold by all Chemists.

TESTIMONIALS.—Head Quarter Staff, Cabul, May 31st, 1880. Mr. R. Freeman, Dear Sir,—It is with much pleasure I am able to state that your Chlorodyne has been of special service to me in alleviating the wearisome spasms of Asthma, which is here existent in an aggravated form. Many of my patients now come and beg me to give them that medicine which always relieves them, and which I need hardly say is your Chlorodyne. Yours faithfully, CHARLES W. OWEN, L.R.C.P. Lon., M.R.C.S. Eng., the Divisional Head Quarter Staff and Civil Surgeon, Cabul.

The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoum, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of CHLORODYNE, with which I effected miraculous cures.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 7th March 1883 :—

1. The Regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business will be read.

2. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th December 1882, will be read and put for confirmation.

3. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.

5. The M.W. Grand Master will move :—

"That this Grand Lodge do contribute the sum of 100 guineas, to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, towards the alleviation of the distress caused among the brethren under the District Grand Lodge of Jamaica by the late calamitous fire in Kingston, in that Island.

6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz. :—

A Brother of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, London	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 275, Huddersfield	50	0	0
A Brother of the Airedale Lodge, No. 387, Shipley	50	0	0
A Brother of the Furness Lodge, No. 995, Ulverston	50	0	0
A Brother of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, London	100	0	0
A Brother of the Concord Lodge, No. 632, Trowbridge	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, Hull	75	0	0
A Brother of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London	100	0	0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes have to state that the Grand Secretary having reported the reception of some 800 amendments to the proposed revision of the Book of Constitutions submitted to Grand Lodge on the 6th September last, the Board of General Purposes recommend Grand Lodge to refer these amendments to the Board to consider and report on.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, *President.*

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
20th February 1883.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of February last, showing a Balance in the Bank of England of £5,409 1s 7d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £100.

8. REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD.

To the United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that a letter having been received, the day after the last Quarterly Communication, from the Worshipful Master of the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, Cairo, Egypt, reporting that the Lodge, which had been in abeyance since the year 1874, had, owing to the return of some of its old members to Egypt, been now able to resume its work, the Board beg to recommend to Grand Lodge that the resolution for the erasure of the said Lodge, passed at the last Quarterly Communication, be rescinded, and that the "Bulwer Lodge," No. 1068, Cairo, be permitted to resume its labours.

(Signed) JOHN A. RUCKER P.G.D. *President.*

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
6th February 1883.

9. Report of Brother R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1882.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge :—

No. 1986—The Honor Oak Lodge, Honor Oak, Camberwell.
1987—The Strand Lodge, Covent Garden.
1988—The Mawddach Lodge, Barmouth, North Wales.
1989—The Stirling Lodge, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.
1990—The Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, Portsmouth.
1991—The Agricola Lodge, York.
1992—The Tennant Lodge, Cardiff.
1993—The Wolseley Lodge, Manchester.

The Revised Book of Constitutions; Critically Considered, and Compared with the Old Edition. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co., 4 Stationers' Hall Court, E.C. Sent on receipt of stamps. One Shilling, by W. W. Morgan, Freemason's Chronicle Office, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.—(ADVT).

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, No. 360.

THIS Chapter assembled at the Masonic Hall, Northampton, on Thursday, 22nd February. Present—Comps. Stanton P.Z. M.E.Z., Atkins H., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders J., Robinson P.Z. E., Bingley N., Ellard Prin. Soj. *pro tem*, Green P.Z. and Kellett P.Z. Assist Sojs. *pro tem*, Butler Wilkins P.Z. Dep. Prov. G. Supt. Norths and Hunts, Cotton P.Z., Roberts, Percival, Brown, Hill, Hart, Haviland, Clayson, Croft, Cockerill, Jones, Currall, Emery, Wetherell, Dorman, James Terry P.Z. 288, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Griffin P.Z. 442 P.G.D.C. Norths and Hunts, &c. Bros. Timson Pomfret 360 and Todd 360 were duly ballotted for and elected, the M.E.Z. performing the ceremony of exaltation; Comps. H. and J. taking their parts in a most admirable manner, Comp. Terry assisting in the ceremony. Comp. Butler Wilkins then proceeded to instal the M.E.Z. (H. J. Atkins), Rev. T. J. W. Sanders H., and Bingley J.; the ceremonies being performed in his usual impressive manner. The M.E.Z. then proceeded to invest his Officers :—Comps. Sanders H., Bingley J., Robinson P.Z. E.; the N. elect was absent through illness; Stanton P.Z. Treasurer, Butler Wilkins P.Z. M. of C., Ellard Pr. Soj., Brown and Perceval Assist. Sojs., Croft Organist, Dean and Kirby Janitors. On the adjournment, the Companions sat down to refreshment, provided by Mrs. Forth, of the Peacock Hotel, in her usual bountiful and excellent manner. The regular Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the M.E.Z., Comp. Wilkins suitably responding to that of the Prov. Grand Officers. Comp. Green proposed the newly-installed Principals, referring to the admirable manner in which all had discharged their duties, both in Craft and Chapter. Each responded to the toast. Comp. Stanton, in responding to the toast of the P.Z.'s, referred to the fact that the continued prosperity of the Chapter, and their liberality to the Charities, was in a great measure due to the interest taken by the P.Z.'s in its welfare and efficient working. Companion Sanders proposed the Visitors, in a very practical manner, to which Comp. Griffin responded, referring to the good understanding existing between the Chapters in the Province; he concluded by proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities, thanking those present for their liberal contributions to his Provincial Steward's list on this and former occasions Comp. Terry, in responding, gave several interesting facts in connection with the Institution with which he is more immediately connected, and also thanked those assembled for the kindness which he always received at their hands, and also for their generous contributions. The M.E.Z., in proposing the Officers of the Chapter, took the opportunity of referring to the harmonious way they had hitherto worked together, and the excellent manner in which they had performed their duties, especially mentioning the perfection with which Companion Ellard (who was called upon at short notice, owing to the illness of the Pr. Soj.) had that evening performed the duties of Pr. Soj. The several Officers replied. Comp. Stanton gave the newly exalted Companions, Timson and Todd, who duly responded. Comp. Stanton alluded to the absence of Bro. M. A. Boeme, who had removed to Worthing, and referred to the loss the Chapter, of which he was senior member, had sustained, he having for many years taken the warmest interest in its welfare. Comps. Atkins, Stanton, Hart, Timson, Emery and others added to the harmony of the evening. The Northampton Chapter has for many years been a good working one, and no doubt will maintain its reputation for some years to come, and deserve the approbation given it by Comps. Terry and Griffin.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—Held at Bro. Serjeant's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C. At the weekly meeting on Wednesday, 28th February, there were present Bros. Patrick W.M., Millington S.W., Kramm J.W., Gieseke S.D., Leoffler J.D., Black I.G., Pinder Preceptor, and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pinder candidate. The W.M. worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Black answered the questions leading to the third. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Millington was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After the usual formalities, Lodge was closed.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 27th ult. Present—Bros. Robinson W.M., Smyth J.W., Bunker J.W., Glass S.D., T. Clark J.D., Young I.G., Carr Sec., Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, Darnell, Webb, Brasted, Ames Christian, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Darnell candidate. Lodge was called off, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties. The W.M. then opened the Lodge in the second and third degrees. Bro. Robinson vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wallington, Preceptor, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, placing Brother Robinson in the chair of K.S. Bro. Wallington gave the addresses in his usual able manner. Bro. Ames, of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, was elected a member. Bro. Smyth was voted W. Master for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. It was arranged that the ceremony of installation should be rehearsed once a month. Bro. W. W. Morgan has selected "Women in Freemasonry" as the subject for the lecture he will deliver in this Lodge of Instruction on next Tuesday evening. Lodge will be opened at eight o'clock, and it is to be hoped that brethren of other Lodges will muster in force.

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ROSSLYN LODGE, No. 1543.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge, at the Saracen's Head Hotel' Dunmow, Essex, on Tuesday, 20th ult., was of more than ordinary interest in consequence of arrangements which had been made for the delivery, in open Lodge, by Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. of his interesting lecture on the working of the first degree. The attendance was not so large as had been expected. The "waters were out," and the brethren were long distances apart. Moreover, the weather, dull and depressing, threatened a further downpour, and "wet jackets" for such as ventured on the lengthy journeys necessary for going to, and returning from, Lodge. So that the gathering, though respectable in numbers, was to some extent disappointing to the W.M. and his Officers. Nevertheless, a more enjoyable evening, both as regarded labour and refreshment, never was passed by those who inscribed their names in the attendance book. Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Dehane P.G.S.D. Essex, at six o'clock, and the previous minutes having been confirmed, the investment of Officers, which—for some good cause or other that did not appear—had been deferred from the former meeting, took place. The appointments and investments, all being present, were made as follows, viz., Bros. A. Rattray S.W., J. P. Lewin P.M. 276 P.P.G.S.W. Essex J.W., G. D. Clapham P.M. P.P.G.R. Essex S.D., J. C. Rhind J.D., Frederick J. Snell P.M. 1312 1543 Treasurer, Frederick W. Warner Secretary, W. Rowe I.G., G. A. Randall and W.S. Callaman Stewards, R. W. Rosseau Tyler. The Visitors were Bros. James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, &c. and J. Collinson S.D. 1862. Mr. Edward Frith Ferris having been initiated into the Order, the Worshipful Master introduced Bro. Stevens, by a few appropriate remarks bespeaking their attention to an exposition of Masonic working which he felt assured would greatly interest them. We have ourselves had former opportunities of hearing this undoubtedly able and instructive lecture, each subsequent delivery of which becomes more impressively delivered, and less, as it were, stereotyped. On this occasion, time pressed the lecturer, who found it necessary to somewhat condense his work, but he made a judicious selection of those points in ceremonial working which it was of the greatest utility to explain to the Officers and younger members of a Lodge, and gave good reasons why some usages should be condemned in practice, and others most punctiliously observed. At the close of his address, which was listened to with strict attention, Bro. Stevens received most hearty expressions of satisfaction, many brethren openly exclaiming that they had learned more of the science of Freemasonry than they hitherto thought could have been afforded them. On the proposition of Bro. Clapham, seconded by Bro. F. J. Snell, the thanks of the Lodge and honorary membership were voted to Bro. Stevens, who acknowledged the cordiality with which he had been received, the attention given to his address, and the compliment the Lodge now paid him. Propositions having been received for initiation and joining, the Lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren dined together, the worthy host of the Saracen's Head (who had been proposed in Lodge for initiation) placing a very elegant repast before them, to which speedy and ample justice was done. Subsequently the usual Loyal toasts were honoured, Bro. Lewin singing the National Anthem. The rulers of the Province were also recognised in the usual manner observed amongst Masons, and responses were given by Bros. Clapham and Snell. The health of the W.M. was drank with much enthusiasm, and the remarks of the proposer, Brother Clapham, as to the able services which had been rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Dehane, was heartily endorsed. Bro. Stevens having recited "Masons' Vows," Bro. Dehane acknowledged the reception the brethren had given to the toast, and assured them of continued labour and attention to the best interests of the Lodge. The health of the Initiate was proposed as a "sitting toast," a Provincial custom which we fancy most Masons would consider more "honoured in the breach than the observance." Bro. Ferris, in a well-spoken reply, expressed his gratification at having at length become a Freemason, and hoped that what he had heard in the Lodge would be indelibly impressed on his memory, to his advantage. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. J. Collinson S.D. 862, who in the course of his thanks for the invite he had received stated that the pleasure his co-visitor had afforded him by his lecture would be hoped again place the same two brethren side by side elsewhere. The Officers of the Lodge having been called upon, the Tyler reminded the company of the "poor and distressed," and these having been solemnly "cuffed," according to a fortunately not invariable custom, the brethren separated, some to spend yet another hour or two on the road, and others, more fortunate, to be "taking their ease at an inn," to enjoy a quiet chat before seeking "Nature's sweet restorer." Among the numerous brethren who forwarded written or verbal apologies for absence on this occasion were Bros. A. Durrant P.M. 276 Prov. G. Treas. Essex, E. Blinkhorn W.M. 1471, W. Vincent P.M. 1624, R. W. Hedges Secretary R.M.I.G., Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. 697 P.P.G.C. Essex, Dr. E. Shedd P.M. 276 I.P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S. Essex, C. Corble P.M. 453 P.P.G.J.W. Essex, F. G. Green Sec. 1024, H. R. Heasman 1437, Percy Taylor 409, A. Portway P.M. 1312, Edward Durrant I.G. 276, Dr. James Nicholls P.M. 276 P.P.G.S.W. Essex, A. C. Durrant S.D. 276, Edwin D. Hatch M.C. 1471, N. J. Basnett P.M., H. Mais P.M. 423 South Australia, R. Clowes W.M. 650 P.G.S. Essex, John L. Mather P.M. 1471 P.P.G.D.C. Herts, A. Lucking P.M. 160 P.G.D.C. Essex, J. O. Carter P.M. P.P.G.S. of Wks. Berks and Bucks, Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. 1543 276 P.P.G.C. Essex, Dr. M. B. Wheeler P.M. 697 P.P.G.J.W.

United Mariners Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.—The establishment of a Lodge of Instruction for the district of Peckham, Nunhead, and their surroundings, supplies a want that had long been felt in that locality of the South of London, and the success that has already attended it gives strong and satisfactory evidence of the appreciation of the movement by the brethren resident there. For a long time past the dearth of the means for Masonic instruction amongst those who belong for the most part to Lodges in the City had been a subject of regret, and it was a most commendable idea on the part of several members of the United Mariners Lodge to found a weekly meeting for the benefit of those who desired to take advantage of it, under the banner of their mother Lodge. Although commenced only a couple of months ago, the Lodge has already assumed very respectable dimensions, and by the admirable working displayed it has attracted the regular attendance of a considerable number of members. The promoters were exceedingly fortunate in securing the assistance of Bro. W. H. Martin as Preceptor, who sustains his part with intelligence and perfection, combined with pleasing elocutionary effect. Equally zealous and active are those by whom he is supported, and it is little matter for surprise that the Lodge has already gained for itself so large an amount of popularity, which is sure to increase when the advantages it offers become more fully known. We understand there are now about forty members, whose number receives an acquisition on almost every occasion of meeting; so that we may reasonably anticipate a very large share of popularity will surround a Lodge which is already firmly established. On the occasion of our visit, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., there was a fair average muster, and the working was such as to afford a considerable amount of edification, as well as pleasure, to all assembled. Bro. J. Rotheroe (Secretary) was Worshipful Master for the evening, and was supported by Bros. J. H. Morgan as S.W., F. J. Eedle J.W., P. Harvey S.D., J. P. Woolley J.D., D. J. Thomas I.G., A. J. Bellis, H. J. Andrews, A. S. McChristie, R. E. Anderson, and others. Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Lodge was advanced to the second degree, with Bro. Bellis as candidate. He was examined and entrusted, and Lodge having been raised to the third degree, the ceremony was rehearsed, the impressive charges being rendered with admirable accuracy and effect. The first section was worked by Bro. Bellis, assisted by the brethren, and the second by Bros. Martin and Bellis. Lodge was then closed to the first, when Bro. R. E. Anderson of the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, was admitted a member. Bro. Martin then proposed, as a slight recognition of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Rotheroe, as Secretary, he should be elected an honorary member of this Lodge of Instruction. He alluded to the zeal and energy with which he had assisted in furthering the interests of this young Lodge of Instruction, and considered the least they could do was to recognise those efforts by electing him an honorary member. Bro. McChristie seconded the proposal, which was unanimously carried. Bro. Rotheroe, in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, said the honour was very unexpected, and that tended to make it all the more gratifying to himself. As to the onerous duties to which reference had been made, he assured the brethren it only afforded him pleasure to do what he could for the interests of the Lodge of Instruction. If he had been a subscribing, instead of an honorary member, it would not have detracted from the interest he felt in the Lodge, or rendered him less infrequent in his attendance; but he deeply appreciated the honour which they had conferred upon him, and for which he returned his heartfelt thanks. Hearty good wishes having been interchanged, Lodge was adjourned to Wednesday last, when it was announced that Bro. J. Driscoll P.M. Secretary had kindly promised to attend and rehearse the installation ceremony. The hope was expressed that on this occasion there would be a numerous gathering, as, from the well-known ability and experience of Brother Driscoll, they might anticipate considerable and valuable instruction. Lodge was then closed in form, and the brethren separated after a very agreeable and harmonious gathering. We may mention that the headquarters of this Lodge of Instruction are at the Lugard Tavern, Lugard-road, Peckham, and that Visitors will be most cordially welcomed at its meetings, which are held every Wednesday evening from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. The room is admirably adapted for the purpose, and Bro. Alfred Pusey has left nothing unstudied that can in any way conduce to the comfort and convenience of the brethren. The hotel is easy of access, being within three minutes' walk of the Queen's-road railway station, and only a short distance from the stations at Old Kent-road and Nunhead. It is, therefore, most conveniently situated for brethren residing in the neighbourhood, and, as we have said, the Lodge promises to be largely used, to the immense advantage of Freemasons in this part of the south-eastern district. Bro. J. H. Morgan was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the meeting on the first Wednesday in March.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—The members held their seventh anniversary meeting on Saturday, the 24th Feb. at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Bro. R. Pearcy, the Preceptor, occupied the chair, and he was supported by Bro. W. Cook S.W., Ashton J.W., Fenner Sec., Lorkin Treasurer, Marks S.D., Venning J.D., Rhodes I.G.; also Bros. Cohen, Houghton, Gibbs, Ferrar, Parkes, Archer, Snook, Carr, Gush, Hatch, Wolf, &c. Lodge was opened in usual form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Brother Snook answered the questions leading to the degree of F.C. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The brethren responded to the call to refreshment, and on to labour, when Brother Carr answered the questions leading to the third degree. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Brother Carr acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Brother Cook was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Auditors' made their report; this showed the Lodge was in full work, as the average attendance of the brethren during the past year was shown to be 17-24 per night of meeting. The report was adopted. Brother Fenner, the Secretary, very reluctantly tendered his resignation, as business will prevent him, in the future, attending to the duties with the regularity he has hitherto exhibited; at the same time, he undertook to carry out the work pending the election of a successor. Brother Treasurer was re-elected for the ensuing year. Votes of thanks were awarded Bros Auditors, Preceptor, Secretary and Treasurer, for their services after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

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ST. JAMES'S UNION CHAPTER, No. 180.

A REGULAR convocation of this Chapter, the members of which are so noted for their perfect working, was held on the 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. Farwig Z., Keays H., Fletcher J., Pillin P.Z. Treasurer, Reed P.Z. S.E., Herbert 1st Assistant, P.Z.'s Comps. Knyvett, Annett; Comps. E. Bateman, Durrant, Hill. Wade, Snell; H. M. Levy P.Z. 188, and Reid 72, visitors. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The name of a candidate for exaltation was on the agenda paper, but he was not present. The election of Principals took place; Comp. Keays was elected Z., Fletcher H., and Baker J. Companion Pillin was re-elected Treasurer, and Gilbert Tyler; Comps. Wade and Bateman were appointed Auditors. Comp. Pillin proposed, Comp. Fletcher seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that a P.Z.'s jewel be presented to Companion Farwig on his retirement, for the able manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair, and in testimony of the kind estimation in which he is held by his Companions. The Chapter was then closed, and the company sat down to a very excellent dinner, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited). The M.E.Z. after the cloth had been cleared said, this being a so-called off-night, he would dispense with some of the routine toasts, but he felt it a duty and pleasure to propose the health of the Z. elect. Companion Keays had done his duties well, and was well known and respected in the Lodges with which he was associated. He hoped he might have a prosperous year of office; he was sure he would receive support from all the Companions. Companion Keays in reply said, he had unexpectedly been called upon for a speech on this occasion; he hoped at the next meeting to be better prepared. He would endeavour to perform the duties of the Chapter to their satisfaction. Comp. Annett said he had a pleasing duty to perform, and that was to propose health and long life to the M.E.Z., Comp. Farwig, who was worthy of the high position he occupied in the Chapter. He regretted the Companions did not have an Exaltee to give them an opportunity of hearing Comp. Farwig's excellent working. Comp. Farwig, in reply, thanked Comp. Annett for his kind expressions. It was a great pleasure and satisfaction to bear he had done his duty in the chair. He thanked the Companions for their assistance. He was especially indebted to Comp. Knyvett for many kindnesses. At the next meeting he hoped to be able to instal his successor, who was in every way deserving of the support of all present. Comps. Reid and H. M. Levy responded for the Visitors. Comps. Fletcher, Duret, and Pillin contributed to the harmony.

Grove Chapter, No. 410.—This Chapter met at the Leatherhead Hotel, on Saturday, the 24th February last. There were present amongst others M.E. Comp. George Berington Foster M.E.Z.; Comp. H. J. Dumas occupied the chair of N., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Charlton; Comps. G. E. Lister J., Clayton Litchfield P.Z., Charles Greenwood P.Z., &c. The minutes of previous Convocation were read and confirmed. £5 5s was voted in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Companions partook of a most excellent banquet, presided over by the M.E.Z. with his usual ability. The beauty of the dinner table was greatly increased by a present of most lovely flowers sent, from Camilla Lacey, by Mrs. Wylie.

WALLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1892.

WHAT may be described as an extra meeting of this prosperous Lodge of Instruction was held in the Public Hall, Carshalton, on Thursday, the 1st instant. Bro. G. Horsey P.M. 1619 and W.M. of the mother Lodge presided, and among those present were Bros. W. Pile S.W. and W.M. elect No. 1892, Alfred Bishop J.W., Charles Sawyer Preceptor P.M. 1619 1892, J. W. Baldwin S.D., W. Harwood I.G., Frost, Taylor, Carter, Edwards, Filmer, Davis, Nunnerley 1815, and Haslett; and as Visitors Bros. W. G. Gibbs P.M. 1837, G. K. Pugh 1790, W. H. Ransome 1790, Verdon 188, and W. W. Morgan S.W. 211. Lodge having been opened with the customary ceremonial, Bro. Horsey rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in an able and impressive manner, Bro. Frost acting as candidate; while the charge was given by Bro. Baldwin with unwonted fervour. Bro. Morgan having been briefly introduced to the brethren by the W.M., rose and gave his promised lecture on the "Masonic Institutions, their Establishment and Development." As the lecture is one of a series which has been published in pamphlet form, and has been delivered in other Lodges, it will suffice if we state that Bro. Morgan was listened to throughout with rapt attention and that, on the conclusion of his address, he was most warmly congratulated by his audience, a vote of thanks to him being also most cordially passed, and gracefully acknowledged. Lodge was advanced to the second, and Brother Gibbs again won for himself the encomiums of the brethren by the admirable facility and impressiveness with which he explained the tracing board of the second degree. Lodge having been resumed to the first, and closed, the brethren adjourned to the King's Arms, and there sat down to a pleasant repast, which apart from its undoubted merits was the more enjoyable from the fact of its being of a homely and quiet character. Speeches followed the removal of the cloth, and were interspersed with some capital singing, to which Brothers Taylor, Gibbs, and Bishop contributed very successfully. The Loyal and Masonic toasts, combined, according to Brother Binckes's well-known prescription, having been enthusiastically honoured, that of Prosperity to the Wallington Lodge of Instruction constituted a feature in the proceedings, and was proposed by the W.M. of the evening, Bro. Horsey, Master of the Mother Lodge, who expressed himself gratified with the work of instruction as pursued under the auspices of Bro. Preceptor Sawyer, whose name was associated with the compliment so deservedly paid. Bro. Sawyer modestly acknowledged the kindly expressions of the president of the evening, and expressed a hope that the Lodge of Instruction would continue to be as successful as it had been during the brief period of its existence. Bro. Horsey's health was genially honoured, and Bro Morgan responded for the Visitors, who, one and all, acknowledged the marked courtesy and hospitality they had experienced. Nor was the W.M. elect of the mother Lodge—Bro. Pile—overlooked, and the compliment paid him was accepted in a most fraternal spirit. In fine, the meeting, though marked by an entire absence of anything like ostentation, proved to be one of the most agreeable it has been our fortune to attend, and more favourably impressed us than if the proceedings had been attended with greater pomp and ceremony.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—Meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell S.E., on Friday, 23rd ult. Bros. Bate W.M., Stokes S.W., Thurston J.W., Style S.D., Wiltshire J.D., Dick I.G., Stevens Past Master and Preceptor, Poore Secretary, Terry Past Master, &c. Lodge was opened and minutes were read. For being passed to the F.C. degree, Brother James gave proofs of proficiency, and Lodge being raised to the third, the ceremony was ably rehearsed. The W.M. also gave the charge in the second degree. Lodge having been lowered, Brother Stokes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Lodge was duly closed.

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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In view of the forthcoming Quarterly meeting of Grand Lodge, on Wednesday next, 7th inst., when the brethren will elect a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, I venture to express the hope (which I believe is widely shared in) that a successor will then be appointed to the distinguished brother who has occupied that position for several years past.

The Constitutions provide that all Grand Lodge offices shall be vacated annually; and although it may be expedient at times to re-elect, this can hardly apply to the Grand Treasurership, and there is no reason why one brother should hold the office in perpetuity, to the exclusion of brethren equally worthy of preferment.

Moreover, it may fairly be questioned whether the members of Grand Lodge are justified in relinquishing the trust which is vested in them of making an annual selection for this office, seeing that the evil consequences are that emulation, which is the life of Masonry, is discouraged, and an indifference engendered which culminates in secession.

Practically the Craft has but this one purple collar at their disposal, and the responsibility rests with them if they do not confer it, year by year, upon one of their fellows who is deserving of the distinction.

Our ranks abound with brethren who would reflect honour upon the Office, and whose worth and services the Craft cannot recognise in any other way than this. I am glad, therefore, to know that one of this number, who has been a member of the Order for nearly forty years, and is P.M. and Treasurer of a well-known Lodge, and also a Vice-Patron of all our Institutions, is to be proposed as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Few, I think, will disagree with the correctness of the principle of electing a new Grand Treasurer annually. It is only because this proper course has been deviated from that it seems like an innovation, and to savour of invidiousness, to go back upon the Constitutional lines.

I feel sure, however, that our present Grand Treasurer will not for one moment entertain the thought that any personal reflection upon him is involved or intended in what is about to be done.

He has had ample evidence of the high regard he is held in, and cannot possibly be insensible to the fact that he is a general favourite throughout the Craft.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

N. B. HEADON P.M.

Treasurer The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.

65 Friday-street, 1st March 1883.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Hearing that there is likely to be a very strong opposition to the re-election of our esteemed Bro. Col. Creaton, to the office of Treasurer, I think it is but fair to take into consideration some of the claims he has upon the Craft in general for their support. No brother has worked so hard as he for the Craft; and, for the Charities, no brother has exhibited that zeal and continued perseverence in directing, and, to the best of his ability, guiding, the different Boards of Management in the way to realize the full intention of the subscribers, *i.e.*, dispensing monies to the best advantage, and bestowing the greatest benefits upon the recipients. No trouble has been too much; no amount of time con-

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sidered ill-spent by him. These I may say are only a few of the demands he has upon the Craft, and I sincerely hope that the brethren will show their appreciation of his services by again electing him as Grand Treasurer, it being the only position in Grand Lodge the brethren have it in their power to bestow.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.M.

ADDRESS OF BRO. GRAHAM, LL.D., GRAND MASTER OF QUEBEC.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your article last week on Bro. Graham's Address to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, you refer to Bro. Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, having expressed his belief that the presence of an English Lodge in his jurisdiction was an advantage rather than a stumbling block in the way of good government by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, such opinion being diametrically opposed to that of Bro. Graham as described by you. It may be as well perhaps that Bro. Laurie's statement, which was made at the Annual Communication of the Nova Scotia Grand Lodge in June 1880, should receive as much publicity as possible, as showing that Bro. Graham has not the entire sympathy of the Craft in British North America in his denunciations of the United Grand Lodge of England for upholding the three Lodges in Montreal which have preferred remaining in its allegiance to her instead of joining the Quebec Grand Lodge. The following is the passage as I have extracted it from the Masonic Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Illinois:—

"Royal Standard Lodge"—No. 398, Halifax, N.S., English Constitution—"holding under the Grand Lodge of England, is with us a pattern in matters of ritual and discipline; working side by side with us, a healthy emulation is produced, and both parties are the better for it. By invitation I lately visited this Lodge, accompanied by the Grand Officers and a large body of Nova Scotian Masons, and the cordial feelings reciprocally expressed gave the strongest proof that the working of an English Lodge in our midst was working no injury to the Craft here."

And the Illinois commentator, after quoting this passage from Grand Master Laurie's Address, goes on to remark: "What a contrast this is with the sadly unfraternal doings of the assumed Grand Lodge of New Mexico towards Silver City Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and how beautifully it exemplifies the goodness and pleasantness of brethren dwelling together in unity, even when some of their interests do seem to clash. Grand Lodge Sovereignty and exclusive jurisdiction are desirable, but certainly not so much so as to justify the sacrifice of all fraternal relations and principles. We are glad that our Nova Scotian brethren so nobly prove that, under all circumstances, they will remember they are FREEMASONS, and govern themselves accordingly."

It will be well if Bro. Graham would condescend to take a leaf out of Bro. Laurie's book. *Verb. sap.*

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

TEMPERANCE AND MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with interest your leader on the above topic, and articles which have appeared in other journals bearing on the subject of Temperance in Masonry. As you say, the question admits of various arguments, for and against the adoption of such a doctrine as is implied by total abstinence or teetotalism; but after all said and done, the result will in the main depend upon individual tastes and temperaments, and not upon any rule either suggested and endeavoured to be enforced. To my mind there is now, and ever has been, absolute liberty for the individual. If I choose to join with my brethren and drink to toasts in "orthodox champagne," I do not snarl at my next door neighbour who does so "on principle" out of a claret glass filled with water. I would rather see him boldly declare his principles, instead of veiling, in the allegory of a coloured glass, his mild deceit; but that is his look out, not mine. I prefer wine with my dinner, and the usages of society render the toasting of our friends in generous beverages both proper and agreeable. As you very correctly observe, intemperance and excess are things unknown in Masonic Lodges, and the brother who would commit himself whilst wearing the "blue ribbon"—for we wear it too, only in a different way—would have reason to remember it long enough afterwards. But it is the very fact (as I have said of my coloured glass and water brother) of his being induced to practise such a little piece of finessing, in order to keep up appearances and simulating to keep pace with the rest of the company, that is objectionable. If a man is an abstainer, by all means let him avow it like a man, and the last place in the world in which he would be scoffed at for his courage is in a Masonic Lodge. As to the complimentary part of it, time was when to decline to drink a friend's health in wine was deemed an insult; but these are days of broader views, and if I were to be installed to-morrow as W.M. of my Lodge—which, unhappily for me, I cannot hope for for a year or two—I should not feel the least insulted if all the brethren drank my health in tea, or anything else they fancied. I will take care they have some of the "orthodox," if they care for it; for I always find there is more heartiness and geniality when the inspiriting loving cup goes round; but if there are any present who are squeamish on the point, or prefer mild drinks, by all means let them humour their fancy, and be as happy as the rest. I do not know that I have said much now to elucidate the question upon which you have invited comment, but these fugitive thoughts may assist in sustaining interest on the subject, which seems to be pretty freely discussed amongst members of the Craft.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JUST FLEDGED.

Aldersgate Street, 1st March 1888.

[Several other letters on the above subject are unavoidably left over till next week.—ED. F.C.]

According to the *Evening News*, Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., P.G.W., in writing to Bro. H. F. Bussey, Master of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, placing his name on the list of subscribers to Bro. Bussey's list as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, expressed the pleasure that he and some other of his Masonic friends would have in visiting the Gallery Lodge at any of its meetings. Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton and his friends may therefore be expected to be visitors at an early meeting of the Lodge.

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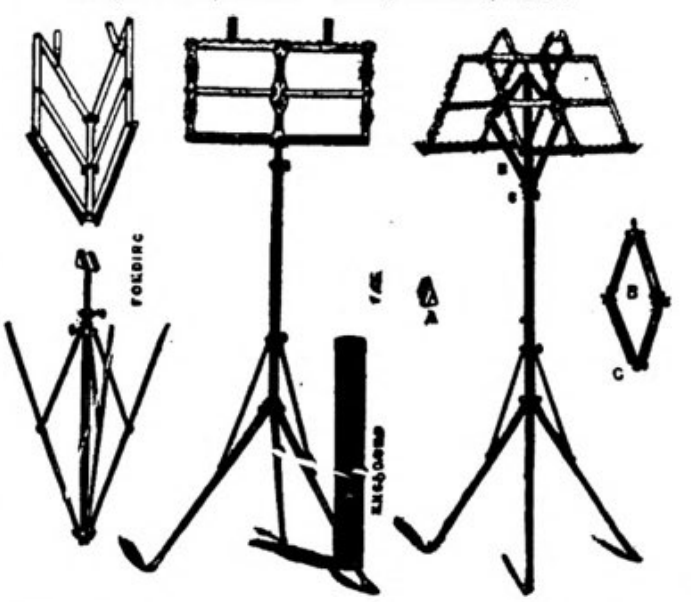

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THE third group (C)—"Printed Copies, Extracts, or References"—comprises Nos. 38-51, both inclusive. Of No. 38, styled the "Dermott," after Laurence Dermott Grand Secretary and subsequently Deputy Grand Master of the "Ancients," and described as "16th Century," no trace has been found, and the same has been remarked of No. 42, the "Morgan," named after Dermott's predecessor in the same Grand Secretaryship, of the "17th century." They are included in this category on the strength of a reference in the minutes of that Grand Lodge of 6th December 1742, when the Grand Secretary is reported to have inquired if there were other books or manuscripts than those which had been delivered to him in the February preceding, and was answered in the negative by some, while "others said they knew Mr. Morgan had a roll

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of parchment of prodigious length which contained some historical matters relative to the ancient Craft, which parchment they did suppose he had taken abroad with him. It was further said that many manuscripts were lost amongst the Lodges lately modernised, where a vestige of the Ancient Craft was not suffered to be revived or practised; and that it was for this reason so many of them withdrew from Lodges (under the modern sanction) to support the true ancient system. . . . The Grand Secretary produced a very old manuscript, written or copied by one Bramhall, of Canterbury, in the reign of King Henry the Seventh, which was presented to Bro. Dermott (in 1748) by one of the descendants of the Writer. On perusal, it proved to contain the whole matter in the forementioned parchment, as well as other matters not in that parchment," though it strikes us as being curious how any proof of this could be established in the absence of the "fore-mentioned parchment," which Mr. Morgan was supposed to have taken abroad with him. No. 39, the "Dowland," of the 17th century, is so-called because it was forwarded by a Mr. James Dowland to the editor of the "Gentleman's Magazine" in 1815, Mr. Dowland describing it as "a curious address respecting Freemasonry," which not long since came into his possession, and adding: "It is written on a long roll of parchment, in a very clear hand, apparently early in the seventeenth century, and very probably is copied from a MS. of earlier date," while Bro. Woodford considers it represents a MS. of about 1500. No. 40 is styled the "Dr. Plot," because it was published in that author's "Natural History of Staffordshire," in 1686. In investigating the claims of the Masons to antiquity, Dr. Plot "particularly alludes to the 'large *parchment volum* they have amongst them, containing the *History* and *Rules* of the craft of *masonry*.' Which is there deduced, not only from *sacred writ*, but *profane story*, particularly that it was brought into England by *St. Amphibal*, and first communicated to *St. Alban*, who set down the *Charges* of *Masonry*, and was made paymaster and Governor of the *King's* works, and gave them *charges* and *manners* as *St. Amphibal* had taught him. Which were after confirmed by King *Athelstan*, whose youngest son *Edwyn* loved well *masonry*, took upon him the *charges* and learned the *manners*, and obtained for them of his father a *free-Charter*. Whereupon he caused them to assemble at York, and to bring all the old *Books* of their *craft*, and out of them ordained such *charges* and *manners*, as they then thought fit; which *charges* on the said *Schrole* or *Parchment volum*, are in part declared; and thus was the *craft* of *masonry* grounded and confirmed in England. It is also there declared that these *charges* and *manners* were after perused and approved by King *Hen.* 6 and his *council*, both as to Master and Fellows of the right Worshipfull craft."

No. 41, an "extract from a MS. not now known," is assigned to the seventeenth century, and styled the "Hargrove," because it appeared in Hargrove's "History of the Ancient City of York," published in 1818, the author stating his indebtedness for the information was to Mr. Blanchard, the Grand Secretary of the then extinct York Grand Lodge. Bro. Gould says, it "does not agree with any existing MS., either at York or elsewhere." No. 43, "Masons' Co.," of the seventeenth century, is the MS. referred to in Sir Francis Palgrave's article in the "Edinburgh Review" in April 1839, in which that learned writer, in describing the inventory of the contents of the Masons' Company's chest, alludes to "a Book wrote on Parchment, and bound or stight in parchment, containing an 113 annals of the antiquity, rise, and progress of the art and mystery of Masonry," which had not long prior to 1839 been in the said chest. No. 44, the "Roberts," of the seventeenth century, is unhesitatingly set down by Bro. Gould as "a reproduction, or a counterpart, of No. 11"—in the Harleian MSS. at the British Museum—not "only from the fact that there is not another MS. which so resembles it, but also because the differences are so trivial in the text, and the additions so evidently of an editorial character, that the proofs of such an origin are irrefragable. Woodford and Hughan both concur in this view." This version was published in 1722 by J. Roberts, of Warwick Lane, and sold at sixpence. The only known copy was bought at the Spencer Sale for the late Bro. R. F. Bower, of Keokuk, Iowa, the sum paid being £8 10s. Its title is "THE OLD CONSTITUTIONS Belonging to the ANCIENT *and* HONOURABLE SOCIETY of Free *and* Accepted MASONS, *Taken from a Manuscript wrote about Five Hundred Years Since.*" The "Briscoe" of the seventeenth century is No. 45 in order, and respecting it Bro. Gould says, "I am persuaded that substantially it is founded on No. 12,"—in the Harleian MSS.—"the reasons for this view are conclusive to my mind, and have been partially given by Hughan." It was published by "Sam Briscoe, at the Bell Savage on Ludgate Hill" in 1724, the original being assumed to have been "of near 300 years Translation into English." A copy of it was in the library of the late Bro. Bower, of Keokuk, Iowa. No. 46, "Baker," 17th century, is referred to by Dr. Rawlinson, in a note in his MS., explaining the legend of King Athelstan, having caused "a Roll or Book to be made, which declared how this Science was first invented . . . which Roll or Book he Commanded to be made and plainly recited when a man was to be made a Free Mason, that he might fully understand what Articles, Rules, and Orders he laid himself under, well and truly keep and observe to the utmost of his power," Dr. Rawlinson stating he had seen one of these Rolls "in the possession of Mr. Baker, a carpenter, in Moorfields." No. 47, "Cole," has a seventeenth century origin assigned it, because No. 32, from which it was derived, was derived from No. 8. It is set down as "the finest issued in the last century." It was "printed from engraved plates," and "dedicated in 1728-29 to the Right Hon. the Lord Kingston, Grand Master," the absence of any date from the title being immaterial, as the dedication determines the period of its publication. The Benjamin Cole, after whom this version is styled, was the publisher of the Grand Lodge Lists 1745-66. As regards No. 48, the "Dodd," which compares with the same Nos. 8 and 32, Bro. Gould endorses Bro. Hughan's opinion that this is a reproduction of No. 47, "with simply a few fanciful changes, for which an example had been set by Masonic historians of the period," Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati, for whom was purchased the copy disposed of at the Spencer Sale, concurring in this view, and adding, "therefore it appears to me that Cole's Editions 1728-31-51, &c., and the Spencer manuscript now in my collection, and the present reprint, are substantially, though not identically, one and the same Constitutions." Its title is "The Beginning and First Foundation of the most worthy Craft of Masonry, with the Charges thereunto belonging;" it is said to be "By a Decear'd Brother, for the Benefit of his Widow," and was printed for "Mrs. Dodd, at the Peacock, without Temple Bar MDCCXXXIX. (Price Sixpence)." No. 49, belonging to the Bedford Lodge, No. 157, to which it was presented about January 1809, by the then Secretary, Bro. Harris, was published in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, on the 22nd and 29th April of last year. No. 50, the "Batty Langley," of the eighteenth century, was "published in the "Builders' Compleat Assistant," 3rd edition, 1738. Batty Langley, a prolific writer, published his "Practical Geometry" in 1726, which is dedicated to Lord Paisley, as "the Head of a most Ancient and Honourable Society," and subscribed himself "your most devoted servant." In 1736 appeared his "Ancient Masonry, Both in the Theory and Practice," dedicated to "Francis, Duke of Lorraine, and forty British noblemen, also to all others the Right Hon. and Right Worshipful Masters of Masonry by their humble servant and affectionate brother, B. Langley.'" The last of all is No. 51, "the Krause," and is assigned to the eighteenth century, though Bro. Gould remarks that it is quite possible that even the eighteenth century is too early a date to assign for its compilation. It is the so-called "York MS. of A.D. 526," and was "first announced in 1808, through a German version having been issued by Herr Schneider, of Altenburg, from a Latin translation, said to be certified by 'Stonehouse, York, January 4, 1806' (of whom no trace can be found)." However, it seems neither Bro. Hughan nor Bro. Woodford believes it to be "of any real antiquity." Moreover, "Dr. George Kloss denied its genuineness, 'and contended that the Latin translation, which was certified by Stonehouse, had been prepared before 1806, and that in preparing it an ancient manuscript had been remodelled on the same basis as the 1738 edition of Anderson's Constitutions, because the term "Noachida" is employed in both, but is found nowhere else.'" Findel, also, though he visited England especially to investigate the matter, found nothing to confirm its claims to antiquity, and returned home more convinced than ever that it was neither a York Charter nor of the year 926. The character and history of this MS. are reserved for a future chapter.

Having enumerated in their several categories the MS. which exist, or have existed, and to which references are

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made, Bro. Gould proceeds to classify them in five divisions, according to their texts, the "Halliwell" MS. and the "Cooke" MS. each constituting by itself one division, namely, those marked (D) and (E) respectively. These, he says, are not forms of the "Old Charges," strictly speaking, "although they doubtless represent a certain class of masonic documents circulating in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, of which we have otherwise no contemporary record whatever." He adds: "The first was in part a Roman Catholic manual of devotion, the versifier, who was almost certainly a priest, having had access to documents in 'olde tyme wryten,' respecting 'Thys onest craft of good masonry;' and the second distinctly gives, as a personal narrative, what the chronicler found 'write and taught in ye boke of our charges,' and often alludes to 'the olde bokys of masonry' as the source of his statements. His membership, honorary or otherwise, may be assumed from scattered references, such as 'Elders yt wer bi, for us of masons had these charges wryten to hem as *we* have now in *our* charges.'" As to the Halliwell MS., he considers, from the fact of its dating "shortly after the order of Richard II. for returns from the guilds (1st November 1388), and also those of the Crafts," that it was compiled from "the returns and miscellaneous records" brought to light in obedience to that order; but as it is in a metrical form, he holds that "the form of the historical introduction" and "the arrangement of the laws must not be looked for" in it, "but rather in the style or manner of its less pretentious juniors." He further points out that the compiler would give prominence "to those events which were the best calculated to advance the ends he had in view, by the compilation of his history, while, on the other hand, he would as naturally reject whatever might tend to unduly exalt the memory of any patron of the masons, however illustrious, whose conduct had been regarded with disfavour by the highest authorities of the church. It cannot, therefore, be maintained that the legendary history preserved by the Freemasons of the sixteenth century and later, contained many statements not to be found in those of an earlier period, simply on the ground of their omission in the Halliwell and Cooke MSS. Not that I deprecate criticism of these two MSS., but I think it has been shown that our attention should be principally directed to what *is*, rather than what *is not* said, the more especially since it is quite evident that although what I venture to term the 'Old Charges' proper—*i.e.* the *forms* of which the 'Buchanan' (15) presents a typical illustration—are of more modern transcription, they represent, in the opinion of experts, *originals* of higher antiquity than can be claimed for either of the two senior versions or adaptations of the masonic constitutions." He then describes the matter contained in the MS.

The "Cook" MS., he suggests, "is much more like the ordinary MSS. than its senior, and hence will be found to contain nearly all the legend of the usual 'Charges,' as in No. 15, though not always in quite such an orderly fashion." He considers its tone is not so "intensely religious" as that of the Halliwell, and notes in the course of his description of its contents that in it is "the only reference to St. Amphibalus in the MS. 'constitutions'" —"and sone aftyr come Seynt Ad habell in to England and he con'tyd Seynt Albon to Christendane." In this also is mentioned, for the first time in a Masonic MS., the legend of the preservation of the science of Masonry from the ravages of the Flood—also referred to in the "Poly chronicon," which, indeed, is cited in the MS. itself. Thus Trevisa's translation of 1387 of the "Polychronicon" reads "closede hem in twoie greet pileres i-made of marbyl and of brent tyle. In a piler of marbyl for water, and in a pyler of tyle for fuyre." Another translation says: "did write artes whom thei hade geten by labore in ij pillers of diverse ston, that hit scholde not peresche from memory, oon ston was of marbole, ageyne the floenge of water, that other was of tyle ston, ageyne the brennynge of fyre." The Cook MS. states that "ii man of ston of suche wtu yt ye one wolde new breune and yt stone is callyd marbyll, and yt oy stone yt well not synke in wat, yt stone is namyd lacûs"—"*later*, a brick." The Caxton translation of the Polychronicon styles the two stones "marbel and brent tile." These stones, according to the legend, were subsequently discovered by Pythagoras and Hermes.

In division F are placed six MSS.—Nos. 11, 19, 20, 25, 30, and 37—because they "present, as a common feature, what is known as the 'Apprentice Charges' or additional rules for the apprentices, not in the ordinary clauses, as set out in No. 15." Excerpts from these are given, and the clause in one of the York MSS.—No. 25 as enumerated in Bro. Gould's series—in which the word "*shee*" occurs is discussed at some length, the conclusion at which the author arrives being thus stated: "On the whole, I suppose we must accept the clause in question, either as an error or fancy of the translator or copyist; but it is certainly very singular that there is no *record* of females having belonged to Masonic guilds or companies, though they were connected with those of other crafts, such as the saddlers and spurriers, carpenters, peltyers (furriers), calendrers and tailors."

The "Inigo Jones" and "Spencer" (Nos. 8 and 32 respectively) with reproductions are allotted to Division G. The distinguishing features of No. 8, which is the prototype of No. 32, are noted, it being here, for instance, that "Prince Edward is spoken of as 'Brother to King Athelstane,' all the other forms either describing him as a son, or maintaining a discreet silence as to the relationship. The historical narrative is also chronologically arranged, and the years of many of the events are inserted, which is unusual in these documents. The omission of the name of Charles Martel is noteworthy, also that of 'Naymus Grecus,' but otherwise the text, as I have said, is more remarkable for the additions to, rather than the deviations from, the ordinary versions. Under these circumstances, I cordially endorse the opinion of the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford as to its 'special verbiage' and peculiarly interesting character."

"Ordinary versions" constitute the fifth division (H), by which are meant "all the MSS. not included in the four divisions (D to G), excepting only such as are merely *reproductions*, which naturally belong to the same class as their originals, whether or not the connection has been noted." It is remarked that "in all, the 'Apprentice Charge' and the 'New Articles' are wanting, whilst they contain none of those clauses, which, in the previous division (G) confer a special value on the text for purposes of suspension with the early editions of the Grand Lodge Constitutions. He then reproduces in its entirety, as a specimen of an "ordinary version," the "Buchanan MS." (15) belonging to the seventeenth century, because it "combines the chief points of agreement between the 'Old Charges,' and has not hitherto been printed."

Comments on the other features of agreement or divergence among these MSS. &c., with notices of distinctive peculiarities, complete this interesting chapter.

(To be continued.)

Another surprise, and one which cannot fail to be of deep interest to the friends of sobriety, is the proposed establishment in Manchester of a "Temperance" Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. We do not know that the imputation has been deserved, but for many years the brethren of "Ye mystic tie" have had the credit of being ardent devotees to the shrine of Bacchus, and certainly their *réunions*, so far as the "outside world" can judge, are characterised with much of the exuberance of urbanity which is engendered by the "loving cup." But, be that as it may, a considerable amount of speculation has been aroused amongst the members of the Fraternity as to how the Manchester experiment will answer, and the effect it may have upon the general body of Masonic Lodges. It may appear anomalous that the amenities of a banquet and the fraternal interchange of sentiments that there find utterance, should be carried on amidst the mildly inspiriting associations of non-intoxicating beverages, but public tastes and notions of propriety in this respect have vastly altered in recent years, and it is by no means unusual now-a-days for festivities of the heartiest and most enjoyable character to be carried on without the aid of wine. The hero of Tel-el-Kebir appears to be the prime mover in the foundation of this new departure in connection with Freemasonry, and the first recorded "Temperance Lodge" on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England will bear upon its banner the name of Lord Wolseley. The gentleman who has accepted the first Mastership has been a "life abstainer," and the whole of the proceedings connected with the Lodge are carried on upon the principles of Teetotalism. Such a step may not appear significant to many who are unacquainted with the inner life of an Order, amongst whose cardinal principles temperance and moderation in all things are most religiously enjoined; but the experiment has caused no little comment amongst the ranks of the Fraternity, a very large section of whom will gladly welcome the innovation.—*The Echo.*

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Dropsical Swellings.—Whatever may be the remote cause of collections of water in the human body, it must be prudent to disperse them as soon as possible. The readiest means of accomplishing this end are supplied by using Holloway's Ointment, to increase the activity of the absorbents. When this Ointment is well rubbed upon the skin, it removes all venous congestion, overcomes al mechanical obstructions to the free return of the blood, and prevents the deposit of serum and water. Holloway's Pills likewise augment this absorbing power; they act powerfully on the capillaries through the circulation, while this Ointment acts directly through the skin. Both should be employed in dropsies and diseases of the kidneys.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1623—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1323—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 5th MARCH.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
73—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smallev's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wrotham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1574—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells

TUESDAY, 6th MARCH.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
166—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1260—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastl
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
949—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 7th MARCH.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Modand's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
679—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
R.A. 200—Old Globe, Londesborough Rooms, Scarborough
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 8th MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

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238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1508—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1509—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1643—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R A. 538—Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
733—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1096—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1360—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1560—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 213—Perseverance, 3 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
R.A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.

FRIDAY, 9th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harriogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 10th MARCH.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 30.

THE first meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge, since the installation of Bro. Henry Povey as Worshipful Master, took place on the evening of Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there were present Bros. J Harper, Ph.D., I.P.M., R. W. Coulcher J.W., E. F. Storr P.M. Treasurer, George Britton P.M. Secretary, W. Cook S.D., J. Corbett J.D., W. Neats I.G.; P.M.'s T. P. Collings, J. S. Norman, C. Harcourt, H. S. Crawford; E. S. Hopper, L. V. Walker, W. J. Charles, E. G. Jolliffe, T. Whiting, A. Macgregor, R. King, W. Brooks, H. Savidge, J. Parkinson Tyler, and others, with Bro. J. C. Anderson 754 as a visitor. There was no business on the agenda, and after opening and closing in the three degrees the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, when the usual toasts were honoured. Bro. Harper, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, referred to the qualifications possessed by Bro. Povey for the office of Worshipful Master, into which they had lately seen him installed; and their only regret must be that they had not the opportunity that evening of witnessing an exemplification of those abilities they all knew were at his command. The Worshipful Master, who was most cordially received, said it was very gratifying to know he had the confidence and entire respect of the brethren of this Lodge. It was yet very early days to mention his qualifications for the office to which, by the kindness of the members, he had been elected; they had no work that evening, and it appeared rather as "a frost." That, however, was his misfortune, and not his fault, and if the year was not to be numerically successful, he trusted it would be so socially. He mentioned his intention of going up this year as a Steward at the Festival for the Girls' School, and as this was the first Stewardship he had taken in connection with this Lodge, he trusted the brethren would co-operate with him, and make his list creditable both to their Worshipful Master and the Lodge. In proposing the health of their Visitor, he said this was a toast which was always well received in the Neptune Lodge; at their last meeting they were honoured with the presence of no fewer than twenty visitors. That evening they were favoured with only one, still the toast was as worthy their acceptance as though they had a number. They extended to Bro. Anderson the right hand of fellowship, and gave him a hearty welcome. The toast was cordially received, and Bro. Anderson said, as a young Mason, he felt his position somewhat in being alone to respond for so important a toast as that of the Visitors. He hailed from the North, as they could hear, and was as yet only a fledgling in Masonry, and was not very much at home when he was away from his "mother." He was very pleased to be amongst them to-night, and to meet so joyful and harmonious a company, and hoped he might have the pleasure again at no very distant period. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Past Masters; he said it was only by their co-operation and kindness that the Lodge could expect to prosper. To-night they were favoured with the company of their veteran brother Past Master Norman, whom it was a great pleasure to see, and he would couple his name with the toast. Brother Norman said the Worshipful Master had been pleased to associate his name with the toast, saying he was glad to see him again. On his part, he could truly say he was glad to meet the brethren once more, and was much disappointed not to have been present at Brother Povey's installation, and at the banquet he heard they had afterwards. It gave him sincere pleasure to meet the new Officers; it was a certainty they had an excellent Treasurer and Secretary. He hoped they might have plenty of work before them at the next meeting, and no doubt from the way in which the W.M. had conducted the opening and closing of the Lodge, he would display all those qualifications which they knew he possessed, and for which the Old Neptune Lodge had long been proverbial. Bro. Povey had presided over their banquet in a very amiable and agreeable manner; he had not spoken too much at length, yet had left nothing unsaid. He did not know he had ever attended where the duties of the chair had been managed in a neater manner; there had been nothing tedious, but everything was graceful and admirable. No doubt the Past Masters had been looked up to for many years, though they were not so numerous now as in the past. But those who were left had ever the real interests of the Lodge at heart, and were most anxious to see the chair filled by good men. They could all admire and appreciate good working, and he considered from what he had seen that evening the prospects of the Lodge were such as to afford them every satisfaction. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary were well received and acknowledged by Brothers Storr and Britton, after which the Officers were complimented in similar manner, and the list was closed in the usual way by the Tyler. During the evening there was some excellent vocal and instrumental music, and a very happy and harmonious evening was passed.

LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 22nd ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a gratifying attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. J. Roberts W.M. There were also present Bros. Schadler S.W., Rich J.W., Brown P.M. Sec., Hawkins S.D., Ruse acting as J.D., Gregory I.G., Walker M.C., Jones Steward, Chicken I.P.M.; P.M.'s Bros. Cornwall, Leins, Daniel, Ferry, Arnold; and Speight Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Eastbrook 1128, Thompson 1471, and Harnett 813. Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, was advanced, when Bro. Thomas Buggins, having answered satisfactorily the interrogations, was raised to the sublime degree by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers, the ceremony being

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admirably worked. On resuming, the ballot was prepared for Mr. A. Cheney, who had been nominated by Bro. J. H. Hawkins S.D., and seconded by the W.M. The voting was unanimous in his favour, and Mr. Cheney was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the working being all that could be desired. The brethren then proceeded to the election of W.M., and the choice fell unanimously on Bro. Schadler, who received the hearty congratulations of all present. Bro. Goodwin P.M., who, unfortunately, was not well enough in health to enable him to attend the meeting, was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Speight Prov. G. Tyler for Surrey Tyler. An Audit Committee was appointed, and after the transaction of some formal business, the brethren and visitors adjourned to a banquet, which was served in the throne-room. After dessert, the usual prefatory toasts were honoured; then Bro. Chicken gave the health of the W.M., alluding in felicitous terms to the ability displayed by Bro. Roberts during his year of office, and the active and unwearied interest he had manifested in the welfare of the Lodge. In response, Bro. Roberts thanked the brethren for the gratifying compliment which had been paid him, and said he had done his utmost to discharge the responsibilities of the high position which he had been called upon to occupy, through the kindness of the brethren. The W.M. tendered his acknowledgments to the Past Masters and his Officers for the very valuable assistance they had rendered him during his year of office, and trusted that his successor might reap the same advantage, and perform the duties with even greater satisfaction to the brethren than he had himself been able to do. He then proposed the health of the Initiate, whom he was pleased to welcome amongst them, and who he felt sure would prove a very useful acquisition to the Lodge. Before sitting down he reminded them that this was the last meeting of the Lodge prior to the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and expressed the hope that the brethren would liberally support his list, which he had the pleasure of stating had now almost reached three figures. Brother Speight having sang the Entered Apprentice song, the chorus of which was lustily sustained, Bro. Cheney thanked the company for the kind manner in which the mention of his name had been received; as he was yet so little acquainted with the subject he might be excused from responding at any length. The only thing he could say was it should be his aim and interest to do all he could for the benefit of Freemasonry in general, and the Prosperity Lodge in particular. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, whom he regretted were fewer in number than was usual in this Lodge. One or two other friends had been expected, but for various reasons they had been unable to attend. He could only say that nowhere were visitors more heartily welcome than at the assemblies of the Prosperity Lodge. Bro. Thompson in reply, said he had so frequently enjoyed the friendly association of the brethren of this Lodge, that he could not hardly regard himself as a stranger; indeed, here he always felt quite at home. He heartily wished for the Lodge the utmost realization of its title—Prosperity. Bros. Harnett and Eastbrook responded in a few happily-chosen sentences. The W.M. then gave the health of the W.M. elect, the toast being received with a genuine round of applause. In doing so he said it was a very pleasing duty to congratulate Bro. Schadler upon the prospect of that position to which he had that day been elected by the unanimous voice of the brethren; they had worked together, hand in hand, in Freemasonry for the last eleven years. In fact they sat side by side for five years, but at last they were separated. They were initiated on the same evening, but in the course of events they had been for the last four years separated at the banquet table. Next Lodge night, however, he hoped to have Bro. Schadler again by his side, and that matters would go on swimmingly after that. He was very glad that the brethren had fixed upon their excellent Senior Warden as W.M. for the ensuing year. The admirable way in which he had filled the chair at the Lodge of Instruction was well known to all of them, and he felt assured Bro. Schadler would acquit himself with satisfaction when he assumed a similar position in the mother Lodge. This he was sure to do if he only received the same kindness, courtesy, and assistance as had been so generously extended to him during his year of office. The Worshipful Master elect, who was received with prolonged applause, said very sincerely indeed did he thank the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast, and for the dignity they had conferred upon him that day. Although they had elected him as their President—their general—he wished them to bear in mind that no general, however efficient he might be, could succeed without the co-operation of his Officers and the rank and file; without them he was a powerless individual. What possible victory could Gen. Wolseley have gained in Egypt without the co-operation of his officers and men? He, therefore, asked them, one and all, to give him their support and co-operation, and he had no hesitation in saying that at the end of his year of office the Lodge of Prosperity would have lost none of its present lustre. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the Past Masters, said they were highly honoured on the present occasion by having no less than seven of the veterans amongst them. Whoever occupied the chair had to look to them for counsel, assistance and advice during his year of office. He again acknowledged the advantage he had himself received through their kindness, and submitted the toast with a vast amount of pleasure for acceptance by the brethren. Bro. Chicken I.P.M. could only say that at all times he and the other Past Masters were ready to do their utmost to assist the W.M. in carrying out the duties of the Lodge; he trusted that the same harmony and thorough good feeling which now pervaded the Lodge would always continue to subsist. As long as he was a member, and able to attend their meetings, which he hoped might be for many years to come, he should always be happy to render whatever assistance he could, and to promote in every possible way the best interests of the Lodge. Brother Arnold also acknowledged the kindness with which they had received his name; and Brother Leins said it afforded him great pleasure to recal the fact that eleven years ago he initiated both their Worshipful Master and Bro. Schadler, who had that evening been elected to his distinguished position in the Lodge. Having had that privilege, he had watched their Masonic career with natural interest, and was highly gratified to see them rising, from time to time, until they attained the proud position which he himself once held. He assured them it would always be his endeavour to do his duty to the utmost of his ability, and trusted he might long be spared to continue those efforts in the same direction. Brother Daniel did not think there was any Lodge in London in which the Past Masters were more united than they were in the Lodge of Prosperity, and had been for many years past. He undertook to say they would all remain true and faithful Past Masters, and as long as they did so, they could do no other than go on and prosper. Brother Leins had referred to the gratification it had afforded him to see Bros. Roberts and Schadler rising on the Masonic ladder, and he was sure he and the rest of the P.M.'s all hoped to see their children attaining to the enviable position of W. Master of the Lodge, and be a credit and an ornament to it. Bro. Brown, in thanking them in a very few words for the kind manner in which they had received the toast, said he had watched the progress of their excellent Worshipful Master with great interest, inasmuch as it was his privilege to give Bro. Roberts his first collar. As to the good feeling existing between the Past Masters of the Lodge, he was very forcibly reminded of the words of the poem he learnt when a very little boy, written by Eliza Cook—

"'Tis good to see strong men agree,
Held fast by silken link;
With lips that seek to wisely speak,
And brain that dares to think."

Such was the feeling existing between the Past Masters of this Lodge. It was four years since he had the pleasure of sitting in that chair, and he had never yet heard a single wry word uttered in the Lodge, though they had all "spoken their minds" unreservedly. During the past few weeks he had received very great kindnesses from the Past Masters of the Lodge, for which he took this opportunity of thanking them. He hoped it might be his privilege to be a Past Master of the Lodge for many years to come, and to be received by the brethren with the same kindness as on this and all former occasions. Brother Ferry also responded, and said he had returned from the Isle of Wight, which he had been visiting, to show respect and fraternal greeting to the Worshipful Master and Worshipful Master elect. The Worshipful Master wished now to propose a toast which was not on the list before them, and heartily he wished success to the Prosperity Chapter. With that toast he would associate the name of their valued Preceptor, Bro. Chicken, and informed the brethren that if they wanted to reach the climax of Freemasonry, they must join the Chapter formed in connection with their Lodge. Those who did not belong to it, must do so if they would secure a full knowledge of the Order, and if they did so they would meet some very able and agreeable companions. Brother Chicken M.E.Z. did not expect this toast, which had been brought forward to-night, he had therefore been taken somewhat by surprise; but, on behalf of the Chapter he returned them his heartfelt thanks. As the Prosperity Lodge had prospered, so it was the intention of the Companions that the Chapter should go forward. He must say that up to the present time, there had been a slight paucity of members, considering the number on the roll of their Lodge; and Master Masons ought to be informed that after all they had learned in the Craft they must go to the Chapter to gain the "grand secret" of Masonry. It was, in fact, the completion of all they had learned in the Craft. He was therefore surprised that more members of the Lodge had not come forward. The Chapter, so far as its working was concerned, had been a success; he hoped before his term of office expired they should double the number of its members. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, in doing which he regretted the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Bro. Goodwin, who had that evening been again elected to the post he so well filled as Treasurer of the Lodge, and congratulated Bro. Brown, their excellent Secretary, upon the new sphere of life he was accepting for himself, and in which the brethren desired for him every possible success. He acknowledged the valuable aid he had received from Bro. Brown on every occasion he required it, during his term of office, and he only hoped he would stick to London, when he might rest assured the brethren would stick to him. Bro. Brown said it was scarcely necessary for him to apologise for the absence of their valued Treasurer, who would have been present but for his old enemy. So far as he himself was concerned, he assured them the duties of Secretary had been a labour of love, and hoped they would be, for some time yet to come. The Worshipful Master had been good enough to allude to the fact that he intended to start in business on his own account; he could only say he hoped it might turn out successfully. He hinted just now that during the past fortnight or three weeks he had received great kindness from the members of this Lodge. He had not yet decided upon what particular part of the town he should settle in, but hoped before next Lodge night he should have definitely fixed his new sphere of work. If it was their pleasure that he should continue as their Secretary, and it did not interfere with him in his business, he should be very happy to retain the confidence that had hitherto been reposed in him. It was an office he was very proud of; indeed, he had always considered the office of Secretary was second to none in the Craft. It was an honourable office, particularly for so comparatively young a Mason to hold. As the adviser of the Worshipful Master, and to whom the members could come in any time of difficulty or anxiety, both Masonically and privately, at all times of the day, it was an office which involved a considerable amount of responsibility; but the brethren might rest assured that in the future they would not have such frequent opportunities of seeing him as they had had hitherto. The little ability he possessed, and the time he had at his disposal, would be gladly devoted to the interests of the Lodge of Prosperity; but directly he found the duties interfered with his business, he should relinquish the office, as a man ought to to do. Several other toasts were honoured, and the Tyler's closed

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the proceedings at a seasonable hour. During the evening some capital songs were sung, and the harmony of the gathering was considerably enhanced by some pleasing airs played on the zither by Bro. Herold, which were received with much appreciation.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

A MEETING was held on Thursday, 22nd ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall (Café Royal), Regent-street, W. The Lodge-room was draped, in testimony of respect to the late Secretary Brother Scott. Present—Bros. Hammond W.M., Eastgate S.W., Jones J.W., Shand P.M. Treasurer and Secretary *pro tem*, Lee S.D., Smith J.D., Hoare Organist, Hill I.G., Waugh I.P.M., Swallow P.M. W.S., White P.M., Cottebrune P.G.P., Esdell, Cox, Patch, Stevens, and others. Visitors—Bros. Dr. Ramsay P.M. 259 P.G.S.W. Middlesex, McCall S.W. 108, Hammond S.D. 1765, Dudley Rolls P.M. 12, Ruf P.M. 12, Tinney 1319, Collens S.W. 766, and others (19 in all). Bros. Antoine and Wilson were duly passed to degree of F.C. A ballot, taken for Messrs. Watts and Harrington, proved unanimous, and those gentlemen were duly initiated. A vote of condolence was agreed to be sent to the relatives of the late Secretary of the Lodge. A P.M. of the Lodge resigned membership, and after routine work, the brethren dined, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the speeches being interspersed with music. The next Lodge meeting will be held on the fourth Thursday in April.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

THE Brethren of this Lodge were honoured, at their monthly meeting, at Walton-on-the-Naze, on 20th ult., by a visit from the D.P.G.M. W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., who witnessed the excellent working of the W.M. W. Bro. C. Hempson, and also took part in it himself. At the close of the business, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Philbrick for his kindness in attending, and he was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the festive board, where several Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the health of the R.W.P.G.M. and the P.G. Officers, present and past, the W.M. took occasion to congratulate the brethren upon having a new P.G.M. to preside over them. W. Bro. Philbrick, whose name was coupled with the toast, responded, and stated that the Province was fortunate in having such a P.G.M. as Lord Brooke to preside over them. Brother Philbrick also spoke of the gratification both H.R.H. the Duke of Albany and Lord Brooke had felt at the great success of the late Installation Meeting at Colchester. Some other toasts were given, and the meeting was a very pleasant one. Among the visitors present on the occasion were W. Bros. Thos. J. Ralling P.M. and Secretary 51 P.G. Secretary, Alfred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W., W. P. Lewis P.M. 51 P.P.G.D., and R. Clowes W.M. 650. There was a good muster of the members of the Lodge, including W. Bros. C. Hempson P.G.A.D.C. W.M., E. Dorling P.M. P.P.G. Sec. Suffolk, Dr. Welham Treasurer, Bros. A. G. Rickarby S.W., R. T. Daniell S.W., R. H. Scott Sec., W. R. Bloom I.G., F. Wallis, J. T. Salmon, E. Osmond, P. B. Harris, C. Randall, C. Young, R. Womack, W. E. Turner, T. C. Riddlesdale, &c. &c.

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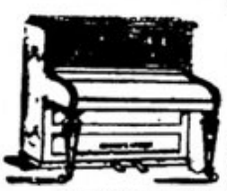

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ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST OF THE R.M.B.I.

ONCE more it devolves upon us to give some account of the Festival of Wednesday, 28th ult., when the friends and supporters of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution assembled in force in the Great Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, under the genial auspices of General Brownrigg, and manifested the extent of their interest in the youngest of our three central Masonic Charities by raising amongst them a sum of, in round figures, £13,047, a sum which in the circumstances of the day, must satisfy even the most exigent supporters of the Institution. The times are not quite what they were when His Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales was solemnly installed as Grand Master in the presence of some thousands of Craftsmen gathered from all parts of England in order to do honour to their illustrious Chief. Then, and for a year or two afterwards, the condition of the country was most prosperous. There were no wars, or even rumours of war, to disturb the equanimity of the commercial world. Ireland was peaceful, trade flourished, and the earth yielded of her products a fair average crop. Now the picture is the reverse of comforting. Our trade and commerce have not yet wholly recovered from a prolonged period of depression. Peace prevails, it is true, but the political atmosphere has been again and again disturbed, and the public confidence in its maintenance is not as assured as we could wish. Moreover, there has been a succession of bad harvests almost unexampled in our time, and the present agricultural outlook is most depressing. Yet, in spite of these unfortunate surroundings, the opening Festival of the current year will compare favourably with the best of those that have gone before. At any time a total of over £13,000 must be considered a most gratifying result, but when achieved in the face of political, commercial, and agricultural disturbance, it is little less than marvellous. All honour, then, to the 272 Stewards who, with General Brownrigg as their leader, and Brother James Terry as chief of the Staff, have been so gloriously successful.

As has happened on previous occasions the Metropolitan Lodges have raised considerably more than one-half of the total amount, though the difference in respect of number as between their representatives and those of the Provincial Lodges is scarcely worth noticing. One hundred and twenty Lodges, or more than one-third of the total number, sent up among them one hundred and twenty-six Stewards, seven R.A. Chapters were represented by as many Companions, and there were three Stewards unattached, and one acting for the Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, the whole London contingent mustering together one hundred and thirty-seven, and the aggregate of their subscriptions being, as nearly as possible, £7,647. The honour of having accumulated the largest list belongs to a well-known Preceptor, Bro. D. Moss, who, as Steward for the Star Lodge, No. 1275, Greenwich, handed in no less than £343 6s. A peculiarity about this achievement is, that Bro. Moss's list is composed entirely of sums raised by weekly subscriptions of one shilling, each contributing Brother becoming in due time a Life Governor or Life Subscriber of the Charity. The same description applies to the list of Bro. Adolphus Clark, Steward for the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, amounting to £178 10s, and Bro. James C. Hayes, representing the Plucknett Lodge, No. 1708, East End Finchley, who figures for £63, while Bro. R. F. Ould, of the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781, raised a part of his £106 10s by the same system. This shows what can be done by the various Lodge Benevolent Associations we hear of from time to time, and how easy it is for any brother to enrol himself as a Life supporter of one or all of our Institutions. Bro. the Rev. C. Darby Reade, of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, Notting Hill, stands second among the London Stewards, with a total of £189 2s, and is closely followed by Bro. Clark of No. 1227, as already mentioned, with £178 10s. Next in order is Bro. Festa, W.M. of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, whose total is £160, while, if his fellow representative's (Bro. Gardener's) list of forty guineas is added to this, the Lodge they jointly represented may justly claim to be second in point of amount, their two lists together reaching £202. The Eccleston, No. 1624, is down for £153 1s, per Bro. J. G. Fisher, the Clerkenwell, No. 1964, of last year's creation, per Bro. T. Hastings Miller, and the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, only consecrated a few weeks since, per Bro. James Willing jun., being close up with £150 3s and £150 respectively. Bro. James S. Fraser, on behalf of Sincerity, No. 174, follows with £148, and then the Cripplegate, No. 1613, Bro. W. Medwin, with £143 17s, the Domatic, No. 177, per Bro. Herbage as Steward, with £140 1s. The Kilburn, No. 1608, per Bro. F. J. Baker, figures for £132 6s, the Islington Chapter, No. 1471, per Comp. James Terry, for £125 15s, and Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, per Bro. J. Roberts, for £125. West Smithfield, No. 1623, contributes, by the hands of H. J. Lardner, £114 8s 6d, Temperance, No. 169, through Bro. George L. Moore, £108 8s, the Merchant Navy, No. 781, already alluded to, £106 10s, and the Zetland, No. 511, £106 6s, the honour of raising this being jointly shared by Bros. G. Read and Asher Barfield. The Marquis of Ripon, No. 1489, per Bro. W. Stephens, and the Brixton, No. 1949, by the medium of Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., figure each of them for a hundred guineas, while the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, contributes, by the hands of Bro. F. Thurston, £100. The Chairman, General Brownrigg, C.B., as representing Friends in Council, No. 1383, figures for £99 14s, while as Steward for his own Province, his list amounts to £146. Thus the Institution is indebted to the exertions of the Chairman for an addition to its funds of not far short of £250, the major part being rightly entered under the Province to which he belongs. There are, likewise, several good lists ranging from £80 to £90 each, and the older Lodges, as well as some of the younger, are fairly represented. But just as there are many which make a point of being regularly represented, so also are there others which as invariably hold aloof.

Turning to the Provinces, we find they sent up 135 Stewards, or within two of London, but the aggregate of their lists is by no means so considerable. This, however, is no doubt to be explained by local circumstances, or the circumstances of the moment, and as London

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has taken the lead in this instance, so the Provinces may succeed in wresting it from her at the Festival in May or June next, or, it may be, at both Festivals. But if the total is not as large as we have seen it on former occasions, it is very fairly distributed, thirty-two out of the forty-one Provinces, or, as nearly as possible, four-fifths, having sent up representatives. The three districts which can boast of Lodges, but have no local organisation, are absentees, as they generally are; but we cannot in reason expect much from the five Lodges in the Channel Islands, and the three Isle of Man Lodges, which are too remote, though the former have occasionally done some service. Bedfordshire, however, with its five Lodges, appears to concern itself but little about our Institutions. It contributed less than £40 at the Boys' Festival in 1879, and not quite £50 at that of the Girls' School the year following, but it has given nothing whatever to the Benevolent at its last nine anniversaries. The absentee Provinces are Cambridgeshire (four Lodges), which, since the beginning of 1875, has given £46 among our three Institutions and Herefordshire, also with four Lodges, gave £10 10s to the Girls' School in 1878, and £65 5s to the Benevolent two years previously; Cumberland and Westmoreland (19 Lodges), Lincolnshire (21 Lodges), Monmouthshire (8 Lodges), Northumberland (21 Lodges), both Divisions of South Wales, the one having 15, and the other 9 Lodges, and Jersey (7 Lodges). All these, however, have figured more or less frequently, though we would take the liberty of suggesting that Northumberland, with its great industrial centre, Newcastle, might be oftener found in the list of contributing Provinces. It has done well for the Boys' School certainly, but has not shown quite as much for the other Charities.

Taken alphabetically, Berks and Bucks, with its twenty-one Lodges, heads the list of the Provinces that were represented, and its four Stewards, three acting for as many Berks Lodges, and one for a Bucks Lodge, raising amongst them the sum of £109 12s 6d. Last year it gave over £243 to the Benevolent, nearly £200 to the Girls' School, and about £177 to the Boys' School, and was only once among the non-contributing Provinces during the Septennial Period 1875-81. Bristol has eight Lodges, and her contribution of £216 18s is a most welcome one. Cheshire, with its thirty nine Lodges, sent up two Stewards, the total of whose lists amounts only to £37 16s, but as we have said before, there is a very flourishing Educational Institution supported by it, which for many years has been doing good service, and it would be too much, therefore, to expect that it should be as liberal in its subscriptions to the central Charities as if it had no local Charity of its own. However, it raised for them over £422 last year, of which £321 found its way into the Girls' School Treasury. The sum of forty guineas, by the representative of St. Andrew's, No. 1151, Tywardreath, does duty for Cornwall, with its twenty-eight Lodges, but every now and then this remote county puts on a spurt, by which one of the Institutions benefits very considerably. We may look, therefore, to the county which gives the title of Duke to the Heir Apparent being sooner or later represented in a manner worthy of its known reputation. Derbyshire, twenty Lodges, sends up £50; but, as it gave last year £53 11s to the Benevolent, £459 16s to the Girls' School, and £176 14s 6d to the Boys' School, or in all £690 1s 6d, and was represented at seventeen out of the twenty-one Festivals during 1875-81, we cannot be otherwise than pleased to find it among the contributories on this occasion. Devonshire, fifty Lodges, raised, in round figures, some £2,660 during 1875-81, having been only thrice absent from the lists in that period. Last year it gave £565, and now it figures for £74 11s, which, as it has its own local Charity Organisation, is by no means to be contemned. Dorsetshire, with thirteen Lodges, contributes a round £100. Last year it gave to each of the Institutions, and in 1875-81, played a very conspicuous part in its support of our Charities, while Durham (twenty-eight Lodges) gives £63 11s. having done something at each of last year's Festivals, and raised over £728 for "Our Boys" in 1881, when its chief, the Marquis of Londonderry, presided at the Festival of that Institution.

A home county—Essex—with its twenty Lodges, next claims our attention. But little more than a month since it had placed over it a new ruler, in the person of Lord Brooke, M.P., and with a view, it may be, to signalising this event, five of its Lodges, by the medium of as many brethren, have together contributed £235 4s 6d, or but little short of the £244 10s it raised for the Boys' School last summer. It had previously contributed £93 10s to the R.M.B.I., and £15 15s to the Girls' School, while, during the period 1875-81 it was only unrepresented on three occasions. Last year Gloucestershire, which has but fourteen Lodges all told, raised £115 10s for the R.M.B.I., £137 11s for the R.M.I.G., and £295 1s for the R.M.I.B., or during the year a fraction over £548. In 1881, it gave the Benevolent £263 11s, "Our Girls" £1000, and "Our Boys" £283 10s, or, together, over £1,547, while in 1880 its contributions reached £680; in 1879 £840; in 1878 £727 9s; and in 1877 £589, "Our Boys" having been favoured to the extent of £42 in 1875, and £276 14s in 1876. Totalling them up, we have contributions from this county amounting, during the last eight years, to £5,251, and now it has commenced the current year with an aggregate, from six Stewards acting on its behalf, of £213 3s, which, added to the former sum, gives the excellent average per Lodge of about £397 10s. Well done, Gloucestershire! Hants and the Isle of Wight, thirty-eight Lodges, is another stronghold of Freemasonry, which shines conspicuously on these occasions. It has only been twice absent from the Festivals it has been our privilege to record, and has raised for the Benevolent £1,566 5s 6d, for the Girls' School £861 13s 6d, and for the Boys' School £2,168 6s 6d or altogether in the eight years £4,596 5s 6d. It now gives, by the medium of three Stewards, acting for as many Lodges, the sum of £149 16s. In ordinary circumstances, we should say this was but a small amount for so large a Province, but doubtless it is reserving its strength for the Festival of the Girls' School on the 9th May next, when its Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, will take the chair. When he did so in 1877 for "Our Boys" it raised over £624, and we may look to see this at least equalled at the Festival in question.

"Little Herts," another Home County, now boasts its round dozen of Lodges, and worthily maintained its reputation on Wednesday, when six Stewards, representing five Lodges and the Chapter attached to one of them, raised £233 4s. Last year it contributed £1,049 14s 6d among our Charities, the Benevolent securing £533 14s out of it, or rather more than the half. As Brother Terry is connected with the Province, we are not surprised at his obtaining the chief support, though all have fared well, the Benevolent having received £1,960 12s 6d in 1875-81, and the Girls' and Boys' Schools £552 6s 6d and £720 1s respectively during the same period. It has been unrepresented at only one out of twenty-five Anniversaries. Kent, a third Home County, like Hants and the Isle of Wight, is doubtless very properly reserving its strength for its particular Festival, that of the Boys' School in June, when its highly popular chief, Viscount Holmesdale, will preside. This will explain why, though boasting forty-nine Lodges, its contributions on Wednesday last reached only £148 5s with one list still to be delivered. However, last year it raised £975 19s for the Charities, and in 1875-81, £7,723 10s 6d, or in the eight years only a few shillings short of £8,700.

East Lancashire, in point of numbers, is our strongest Province, its Lodges mustering to the strength of ninety-two. On this occasion its sixteen Stewards, so far as their lists have been received, figure for £212 1s 6d. Last year it raised within sixpence of £772, of which the Benevolent managed to secure nearly £415. In 1875-81 it gave to the same Institution £4,179 1s, of which £3,542 was contributed at the Festival in 1879, when R.W. Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie P.G.M. presided. During the same period the Girls' School has benefited to the extent of £762 0s 6d and the Boys' School to £1,338. These figures give an aggregate of £7,263 2s 6d. Its neighbour, West Lancashire, with its eighty-one Lodges, shows a fair total likewise—in round figures over £1,000 more. Its eleven representatives contributed among them on this occasion £244 15s. Last year its figures reached £689 12s and in 1875-81, £7,307 19s 6d. These amounts give, as the general result, a total of subscriptions reaching to £8,242 6s 6d. Leicestershire and Rutland, which has but ten Lodges, by the hands of its Past Prov. G. Master, R.W. Bro. Kelly, contributes a useful £36 15s. It gave last year to the Benevolent Institution £152 15s, and to "Our Boys" £89 5s, or together £242. Its subscriptions in 1875-81 stand thus: to the Benevolent £250 18s; to the Girls' School

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£535 12s; and to the Boys' School £831 6s 6d: total up to last Wednesday £1,896 11s 6d.

A fourth home county next claims our attention, namely, Middlesex, which, as last year, has thirty two Lodges on its roll. This time it sent up ten Stewards, and the receipts from eight of them amount to £356 8s 6d. Last year it raised £1,212 10s, namely, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution £408 2s, for the Girls' School £408 6s 6d, and for the sister Institution at Wood Green £396 1s 6d. In 1875-81 it subscribed £2,063 5s to the R.M.B.I., £3,293 3s 9d to the R.M.I.G., and £2,034 8s to the R.M.I.B. Thus the total for the last eight years, namely, £8,959 15s 9d has now reached within £40 and a fraction the handsome sum of £9,000.

In these days of rapid communication the transition from Middlesex to East Anglia is the work of a few moments only, and we find one of the sixteen Lodges located in Norfolk, the county of the bloater and the turkey, contributing towards the necessities of our aged brethren and widows a modest thirty guineas. However, in 1882, it raised altogether a little over £201, of which rather more than half found its way into the coffers of the Girls' School. In 1875-81 its subscriptions amounted to £1,510 16s, namely, £448 10s to the Benevolent, £429 8s to the Girls', and £632 18s to the Boys'. Norths and Hunts, ten Lodges, has done capitally, the list handed in by its representative, Bro. R. H. Griffin, realising £221 8s. Though not as often represented as some other Provinces, it does well at times, especially when it is a question of supporting the Institution of which Bro. Terry, one of its Past Provincial Grand Officers, is the Secretary. Nottinghamshire has thirteen Lodges, and its representative, Bro. S. G. Gilbert figures for £190. Like Norths and Hunts, it "comes down with the dust" whenever it sends up representatives. Oxfordshire, with four Stewards, acting for four out of its eleven Lodges, has given on this occasion just a little over £100. Last year it subscribed £176 18s to the Benevolent, £149 2s for the Girls', and £78 18s 6d for the Boys', or, in all, £404 18s 6d. In 1875-81 it raised £2,176 2s 6d, making a total to date of over £2,581. We submit this especially to the notice of the brethren in Cambridgeshire. The twenty-four Lodges of the Earl of Carnarvon's Province of Somersetshire give in this instance fifty Guineas. Last year it helped "Our Boys" to the extent of £118 13s, but in 1875-81 the Benevolent received from it £525 3s, the Girls' School £1,041 12s; and the Boys' £1,033 2s, total for the Septennial period £2,599 17s, and to date £2,771. Staffordshire, with twenty-six Lodges, figures for £57 15s, per Bro. T. Mount Humphries, of the Walsall Lodge, No. 539; but in 1882 it subscribed £616 17s 6d, of which the Schools received £289 16s (Girls') and £300 16s 6d (Boys'), the modest balance of £26s 5s being handed over to the Benevolent. During 1875-81, it contributed to the Benevolent £751 2s, to the Girls' £1,346 17s, and to the Boys' £985 8s, making in all for that period £3,083 7s, and up to Wednesday last within sixpence of £3,758. Suffolk, with twenty-one Lodges, gives as the result of two out of its three Stewards' lists £166 2s 6d. Its contributions in 1882 amounted to £311 15s, for 1875-81 to £1,991 9s 6d, making a total to date of close on £2,480. This speaks well for the influence of its popular Prov. Grand Master Lord Waveney, and his Deputy Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn Past Grand Chaplain.

The remaining home county, Surrey, as the Chairman's Province, very properly takes the lead among the Provinces, its total of £905 14s representing somewhat over one-sixth of the whole contributed by the non-metropolitan section of the Craft. Including General Brownrigg and a Steward for one of its Chapters (No. 1395), it sent up twenty-two Stewards, so that twenty of its twenty-six Lodges were directly represented, and doubtless all lent a hand in order to swell the general total. Even the Arnold Lodge, No. 1981, though only consecrated in December last, contributed a modest twenty guineas. In 1882 it raised £494 15s, of which the Girls' received not far short of one-half. If we add to these figures £1,783 2s 6d, the sum for 1875-81, we arrive at a total for the last twenty-five Festivals of close on £3,184. Surrey has good reason to be proud of its latest achievement of Wednesday, as well as of the regularity of the support it gives to our three Charities.

It is but a single step from Surrey into the neighbouring County of Sussex, and there we find the honour of the Province well sustained; the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings, per Brother Charles A. Duke, and the Royal York, No. 315, Brighton, per Brother W. H. Gibson, each contributing a hundred guineas, or together £210. In 1882 it contributed £162 9s to the R.M.B.I., £577 10s to the R.M.I.G., and £179 11s to the R.M.I.B., or together £919 10s. In 1881 it raised for the three Festivals in the order of their occurrence, £175 1s, £105, and £771 15s, the last being in honour of the Boys' School, held in the Pavilion, Brighton, the result for the year being £1,051 16s. It has only missed two of the last twenty-five Festivals, namely, the Benevolent in 1875, and that of the Girls' School in 1876, while its total contributions since 1875 inclusive, to date, amount to £4,878 16s. Warwickshire has thirty Lodges, of which two, both hailing from Birmingham, have given between them £57 15s. Last year it raised for "Our Girls" £810 10s, and for "Our Boys" £187 19s, or together £998 9s. For 1875-81 it raised £4,965 15s, of which £3,215 12s 6d was for the Boys' School; total to date, in round figures, £6,022. Wiltshire, though it has but ten Lodges, is a very active Province, and contributes, per Brother Surgeon-General T. Ringer £50 1s. In 1881 it raised £307 2s, and in 1875-81 £2,001 2s, or altogether £2,358 5s, giving an average of close on £236 per Lodge. Worcestershire, with eleven Lodges, or but one in excess of the preceding Province, sends up £218 13s, the senior Kidderminster and junior Worcester Lodges, with the Lodge at Stourbridge, dividing the credit among them. In 1882 it figured for £387 9s, the chief recipient being the Benevolent and the Boys' School. In 1875-81 it raised £1,254 15s, making a grand total to date of £1,860 17s, all of which has been subscribed since January 1879.

There remain only North Wales and Salop and the two Yorkshire Provinces in order to render our survey complete. For the first named a Chapter does duty, and the amount of its list is £52 6s, but last year its twenty-seven Lodges gave £537 0s 6d, of which the Girls' School, in May, received £352 10s. These, with the £1,587 1s 6d raised in 1875-81, make a total of some shillings in excess of £2,076. North and East Yorkshire, with twenty-seven Lodges, gives £29 13s. Last year it subscribed £645 2s, and in 1875-81 £1,713 4s, making to date within a shilling of £2,388. Its great achievement was in 1880, when it supported Right Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Zetland, its Prov. Grand Master, with the very handsome total of £855 4s. West Yorkshire, sixty-six Lodges, has added to its former lists of subscriptions and donations the sum of £450, the Stewards acting on its behalf being fifteen in number. In 1875-81, it subscribed to the Benevolent £6,426 15s, to "Our Girls," £4,748 13s, and to "Our Boys" £3,461 9s, or together £14,636 17s. In 1882 it added to this total £1,635 5s, making in all, for the eight years, £16,272 2s. Its present contribution of £450 raises this still higher, to £16,722 2s, making an average per Festival of little short of £670. We will not mar the effect of these splendid figures by offering any comment whatever. They serve to emphasise our sketch of the work done more pointedly than any remarks of ours could possibly do.

SOCIALITY AND BENEVOLENCE.

THE great truths promulgated by our Ancient and Honourable Institution are those which give the most unstrained liberty, without licence, the greatest freedom for the exercise of thought and action, in the grand effort to render ourselves "more extensively useful to our fellow creatures." No other society on the face of the earth practises to so eminent a degree the attributes of peace and goodwill, or exemplifies with such fidelity the splendid precepts of human kindness and beneficence. The man whose aspirations to enrol himself under the banner of our Order are rightly founded is impelled to them by a purity of motives which is nearly allied to the holy and divine. He seeks to make no capital by the enterprise, either personal or pecuniary, but is actuated simply and solely by impulses of a social and benevolent character. Upon the first branch of the subject, then, let a word be spoken upon the effective means which Freemasonry supplies of bringing into social contact men of various grades, and in many walks of life, who, but for its influence and the kindling of sentiments of amenity and good fellowship, would have remained altogether and for ever unknown to each other. A man when he enters Freemasonry places

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his foot upon the rungs of that ladder by which he gains access to a new and loftier social status. His future friends and acquaintances are of the whole Brotherhood of man: his companions and co-operators in the Craft are men of marked intelligence, culture and refinement, and, better still, who are bound together by indissoluble ties of brotherly love, relief and truth. There is a very common and prevalent idea amongst the uninitiated that the doors of Freemasonry are flung wide open, and that all men are attracted to it by the invitation hung over its portals of "Come, and welcome." In some measure, this is true, for Freemasonry is as free as the air we breathe, or the water we drink, and all men of good repute are hailed as brethren. But the popular impression that candidates for admission to our privileges and mysteries are pressed and persuaded to join the ranks is erroneous and misleading. There is no such principle recognised by the Craft as to enlist the adherence of men by recommendation, or to draw in from the outer world any but those who can boldly come and assert that they do so of their own free will and accord, irrespective of any mercenary or other unworthy motives. On the contrary, there has ever been a disposition on the part of Masons to enforce caution, and to temper enthusiasm on the part of those who express an ardent wish to participate in the advantages peculiar to the Fraternity. The reason of this is obvious to all who are within the pale, and who are imbued with a laudable desire for the promotion of an Order which has outlived centuries of opposition, and yet maintained its sublimity and unapproachable grandeur amongst all the institutions of the world. Within the space of time covered by even our authentic records of the Order, kings have risen and fallen, the destinies of nations have been sealed, and even religions have changed; and yet, through all these shifting scenes and altered circumstances, Freemasonry stands erect and alone in her statuesque sublimity, with lustre undimmed and integrity untarnished, shedding abroad her inestimable benefits upon all who come within her benign influence. Freemasonry now, as it ever did, exercises a powerful and gracious attraction over men of thought and kindly disposition to mingle together for the promotion of those acts and sentiments which enter so largely into the "brighter side" of life. To cheer a brother on in his worthy enterprise, to sympathise and sustain him in failure; to soothe him in affliction or distress; and to rejoice with him when the "good time" has really come—these are some of the leading principles which are embodied in the tenets of the Craft, and which, as a body, Masons take a pleasure in putting into practice. Moreover, in company with these, there are peculiar traits of character which, from the natural outcome of Freemasonry, bind men together in the closest ties of genuine brotherly love; which makes them take a personal interest in each other's affairs, and in their everyday experience. Masons can, without scruple or diffidence, confide to each other matters which would be reticently withheld from all else in the world, knowing that all lawful secrets are safe in the sacred repository of a brother's breast. To any one, therefore, in worry or perplexity, it is a relief to know that near at hand there are trusty hearts who will share his temporary anxiety, and ameliorate his difficulties, who will take an active heart and brain interest in setting matters right again, and so dissipating the clouds of doubt and despondency which had gathered so gloomily overhead. And when there is a universal gleam of sunshine—when the path of life is bright with success, the result of work well and nobly done—who so ready to swell the chorus of joyful acclamation as those who are bound together by the five points of fellowship? Thus, when friends meet, either for substantial work "upon the chequered floor" or at the festivities which form its fitting afterpart, there is a hearty glow of amenity and friendliness all round such as is to be discovered in the atmosphere of no other society, from the very fact that its festivities are brimful of genuine, downright goodfellowship, engendered by the teachings of the Order, and are pervaded by a thorough unity of spirit of purpose, springing from the loftiest and purest motives. Thus it is that men feel themselves "at home" in their Lodges more thoroughly than anywhere else in the world, save and excepting their own domestic circle. Even there the influence of Masonry is exercised and felt, for true Masons cannot be selfish, or monopolise the life-giving impulses which are stirred into action by the precepts taught in Lodge. They are bound to carry home to wife and child, and to relative and friend, the calm and elevating influences which are born of the labours in which they have been employed; and thus, in a domestic as well as a social sense, the Craft is a marvellous factor of human happiness and enjoyment. The benevolent aspects of the Craft are known to, and acknowledged by, all who have any knowledge of the subject at all. But there is a peculiar width and comprehensiveness about Masonic charity which none can fathom except those who have carefully watched its inner working amongst the brethren of the Order; nor even then can its extent be approximately gauged. The kindly sympathies, the compassionate acts of men who "do good by stealth" and would "blush to find it fame," can never be told; and it is merely upon the public and avowed munificence of the Craft that the world can form an opinion. And even here Masons have much of which to be justly very proud, for the Institutions of which we boast are amongst the grandest and best of their kind in the universe, and the manner in which they are supported and managed compares favourably with any of the splendid monuments of philanthropy and benevolence of which happily in this country we possess so large a number. Both personally, therefore, and publicly, the sublime Order of which we rejoice to be members is pursuing a work upon which even an envious world can but look with admiration. The former, as we have said, cannot be estimated, for who can tell what acts of generosity and true brotherly charity are exercised by men towards their poorer fellows who, from unforeseen circumstances of calamity and misfortune, have been reduced to the lowest depths of poverty and distress? Every now and then a case in point finds its way to the surface, just as a diamond might do amidst the soil, or a nugget amongst the quartz, under the hands of a digger; but it is not always so. We believe there is a vast amount of charity and timely help administered round and about us every day which can never be, nor is it intended to be, known, and which has its reward only in the Grand Lodge above. It is, however, a comfort and a satisfaction to all who belong to such an organisation to know and feel how vast a work of human love and sympathy is being carried on, and that each in his own sphere has the opportunity of adding to the happiness of others, and thus fulfilling the trust accepted when the privileges and responsibilities of the Craft were conferred upon them.

The March meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. The brethren present were Bros. Raynham W. Stewart (in the chair), John L. Mather, A. J. Duff-Filer, Joyce Murray, C. F. Matier, George Cooper, H. H. Welch, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), H. Massey, Donald M. Dewar, James Moon, A. F. Godson, C. H. Webb, A. E. Gladwell, F. Adlard, H. Venn, C. F. Hogard, E. Baxter, W. Maple, G. P. Gillard, H. S. Goodall, and F. Binckes (Secretary). There was only one petition before the Committee, and after examination and consideration it was deferred for further enquiry. Bro. Binckes reported that in accordance with the resolution come to at the last meeting £1,000 had been invested in India Four per Cent. Debenture Stock. The Committee then adjourned.

Bro. Horace B. Marshall, C.C., has been presented with a testimonial, by several of his employés, on the occasion of his making them associates of the Young Men's Christian Association, and in recognition of the great interest he has always taken in their welfare. After warmly thanking them, Bro. Marshall said he had been the recipient of many testimonials, but none had given him greater pleasure than this, as it afforded proof that there was something more than the mere question of capital and labour existing between himself and his employés.

On Wednesday evening the members of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, held their audit meeting, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, under the presidency of Brother J. Roberts. A very satisfactory account of the Lodge was reported. The installation of Bro. G. Schadler as W.M. will take place at the Guildhall Tavern, on Thursday, the 22nd inst.

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THE NEW GRAND TREASURER.

AS will be seen from our report elsewhere of Wednesday's meeting, the members of Grand Lodge, in the exercise of their undoubted right, elected a new Grand Treasurer in the person of Brother J. Derby Allcroft, and have thus set aside the rule they have hitherto imposed on themselves of annually re-electing a brother who has been once chosen to fill that high office. We trust our readers will not fall into the error of assuming that Grand Lodge has adopted this change of policy from any lack of respect for Brother Colonel Creaton, or any feeling of dissatisfaction with the very able services he has rendered as Grand Treasurer. Colonel Creaton's name is synonymous among Craftsmen with energy and ability and the strictest sense of duty. During his three years' tenure of the Grand Treasurership he earned for himself the respect of brethren of every rank, and we are convinced that it is only from a feeling of justice to other distinguished Craftsmen that Colonel Creaton's claims to re-election have in this instance been overlooked, and a new Grand Treasurer chosen in his stead. It must be remembered that, besides that of Grand Master, this is the only office in G.L. in filling which the members of Grand Lodge have any voice. There must necessarily be many worthy aspirants for so rare a distinction, and the regular re-election of the same brother is tantamount to the regular exclusion of all others from the attainment of an office which the Constitutions have placed within their reach. As for Colonel Creaton's successor, Brother J. Derby Allcroft, whom we heartily congratulate on his election, he is a Mason of long standing, and has passed the chair of two Lodges. He is well known for his support of our Institutions, and as an ex-member of Parliament, and the Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, is both socially and by experience well qualified for the post. We wish him success in his new duties.

Obituary.

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BRO. W. G. HARRISON, Q.C., G. SENION DEACON.

THE news of the unexpected death of Bro. W. G. Harrison, one of the G. Senior Deacons of England, and a distinguished member of the legal profession, will be received with the most poignant regret, not only among his brethren of the mystic tie, but likewise by his fellow barristers. Bro. Harrison, who died on Monday, at the comparatively early age of fifty-six, was initiated in the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, in 1865, and became its W.M. in 1872. He was also a joining member and P.M. of the Lodge No. 631, Taplow, Bucks, and one of the founders of the Parthenon Lodge, No. 1826, Egham, Surrey. He was exalted in the Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 9, was appointed its Scribe E. in 1873, and filled the office of M.E.Z. in the years 1876, 1877. He was perfected in St. George's Chapter of Rose Croix in 1874, and was appointed its M.W.S. last year, and in 1877 received the 30° in the A. and A. Rite. Last year our M.W. Grand Master appointed him a Grand Senior Deacon, and a few days later he was invested Grand 1st Assist. Sojourner in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Of his standing and reputation as a barrister we may gather some idea from the remarks made by Mr. Justice Stephen in the Court of Queen's Bench on Wednesday. "I wish to say a word," said his lordship, "upon a subject which has very deeply affected me, and, I have no doubt, many other members of the profession—I mean the death of Mr. W. G. Harrison. I have known him personally for probably a longer time than almost any other member, either of the Bench or of the Bar. He was a friend of not much less than forty years' standing. I do not think that a more honourable or a more amiable man ever practised in these courts. He possessed very apt abilities, and they were set off rather, perhaps, than diminished by some harmless eccentricities which endeared him to those who knew him. The profession has sustained a great loss by his death, which was as unexpected as it was sad."

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MASONRY AND TEMPERANCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As you have invited opinions on the subject of Temperance in Masonry, I should just like to say that the matter has elicited some little comment in my own Lodge, with the result that a majority of the brethren consider the innovation undesirable. There is as much individual liberty now as there ever could be in the matter of drinks; and to introduce the question of total abstinence at all in our Masonic gatherings is to impute excess, which does not exist in our Lodges. I very much question if there is as much liberty allowed by the "hydropots" to others, as moderate and sensible men are invariably found to extend to them. I am certain that I have sat by men who, *because* they were teetotallers, hold themselves up with a satisfied complacency perfectly despicable, as if, forsooth, there was any credit in being a teetotaller. A man abstains from spirits or malt either because they do not agree with his constitution, or because he wishes to conquer a habit which might have been gaining too firm a hold of him. Such an individual is to be commended by all right thinking persons; and no one, I am sure, would be found to poke fun at such a man for his courage and common sense. But in very many cases, when an old toper takes the pledge, and fixes a shred of blue ribbon in his button hole, he struts about in his new-born sobriety as though he were suddenly transfigured—a walking pattern for all others to copy. Not only so, but because *he* has been so "mercifully preserved," and "brought to his right mind," he must insist upon others following his example, under the penalty, if they do not, of incurring displeasure, and his opinion that they are so sunken in iniquity as to be irreclaimable. Out upon such canting humbugs. I am afraid, if this principle is once admitted into our Lodges, there may be a parade of this sort, though I hope not of so marked a character as among some other gatherings. Temperance is already one of our watchwords, and is pretty well carried out in practice. To substitute for it "teetotalism" would be to bring the Order down to an undesirable level with a Good Templar platform, on which the milksops try and ape some of the forms of Masonry, overdone with an excess of regalia and harmless mummeries. Surely, men of thought and sense can be trusted with the regulation of their own actions; and, much as any of us may abominate a sot, most of us have an equal detestation of a "goody-goody," who, because his brain is too weak to stand a glass of wine himself, would force his "principles" down the throats of everybody else, whether they like it or not. Such an idea is by no means palatable, and will not, I am sure, be favoured much in my own, or any other, Lodge.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

1st March 1883. FREEDOM.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There may be some brethren who will ridicule the idea of mixing up total abstinence with Freemasonry, although I am not quite sure that there is not "something in it" worth a little quiet thought. I can remember the old time when we used to meet as happily and fraternally as we do now, and enjoy our "refreshment" after labour with much less of the fuss and show that have of recent years become so common amongst Masons. I am in favour of the old substantial joints and simple fare, which I consider far preferable to the varied and intricate courses which I am certain a great many brethren never see on their own tables, and which swallow up a great proportion of the Lodge funds. There is something a little amusing in seeing a tradesman or a clerk flashing his swallowtail coat and white tie once a month, and plodding through what must be to him a gigantic menu, much to his own personal discomfort. There is too much of this "stuck-up-ed-ness" amongst Masons now-a-days, which might be modified a good deal. After all, however, as you say, it is all a matter of individual fancy. If my greengrocer or pork butcher likes to "tog up," as I have heard him call it, to go in for a récherché banquet, let him; and I, as a brother, will be glad to see him enjoying himself in his own fashion. But I often smile to see men indulging in sparkling wines who never taste such beverages from Lodge meeting to Lodge meeting, and who would be far more comfortable and at home with their bitter beer or rum punch. It is "fashionable" now to attend Lodge in dress suits and to drink champagne. Let those do so who like it; I do not. I stick to my frock coat, and drink my toasts in the beverages I always use at home, and I never find my neighbours at the banquet table object, or pass remarks. There is this to be said about the matter; if there were considerably less spent in getting up the banquets, far too expensively varied and profuse for ordinary stomachs, there would be equal satisfaction given, and the Lodge funds would not so often be impoverished. I know a Lodge where the staple fare after Lodge is rare-bit and rum punch; and a jolly Lodge it is, too. There are teetotallers amongst them, who enjoy their long pipes over mugs of well-made and fragrant Mocha. Why not? Better that than nine out of ten of our modern banquets, where half the company are like fish out of water in dress clothes which they only wear once a month, drinking wines they are equally unaccustomed to, and going through

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a stiff and starchy post-prandial process which they only half enjoy. If a man calls for a glass of ale, he is withered up by the waiters for being vulgar; if he asks for a non-intoxicating beverage, he is dubbed a weak-minded brother by some who do not see, eye to eye, with him! It is the very fact that our Lodge banquets are too elaborate that destroys much of the freedom that is so enjoyable, that makes men feel they cannot "do as they like," but must conform to example. How it is to be remedied I cannot say. Of course, we could not dream of any introduction of "teetotal advocacy" so-called; we can get plenty of that anywhere, and it is not wanted in Lodge. But if our dinners were less costly and formal, the brethren would enjoy them just as much; there would be more free and easy amenity, and there would be a very judicious curtailment of the expenses of the fourth degree. What do you think?

I remain, yours fraternally,

AN OLD MASON.

2nd March 1883.

TOASTS AND TEA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"I looks towards you." We have jogged along together, my boy, for a good many years, meeting both in Lodge and out of it, with a hearty good will, and always with a cheery smile for one another. But, Brother mine, no longer can I smile upon you over the sparkling wine cup, and drink thine health in "orthodox," for I have caught the blue fever, and am of the ranks now of the "army" good and pure. Henceforth, I drink to thine health in tea. You know where my shop is, and I send you a sample half pound to try. Get the brethren to give this teetotal idea a lift: it will give an impetus to business. It won't be "Trading on Masonry," you know, and you and I can do a quiet tête-à-tête over the "orthodox" whenever we please. In giving you this advice, do not write me down a

HYPOCRITE.

MASONRY AND DRINK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—While considering the subject of Temperance in Freemasonry, would it not be well to give a little attention to the practice, which is far too common, of drinking and smoking in Lodges of Instruction? I have attended several lately at which it has been the rule to sit with pewter pots and glasses before the brethren, while the atmosphere of the Lodge-room has been dense with tobacco smoke. I confess I am a moderate drinker, and like my pipe or cigar with any one; but I must say it seems a little out of place to sip and puff away whilst the solemn ritual of Freemasonry is being rehearsed. It is no great hardship at an ordinary business meeting, or a concert or lecture, to set these little luxuries aside for a couple of hours; and I cannot see why the rule should not apply to Lodges of Instruction, where the exercises of the brethren are of a serious character, to say the least. The brethren would learn their parts just as well, and enjoy with greater zest the friendly glass and pipe as "refreshment after labour." I am sorry to say that on more than one occasion I have seen brethren in Lodges of Instruction decidedly "muzzy" and incapable of taking their share of the work intelligently; and I have no hesitation in saying that when they find the potency of John Barleycorn has been taking liberties with them, they should keep away from Lodge. It is not too much to say some Lodges of Instruction at public-houses appear to have been set going mainly for the "good of the house," or the brother who happens to be the landlord, and who is thus helped on by perhaps sincere, but not over discreet, disciples of the Craft. Whether this is correct or desirable is open to strong question, but certainly it does not meet with the views of,

Yours very fraternally,

VIGIL.

Another concert was given on Tuesday at the Royal National Hospital, Ventnor, and was even more successful than the one we noticed some time since. The programme was, as before, of a mixed character, and included a reading by Mr. Cruse, which was much applauded, and a recitation, "The death of Montrose," by Mr. Siebert, who, when invited to repeat it, gave in its place "Dr. Edith." The musical part of the entertainment included instrumental solos and duets, songs, and glees. Dr. Coghill's daughter, Miss Daisy Coghill, played a pianoforte solo with great taste. A couple of duets for violin and pianoforte, by Mr. and Miss Westerveld, elicited well-deserved applause, the second one—Gavotte "Stephanie"—being redemanded. Mr. H. Colman, who has a good tenor voice, sang "The Old Brigade" most effectively and Mr. Higgins made a great hit with "Dear me! is that possible?" Both these gentlemen were called upon to repeat their performances, and gracefully accepted the invitation. Miss Orchard acquitted herself well in the familiar song "Where the bee sucks," and Dr. Robertson's "Blow high, blow low," was rendered in excellent style. The other numbers were also well given, particularly the glee—"O hush thee, my baby."

WALBROOK WARD CLUB.

WE had the pleasure, on Monday evening, of participating in the very enjoyable festivities attending the anniversary dinner of this club, which was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, under the presidency of Mr. S. Price. There was a very numerous company present, including many brethren, and the proceedings were throughout of a very animated and pleasant description. A capital repast was served, reflecting the utmost credit on the resources of this extensive and well-known hotel, and all the arrangements were such as to afford every satisfaction to the guests. After dinner the loyal and patriotic toasts were given, Capt. Harrison responding for the Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces. The Chairman then proposed the Aldermen and Common Councilmen of the Ward, alluding to the excellent manner in which they were represented by their worthy Alderman, Sir James Clarke Lawrence, Bart., M.P., their deputy, Mr. Fry, Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., and other members. The toast was heartily received, and Mr. Deputy Fry, responded in genial terms, in which he said that any measure which the Government might propose, which would have the effect of destroying, or even weakening, the influence of the City, should have his most earnest opposition. He felt sure the citizens believed they had been well served, and that any alteration, such as had been suggested by the Government, would not be for their benefit, but would certainly be to their great disadvantage. Mr. Wright gave the health of the Treasurer and Hon. Secretary of the Walbrook Club, speaking in eulogistic terms of the admirable manner in which these gentlemen discharged the duties of their respective offices. Mr. J. B. W. Luck Treasurer, and Mr. W. E. Baxter Hon. Secretary replied, the latter gentleman remarking that the Club, which was instituted for the purposes of friendly and neighbourly intercourse, now numbered 132 members. The Chairman then proposed Prosperity to the Inhabitants of the Ward of Walbrook, the toast being acknowledged by Mr. White, the oldest inhabitant of the Ward. Mr. J. B. Luck gave the health of the Chairman, who responded; and Professor Pritchard acknowledged the toast of the Visitors, proposed by Mr. Edwards. The last toast was "The Pretty Maids, the Happy Wives, and the Buxom Widows of Walbrook," proposed in felicitous language by Mr. Smart, and gallantly responded to by Mr. Landale. During the evening an admirable selection of music was given by Miss Edith Ruthven, Mr. H. S. Ewen, and Mr. M. Powis Bale, with Mr. J. T. Musgrove at the pianoforte. Miss Ruthven sang "The Banks of Allan Water," and Taubut's "My Love is so fair," in charming manner, and her efforts were rewarded by genuine expressions of appreciation. She was in excellent voice, and her singing was a decided acquisition to the pleasures of the assembly. Mr. H. S. Ewen gave "the Tar's Farewell" and "Sailing," both popular songs and admirably rendered. Mr. M. Powis Bale was equally successful in "Old Memories," and several other pieces were sung with pleasing effect. In connection with the club and ward several interesting events have taken place during the week. It will be recollected that at the wardmote on St. Thomas's Day, it was resolved that a testimonial should be presented to Mr. H. E. Murrell, as a mark of respect, and in recognition of his services as a representative of the ward in the Court of Common Council during the long period of 32 years. We believe it was intended to make the presentation at this dinner, but Mr. Murrell's health was such as would not permit of his attending, and the testimonial has been on view during the week at the offices of Mr. Scobell, No. 1 Walbrook. It consists of a set of handsome silver gilt centre-pieces for the table, the largest of which bears the inscription:

"Presented to Henry Edward Murrell, Esq., by the Ward of Walbrook, as a token of personal esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services as a member of the Court of Common Council for a period of 32 years. December 21st, 1882."

Accompanying the gift is an address, beautifully illuminated in gold and colours, and enclosed in a massive gilt frame, the work having been artistically executed by Messrs Witherby and Co., law stationers, of Newman's Court, Cornhill. The text runs as follows:—

Walbrook Ward. At a wardmote, held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, before the Right Worshipful Sir James Clarke Lawrence, Bart., M.P., Alderman of the said Ward, on Thursday, the 21st day of December 1882, it was unanimously resolved "That this wardmote receive with great regret the resignation of their tried representative, Mr. Henry Edward Murrell, and take the present opportunity of recording their high esteem of the services rendered by him, and for which they tender him their hearty thanks." (Signed) James Clarke Lawrence Alderman, John Child Ward Clerk.

Some time ago the members of the club subscribed for the purchase of two handsome "loving cups" which were duly presented to the club. A surplus of funds, however, remained, and with this money two massive silver gavels, for the vice-chairmen, were procured, to match that which had been presented recently by Mr. Murrell for the chairman. These "pieces of family plate" were used on Monday evening, and taken altogether the affair was one round of congratulation and success.

DANCING.—To Those Who Have Never Learnt to Dance.—Bro. and Mrs. JACQUES WYNMANN receive daily, and undertake to teach ladies and gentlemen, who have never had the slightest previous knowledge or instruction, to go through every fashionable ball-da ce in a few easy lessons. Private lessons any hour. Morning and evening classes.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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SOUTHGATE LODGE, No. 1950.

A MOST successful meeting of the above Lodge was held on Thursday, 1st March, at the Railway Hotel, New Southgate. The Lodge was opened at 4·30, when the minutes of previous meeting and of an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Ballots were then taken for Mr. Samuel Stretch jun., and for Mr. Whare (Bandmaster of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys); the result being unanimously in their favour. The former gentlemen was most impressively initiated by the W.M., Bro. R. P. Forge. Bro. F. H. Tibbitts was then presented and duly installed into the chair of K.S., in the presence of a large number of P.M.'s, the ceremony and addresses being perfectly and solemnly rendered by Bro. Forge, all present listening with rapt attention. Bro. Tibbitts appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. F. Hancock S.W., E. Woodman J.W., F. Matthews S.D., R. Butcher J.D., Cooper I.G. Bro. Tibbitts then initiated Mr. Whare, the second candidate, named above. An excellent banquet followed, and the speeches were interspersed with a choice selection of music by Bros. T. Tremere and F. Cozens, Miss Maria Lynton, and Miss Grace Godolphin. After a lengthened evening, the brethren departed, highly pleased with the success of the first anniversary meeting of their Lodge. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. F. Rothschild P.M. 1188 1677, Eldridge 167, Byng 902, Gilham 1632, Hollis 167, Osborn 1602, Meekham 119 1288, Rhodes 1524, Snook 1693, Brickdale M.C. 1623, Millar 1567, Humphreys W.M. 167, Salmon 177, Swinyard 1695, Hall W.M. 1693, Jordan 141, Sprake 813, Bellis S.W. 1901, Norton P.M. 969, Busby 147, Wall 860, Murray 66, Goddard 1135, Livingston P.M. 1385, Williams J.W. 1275, Holditch 172, and many others.

ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

A REGULAR meeting of the members of this Lodge, which is mainly composed of the chief officers of the Corporation of the City of London and their friends, was held on Wednesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when Bro. H. Wildey Wright, Barrister-at-Law, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Frank Green, C.C., I.P.M., L. F. Littell P.M., Major T. Davies Sewell S.W., C. W. Bowley J.W., Richard J. Pawley Treasurer, Joseph L. Turner, C.C., Secretary, Henry Wright S.D., J. Perkins I.G., H. Squire Steward, G. P. Goldney (City Remembrancer), E. T. R. Wilde, Edward Jex, C.C., J. H. Smith, Frank S. Jackson, Henry Clarke, A. B. Church Tyler, &c. Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and there being no work before the Lodge it was adjourned at an early hour, the customary banquet being dispensed with, in consequence of the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge being held on the same evening.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—On Tuesday, 6th instant, at Brother Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Shadler W.M., Mann S.W., Haynes J.W., Moss Preceptor, Clements Secretary, Saint S.D., Walker J.D., Harris I.G.; also Brothers Roberts, Deleeuw, Akkerman, Klingenstein, &c., &c. Lodge opened in due form and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Akkerman candidate. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Klingenstein, after interrogation, was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the third and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge closed to first, and after the admittance of a new member was adjourned till Tuesday next. This Lodge of Instruction confines itself, almost entirely, to the working of ceremonies. Brethren specially interested in such will do well to attend. The members have an excellent Preceptor in Bro. D. Moss. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Tuesday, 20th instant, when it is hoped that a good many of the brethren will assemble. This Lodge of Instruction meets all the year round, on Tuesday evenings, at seven o'clock.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—Meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell S.E., on Friday, 2nd inst. Bros. Stokes W.M., Thurston P.M. S.W., Styles J.W., Phillips S.D., Bate J.D., Dick I.G., Stevens P.M. Preceptor, Poore Secretary, Cotton, Smith, and others. Lodge was worked in the first degree, with sections and explanations. It was arranged that the Fifteen Sections should be worked on the 30th inst., Bro. James Stevens being elected W.M. for that occasion. Bro. F. Thurston was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At the regular meeting held on Tuesday last, at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, there were present—Bros. Smyth W.M., Glass S.W., T. Clark J.W., F. Carr Secretary, Wardell S.D., Christian J.D., Cushing I.G., Braated P.M. acting Preceptor. After the due observance of preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Bigg candidate. Brother Christian worked the fourth section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Brother W. W. Morgan then read a paper on "Women in Freemasonry," for which he acknowledged his indebtedness to Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York. The brethren expressed their gratification for the instruction this able paper conveyed, and in acknowledging the vote of thanks that was passed for his exertions, Brother Morgan expressed a hope that similar papers might be more frequently introduced at these gatherings. This suggestion was concurred in by all present. The annual festival of this Lodge of Instruction will take place on 20th proximo.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

A REGULAR meeting was held on the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields. Bros. Benjamin W.M., Martin as S.W., Bean J.W., Albert P.G.P. Secretary, Lyon Treasurer, Botibol S.D., Wall J.D., Dewsnap I.G., Van Noorden Organist, Dodson P.M. M.C., Alexander A.M.C., Wyman Steward; P.M.'s Myers, Lazarus, Levy, Dodson, Roberts, L. Alexander. Visitors—Smith 933, Buttock 545, Bladen 1839, Rogers 901, Beer 180, Lyon 185, Sax 1017, Jewell 1559, Lindsay Sloper 1017, Prenton 1319, Parkin 1319. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. There was no ceremonial business on the agenda paper. Bro. Lazarus proposed, and H. M. Levy seconded, that in future, on supper nights, the sum of 5s shall be charged for Visitors. Messrs. Isaacs, Davis and Blaiberg were proposed for initiation. Bro. Botibol was invested with the collar of S.D., he, through indisposition, not having been present on the installation night. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent supper, superintended by Brother Dawkins. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Bro. E. P. Albert responding for the Grand Officers. The toast of the Joppa Benevolent Fund was responded to by Bro. L. Alexander P.M. P.P., who gave an account of the origin of the Fund, which now amounted to about £900. Bro. L. M. Myers proposed the health of the W.M. The proposition for candidates that night would give the W.M. an opportunity of showing what he is capable of doing on the next occasion. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Myers for his kind remarks; anything he could do to serve them, and any work they might call upon him to perform, he would only be too happy to do. Bros. Smith 933 and W. S. Lyon 185 responded for the Visitors. Bro. L. M. Myers I.P.M. acknowledged the compliment paid the Past Masters. Several other toasts followed; and the evening's proceedings were of a truly harmonious character.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on Saturday, the 3rd inst. Present—Bros. Cook W.M., Ashton S.W., Marks J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Lorkin Treasurer, Venning S.D., Galer J.D., Gibbs I.G.; also Bros. Brasted, Weeden, Mackey, Richardson, Dixie; Wolf, Hatch, Carr, Rhodes, Spencer, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weeden candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Rhodes answered the questions leading to the second degree; he was entrusted and in due course the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The ceremonies were conducted by the W.M. in a careful manner. Bro. Ashton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was awarded the W.M. for the able manner he had discharged the duties of the chair for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction; after which the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 511.

THE regular meeting of this excellent working Lodge was held on the 7th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Bros. Blum W.M., Earney S.W., Shieman J.W., Barfield Treasurer, Read P.M. Sec., Locke J.D., Fisher I.G., Side P.M. A.W.S.; P.M.'s Avery, Whittick, Game, Elborne, and Ward. Visitors—Twyman S.W. 184, Dukeson 1681, Painter 1891, Scott 177, Sutherland 201, Witherilt 1681, Dickson 861, J. Richardson 1001, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Richardson, Reilly and Kraus were passed to the second degree. Messrs. Kauffman and Coleman were initiated into the Order. Both ceremonies were ably worked by the W.M, all the Officers were equally perfect. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. F. Clemow. The W.M. proposed, in general terms, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts and adverted to the election of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. Bro. Read Past Master said he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master; they were all pleased with his working; it was a difficult thing for a native of another land to master our language, but Brother Blum had done so very satisfactorily. The W.M. in reply expressed his gratitude to Bro. Read for the manner in which he had spoken, and the reception the brethren had given to the toast. His earnest desire was to promote the welfare of the Lodge. The toast of the Initiates was next on the list; they had been fortunate in having two brethren introduced that evening. The W.M. was sure they would be a credit to the Order. Bro. Avory sang the E.A. Song, and then Bros. Coleman and Kauffmann severally responded. For the toast of the Visitors Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 and G.D. Sutherland 201 responded. In responding for the Past Masters, whose services were eloquently descanted on by the W.M., Brother Barfield, as Treasurer, was pleased to say the Lodge was in a flourishing condition. For thirty years he might say it had gone on prospering, and hoped it would continue so to do. Brother Read said he regretted the absence of the I.P.M. Bro. Williams, through indisposition. He was proud to say that Bro. Barfield and he had taken up to the Benevolent Festival the sum of one hundred guineas; he hoped to be able to do as well on another occasion. After the toast of the Wardens and Officers, that of the Tyler was given, and this concluded a very agreeable evening. Bros. Alborn, Shieman, Avery, Kraus, Sticklen, Scott, contributed to the harmony, and Bro. Read gave the Charge of Kasassin in a very edifying manner.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE YORK COLLEGE.

THE annual meeting of this College was held in the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York, on Saturday, the 24th ult., when there was a large attendance of members, amongst them being Fraters T. B. Whytehead Hon. IX Chief Adept of Yorkshire, J. S. Cumberland Hon. VIII Suffragan, J. W. Woodhall Prov. Treasurer, Rev. W. C. Lukis Deputy, and T. J. Wilkinson Secretary. In the absence of Frater Maffey the Celebrant, in Australia, Bro. J. S. Cumberland, a Past Celebrant, worked the ceremonies, the ancients' chairs being filled by Fratres S. Middleton, J. Todd, J. M. Meek, and T. M. Barron. Frater C. L. Mason acted as Conductor of Novices, in the absence of Frater Moore, whilst Frater C. R. Fry was in his place as Guardian, Frater A. T. B. Turner as Herald, and Frater T. Trevor as Torch Bearer. In addition to these there were Fratres J. F. Taylor, George Ayre, G. Simpson, and M. Maddison. The minutes having been confirmed, a successful ballot was taken for Brother J. S. Walton P.M. 1357, of Northallerton, after which Bros. J. L. Atherton, James Moncks, C. Palliser, and A. Fraser, aspirants previously accepted, were admitted and duly received into the grade of Zelator with the full ceremonies. The Chief Adept then proceeded to give the annual address as follows: W. Suffragan and Fraters, I think we may be said to be living in the golden age of Freemasonry. There has never been a time when the Order could claim to have been making more rapid progress, when it has been able to enumerate amongst its members men of more eminence, or when the true study of Freemasonry, its history and its objects, has engrossed more of the time and attention of its leading members than in this year of grace 1883. Freemasonry has proved itself a very salamander amongst those societies that have from time to time engaged the love and attention of mankind. Having apparently its purely speculative origin at some period during the seventeenth century, it has stood the test of evil report and good report, through the generations that have since passed away, until now, when we find it more flourishing than ever, handed down to us from our fathers, a precious inheritance which it will be our joy and our duty to hand down to our sons in the same purity which characterised its principles and workings when we and our fathers first experienced the light of its godlike teachings. Other societies have come and gone, other institutions have flashed like meteors across the pathway of progress of civilised society, but the lamp of Freemasonry has steadily burned, cherished lovingly by generations of good, worthy, and distinguished brethren, until its fire, kindled at the early altars of brotherly love, relief, and truth, burns in this age with a lustre and brilliancy that would have gladdened the hearts of those who, in less enlightened days, toilfully struggled, an obscure and humble band, against the prejudices of ignorance and the jeers of folly. I have used the word "godlike" in regard to our glorious old Craft, for surely there is something very much akin to what is Divine in the teachings of such an Order. Based on the contents of the Volume of the Sacred Law, it shares with that marvellous book in the halo of light which modern science and latter-day research have thrown around those venerable pages that give authority to our Masonic assemblies. Other works, whose reputations have at one period been high, have sunk down into obscurity and neglect for no other reason than that the light of truth and the investigations of modern science have exposed their weaknesses and their fallacies and robbed them of their authoritative value, but in the case of our "unerring standard" age has only served to mellow its precepts, and beautify its poetical imagery with the hoary garland of antiquity, whilst its perfect harmony with all that modern philosophy can prove is no less remarkable than the subtilty and intricacy of knowledge which it displays with the innermost workings of the human heart. And so it is with Freemasonry. Whilst other organisations and societies have arisen, flourished, made their mark in history, and finally decayed and disappeared, Freemasonry has continued to grow and make steady progress. The rude shocks of opposition, and the occasional neglect, even of its own sons, has served but to root it more firmly in its position. It has been able to stand the severe test of that electric light of modern inquiry which will insist upon a why and a wherefore for the existence of everything that is, and it now stands a living triumph of principles that are eternal as that Great Architect on whose beneficent laws they have been originally based. And what, Fraters, can we do as individuals to uphold, maintain, and promote this grand Institution, and to assist, as Masons, in consolidating its walls and contributing to the welfare and happiness of its members? In the first place, we can all do what every Mason is expected, and in honour and in duty is bound to do, from the moment when he enters the portals of the society. We can, to the utmost of our power carry out in our daily lives the principles and the tenets that are so early taught us in our Masonic career. This is the least that we can do; but if we all did this and carried out our obligations in their entirety, would it not be competent for Freemasons to work such a reformation in our social system as would leaven the whole world? I am sure of it. But we are met to-day not as novices in Masonry. I hope that every member of this College has gained sufficient knowledge to render it quite unnecessary for anything to be said to him of the elementary duties of every brother. We are, as it were, re-organised in this Rosicrucian Society, not in any antagonistic spirit to any other society or system, but simply under an additional or special bond of union, by means of which we desire to link together Masons of age, standing, and experience for a special and specific purpose. What our object is, you know full well. It is thoroughly in accordance with the spirit of the Masonic age. This is a time, as I have already said, when knowledge grows apace, and the knowledge of Freemasonry, amongst other branches of study, is extending its researches into long hidden paths. Freemasonry has always had about it a strong literary flavour. Elias Ashmole and many of the very earliest of its disciples were men of high attainments in literature. And from his day down to the present we find men of ability and scholarly attainments content to work through the early drudgery of the Craft, and subsequently adorning our ranks as rulers and teachers. Dr. Stukely, whose Masonic connections have been so learnedly and carefully investigated by our eminent brother, your present Deputy and my late Suffragan, was himself a man of great learning and laborious habits, and from his day, the day of the southern revival of Freemasonry down to the present decade, we may trace a long succession of men of parts and attainments such as Anderson, Preston, Crucefix, Oliver, and others, who all, according to the means at their disposal and the knowledge of facts that they possessed, toiled in the paths of Masonic literature. It is true that, until comparatively a recent period, Masons were content to receive and accept as data statements that we now know to have been completely at variance with facts, but Freemasons were not singular in this respect. We need only refer to works on archæology and natural science contemporary with those obsolete histories of Masonry, to discover that men of light and leading in science entertained theories, and arrived at consequent conclusions that to us appear almost childish in their absurdity. And as other sciences have advanced, so has Freemasonry with equal strides. A generation of Masons that declines the myths and wayward fancies of Preston and Oliver has trained up a new school of Craft historians, and with the logical historical analyses of Bro. Gould, the unremitting assiduity and mental grasp of Bro. Woodford, the patient statistical labours of Bro. Hughan, and the careful and scholarly publications of Bro. Murray Lyon, we find ourselves in the happy position of having found an almost royal road to Masonic knowledge. This is therefore pre-eminently a time when a society such as ours should find congenial spirits and an appropriate field for its labours. Our objects are the elucidation of Masonic history and archæology, and in working in this direction, we know that we are aiding in a great and an important work. Our labours may not be productive of vast results but as in the Brahminical story the granite is worn away in the course of ages by the light yet constant touch of the angel's robe, so no problem can resist for ever the patient attacks of perseverance and persistency. I have more than once pointed out the direction in which members of this College can assist in the elucidation of Masonic history. Our Frater Lukis has set us all a worthy example of what may be done in this way, and has brought some most valuable facts to light by the exercise of his scholarly activity. And the very fact that every now and then new scraps of information are brought to light, and fresh theories are broached regarding our Order and its descent, proves how much there is yet left to discover. All of us have not the leisure we should like for these pursuits, but it is wonderful how much may be effected in stray and spare moments by those whose hearts are in the work. The mines of Masonic lore are as yet but little explored, and it is certain that there must still be in existence manuscript allusions and references to early Freemasonry, that if discovered would materially aid us in the construction of such a detailed history of our Order as would be its crowning triumph in this century. On occasions of these meetings I should be very glad if more members would prepare papers and bring with them Masonic relics of all kinds in order that we might all have the benefit of investigating their peculiarities. Our society is certain to be strong and useful in proportion to the work that we perform, and members would find much more pleasure and encouragement in attendance at our meetings if they always found something, however trifling, offered for their intellectual and Masonic benefit. Thus far the York College has enrolled upon its books many of the most intelligent brethren in the county and the north of England, and I hope it will continue to gather in members who enter not for the sake (as they may perhaps vainly suppose) of obtaining another degree, but from a really intelligent desire to aid in the effort to do something for the literature of the Order, and to become a working element in a Society that has for its objects the glory of God, the good of mankind, and the promotion of scientific Freemasonry. If this is the case the College cannot fail to prosper and to be of sterling value, but if we should lose sight of our true *raison d'être* and become a mere social club of Masons, we shall not deserve a continuance of that success which has thus far attended our efforts. Let us all unite in an honest endeavour to work in the directions I have indicated, and our reward will surely follow. Fraters, I thank you for your attention. The election of Officers was proceeded with, and Frater C. L. Mason V was elected Celebrant, and Frater J. S. Cumberland VII was re-elected Treasurer. It was arranged to hold the next meeting of the College at Leeds, on the 23rd of May. Letters of apology for absence were read from the following members:—Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, W. Lawton, W. Rowley, M. Millington, T. W. Holmes, E. T. Clark, Rev. J. Blake, C. G. L. Kipling, W. Paley, C. S. Lane, W. Harrison, S. Wilson, and R. W. Moore. At the close of the meeting the members met at high tea, and spent a pleasant evening, in the course of which Fra. Cumberland exhibited his valuable collection of old Masonic jewels, which was much admired.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor (Alderman Knight) presided, on Thursday evening, at the "public supping" of the boys at Christ's Hospital (Blue Coat School). There was a very large attendance.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of English Freemasons was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, in the absence of the Prince of Wales. General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey acted as D.G.M., Montague Guest, M.P., Prov. G.M. Dorset as Past G.M.; and among the Grand Officers present were:—Bros. Rev. T. Cochrane Grand Chaplain, Lieut.-Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Captain Beswicke-Royds G.J.D., Sir Albert Woods Grand Director of Ceremonies, R. T. Pigott A.G.D.C., J. Messent G.S.B., H. S. Allpass Grand Standard Bearer, William Cusins Grand Organist, H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, W. R. Wood Grand Pursuivant, L. F. Littell Assistant Grand Pursuivant, General J. W. Laurie Grand Master Nova Scotia, H. D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Ambrose W. Hall, J. Studholme Brownrigg, R. J. Simpson, H. A. Pickard, J. E. Cox, C. W. Arnold P.G.C.'s; J. S. Peirce, J. H. Scott, Capt. Philips, J. M. Case, W. B. F. Powell, B. Baker, H. Dumas, F. Richardson, J. P. Leith, H. Maudsley, R. W. Stewart, P. De Lande Long, C. W. C. Hutton, R. Grey, T. Fenn, R. Bird, J. A. Rucker, Lieut.-Colonel Somerville-Burney, J. Glaisher P.G.D.'s; J. L. Thomas, G. Burt, Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C.'s; C. Greenwood, G. Lambert, A. J. Duff Filer, W. P. Nettleship, Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B.'s; C. E. Willing P.G. Organist; W. Clarke, C. A. Cottebrune, J. Wright, James Klench, E. P. Albert, and Jas Brett P.G.P.'s. A large number of Lodges were represented, amongst others being the Aldersgate 1657, Alliance 1827, Belgrave 749, Creaton 1791, Canterbury 1635, Cosmopolitan 917, Fortitude 131, Islington 1471, Lion and Lamb 192, Mizpah 1671, Montague Guest 1900, Neptune 22, Phœnix 173, Strand 1987, St. Mary Abbotts 1974, Tranquillity 185, Temple 101, and The Great City. After opening, Brother Raymond Thrupp proposed the re-election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. His Royal Highness had now reigned over the Craft for a period of eight years, and during that time Freemasonry had increased by leaps and bounds, no fewer than four hundred and seventy-eight new Lodges having been constituted. The brethren were all well aware of the deep interest the Grand Master had taken in the advancement and prosperity of the Craft, and the time and personal attention he devoted to the promotion of its best interests. Brother W. C. Beaumont seconded the proposition, which was unanimously carried amidst loud applause, and Sir Albert Woods (Garter) Grand Director of Ceremonies, proclaimed His Royal Highness as duly elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasons for the ensuing year. Brother G. J. McKay proposed the re-election of Colonel Creaton as G. Treasurer, and said it would be indiscreet for Grand Lodge to change the office of Grand Treasurer year after year. The duties had been faithfully performed by Colonel Creaton. Brother G. P. Britten seconded the resolution. Brother Alfred Staley W.M. 185 P.M. 1728 proposed Bro. J. Derby Allcroft 259 P.M. and Treasurer 1657. It was out of no disrespect to Colonel Creaton that Brother Allcroft was brought forward, but as the collar of Grand Treasurer was the only collar the Craft had the power to vote it was the wish of some members of the Craft that this proposition should be put before them. Brother Richard A. Morgan W.M. 1671 seconded the motion, on the ground that with the exception of the collar of Grand Master this was the only collar it was in the hands of Grand Lodge to bestow. They felt it was right that this collar should not be given in perpetuity to any brother, but on the same principles as other offices were given in Grand Lodge, where brethren afterwards enjoyed Past Grand office. In proposing Brother Allcroft they did not do it in any spirit against the present Grand Treasurer, but only on the principle that they ought to exercise their right and not look on this collar as a perpetual one. Bro. Cantle supported the original motion, and said Col. Creaton, by his persevering industry had endeared himself to every member of the Craft. He need not tell the brethren how hard Col. Creaton had worked, or how much he had done for it, both as a Grand Officer and as a supporter of the different Institutions connected with the Order. There was no man who had done as much for Freemasonry as Colonel Creaton, and while he occupied the position he now held he thought the least they could do was to mark their esteem and respect for him by placing him again in Grand Lodge as their Grand Treasurer. Bro. Brackstone Baker followed up these remarks by saying he could not conceive anything more mischievous in effect than as soon as a Grand Treasurer began to know his business that they should substitute another man for him. Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D. asked Grand Lodge to pause before it broke through traditions which—if traditions were worth anything at all, and were esteemed anywhere—were esteemed among the body of Freemasons. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson supported the amendment, which was carried by a large majority; whereupon Bro. Britten demanded a poll, but the Earl of Lathom ruled that it was quite unnecessary. On the motion of the Earl of Lathom, seconded by Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., it was unanimously resolved:—

> "That this Grand Lodge do contribute the sum of 100 guineas to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, towards the alleviation of the distress caused among the brethren under the District Grand Lodge of Jamaica by the late calamitous fire in Kingston, in that Island.

The following recommendations of the Lodge of Benevolence were then confirmed:

A brother of the	Polish National Lodge, No. 534, London	50	0	0
"	Lodge of Harmony, No. 275, Huddersfield	50	0	0
"	Airedale Lodge, No. 387, Shipley -	50	0	0
"	Furness Lodge, No. 995, Ulverston -	50	0	0
"	Doric Lodge, No. 933, London - -	50	0	0
"	Capper Lodge, No. 1076, London -	50	0	0
"	Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174, London -	100	0	0
"	Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge	100	0	0
"	Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London -	100	0	0
A widow of a brother of the	Minerva Lodge, No. 250, Hull	75	0	0

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, President of the General Purposes Committee, presented the following Report:—"The Board of General Purposes have to state that the Grand Secretary having reported the reception of some 800 amendments to the proposed revision of the Book of Constitutions submitted to Grand Lodge on the 9th September last, the Board of General Purposes recommend Grand Lodge to refer these amendments to the Board to consider and report on." To this was subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held 16th February, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £5,409 1s 7d; in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £100. The Colonial Board reported that a letter had been received the day after the last Quarterly Communication from the W. Master of the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, Cairo, Egypt, reporting that the Lodge which had been in abeyance since the year 1874, had, owing to the return of some of its old members to Egypt, been now able to resume its work, the Board beg to recommend to Grand Lodge that the resolution for the erasure of the said Lodge passed at the last Quarterly Communication be rescinded, and that the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, Cairo, be permitted to resume its labours. The report was adopted, as also was that of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1882. Grand Lodge was then closed in form.

From the *Portsmouth Times* we gather that at the regular Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, held on the evening of Thursday, the 1st inst., in Dublin, a letter was read from Lord Wolseley, asking for a duplicate certificate, which was granted. His lordship stated in his letter that he was, when in the 90th Foot, initiated in July 1854, in the Military Lodge (728) of Dublin, in company with Lord Ferrars, then a brother officer. His original master's certificate was lost when he was wrecked in the Transit; and a duplicate, obtained some time afterwards, was destroyed, with "all his goods and chattels," when the Pantechnicon was burned in 1874. He desired another certificate in view of the forthcoming opening of a new Lodge in Manchester, to be named after himself, and to be worked on temperance principles.

Last night (Friday) the annual ball of the City of London Bicycle Club was held, under the most successful auspices, at the Cannon Street Hotel.

Bro. Alderman Whitehead has retired from the chairmanship of the Forest Hill Liberal Association, on account of his many other public engagements.

Bro. Weist Hill, conductor of the Guildhall School of Music has sufficiently recovered from his severe indisposition as to be enabled to resume his duties.

The members of the Brixton, No. 1949, have formed a Masonic Charitable Association in connection with their Lodge of Instruction. At the preliminary meeting on Thursday evening last a strong working Committee was appointed, and a large number of shares were immediately subscribed for.

The second Anglo-French Ball was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 6th inst, under the presidency of Bro. Cossart, 291, who was assisted by a numerous body of stewards. The company numbered nearly 300. The Band, 17 in number, under the direction of Bro. Grove Ellis, No. 188, gave great satisfaction, the music selected being the most popular melodies of the day. Messrs. Old and Bontin acted as M.C.'s. The supper reflected great credit on M. Birlet. The toasts customary on these occasions were duly honoured.

The Report of the Directors of the Crystal Palace District Company which will be presented at the Ordinary General Meeting on Friday next, the 16th instant, presents some very satisfactory features. We are informed, among other things, that the new gasholder is not only complete, but has been worked for a period sufficiently long to be thoroughly tested. Its capacity is 1,604,000 cubic feet, and the cost of erection and fitting only £17,608 12s 8d, or at the rate of £10 19s 1d per 1,000 cubic feet of capacity. The Gas Examinations of the parishes supplied by the Company as to the illuminating power of the gas continue to be satisfactory, while the price, which has been reduced to 3s 2d per 1,000 cubic feet during the present quarter, will be reduced to 3s 1d from and after Lady Day. Among the

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recommendations of the Directors are that the Secretary (Bro. Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C.) should receive an increment of salary amounting to £50, and that the following Dividends, for the half-year to 31st December last, shall be declared, namely: "5 per cent. on the Preference Stock; 7 per cent. on the Ordinary 7 per Cent. Stock; 10 per cent. on the Ordinary 10 per Cent. Stock; and 7 per cent. on the New Ordinary 7 per Cent. Shares; all less Income Tax," the total thus to be paid amounting to £11,482 12s 1d. The total authorised Capital of the Company is £400,000, of which £313,294 has been paid up. As to coals and residual products there were in store on 31st December last of the former 5,939 tons, and among the latter 1,175 dozens of 4-bushel sacks of coke, 71,079 gallons of tar, and 70,084 gallons of ammoniacal liquor, and 52 tons of sulphate of ammonia. The gas remaining in stock at the close of the year was 1,373,000 cubic feet. The capital account shows total receipts amounting to £313,294, and expenditure £290,641 18s, leaving a balance of £22,652 2s. The revenue account shows receipts from all sources to the extent of £61,151 3s 10d, of which £45,584 3s 10d is for gas rental, and £15,468 3s 8d for residual products sold: expenditure £45,793 17s 9d. leaving a balance to profit and loss of £15,357 6s 1d. The profit and loss account shows a balance of net profit to be carried to next half-year's account, subject to half-year's Dividends as recommended above, amounting to £19,007 17s 5d. The Directors, of whom Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson P.G.D. is Chairman, are to be congratulated on having it in their power to present to the Shareholders so satisfactory a picture.

We regret that, through an oversight, we omitted Bro. Allen's list as Steward for the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, Barnet, amounting to £30 12s 6d, from the return of Hertfordshire. We have, however, in our analysis given credit for the sum not specifically, but for swelling the total, £233 4s, for that Province. We also gave Brother Festa's list for Lodge No. 1900 as £156 9s. Our esteemed brother will, no doubt, kindly note that we state it properly as £160 in our notes for this week.

We hear from Ireland that Brother Field, who was lately the subject of a murderous attack, in connection with the Irish outrages, has so far recovered from the effects that he was able, on Wednesday, to attend the duties of the Masonic Lodge of which he is a member. He met with a most cordial reception.

The meetings for the improvement of Companions in knowledge of the Ritual of the Royal Arch degree, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's Road, every Thursday evening, continue to be well attended. On the 1st instant Comp. Gregory occupied the chair of Z., Osborn H., and Pearcy J.; R. Bird S.N., Sheffield P.S. A very profitable and instructive evening was the result.

Bros. Ritter and Clifford, of the Guildhall Tavern, proprietors of the late Corporation barge, the "Maria Wood," announce that it will be moored near the winning post, at Mortlake, on Thursday, the 15th inst., the day of the University Boat Race. There will be a military band on board, and cabins will be set apart for the ladies.

The members of the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction will hold their annual supper at the Canonbury Tavern, Islington, on Monday, the 19th inst.

Miss Lingard's great success in "Camille," at the Gaiety Theatre, a fortnight ago, has induced the management to announce "La Dame aux Camélias," for a Matinée on Tuesday next, the 13th inst. Miss Lingard is an actress of considerable power and vigour, and if she remains in London as a leading lady, which there is every probability of her doing, she will be a fair exchange for Miss Ellen Terry, who is to visit New York during the present year, in company with Mr. Irving.

The Revised Book of Constitutions; Critically Considered, and Compared with the Old Edition. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co., 4 Stationers' Hall Court, E.C. Sent on receipt of stamps. One Shilling, by W. W. Morgan, Freemason's Chronicle Office, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.—(Advt).

IRREGULAR MASONRY.

FROM THE 3rd TO THE 32nd DEGREE IN ONE NIGHT.

NEW HAVEN, Ct., 21st February 1883.—Great indignation prevails among higher degree Masons here and elsewhere in the State because of the doings of an irregular Masonic organisation that has been conferring degrees up to the 33rd, despite the fact that it is not recognised by the highest Masonic authority in the land. The irregular organisation is headed by five advanced Masons who were recently expelled from the Supreme Council to which they belonged, because they had assumed power that did not pertain to them. These Quinnipiac bodies, as they are called, started in New York state a year or two ago, and soon gained a foothold in this city, and then spread to Massachusetts. Said a prominent Mason here to day: "They confer the degrees from the 3rd to the 32nd in an evening or two for about fifteen dollars, while to go through the regular bodies takes about two months, and costs one hundred dollars. I don't know why these seceders are acting as they are, except that some have grievances against the regularly constituted authority. Others want to get the higher degrees as cheaply and quickl yas they can, and others, again, see no hope of gaining the coveted 33rd degree by remaining with us, and so they branched out and formed this organisation. We recognise them so far as the three blue Lodge degrees of entered apprentice, fellow craft and master Mason are concerned, but after that the Quinnipiac bodies go on and confer degrees on their own book, that are recognised by no true Masons. In Massachusetts, however, the G. Lodge of the state has declared that any one who shall have anything to do with those Quinnipiac bodies shall forfeit all the rights and privileges of a Mason, which would throw the member out of the Blue Lodge. We shall come to that yet here, and in New York. These bogus bodies are recognised by no Supreme Council at all, while our bodies are fully recognised by the twenty-two Supreme Councils in the world." The speaker went on to say that Masons young in the Order should be warned against joining these bodies. Upon inquiry, however, the reporter learned that quite a number of men prominent as citizens, if not as Freemasons, had become identified with the Quinnipiac bodies, and that they were constantly growing, notwithstanding the anathemas of the so-called regular bodies.—*Boston Herald.*

BALL OF THE ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

THE Annual Ball of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 2nd instant, at Grosvenor Hall, Buckingham Palace-road, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. E. Powell, and an efficient Board of Stewards. Bros. Beckham Secretary, J. Galt Fisher I.P.M., Slatterley P.M., S. Jones P.M., W. E. Moorman, J. Purnell, C. Tayler S.W., W. Vincent P.M., A. A. Johnson, and Chilcott. The attendance was all that could be desired, while the room was beautifully decorated. By dispensation, the brethren were permitted to wear Masonic clothing; accordingly, a glittering array of jewels denoted that several of those present had attained high Masonic honours. The band was under the direction of Bro. Seaton. Bro. Chilcott ably officiated as M.C. An excellent supper was supplied by Bro. S. Raven. Bro. Powell proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. Bro. Fisher said although toasts were not the order of the evening, they could not separate without drinking the health of the W.M., who had ably presided over them. Bro. Powell, in reply, was pleased to see so many Masons, non Masons, and ladies grace their festive board. The Stewards were greatly indebted to them for their presence. He trusted they were pleased with the entertainment they had participated in. He would now ask the members of the Lodge to drink to the health of the Visitors and the Ladies, and would call on the youngest Officer of the Lodge, Bro. Egbert Hooper, to respond. After the toast had been acknowledged, dancing was resumed, and the enjoyment sustained till the small hours had departed. According to time-honoured custom the proceedings were brought to an end with Sir Roger de Coverley.

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Lord Chancellor Selborne, Lord Justice James, Lord Justice Mellish decided in favour of FREEMAN'S ORIGINAL CHLORODYNE, and against Brown and Davenport, compelling them to pay all costs in the suits. See *Times* of July 28th, 1873. Bottles 1s 1½d, 2s 9d, 4s 6d, 11s, and 20s. Sold by all Chemists.

TESTIMONIALS.—Head Quarter Staff, Cabul, May 31st, 1880. Mr. R. Freeman, Dear Sir,—It is with much pleasure I am able to state that your Chlorodyne has been of special service to me in alleviating the wearisome spasms of Asthma, which is here existent in an aggravated form. Many of my patients now come and beg me to give them that medicine which always relieves them, and which I need hardly say is your Chlorodyne. Yours faithfully, CHARLES W. OWEN, L.R.C.P. Lon., M.R.C.S. Eng., the Divisional Head Quarter Staff and Civil Surgeon, Cabul.

The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoum, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of **CHLORODYNE**, with which I effected miraculous cures.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 10th MARCH.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Cavesac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1338—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1938—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

MONDAY, 12th MARCH.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1670—Adelphi 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1683—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 13th MARCH.

15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
51—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 2'4 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
R.A. 70—St John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 14th MARCH.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily, Greyhound, Richmond
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 6
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
463—Symrathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1394—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 211—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton

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R.A. 274—Fidelity, Boar's Head, Newchurch
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 15th MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. Johns Wood
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House Cornhill, at 6 30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 765—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

42—Belief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
303—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
368—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
342—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
533—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1337—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1353—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1452—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1513—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
K.T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 16th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1208—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
K.T. 48—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.
K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound, Richmond

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
247—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
448—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
903—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1395—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
R.A. 53—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 17th MARCH.

190—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)

715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Karl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1733—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.—The rapidly increasing popularity of this young Lodge of Instruction was again manifested on Wednesday last, when there was a numerous muster, at the Lugard Tavern, Peckham, under the presidency of Bro. J. Morgan W.M. He was supported by Bros. Eedle as S.W., Harvey J.W., Woolley S.D., Thomas J.D., Wimble I.G., J. Rotheroe Sec., W. Martin P.M. Preceptor, Amphlett, Ledger W.M. 1564, Alfred Pusey, S. Lampen, Morland, McChristie, Noyce, Couldrey, Bellis, Anderson, Burnett J.W. Selwyn Lodge 1901, Barker P.M. 1532, Stockport, Bardsley P.M. 322, Metcalfe P.M., &c. Lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, special applause being elicited by the announcement that Bro. Anderson had kindly presented a box, in which to preserve the furniture belonging to the Lodge of Instruction. Special reference was also made to the visit of Bro. J. Driscoll, P.M. of the United Mariners' Lodge, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation at the last meeting, in the presence of a very large assemblage of brethren and visitors. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the Worshipful Master, with Bro. Bardsley P.M. as candidate, Bro. W. Martin assisting with his wonted ability as Preceptor. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Rotheroe, and the Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the first section worked by Bro. Bellis, with Bro. Lever acting as Preceptor in the room of Bro. Martin, who had been obliged to leave. The working was well carried on throughout, and gave evidence of an earnest desire on the part of all present to attain proficiency. Lodge having been resumed, Bros. Burnett 1901, Barker P.M. 1532, and Bardsley P.M. were admitted members, and Bro. Amphlett was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. The brethren severally acknowledged the compliments paid them, Bro. Barker saying he could not allow the opportunity to pass without congratulating the members of this young Lodge of Instruction upon the progress it had already made, and the advantage it was likely to prove to Masons residing in this district. He had been particularly pleased with the working he had witnessed. It was his own working, which for many years had been used in his own Lodge, and he could therefore appreciate the accurate and intelligent rendering of it by the brethren present. He promised to attend as frequently as possible, feeling assured that most excellent instruction would be imparted there. Bro. Burnett followed, with a few remarks of similar import; and Bro. Bardsley said it had given him a considerable amount of pleasure to have been elected a member of this very excellent Lodge. He had received a great deal of instruction that evening. He alluded to the lack of such means of Masonic practice and edification in the Provinces, and spoke of the advantages which were to be derived from Lodges of Instruction generally, and particularly when they were presided over by such efficient Officers as they had that night. Bro. Eedle was then unanimously elected W.M. for next Wednesday evening, when it was announced that Bro. Nicol, W.M. of the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, would (by permission) work the installation ceremony. Bro. Rotheroe announced that the Fifteen Sections will be worked here on the last Wednesday evening in the month, when he hoped to see a large attendance of brethren. Visitors are most cordially welcomed at this Lodge of Instruction, which is held at the Lugard, every Wednesday evening, from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—This successful Lodge held its usual meeting on Wednesday, the 28th ultimo, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by the brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. Bro. J. C. Smith A.M.C. 1744 presiding as W.M., supported by Bros. James Hemming M.C. 1287 S.W., F. W. Sillis M.C. 1744 J.W., Stiles P.M. 1507 acting Preceptor, Perl Secretary, Martin S.D., Marks J.D., Ashton I.G.; also Bros. Solomon 1732, Smith 813, Priestly 659, Dixie 453, Goldney 1702, Edwards 1107, E. Barrett-Kidder 12, Ashton 1507, Oldham 1365, Dixie 453, Saunders 1507, Bevan 749, Flack 1306, Stevenson 813, Marx 957, Cox 753, Loring 171, Weeden 813, Carter 615, Potter 813, Gyer 861, Sheffield 413, Flack 1538, Colepepper 1687, Laughton 1839. Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then proceeded to work the sections of the three lectures, assisted by the following brethren: — First Lecture — Knight, Perl, Solomon, Edwards, Sillis, Larchin, Ager. Second Lecture—Fenner, Hemming, Gush, Martin, Fox. Third Lecture — Edmonds, Storr, Emblin. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and several of the above named brethren were proposed and elected as members; after which Brother Fenner proposed and Brother Weeden seconded that honorary membership of the Lodge be conferred upon Bros. Smith the W.M., Hemming S.W., Sillis J.W., and Stiles acting Preceptor, which was unanimously carried. It was proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the brethren who had so ably assisted in the working of the sections, to which Brother Edwin Storr responded. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form. The interest shown in this Lodge on all occasions is sufficient recommendation for Craftsmen to pay it a visit.

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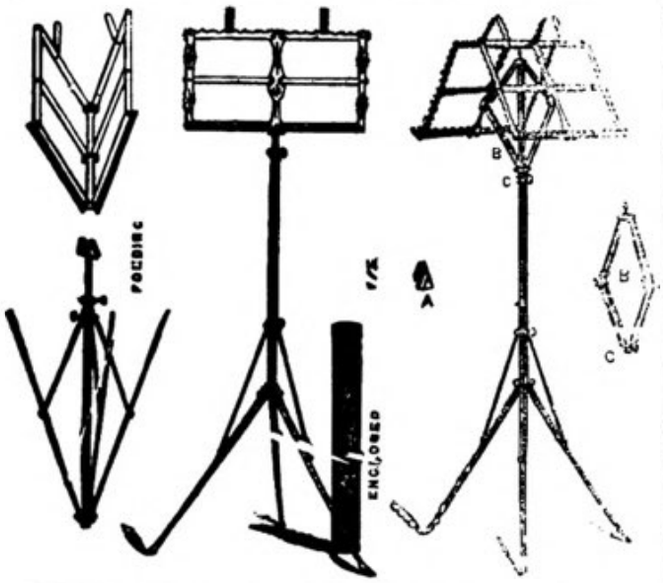

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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

THE ballot paper for the Girls' School Election, to take place on Saturday, the 14th proximo, discloses a state of affairs which may be described as most satisfactory. Of the twenty-eight candidates recorded thereon, as seeking to be admitted to a participation in the benefits of the Institution, no less than twenty-two can be immediately admitted, so that there will only remain six at the close of the day's poll who will have to be sent away as unsuccessful. Doubtless it would be better in many ways, if these six disappointments could be prevented, and all the candidates now before the Craft could be taken on without the trouble and anxiety of an election, but we must not forget that it is by adopting such a course in the more immediate past that the list of candidates now seeking to be admitted to the Girls' School has been reduced to so small a number, and, however much we may wish to help all who need it, we must not be continually increasing the number of claimants on the funds merely because a very small addition will enable us to admit all. These small additions speedily resolve themselves into a large total, and in the end we shall find it necessary to reduce the numbers. There are many other arguments which might be brought forward why it would not be good policy to take all the candidates on next month, but we have so often spoken on both sides of the question, that it is hardly necessary to do so again. Having decided that an election is desirable, we shall now devote our attention to our usual brief survey of the several cases, though, as usual, we must leave it to the friends of the various candidates to make known to the Craft any particular claims which their protégés have for special consideration; for ourselves, we can only form a general opinion.

There are three candidates on the list about whose success there should be no doubt—we allude to the three who are parentless—No. 12, Ethel C. Hippey, No. 20, Blanche B. Garner, and No. 27, Angela G. Shervill. With these there can be no question as to urgency; a family with neither father nor mother must at all times create sympathy, particularly so among Masons, when the children are the offspring of a deceased brother. We hope that every voter who is not personally interested in one or other of the remaining twenty-five cases will assure himself that these three are certain of success, before taking any other into consideration. It would perhaps be invidious to make any comparison as regards these three, we shall therefore take them in the order in which they stand on the list. No. 12, E. C. Hippey, is one of four children of a late member of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxfordshire, left to the care of friends; she has made one previous application, on which occasion she had 667 votes recorded on her behalf, a number which will, we think, have to be considerably exceeded next month to secure a place. Nos. 20 and 27 are each first applications; the former, B. A. Garner, being one of a family of six, and the latter, A. G. Shervill, one of four who are left parentless. They are both London cases, and we trust will each receive sufficient support to place them in the School.

Of the remaining cases eleven are second applications, and fourteen first. No. 11, Maud P. Keily, heads the list so far as number of votes brought forward is concerned, her total from October last being 1762. She is one of two children now dependent on a widowed mother, whose husband, during his lifetime, appears to have taken considerable interest in the Charities and general welfare of the Order. Next comes No. 1, Ethel A. Hill, who brings forward 1565 votes as the result of the last poll; she is one of three children left to the care of their mother. Her father was a member of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, London. No. 5, Florence Mason, daughter of a late member of the Independence Lodge, No. 721, Cheshire, is one of five children left dependent; she has 1388 votes brought forward, and possesses special claims for the coming election from the fact that it will be the last at which she can take a part, in consequence of the age limit. We are pleased to find this is the only "last application" case on the present list, and must confess it had escaped our notice, or we should have included it among the cases first deserving of notice. We trust that the success of this girl will be assured. No. 4, Frances A. Prebble, follows, with a total of 1255 votes to the good; here also a good Province is accredited with the case, the father having belonged to the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208, Kent, doubtless sufficient support will be forthcoming to secure a place for her among the "successful." Kate Stokes, No. 6, has 978 votes in hand; she is a member of a large family left to the care of a widowed mother, who, let us hope, will ere long be relieved of the charge of this daughter. The father of No. 8, Florence M. G. Willcox, is still living, and is left, we are told, with the care of her and one other child. Doubtless, there are good reasons why his daughter should be admitted to the benefits of the Institution, and it may be very hard on him to have to draw particular attention to her case, but we again urge that, under such circumstances as his, some fuller information should be given by the authorities than is here supplied. Unfortunately, very many brethren are placed in a similar position to Brother Willcox, so far as being left with a family of motherless children is concerned; and we therefore think that the additional particulars we have long asked for in such cases should be given in the ballot papers. It must not be imagined that we have any fault to find with the case of Florence Willcox in particular: it is the class of candidates of which she is a member of which we write, and on the present occasion our remarks will equally apply to No. 3, Ellen Hayes, who will be mentioned later on. Bro. Willcox is accredited to the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Somersetshire, and has already polled 782 votes on behalf of this daughter. No. 9, Isabella McLeod (Hants and Isle of Wight), brings forward 541 votes, she and one other child are now dependent on the mother, her father having died in 1881. No. 7, Florence M. Beavon, comes to us from abroad, her father having been a member of the St. Andrew Lodge, No. 500, Madras. She only secured 264 votes at the last contest, and, as one of four fatherless children, now appeals for further aid: it is to be hoped the appeal will not be in vain. No. 3, Ellen Hayes, is another Hampshire case, and is the girl already referred to as having her father still alive. He is left with this girl and

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four other children; but what claims he has on his brother Masons we are unable to say—she polled 214 votes last October. No. 10, Minnie Woodward, is another foreign case, her father having been a member of the Inhabitants Lodge, No. 153, Gibraltar; she is one of six fatherless children, and goes to the poll on the present occasion with 110 votes in hand. No. 2, Kate Wortley, closes the list of second application cases; she is one of five children now dependent on a widowed mother, the father having been a member of Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, Durham, and an Officer in Provincial Grand Lodge. She has only 67 votes brought forward, but her case is, we feel sure, in good hands—the brethren of the North will not let a deserving orphan be sent away as unsuccessful if it lies in their power to prevent it.

Two of the first application cases have already been disposed of, and of the remainder, No. 15, Elizabeth Midgley, and No. 26, G. A. I. Musgrave, perhaps call for first attention, from the fact that they are members of the largest families, each forming one of seven dependent on widowed mothers. The former hails from West Yorks, the latter from Middlesex.' No. 17, Jane Smith (Kent), No. 21, Helen Grabham (West Lancashire), and No. 24, Ada E. Fearon (Cumberland and Westmoreland), follow very closely, each of their mothers having families of six dependent on them. Fortunately, they are all accredited to good Provinces, and stand a fair chance of succeeding. The father of No. 21 (Grabham), as a dramatic author, and member of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, should find a large body of supporters among the followers of his profession, who are well known as among the most benevolent. Let us hope the daughter of their old comrade will be especially favoured on this occasion. No. 23, Emily G. Carruthers, also from Cumberland, is one of five fatherless children; while No. 13, Jane W. Hutchings; 14, Florence H. Trotman; and 22, Helen M. Henshaw, all of London, each form one of families of four similarly circumstanced. No. 18, Annie L. Ochsenbein (London), and No. 25, Sylvia M. Haworth (West Lancashire), come next, as members of families of three, followed by No. 16, Mildred A. Weighton (London), one of two fatherless children. The two remaining cases are, No. 19, Edith M. Bates, and No. 28, Caroline L. Weare, the former a London case, the latter a Leicestershire one. Each of these girls are the only children left to the care of their widowed mothers; and, strange to say, the fathers of each moved in the same sphere during their lifetime, the one having been an hotel manager, the other an hotel keeper. Although they now occupy the last place on our list, we hope after the election they may have risen to that point they are entitled to on their merits.

We shall next week devote attention to the Boys' List, which, as usual, is a far more difficult undertaking than the one now brought to a conclusion.

THE RECENT MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

THERE are certain matters in connection with the recent meeting of Grand Lodge which, in our judgment, appear to call for some comment. In describing the agenda paper, we suggested with reference to the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, Cairo, that, as its erasure had been voted at the December Communication, and its reinstatement as a working Lodge was to be proposed on Wednesday, the 7th inst., it would be more business-like if some one moved the non-confirmation of so much of the December minutes as concerned the erasure of the Lodge in question. In the event of such motion being carried, there would be no erasure of the Bulwer Lodge necessary, and, as a consequence, no reinstatement of it in its old position. As the case stands now, Grand Lodge has voted the erasure of a Lodge, and within a few minutes after, speaking, of course, comparatively, has ruled that it shall be permitted to retain its place on the roll, and continue its labours. This may be an amusing way of treating a subject of some importance, but no one will be so bold as to declare it business-like.

But however silly such a proceeding may appear to the reader, it is comparatively of little moment by the side of the new doctrine which carried the day by so large a majority as to the Treasurership of Grand Lodge. There is no doubt the course adopted was an innovation, and, as such, was calculated to excite a strong sense of opposition on the part of those who prefer abiding by the old method or prescription. But it seems to us that, in the circumstances, this innovation was one which, in the course of time, and when the present feeling of irritation has had an opportunity of subsiding, will find favour with the general body of the Craft. The Grand Treasurership, as it was anterior to the election of Colonel Creaton, was a post to which very heavy responsibilities were attached. The brother appointed to fulfil its duties required time and experience in order to perfect himself in his duties, and, consequently it would have been an injustice to have suggested a change of Treasurer just when the brother had had time to settle himself down to the performance of his functions and was fully conversant with whatever he was likely to be called upon to do. The case is different now. The Grand Treasurership is as much an honorary destinction conferred on some meritorious brother as is a Grand Wardenship or Grand Deaconship. As regards business, it is a mere sinecure, the affixing of his signature to cheques being about the sole duty the Grand Treasurer is ever called upon to perform. Formerly, it was a business office, or, to speak more euphuistically, a position of great responsibility. Now it is an ornamental office, to which any brother who has deserved well of the Craft may justifiably aspire to be elected. The suggestion, therefore, that the Grand Treasurership should no longer be regarded as a life appointment during good behaviour was a very sensible one, especially as it is the only appointment, save that of Grand Master, in which Grand Lodge has any voice, and consequently, affords the only opportunity for the Craft generally, through its representatives, to honour one whom it is anxious to honour. As to the election of any brother to the position so worthily filled during the past four years by Colonel Creaton being calculated to show a diminution of respect, even in the slightest degree, for that esteemed and estimable Grand Officer, we cannot bring ourselves to seriously regard any such suggestion. Colonel Creaton's services are too well known, and too generally respected by his brethren to need any such plea on his behalf. But because he has acquitted himself well, that offers no substantial reason why some other brother should not be chosen to fulfil his duties, being, as they are, of a merely honorary, or, we may even venture to say, ornamental character. We congratulate Brother Allcroft on his election, not because he has been chosen in preference to Colonel Creaton, but because we believe he will reflect some portion of the honour just conferred on him by Grand Lodge. We sympathise with Bro. Colonel Creaton in his rejection, not so much because he has been superseded in his office of Grand Treasurer, but because his cause has been advocated by friends who insisted on making his election a kind of personal test of merit. At the same time, we feel it our duty to protest against the unseemly interjections of many members of Grand Lodge when Brother Philbrick expressed himself as being in favour of the re-election of Colonel Creaton. Such conduct was conspicuously un-Masonic, and, though we do not agree with the views he expressed, we loyally concede to him, what we claim for ourselves, the right of expressing our opinion in open Lodge.

We are always gratified in being able to announce the establishment of new Associations in connection with our Charitable Institutions. The members of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, meeting at Brother Meekham's, the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, N., last month formed a Masonic Benevolent Association, and shares to the number of seventy have already been subscribed for. It is within the last few days that we specially referred to the large sums of money being raised by energetic Craftsmen in connection with these Associations, and we look forward to the brethren of the Royal Standard making a goodly contribution in support of the Festivals of the Scholastic Institutions during the present year.

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METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1507.

"IT is the hope of reward that sweetens labour," is an axiom frequently brought to our notice in Masonic Lodges, but it is equally well recognised amongst us that all who work do not get full reward for their exertions. However this may be, when we find that the services of a zealous brother are appreciated, and so far as in them lies, are recognised by those with whom he may be associated, it is an exceedingly pleasant duty that devolves upon us when we are carled upon to chronicle the proceedings. On Friday last, the 9th instant, we attended at the Holborn Restaurant, where the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction had assembled to celebrate their Annual Banquet. The chair was taken by Bro. Henry Stiles W.M. of the Mother Lodge, who was well supported by a representative gathering from several Lodges, who had attended to do honour to the occasion. After a well served repast had been done justice to, and grace said, the W.M. rose and gave the comprehensive toast—Loyalty to the Throne, and Devotion to the Craft. The Preceptor, Bro. W. Mason Stiles, proposed the health of his brother, the president of the evening, modestly referring to his many qualities, and testifying to the interest with which he watched the working of the Lodge of Instruction. After this compliment had been acknowledged, Bro. W. Mason Stiles rose to propose a toast which—he stated—had been purposely kept out of the printed list. It was the health of the Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction, Bro. E. Storr, who during the time he had occupied that position, had endeared himself to the members. Bro. W. M. Stiles, in making the presentation, made some happy remarks regarding Bro. Storr, to whom he said the Members of the Lodge of Instruction were much indebted for his zeal and energy. Nothing was a trouble to him; he was ever willing to do his best for the Lodge. Recently he (Bro. Storr) had taken to himself a wife, and the members had deemed the occasion a fitting opportunity to make him a presentation, as a token of their appreciation of his labours. Bro Stiles then formally made the presentation, which took the shape of a handsome pianoforte; and for those who desire a full and detailed account of the said gift, we feel we cannot do better than give the description as furnished us by our esteemed Bro. John Weston, of the firm Mornington and Weston, of Camden Town, who supplied the instrument:—A seven octave iron cottage grand walnut pianoforte, Barrwood fall, incised and gilt panelled front, with sconces, carved truss legs, iron front frame, with trichord tenor and treble." Bro. Edwin Storr, who was completely overpowered by the unexpected honour that had been done him, regretted that words failed him to adequately respond for the kind and very flattering manner in which the toast of his health had been received. It was indeed a red letter day for him when he entered the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. Since his appointment as Secretary, he had done his best for the Lodge, but the great success which they had experienced was due, he thought, to each individual member. The handsome present he had received that evening had so completely taken him by surprise that he could hardly find words to express his thanks. He hoped that his scantiness of utterance would be taken, not as meaning that his gratitude was slight, but really as implying that his feeling of thankfulness was too great for words. There were several other toasts given during the evening, and some interesting facts were elicited. The Lodge of Instruction had, during the twelve months, given out of its accumulated funds five guineas to each of the Masonic Charitable Institutions, while a sum of no less than £500 had been realised during the last three years by the Charitable Association in connection with the Lodge. The evening's proceedings were concluded with some capital songs and musical selections. Among the company present were Bros. Lewis Solomon W.M. 1732 S.W., E. E. Barrett-Kidder I.P.M. 12 J.W., C. J. Scales P.M. 1507 Treasurer, E. Storr S.D. 167 Secretary, G. W. Knight, G. Clark jun., A. Simner, F. Ashton, F. W. Sillis, H. Dickey, J. W. Ager, J. C. Smith (who presided at the pianoforte), R. W. Fraser, A. Harman, T. M. Ormiston, M. Little, J. W. Tubby, E. C. Botley, and the following Visitors:—Bros. F. Adlard P.M. 7, Jno. Weston Past Master 1602, W. R. Heasman Past Master 1437, R. W. Galer 1366, C. Weeden 813, E. Mayo 1732, R. Roper 1507, E. Secker 179, G. Dickinson 1681, R. Dormer 1507, T. Moody 1507, G. F. Moses 1017, Paul Storr, F. A. Kelly 1524, W. W. Morgan Senior Warden 211.

The pianoforte bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. Edwin Storr, S.D. 167, by the member sof the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, on his Marriage, and in appreciation of his valued services as Secretary."

Bro. Tito Mattei announces a Grand Evening Concert at St. James's Hall for Saturday evening the 12th May, at 8·30. On that occasion he will be assisted by some of the most talented artistes of the day. The beneficiaire's musical ability is well known and appreciated, and those who desire to obtain tickets can procure them from Bro. Mattei, 46 Carlton Hill, N.W.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the lungs. In common colds and influenza the Pills taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed externally, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic this treatment is easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills and Ointment purify the blood, remove all obstructions to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the overgorged air tubes, and render respiration free without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits. Such are the ready means of saving suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other complaints by which so many are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.

LEANDER SWIMMING CLUB.

THE annual distribution of prizes and entertainment in connection with this prosperous young club, which was started with the object of promoting the art of swimming amongst young men engaged in the City and suburbs, took place on Thursday, the 8th inst., in the Lecture Hall, Park Road, Peckham, and the event was attended with the most gratifying success. There was a large and appreciative audience, under the presidency of the Rev. H. Knee, who, in awarding the prizes gained in the various competitions during the last season, adverted to the importance and advantage of such clubs, as the means of enabling young persons to acquire the very useful art of swimming. The awards were then distributed, in the following order of merit:—H. Bennett (four prizes—an Albert chain, opera glasses, claret jug, and medal); H. Broughton (three—a watch album, and Maltese cross; R. W. Webb (three—butter cooler, album, and two volumes); George Barnes (two—album and medal); J. Dorward (two—cup and timepiece); C. Thornton (two—album and watch); Henry Mayhew (silver pencil case), G. Coffin (candlestick), A. Lambert (silver pencil case), E. Harris (album). The entertainment opened with a pianoforte solo—"Danse Napolitaine" (Sydney Smith), brilliantly played by Miss Ada Turner, who in the second part gave Kuhe's Selection from "Patience" in equally creditable manner, and won a substantial tribute of appreciation. This young lady combines with careful study a nicety of touch which gives promise of more than ordinary ability, and her efforts on this occasion were deservedly acknowledged. Mr. Henry Verrall was encored after singing Godfrey Marks' familiar song, "Sailing," and substituted "Cherry Ripe." In these, as in "The Powder Monkey," later on, he was warmly received. Mr. Alfred R. Turner recited "The Vulgar Little Boy," and "Faithless Sally Brown," with much natural humour, and succeeded in provoking genuine merriment; and a couple of recitations, "The Bridal Wine Cup," and "Beautiful Snow," were also given by Miss Richardson. The gem of the evening was unquestionably the singing of Miss Rose Moss, L.A.M. (gold medalist), who was heartily encored after singing Balfe's "I'm but a simple Peasant Maid," for which she substituted "I've just had a letter." In the second part she sang, in excellent voice, Roeckel's "Little April Fool," for which she was again rewarded with an undeniable encore. Mr. G. W. Osborn sang Blumenthal's "My Queen," and Stephen Adams's "The Little Hero," for the latter of which he was encored, and sang "Twilight," remarkably well. Mr. George North (buffo) sang Moore's "Three Comical Ghosts," and the ever amusing "Awful Little Scrub," which were both well received; and the complement of the programme was made up by a pleasing duet by Messrs. G. W. Osborn and H. Verrall, who sang the "Larboard Watch," in capital style. Miss Ada Turner lent valuable assistance as accompanyist on the pianoforte; and the entertainment was brought to a close with the National Anthem.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. C. J. Perceval was called to the chair, and the following brethren were also present, viz.:—Bros. T. W. Bush, James Brett, G. Bolton, W. Marsh, C. H. Webb, John Bulmer, W. H. Goodall, G. P. Festa, John L. Mather, A. H. Tattershall, C. A. Cottebrune, C. G. Dilley, G. L. Moore, W. F. Nettleship, Thomas Cubitt, and E. C. Massey. After the confirmation of the previous minutes, and the reading of the Warden's Report, the Secretary reported that three annuitants had died since the last meeting. Bro. Terry reported that since the Festival on the previous Wednesday, when the result announced was £13,043 1s, with nine lists to come in, two lists had been received, which raised the amount to £13,141 10s. A moiety of her late husband's annuity was granted to Mrs. T. A. Watts, the widow of Brother Watts, whose death was reported at last meeting, the proofs of her age and the date of her marriage showing that she was entitled to the same under the Rules, and a cheque for the first quarter's payment was signed. Bro. Terry reported that a cheque for £10s 10s, in aid of the Funds of the Institution, had been received from the Felix Lodge (Scotch Constitution) of Aden, and stated that this was the first instance of a donation having been received from a Lodge under a foreign Constitution.

The rehearsal of the installation ceremony, which was announced to take place on Tuesday next, the 20th inst., at the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, has been unavoidably postponed.

The meetings of the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174, will for the future be held at the Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, on Monday evenings, at seven o'clock, commencing on Monday next, the 19th inst. Bro. H. J. Cant, J.W. 1816, is the Secretary, and Bro. C. H. Webb, 1607 and 174, is the Preceptor.

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ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION.

ON Tuesday, the 13th inst., the Annual General Meeting of the friends and supporters of the Royal National Life-boat Institution was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, London, His Grace the Duke of Northumberland P.C. D.C.L., in the chair. There were present, amongst others, Edward Birkbeck, Esq. M.P., Sir Edward Perrott, Bart., Admiral Phillimore, L. T. Cave Esq, The Rt. Hon. Earl Percy, M.P., Colonel Fitzroy Clayton, George Palmer Esq., Rev. F. L. Moysey, Capt. Herbert Perrott, Colonel Iredell, Eugene F. Noel Esq., Rev. Theophilus Echalaz, R. M. Ballantyne Esq. Colonel E. H. Parkes, Ion T. Hamilton Esq., M.P., Admiral Kennedy C.B., The Rt. Hon. Earl of Courtown, W. H. Lyall Esq., M.A., W. H. Harton Esq., Vice-Admiral G. S. Hand, C.B., Colonel Colville, Admiral Ward, Capt. The Hon. F. Maude, R.N., Charles Clayton Esq., and Admiral Sir Claude Buckle, K.C.B.

The President, in opening the proceedings said, that during the past year the Institution had gone on increasing, not only in efficiency, but in public favour, and he believed the report would fully justify the statement. The Institution was one that required no advertisement, because every tempest that swept our shores was an advertisement of its operations. The noise of the storm proclaimed the utility of the Institution, and called to mind the efforts it had successfully made to meet the fury of the tempest. The Life-boat services during the year had been most severe, and many lives had been saved in the face of the most fearful danger. He was sorry to say that Mr Thomas Chapman, the esteemed Chairman of the Institution, had, in consequence of ill-health, been compelled to resign that office. So great had been the services rendered by that gentleman, that it would be a great responsibility for any one who followed him in that position; yet he believed the choice had fallen on a gentleman who would fully justify the event, viz., Mr. Edward Birkbeck, M.P. In conclusion, he might say that the support received from the public during the year was in the same proportion as in previous years, and he must express his belief that there was no institution in England which had so deep a root in the hearts of the nation as the Royal National Life-boat Institution. He believed the sentiment would find an echo in the bosom of every one present.

The annual report which was then read to the meeting, stated that since the last Annual Meeting nine new Life-boats had been placed on the coasts of the British Isles, there now being 273 Life-boats under the management of the Society. During the past year its Life-boats had saved *seven hundred and forty-one* persons from wrecked vessels, nearly the whole of them under perilous circumstances. The storms of the past winter had been very violent and destructive to life and property, but happily the Life-boat men had performed on those occasions most gallant services. The Life-boats had also helped to rescue 23 vessels from destruction. For those services, and for saving 143 lives by fishing boats and other means, 11 Silver Medals and Clasps, 19 votes of thanks inscribed on vellum, and £3,134 had been granted. The number of lives saved since the establishment of the Institution, either by its Life-boats or by special exertions for which it had granted rewards, was 29,608. The Committee cordially acknowledged the continued co-operation of the Local Branch Committees and their Honorary Secretaries, and the Coast Guard, boatmen and fishermen. Many very liberal donations and legacies received during the past year were gratefully acknowledged. The total amount of the donations, subscriptions, and dividends received during that period had been £43,117, and the expenditure had amounted to £36,746. The items of receipt and expenditure were fully detailed in the financial statement laid before the meeting, audited, as usual, by Mr. Lovelock, Public Accountant. The report concluded by stating that the organisation of the Institution was never more complete and active than at the present time; and thus the Committee were prompted afresh, and with unshaken confidence, to appeal for continued and increasing support to an Institution which, with God's blessing, had been, and is productive of such manifestly gratifying results in the cause of humanity, and whose work will ever be needed so long as British trade and commerce endure.

The Earl of Courtown moved the adoption of the report. He adverted to the fact that on the Continent there were now various Life-boat Societies in existence on the model of the National Life-boat Institution of England, which had rendered good service in the preservation of life from shipwreck.

Mr. R. M. Ballantyne seconded the resolution, and said that the moral influence of the Institution on the nation was very great, and was proved by the great variety of subscriptions which came in from all parts. He believed the Society was the means of drawing out the good feelings and philanthropy of the nation in a remarkable degree, and he wished it every success.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Ion T. Hamilton, M.P., moved the second resolution:—

"That this meeting, appreciating the invaluable services of the National Life-boat Institution in the philanthropic work of saving human lives, congratulates the Managing Committee on the continued prosperity and success which have rewarded their exertions, and which it trusts the Institution may long continue to merit and achieve."

He said that the storms on the coast of his native country, Ireland, were severe and dreadful, and many lives were saved there by the Society's boats. It was true they were surrounded by the "melancholy ocean," but they had as well the Life-boats with their gallant crews ever ready when danger arose, and that fact gave them a confidence they could never otherwise enjoy.

Capt. The Hon. Francis Maude, R.N., seconded the resolution, and congratulated the Institution on its continued success and prosperity.

Mr. F. J. Robinson moved, and Colonel Iredell seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Committees of the Parent and Branch Institutions for their continued earnest and active co-operation, which was responded to by Mr. Birkbeck, M.P., who paid a tribute of deep respect and esteem to the late Chairman, Mr. Chapman, and said that it was a matter for congratulation that everything connected with the Life-boat work was in such a state of efficiency.

The next resolution:—

"That this Meeting testifies afresh to the skill and indomitable spirit that continue to distinguish the Coxswains and Crews of the Life-boats, whose noble exertions were the means of saving no less than *seven hundred and forty-one* lives during the past year."

was moved by Admiral Phillimore, who pointed out that all the contributions of the public and the appliances of the Institution would be of no avail without the gallant crews to man the boats. The resolution was seconded by Colonel Fitzroy Clayton, and carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Edward Birkbeck, seconded by Sir Edward Perrott, Bart., a cordial vote of thanks was given to the noble Chairman for presiding, and the proceedings terminated.

Obituary.

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WE regret to announce the death, on Friday last, the 9th inst., of R.W. Bro. Lord Sherborne, Past Prov. Grand Master, and Grand Superintendent of Gloucestershire. It is barely three years since his Lordship resigned these offices, having held the P.G. Mastership for a period of twenty-four years, and that of P.G. Superintendent for twenty years. During the whole of that period he had taken an active part in the concerns of Freemasonry, and had done all in his power to promote its welfare. Lord Sherborne was in the seventy-ninth year of his age at the time of his decease, and there is no doubt his memory will long be cherished, not only by his Gloucestershire brethren, but also by the whole English Fraternity. Our deceased brother was a liberal supporter of our Charities, and it was during his term of office as Prov. Grand Master that the Masonic Benevolent Association of Gloucestershire was established.

Bro. Alderman Sir Thomas White died suddenly on Thursday evening, of apoplexy, having been present at a dinner at the Mansion House, within the twenty-four hours preceding his decease. Sir Thomas White, though we have not heard of his having taken an active part in Free-Masonry, was so highly respected by his brethren that certain among them founded a Lodge—No. 1826—and named it after him, as the Sir Thomas White Lodge. He was also highly respected by his brother magistrates of the City of London, as well as by those of the Counties of Essex and Middlesex. We offer to his family our respectful sympathy in the loss they have sustained.

A most useful pocket companion for members of the Masonic Order in this county has just been published under the authority of the P.G. Master, in the form of a calendar, for the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The work has been compiled with great care by Brother G. Felton Lancaster P.M. P.P.G. Deacon, and Bro. J. Bidd Hayman P.M. P.G. Registrar. The calendar contains the dates of the meetings of every Lodge, Chapter, and other Masonic bodies in the county, and is very neatly arranged. Some elaborate tables are inserted in the work, and will be found most valuable for purposes of reference. These contain lists of the officers of the various Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Masters' Lodges, Royal Ark Mariners' Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, and Knight Templars' Preceptories, with the names and addresses of the Secretaries, and days and places of meeting; list of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, from 1833 to the present date, and of the Prov. Grand Chapter and P.G. Mark Masons' Lodge from the date of the establishment. There is also a list of local subscribers to the Masonic Charities, with the number of votes to which each is entitled, in addition to other interesting details concerning the Craft. The book is nicely bound in blue cloth, and every Freemason in the county ought to feel himself bound to purchase a copy. The profits on the sale will be handed to the Masonic Charities.—*Portsmouth Times.*

The Brothers Monico, London Lodge, No. 108, after a successful career, extending over many years, during which they have catered to the satisfaction of numerous friends and the public, have just had their magnificent room redecorated and embellished. It may now be pronounced one of the finest rooms in the metropolis where luncheons and dinners can be obtained.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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THE WOLSELEY LODGE, No. 1993.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am desirous of drawing your attention and that of your readers to a printed circular relating to the consecration of the Wolseley Lodge, No. 1993, Manchester, which, we have been given to understand, is to be conducted on so-called "Temperance" principles. This circular, which is quite a curiosity—and I should hope a unique one—in Masonic correspondence, has been lent me by a friend who received it in his official capacity as the Master of a Provincial Lodge which meets in a pretty little town not fifty miles distant from the metropolis. He is not aware that he is indebted for the circular to any acquaintance with either the W.M. Elect or the Provisional Secretary of the Lodge that is to be. Indeed, the fact of the circular being printed and addressed to the "W.M. or Secy. of the Masonic Lodge at "—— has induced both him and me to suppose that copies of it have been issued broadcast, for what purpose we are not, as a matter of course, in a position to state precisely, though both of us seem to be of the opinion that it is not exactly in accordance with Masonic usage or custom.

The circular announces that the Wolseley Lodge will be consecrated "at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 28th March 1883, at the Cathedral Schools, Corporation Street, Manchester," by Bro. Col. Le G. N. Starkie the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire; that Bro. Lord Wolseley, in addition to a large number of noble and distinguished brethren (including Grand Lodge Officers and Rulers of the Craft) have consented to be present;" and that "after the ceremony, at 5.30 p.m. a banquet will be held in the Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, the tickets for which will be One Guinea each."

The document goes on to point out that "as the number of tickets will be limited, the Provisional Secretary will be glad if the brother to whom it is addressed will notify him "*as early as possible* (and on the enclosed form), stating the number required for the brethren of his Lodge, so that proper arrangements may be made for their reception;" and that, "if a goodly number of Brethren are coming" from his town, he (the Provisional Secretary) "will endeavour to make some special railway arrangements." It is added "no application can be entertained after March 21st," and directions are given in a footnote as to the remittance of the price of the tickets required, while a form of "Application for Tickets" is given, with blank spaces left for the number of tickets required, the amount for which cheque or P.O. Order is enclosed, the address to which the tickets are to be sent, the signature of the applicant, and the name and number of the Lodge of which he is Secretary. Underneath is a tabular form with room for the insertion of the names of eight brethren with their rank in the Craft, and the names and numbers of the Lodges to which they severally belong.

I have said that neither I nor my friend can divine what is the purpose in view in issuing such a circular. I will add that neither of us, though connected with Freemasonry for some years, has ever yet heard of a like instance in which the "Provisional Secretary" of a Lodge about to be consecrated has issued such a circular "by request of the W.M. Elect"—by the way, the correct expression, I believe, is "W.M. Designate." For my own part, I can see nothing whatever to justify the proceedings on the part of the said W.M. There is nothing unusual in the consecration of a new Lodge, that outside brethren unacquainted with its constituent or intending members should be invited to witness the ceremony, and subscribe a guinea towards the banquet that customarily follows—to say nothing of the expense they must incur in travelling to and fro. It is, no doubt, a matter for sincere congratulation in Masonic circles that Manchester, which is a large and populous city, should be on the eve of adding one more to its list of Lodges, but the chief interest in such an event of necessity centres in Manchester and its more immediate vicinity, or, at all events in the Province to which Manchester belongs. It has been announced publicly that this "Wolseley" Lodge is to be conducted on "Temperance"—that is, I presume, on "Teetotal" principles—and "Temperance," even though it may not exactly amount to "Teetotalism," is one of the virtues in the practice of which all Masons undoubtedly take a warm interest. But why should circulars be issued indiscriminately, inviting brethren who are perfect strangers, whether teetotallers or not, to be present, unless, perchance, "the W.M. Elect" is desirous of making the consecration of his new Lodge an occasion for disseminating "teetotal" principles? If this is the idea which led to the issue of these circulars, I can only say it is distinctly opposed to the spirit of Freemasonry, which absolutely prohibits our Lodges from being made arenas for the discussion of political and religious questions. I cheerfully concede to my teetotal brethren their right to abstain from all alcoholic stimulants; but, in doing so, I claim for myself full liberty to enjoy, undisturbed by any discussion as to the comparative merits of total abstinence and moderate indulgence, my glass or two of wine, beer, or spirit. I have spent, and hope again and again to spend, many an enjoyable evening with teetotal friends. They indulged in their particular vanity of tea, coffee, toast and water, or what not, and I had my glass of wine or grog. We got on admirably together, because the subject of teetotalism was never alluded to. Had any one of us had the indelicacy to introduce it, there would have been an end of all enjoyment. I shall, no doubt, be told that teetotalism is neither a political nor a religious question, but a question of public morality, which all Freemasons are bound to uphold both by precept and practice. In replying to this objection it is open to me to adopt either one of two courses. I may deny it *in toto*, on the ground that, as one-third of the national revenue is derived from the consumption of alcoholic liquors, teetotalism is a question of politics, seeing that politics must necessarily include the fiscal arrangements required for the government of the country. If, on the other hand, I concede that teetotalism is purely a social question affecting public morals, it is open to me to retort that, even in such case, its discussion, or any attempt at disseminating its principles in open Lodge or at Lodge banquets, must inevitably partake of a controversial character. It is for this reason, and not because they are in themselves objectionable, that the discussion of religious and political questions is forbidden in our Lodges, and it is on this ground that I most decidedly set my face against a Masonic Lodge being made a medium for the teaching of social principles to which I am altogether opposed.

But why this flourish of trumpets in announcing that the Wolseley Lodge will be conducted on "temperance" principles? Is it because our Lodges are notoriously hotbeds of intemperance, and that our Lodge banquets are neither more or less than a series of drunken orgies, which are a disgrace to our boasted civilisation? Every one knows this is absolutely untrue, and the mere suggestion that temperance is conspicuous by its absence from our Lodge gatherings is an insult to the whole Masonic community. Again, if Bros. A, B, and C, who are not teetotallers, accept the invitation, and each pays his guinea towards the banquet, will they be denied their "modest quenchers," because an apostle of teetotalism in the person of the W.M. is in the chair, and sundry of his disciples are at the festive board? If they are so denied, the teetotal doctrine is being forced upon them, while, if an exception is made in their favour, and the wine is forthcoming, then the temperance—that is, teetotal—principles, about which all this fuss is being made, are being lost sight of. The Wolseley Lodge will be like any other Masonic Lodge, and the members of which, and visitors to which, are at liberty to drink wine or not, as it suits them. It will be suggested that none but teetotallers should accept the invitation, or if they do, that they have no right to accept anything else than is included in the *menu*. Then, why is a guinea charged for a ticket? My experience of a banquet is that where wine is included the charge ranges, according to the locality in which the meeting is held, from about fifteen shillings to a guinea and upwards; but where it is not included, the price is about six shillings or three half crowns. If I am here met by the rejoinder—Though there will be no costly wines to undermine your physical and moral constitution, the cuisine will be of the most récherché description. In that case I ask, what becomes of these boasted temperance principles. It is morally wrong for a man to incur an intemperate expenditure where the banquet includes meat and wine, and morally wrong where it consists of meat only, the lighter drinks, of tea, coffee, and effervescing beverages, being common to both?

I am afraid I have allowed this letter to run to an unconscionable length, and though there are other points I should like to submit, I will refrain from inflicting them on you and your readers. No new Lodge need have the slightest doubt about receiving hearty good wishes from all Craftsmen, but the proceedings in connection with the Wolseley Lodge have been, in my humble judgment, a mistake throughout. It was tantamount to casting a slight on the Craft, when it was announced as a Temperance Lodge, as though temperance were a virtue unknown to or unrespected by Masons. It was a great mistake to puff far and wide the association of Lord Wolseley's name with the Lodge; I do not wish to suggest any thing un-masonic, but censorious people might say it was done to make capital—I do not mean of course, pecuniary capital—out of the connection; but the crowning mistake of all is the issue of this circular of invitation, as though the Lodge were touting for outside encouragement of its so-called "temperance" principles.

I enclose my card, and remain,

Fraternally yours,

A PROVINCIAL BROTHER.

THE LATE FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.B.I.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
15th March 1883.

DEAR BRO. EDITOR,—Will you kindly correct an error which appeared amongst the list of Stewards of the recent Festival?

Bros. Walton and Crosby, representing Lodge No 1588, are placed under the heading of East Lancashire. It should be West Lancashire.

Your kindness in permitting this correction to appear will be much esteemed by,

Yours fraternally,

JAMES TERRY, Secretary.

MASONRY AND DRINK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to your issue of the 10th inst., will you allow me to state that a brother, who signs himself "FREEDOM," immediately after using the epithets "Hydropot, Milksop, and Goody-goody," in reference to men who are not of the same opinion as himself, does not appear to me to know the meaning of the philantrophic title he takes to himself. The part of his letter which runs "to introduce the question of total abstinence at all in our Masonic gatherings, is to impute excess, which does not exist in our Lodges," finds a complete answer in the letter from "VIGIL," who states having seen brethren in Lodges of Instruction decidedly

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"*muzzy*." If that does not mean excess, perhaps "FREEDOM" will enlighten me what does? Any sensible man would allow a little for the enthusiasm of a new convert, and would not take it so to heart as our brother "FREEDOM" does, which seems to denote an interest which is not on the side of temperance. The assertion that Good Templars ape the forms of Masonry is false, and is not worthy the pen of a Mason, and shows, in regard to the excess of regalia, that "FREEDOM," *knows nothing whatever* about Good Templary, and therefore lays himself open to ridicule for writing on a subject of which he knows absolutely nothing.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

FAIR PLAY.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You will probably receive many opinions respecting the recent election of Grand Treasurer, and the new departure, which it is called, of Grand Lodge in respect of what has become almost to be regarded as a permanent office. I think many of the brethren will agree with me, that now the ice is broken it should be distinctly understood that no brother shall retain the office of Grand Treasurer for more than one year, under any circumstances. If this was at once recognised, and it were a settled matter that the tenure of the office was an annual one, the idea would soon be fallen in with, and nobody could feel in any way aggrieved. It would be just the same, in point of fact, as the election of a Senior or Junior Warden in our ordinary Lodge work. And why should it be otherwise? The post is to some extent a nominal one, inasmuch as the permanent staff have practically to be responsible for the proper conduct of the business. Every honour has been shown to Colonel Creaton by re-electing him year after year, and there is not a member of the Craft who will begrudge him the high esteem he has earned for himself for those years of liberal and loyal service. But seeing the way in which the straw was blowing, it is a pity almost he did not himself propose his successor, in which case his retirement would have been still more graceful than it was under the circumstances. However, the gal- that Colonel has retired with the heartiest good wishes of the brethren, and is too high spirited a gentleman, and has too much good sense to feel in the least slighted, because the Craft have decided that the office of Grand Treasurer shall not be a perpetual one. We all wish well for the new Treasurer, Bro. Allcroft, whom we all know, especially in the City of London, and feel sure he will go out at the end of his year with every credit, excellently deserved.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

GEO. SAXON.

16th March 1883.

The installation meeting of the Wallington Lodge took place on Thursday, when the outgoing Master, Bro. J. G. Horsey, installed his successor, Brother W. Pile. We purpose giving a full report next week.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been appointed a Field Marshal in the Prussian army, the bâton of his rank having been handed to His Royal Highness in person by the Emperor of Germany.

We have great pleasure in drawing attention to a prospectus we have just received from Bro. John A. Neeck, 9 Bundesstrasse, Hamburg. Bro. Neeck is a member of the Lodge "Zur Brudeskette," of Hamburg, and has been a member of the board of officers of the said Lodge for the last four years. He is an apt English scholar, and is desirous of receiving into his family—consisting, be it remarked, of only Madame Neeck and himself—one or more English young gentlemen—sons of Freemasons being assigned the preference—who may be desirous of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the German language, for either Mercantile or professional pursuits. Bro. Neeck has strong testimonials in his favour, and we have every confidence that he will loyally fulfil whatever duty he may be called upon to perform. If testimonials are needed on Bro. Neeck's behalf, they will be forthcoming, and will be found to include the following, namely :—

REFERENCES:

F. Algar Esq., 11 & 12 Clements Lane, London, E.C.
N. C. W. Krogsgaard Esq., 66 Wood Street, Woolwich, London.
Bro. M. Corens, Oberlehrer, am Borgesh, Hamburg, Master of the Lodge "Zur Bruderkette."
Bro. Ed. Förster, Oberlehrer, Uhlenhorst, Hamburg, Orator of the Lodge "Zur Bruderkette."
Bro. W. Berendsohn, Bookseller, Alster-Arcaden, Hamburg, Deputy Master of the Lodge "Zur Bruderkette."
Bro. M. Secker, Merchant, 66 Grindelberg, Hamburg.
Bro. L. Auerbach, Dr. med., Behnstrasse 22, Altona, Junior Warden of the Lodge "Zur Bruderkette."
Bro. F. Haasenstein, Leipzig.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE last meeting of the session of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 10th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and the following brethren were present:—Bros. W. F. Kibble W.M., F. T. C. Keeble S.W., W. Baber J.W., N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Blackie P.M. Secretary, R. Fendick S.D., F. W. Potter J.D., J. T. Stenson I.G., H. Durrant M.C., G. Jenkins, E. H. Codicot, and H. T. Bertram Stewards; P.M.'s C. Taylor, James Stevens, Thomas Hamer, H. Thompson, J. Seex, W. Cook; also J. R. Huntley, T. W. Headon, J. R. Greening, H. F. Frost, J. K. Gwynne, E. S. Donaldson, C. J. Small, &c., and J. O. Carter P.P.S.D. Berks and Bucks. Lodge was opened in due form, after which the minutes of the last Lodge were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Small having proved his proficiency as a candidate for promotion, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and he was impressively raised to that of M.M. Lodge was lowered to the first degree, and according to ancient custom the bye-laws were read *in extenso*, after which the next business was to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. Keeble was unanimously voted to that office. The W.M. congratulated Bro. Keeble upon his election, and said he was quite sure that he was well qualified to discharge the duties of the chair to which the brethren had unanimously elected him, and he thought also that he might congratulate themselves on having so able a brother to preside over them. Bro. Keeble thanked the brethren for having so unanimously elected him as W.M.; he could assure them that no effort or exertion on his part should be wanting to give them satisfaction in the high office to which he had been called. Bro. Greening proposed that the usual jewel should be presented to the Worshipful Master (Bro. Kibble) on his retirement from the chair, and warmly eulogised the manner in which he had discharged his duties during his year of office. Bro. Gwynne seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. The next business was the election of a Treasurer, and Bro. Headon was unanimously re-elected. Brother Hamer P.M. moved that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Brother Headon for his able services, and for the uniform courtesy shown by him to every one during the period he had exercised the office of Treasurer, to the satisfaction of every member of the Lodge. Also for his able initiative of the proposal in Grand Lodge for the election of Brother John Derby Allcroft P.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge as Grand Treasurer; the services of Colonel Creaton, the present Grand Treasurer, being at the same time warmly eulogised, and the hope expressed that Brother Headon would supplement his services to the Craft in general by proposing at the next Quarterly Communication that the thanks of the Grand Lodge should be given to Colonel Creaton on his retirement from office. The motion was unanimously carried. Brother Headon returned thanks on his re-election; the position of Treasurer of a private Lodge was very different from that of Grand Treasurer, as one was most important, with very onerous and responsible duties, while the other was merely nominal. He was much obliged to the brethren for the compliment they had paid him, and should have great pleasure in complying with their wishes, trusting that in the future he should discharge his duties to their satisfaction as he had done in the past. Brother Potter was re-elected Tyler, and the Almoners and Auditors were appointed. Brother Keeble S.W. and Worshipful Master elect said that he had a special motion to propose, and on a very special occasion, and that was "That a telegram be sent to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with the congratulations from the Lodge on the twentieth anniversary of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's wedding day," which was seconded by Brother H. Thompson P.M. and carried unanimously. It was accordingly despatched forthwith, and later in the evening a most gracious reply was received from Marlborough House, thanking the Lodge for their kindly remembrance of the event. Bro. Thompson after stating his regret that he had been unable to attend the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, inquired of the Worshipful Master what had been done in respect of the Proposed Revision of the Book of Constitutions, and the amendments which had been made thereto. He gathered from the reports of the meeting that the suggested amendments had been permitted to be referred to the Board of General Purposes without any comment in Grand Lodge, and could hardly imagine that so important a matter could have been so disposed of without some sort of safeguard having been suggested to prevent a final settlement of the new Constitutions by a small though important section of the Craft. He thought some means should be given to the Craft at large to see the changes proposed, before being called upon to consider them in Grand Lodge. The W.M. replied that the subject had not engaged his earnest attention, as he believed that members of the Craft who had greater experience in Grand Lodge affairs were carefully watching the proceedings connected with the proposed revision. He had no doubt that Bro. Stevens, who was present, could afford some information, and he would ask him to do so. Bro. Stevens P.M. said, that Bro. Thompson was quite correct in his inference, that the Grand Lodge had silently assented to the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, that the amendments to the proposed revision of the Book of Constitutions (some 800 in number) should be referred to them to consider and report upon. There could be no doubt that the task, undertaken in respect of the revision, was one of great magnitude, and that, so far as possible, the necessary debates, which must ensue in Grand Lodge before final settlement, should be shortened by anticipation as far as practicable. A great reliance was manifested that on this important subject the Board of General Purposes would act by each and all of the amendments which had been sent in, and, therefore, many members of Grand Lodge, and amongst them himself, considered it undesirable to interfere with the recommendation for reference, but it was pre-

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sumed that no time would be lost in making the necessary report to Grand Lodge. The date fixed for the reception of amendments was the 25th of January last, and it was notified that a Special Grand Lodge would have been called during February, for discussion of the amendments, in respect of which he should, at the proper time, expect to be heard, particularly in respect of two at least, which in his opinion were required to prevent the elision of certain "landmarks" from the Ancient Constitutions, and which the draft of the revision excluded altogether. He trusted, and he had no doubt, the Board of General Purposes would not delay the business they had taken in hand, and that certainly before the period of the year when Masonic labour is presumed to slacken the special Grand Lodge and, if necessary, Grand Lodge will be held and the new Constitutions finally settled. If this were effected, the present Board would fairly earn not only the warmest thanks of the Craft for the achievement of a great work and a hearty recognition of their labours, but would abundantly justify the silence which has prevented the slightest delay with their recommendation for reference of the several amendments for their consideration. Bro. Stevens's remarks were cordially assented to, and Bro. Thompson expressed his thanks for the explanation and information he had received. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The usual loyal toasts were given, and the telegram from the Prince of Wales was received just after his health had been proposed, when the Worshipful Master again made reference to the happy event. The health of Bro. Keeble, W.M. elect, was proposed by the Worshipful Master and enthusiastically received, for which Bro. Keeble returned thanks. Bro. Taylor I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, which was suitably acknowledged. Songs were sung by Bros. Shaw, Donaldson, Bertram, Stevens, and others, and Bro. Stevens also gave a recitation, "The level and the square." A very pleasant evening was passed, and the brethren separated about ten o'clock in the true spirit of Masonry.

ST. LEONARD'S LODGE, No. 1766.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, when a considerable amount of business was transacted. The Lodge was opened by Brother E. Benjamin I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. A. Jones W.M., who shortly afterwards arrived and took the chair. The Officers present were:—Bros. L. Stean P.M., C. F. Barham P.M., A. A. Clement S.W., J. Funstone J.W., Rev. H. G. Henderson Chaplain, J. Cox Secretary, E. Walker S.D., F. Matthews J.E., R. Dryadale I.G., G. C. Young Organist, H. J. Thrower D.C., L. A. Harrison W.S., E. T. Clark Assist. W.S., and J. Very Tyler. Members:—Bros. C. Deacon, E. A. Beckett, H. Waynforth, E. T. Henman, F. Meriton, S. Bennell, T. Douglass, W. Beasley, Dr. Holt, W. H. Brand, Jas. Roberts, W. Strickland, W. Jones and H. Josephs. Visitors:—Bros. G. W. Preston P.M. 861, G. Wade 1310, T. Coben P.M. 192, J. Barker S.W. 860, S. Smither 193, G. J. Freeman 1613, T. Hill 813, P. Senecal P.M. 569, G. Edwards P.M. 1816. The Lodge having been advanced, the I.P.M. raised Bros. A. C. Critchfield, E. J. Rose, and E. T. Henman jun. The W.M. then passed Bros. Lovat, Fraser, and T. Weatherley to the F.C. degree. Mr J. W. Griffiths, having been duly elected, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Some other business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the harmony of the proceedings enhanced by songs and recitals by Bros. Deacon, Douglass, Henman, Benjamin, Strickland and others, ably accompanied by the Organist.

STRAND LODGE, No. 1987.

THE first regular meeting was held at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Thursday, the 8th inst. Bros. Willing jun. W.M., Swanborough S.W., Stacey J.W., Stiles Secretary, Douglass S.D., Harris J.D., Madge I.G., Leon Asst. M.C., Buston W.S., Hare Asst. W.S.; also Bros. Shaw, Dale, Foster, Harrison, Bourne, Bass, Jackson, May, Taylor, Ponton, Hartt, Horrocks, Fawkes, Green, Thiodon. Visitors—Bros. Mann P.M. 186, Coltart P.M. 749, Payne W.M. 933, Roach 49, Thompson 1614, Horrocks 1476, Woolf 72, Merchant 902, Kearney 1549, and Crowder 79. Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, and the minutes of emergency meeting, held 22nd February, were read and confirmed. The ballot was unanimously in favour of Bros. Frederick Jackson, Royal Savoy 1744, and Charles James Taylor, Asaph 1319, for joining, and Messrs. Moreton Jacob Green, Edward Bayfield Hartt, William Colin Archer and Edward Charles Ennis, as candidates for the privileges of the Order. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. Wright Daniel Horrocks, Alfred Aspinall Thiodon, Oliver Fawkes, Moreton Jacob Green, and Edward Bayfield Hartt. Several propositions for initiation and joining having been handed in, Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and the after proceedings were of a thoroughly harmonious character.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—Held at Bro. Sarjeant's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., on 7th inst. Bros. Serjeant W.M., Gieseke S.W., Legg J.W., Clark S.D., Patrick J.D., Stroud I.G., Andrews Preceptor, J. Millington Sec.; also Bros. Rowe, Leoffler, Claverley, Young, Wright, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Rowe answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cleverley acting as candidate. Bro. Rowe answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the third degree, and lowered to second degree. Bros. Young and Wright were elected members. Bro. Gieseke was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Clark gave an interesting Report of the Festival of the Old Peoples' Institution, and Lodge was closed.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—The fifth monthly meeting of the above Lodge took place on Thursday, 8th instant, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Brother J. Lancaster W.M., supported by Bros. Smith S.W., Runtz J.W., Bieling S.D., Bryant J.D., Tongue I.G., and Davis Tyler; P.M.'s Jackson I.P.M., Jagielski, Aspinall, Nowakowski Treasurer, Paas Secretary. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, ballot was taken for the following gentlemen:—Messrs. Horatio Edrupt, Samuel Varley Simpson, John Johnson Dunn, and William Simpson Lincoln. This proving to be unanimous in their favour, they were in due course initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Brother Cooper was raised to the third degree, and Brother Nowakowski passed. Lodge then voted for the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. This proved to be unanimously in favour of Brother E. Smith S.W., who thanked the brethren for their kindness in a few appropriate remarks. Brother Nowakowski was again re-elected Treas., and Brother Banks, the son of an old Past Master of the Polish National Lodge, was elected Tyler. The Audit Committee was also appointed, consisting of Bros. Apsey, Runtz, and Nowakowski. A Past Master's jewel was voted for the Worshipful Master for the able way in which he had performed the duties during his year of office; and the special jewel of the Commander's White Eagle was also voted to him for the interest he had taken in introducing several new members into the Lodge, and having represented the brethren on two occasions, for the Schools and Old People. All other business being ended, Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the dining room. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Brother Jackson I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, calling attention to the amount of work that had been done by Brother Lancaster, he having had to perform six ceremonies that evening; he congratulated him on the recognition of his services by the brethren. Brother Lancaster replied, stating that it had been a great pleasure to him to perform his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. He thanked them for the handsome manner in which they recognised those services. He was sorry that it was the last time he should have the pleasure of presiding at the banquet table, but he should always be pleased to do anything he could for the advantage of the Lodge. He now had the pleasure of proposing the health of the Initiates, whom he felt quite sure would reflect honour upon the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors—Bros. Alfred 228, Tyler 1702, Newton 1503, Saegert 548, Brown 780, and Schartau 1549—was also given. This having been responded to, the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the W.M. elect, Brother Smith; he did so with peculiar pleasure, they had worked side by side for some years, and had never had a word of unpleasantness. He wished Brother Smith a happy year of office, plenty of work, and plenty of initiates. Brother Smith on rising, stated that he was much gratified by the way the brethren had received the toast of his health. He would do everything in his power to add to the high position of the Polish National Lodge, and hoped he should be as well supported by the Officers during his year of office as the present W.M. had been. Several brethren added to the harmony during the evening.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday, 13th inst. Bros. Acworth W.M., Seward S.W., Green P.M. J.W., Fryers S.D., Porter J.D., Wells I.G.; also Bros. Wills, Clarke, Taylor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Brother Taylor candidate. Lodge was opened to the third, and resumed to the first degree. Brother Seward was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was decided to adjourn the Lodge for the Easter vacation, and the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 3rd April. Lodge was closed in due form.

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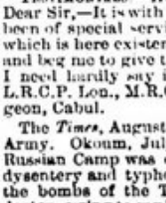

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THE LORD MAYOR AND SHERIFF OF LONDON AT THE CLERKENWELL LODGE.

THE proceedings of the annual election meeting of the Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, on Saturday evening last, were invested with more than ordinary interest, from the fact that the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Knight) and Bro. Sheriff Savory had accepted invitations to be present. The brethren assembled at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, about four o'clock, when Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G.S.W. Herts, Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. John Tuck I.G. acting as S.W., J. J. Goode J.W., Rev. J. H. Rose Chaplain, G. A. Potter Treasurer, James Terry P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts (Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution) Secretary, Henry Radcliffe P.M. 91, 858 P.G.S. Eng. S.D., Major Robert Rolfe J.D., J. E. Terry acting as I.G., H. Paget, W. Clarke, C. W. Scott, H. Jenner, R. W. Cole, W. J. Halford, Col. J. Lambert P.M. P.G.S.B., W. Wilkinson, F. Foster, T. M. Edwards, A. Walkley Tyler, and others. The Visitors included Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London (Alderman H. Knight P.M. Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34), Sheriff Joseph Savory Emulation 21. H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, C. F. Hogard P.M. Israel 205 P.P.G. Supt. Works Essex, C. F. Matier P.M. Humphrey Chetham 645 P.P.G.W. Greece, Edward F. Storr P.M. Treasurer Neptune 22, Dr. J. W. Ramsay P.M. Prince of Wales 259, E. T. Edwards P.M. Crescent 788, E. Culver W.M. St. Mary's 63, W. J. C. Martin S.W. Union 127, James Arnold Athenæum 1491, H. W. Johnson 1491, B. Newstead J.W. St. Thomas 142, Seymour Smith Organist Crystal Palace 742, &c. Lodge having been advanced to the second degree, Bros. Charles W. Scott and Henry Jenner were passed as F.C.'s, the work being effectively rendered by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. At the close of the ceremony Lodge was resumed, and the brethren proceeded to the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ballot being unanimously in favour of Bro. Bro. T. Hastings Miller P.M. 904 1489 Past Provincial G. Organist Middlesex, who has ably officiated during the past year as Senior Warden of the Clerkenwell Lodge, but who was prevented, by indisposition, from being present on this occasion. Bro. G. A. Potter was re-elected as Treasurer, with thanks for his past services, and Bro. A. Walkley was re-appointed Tyler. Three brethren were also elected to form part of the Audit Committee. The arrival in state of Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriff Savory was the signal for a most enthusiastic and hearty welcome, and on the entrance of the distinguished Civic visitors into the Lodge room, they were greeted with Masonic honours. During the evening, Bro. Terry presented to the Lodge a beautifully bound copy of the bye-laws, engrossed on vellum, which was accepted with a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. Colonel Radcliffe, seconded by Bro. Goode, and carried by acclamation. Business having been satisfactorily disposed of, the brethren and visitors adjourned to a magnificently served banquet, the whole of the arrangements of which, under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. W. Rowe, were such as to reflect the highest credit upon this high class hotel, and the proprietors, Messrs. Spiers and Pond. Dessert having been placed before the guests, the customary Loyal toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured, the Worshipful Master alluding to the deep interest taken in the Craft by the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, and the rapid strides which Freemasonry has made since his Royal Highness's advent to power in it. In giving the health of our Masonic Rulers, he said he was sure those who had seen the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Deputy G. Master the Earl of Lathom, presiding over them in Grand Lodge, knew what excellent heads of the Craft they were. The Past and Present Grand Officers did all they possibly could to further the interests of the Craft at large. To-night they were favoured with the company of Bro. Buss, the Assistant Grand Secretary of England, and a member of their own Lodge, and Bro. Lambert, Past G. Sword Bearer, whose names he would associate with the toast. Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, the Grand Secretary, had written to say he should have been most happy to have been present that evening, but a prior engagement of long standing took him to Brighton. Bro. H. G. Buss, in responding said, obedient to the call of the W.M., he rose at once to reply to the toast which had been so kindly proposed; he did so because the Worshipful Master could not err. Still, on the present occasion there was present their excellent Brother Lambert, who was his senior in office, and who should have been called on first. He thanked them most heartily for the way in which the toast had been received. It was very well known that the two noblemen named admirably discharged the duties of their respective offices in Grand Lodge. They were held in high esteem in the Provinces over which they presided, as well as in their positions of Pro Grand Master and Deputy. On behalf of the rest of the Grand Officers, he said they were anxious and willing to perform their duties, and the acclamation with which their names were always received on occasions of this kind afforded evidence, if any were needed, of the appreciation in which their services were held by the brethren. If anything could possibly be adduced to satisfy the Craft at large that the M.W.G.M., in the exercise of his prerogative, made the best possible selection, it would be in the way in which the names of the Grand Officers were received from time to time. On his own behalf he thanked them most heartily for inviting him to be present that evening. He was proud and grateful to them for having done so, and for the pleasure they had afforded him in meeting so many officers and Civic dignitaries on the occasion. Bro. George Lambert also returned thanks, and in doing so said the Past Grand Officers had in their day and generation done good suit and service to the Craft, and he did not believe for a moment they arrived at that position without having left their mark on Freemasonry. It was certainly a great honour to be a Grand Officer, and he esteemed it an honour done his Lodge to have had that apron conferred upon him. He referred to the work done by the Past Grand Officers on the various committees on which they were elected, and expressed his belief that they all did their duty in carrying out the objects they had in view, as though they had their heart and soul in the business to which they were called. He felt glad and proud to wear the purple; and to hear the encomiums passed upon the Grand Officers in every Lodge throughout the length and breadth of the land. That amply repaid them for any little trouble they might have taken in past years. In the temporary absence of the Worshipful Master, he would take the liberty of proposing a toast, which he felt sure would be acceptable to all present. He asked them to drink, with all the heartiness of which they were capable, the health of their esteemed Worshipful Master, who had been so indefatigable in his labours for the advancement of this Lodge in the Craft. He appealed to every brother around this table,—did they ever find a Master conduct his work as well as did Bro. Bowyer? Their Worshipful Master was out of the room now, and so he could speak more freely. He put it forward as a challenge that he never saw a Master discharge the office with such ability and suavity of manner as did Bro. Bowyer. They were much indebted to him for what he had done for this young Lodge, and their warmest thanks were due to him for his disinterested and unwearied exertions. They recollected that during the Mayoralty of Bro. Sir John Whitaker Ellis, he invited his Lordship and the then Sheriff (Bro. Alderman Sir R. Hanson) to attend their banquet; and they were favoured with the distinguished presence of the present Lord Mayor, and their good friend the Sheriff—though he was only as yet an initiate. He thanked Bro. Bowyer for having invited these gentlemen, and them for so kindly accepting the invitation. He asked the brethren to drink to the health of the Worshipful Master of the Clerkenwell Lodge; long might he live, and might the Lodge flourish. The Worshipful Master, who re-entered the room at this moment, was loudly cheered. He thanked the brethren most sincerely for the kind compliment they had paid him in his absence, and assured them it was a great pleasure to him to do anything to advance the interests of Freemasonry, as he had always done since he joined the Order. It was one of the proudest things in life to enjoy the esteem of our fellow-men, and he only hoped, whatever the future might be, he might lay claim to having tried to deserve the good opinion of those with whom he had been associated in the Craft. The Worshipful Master said there was one toast which he was certain they would all drink with especial pleasure and gratification that evening, it was the health of the two distinguished brethren who had honoured them with their presence—he referred to the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London and Sheriff Savory. He was quite sure all would join with him in expressing their sense of the honour done the Lodge, when they considered the multiplicity of engagements which the Lord Mayor and Sheriff had to fulfil in their public capacities. It was, therefore, very kind of them to set apart a few hours that evening, to do honour to the Clerkenwell Lodge. Both these gentlemen in their respective offices had won golden opinions from the citizens of London, and he was quite sure the brethren of this Lodge hailed their presence amongst them on this occasion with the utmost gratitude and pleasure. Bro. Seymour Smith here sang an exceedingly humorous composition, entitled "The Lord Mayor's Show," in which he delineated various characters in the crowd on Lord Mayor's Day, provoking hearty laughter. Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, who was received with prolonged applause, said, Unaccustomed as he was to public speaking, they would hardly expect him to say much to them to-night, because he was not in the habit of addressing large assemblies of his fellow-men, such as he saw now before him, being naturally of a retiring, bashful, and modest disposition; added to which, he was now asked to return thanks for a toast in a Freemasons' Lodge. They could imagine, better than he could describe, the nervousness which came over him, and almost incapacitated him for responding to the toast, which had been so ably proposed by their Worshipful Master. He thought he had got over that introductory part very well indeed. He could assure them rising to return thanks for his health, which had been so kindly proposed, he did so, feeling very much honoured that his fellow Craftsmen had been pleased to seek his society in various Lodges, thus giving him so many opportunities of going amongst them during his mayoralty. If time were at his disposal he believed there was not a Lodge which he should not have the pleasure of visiting, for they could scarcely credit the number of invitations he received, and which he could not now detail to them. He saw present a friend of his (Bro. E. F. Storr) who was most indefatigable in keeping him constantly reminded of his promise to attend a meeting of the Neptune, on the 29th of this month, and who seemed determined he should not have any loophole of getting out of enjoying the hospitality of that Lodge. He had no wish to get out of it, but it was impossible for him to engage himself positively so long beforehand. His first duty was to the City of London, and though he fully realised his duty to Freemasonry, he could not pledge himself to invitations which might interfere with his duty to the citizens. If he did so, he might find some public business which would imperatively demand his presence elsewhere, and thus it would not only be disappointing the brethren, but holding out hopes to them which he should be utterly unable to fulfil. That was his only reason for not accepting invitations to more Masonic Lodges than he did. He did not think they cared for a regular set speech on occasions of this kind, and referring to the capital song they had just heard about

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the Lord Mayor's Show, he must say it was about the best fun in the world to go through the crowd on the 9th of November. He had been through a good many times, and the fun that went on, the remarks made by the bystanders, were enough to keep any one in a constant state of merriment. He did not know anything more witty than the remarks of a London crowd. They knew it was customary for the Aldermen, when they came into the procession, to have their beadles marching by the sides of their carriages. His being a big ward, he had two beadles, who wore old-fashioned, long cloaks, and as they were going along in the procession, some three or four years ago, the beadles walked along with very serious mien, and profound gravity, which it was their bounden duty to preserve. The weather was wet, and the roads were muddy; and one of the beadles, coming to a puddle which he could not very well get over, lifted the folds of his cloak, exposing his white-stockinged calves, when an old woman who was standing by, exclaimed, "Put down your clothes! you're getting a big gal, now! showin' yer legs like that; you ought to be ashamed of yourself!" It so tickled his fancy that, although the poor fellow was so confused he hardly knew which way to look, he was obliged to roll back in his seat, and indulge in a hearty laugh. He was sure the traditional origin, related in the song, of the practice of the Sword Bearer wearing a muff on his head on State occasions must be correct, though history was not quite explicit on the point why that official should wear so unique a hat. Referring immediately to the toast before them, he said this was a young Lodge, and they would forgive him if he said that in everything he had done in life he had held that if a thing was worth doing at all it was worth doing well. In some Lodges he went into there was a careless disregard of minor details, but he reminded them that all those little points which were introduced into Freemasonry at its inception had their peculiar meanings, and should always be considered in that light. Amongst those things was respect for our superiors, and obedience to those who are placed over us. Thus, whilst he highly appreciated the kindness of the Wor. Master, in placing him on the right, and his friend the Sheriff on the left of the chair, he must tell Bro. Bowyer he was only a humble Past Master, and therefore he had no right to sit above the many Grand Officers he saw around him. They ought to inculcate the principles of superiority, and although he had the honour of being Lord Mayor for the time being, his place in Lodge was amongst those of his own Masonic rank. He had visited many Freemasons' Lodges, but had never seen better working than that performed by the W.M. and Officers of the Clerkenwell Lodge. He spoke strongly on the necessity of inculcating the principles of respect for superiority of rank in Lodges, and concluded by again thanking them for the splendid hospitality they had extended towards himself and his excellent colleague, Sheriff Savory. He hoped their young Lodge would continue to prosper, and that it might become one of the time-honoured Lodges of the country. One thing he had heard with the greatest pleasure, and which reflected the greatest credit and satisfaction to all connected with it, namely, the very handsome contribution they had already made to the Masonic Charities. That they had begun so nobly to put into practice this most essential of all the virtues of Freemasonry spoke well for the future of the Lodge, and he trusted they might go on in an increasing degree to exemplify this most distinguishing characteristic of the Fraternity. Bro. Sheriff Savory, who was also most cordially received, said he thanked them very much for the kind way in which the W.M. had associated his name with that of the Lord Mayor, and the hearty reception which had been given to the toast of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. He could assure them that the sympathy and welcome ever accorded to that toast was always grateful to those who had accepted the arduous duties of the Shrievalty. Some of those duties were pleasant, whilst others were painful, so that while the office had its privileges it had also its responsibilities. It was encouraging to receive approval for the way in which they endeavoured to fulfil their duties; and he thanked the Lord Mayor for the kind expression of his confidence. He could assure his Lordship that he should study in the future, as he had done in the past, to "love, honour and obey" him. Among the many happy recollections of his year of office, there was none he should cherish with greater pleasure than his visit to the Clerkenwell Lodge, which he might add, was the first Lodge that had done him the honour to invite him to its festivities since he was initiated. He esteemed it a great privilege that during his year of office he had been permitted to become a Freemason. He felt deeply interested in the mysteries he had already learned, though he had got much more to become enlightened upon. He should do his utmost to be of service to the Craft, which might in some feeble way show the deep sense he entertained of the honour which had been conferred upon him. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, to whom, in the name of the Lodge, he extended a very hearty welcome, and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Dr. Ramsay P.M., C. F. Matier P.M., and E. T. Edwards P.M. The toast was heartily received. Dr. Ramsay, in reply, expressed the gratification it afforded him to see the excellent work done in Lodge, and the equally satisfactory arrangements for the banquet. Everything was most judiciously carried out, and Bro. Bowyer seemed to be *facile princeps* in regard to Masonry itself. He should only be gilding refined gold to say more than simply that he was most deeply obliged to the brethren of this Lodge for the generous hospitality with which the Visitors had been received, and which was sincerely appreciated by them. Bros. C. F. Matier and Edwards also responded, the latter alluding at some length to the duties enjoined by the Craft, and so well explained in the charges delivered to them while passing through the several degrees. The W.M., in proposing the healths of the Treasurer and Secretary, observed that the former, though he was comparatively young in Masonry, yet they knew from his antecedents in other walks in life he would make not only a good Mason, but a worthy member of this Lodge. As to their Secretary, it would indeed be "gilding refined gold," to speak of the services he had rendered to the Craft. Bro. Terry knew better than any one else the duties of Secretary of a Lodge, and always admirably carried out whatever he undertook. Bro. G. A. Potter said he had endeavoured to discharge his duties faithfully in the office of Treasurer. Unfortunately, it might be he had had no scope for displaying any financial ability, they had kept him so well supplied with funds; the kindness he had received at the hands of the Lodge would ever be engrafted on his memory. Bro. James Terry said, like the right hon. brother who began, "Unaccustomed as I am," he rose to address a few words to this assembly. A Secretary was an individual whom everybody could kick. If anything went wrong, it was, "Oh! that's the Secretary!" If something was not exactly in accordance with the wishes of the W.M. or some other brother, it was, "That Secretary has made an omission!" He only wished they had paid Secretaries. They might rely upon it that an honorary office was a mistake in life. If they paid a man only a pound a year, they could get rid of him by paying him his pound; but if they paid him nothing, and he gave his best services to the Lodge, of course they could kick him, for he was their own Secretary. Their very esteemed friend the initiate said one of the happiest features of his Shrievalty would be to do something to mark his career in Freemasonry. He would give Bro. Savory an idea, and ventured to suggest to him taking up a Stewardship for the Benevolent Institution. If he did not make his mark in Freemasonry he (the speaker) was no true prophet. He could have wished that Bro. Savory had been a Steward at the anniversary festival, last week, when they had Stewards equally young in Freemasonry. They all recollected a member of the Court of Common Council, Brother H. B. Marshall, who, although seven days old in Masonry, presented him with a cheque for £100 "from an Entered Apprentice." There was a splendid example of charity for him to emulate. As Secretary of this Lodge, he had endeavoured to do his duty, since its formation, and his future conduct should prove the interest he felt in the Lodge. It was named after his mother parish, where he was born, educated, vaccinated, married, and where many things had happened to him—too numerous to mention. For twelve months they had worked most harmoniously together, without any difficulty, and he hoped they might do the same in the coming year. The Worshipful Master then gave the Officers of the Lodge, in doing which he expressed regret at the absence of their S.W. and W.M. elect—Bro. Miller—who had gone on a two months' tour on the Continent for the benefit of his health. They all wished him a complete and speedy restoration, and return to his duties in the Lodge. In their J.W. they had a hard working man in everything he undertook in public life. Bro. Radcliffe was capable of performing almost anything in Freemasonry; and Major Rolfe was also a good working Officer. Bro. Tuck had discharged the duties of S.W. to-night, and the whole of the Officers were deserving of all praise. The Officers having severally responded, the list was brought to a fitting termination with the Tyler's toast. The proceedings were interspersed with some excellent songs by Bros. Paget, Seymour Smith, &c.; and a most harmonious and enjoyable evening was passed.

CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

A REGULAR meeting of this old established and excellent working Lodge was held on Monday evening, the 12th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there was a goodly muster of the brethren and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. James Smith W.M. Lodge was opened about six o'clock with the usual formalities, the W.M. being supported by Bros. John E. Fells I.P.M., Walter Wood S.W., William Cubitt J.W., J. Shackell P.M. Secretary, W. Saint S.D., F. Silvester J.D., G. P. Nightingale I.G., B. D. Kershaw P.M., G. F. S. Warne P.M., F. B. Bonney P.M., Bedford Lemere P.M., H. T. Reed P.M., F. J. Heale, J. Gilderslene, J. J. Craske, J. G. Desane, W. M. Covell, S. Smither (acting as W.S.), T. D. Clare, J. H. Bayley, W. C. Grounds, T. Thurgood, G. Masters, E. Kiddell, J. Grundy, E. W. Pithian, J. Collins, A. Jay, F. H. Clemow, H. Morris, E. H. Walden, W. Rickell, and G. L. Reinhardt Tyler. Among the Visitors were Bros. George G. Symmons P.M. 45, G. L. Saunders 1257, and H. Kemp 1776. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, when Bros. J. H. Bayley and J. F. Clare were raised to the sublime degree by the Worshipful Master, who worked the ceremony in a most efficient manner, and delivered the charges most impressively. Some routine business was disposed of, and the Lodge closed in form, after which the brethren sat down to a banquet provided in a style for which Brother Clemow, of this reputed City hotel, has long been proverbial. At the conclusion of a very excellent repast, the ordinary prefatory toasts were introduced, the W.M. paying a well deserved tribute to the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Present and Past Grand Officers, for the manner in which they had discharged their responsibilities to the Craft, and the zeal with which they promoted its true interests. Bro. Fells, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said the brethren had selected a good and true Mason to preside over the deliberations of the Lodge during the year, and he was perfectly certain Bro. Smith would acquit himself to their satisfaction in the position in which they had placed him. From the working they had seen on this and other occasions, they had reason to be pleased with the choice they had made, and which augured well for a successful and prosperous year for the Lodge of Confidence. The Worshipful Master, who was very cordially received, said he thanked them most heartily for the kind manner in which the toast of his health had been received on this as on former occasions. He had ever felt that Freemasonry was a reality, and had it not been so, he should not have stuck to it as he had done. His experience taught him that in Freemasonry there were principles inculcated for the guidance of their daily practical life. Indeed, he almost began to think he must have been born a Mason, for the principles were so adapted to his constitution that he felt he could hardly run away from them. He hoped he might continue to live as he had lived, only a better and a brighter Mason.

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Since he had occupied the chair, he had felt the responsibilities of the position, and he had found that if the work was to be done at all well, the heart must be in it. He had endeavoured to throw his whole heart into that work, and he hoped no brother would ever aspire to the chair unless he felt that Freemasonry was a reality. He thanked them right heartily for the cordial support they had given him since his accession to the chair, and for the continued support which they had manifested that evening. In turn, he proposed the health of the Past Masters, who were a noble army—the backbone of the Lodge of Confidence. He was glad to see so many of them present on this occasion, and took the opportunity of thanking them for the very valuable assistance they had given him during his term of office. Bro. F. B. Bonney said it was a pleasant duty to respond on behalf of the Past Masters of this Lodge, whose small services had been alluded to in such appreciative language by the Worshipful Master. He trusted Brother Smith might have a thoroughly good year in every respect, that success and harmony might reign supreme, and that he might have a goodly number of recruits. Bros. B. D. Kershaw and H. T. Reed also responded, the latter observing that the Past Masters had done good suit and service to the Lodge in times past; and he sincerely hoped they deserved the encomiums that had been passed upon by them by the W. Master. They were all anxious to do what they could to promote the welfare of the Lodge, which they held in the most profound regard. Bro. Smith had struck a key-note when he referred to the reality of Freemasonry. If it were not real, it ought to be. It was real in one way, at all events, when they considered that in one year alone a sum exceeding £42,000 had been collected for the support of the three grand Masonic Institutions, of which they were all so justly proud. That was something real, and a very strong point to prove the reality of the system. It was one thing for a man to say it was this, that, or the other, but when the brethren had put their hands into their pockets to the tune of nearly £50,000 in one year, that was a tangible sign of their active interest in the principles they professed. He hoped they would still further exemplify the reality of Freemasonry by taking it into their places of business, and their homes; by endeavouring to live in unity and brotherly love, and uprightness towards all men. The tenets of Freemasonry were very grand, inciting them to deeds such as made life noble and honourable—just and true in their dealings, and upright and true in every respect. They should remember that it was not sufficient to practice those precepts only in the Lodge-room; they should take Freemasonry with them into the world, and show that it was something more than a mere name. When they had learned the beautiful lessons imparted in the ritual, let them go outside and practise them. Bro. Fells added a few words, acknowledging the encomiums which had fallen from the lips of the Worshipful Master, and which he trusted the Past Masters might try and deserve. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Visitors, regretted they were so few in number that evening; as they were always pleased to meet a goodly number of visitors, both in the Lodge-room and at the festive board. However, on behalf of the brethren of the Lodge of Confidence he extended to them a very hearty welcome. Bro. George Symmons P.M. could only say it was a great pleasure to meet the brethren of this Lodge, and he fully appreciated the expressions the Worshipful Master had used in proposing the toast. He was very pleased to visit an old Lodge like this, and was proud to see that Freemasonry was increasing and improving. They read some curious facts in the old Masonic records, and must admit that things were very different in the olden times to what they are in the present day. Freemasonry had proved itself to be of a real and enduring nature, and its principles would be fully maintained until the end of time. Bro. H. Kemp also briefly acknowledged the compliment paid to the Visitors, and expressed the satisfaction it had afforded him at seeing such admirable working in the Lodge. The Worshipful Master next gave the health of the Officers of the Lodge, in doing which he prided himself that the Lodge of Confidence could boast of some of the best Officers he had ever known. They were up to their work in every particular, and he believed each had his heart thoroughly in Masonry. From the admirable manner in which they had discharged their duties that evening, he was satisfied that for years to come the Confidence Lodge bade fair to have the most competent workers in the chair. Bro. Wood was extremely obliged for the manner in which the toast of the Officers of the Lodge had been proposed, and said it would be his endeavour, and that of every other Officer, to merit the flattering terms in which they had been spoken of that evening. They were comparatively young in Masonry, but they hoped the efforts they had already made, and which had been rewarded by their having been placed in the positions they respectively occupied, would be continued until they arrived at the goal which all Masons sought to reach at some stage of Masonic life—the governance of their Lodge for a short time. He was sure the example set by those who had been in the chair, which Brother Smith filled with so much credit to himself and honour to the Lodge, left nothing to be desired on their part; and if they did not learn the lessons and repeat them faithfully, it would not be for want of competent instruction afforded them. He might hope that the accessory to the ordinary duties of a Master of a Lodge, which Brother Smith had carried to a successful issue, namely the representation of the Lodge at one of the Masonic Festivals, might be carried out with equal, if not superior, success by every one who was invested with a collar. He considered the Charities attached to Freemasonry were its distinguishing pride and the brightest jewel in its crown. A brother had referred to the enormous sum of £42,000 being raised for the support of these Institutions in one year; it was indeed highly creditable to the Craft. These institutions deserved the support of every Mason, be his position what it might. At the present time, when the value of money was decreasing, on account of the enormous amount of luxury introduced into civilised life during the last few years—for a man could at one time have lived upon a tithe of what was necessary now to keep up a respectable position in society—he said that to be able to devote so large a sum to the support of those who, by an unfortunate turn of the wheel had got upon the lowest spokes, who formerly occupied the highest, was the greatest credit to the members of the Craft generally, and it was an ample excuse, if indeed such were wanted for the existence of the brotherhood of Freemasonry that they did so much to help others who were in distress. But although these societies seemed to be established on a safe and sound foundation, it was necessary that redoubled efforts should be employed if they would meet the claims that were made upon them. He was very sorry to find that among the members of the Craft there should have been such a reverse of fortune that at the next election for the Benevolent Institution there were no fewer than 120 candidates, and only 57 vacancies, so that two out of every three must necessarily be unsuccessful. He thought it would be to the advantage of the Craft if the funds were placed in such a position as twelve months ago was the case with the Girls' School, when the Committee was enabled, without an election, to place every one of its candidates within the walls of that Institution. But old age was coming fast upon the brotherhood, and although Freemasonry was well supported, it was unable to provide homes for all who sought its shelter, or to confer annuities on those upon whom old age and distress had fallen prematurely, through no fault of their own, and who were placed in a position which compelled them reluctantly to seek the benefits of those Institutions which were provided by the bounty of the Craft. He hoped the example set by the Lodge of supporting the Benevolent Institution this year would be followed by all the brethren, not only by standing as Stewards, but by contributing to the lists of others, and so enabling the Institution to be placed in a still more secure position than it occupied at present. The Girls' School was the most fortunate, and the Boys' came next; but the old men and women, into whose ranks they all must one day come, though he hoped not as applicants for charity, were deserving of their warmest consideration. He hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would not call them till they had fulfilled their duty; but while they were here let them do all they possibly could for the cause of Charity, so that Freemasonry might still hold its pre-eminent position amongst the benevolent institutions of the world. Bro. W. Cubitt in returning thanks said he had been a member of the Lodge of Confidence for eleven years, and although hitherto he had no desire to take office, lately he had been most anxious to do so. It would be his most earnest study to work himself up in the various degrees, so that when he at length reached the chair he might be able satisfactorily to discharge the duties of that high and responsible position. Bro. W. Saint said no one could appreciate more than he did the assistance and attention he had received from the Officers of the Lodge, who had encouraged him to take the position he now held. He trusted he had so far profited by their instruction as to satisfy the brethren, for it was the association with the Officers and initiation into the working of Masonic duties that impelled him to use every exertion in his power to make himself a fit and proper person to fill the chair, should he ever attain to it. Bro. Nightingale endorsed the sentiments expressed by his brother Officers with regard to the Charities; seeing the large number of deserving applicants for the benefits of the Institutions compared with the small number of vacancies, there ought to be an effort made to strengthen the hands of the executive, and thus enable them to enlarge the sphere of their usefulness and beneficence. Bro. H. Morris also briefly acknowledged the compliment, and the list was concluded with the Tyler's toast. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened with some excellent songs and recitations, amongst the latter of which "The Charge of the Light Brigade," by Bro. Smither, was much appreciated.

PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 487.

THERE was a good muster of members of the ancient Craft on Thursday, the 9th inst., to witness the Installation of the W.M. Bro. W. M. Outridge. The ceremony was ably and impressively performed by Bro. Palsgrave W.M. Subsequently the retiring W.M. Bro. R. W. Beale was presented by the W.M. on behalf of the Lodge, with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in token of the members' appreciation of his valuable services to the Lodge, and of the able manner in which he had discharged his duties during his year of office. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as under:—Bros. R. W. Beale I.P.M., H. P. Holley S.W., F. H. de Rheims J.W., H. Treadingham Treasurer, J. Thackara Secretary, W. E. Bond Assistant Secretary, Cowd S.D., G. E. Cousens J.D., W. Shotter I.G., Meredith and Ray M.C.'s, G. Pearman Organist, G. Bevis and Hill Stewards. At the banquet, which was served by Brother W. Maybour, of Portsea, the usual toasts were given. Bro. R. J. Rastrick P.G. Treas. responded for the Prov. G.M. and his Officers.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Fredk. J. Hontsch W.M., W. W. Morgan S.W., T. H. Peirce J.W., Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. P.M. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, H. Martin S.D., E. Thring J.D., Thos. Crapper I.G., A. Withers P.M. M.C., Alfred Green P.M. W.S., E. L. Pembroke Organist, and C. T. Speight Tyler. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and Brothers Bennett, Lindfield and Goodall, candidates for raising, were examined and entrusted. These brethren then retired, and the Lodge was opened in the third degree. The candidates were severally readmitted, and raised to the sublime degree, the W.M. conducting the work in an eminently satisfactory way. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees, and other matters of business having received attention, was closed, and the meeting adjourned till the second Tuesday in April.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 17th MARCH.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8.
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1634—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

MONDAY, 19th MARCH.

1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerks, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
336—York, Masonic Hall, York
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge
406—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 462—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury.
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 20th MARCH.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Anne's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1006—Treguliow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1069—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

WEDNESDAY, 21st MARCH.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1593—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
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380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

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1139—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1306—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1318—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1346—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1391—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 632—Harmony, Trowbridge
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth

THURSDAY, 22nd MARCH.

8—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
65—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green at 7 (Instruction)
1237—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1431—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1860—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
349—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
446—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
504—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
936—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
1135—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1636—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1692—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley
K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 23rd MARCH.

60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
653—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1148—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1262—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 24th MARCH.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1631—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—At the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., on Wednesday last, Bros. Gieseke W.M., Patrick S.W., Young J.W., Clark S.D., Sergeant J.D., Leoffler I.G., Millington Secretary; also Bros. Rowe, Wright, Andrews. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Brother Rowe candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Brother Clark. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Gieseke answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Gieseke candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Patrick was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting was held on Monday evening, 5th instant, at Brother McDiarmaid's, the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughborough-junction. Bros. Sherring W.M., Wood S.W., Banks J.W., McKinlay Secretary, Harvey S.D., Price J.D., Johnson Preceptor, Wesley I.G.; also Bros. Stevens P.M., Brown, Perkins, &c. The business comprised the working of the second and third sections of the first lecture, and the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Perkins as candidate. A ballot took place, which is the second since the Lodge was formed, when Bro. Long, of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, was the successful member. Previous to the brethren separating, the usual harmony meeting was held. This Lodge works under the Preceptorship of Bro. Johnson, a careful expounder of the ritual, and visitors always receive a cordial welcome.

On Monday last, Bros. Wood W.M., Banks S.W., Harvey J.W., McDiarmaid Treasurer, McKinley Secretary, Westley S.D., Johnson Preceptor, Hood J.D., Carnock I.G.; Bros. Bellis, Sherring, Taffs, Littlewood, Warren, Martin, Hampton, Chambers, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Bellis candidate. Lodge resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Bellis worked the first, and Bro. Sherring the second section of the lecture.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—The last meeting of the second session of the above Lodge was held on Monday, the 12th instant, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. The attendance of the brethren was good. Present—Bros. Taplin W.M., Brooks S.W., Nicholson J.W., Bailey S.D., Fleming J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler, Coombes P.M. Preceptor, and others. After the usual formalities, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Rowles (W.M. elect of the mother Lodge) being the candidate. Bro. Brooks S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. There being £5 5s in hand, a ballot was taken under Rule 3 of the Lodge, which provides "that the subscribing members who may have attended or subscribed to at least two-thirds of the meetings during the accumulation of the sum shall be entitled to participate in the ballot, while any member who may previously have obtained a ballot through this Lodge of Instruction shall not be eligible to participate in the succeeding ballots until all the subscribing members have become Life Subscribers to one or more of the Charities." Brother Brooks Secretary reported that the following were eligible, viz.:—Bros. Cotton, Phillips, Nicholson, Rowles, Taplin, and Brooks. The Worshipful Master conducted the ballot, assisted by his Deacons, when it was drawn in favour of Bro. Brooks Secretary. This finished the business of the second session, which, altogether, has been very satisfactory. Lodge was closed and adjourned until Monday, 3rd September.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No 860.—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. There were present Bros. Glass W.M., Christian S.W., Begg J.W., Bunker S.D., Gray J.D., Hassell I.G., Carr Secretary, Wardell P.M. acting Preceptor; also Bros. Ames, Smyth, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ames candidate. Bro. Smyth offered himself as candidate for passing, and was interrogated. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Smyth was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was called off, and resumed its Masonic duties by Bro. Christian giving the lecture on tracing board. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Hassell was elected a member. Bro. Christian was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, the 14th instant. Bros. R. Dowsett W.M., Blackwell I.P.M., W. Ridley S.W., Hawkes J.W., Ivey P.M. Secretary, Hickie Organist, Prickett S.D., Ravenscroft J.D., Rhind I.G., Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bro. W. Ferguson, F. J. Pulley, B. C. Hurley; Bros. Bailey, Coates, Slaughter, Weatherhead, Knight, Creed, Greenaway, Sands. Visitors—Bro. Withers J.W. 414, Tarrant 1158, F. J. Ferguson W.M. 414. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. James Sparrow, who was elected. Bro. B. W. Bennett, a candidate for passing to the second degree, gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency in the first degree, was entrusted and retired. Bro. Bennett was admitted and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The W.M. gave the charge in the second degree most correctly. The Lodge was closed to the first degree. The Secretary announced he had received a letter from the Provincial Grand Secretary, enquiring to which of the Charities the vote of five guineas was to be appropriated. The I.P.M. moved that the sum be given to the R.M.I.G., and added to the list of the W.M., who would represent the Lodge at the next Festival of that Institution. The I.P.M. also gave notice of motion, "That the sum of ten guineas from the funds of this Lodge be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that the same be added to the list of the W.M." The W.M. returned thanks for the kindness of the brethren, and expressed the hope that his list would be equal to those of his predecessors. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in antient form and adjourned.

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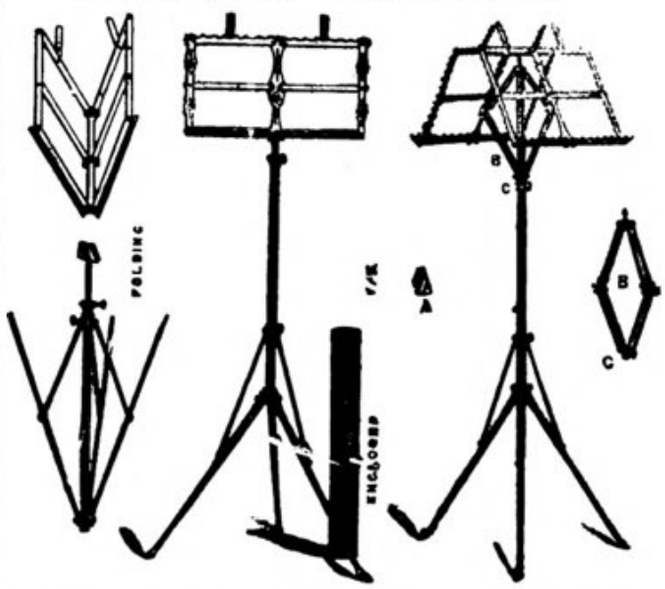

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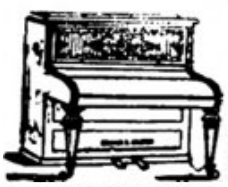

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THE BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

RESUMING our remarks in reference to the candidates for the coming April Elections of the Masonic Educational Institutions, we this week have before us the list for the Boys' School. As usual with this Charity, the number of candidates is far in excess of the vacancies it has been found possible to declare, there being sixty-five of the former—reduced to sixty-four by the removal from the competition of No. 60, T. F. Musgrave, who, as is stated on the ballot paper, was withdrawn on the 24th January last—and only twelve of the latter. We thus have an average of between five and six candidates for each vacancy, and may therefore look forward to an exciting election, followed, as usual, with feelings of disappointment for many a poor widow and her friends.

Glancing at the list of candidates generally, we find the same fault we have from time to time pointed out in connection with the details given in regard to the several candidates. There are cases of both parents still living, and of others with the father alive, without any reason being assigned for the appeal which is now being made to the general body of subscribers to the School, and in some of the cases where the father yet lives, he is described as W.M. of his Lodge; this description, however, we think must be a mistake, and yet, having referred to it on a previous occasion, we should have thought steps might have been taken, either by the parties concerned, or by the authorities, to put the matter right, and describe the respective fathers as P.M., if they hold that rank, rather than as W.M., a position which is hardly consistent with an appeal to one or other of the Charities. There are also rumours that one at least of the candidates is so circumstanced as to be outside the limits of eligibility so far as our idea of need of assistance is concerned, but as we do not think any good can come from a repetition of mere "rumours," we shall not mention the particular case until we are in a position to place facts before our readers, and this we hope to be able shortly to do.

The election will take place on Monday, 16th April, and, as we have already stated, there are sixty-four candidates for twelve vacancies. Of this number thirteen are "last applications," and, together with the cases of six other lads who are parentless, will first receive attention at our hands on the present occasion.

No. 41, H. E. Hippey, from a general point of view, seems to be the most deserving case on the list. He is one of four children dependent on comparative strangers for the necessaries of life, his father and mother being both dead. He now appeals for the last time, by reason of his age, at which he will be eligible. It can hardly be necessary to give elaborate details of such a case, for surely the fact of a parentless child making a last application is about as urgent a case as could be imagined. His father was a member of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxfordshire, and the lad now comes forward, for the second time, with a total of 527 votes to his credit. It is to be hoped that a strong body of friends will rally around him on the 16th proximo. No. 39, A. K. Bowes, son of the late Bro. John Bowes, of Lodge No. 148, West Lancashire, now appears on the list of candidates for the second time, with a total of 2,404 votes to his credit from October last, a state of affairs which must be looked upon as a mark of the respect in which his late father was held by his brother Masons. There is little doubt but that sufficient votes will be polled next month to ensure young Bowes's election. No. 16, A. H. Botting, one of two fatherless children, follows close, so far as number of votes in hand is concerned, there being a total of 2,388 to his credit, but they are the accumulation of three previous Elections. We hope, now that the last chance has come for this lad, that an effort will be made which will render his election a certainty. No. 3, G. W. K. Hill, who is one of six children dependent on a widowed mother, now applies for the seventh time, and large as his total number of votes in hand may seem—1,830—it is clear that a very strong effort will have to be made to prevent those already polled being wasted. That a lad after polling so large a number as 1,830 votes should fail on his seventh and last application would indeed be a misfortune, and we trust it may be prevented on the present occasion. Of the other last application cases, those which—by results at previous elections—give some idea of the amount of support that can be relied on on their behalf, appear to stand but poor chances of success, the number of votes already polled not exceeding 400 in either of the seven cases so circumstanced, while in three of them the totals are under 100. No. 14, E. H. Simpson, one of five fatherless children, after three elections has 396 votes to the good; No. 2, E. Farrar, after six attempts, has 291; No. 32, T. Woodward, third application, has 215; and No. 6, J. W. Long, after five contests has but 154. The three whose totals are under 100 are, No. 7, Frederick Pudney, who now appears for the fifth time, with 97 votes in hand; No. 1, James Collinson, who has but 69 from his six previous attempts; and No. 36, W. Benj. Townsend, who polled 9 in October last. These, with No. 45, H. Bray, and No. 49, E. A. Whiting, both first applications, close the list of last application cases. The former is one of six children left to the care of the widow of a Kentish brother, while the latter is one of a family of eight whose father was a member of a Warwickshire Lodge. We cannot close this list of last chances without again drawing the attention of brethren to the cruelty they inflict on those in distress by holding out hopes of relief; and, once having got a case on the list of candidates, allowing it to take its own course. It may not be that all the cases we have referred to as having no chance of success have been neglected, but it is very certain some of them have; and we again condemn most strongly the action of those brethren who recommend an application being made to the School without there being some reasonable prospect of ultimate success.

There are six cases in which the applicants have lost both father and mother, beyond the one already referred to, three now appearing on the list for the first time. No. 15, A. W. Wyatt, after three applications, appears with a total of 354 votes to his credit. He is one of four children still dependent on their friends for support; he has a sister in the Girls' School, and we trust will himself secure a place on the list of successful candidates at no distant date.

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No. 22, R. A. Sykes, appears to be an only child of a late member of St. John Lodge, No. 104, and now appears for the third time, with 329 votes to his credit; while No. 43, T. E. Pawsey, who was a candidate in October last, and is one of five parentless children, has not yet polled any votes. No. 55, F. A. Herring, No. 56, H. R. Graves, and No. 62, W. E. Habgood, the remaining three parentless cases, are all first applications. Herring and Habgood are described as the only dependent children; and Graves, one of five dependent; but we believe there is an error in Herring's case, as there are three children of the late Bro. Herring still living, the one for whom admission to the Boys' School is being sought being the only one dependent on an uncle, who has kindly taken charge of him.

No. 12, C. J. Crow, has 2,460 votes in hand from four previous attempts, and stands, we think, a fair chance of success at at early date; he is one of two dependent children. No. 30, H. H. Tustin, who has made two previous trials, comes next, with 2,382 votes in hand. He and three other children are dependent on a widowed mother for support. She must possess a strong circle of friends to have realised so large a total in so short a time. Next in order, as regards votes in hand, comes No. 8, C. E. Stewart, who has 1,979, the result of four previous contests; he and four other children are dependent. No. 5, W. B. Stanford, sixth application, has secured 1,873 votes, and, as one of three children of a late member of Friendship Lodge, No. 100, still appeals to the brethren of Norfolk for their proxies. No. 11, G. C. Willett, an only child dependent on the widow of a late menber of Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, has secured 1,751 votes at the last four elections, and will doubtless be carried in ere the age limit puts a stop to further applications being made on his behalf. No. 33, F. B. Salter, who is also an only child relying on a widowed mother, likewise stands a good chance, having had a total of 1,621 votes polled on his behalf in October last. No. 31, F. C. V. Basham, third application, and one of a family of five, has 1,347 votes in hand. No. 10, F. F. Skelton, has a sister in the Girls' School; he and six other children are still dependent on a widowed mother, who thus far has been able to collect 1,021 votes on behalf of her son, who now comes forward for the fifth time. The remaining candidates who have taken part in previous elections have each under 1000 votes in hand, the totals ranging from 940 in the case of No. 25, to two in that of No. 42.

No. 35, R. Beaumont, and No. 54, F. B. Bailey, are each members of families of ten where the father and mother are both living; the former has made one previous application, when 109 votes were recorded on his behalf; the latter is a new case. The remarks we have previously made, as regards lack of information, applies to these cases, unless large families are to be considered as rendering an applicant eligible. We have no doubt that some other reason does exist; but why not state it to the Masonic world? No. 4, C. P. Liversedge, is one of nine children dependent on the widow of a late member of Sir Watkin Lodge, No. 1477 (North Wales and Salop); he has stood five previous elections, and has 655 votes to the good. We should like to see the Institution in a position to relieve the widow of the charge of one of her large family, without the trouble of election; but, alas! that is not possible. No. 63, B. M. Hildred, and seven other children, form the family which the widow of a late member of Harmony Lodge, No. 272, has dependent on her. The husband having been a Past Provincial Officer of Lincolnshire, his child will, we hope, receive support at the hands of the brethren of that Province.

We have now gone half through the list, having referred to 32 of the cases. Of the remainder, 20 have made previous attempts, while 13 are new applications. The families of which these candidates are members range from seven children downwards. We think it best to leave our review of these cases until next week, at the same time we know there may be many equally, if not more deserving, than those we have already referred to.

The Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., has fixed Saturday, the 7th of April, for the constitution of the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport. Brother J. R. Hayman P.M., P.G. Registrar, is the W.M. designate.

THE WOLSELEY LODGE AND "TEMPERANCE."

WE published last week, which from the light it throws on the constitution of the new Lodge about to be consecrated in Manchester, on Wednesday next, the 28th inst., under the style and title of the Wolseley Lodge No. 1993, and the proceedings adopted by the "W.M. elect," with a view, apparently, to securing an unusually large attendance on the occasion, demands some serious consideration. Our correspondent's story is briefly this: The Wolseley Lodge is to be governed by "Temperance," which he not unreasonably interprets as "Teetotal" principles. To this point of itself he raises no objection. Assuredly, no harm is likely to befal Freemasonry because the members of a certain Lodge are prepared to carry one particular form of temperance to an extreme. But, says the writer of the letter in question, a circular "has been lent me by a friend, who received it in his official capacity as the Master of a Provincial Lodge, which meets in a pretty little town, not fifty miles distant from the Metropolis. He is not aware that he is indebted for the circular to any acquaintance with either the W.M. elect or the Provisional Secretary of the Lodge that is to be. Indeed, the fact of the circular being printed, and addressed to the 'W.M or Sec. of the Masonic Lodge at '——, has induced him and me to suppose that copies of it have been issued broadcast, for what purpose we are not, as a matter of course, in a position to state precisely, though both of us seem to be of the opinion that it is not exactly in accordance with Masonic usage or custom." Here again the inference drawn is not unreasonable. People will not be at the trouble and expense of having circulars printed unless they are to be circulated pretty freely, except, indeed, they take the form of Lodge Summonses, the numbers of which are regulated by the number of members belonging to the several Lodges. But obviously this is not the case in the present instance, in which we have evidence of a circular having been addressed to the Master or Secretary of a Masonic Lodge in his official instead of his individual capacity, the name and abode of the addressee being unknown to the brother sending it. That invitations should be sent to distinguished members of the Craft, such as Grand Officers of England, Grand Officers of the Province in which the proposed Lodge is situated, to the Masters, Officers and members of the recommending Lodge, as well as to the Charter members and to the brethren who have expressed a wish to become joining members, that all these should be sent by command of the W.M. designate, is only in accordance with Masonic custom, but that brethren from a distance, who are strangers and can have only a general interest in the event, especially in the circumstances attending the establishment and operations of this particular Lodge, is, to say the least, most unusual. As well might the W.M. Designate have directed his provisional Secretary to insert a series of advertisements in the London and Provincial papers, inviting the presence of all brethren desirous of taking part in the ceremony.

Our correspondent goes on to describe the contents of the Circular, which, after stating when and by whom the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be performed, adds that "Bro. Lord Wolseley, in addition to a large number of noble and distinguished brethren (including G. Lodge Officers and Rulers of the Craft) has consented to be present;" and that, at a certain hour after the ceremony, a banquet will be held in a certain Hall, "the tickets for which will be One Guinea each," proceeds to intimate that, if the W.M. or Secretary to whom the circular is addressed, and other members of his Lodge are desirous of attending, he will be pleased to fill up the blank spaces in the form provided, furnish the names and Masonic rank of intending visitors, with the number of their respective Lodges, and enclose cheque or P.O. Order for the price of the tickets required, to which is added, "no application can be entertained after March 21st."

The writer having thus—only more fully—described the circular, devotes the rest of his letter to the expression of sundry objections to the course of proceeding adopted, and here again we are bound to say there is nothing unreasonable in his propositions, be they taken singly or together. These propositions are necessarily conjectural, because, as he remarked at the outset, neither he nor the friend who lent him the circular could state

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the precise object with which it was issued; nevertheless, they will bear examination. In the first place, he argues there is nothing unusual about the consecration of a new Lodge, that is to say, nothing so unusual as to induce outside brethren to contribute, as in this instance, a guinea each towards the banquet, and incur the expenses of travelling to and from Manchester in order to witness it. Then he suggests that, as the Wolseley Lodge is to be conducted on "Temperance," by which he supposes is meant "Teetotal," principles, perhaps its W.M. Designate may be "desirous of making the Consecration of his new Lodge an occasion for disseminating 'teetotal principles,'" and he adds, "If this is the idea which led to the issue of these circulars, I can only say it is distinctly opposed to the spirit of Freemasonry, which absolutely prohibits our Lodges from being made arenas for the discussion of political and religious questions." We think our readers will agree with us that no reasonable exception can be taken to this line of argument. If his conjecture falls through, the argument based on it disappears likewise; but if the former can be established, the latter follows.

Again, as to the issue of the circulars, which he points out must find their way into the hands of teetotallers and non-teetotallers indiscriminately; he states the case very fairly when he says: "If Bros. A, B, and C, who are not teetotallers, accept the invitation, and each pays his guinea towards the banquet, will they be denied their 'modest quenchers,' because an apostle of teetotalism in the person of the W.M. is in the chair, and sundry of his disciples are at the festive board? If they are so denied, the teetotal doctrine is being forced upon them, while, if an exception is made in their favour, and the wine is forthcoming, then the temperance—that is, teetotal—principles, about which all this fuss is being made, are being lost sight of. The Lodge will be like any other Masonic Lodge, the members of which, and the visitors to which, are at liberty to drink wine or not, as it suits them." There is no escaping from the horns of this dilemma, nor, we may add, is he a whit less effective when he points out that the charge of a guinea per head for a "temperance" banquet is a very remarkable illustration of "intemperate" expenditure.

He sums up his case in a manner void of all offence, yet very forcibly. "The proceedings in connection with the Wolseley Lodge have been, in my humble judgment, a mistake throughout. It was tantamount to casting a slight on the Craft, when it was announced as a Temperance Lodge, as though temperance were a virtue unknown to or unrespected by Masons. It was a great mistake to puff far and wide the association of Lord Wolseley's name with the Lodge; I do not wish to suggest anything un-Masonic, but censorious people might say it was done to make capital—I do not mean, of course, pecuniary capital—out of the connection; but the crowning mistake of all is the issue of this circular of invitation, as though the Lodge were trading for outside encouragement of its so-called 'temperance' principles."

We can see no objection to the establishment of one or more teetotal Lodges—should we visit one, however, we shall hope to have our views about what constitutes temperance respected, and to see the modest glass of ale or wine forthcoming, when needed. There are already several class Lodges, and one more or less can make no difference. But even though, to use a familiar expression, we may be crying out before we are hurt, we must strenuously protest against the establishment of any class Lodge, if there is the slightest chance of its being made a means for the dissemination of its peculiar class ideas. The essential principle of Freemasonry is freedom. The discussion of religious and political questions is forbidden at our meetings, but a Mason must have in him enough of political feeling to compel respect for the established laws and institutions of the country to which he belongs or in which he is residing. He must likewise be impressed with just so much of the religious sense as to recognise the existence of a Supreme Being and a future state. He is also required to practise and uphold the principles of morality. But the discussion of, or any attempt to discuss in any assembly of Masons, what is the most acceptable form of religion, morality, or politics, is forbidden, and the members of the Wolseley Lodge, however enthusiastic as teetotalers, will have to bear this in mind in the conduct of their Lodge.

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JOAN OF ARC.

CONFLICTING TESTIMONY ABOUT HER HAVING BEEN BURNT.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

ON one side, hundreds of historians and historical writers inform us that Joan of Arc was burnt in 1431. Even the eighth edition of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" and Appleton's new "Encyclopædia" do not intimate the existence of a doubt about it. On the other hand, I find the following in Brewer's "Dictionary of Phrase and Fable":—

M. Octave Delepierre has published a pamphlet called "Doute Historique," to deny the tradition that Joan of Arc was burnt at Rouen for sorcery. He cites a document discovered by Father Vignier, in the seventeenth century, in the archives of Metz, to prove that she became the wife of Sieur des Armoise, with whom she resided at Metz, and became the mother of a family. Vignier found in the muniment chest the contract of marriage between "Robert des Armoise, knight, and Jeanne D'Arcy, surnamed the Maid of Orleans." In 1740 there were were found in the archives of Maison de Ville (Orleans), records of several payments to certain messengers from Joan to her Brother John, bearing dates 1435 and 1436. There is also an entry of a presentation from the council of the city to the maid, for her services at the siege (date 1439). M. Delepierre brought forward a host of other documents to corroborate the same fact, and show that the tale of her martyrdom was invented to throw odium on the English.

As neither the original documents above referred to, nor Delepierre's pamphlet, were accessible to me, and I could not, therefore, know what "the host of other documents" amounted to, I looked, therefore, into the latest edition of Chambers' (Edinburgh) "Encyclopædia," wherein I found both versions—viz., that Joan *was* and *was not* burnt; the latter version winds up with references to the following works: "See Quicherat's "*Condemnation et Rehabilitation de Jeanne d'Arc*" (1850), Delepierre's "*Doute Historique*" (1855), Wallon's "*Jeanne d'Arc*" (1867), and Molandon's "*Premiere Expedition de J.*" (1874).

In Knight's English "Encyclopædia" (article Arc) both sides are also given. It is more full and exhaustive than in Chambers'. It refers to a work by Chaussard, which enumerates upwards of four hundred works, either expressly devoted to Joan's life, or including her history; and it adds: In Shakespeare's Henry VI. we find the proper English view of her character, mingled with a higher estimate than belongs to the chronicles of the period." With upwards of four hundred authorities affirming that she was burnt, and Shakespeare's in the bargain, it is no wonder that the writers for the above-named Encyclopædias did not dare to commit themselves to either side of the question, and thus left us in doubt about it. I have, however, found an old authority, not mentioned or referred to in the above-named works, which I think will confirm the statement of Delepierre that Joan of Arc was not burnt.

Every one at all familiar with Montaigne's "Essays" must admit that the author was well acquainted with classical, ecclesiastical and mediæval literature and history. Joan of Arc is said to have been burnt in 1431. Montaigne was born in 1533. He acquired a love of reading when he was seven years old. One so predisposed, we may naturally assume, was acquainted with the history of his own country when he was twenty years of age, or at least he must have been familiar with an event which took place in 1431—only one hundred and twenty-two years previous. I say only, because it is not impossible that men were then living whose grandfathers may have remembered Joan of Arc, for instance. My own grandfather told me that he remembered the Gordon riots in London, in 1780, and he must have been then at least twenty-five years of age. About thirty-five years ago I was introduced to Mr. Henry Purkitt, who, at the age of seventeen, took part in throwing the tea overboard in Boston harbour in 1773. The period of a hundred and twenty-two years can therefore be bridged over, as it were, by two or three individuals. The traditions and history of such a person as Joan of Arc, who saved France from subjection to a foreign yoke, could not have been obliterated, or very much altered in France *itself*, within a period of a hundred and two years. If Joan had been burnt Montaigne would surely have been acquainted with the fact.

In 1580 Montaigne travelled through France, Switzerland, Germany and Italy, visiting especially those localities which were connected with historic events. In every place he came to he diligently questioned the innkeeper, the priest, the schoolmaster, &c., about the antiquities that might be found in the neighbourhood, such as old churches, old ruins, old monuments, old inscription, &c., also about the floating legends and traditions thereabout; and all that he heard or saw he carefully recorded in his diary. Judging from Montaigne's writings, he must be regarded as a faithful narrator. I cannot, therefore, believe him guilty of inventing fiction, or of omitting facts.* Besides, I can conceive no possible motive for his doing either in the case of Joan of Arc. Now, among other places, Montaigne visited the birthplace of Joan, wherein her memory was cherished, and legends about her must have abounded. Had the story of her tragic end been true, it would have been known to the people of her birthplace, and Montaigne, if he had not previously known it, would have learned it there. The following extract from Montaigne's diary will, however, show just what he knew about Joan of Arc:—

Domremy, on the Meuse, three leagues from Vancouleur, where was born the famous Maid of Orleans, whose name was Joan d'Aoq, or de Arcis. Her descendants were ennobled by the royal favour, and we were shown the arms which the king gave them. Azure, a

* For the character of Montaigne and his writings I refer the reader to Hallam's "Literature of the Middle Ages."

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straight sword, a crown and handle of gold, and two *fleur-de-lis* at the side of the sword, of which a receiver of Vancouleur gave M de Caselis a painted copy. The front of the small house in which she was born is covered with representations of her different exploits, but time has greatly defaced the painting. There is also a tree with a vine up it, which is called the "Maid's tree;" but there is nothing else remarkable about it.—*Montaigne's Essays, by William Hazlitt, printed by William Amies, Philadelphia. Page* 557.

From the above we can reasonably infer, first, that in 1580 Montaigne was ignorant of the legend of Joan's martyrdom; second, that the inn-keeper, the priest, the schoolmaster, and the people generally of Joan's birthplace, were also ignorant of the said martyrdom. Third, the painter of "her different exploits," and those who engaged him to paint (which must have been done many years previous to Montaigne's visit to Domremy), must also have been ignorant of the *burning* legend. And, fourth, the diary not only furnishes negative evidence, but positive evidence too. Montaigne's allusion to Joan's *descendants*, fully confirms Delepierre's statement about her marriage; for, as no one ever disputed Joan's chastity, her descendants were doubtless legitimately begotten.

The legend of Joan's martyrdom probably originated in the brain of a wandering minstrel or troubadour, who turned it into a song, which Shakespeare, or some earlier dramatic writer wove into the play of Henry VI., which a subsequent historian embodied into a history, and which hundreds of other historical writers have since then copied and embellished in good faith, each according to his own bias or notion.

Obituary.

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BRO. WILLIAM H. JONES.

THE death is announced of Bro. William H. Jones, who was recently one of the lessees of the Alexandra Palace, and also of Covent Garden Theatre during the Autumn Series of Promenade Concerts. The unfortunate effects of bad weather on the former undertaking, resulting in the failure of the lessees some months since, and the consequent excitement and anxiety acting on a somewhat nervous temperament, doubtless brought about the attack of heart disease from which Bro. Jones had been confined to his room for some days past, and from which he expired on Saturday morning, at the early age of thirty-nine. Previous to his connection with the Alexandra Palace he had been many years before the public, first as assistant in the management of the Crystal Palace, Sydenham; afterwards as manager of, and subsequently partner in, the firm of C. T. Brock and Co., the pyrotechnists, whom he represented in India for the rejoicings during the Prince of Wales's tour. His loss will be very deeply felt by his widow and family, as well as by a large number of sympathising friends. Bro. Jones was initiated in the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, on the 28th March 1881.

Mr. J. G. Chambers, editor of *Land and Water*, and proprietor of the Lillie Bridge Grounds, was buried on Thursday, 8th inst., in Brompton Cemetery, in the presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives, assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory. Many of our readers must be well aware that Mr. Chambers had been for many years past a conspicuous figure in the world of sport. His proprietorship of the Lillie Bridge Grounds gave him opportunities such as fall to the lot of few to promote healthy and honourable sport, and it is no mere figure of speech to say that he made the most of those opportunities. He set his face most decidedly against everything that had even the semblance of being of a questionable character, and by his invariably upright and honourable conduct he did more than any other man of his time to elevate the tone of athleticism. Mr. Chambers was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, and during his University career rowed two consecutive years against Oxford. In the days when Mr. Goldie, as stroke of the Cambridge eight, succeeded in turning the tables on the Dark Blues, and wresting from them the victory which had been theirs during so many successive years, Mr. Chambers acted as coach to the Light Blue Crews, and to him therefore necessarily belongs a large share of the honour then gained by his University. He was also a great encourager of Brother Captain Webb, of Channel fame; in short, whether it was rowing, cricket, hunting, shooting, football, or other sport, Mr. Chambers's help was sure to be forthcoming, so long as everything was honourable and straightforward. It will be a long time before we look upon his like again, for energy, activity, and zeal, combined with thorough practical and theoretical experience, as a genuine all round sportsman.

NEW ZEALAND.

ST. ANDREW LODGE, No. 418 S.C.

AT the regular monthly communication of St. Andrew Lodge, held at Auckland, New Zealand, on 12th January, the principal business was the installation of Officers for the ensuing year. There was a fair attendance of members, and a number of visiting brethren were present to take part in the proceedings and offer their congratulations. Amongst the visitors were Bros. the Rev. C. M. Nelson P.M. Prince of Wales, Munro P.M. Rodney, E. Richards Rodney, Kitt W.M. Eden, and other representatives of city, suburban, and country Lodges. A number of apologies were received, amongst others from Bro. G. P. Pierce R.W.M. I.C., and the Masters, Past Masters, and Officers of various Lodges who were unable to attend owing to ill health or other causes. Bro. Malcolm Nicoll officiated as Installing Master, and having re-obligated the R.W.M. Bro. Salter, the latter proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. R. B. Symons D.M., J. F. Bulford J.W., T. Ellison P.M. Treasurer, R. Knight Secretary, J. Robson S.D., W. H. Clarke J.D., Williams and McQuarrie Senior Stewards, A. J. Fisher I.G., Captain Tonge Tyler. Brother R. Kaye S.W. elect was not invested, owing to his absence from the colony as mail agent, and Bro. the Rev. F. Gould, Chaplain elect, was also absent. Brother Dr. Walker was invested as Organist, and conducted the musical portion of the ceremony. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet in the banquet room of the hall. The R.W.M. presided, and was supported on his right by the D.M. and Brother Munro P.M. Rodney Lodge, and on the left by Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson P.M. Prince of Wales E.C. An excellent spread was provided by Bro. McEwen, and ample justice was done to it. After the cloth was cleared, the Chairman, calling on the brethren to charge their glasses, proposed the toast of The Queen and Craft. This was followed by the toasts of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. of England, Earl of Mar and Kelley M.W.G.M. of Scotland, and Duke of Abercorn M.W.G.M. of Ireland. These toasts were responded to with Masonic honours, and appropriate musical selections. Bro. Hitchins, who occupied the vice chair, proposed the toast of the Provincial and District Grand Lodges of New Zealand. He referred to the unity which bound the three Constitutions together here, and the good feeling which had always prevailed. Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson responded on behalf of the Very Worshipful Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge E.C., Brother Graham. He was sorry Bro. Graham was not present. The reason probably that so many were absent that night was, that so many occasions of this sort had occurred recently that brethren could not attend them all. He thanked them heartily for the manner in which they had drunk the toast of the District Grand Master's health. He was sorry they now saw so little of him, on account of his residence in Wellington, but that he was a good Mason they all knew. Brother Nelson then referred to the benefits which had accrued to Masonry here since the establishment of the D.G. Lodge of England and the P.G. Lodge of Scotland. Some thought there was only room for one P.G. Lodge, but since the establishment of the other two, there had been created a generous rivalry which livened them up, and they all worked amicably together; and long might it so remain. Brother W. Robinson responded on behalf of Brother the Hon. F. Whitaker P.G.M., and for the P.G. Lodge S.C. The toast of the Masters of Auckland Lodges was proposed by Bro. Munro, and responded to by Brother Kitt, W.M. of Eden Lodge. Brother the Rev. C. M. Nelson, in proposing the toast of the evening, The W.M. of Lodge St. Andrew, said he felt honoured in being called upon to propose this toast. They were met to do honour to the re-installation of Bro. Slator as W.M. of Lodge St. Andrew, and it afforded him the more pleasure to propose the toast, for Brother Slator was well known to him personally—perhaps longer known to him than to any one there that night. He had known Brother Slator since he came to the colony, and had the highest esteem for him in his private life, and although they worked under different Constitutions of Freemasonry, and did not meet perhaps so often as they ought, it gave him great pleasure to propose the toast. The position of Master of a Lodge was one of great honour. It was also one of great responsibility. It taxed the ability of the Master, and his patience, and it proved the man. It must be a matter of great congratulation to the W.M. to have been re-elected, and he heartily wished him and his Lodge a prosperous and successful year. Brother Slator, in responding, returned his hearty and heartfelt thanks for the manner in which the toast of his health had been responded to, and for the kindly way in which it had been proposed by his worthy and esteemed friend, Brother Nelson. He trusted he might deserve the good character given him by Bro. Nelson; at all events, he would endeavour to do so. No man was infallible, and he may have made mistakes, but he hoped the brethren would give him credit for trying to do his best for the benefit of St. Andrew's Lodge in particular, and Masonry in general. It was a great pleasure to him to do anything he could for Masonry. He liked his own Constitution best, probably because it was his mother Constitution, and he trusted they would have a flourishing year at St. Andrew's, and that the brethren would unite in furthering the interests of the Lodge and Masonry in general. He regretted there were so few Masters of Lodges present, but many of them had sent apologies. He again thanked them for the cordial and heartfelt manner in which they had responded to the toast of his health, and for the honourable position in which they had placed him as Master of the Lodge St. Andrew for the ensuing twelve months. It proved to him that anything he had done in the past year for the advancement and interest of the Lodge was appreciated. The toasts of the Installing Master, Visiting Brethren, and the Tyler's toast, "Poor and Distressed Brethren all over the World," followed. A very pleasant evening was spent. Dr. Walker presided at the piano. Numerous songs were sung and some recitations were given, and nothing was left wanting which could conduce to the enjoyment of those present.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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KENT LODGE, No. 15.

THE annual meeting of this ancient Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. A. Posener W.M., Hirst (W.M. elect) S.W., Stimson J.W., Sleeman P.M. Treasurer, Dukes P.M. Secretary, Legge S.D. Woolley J.D., James I.G., Pinder P.M. Steward; P.M.'s Wells, Ball, Ginman, Wharman, Martin and Barlow; also Bros. Posener, Wigglesworth, Goldberg, Tatton, Ball, Plummer, Cammell, Bithray, Potier, Bishop, Tucker, Ives, Crosse, Newell, Saunders. The Visitors' list was a large one, comprising several well-known exponents of the tenets of Freemasonry, amongst whom we may mention the following:—Bros. Sugg P.M. 452 P.P.G.O. Surrey; P.M.'s Fenner 1227 and 1693, Groom 861, Jacobs 1327, Johnson 861, Payn 201, Phillips 205, Southwood 1260, Waters 700, Fisher W.M. 1174; Bros. Ashton 1507, C. E. Botley and F. Botley 780, Bradgate 55, Child 453, Dixie 453, France 1986, Gibbs 1580, Glass 453, Gold 815, Greenfield 1602, C. F. Haines 1679, D. Haines 75, Hall 1307, Levatt 452, Monson jun. 1174, Norman 1920, Pipe 1306, Porter 11. Potts 1244, Robertson 1538, Seymour 1471, Shoobert 766, Smith 1076, Weeden 813, Wild 39, Williams 902, and Woodman 1950. Lodge was opened in regular form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Saunders, having given proof of his proficiency as F.C., was duly entrusted. Lodge was then advanced to the third, and Bro. G. T. Saunders was raised to the degree of M.M.; after which, Lodge being resumed to the first degree, Mr. C. R. Saunders (brother of the candidate named above), who was balloted for at a previous meeting, aws regularly initiated into Freemasonry. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, when the important feature of the day's proceedings was transacted—the installation of Bro. W. Hirst, who was presented by Bro. James Pinder P.M., and duly obligated by the W.M. All brethren below the degree then retired, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. W. Hirst was regularly installed into the chair of K.S. in a very excellent manner by Bro. W. P. Dukes. The W.M. invested Bro. Posener as I.P.M. and the brethren were re-admitted. They saluted the Master in the customary manner, after which the Bro. Hirst appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. Stimson S.W., T. W. Legge J.W., J. Sleeman P.M. Treasurer, W. P. Dukes P.M. Secretary, J. J. Woolley S.D., C. James J.D., J. A. Cammell I.G., A. Pritchard M.C., J. Pinder P.M. W.S. After which Bro. A. Posener delivered the addresses in a very excellent manner. The Auditor's report was received and adopted. The new Worshipful Master then, in the name of the Lodge, presented Brother A. Posener with a handsome Past Master's jewel, accompanying the presentation by a few kind remarks, adding that he would have more to say on the subject at the banquet table. After this Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a sumptuous banquet was provided, to which both members and visitors did ample justice. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. The I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the W.M., congratulated the brethren on the choice they had made; he believed the W.M. would fully justify their selection. In reply the W.M. begged to assure the brethren that he would do his best to maintain the integrity of Freemasonry. Having been elected W.M., he was pledged to support and uphold the dignity of the chair; so far as his year of office went he would strive to do so to the best of his ability. He assured them that his sole aim was to do the utmost that lay in his power for the welfare of his Lodge. The W.M. then, in a kindly speech, proposed the health of the I.P.M., which compliment was suitably responded to. The Initiate's toast came next, after which that of the Visitors was given, and responded to by the following:—Bros. Gold, Glass, Potts, Dixie, Groom, Greenfield, Botley and Fenner. The Past Masters' and Officers' toasts came next; each was ably responded to, and then the Tyler gave the parting toast, and the brethren separated, after having spent a very pleasant evening. We may mention that Bro. E. H. Sugg P.P.G.O. Surrey presided at the organ in Lodge; also at the piano after the banquet. The harmony of the evening was added to considerably by songs,—from Bros. Seymour, Pinder P.M., Monson, Newell and E. Woodman, while Bro. Robertson gave an excellent recitation.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 382.

CONSEQUENT upon the near approach of the Easter Holidays, and the unfavourable state of the weather, the installation meeting, on Monday, of this popular Lodge was not so well attended as is usually the case. However, amongst those who supported the Worshipful Master—Bro. J. Lonsdale—on this occasion were Bros. G. Fehrenbach P.M. Treasurer, W. Coombes P.M. P. Prov. G.S.B. Mddx. Sec., C. Russ P.M. Prov. G.P., E. C. Woodward P.M., W. Webb P.M., W. Cook P.M., G. Rowles S.W. and W.M. elect, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. F. Farrant 1158, H. M. Appleton 861, C. Sims 861, F. Bass 922, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211, T. H. Knight-Smith P.M. 1441, W. Clarke S.W. 141, Kenneth R. Montgomery J.D. 255, J. I. Cantle, A. Thomas, &c. Lodge was opened at 2.30, when the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Goodbun, a candidate for the second degree, underwent examination as to his proficiency and was entrusted. On his retiring from the Lodge, it was opened in the second degree, and the candidate was re-admitted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. In due course the W.M. elect was introduced and obligated, a Board of Installed Masters opened, and Bro. Rowles was placed in the chair of King Solomon. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted, and he then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Nicholson S.W., Cotton J.W., Fehrenbach P.M. Treas., W. Coombes P.M. P.G.S.B. Middlesex Sec., Hall S.D., Wilson J.D., Brooks I.G. and Almoner, Woodward P.M. M.C., Fleming Org., Taplin W.S., Lambert A.W.S., Duffin Tyler. Bro. Lonsdale, who had conducted the ceremonies of the day in a very creditable manner, then gave the addresses with great fervour, and took his seat amidst the congratulations of those present. The first duty of the new Master was to present his immediate predecessor with the Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted him at the last meeting. This is a very neat piece of workmanship, and bears the following inscription:—

Presented by the brethren of the Royal Union Lodge to Bro. J. T. Lonsdale P.M., in testimony of their appreciation of the zeal and ability displayed by him during the year he presided as Worshipful Master.—19th March 1883."

Brother Rowles, in making the presentation, assured Bro. Lonsdale that his services during the past year had won for him the respect and esteem of all the brethren, who trusted he might be able to attend the Lodge and give his valuable assistance for many years to come. The gift was briefly but warmly acknowledged by Bro. Lonsdale, and then the Auditors' report and accounts were presented. The balance sheet, as printed and distributed, was adopted. It showed a balance in favour of the Lodge, after £10 10s had been paid to the R.M.B.I., £5 5s to the "Coombes's Testimonial," with the customary payments to Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge, &c. &c. There were two propositions for candidates for initiation; several letters were read, amongst them being communications from the Prov. Grand Master Sir Francis Burdett, and Bro. Raymond Thrupp the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, both regretting their inability to be present on this occasion, while the latter promised to attend the next meeting of the Lodge. Amongst other features worthy of notice, we may mention that a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. P.M. Russ for the zeal with which he had carried out the wishes of the members in respect of Bro. Coombes's Testimonial, and then hearty good wishes having been tendered, Lodge was closed. The banquet was creditably and bountifully served by Bro. W. Phillips, mine host of the Chequers, and on the removal of the cloth, Bro. Rowles introduced the several toasts with commendable brevity. Bros. Coombes and Russ responded for the Prov. Grand Officers, and then Brother Lonsdale gave The Health of the Worshipful Master. The compliment was gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Rowles, who followed with that of the Past Masters, and fully recognised the zeal displayed by his immediate predecessor in the conduct of the business during his term of office, and paying him a deserved tribute for the way in which he had carried out the installation ceremony. The compliment paid him was modestly acknowledged by Bro. Lonsdale, who expressed the gratification it afforded him to know his efforts had met with the approval of the brethren of his Lodge. With the toast of the Masonic Institutions was associated the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan, one of the Visitors, who urged the Lodge to carry out the good work it had so well commenced this year—in subscribing £10 10s to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—by supporting the Scholastic Institutions. Brother Morgan forcibly urged the need there was to sustain these Institutions at their present standard, and we are gratified in being able to state that an esteemed Past Master of the Lodge, who has already made his mark as a supporter of the Institutions, expressed his willingness to subscribe an additional ten guineas to the R.M.I.G. The Officers were thanked for the way in which they had carried out their duties, and then the Tyler gave the parting toast.

The following programme of music was excellently carried through:—Grace, "For these and all thy mercies;" National Anthem, "God save the Queen"—solo, Bro. Arthur Thomas; Masonic Anthem, "God bless the Prince of Wales"—solo, Bro. J. Ion Cantle; Song, "Tell me, Mary," Bro. Knight Smith; Duet, "Excelsior," Bro. Arthur Thomas and J. Ion Cantle; Song, "The Friar of Orders Grey," Bro. J. Ion Cantle; Song, "Come into the Garden, Maud," Bro. Arthur Thomas; Duet, "The Moon has raised," Bros. Knight-Smith and J. Ion Cantle; Song, "The Gay Postillion" (with Post Horn and Whip obligato), Bro. Arthur Thomas; Song, "Little Grey Fat Man," Bro. J. Ion Cantle. Bro. Kendle, a most popular member of this Lodge, created roars of laughter by his inimitable rendering of the comic story of "Pat and his Guinea."

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 558.

ON Tuesday, the 6th inst., the members of this Lodge assembled at the Town Hall, Folkestone, for the purpose of installing Bro. George Lainson Hart as W.M. for the ensuing year, which ceremony was performed by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Wm. Francis jun., and at its conclusion the following Officers were invested:—Bros. W. Francis I.P.M., S. Joseph S.W., G. Harman J.W., A. H. Holbein P.M. Treasurer, James Kennett P.M. Secretary, G. I. Swoffer S.D., A. Petts J.D., F. Jarvis I.G., H. S. Roberts Org., and Job Baker Tyler. The report of the audit committee was received and adopted. At the conclusion of the Lodge business the brethren adjourned to the Pavilion Hotel, where the Installation banquet was partaken of. The newly installed W.M. presided, and there were present Bros. H. Stock P.M. P.P.Sup.W., J. Sherwood P.M. P.P.G.D., James Kennett P.M. P.P.G.O., O. H. Wagner P.P.G.J.W. (Herts), Francois Klatt P.M., A. H. Holbein P.M., W. Francis jun. I.P.M., S. Joseph, G. Harman, G. I. Swoffer, A. Petts, H. S. Roberts, R. Rhodes, W. Dunk, W. Goddard, W. Brooks, T. J. Harrison, J. Collens, G. Saxby, G. Taylor, D. P. W. Jones, and A. J. Crane, and the following from other Lodges: Bros. D. West W.M. 125, White W.M. 1436 P.P.G.P. Hants., T. H. Prescott W.M. 199, W. Oldfield W.M. 1208, T. J. Pulley P.M. 310, C. Gosby P.M. P.P.G.Sup.W. 1436, W. Amos P.M. 125, J. English P.P.G.Sup.W. 1437, F. Kelly 1436, Thos. Divers, S. J. Russell, J. W. Kennett Elliot, and Walter 125. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed in admirable terms, and duly honoured; after

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that of "The Masonic Charities," the Charity-box was passed round, and a sum amounting to upwards of £11 was subscribed in aid of the funds of these excellent institutions. The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Bro. H. S. Roberts, Bro. Rhodes coming specially for the occasion. Bros. W. Dunk, R. White and W. Francis also gave great pleasure by their services as vocalists.

WALLINGTON LODGE, No. 1892.

THIS admirably conducted Lodge held its second anniversary meeting on Thursday, the 15th instant, at the Public Hall, Carshalton. The Lodge was consecrated on the 15th of March 1881, by the popular Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, the Rev. C. W. Arnold Past Grand Chaplain, who was supported on the occasion by a large number of distinguished Craftsmen. Bro. Charles Sawyer was the first Worshipful Master, and under his direction the Lodge soon took a foremost place as regards the ability of its workers. In the second year of the Lodge's existence, it was under the direction of Bro. J. G. Horsey, who brought to bear on his Mastership the experience he gained as member of two other Lodges where he had filled the chair. The proceedings we are now about to chronicle were carried through most creditably, and the greatest satisfaction was expressed by all who assisted. Lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, under the presidency of Bro. J. G. Horsey, supported by his Officers, a large majority of the members, and the following Visitors:—C. Greenwood P.G.S.B. Prov. G.S.W. Surrey, W. W. Pritchett P.M. 1622, F. C. Pascatt W.M. 1790, F. G. Frost W.M. 1347 and 463, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, H. H. Ranson J.D. 1790, H. T. Potter P.M. 1347, H. J. Legg 263, E. Harlock 1601, R. Davies 1673, J. J. Taffs 186, A. Verdan 188, W. Gibbs P.M. 1387, H. T. Barnard 1815, J. D. Langton W.M. 1673, Archibald Currie 1733, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211, &c. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the principal feature on the agenda paper was the installation of Bro. William Pile. Accordingly Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Charles Sawyer P.M. In due course the obligation was administered, and Lodge was further advanced. A Board of Installed Masters then completed their part of the day's business, and the brethren were re-admitted and the W.M. was saluted. The Officers were appointed as follows:—Bros. John G. Horsey P.M. 1619 I.P.M., E. Dickman S.W., J. W. Baldwin J.W., W. R. Crowe P.M. 190 Treasurer, Leon A. Mesrouse P.M. 1238 Secretary, A. Bishop S.D., F. Carter J.D., C. Sawyer P.M. 1619 and 1892 M.C., W. Bassett Inner Guard, H. Aslett Organist, W. Harwood Wine Steward, A. Rowley Tyler. Bro. Horsey then, in admirable style, delivered the addresses, and thus ably completed his labours as Master. The first duty of the new W.M. was to present his predecessor with the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, a very neat and chaste emblem, which was admired by all present. This having been acknowledged by Bro. Horsey, several letters were read; one from Bro. Charles Greenwood jun. Prov. Grand Secretary, regretting his inability to attend, owing to another engagement. Routine work was then gone through, and Lodge was closed. The dinner was served at the King's Arms Hotel, and reflected great credit on the proprietor of that establishment. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. rose to propose the first toast, the Queen and the Craft, after which the National Anthem was sung. In response to the W.M.'s appeal, the brethren have a most enthusiastic reception to the second toast—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master of England; and then with that of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon R.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, was associated the name of Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B., who thanked the W.M. and brethren for the manner in which the Grand Officers had been referred to, and the way in which the toast had been received. It was one that was always well received in Masonic Lodges, inasmuch as it was recognised that the Grand Officers were Masons who had done good suit and service in the past. He highly esteemed the honour he had received by being made a Grand Officer of England, but he considered it more of a reflected light due to his long connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, where he had been Secretary for many years. On referring again to the toast list, Brother Pile stated it was his intention, having regard to the exigencies of time, to incorporate the two next toasts; he therefore called on the brethren to drink to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B.; the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, and Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Surrey; and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past. Bro. Greenwood had referred in pleasant and eulogistic terms to the Province of Surrey, saying it was through what he had done in the Province of Surrey that he had obtained his position in Grand Lodge. It appeared therefore that Grand office in the Province of Surrey led to office in Grand Lodge of England. In Brother General Brownrigg they had a brother who had Masonry at heart. When he took the chair in Grand Lodge the work did not suffer by his presidency. He asked them to drink this toast with their accustomed goodwill, and he called on Bro. Greenwood to respond. Bro. Greenwood on again rising hoped the W.M. and brethren would forgive him for taking up their time, but he had no alternative as he had been named by the W.M. His connection with the Province of Surrey had extended over twenty-eight years. The W.M. was quite right in speaking highly of their Prov. Grand Master, and he could assure them the Prov. Grand Master was excessively proud of his Province. He had met General Brownrigg once since he presided at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and he expressed himself extremely gratified at the result achieved. With the exception of three, every Lodge in the Province had sent up a Steward to the Festival. The result was a proud one, the Stewards of the Province of Surrey had brought up a sum close upon £1,000. He had seen Bro. Terry, who was much pleased at having realised over £13,000 for his Institution, and he (Bro. Greenwood) felt that a great deal of that success was attributable to the presidency of the Grand Master for Surrey. Their Prov. Grand Master had the interests of the Province at heart. Perhaps his most difficult task was that of choosing his Officers, seeing that there were twenty-six Lodges in the Province, and the Provincial Grand Master had in his gift but five or six appointments. They might be quite sure of this, that the Prov. G. Master, aided by the Dep. Prov. G.M., does his best to appoint the best men. Bro. Horsey proposed the health of the W.M. He felt assured that he had only to mention Bro. Pile's name, and he could secure for the toast a hearty reception. Every brother present knew what a sincere Mason and kind friend they had in Bro. Pile. No member of the Wallington Lodge had worked more energetically than he, and as regards their Lodge of Instruction, much of its success was attributable to his exertions. In reply, Bro. Pile said he could scarcely consider himself sufficiently grateful for the hearty manner in which the brethren had received the toast of his health. He assured them that anything he could do for the benefit of the Lodge, should be done. He returned his thanks to the proposer of the toast for the kind way in which he had introduced the toast. For the toast of the Visitors Bros. J. Langton, Currie, Taffs, and Gibbs replied. The latter brother directed attention to a slight inaccuracy which appeared in a report that appeared in this journal three weeks back, wherein he is accredited within having given the lecture on the second tracing board, whereas it was Brother Baldwin who so ably acquitted himself on that occasion,—the Annual Meeting of the Wallington Lodge of Instruction. All spoke in eulogistic terms as to the way in which the Lodge was conducted, and of the ability displayed by its respective Officers. In proposing the health of the Installing Master, the Worshipful Master said he must urge as an excuse for limiting his remarks the reason given by Bro. Gibbs. After all that had been said in his praise, he had little to add. He should therefore confine himself to proposing the toast—Good health, long life, and great happiness to their I.P.M. Bro. Horsey. In reply, Bro. Horsey said he could only re-echo the words of the W.M., that what had been said left little for him to urge. He believed in the principle of a Master installing his successor, and in each of the two Lodges he had presided over he had striven to carry out that duty. Bro. Sawyer was of the same opinion, and he (Brother Horsey) was sensible of the ability displayed by Brother Sawyer when, twelve months back, he installed him into the chair. The W.M. then called on the brethren present to drink to the prosperity of the Masonic Charities. Such a body of men as composed the Masonic Craft must have its Charities, and he was glad to say the Masonic Charities were as wealthy as any in the Kingdom. They had had reference already made to the Festival at which their Prov. Grand Master had presided. They had no representative present who was immediately connected with the Charities; he should therefore call upon Brother W. W. Morgan, who only a fortnight since had given them a most instructive and interesting leader on the Institutions. Brother Morgan felt it a great honour that was paid him in associating his name with this toast. He regretted that neither of the Secretaries were present, but he felt they could all excuse Bro. Terry, who unquestionably needed some rest after the heavy labours his Festival had entailed upon him. Unfortunately, Bro Binckes's state of health compelled him, for a time at least, to abstain from taking a too active part in these festive gatherings. He (Brother Morgan) felt assured the brethren around him would commend Bro. Binckes for so doing. The labours his Festival must necessarily entail rendered it imperative he should nerve himself for action, and under the presidency of Right Hon. Viscount Holmesdale, Prov. G.M. Kent, one and all hoped the result would be as satisfactory as in the case of the R.M.B.I. Bro. Hedges, the Secretary of the R.M.I.G., was perhaps not so well known as those he had mentioned, but he was a most energetic and assiduous Officer. His Festival would take place in May, when Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, will take the chair. Both Institutions stood urgently in need of support, and he hoped that neither would have any lack of Stewards from the Provinces. As regarded the Province of Surrey, he hoped the Lodges would maintain in the future the work which they had so consistently been doing in the past for all the Institutions. With the toast of the Masonic Press was associated the name of Bro. E. C. Massey. After this had been acknowledged, the Officers were complimented, and then the Tyler's toast brought the entertainment to a close. The proceedings throughout were enlivened by some capital songs, Bros. Aslett, Baldwin, Sawyer, Bishop, and Carter rendering goodly service.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—The annual supper was held on Monday evening, 19th inst., at the Canonbury Tavern, N. Bro. Trewinnard, the respected Preceptor, occupied the chair. After a well-served repast, the brethren spent a most enjoyable evening. The toasts were briefly introduced. Speaking to that of Success to the Instruction Lodge, Bro. Trewinnard made allusion to the large number of brethren who attend weekly; the average being 22. Some excellent harmony was contributed by Bros. Townley, Snook, Woodman, Brampton and others. Bro. Forge, the worthy Secretary, was, to the regret of the brethren, prevented by indisposition from being present. Amongst those, however, who shared in this pleasant *réunion* were Bros. Baker, Gregory, Humphreys, Halford, Snook, Dyer, Galer, Cook, Killick jun., Jones, Strugnell, Marks, Eddis, Lynn, Deacon, Bevan, Perkins, Rhodes, Clark, Stretch, Dearing, E. Woodman, J. Woodman, Selig, Defriez, Brampton, Franckel, Townley, Hall W.M. 1693, Gribble, Crosbie, Collingridge, Fletcher.

A Billiard Match was held at Bro. W. Carrington's, the Golden Star, Maddox-street, on the 20th instant, between Bro. J. Bennett, Champion, and Mr. T. Pearson, for 1000 up, the latter receiving 400. The room was crowded with gentlemen interested in watching the skill of the players. At the conclusion of the game Bro. Bennett was 168 in advance of his opponent.

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SUN AND SERPENT WORSHIP.

FROM THE HEBREW LEADER.

THE treatment of the subject of the worship of the Sun and the Serpent by peoples of far different nationailties, by John S. Phene, LL.D., in the embellished pamphlet by the Victoria Institute (London), is so complete and interesting that we venture again to allude thereto. While the Sun forms an important and essential symbol of Light and Truth, in the symbolic degrees of Masonry, as having direct reference to the Divine Light, so in the Philosophic degrees of the Brotherhood the Serpent becomes a conspicuous emblem in at least a dozen of the Scottish Rite series, and is the particularly distinguishing badge of an active member of the highest grade in the northern section of the United States.

Professor E.H. Davis, of archæological fame in this city, has led our thoughts more attentively to the importance of this subject and to its fullest consideration. Our remarks herein are deductions as well as extracts from a number of works.

Sun worship was doubtless, to a measured extent, connected with Mountain worship. In this connection Professor Phene refers to the ever-burning fires on the summits of the pyramidal temple of Mexico, and has no doubt that fires burnt originally on the pyramids of Egypt, as being suggested to the Worshippers by their contemplation of the terrible and sublime in the peaks of burning mountains. Further that the Egyptians had erected the pyramids to supply the place of mountains near their abodes on the sandy plains of Memphis, as proper spots for worship. This latter view appears to have been accepted by the Rev. Mr. Zinke, as mentioned thus in his "Egypt of the Pharaohs and of the Khedive." "We may be absolutely certain that had the Egyptians lived in an Alpine country, though they might have commanded the requisite materials on easier terms, they would never have built the pyramids, for then an Egyptian pyramid would have been a pigmy monument by the side of Nature's pyramids; but built as they were in Egypt, and seen from the neighbourhood of Memphis and Heliopolis, they were veritable mountains."

If we will refer to Hargrave Jenning's work on the Rosicrucians we find mentioned several interpretations given to the word pyramid, among which are the Coptic roots signifying *pyr*, division, and *met*, ten. Bro. Jennings insists that the Greek word *pyr* should be translated by deduction Fire (or division produced by fire), hence the whole word means, "Ten measures or parts of the fiery ecliptic or solar wheel, or the original signs of the Zodiac. Therefore, the pyramids are commemorative altars raised to the divinity Fire." From this it would appear that Jennings and Phene materially agree as to the purposes for which the pyramids were erected.

Porphyry imagined that the reason why the most ancient mortals kept up a constant ever-burning fire in honour of the immortal gods was because fire was most like the gods. He says that the ancients kept an unextinguished fire in their temples to the gods because it was most like them. Fire was not like the gods, but it was what they appeared in to mortals. And so the true God always appeared in brightness and glory; yet no one would say that brightness was most like the true God, but was most like the Shechinah in which God appeared.

The Brahmins, the Mahommedans, the Egyptians, the American Indians, the great nations of the West, and of the East, worshipped fire and as its embodiment, the Sun. The Persian Magi authorised the use of fire and water as the only emblems of their gods. As the powers represented by the Sun and the Serpent-river had to act in unison, or cease to be efficient, we soon find the Sun and Serpent, combined, and recognised by some worshippers as one and the same; the Sun representing the head of the Serpent which entwined the world, as symbolised by the circle in which the Serpent holds his tail in his mouth, like unto the manner of a hoop snake in mad career. The Phœnician Serpent, which with its three folds surrounds the tree (of knowledge), is the origin of the many serpent ornaments of ancient and modern times, worn formerly by women as armlets and modernly as bracelets and finger rings. It is the triune ring, symbol of the activity of life, as expressive of the Serpent of wisdom and the active knowledge of Deity in man.

As a prominent Assyrian representation of God, we find a serpent circle, wheel or winged orb, which forms the body of the God, surmounting which is the breast and head of a man-God, who, instead of a bow, holds a smaller serpent circle in his hand, probably a symbol of the Moon. This Deity is supported on a pedestal representing the mystic emblems of fire and water—that is, by upright and inverted triangles.

The Bhuddistic and Babylonish monuments display many serpent figures in connection chiefly with the Sun, Moon and Stars. American Indians, as late as the last century, have been found tattooed with a serpent and star upon the breast, and bearing sun and serpent emblems.

In the Arthurian order of the Garter, and as well in the Order of the Golden Fleece, we have the centre circle and inclosed cross in exact form with the wheel of Asshur. Repeated national emblems, symbols of religious faith and political crests among the great peoples of the distant East, were not made fanciful nor haphazard, but every stroke, dot, or indentation had some mystical and important truth or idea to convey, and their coins, medals and ornaments as well as their god images are relied on by numismatists and students of archæology as of the highest importance in revealing the customs, habits, history and even the beliefs and thoughts of the nations of the past.

The Apollonic Sun and the Egyptian Serpent were worshipped before the Greeks overcame the Egyptians, yet the fact and national incident gave greater impetus and fresh force to the fable of Apollo destroying the serpent. The sun used for the serpent's head was no matter of conjecture, too many symbols bearing evidence. The upright Phœnician serpent deity, with its head surrounded by a nimbus or halo, worshipping in front of an altar of fire, is a pronounced symbol of fire and serpent worship. This became the coat of arms of the Highland Clan Donnachie. On the west coast of Africa is the Kingdom of Whidah, where the serpent was worshipped by two tribes, and human sacrifice deemed acceptable. The name of their Deity is Obion, Ob signifying the Serpent and On the Sun.

In Mexico, serpent worship has abundance of evidence, the emblems assimilating to the Egyptian, the ringed serpent being more striking. There we have two entwined serpents, the heads meeting face to face. One is old and bearded, the other young and vigorous, indicating the new day about to drive away the old night, or the new year the old.

The serpent issuing from, or born of the egg, has an allusion to the creation, and as it rears its head to the sun, is a symbol of the birth of wisdom warmed by the Sun of Truth.

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THE annual meeting was held in the Lodge-room of the Company's premises on Monday last. Mr. G. T. Cunningham (the chairman) presided, and there was a very large and influential gathering of the shareholders, all of whom are members of the Masonic Craft. The report of the directors, and the audited balance sheets of both Club and Company, "which were of a very assuring character, and provided for the payment of the customary dividend of 5 per cent., and the writing off of £228 from the capital account, after adding a small balance to the sustentation and maintenance fund," were unanimously adopted. The retiring directors were Messrs. G. T. Cunningham, G. Mason and R. J. Rastrick; and the retiring auditors were Messrs. T. Pratt Wills and T. H. Casey, A.C.A. The whole of these were unanimously re-elected; and the customary votes of thanks for their services were passed. The thanks of the shareholders, for his courtesy and very efficient services, were accorded to the Secretary (Mr. E. S. Main), who made a suitable acknowledgment. After the disposal of the remaining business on the agenda paper, the shareholders adjourned to the spacious dining hall, where a most récherché banquet was served by the club staff, under the able superintendence of one of the directors (Mr. Thomas Mares). The chairman of the company presided, and gave the loyal and patriotic toasts. Lieutenant Johnson, A.A.C., proposed "Success to the Borough of Portsmouth Freemasons' Club," and enlarged upon the great advantages to the members of the Craft offered by an institution of this character, more especially to Masons coming from India and our Colonies, who were thus enabled to meet their brethren on arrival. He referred particularly to the fact that many of the Volunteer Masonic brethren last year made it their home on the occasion of the Volunteer Review. Mr. George Mason, the vice-chairman, responded. Mr. George Rake, in a happy speech, gave The Directors. The chairman, in reply, gave a lengthened history of the undertaking from its origin, he thanked the members for the unanimity which had characterised the whole of the proceedings of that day. Mr. S. Richards Ellis, in highly eulogistic terms, gave the health of the Secretary (Mr. E. S. Main), who responded. Mr. Thomas Good, T.C., submitted the toast of the Auditors, and this was responded to by Mr. T. H. Casey, A.C.A., on behalf of himself and Mr. Pratt Wills. The toast list was interspersed with some vocal and instrumental selections by Messrs. George Sylvester, W. Miles, J. Bechervaise, J. W. Willmott, R. W. Beale, and F. Murphy.—*Portsmouth Times.*

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, President of the Lodge, occupied the President's chair; while Bros. James Brett Senior Vice-President, and Charles Atkins Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. The grants recommended at the February meeting were confirmed, and the President stated that the Lodge had received letters from several of the brethren relieved at former meetings, thanking the Lodge for the assistance afforded. He was happy to make this announcement, as he believed this was the first year he could remember that brethren relieved had acknowledged the aid which had been extended to them. The brethren then proceeded to deal with the new cases, of which there was the large number of 34 on the list. The sitting adjudicating on this list was a prolonged one, and the total amount granted was £680.

Brother H. A. Isaacs, P.M. 185 and 208, P.P.G.O. Herts, C.C., was, on the 21st instant, elected Alderman of the Ward of Portsoken, in the place of the late Brother Alderman Sir Thomas White. Brother Deputy Winfield Hora was his opponent. A show of hands was taken, and the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Brother E. H. Knight, declared in favour of Brother Isaacs. A poll was demanded, and the result was 398 in favour of Bro. Isaacs against 188 for Brother Hora (London Lodge). The announcement was received with great cheering. At the same meeting, a unanimous vote of condolence was accorded to the family of the late Sir Thomas White.

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THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from page 138).

THE third Chapter is devoted to the Steinmetzen of Germany, and Brother Gould commences his sketch of this interesting fraternity by discussing at considerable length their probable origin. Having expressed his opinion that the meaning of the word itself is "Stone-measurers," —our own "Stonemasons"—from *stein* (stone) and *messen* to measure, rather than "Stone-cutters" from *stein* and *messer* a knife or *meitzel* a chisel, he goes on to point out that the first seeds of architecture were unquestionably planted in Germany by Christian missionaries, chiefly from Ireland, who were acquainted with the rudiments of architecture, and on establishing a mission in a German forest set themselves to erect some kind of rude building that would answer the purpose of a church. Other rude buildings of a like character were next erected, to serve as a storehouse for the produce of the soil, and to shelter the monks and their converts. In time it became desirable to enlarge the church, and it was then perhaps placed on stone foundations, in doing which the first principles of the mason's art were acquired. Later the wooden edifice gave place to one of stone, and thus by degrees, as the workmen advanced in technical skill, the first missions became convents and monasteries of no slight pretensions. As the convents grew larger and more famous, it would be necessary to have at hand constantly a body of experienced workmen, and it is reasonable to conclude that the more expert at any particular work would in time devote themselves exclusively to it. Thus a class of professional builders arose amongst the laity in the neighbourhood of the monastery, who, in all probability, were under the directions of a more than usually skilful monk.

As regards the opinion, which finds favour with Dr. Schauberg, that these directing monks were indebted for "much of their success to the remnants of the Roman Colleges, which were never thoroughly suppressed in Gaul, and passing through Britain and Scandinavia, ultimately laid the foundations of the Craft Guild system in Germany," Bro. Gould differs with that writer on the ground, as he explains, "that at the time of these early convent builders, we have no sign of the least approach to a craft guild in Germany; nor indeed can we imagine such an institution until the cities had made considerable progress towards opulence. Whatever connection may possibly be traceable between the Roman colleges and the formation of craft guilds can have had no influence on the earliest builders in the forests and by the streams of Germany. Their gradual perfection in the art of Masonry must be considered as self-evolved, and the result of constant practice and endeavours to excel." If, however, it is necessary "to presuppose a higher knowledge of art and architecture in their leaders," then, he suggests, we need "go no further than the British Monks." Britain, though distracted by internal wars and invasions from without, had at the time many buildings of architectural pretensions. Many Anglo-Saxon churches still remain, in part at all events, "such as Tickencote, near Stamford, in Lincolnshire; part of St. Peter's, at Oxford; part of St. Alban's Abbey; the southern porch at Shireburn Minster; the towers of Earl's Barton church, Northamptonshire; and of Sompting, in Sussex; and numerous others." Again many of our earliest cathedrals; though in many cases nothing of the original structure remains, were commenced in the seventh century, such as "Canterbury, A.D. 600, Rochester 602, St. Paul's 604, and Westminster 605." Then the influx of British monks, both papal and non-papal, continued to a very late period. Iso, or whoever is intended by that name, the most learned Englishman of the ninth century, lived in the Convent at St. Gall. St. Columbanus, who crossed over into Burgundy and Germany in A.D. 602, and was "renowned throughout Europe as the most learned Englishman of his time," founded several convents "either by himself or by his disciples." St. Boniface built a monastery at Fulda in the reign of King Pepin. And Bro. Gould goes on to quote the German Architect Heideloff, when writing in 1844, as unhesitatingly declaring that "during the time of the Anglo-Saxons building operations continued, and the monuments of architecture in England are the finest examples of the state of building during those ages. They also introduced the science into Germany, as the greater number of the German apostles were British and understood building, erecting everywhere convents." At the same time he allows that the Romish Missionaries of a somewhat later date, and especially the Benedictines, to which order many of the later British missionaries belonged, were not less skilled in architecture.

As to Fallou's assertion "that in the eleventh century the monks in Germany first copied their brethren in Gaul by instituting lay brotherhoods attached to the convent, and that the Abbot Marquardt of Corvey made use of this institution to procure builders for his new convent," Bro. Gould remarks that he can see "no proof that these lay brotherhoods were builders." He thinks "they more probably consisted of nobles, knights, and rich burghers," and he bases his opinion on a further assertion of Fallou's on the very same page, to the effect that "in the year 1140 the Cistercians of Walkenried (in Brunswick, at the foot of the Hartz mountains, on the Wieda) instituted such a fraternity, and boasted that they could travel thence to Rome, and dine each day with one lay brother, and sup and sleep with another." This, he remarks, "most certainly discloses the nature of these fraternities, and it is impossible to connect them in any way with the building craft; they were not lay brothers in the ordinary sense, and evidently did not reside in the convent." He further points out that Fallou, in another part of his work—"Mysterien der Freimaurer"—seems "inclined to attribute the institution of a lay brotherhood to a still earlier date—say A.D. 1080, when William, Count Palatine of Scheuren, was elected Abbot of Hirschau (on the Nagold, in the Black Forest, Wurtemberg), and of whom it was reported that he was so famous that crowds flocked to his convent, praying for admission. These petitioners were all admitted as lay brothers, and speedily taught the various manipulations of Masonry, &c.; so that in 1082 he was enabled to undertake the reconstruction of the monastery. At that time no fewer than three hundred monks and laymen dwelt in the convent under his orders. He instituted a rule for them, partitioned out their hours of labour, rest, worship, and refreshment, inculcated above all things brotherly love, and enjoined silence at work, unless desirous of communicating with the master. His school of art rapidly acquired such extended fame that he was overwhelmed by entreaties from all parts of Europe to furnish architects and artists for building operations. Nevertheless, in spite of his best workmen being constantly drafted off elsewhere, he was enabled to see his convent completed before his death, A.D. 1091." Bro. Gould, however, very justly points out that Fallou has omitted to quote his authorities for such assertions. He allows it is beyond dispute that this Abbot Wilhelm was a great man in his day. He quotes Heideloff to show that "St. Anselm, afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury, visited him in 1084;" and he points to "the ruins of his splendid monastery" as being "still in evidence" of his great ability. Yet he does not consider Fallou's account "justifies the deduction that he was the originator of the craft of stonemasons." He holds—"(1) That the lapse of time was totally insufficient to create a large class of skilled artificers; and (2), We have no trace here of divisions into grades, such as apprentice, fellow, and master." Thus, as to the former point. It was in 1080 that the said Count Palatine Wilhelm was elected Abbot of Hirschau, and in 1082 he commenced the work of reconstruction. But, argues Bro. Gould, and we think there is just ground for his argument, two years are "wholly insufficient for the instruction of such a large body of men," and therefore it is evident that "many of the laymen who are reported to have joined him were already skilled masons," the more especially as the ensuing nine years would not have sufficed "to raise such a superstructure by means of only half-trained workmen." He strengthens this view by a statement made by the same Fallou that, "according to the Chronicle of Walkenried, Abbot Henry III. admitted into his convent '21 skilled laymen, chiefly stonemasons,' as lay brothers"—a lay *man* being "a

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citisen of the world," and a lay *brother* "a semi-member of the church."

As to "any organisation of the workmen," Bro. Gould considers the idea is untenable, or, that if any such existed, it was "amongst the free artisans of the town, who may have entered into the pay of the monks," as in all cases "lay brothers became the servants of the convent," and would be under the same rules as the monks, that is, they would be allowed to possess no property, and could receive no pay beyond their sustenance. He prefers Winzer's opinion that the fraternities spoken of by Fallou were "organisations of serfs," the workmen or labourers, as he suggests, "with the exception of a certain proportion of craft masons, being most likely the serfs, vassals, and villeins of the convent."

The conclusion at which Bro. Gould thus far arrives is, that "the cradle of German architectural skill is to be found in the convents, and not in the organisation of the *Steinmets* guild," the latter having had its origin in "the craft guilds of the cities." He writes: "We thus see that from the sixth (perhaps fifth) century onwards up to the twelfth, when most of the monasteries were completed, they afforded the means of acquiring skill in the manipulation of building materials, and may thus be looked upon in Germany as the earliest school of masonry, and the cradle of architecture, furnishing large numbers of cunning artificers and experienced master builders, but not contributing in any way towards the organisation of the stonemasons. For the origin of this sodality we must look to the trade guilds; which, beginning in the towns as early as the tenth century, or even earlier, had meanwhile been acquiring increasing importance and extent; until, in the twelfth, we find them fully developed throughout Germany."

The rise of the Craft Guilds is briefly sketched. Originally the inhabitants of cities and towns consisted of three classes, "the Bishop, Burgrave, or other Lord paramount; the small freeholders of the neighbourhood, some perhaps absolutely free, others free, but feudatories of the lord; and the lord's serfs and villeins, also possibly some villeins of the smaller freeholders." In the course of time there would be two classes of freemen, some rich, and some poor. To secure themselves against the increasing powers of the Lords paramount, associations of freemen would be formed, and in lieu of similar associations or guilds, such as had been established at a still earlier date for mutual protection and support, there arose the Burgher Guilds which gradually succeeded in wresting the chief governing power from the lord paramount and retaining it in their own hands. The original qualification for membership of these Burgher Guilds was, Bro. Gould suggests, "no doubt, territorial possession," while "many of the members may have carried on trade;" and "some of the poorer, perhaps, were handicraftsmen." In the meantime "the unfree or bond population would continually increase, both by natural propagation, by refugees from neighbouring tyrants, claiming the protection of the Church, and by grants of serfs from feudal chieftains to the bishops. Those serfs who exercised handicrafts would then obtain permission to devote their surplus time to their own profit, and obtain a shadow of independence. Freemen also would be attracted to the growing towns from one cause or another, and devote themselves to trades and crafts." He next points out as one of the causes that helped to swell the populations of the towns the fact that the serf or bondsman who took refuge in a town and remained unclaimed for a year and a day, became a freeman. These, however, as they had no territorial qualification, were ineligible to become members of the Burgher Guilds, and would naturally band themselves together for mutual defence. Then the serfs would obtain permission to form guilds of their own in order to protect their trades. In time these new associations, having become too powerful to be held in check by the superior authority, would come to be recognised by the other free guilds as belonging to themselves. As trades multiplied, so, too, would the guilds organise for the protection of their several interests, and ultimately this class of association became so powerful that no edicts of imperial or other authority for the purpose of suppressing them were of the slightest avail. And as the Burgher Guilds had become more exclusive or patrician, while the trade guilds were establishing themselves more and more firmly, there arose terrible feuds between the two, the result being that the former were dethroned from their supremacy, and in many instances entirely broken up. This brings us to the point at which it will be necessary we should consider how the connection between the Craft Guilds in the cities and the Stonemasons is to be traced, and this subject we shall reserve till another week.

(To be continued).

INSTALLATION OF LORD BROOKE, M.P. AS P.G.M.M.M. WARWICKSHIRE.

THIS interesting ceremony took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Severn street, Birmingham, under the auspices of the Athol Mark Lodge, No. 174, and in the presence of a goodly concourse of brethren. The Athol Lodge having been duly opened at 4.30 p.m., the D.P.G.M.M., W. Bro. Lt.-Colonel Foster Gough, LL.D., and the Provincial Grand Officers entered, and were received with the respect due to their rank. The Prov. Grand Lodge was then opened, and the M.W. Grand Master, Lord Henniker, having been announced, entered and was duly received and saluted, and at once assumed the chair. The summons convening the meeting having been read, and the roll of Lodges having been called, the Grand Master was informed that the Provincial Grand Master designate, Lord Brooke, M.P., was in attendance without, and requested to be installed. The Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies having withdrawn to procure his Lordship's patent of appointment, forthwith re-entered the Lodge; the patent was read and the Prov. Grand Master designate having been introduced, was at once obligated, invested and installed into office, the Grand Master occuping the chair on the left of Lord Brooke. W. Brother A. F. Godson was then obligated, invested and inducted into the chair on the right of the Prov. G.M. as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, after which the Prov. Grand Officers were appointed and invested, a Provincial Grand Treasurer elected and invested, and the customary votes of thank passed to Lord Henniker M.W.G.M.M.M. for presiding at the ceremony, and to V.W. Bros. Donald M. Dewar Assist. G. Secretary, and R. Berridge Grand Director of Ceremonies, his Lordship's co-adjutors. Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and the Grand and Prov. Grand Officers having retired in procession, the Athol Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet under the presidency of their newly appointed chief. The usual Loyal and Mark Masonic toasts subsequently received due honour from the assembly.

It is with an unusual degree of pleasure that we acknowledge an error we made in our article on the recent meeting of Grand Lodge. It seems that our remarks in a former article, on the business to be transacted at the meeting in question, had not been without their effect, and that so much of the minutes as related to the erasure of the Bulwer Lodge, of Cairo, from the list of Lodges was non-confirmed, by direction of the acting Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom D.G.M. We further understand that Brother Rucker P.G.D. had purposed drawing the attention of Grand Lodge to the necessity of adopting such a course, but in the hurry of the moment, the matter would appear to have escaped the notice of our reporter. Of course, this rendered the resolution—that the Bulwer Lodge should be reinstated—quite unnecessary, and it was merely read for form's sake, no action being taken, as a matter of course.

We understand that a new weekly journal, devoted to the popular exposition of Sanitary Matters and to the education of the people in the laws of health, will be shortly issued by Messrs. Wyman and Sons, London. The new journal will be entitled *Health*. Its programme includes Original Articles, Essays on Personal Health, and departments in which the interests of the family circle, of recreation, and of correspondence on health topics, &c., will be duly considered. There appears to be a wide field for such an enterprise, and the aims of *Health* seems thoroughly consistent with the spirit and policy of the education of our day.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 24th MARCH.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1397—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
Royal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1631—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

MONDAY, 26th MARCH.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
26—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1838—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.
R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
63—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
902—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 27th MARCH.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Canron-street Hotel, E.C.
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1696—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
353—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
399—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
510—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1506—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 731—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire

WEDNESDAY, 28th MARCH.

2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1604—Wandsworth, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1663—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane
R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.

33—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
310—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
330—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
374—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
525—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1063—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1319—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1364—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1383—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1533—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Gbusnee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 236—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.

THURSDAY, 29th MARCH.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
1313—Formor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborne Street Hull
R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
M.M. 33—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 30th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1535—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1849—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 31st MARCH.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)

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1624—Rockleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 901.

A NUMEROUSLY attended meeting of the members of this old and reputed Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Monday evening, 19th inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. Hughes Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. G. A. Cundy I.P.M., D. Hughes S.W., H. McClelland J.W., H. Darcy P.M. Treasurer, C. Beaumont P.M. Secretary, E. Harris S.D., H. Harbord J.D., David Hughes I.G., E. C. T. Hand Organist, R. Pittam-Stevens W.S., R. Giffard and R. F. Wherr Stewards; P.M.'s A. Griffith, A. Ginger. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. E. Haycock 1196 and P.M. 901, Poupard 209, Dent 765, Bennett 1365, Price 177, Hall W.M. 749, Gill 1017, Thomas 1853, Lawrence 1356, Fancom 1623, Cross 1791, and Taylor 1642. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rite and the minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was opened for Mr. H. W. Chamberlain, of Clapham, who had been proposed by Bro. Bisley, and seconded by Bro. Easey. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Chamberlain was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the work being admirably performed by the W. Master and his Officers. Lodge was then advanced, and Brother Fletcher having proved himself worthy, was raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., who delivered the charges most creditably, and worked the ceremony in perfect form. On the resumption of the Lodge, considerable time was spent in considering some proposed alterations of the bye-laws, and at the conclusion of some other business, the brethren and visitors partook of an admirably served banquet, the arrangements for which were well carried out, as usual, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Henry Mills. The Loyal and Craft toasts were then duly proposed and honoured, the W.M. alluding to the loyal affection in which the Queen is held as Patroness of the Craft, the delight which Masons felt at having so exalted a personage as H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the interest he takes in it in every sense of the word. He also referred to the perfection with which the Pro G.M. and Deputy ruled the affairs of the Craft, and the lustre which adorned their Masonic profession. The I.P.M. said they would be all aware of the toast which he was now about to propose; it was one which required but few words from him to commend it to their hearty reception. He knew they would drink to the health of their excellent Worshipful Master with a great deal of pleasure, but on this occasion he wished to say a few words more to them beyond merely drinking to his health. They knew what an excellent W.M. he was, what an able and efficient Officer he had been in the past, and what a pattern Past Master he would be to this Lodge. His genial kind-hearted feeling endeared him to everybody with whom he came in contact. As they were aware, he was about to represent the City of London Lodge as a Steward for the Boys' Institution. It was one thing to represent a Lodge, and it was another thing to have the City of London Lodge well represented. He felt perfectly sure their W. Master would represent them as well as it was possible for any man to do it, but it depended very much upon each one individually to say that the City of London Lodge should be perfectly, thoroughly, and properly represented; that was, by the individual subscriptions which they would place upon his list. He hoped their W.M. would go up, not with a larger list than had ever been sent up by this Lodge before, because that was a foregone conclusion; but that it would be double the amount. He thought a Lodge boasting of such large numbers as they did at the present time ought to send up a very splendid amount. With such a Master to represent them, he considered it would be a personal honour to him, and the greatest credit they could reflect upon the Lodge if they sent up a substantial list in aid of that most deserving Institution. Charity was the main-spring, and the very backbone, of Masonry, and if they did not put their shoulders to the wheel and strain a point in that direction, they would not be doing their duty as Masons. He hoped they would all do the best they possibly could to enable the Worshipful Master to take up a list which should be worthy of the Lodge. They could all visit the Boys' School at Wood Green, and no doubt before the Festival the Worshipful Master and his friends — including every member of the Lodge who chose to accompany him—would be invited to make an inspection of the Institution, and to witness the prizes given away to the children. They could then inspect the School, and see how admirably it was managed. If they wished to see how their money was spent, let them go there on that day, and he was sure they would be highly gratified. He concluded by expressing a hope that the Lodge would be well represented on the occasion to which he had referred. The W.M., who was most cordially received, thanked them sincerely for the kind and hearty manner in which they had honoured the toast, though he was afraid Bro. Cundy had overrated his good qualities. However, with regard to the Charities, Bro. Cundy had spoken so elaborately that there was really little left for him to say. To those who were not conversant with the matter, he would say that this was a most noble Institution, and one they had just cause to be proud of. The Boys' School had not quite the amount of support that the Girls' had; he could not tell exactly why. But he was going up as a Steward for the Boys', and he wished to take as good a list as he possibly could, both for his own sake, and for the honour of the City of London Lodge. He held that a large and important Lodge like this ought to be well represented, and he could only endorse all that his worthy Immediate Past Master had said upon the subject. He should personally be thankful for whatever the brethren might be disposed to do to swell his list when he went up as a Steward. Several of the brethren had promised him very noble subscriptions, and while thanking them, he asked all to do their utmost to send up in noble form. The list was then passed round, and a substantial addition was made to Bro. Hughes' list. In proposing the Initiate, the W.M. said they were always proud to welcome new blood into their Lodge; they had had more Initiates in the City of London than any other Lodge in the metropolis. Those who had been admitted had certainly proved good men and true, and he sincerely hoped their Initiate that evening would prove no exception to the rule. He believed Bro. Chamberlain would make an apt Mason; he seemed to fall in with it already. The toast was cordially received, and Bro. Chamberlain replied in suitable terms. He thanked the brethren very much for having accepted him in the Lodge. The ceremony had made a deep impression on his mind; he hoped, as the Treasurer had said, to make himself a good and useful member of the Fraternity. The W.M. then proposed the Visitors, with which toast he associated the name of Brother W. E. Haycock, formerly a Past Master of this Lodge, and Bro. Taylor, of the Earl of Carnarvon. Bro. Haycock was delighted to re-visit his mother Lodge, in which, nearly thirteen years ago, he occupied the position now so worthily filled by Bro. Hughes. He had been afraid he might be disappointed at finding himself remembered by so few of those he had known when he occupied the chair, and that possibly the excellent working of his day might not have been maintained. However, his experience to-night had been one of unalloyed satisfaction and pleasure, in the fullest sense of the word. A few brethren he knew recognised him, and gave him the right hand of fellowship in the heartiest possible manner; and that was a source of unbounded gratification. Another source of pleasure was to find that the work was still of a most admirable character. It is frequently said in Lodges, as a matter of mere compliment, that never had such working been seen before; but, with his old love for the City of London Lodge, and apart from all sentimentality, he must say the working of the Lodge continued to be most excellent. All was spontaneous, hearty, and thoroughly efficient in every respect. The hospitality extended years ago to Visitors had been in no way diminished. Hospitality was always characteristic of Freemasons' Lodges, and the City of London was second to none in that particular. Still it is not an essential particular, though it was one they could not afford to look upon with indifference, at least. He had enjoyed an evening of unalloyed satisfaction, and he thanked the brethren for the compliment with which they had honoured him on this occasion. Brother Taylor heartily concurred in all that had fallen from the lips of the last speaker respecting the excellent working of the Lodge, and the hospitality that had followed it. It had been a source of great gratification to witness the admirable manner in which the Worshipful Master had performed the ceremony of raising in the case of Brother Fletcher, who had been known to him for many years, and to whom he had the utmost pleasure in extending the right hand of fellowship as a brother M.M. The reputation of this Lodge for its hospitality had long ago travelled to the far West, and although this was the first occasion on which he had had the pleasure of participating in it, he had often heard of the hospitality they extended to their Visitors. He trusted it might not be his last visit, not merely for the hospitality; he had taken stock of the Officers by whom the W.M. was supported, and felt sure there was a band of brethren coming on in the Lodge who would well sustain the reputation it had acquired for excellence of working. The Worshipful Master then proposed the Past Masters, which was cordially received, and the toast was suitably acknowledged by Bros. Griffith, Lewis, Darcy and Ginger. The health of the Officers was given and severally responded to, and the list closed with the Tyler's toast. Some capital songs and recitations were given, amongst the latter of which that, by Bro. Haycock P.M., from Artemus Ward evoked much and genuine amusement.

METHAM LODGE, No. 1205.

THE annual meeting of the Metham Lodge, No. 1205, was held at the Metham Masonic Hall, Caroline place, Stonehouse. The principal business was the Installation of the W.M., and Bro. Richard Dickson, who had been previously elected, was in antient form duly installed. The ceremony was excellently performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. H. Hunt, and he was assisted by W. Bros. W. Powell P.M. and S., S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.T., D. Cross P.M. and T., Thomas Gibbons P.M., Hugh Cameron P.M., with a board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were W. Bros. J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., H. W. Townsend P.M. 1903 and P.P.G.S.D. Hampshire, William Browning P.M. 223 P.P.G.D.C., J. M. Hifley P.M. 223 P.P.G.A.D.C., T. E. Peek I.P.M. 1205, W. D. Thomas P.M. 159, A. E. Lean P.M. 70, E. A. Lyons P.M. 105, Wm. Coath P.M. 893 P.P.G.S. Cornwall, Bourke P.M. 1428, James Gidley P.M. 156, and R. Pike P.M. 230 and 1205, who ably presided at the organ. Bro. W. Powell continues to represent the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire. Bro. George Perkins and Thomas McCartney were appointed Auditors, and they will meet the Officers in a fortnight. The accounts are understood to be in a prosperous condition. The Officers appointed and invested for the year were:—Bros. W. H. Hunt I.P.M., Richard Smith S.W., P. J. Dunn J.W., Daniel Cross P.M. Treas., William Powell P.M. Sec., T. E. Peek P.M. Chaplain, Lemuel Martin S.D., George Wilson J.D., Thomas Gibbons P.M. Organist, Samuel Hayward I.G., H. E. Setters M.C., A. Trout S.S., J. E. Poole J.S., H. Cameron P.M. Tyler. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, in Devonport, where the banquet was supplied by Brother Parker, fully sustaining the credit of the cuisine of the establishment, whilst the attendance was nearly perfect, over eighty being present. Amongst others not mentioned

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before were Bros. J. W. Cornish P.M. P.G.T., L. L. Blight, George Sercombe J.S. 70, R. Smith, Moseley Joel S.S. 105, H. Squire, F. Owens S.S. 230. The Worshipful Master (Bro. Dickson) presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. His health was received with Lancashire fire, inaugurated by Bro. Jew. Bro. Powell, in proposing the health of the I.P.M., Bro. W. H. Hunt, said he had had the pleasure of initiating him into the Order in 1875, and whilst he had then a high opinion of his talents, geniality, and courtesy, he hardly thought he could have arrived at so proud a position as he now occupied in so short a time, and the jewel he was about to be presented with was thoroughly deserved. Bro. D. Cross had the pleasure to present jewels to three of the Past Masters, two of which would have been given before, but for circumstances over which the Lodge had no control. The jewels were not given simply because the brethren had passed the chair, but they were given because the brethren had done their duty well, faithfully, and for the best interests of Lodge Metham, and for Freemasonry. The jewels were of 18-carat, gold, engraved:—

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The worthy recipients were Bros. Thomas Gibbons, Thomas E. Peek, and William Henry Hunt. The Treasurer and Secretary were honoured, as they deserved to be; they suitably responded. The evening was enlivened by the solos of Bro. Searl, violin; and Bro. W. H. Cornish, flageolet and violin, accompanied by Bro. Gibbons, and songs by Bros. J. Leonard, H. Hewlett, and a recitation by Bros. E. A. Lyons and McCartney. The host and hostess were especially thanked for their admirable catering.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting was held on Monday evening, 19th instant, at Brother McDiarmaid's, the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughborough-junction. Bros. Warren W.M., Harvey S.W., Westley J.W., McDiarmaid Treasurer, McKinley Secretary, Corncck S.D., Bellis J.D., Kenel I.G.; also Bros. Brown, Perkins, Hampton, Banks, Stafford. Lodge was opened in the first, second and third degrees, when Bro. Westley worked the first section of the third lecture. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bros. Perkins candidate. Bro. Jones, Earl of Lathom 1922, was elected a member. Bro. Banks announced the untimely death of the son of Bro. Littlewood, senior P.M. of 780 (who had been killed by a railway accident, he having slipped in endeavouring to catch the train). He also proposed that a vote of condolence be sent from the Lodge to our brother's family. This was carried unanimously.

Gallery Lodge, No. 1928.—Held its March meeting at Brixton Hall on 10th inst., Bro. H. E. F. Bussey Worshipful Master presiding. There was a very good attendance of brethren, notwithstanding there was a Saturday sitting of the House of Commons. The Master was supported by all his Officers. Two candidates for initiation were successfully balloted for, and a brother was afterwards raised to the third degree. The Worshipful Master then, in very feeling terms, in the expression of which he was deeply affected, proposed a vote of condolence and sympathy with the widow and family of the late Bro. John Allen, who acted as Past Master during the first year of the Lodge's existence, and who died since the last Installation meeting of the Lodge. The motion was seconded by the I.P.M., and carried unanimously, and the Secretary was directed to communicate the resolution to Mrs. Allen. The Lodge and all the brethren appeared in deep mourning. Bro. C. Basil Cooke, son-in-law of the deceased, gracefully acknowledged the vote, and the attendance of the brethren at the funeral. As Brother Allen's mother Lodge and the Orpheus Lodge, of which he also was a member and one of the founders, proposed to erect a memorial over Bro. Allen's grave, the Gallery Lodge, on the proposition of Bro. Bussey, resolved to join with those Lodges in the testimonial. The Lodge afterwards voted a founder's jewel to Bro. Basil Cooke, in consideration of his services as first Secretary of the Lodge. The brethren afterwards proceeded to revise the bye-laws. The Worshipful Master announced that he had been enabled to carry up a subscription list of over £30 to the last Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and stated that he expected that before the list was closed it would amount to £50. He also communicated the desire of Lord Claud Hamilton and several other Members of Parliament, who had subscribed to his list, to visit the Lodge, an announcement which was received with much gratification by the whole of the brethren. Bro. T. B. Whitefoot, one of the members of the Lodge, who has recently returned from a visit to America, informed the brethren that he had told the American Press brethren of the establishment of the Gallery Lodge and the Press Club, when he received for reply that the American Press thought they were in advance of the English Press in the establishment of a Press Club, but that they had not yet a Press Lodge; they hoped, however, to establish one soon, and in the meantime congratulated the English reporters on having such a Lodge, and sent the Gallery Lodge their hearty good wishes. Bro. Albery, Secretary, read an invitation from the Wolseley Lodge, No. 1993, to the consecration thereof, which will take place on the 28th inst., at Manchester.

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read "A PROVINCIAL BROTHER'S" letter in last week's CHRONICLE with mingled pleasure and regret,—with pleasure, because he is quite right in drawing public attention to the issue of the Circular he describes; and with regret, because, having regard to Lord Wolseley's recent utterances on the subject of Temperance, and that this particular Lodge, to be named after him, is to be conducted on so-called Temperance principles, there is reason to fear we shall have introduced into our Lodges the discussion of these principles. I am, like your correspondent, not objecting in the slightest degree to any one, be he Mason or profane, turning teetotaller, but the principle which underlies teetotalism is not so much "temperance," which even the most intemperate man must respect, but the fear of intemperance and its evil consequences. A man who is temperate does not need to enrol himself among the teetotallers. He knows and feels that, on all occasions, and no matter how great the temptation, he will never indulge to excess. Teetotalism is for the intemperate man who can never command himself; never knows when he has had enough. Why, may I ask, is A, who was never known to be intoxicated in his life, to be deprived of his glass or two of wine because B, who for years together was rarely sober for twenty-four hours at a time, finds he cannot be a temperate man without becoming a teetotaller. I am a strong opponent of this so-called temperance crusade, because experience tells me that a fit of excess in any one direction is certain to be followed by a corresponding fit of excess in the opposite direction. One example of this, taken from the pages of our own history, will suffice to explain my meaning. The enforced outward observance of respect for religion and the detestation publicly exhibited towards all pleasures, even of the most innocent kind, which prevailed during the period of the Commonwealth, only succeeded in causing a terrible reaction when the Stuarts were restored to the throne, and for years afterwards, when all classes of people absolutely revelled in the practice of irreligion and libertinism. If all England is to be forced into the practice of temperance by the universal adoption of the doctrine of total abstinence, then, though it may succeed for a time, it is in the nature of things that sooner or later a terrible reaction of almost universal inebriety will follow. I admire temperance, and I hope I practise it, while the man who can only become temperate by the adoption of teetotalism has my warmest sympathies; but there I stop, and I hope the members of the Wolseley Lodge will have the good sense to stop at the same point.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Various opinions have, of course, been expressed relative to the appointment of a successor to Colonel Creaton in the office of Grand Treasurer of England. Moving about as I do amongst frequent assemblages of Masons, I have heard but one opinion respecting the zealous and efficient manner in which the late Treasurer fulfilled the duties of his responsible position. The interest he has taken in promoting the welfare of the Craft is well known, and there is not a brother amongst us who is not ready to accord to him the most profound respect and admiration for the solicitude he has manifested in all matters which affect the prosperity of our Order. He may rest assured that the late decision of Grand Lodge was prompted by no personal want of respect towards himself, or appreciation of the great services he has rendered to the Craft in a variety of ways, in addition to the office he has just vacated. The sole motive was that the collar, which is the only one that Grand Lodge has the power of conferring upon a worthy brother, besides that which I hope the Most Worshipful Grand Master will wear as long as he lives, should not be bestowed in perpetuity upon any one, however efficient or deserving he might be personally, but that the honours of Grand Lodge should be divided amongst the aspirants for distinction who are eligible and held in sufficiently high esteem. We might as well have a perpetual Lord Mayor of London as a "life" Grand Treasurer of English Freemasons; yet the citizens of London would hardly relish the maxim "Once a Lord Mayor always a Lord Mayor." The same rule applies in this case, and as Brother Colonel Creaton has retired amidst the heartiest fraternal respect of the brethren, who will never lose sight of the services he has faithfully rendered them, so we welcome Bro. Allcroft as a man of power, not only in the Craft but in the City and commercial world, whose public and private life has been such as to fit him in a pre-eminent degree to discharge the duties required of him as Grand Treasurer of English Freemasons. As Treasurer of Christ's Hospital (Blue Coat School), and in many other similar public capacities, he must have gained considerable experience in finance, and those who know him best will be able to form a true estimate of his fitness for the position which has just been conferred upon him by the almost unanimous voice of the brethren. At any rate, the great principle has been solved, of doing away with the perpetual holding of one of the most important offices of the Craft, and there is now a chance of a larger number of brethren than heretofore enjoying the distinction and privileges of Past rank. That the brethren have done wisely in this respect will, I think, be endorsed by the experience of the future, and trusting for the happiest practical results from the new departure,

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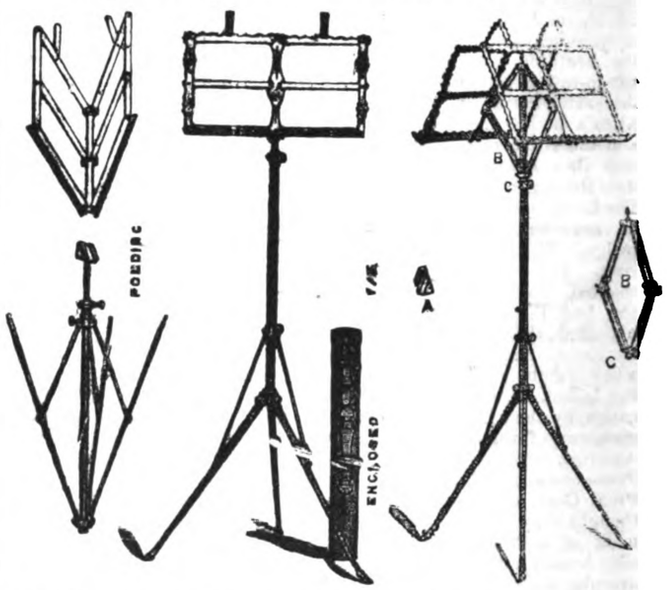

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THE BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

WE were enabled, in the portion of the review of the candidates who seek to be admitted at the April Election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was published in our last issue, to dispose of thirty-two out of the sixty-five cases on the list, and, in accordance with the promise we then made, we now resume our task of considering the claims of the thirty-three cases yet requiring attention at our hands. We find that No. 38, F. F. Coleman, and No. 57, E. A. Steed, are each members of families of seven children, left dependent on widowed mothers. The former, Coleman, whose father was accredited to the Province of Oxfordshire, has already stood one election, on which occasion 110 votes were polled on his behalf; while the latter, a Suffolk case, is a fresh application. The fathers of each of these lads seem to have been Masons of some years' standing, and both had done something in support of the Institutions. No. 13, C. B. Cummings, a lad who now appears for the fifth time, has 106 votes to his credit. His father, who is living, is described as W.M. of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 107, Supt. of Works (Provincial we presume), and founder of the Joppa Lodge, No. 1114. He has the boy now seeking admission and five other children dependent on him; but of his resources, or particular claims for relief we know nothing. We again advise brethren to seek for further information on these points before giving away their proxies, and urge them to insist on details being supplied in future cases of this description. No. 17, A. J. Tettenborn, is a son of a brother who was initiated in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 943, and who afterwards joined the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507. This candidate is one of six children now dependent on a widowed mother, who we trust will, ere long, be relieved of the care of this lad. Bro. Tettenborn made many friends during his lifetime, not a few of whom are now endeavouring to show their respect for their departed brother by providing a home for one of his children. We sincerely hope they will be successful, and that too at an early date. Young Tettenborn has already contested at three elections, and has now a total of 645 votes to his credit. No. 44, H. A. High, is another lad whose mother is left with the care of six fatherless children. The lad under consideration has already taken part in one election, and on that occasion 324 votes were polled on his behalf. The late Brother High was a member of three London Lodges, and was, we are given to understand, highly esteemed in each. We trust that his family may secure that assistance the case deserves. No. 53, J. P. Seagrave, is a first application case; he and five other children are dependent on a widowed mother, wife of a deceased member of the Zetland and Creaton Lodges, Nos. 511 and 1791.

There are six cases in which the number of children dependent is five, and of these, three are new cases. No. 21, R. W. Delafons, who has a sister in the Girls' School, has already stood two elections, and now comes forward with a total of 363 votes in hand. No. 25, H. M. Hare, after a similar experience as regards past elections, has 940 votes to his credit; while No. 42, R. A. L. Mitchell, who has only contested one previous election, has but two votes in hand. The three first application cases, where there are families of five dependent are No. 52, H. J. McLeod Lillywhite; No. 61, F. T. Davis; and No. 65, A. E. Crutchett. The father of the first-named (Lillywhite) is yet alive, but paralysed. From the record of his past services, both to Freemasonry in general, and the Charities of the Order, he is unquestionably worthy of assistance, and we trust he will receive the hearty support of the Craft in this the hour of his affliction. Young Davis is accredited to South Wales (Eastern Division), and Crutchett to Devonshire.

No. 9, J. B. Windross, is the first on the list of the remaining candidates who form one of four dependent children. His father was a member of Lodge No. 119 (Cumberland and Westmoreland), and died in 1880. This lad has already taken part in four elections, and has 256 votes to his credit. No. 18, F. W. Bell, a third application, from the Province of South Wales East, comes forward with three votes in hand, but as we have pointed out on many previous occasions, past experiences are no sure guide of what is in store for a candidate, especially in Provinces, such as this, where combination of voting power is arranged to perfection. No. 29, L. C. Hooper, is also a third application case, 745 being the total of votes already scored; the father was a member of the Ebury and Salisbury Lodges, Nos. 1348 and 435. No. 37, J. E. Walters, has a sister in the Girls' School; he was a candidate in October last, and on that occasion 134 votes were polled on his behalf. No. 40, W. J. Hodge, also a second application case, has 49 votes in hand, and is accredited to the Province of Somerset, in which district his father held Provincial rank. No. 51, S. H. Bevis; No. 58, H. P. Richardson; and No. 64, R. H. Whiting, all "first applications" conclude the "family of four" list. The first of these three is a Dorset case, Richardson a West Yorkshire one, and the last is a Kentish lad.

There are nine cases remaining in which there are three children dependent, in two of these both father and mother are still alive. No. 19, F. C. A. Douglas, from Hong Kong, has already made two attempts, but at present has only three votes to his credit. No. 20, H. Gale, London, who has also stood two elections, starts on the present occasion with 220 votes in hand, while No. 23, A. F. Williams, also a London case, has polled 597 votes in the same time. No. 24, A. Pratt, is one of the candidates whose father and mother are both living. Bro. Pratt's record of services to the Institutions in the past stands better than any we remember to have seen, and it seems hard, now that he is in need, that he has only been able to secure 527 votes for his son after two elections. If the benefits of the Institutions are to be given to those who have helped the Charities during their years of prosperity, Bro. Pratt's son should have been in a much better position than he at present occupies. No. 26, F. W. Hennah, hails from Kent, and has 809 votes in hand from the two elections of last year, while No. 28, John How, a London case, secured but 140 votes in the same period. No. 46, F. W. Longman; No. 47, H. W. Booker; and No. 50, F. J. Rose, each first applications, are the remaining cases in which there are still three children left. The father of

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Longman is alive, but given in the paper as incapacitated, although in what way is not stated. He was a member of a Somerset Lodge. Booker is accredited to London, and Rose to West Yorkshire. No. 27, R. W. A. Rosier, comes forward, for the third time, with 451 votes in hand; he is one of two fatherless children now, dependent on their mother. No. 34, J. Shaw, is also one of a family of two "dependent," and comes forward on the present occasion with 299 votes from October last. No. 48, J. M. Green, another of a family of two dependent children, is a first application case, hailing from Somersetshire. No. 59, E. E. P. Carré, brings our remarks to a conclusion. He is the son of a late member of La Cesarée Lodge, No. 590, of Jersey, and is the only child dependent on his widowed mother. His father, at the time of his death, was W.M. elect of his Lodge. The case is a first application one.

Having now concluded our review of the candidates for the two April Elections, we are more than ever convinced that some radical alterations are needed in the rules which govern the admission of candidates. We are certain there are cases on the list, which in justice to the brethren who are called upon to support the Institutions, have no right to be there, but the difficulties we encounter on every side when trying to ascertain the true state of affairs prevents our doing more than occasionally aiding to bring an unworthy case to light. We were successful as regards the lad Collingwood, in October 1880, and think we can convince the brethren as regards another case, this election, where it is sought to place a lad in the Boys' School who is possessed of some £500 or £600 in his own right. It may be that, in the opinion of some, such possession should not disqualify him, but we think it should.

We understand that Thomas Woodward, No. 32 on the List, has been withdrawn, so that the number of boys who will now go to the poll to compete for the twelve vacancies is sixty-three. Young Woodward, it will be remembered, was one of the last application cases, and is one of a family of six children left to the care of a widowed mother.

REPORT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR 1882.

THE account rendered by the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys of their stewardship during the past year is most satisfactory. Or, lest we may be thought guilty of some slight exaggeration, we will use the very words of the Report itself, and express our belief that "the operations of the year, it is gratifying to state, have been attended with as large an amount of financial success as could have reasonably been anticipated." The ordinary receipts fall only a little short of £11,800, while the extraordinary receipts in the shape of donations and subscriptions towards the "Special Preparatory Building Fund" exceed £3,078; the gross receipts thus amounting, in round figures, to £14,877. On the other hand, owing to the necessity for purchasing the one remaining plot of land opposite to the Institution at Wood Green, and the expenditure of £650 for that purpose, the expenditure reached £12,335, but as there was a balance brought forward from the previous year of £603, the statement of account for 1882 shows a balance on the right side of over £66. The amount received in respect of the "Preparatory Building Fund" is, of course, kept separate, and as pretty well the whole of it has been funded, we shall dismiss it from our consideration with the remark, that we fully endorse the statement of the Committee that "though little more than twelve months have elapsed since the fund was authorised," the amount of support this "Special Fund" has received "must be regarded as satisfactory."

Turning to the ordinary receipts and expenditure for the year, we have, as has been shown already, a balance brought forward of over £603, or to be exact, £603 6s 6d. The principal item of receipt is, of course, the "Donations and Subscriptions," which present the handsome sum of £10,536 10s 2d. These are sub-divided into "Annual" and "Permanent," and each of these is in turn apportioned between "Private Donors" and to Lodges, Chapters, &c." The "Annuals" amount to £1,573 11s 6d, of which £1,257 17s 6d is contributed by "Private Donors," and only £315 14s by "Lodges, Chapters, &c." As there are in England and Wales some 1,400 Lodges, to say nothing of the Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c. it follows that only a comparatively insignificant section of them find the wherewith to constitute themselves annual subscribers, the wherewith in this case representing the not very excessive sum of "one guinea"—the price of a single ticket at the Masonic Temperance Banquet at Manchester on Wednesday. We agree with those who think there is ample room for improvement under this category of donors, and there is no doubt about the necessity as regards the School itself and its requirements. The "Permanents" contribute £8,962 18s 8d, "Private Donors" giving £6,032, and "Lodges, Chapters," &c. £2,930 18s 8d. If, for the sake of convenience, we take this as representing the permanent contributions of 600 "Lodges, Chapters, &c." at the rate of a Life Subscribership (five guineas) each, it follows that about one-half of the Lodges in England contribute nothing whatever to the support of the Boys' School. The other receipts include three principal items; namely, Grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, £160 10s; a Life Presentation from the Province of Devon, entitled the "Huyshe Memorial Fund," £525; and £510 6s 4d, being interest on under £15,000 India Stock and Consols. These, with the other items and the balance from 1881, make up a total of £12,402 5s.

The Expenditure, including both Ordinary and Special, amounts to £12,335 15s 5d, of which £9,828 2s comes under the former category. The principal items of special expenditure are £224 expended in "Grants and Outfits to Boys on obtaining Situations;" "Visit of Stewards—Distribution of Prizes" £141 5s 4d; "Transfer to Sustentation Fund" £500; "Purchase of Land for Preparatory School" £650; "Sanatorium—Expenses, Board, Lodgings, &c." £218 8s 6d. The total, including the trifling sum of £7 15s for Repairs, &c. in Grounds, which is regarded as being outside the limits of "Ordinary" disbursements is £2,507 13s 5d. The principal items of Ordinary outlay are as follow: Office—for Salaries, Rent, Postage, Printing, &c. £1,417 12s 6d; Salaries and Wages at Wood Green £2,019 7s 2d; Provisions £3,256 0s 8d; Clothing £1,457; Various—Coal, Water, Gas, Rates, Taxes, &c. £955 4s 7d; Household Requisites £492 15s 3d; Infirmary £114 5s 5d. The average annual cost per boy, the number provided for being 215, is £45 14s 1d. One suggestion we have to offer. In the Special Expenditure is an item for Music Account, £83 11s. This is arrived at by deducting the Fees Received, £49 7s, from the total expended,—£132 18s. From an accountant's point of view, we should say that the Fees received for Music should be placed on the Receipt side of the account, and the *full* amount expended on the Expenditure side. We believe this to be the regular mode of statement, though it will not, of course, make the slightest difference in the result, which will remain as before.

A few lines will suffice for the remaining statements of account. The "Pupils' Assistance Fund" shows a balance due to Secretary of £14 15s 3d, the Receipts having amounted to £40 4s 9d, and the payments to "W. R. Parker, Portsmouth," £55. The Stock, &c. Account at Wood Green gives Receipts £85 2s 4d, the principal item being £64 10s 6d in respect of "Sale of Live Stock, &c." The disbursements reach £52 12s 3d, leaving a balance in hands of Secretary of £32 10s 1d. The Sustentation Fund started with a balance at Bankers' of £178 5s 5d, and this was increased by the transfer from the General Fund of £500 to £678 5s 5d. The outlay for "Repairs and Renewals during the year" reached £903 9s 6d, so that there remained due to Bank on 31st December last £225 4s 1d. There is also a statement, from which it appears that up to the close of last year the sum expended in the Purchase of Land and Mansions, Cost of Buildings, &c. &c. amounted to £67,807 15s 4d, of which £5,913 10s was for Land, &c. while the Cost of Buildings, &c. was £61,894 5s 4d.

As to the Educational results during the year, one pupil took Second Class Honours in the Senior Division at the Oxford Local Examination in June, while the eighteen who presented themselves as candidates at the Cambridge Examination (Juniors) in December, passed without a single exception, twelve of the number in Honours, namely, four first class, six second class, and two third class. This speaks well for the system pursued by Dr. Morris and his assistant masters.

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CONSECRATION OF THE WOLSELEY LODGE, No. 1993.

THIS event, which had been looked forward to with a vast amount of interest, took place on Wednesday last, at Manchester. The ceremony of the day was performed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Brother Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, who was supported by a large number of Present and Provincial Grand Officers, who attended from all parts of the kingdom to do honour to the occasion. The new Lodge is named after Bro. Lord Wolseley, the gallant soldier, who achieved such distinction by his able conduct of the war in Egypt, and—as has been already fully treated upon in these columns—starts upon what are called Temperance principles. The proceedings took place at the Town Hall, where a Craft Lodge was opened at 2·40, the Provincial Grand Master being supported by the guest of the day, Bro. Lord Wolseley. When the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master had been saluted in the usual manner, he said they had assembled to constitute a Lodge for the benefit of Freemasonry, and he hoped at the same time for the benefit of society at large. They were met under very pleasing, and also, he thought, singular auspices. A certain number of persons, who were connected more or less with temperance and with teetotalism, two very essential matters, wished to join themselves to a Fraternity of Freemasons in this large and influential Province. Their efforts had been so far successful, and it was his hearty wish, and also he hoped of every good Mason, that the Lodge which they had founded would prosper and extensively benefit their Order. They had chosen for its name one of England's most illustrious subjects, and he felt exceedingly proud that Lord Wolseley had come there to help them to inaugurate a movement which he hoped would have many ramifications. To the brethren who had supported this movement he would say, go on and prosper, and he trusted that others who might probably have been debarred from joining their association would now feel differently, and enter into the haven of brotherly love and affection which they held out to all mankind, uniting with them in the one single object they had in view. After the petition and warrant had been read, the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Brother Rev. T. Collins delivered an oration, and the formal ceremony was proceeded with, and completed. The W.M. designate of the Lodge, Brother D. Edwards, was installed by Bro. James Heelis Provincial Grand Registrar, and the Officers were invested, as follows:—Bros. P. Barker I.P.M., G. Hunt S.W., P. H. Davis J.W., Rev. H. Anthony Noel Chaplain, J. E. Iliff Treasurer, John Hatton Secretary, W. Willis S.D., T. H. Thomason J.D., H. Darbyshire M.C., W. B. Riley I.G., T. Campbell Organist, L. J. Griffiths, H. W. Riley, W. H. Withington, and R. Beresford Stewards. The addresses having been delivered, the Provincial Grand Chaplain concluded the ceremony with prayer. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the R.W. Prov. G.M., Colonel Starkie, for his kindness in officiating at the consecration, and the Provincial Grand Master in acknowledging the compliment said he longed to see Freemasonry extend itself among all classes and shades of men. He and the Provincial Grand Officers welcomed this Lodge into the Fraternity as their last new child; they had been present at its baptism, and hoped to witness its coming of age. The Worshipful Master, in proposing a vote of thanks to Brother Lord Wolseley, stated that when the founders of the Lodge first wrote to his Lordship, he at once replied that he should be delighted to attend the consecration, and give his name to the Lodge, but he could not join it, because strong as he was in favour of temperance principles he was not strictly a teetotaller. They now informed his lordship that they welcomed into the Lodge all Masons, whether they were teetotallers or not. The only prohibitory bye-law they had was, that not more than a certain amount should be spent per year for refreshments, and that no intoxicating beverages should be allowed at any of their meetings. On hearing this, Lord Wolseley said he should be delighted to become a member of the Lodge. Lord Wolseley, in reply, said: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Master, and Brother Masons, I do not think I have ever attended any meeting which has made a greater impression upon me than the present one, and I shall carry the remembrance of it wherever I go. Believe me I am most deeply sensible of the cordiality and warmth with which I have been greeted by so many distinguished Masons belonging to the Province of Lancashire. I assure you it is a very great pleasure, as well as an honour, to me to be here to-day, and to have the privilege of assisting at the inauguration of a Lodge which my brethren have done me the honour to name the Wolseley Lodge. During my career in my profession of arms it has been my lot to have visited most parts of the world, and to go to many distant and out of the way places, and I can say with the utmost confidence that wherever I went I have always found the utmost benefit and advantage from the fact of my being a Master Mason. As the hour is late I shall not detain you by giving any examples, though I could give many where the fact of my being a Mason has assisted me in the most material possible manner in the prosecution of my duty to the public and to Her Majesty. I can only say this, that old as I am if I were not a Mason now I would take the very earliest opportunity of asking the first friend I met who was a Mason to do me the honour of proposing me. Let me again thank you for the great cordiality and kindness with which you have received me, and let me assure you that no one could wish success to this Lodge more heartily than I do. Lodge was then closed. The banquet took place at the Free Trade Hall, where the W.M. presided; he was supported right and left by Col Starkie and Lord Wolseley. The usual loyal toasts met with a hearty reception, and full honour was done when the W.M. called on the brethren to drink the health of their R.W. Provincial Grand Master. Lord Wolseley, in proposing Prosperity to the Wolseley Lodge, said he became a Mason at twenty-one years of age, just before he left the English shores on his first expedition abroad. At that time a very common idea seemed to prevail that Masonry consisted merely in the going through of some fantastic and meaningless ceremonies, and that the members of a Lodge were in the habit of sitting up late at night, eating indigestible suppers, and drinking more wine than was good for them. Even at the present day this old accusation was frequently levelled at them, but the inauguration of that Lodge—the second conducted on the temperance principle that had been established in the kingdom—ought to do something to dispel the idea. He thought that every step taken in the direction of temperance reform should be welcomed, not only by every good Mason, but by every lover of his country. A reform such as temperance advocates desired would, he considered, be greater both morally and materially than any reform of the franchise or any other of the reforms which were so much in favour with the people of England. He believed that the formation of a Lodge on such principles was more likely to be of use than any other reform which Masons could adopt. Bro. Daniel Edwards responded. In the course of his remarks he said, it must never be understood that the Wolseley Lodge was originated as a protest against the intemperance said to be practised amongst Freemasons. Freemasons invariably were taught that one of their fundamental principles was temperance. As the first Master of the Lodge, he had to say that it was formed with the idea of embracing within its fold those good men and true who would not come into Freemasonry without a Lodge of that sort, and not as a protest against Lodges that already existed. Although it was to be a temperance Lodge, he need hardly say that every Mason would be admitted and welcomed within it. Started under such auspices, and founded upon such principles, the Wolseley Lodge would and must have the approbation of the Great Architect of the Universe. The remaining toasts received full recognition, and the proceedings throughout seemed to give every satisfaction to the large body who took part in them.

The admission of an M.P. to the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry was an event of sufficient importance to cause some stir, and a large local gathering at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on the 27th instant. The spacious room in which Harmony Lodge, No. 156, and other Lodges meet, was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. The banners of the various Lodges, and some were venerable ones, ornamented the walls, whilst the room generally was made bright and beautiful with plants, and a very satisfactory choir was improvised for the occasion. Those who know the Officers of Harmony Lodge will not be surprised to hear that not only the Worshipful Master and his Wardens, but each of the Officers, performed his part of the ceremony most efficiently and well, and that the whole passed off without the least approach to a hitch. After the duties were ended and Lodge closed, Bro. Macliver, at the request of the W.M., made a short speech, saying that his impression of Freemasonry, so far as he was able to judge, was very favourable. He was glad to find a thoroughly unsectarian religious basis, and said he should be glad if he could be of any assistance to the Order. His son had told him of the great and beneficial effect of Freemasonry in America, where he had attended meetings at which some four or five thousand Masons were present.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

At a meeting of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, held on Wednesday, the 21st instant, a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. Brickwood I.P.M. The jewel bears the following inscription:—

"Presented, by the members of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, to Bro. John Brickwood, on his retiring from the chair, as a token of esteem and regard."

Bro. Marsh (professionally known as Henry Marston), who for many years was associated with the late Samuel Phelps at the old Sadler's Wells Theatre, died on Thursday, the 22nd inst. Brother Marsh's career as an actor extended over a period of fifty years, and he will long be remembered by the old school of playgoers as a capable and conscientious exponent of the best principles of the dramatic art.

At the Gaiety Theatre, on the afternoon of Monday, the 9th April, will be presented "Vice Versa," a Lesson to Fathers, in three Tableaux, being a stage version, by Edward Rose, of the very successful story of the same name by Mr. Anstey, who has given Mr. Rose sole and exclusive right to dramatise the story.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

FALLING, as it did, so close on the Easter Holidays, the installation meeting did not attract so large an attendance of the members of this popular Lodge as is universally the case. However, amongst those who did honour to the installation of Bro. G. Schadler were Bros. J. Roberts W.M.; Past Masters C. Daniel, H. S. Goodall, W. Chicken, L. A. Leins, E. S. Cornwall, C. E. Ferry, and George T. Brown Secretary. The Officers fully supported the W. Master, and amongst the Visitors were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S., Fred. Binckes P.G.S. Secretary R.M.I.B., C. F. Matier P.G.W. Greece P.M. 645, D. Moss S.D. 1275, J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Herts 1580, J. Goddard W.M. 771, W. A. Summers Org. 771, A. Chivers (late 65), C. Gooding 1329, Peter Harnett 813, J. R. Gallant P.M. 127, R. H. Halford P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Herts 228, J. Newton P.M. 174, A. South J.D. 1804, W. Ferryman S.W. 184, H. Tucker P.M. 933, G. A. Haynes 1804, D. H. Jacobs P.M. 27, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211. Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was next presented, and it was unanimously adopted by the members. Bro. Thomas Buggins was raised to the sublime degree, and Brother Alfred Cheney was passed. The W.M. elect was then presented, and in regular course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. George Schadler, who had received the unanimous vote of the brethren at their last meeting, was regularly placed in the chair of King Solomon. The whole of the work (including the two ceremonies already mentioned) being carefully conducted by Bro. Roberts, who, however, was suffering from a slight cold. After the new W.M. had been saluted in the three degrees, the Officers were appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. C. J. Rich S.W., J. H. Hawkins J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treas., G. T. Brown P.M. Sec., Gregory S.D., W. Walker J.D., Dyson I.G., L. A. Leins P.M. M.C., G. Haller A.M.C., Bourne W.S. The addresses were delivered in capital style by Bro. Past Master Brown, and both Bro. Roberts and he were complimented on the ability they displayed. The usual routine work was then gone through; several communications were read and announced, and Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was supplied by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, the proprietors of the Guildhall Tavern, Bro. Henry Mills superintending the service, and after a full discussion of the menu, the cloth was removed, and grace said. On rising to give the first toast—The Queen and the Craft—the W.M. said it was one invariably received with enthusiasm in Masonic Lodges. He need not expatiate on the virtues of Her Majesty; they were well known and appreciated. In speaking to the next toast—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master—the W.M. said we ought to be very proud of having him as our ruler. He attends Grand Lodge as frequently as he believes it necessary, and the rapid strides taken by the Order since his installation testifies to his popularity amongst the brethren. Brother Schadler on again rising, said he came next to a most important toast. It was that of the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. The work in Grand Lodge is admirably conducted by the distinguished Masons to whom has been entrusted its government. They were honoured that evening by having present Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who was universally respected wherever Freemasonry was known; with the Grand Secretary's name he would associate the toast. After a song by Brother Haynes, "I dream of thee, Sweet Madeline," Brother Col. Clerke rose to reply. The toast he had the honour to respond to was one of a most comprehensive character, inasmuch as it embodied the names of those who had the control of our Masonic affairs. With respect to the Prince of Wales, he was not a mere ornamental head; he took a very active part in the working of Grand Lodge, and he (Col. Clerke) had frequently to attend His Royal Highness and explain matters, and receive his instructions. The Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, they were always ready to render assistance whenever their services were required. As for the other Grand Officers, their offices were not mere sinecure ones. They had heavy and responsible duties to perform, and were fully entitled to the recognition almost invariably given them. It was most gratifying to them to feel their services were appreciated. Speaking for himself, he must apologise for not having been in attendance at an earlier stage of the proceedings; however, owing to the Easter Holidays there were some important items of business to be completed before he could leave; consequently, he found it was nearly six o'clock before he started from the office. Still, he could assure the brethren he attended this, the 125th anniversary meeting of their Lodge, with infinite pleasure. He was glad to make the acquaintance of the members, and wished the Lodge of Prosperity every prosperity. On rising to propose the health of the Worshipful Master, Brother Roberts expressed the pleasure it gave him to perform that duty. He was convinced that in Bro. Schadler the members had secured an efficient and capable ruler. Eleven years ago he and Brother Schadler were initiated together; their relationship ever since had been of a most cordial character, and he could assure him all he could do to assist him he would do, and he felt convinced the members one and all would do the same. After a song—"The Tar's Farewell"—Brother Schadler rose. He thanked the Immediate Past Master for the kind and hearty manner in which he had proposed the toast, and felt complimented by the way the brethren had received it. He would do his uttermost the excel to good working of his predecessors, and felt he could hardly be blamed if in this he succeeded. Of this they might rely, he should strive zealously to further the best interests of Freemasonry, and promote the welfare of their Lodge. In proposing the toast of the Visitors, the Worshipful Master regretted the list on this occasion was but a small one. Brothers Matier, Goddard, Halford and Moss replied. In proposing the health of his predecessor, Bro. Schadler said Bro. Roberts had ably acquitted himself, and had studied the comfort of the brethren in every respect. He then presented him with the Past Master's jewel, which the members unanimously agreed he was entitled to. This bore the following inscription:—

Presented to Bro. JOHN ROBERTS,
By the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65,
As a memento of their high esteem, and in appreciation of his great efficiency and urbanity as Master.
1882-3.

Bro. Schadler trusted that when Bro. Roberts looked upon it, he would remember his association with the brethren of Prosperity Lodge, and that in his possession it would not lose its lustre, but be worn amongst them for many, many years to come. Here Bro. Frank Herold played a selection on the zither, with exquisite taste, and was most vociferously applauded. In reply, Bro. Roberts thanked the brethren most heartily for the manner in which they had received him. He hoped to continue his services to the Lodge, and trusted he might live for many years in health and strength to be with them. He had been ten years associated with the Lodge, during which time he had scarcely ever been absent from its meetings. He should prize the gifts he had received from the Lodge, and felt the recognition his services had met with were far more than they deserved. In speaking to the toast of the Past Masters, the W.M. gracefully referred to the interest each had taken in the working of the Lodge. Bros. Leins, Daniels, Ferry, and Chicken responded. In proposing the toast of the Masonic Institutions, with which he associated the name of Bro. Fredk. Binckes, the W.M. made gratifying allusion to what the Lodge had done in supporting the Charities for some years past, and specially referred to the Stewardship of Bro. Roberts, who had this year taken up £125 for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In the course of his reply Brother Binckes said that despite the depressing cry we hear on almost all hands of the condition of affairs, the key-note of the evening with them undoubtedly was Prosperity. Bro. Binckes urged on all the needs of the respective Institutions, and detailed how each of them was situated as regards funded property; he pointed out the vast demands they had to contend with, and recounted how, from the small number of twenty-seven, some twenty-five years ago, they were now educating and maintaining 215 boys in the Wood Green establishment. Bro. Binckes' remarks were listened to most attentively, and at the conclusion an announcement was made that the list of Bro. Schadler, who will act as Steward at the Boys' School Festival in June next, already amounted to £36 18s 6d. Several other toasts were given, and, throughout, the proceedings were enlivened by music and songs. Bro. Matier won well merited applause by his recital of "The Mate of the Nancy Bell."

In addition to the Past Master's jewel, during the evening Brother Roberts was presented with a handsome clock, manufactured by Brother Halford. This was mounted on an elaborate marble stand, and bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Brother John Roberts by the members of Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, as a token of their esteem, and in appreciation of the efficient manner in which he conducted the duties of W.M. 1882-3."

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE, No. 507.

THE annual meeting of this old Lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 22nd inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge. It is gratifying to be able to record that, after passing through a great many vicissitudes, the United Pilgrims Lodge has now been placed upon a sound basis, and within the last few years has attained a prominent position in the Craft. Much of this success is attributable to the exertions of Bro. H. E. Joyce (editor of the *Shipping and Mercantile Gazette*) who was then installed in succession to Bro. C. W. Peters. Lodge was opened at half-past four o'clock, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master Bro. C. W. Peters, who was supported by Bros. H. E. Joyce S.W. and Worshipful Master elect, E. Blake S.D., W. T. Folks J.D., H. R. Grellet P.M. Treasurer, Jonas Duckett P.M. Secretary, J. S. Terry P.M. of C., J. Gibbs I.G., &c. Amongst the Vistors were Bros. B. Martell (of Lloyd's), F. Elgar, Magnus Obren P.A.G.D.C., James Stevens P.M., H. T. Bing P.M. 1597, T. W. Skelton P.M. 1056, J. B. Sorrell P.M. 176, Edward Johnson P.M. 140, W. G. Lemon P.M. 165, C. P. Passelowe, W. Farr 1677, James Watson 73, E. P. Wilson 181, J. J. Comont 179, Charles Barker 857, J. H. D. Steel 73, F. J. Young 1589, J. Esson 1589, J. C. Venables 263, G. C. Rivers 469, J. M. Hamon 238, &c. The usual preliminaries having been observed, the ballot was opened for Mr. C. H. Sharman, who was proposed by the Worshipful Master elect, and seconded by Bro. E. Blake S.D. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Sharman having been accepted, Bro. Joyce was presented as W.M. elect and assented in usual form to the interrogations put to him. A Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and Bro. Joyce was installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. C. W. Peters, and on the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was proclaimed and saluted with full honours, amidst the universal congratulations of those assembled. He then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bros. C. W. Peters I.P.M., E. Blake S.W., J. Gibbs J.W., H. R. Grellet P.M. Treasurer, Jonas Duckett P.M. Secretary, W. T. Folks S.D., C. H. Wiltshire J.D., H. H. Wiltshire I.G., J. W. Watts P.M. M. of C., J. S. Terry P.M. Wine Steward, W. Harrison Tyler. The Worshipful Master then initiated Mr. C. H Sharman into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the working being most effectively performed, and in a manner which elicited genuine approbation. The Worshipful Master then, in the name of the brethren of the Lodge, begged Bro. Peters's acceptance of a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a token of their respect and esteem, and in recognition of his zealous and valuable services ren-

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dered to the Lodge during his year of office. These services were alluded to in felicitous terms, and the sentiments expressed by the Worshipful Master were heartily endorsed by the whole of the brethren. The jewel was a massive and elegant one, and bore the following inscription:—"United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507. Presented to Bro. Charles W. Peters, in appreciation of his services as Worshipful Master, 1882-3." Bro. Peters, in acknowledging the compliment paid him, expressed the interest he had always taken in the affairs of the United Pilgrims Lodge, and promised it his undivided attention in the future. After the transaction of some other business, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which was served in a manner which reflected the highest credit on Messrs. Roberts, the proprietors of the hotel, and their staff. At the conclusion of the repast, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured, the name of Bro. Magnus Ohren being coupled with that of the Officers of Grand Lodge. Bro. Magnus Ohren, in responding, said it was a great honour for any Mason to be called upon to respond to this toast, because he himself must wear the purple; and it afforded him great pleasure to hear the manner in which the names of the Grand Officers were always received. But he was not at all surprised at this on the present occasion, when he looked around him and saw so many who were in the habit of attending Grand Lodge. There they saw how the Officers did their duty, and the two noblemen at the head of the Craft, the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom, whenever they were present, conducted the business in a manner which must give satisfaction to every one. The Officers who attended Grand Lodge, and worked on the Committees gave a great deal of time to the work, and their duties were most faithfully and zealously performed. They would all be pleased to see the Most Worshipful Grand Master a little oftener, but they must recollect how fully his Royal Highness's time was occupied, and that the days for the meeting of Grand Lodge were fixed. If they were moveable days, the Prince of Wales might be enabled to attend oftener than he does; still, they all knew he paid the most earnest attention to his Masonic duties. The Grand Secretary was constantly with him, and His Royal Highness knew everything that was done; the Grand Officers were selected by him, and his heart was entirely in Freemasonry. He again thanked them for the manner in which the toast had been received. The Immediate Past Master observed that one of the most important toasts before them that evening was the health of their Worshipful Master. They all knew his excellent disposition and kindness of heart, and no one could have met him in this Lodge without admitting that in Bro. Joyce he had found a friend. He did not know what would have become of the United Pilgrims Lodge but for the brother who had been so unanimously chosen as its Worshipful Master, for three-fourths of its members were his own personal friends, whom he had brought into the Lodge, and he only hoped they would persevere until they reached the high and dignified position that he had attained to-day. He felt very proud, indeed, at having to stand there to propose the health of Bro. Joyce, in whom he had taken a deep interest from the moment he came into the Lodge, and in whom he was very glad to find so worthy and apt a pupil. His genial and kindly manner, and disposition to make things pleasant all round, him had been felt and acknowledged in this Lodge, and in the presence of so many Visitors as they had to-night, he had very great pleasure in testifying to the true worth of their excellent Worshipful Master, who was deserving the highest honours the brethren could possibly bestow upon him. He asked the brethren to drink to the toast with all the heartiness it deserved, and with all the sincerity he knew they felt towards not only a brother Mason but also a true and intimate friend. Bro. Joyce endeavoured most successfully to carry out in practice all the tenets inculcated in Freemasonry, and his sole aim was to make everything pleasant, and to unite men in the grand design of rendering each other happy. Might he live long to come amongst them, and to aid them in carrying out that grand design of making each other happy and in promoting the true welfare of the Craft in general, and of the United Pilgrims Lodge in particular. So mote it be. Bro. Joyce, who was received with the utmost cordiality on rising to respond, said he thanked the brethren most earnestly for the cordiality with which the toast of his health had been received. He could only say that although he had great pleasure in being amongst them that evening, there was a certain tinge of sadness about it. He recollected that it was only some three or four years ago when he was initiated, when two of his most distinguished Visitors to-night were present, and when he occupied the position of his brother now on his immediate right, he said, in responding to the toast of the Initiates, when a "printer's devil" in a small country town, very many years ago, it fell to his lot to print a notice of the Shakspeare Lodge, held in that locality; and he thought to himself, though only a "printer's devil," he should like some day to be a Mason. That was his ambition, and on the night to which he referred, he told the brethren that ambition had been realised; but since then he had another ambition, and that was to be a Mason as good as any of those present. There he must stay, for the idea was not yet quite realised, though he hoped it was to some extent, for he had gone as far as he could expect to do, at least for some years. There was, as he had said, a certain tinge of sadness, that he had got almost to the apex of his ambition. But he should not allow that sadness to affect in any way his future interest in Masonic duties. He felt he must quarrel with his excellent Immediate Past Master, who said three-fourths of the members of the United Pilgrim Lodge were his friends, and he trusted they might always remain on the same terms of amity and goodwill as they were on at present. It should be his endeavour to produce that effect, and if he failed in it once he should, as in the song they had just heard, "try again." If anything in life was worth doing at all, it was worth doing well, and it was a laudable ambition on the part of all Masons to try and reach the top of the tree. He thanked them, first of all for placing him in the honourable position he now occupied, and he felt it a great privilege and compliment, because he knew there were many of his friends who had been members of the Lodge longer than he had been, and yet had not attained that position. It was an honourable distinction, and one which he most thoroughly appreciated. It would be his most earnest desire, during his year of office, to justify the choice they had made, and he hoped that at this time next year, when it would be his turn to take the seat now occupied by his friend the I.P.M., he might be equally entitled to their satisfaction and their esteem for the manner in which he should have discharged the duties entrusted to him during his year of office. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Initiate, in whose presence he would not say so much as he should have been tempted to do otherwise. He could only say that Bro. Sharman was another friend of his. They had often heard Masters say they could generally judge of a Mason when he was initiated, and whether they were likely to turn out good men and true. From the interest he took in the ceremony, he felt perfectly certain that Bro. Sharman would prove a student and an excellent member of the Fraternity. If Bro. Sharman should ever reach the proud position of being Master of his Lodge, might he be there to give him a hearty welcome. Bro. C. H. Sharman, in responding, said that one of the greatest secrets in Masonry, so far as he was concerned, was in being asked to respond to a toast. He had for a long time past experienced a craving and longing to associate himself with this Antient and Honourable Institution, but up to now circumstances had prevented him. At the present moment he felt very much like Alice in "Wonderland," nervous, timid and surprised, and could only half grasp the beauties of a system which he hoped he might more thoroughly understand in the future. He felt he had got one foot, however, over the stile, and hoped he might have the opportunity of reaching some of the higher offices in due course. His heart was already in the work, and he should endeavour faithfully to carry out the solemn obligations he had that night undertaken. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, whose excellencies of character he could roll into a few words. He was a good Christian man and a good Mason, which was all that need be said of a true Brother and a gentleman. The I.P.M. felt very proud on this auspicious occasion, for he had now arrived safely in the "Upper House," amongst the Past Masters, who had guided and regulated affairs for many years. He should be happy to co-operate with them in the solution of problems that were frequently cropping up, and assist in every possible way in advancing the true interests of the Lodge. He thanked their excellent W.M. for the few kind and concise words he had so kindly spoken, and the Officers of the Lodge generally for the valuable support and assistance they had accorded him during his year of office. He scarcely knew what he should have done, or how he could have got through the business of the year, without the generous aid and co-operation of the Past Masters, especially their excellent Treasurer and Secretary, and Brothers Watts and Terry, to whom the praise bestowed upon himself was greatly due. He was much obliged for the creditable report they had made upon the way in which he had conducted himself in the chair during the past year. He assured them he took that chair with the best intentions, and he now resigned it into abler hands, though certainly not more willing ones. He wanted to see the Lodge grow and prosper, as it had done lately, and he hoped it would not only become efficient, but well known throughout the Craft for its support of the Charities. That was one of the great essentials of success. He hoped they would ever bear in mind the sentiments contained in the recitation just given by Bro. P.M. Stevens, on "The Level and the Square," and if they did so, they would retire from the Lodge with a clear conscience, and be much better for having exerted their utmost to promote the true interests and objects of Freemasonry. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, and in doing so was pleased to meet many old and distinguished Masons as guests that evening, and not less so to welcome those of the rank and file, who, by promulgating the tenets of Freemasonry, were equally eminent with those who wore the purple. He believed it was incumbent upon Masters to visit other Lodges, and to entertain visitors, and but for unfortunate illness in his family, he hoped to have had the company of the Worshipful Master of his mother Lodge on this occasion. It might appear somewhat strange that he should now be the Master of the Lodge of his adoption, but they could not control all the circumstances of their lives, though they must be guided by them to a very great extent. It had been his lot to throw himself into their Lodge to the exclusion of his mother Lodge; but, somehow, though he might go into many Lodges, he should never lose his love and affection for that in which he was initiated. There were P.M.'s here whom he had had the pleasure of meeting in a place to which he was indebted considerably—the Lodge of Instruction—amongst whom he might mention Bro. Sorrell, whilst in Bro. Stevens they had a great authority in The Great City Lodge, and in many others on both sides of the water. He alluded to the common bond of unity which bound brethren together in the practice of good deeds, and said many of the brethren who had not yet passed the chair were as exemplary in carrying out the principles of Freemasonry as those who wore the purple, and who dispensed what Charity they could without ostentation, and often without any one knowing about it. He hoped he had given the Visitors a hearty welcome, and the same would be extended to them whenever in the future they might pay a visit to the United Pilgrims Lodge. Bro. W. G. Lemon, in responding, said when Bro. Joyce came into the Ravensbourne Lodge, he thought he had in him the making of a thorough Mason. He had not the pleasure of initiating their excellent W.M., but he had of receiving his first subscription, and Bro. Joyce would have a lively recollection of the part he played at the initiatory ceremony. He was very pleased to have had the opportunity of being present to witness his installation, and rejoiced that he had been able to avail himself of the invitation. He was delighted with the working in Lodge, and with —what was something unusual with a W.M., immediately on being appointed to the chair—his proceeding at once to initiate a brother, and to perform the work at a moment when he might reasonably be allowed to enjoy a little relaxation. But Bro. Joyce was so omniverous

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a worker that he did not expect they would hear him say, on the return of a brother, he might give a lecture on the tracing board "should time permit." He thanked them for the kindness and courtesy with which the Visitors had been received, and he should look back upon it with a cordial sense of their hospitality and urbanity. Bro. Stevens said he had been associated with this Lodge many years, and had had frequent opportunities of enjoying the amenities of the brethren, though it was some time since he paid his last visit. It was said that "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," and certainly the reception accorded to the Visitors that evening revived much of the old satisfaction he experienced in former times. He might mention that a Lodge of Instruction having been established in connection with this Lodge, of which he had the honour of being the Preceptor, those who were young in the Craft, as well as those more advanced, should embrace every opportunity of attending, when he should be happy, in return for the truly Masonic greeting he had received that night, to give them whatever instruction he could, in his official capacity. The working in Lodge and the hospitalities of this evening did them infinite credit, and he rejoiced exceedingly at the prosperity which had attended their Lodge, especially during the last few years. Bro. J. B. Sorrell also returned thanks, in doing which he expressed his pleasure at seeing Bro. Joyce installed into the chair, and also in witnessing that ceremony performed by the I.P.M. It was most unusual to see a newly installed Master initiate a brother immediately on taking office, but this he thought was to be accounted for by the fact that Bro. Joyce, as W.M. of the Lodge of Instruction, had perfected himself in the work he had undertaken. Bro. B. Martell observed it was a goodly thing for brethren to dwell together in unity, and he was sure that was an axiom that was always exemplified in the United Pilgrims Lodge. He hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them on many future occasions, and to enjoy their friendly hospitality, as he had done to-night. He had much appreciated the beautiful addresses delivered by the I.P.M., and had the utmost pleasure in meeting so many friends in the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters, whom it would be invidious to singularise, seeing they all possessed such admirable qualifications. They were all deeply indebted to the Past Masters for the assistance they had given, enabling them to perform their duties. He alluded in especially felicitous terms to the manner in which the Treasurer and Secretary discharged the functions of their respective offices, and of the efforts they made to sustain the prestige and popularity of the Lodge. Bro. H. R. Grellet acknowledged the compliment that had been paid him by his re-election as Treasurer; he hoped he should be able to discharge his duties to their satisfaction, as he had done in the past. Bro. Jonas Duckett was very pleased at being Secretary of this Lodge, which after so many vicissitudes had attained its present proud position in the Craft. There were fond memories clinging to the present, and he could not but reflect how that the good old ship had been brought through turbulent and tempestuous seas, until it had become a strong, united and prosperous Lodge. He wished for it a long career of usefulness and prosperity, and this he was assured would be the case so long as its affairs were as ably conducted as at present. Bro. Terry also suitably responded. The health of the Officers of the Lodge were then proposed and severally acknowledged, and the list was fittingly closed with the Tyler's toast. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened with some excellent recitations and songs, Bro. C. Warwick Jordan, Mus. Bac. Oxon, presiding most efficiently at the pianoforte.

WEST KENT LODGE, No. 1297.

THE installation meeting was held on Saturday, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, under the presidency of Bro. W. F. Gardner, who was supported by a goodly company of members and visitors. The first business of the day was a neat little address by the Master in reference to the decease of Bro. John Allen, the first initiate of the Lodge, and afterwards one of its Masters. Bro. Gardner in feeling terms alluded to the unfortunate event, and to the great loss the Lodge had sustained through it. After the report of the Audit Committee had been received and adopted, Brother R. H. Crowden P.M. took the chair, and in excellent style installed Brother Thomas Perrin as Master for the current year. In the course of the post prandial proceedings the new Master was congratulated upon his installation and on the prosperity of the Lodge, and some well-deserved observations were made by Bro. Grabham on the excellent working of the W.M. and his Officers.

ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE, No. 1589.

THE first meeting of the members of this Lodge, since the installation of Bro. Alfred Tisley as Worshipful Master, was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on 28th instant. There was a numerous muster, and at the close of the business, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ALDERSGATE LODGE, No. 1657.

AT its last meeting, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. Benton, the Worshipful Master, the Lodge decided to petition Grand Chapter for a Warrant for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge. On the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded by Brother A. Brookman, the Lodge resolved to present to Brother J. Derby Allcroft, the Treasurer of the Lodge, who has recently been elected Grand Treasurer, the clothing of Grand Treasurer, as a compliment for the great services rendered by him to the Craft in general and also to the Aldersgate Lodge, of which he was the first Master.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—At the usual meeting of the above Lodge, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, Bro. Marks occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Dixie S.W., W. Potter J.W., Cusworth P.M. Preceptor, F. Perl Secretary, Gayler S.D., A. Perl J.D., Weeden I.G.; also Bros. A. Potter, Ockleford, Paden, Higman, Jupp, Laughton, Halford. Lodge was opened and the previous minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, Bro. A. P. Jupp acting as candidate. Bro. A. Potter having proved himself efficient, was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Paden 813 was elected a member. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed.

FREE GARDENERS' FESTIVAL AT KIRKCALDY.

ON the 23rd inst. the annual Festival of the Kirkcaldy District of British Order of Ancient Free Gardeners was held in the Corn Exchange there, and was largely attended. Mr. J. Guthrie-Lornie, J.P., of Birnam and Pitcastle, presided, and was supported by Rev. B. B. Begg, Bailie Speedie, Councillor Hutchison, Dr. Goodenough, Mr. Peter Harrow, and other members of the Order. The Chairman in opening the proceedings said, it seemed rather out of place that he, one of the youngest members, should preside on that occasion, but he believed it was characteristic of the Order that every member should do what was in his power for the general good, and, accordingly, he willingly complied with their request, all the more so, because, since he became an honorary member the other week, he had been much impressed with the earnestness of the office-bearers in endeavouring to benefit their fellow-townsmen, more particularly the working classes, by the advantages which the Society offers to all who join its ranks. As they were aware, its fundamental principle was that the strong shall help the weak, and that they in health should assist in the relief of their less fortunate brethren who may have been overtaken by accident or disease. No words of his were therefore necessary to enforce its claims upon the attention of the thoughtful and provident. The history of the early foundation of their Ancient Order is lost in antiquity. They were however informed, that there were Free Gardeners in Scotland when James VI. was called to the English Crown, nearly 300 years ago. Since then the Society had undergone many changes in its modes of working and in its organisation, but its ruling principle of mutual benefit had remained the same, and he understood that at the present time it was in a more prosperous condition than at any previous period of its history, the number of members being increased to over 50,000 in Great Britain. Besides, Lodges had been and were formed in all parts of the world, the latest additions being those in South Africa. In their district alone there were four Lodges, with a membership of 660. He hoped, therefore, that any person who had not already joined would be induced to do so without further delay, and he could promise that they would find in its ranks many of the most respectable and intelligent working men in the district. He considered that a large industrial community, such as this, was fortunate in having such men in its midst, ready and willing to devote their time and ability to the upbuilding and maintenance of such a beneficial Society. He hoped that they would continue their exertions not only in the relief of poverty and distress, but also—if he might be allowed to make a suggestion—in the endeavour to lessen the vice of intemperance, which operated so strongly against all philanthropic effort, and robbed many working men of the hard-earned money which ought to be saved up against times of sickness and trouble. He believed that the great sources of crime and destitution in this country had their origin in strong drink, and if the members of such Societies as that of the Free Gardeners would unite more determinedly in the suppression of that vice, their powers as a means of doing good would be even more largely felt. He assured them that he was proud of belonging to such an Ancient Order, and expressed the hope that the Society would continue to flourish. It was deserving of all support because its principle carried out the injunction handed down to them through many centuries, and which was at the root of all true social happiness—"Bear ye one another's burdens." Other speakers followed, and afterwards the members and their friends had an assembly.—*Dundee Advertiser.*

On and after Monday next, the 2nd April, in consequence of a change of proprietorship at the "Moorgate," the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, will be held at the "Crown and Cushion," 73 London Wall (corner of Great Winchester Street), every Monday evening as heretofore, at 7·30.

The members of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1245, have secured rooms at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, W. (corner of Cambridge-place), where, on and after Monday next, the meetings will be held. On Monday, 2nd April, the Fifteen Sections will be worked, and it is to be hoped the brethren will muster in strong numbers.

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ECCLESTON CHAPTER, No. 1624.

THE installation meeting of this excellent working Chapter was held on the 28th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the M.E.Z. Comp. W. Vincent; J. Johnson H., J. G. Fisher J., I. Isaacs Treasurer, A. W. Beckham S.E., J. Wyer P.Z. S.N., C. Taylor P.S., Bond 1st Asst., Thos. Coulthard 2nd Asst. Visitors—J. I. Cantle 186, C. Smith M.E.Z. 1804, George Messenger 1237, and H. M. Levy P.Z. 188. The Chapter was formally opened and the minutes of last Convocation read and confirmed The Auditors' report was received and adopted. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. W. A. Burrows 1624 and C. James 15, which were unanimously in their favour. These brethren being present, they were duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. We may remark that the working of the M.E.Z., the Principals and Officers deserves especial praise. The installation of Principals next took place. Comps. H. J. Johnson M.E.Z., J. G. Fisher H., and J. Wyer P.Z. J. Companion Vincent, the retiring Z., installed the Principals in a manner that might be equalled, but could not be excelled, for its correctness and impressive delivery. The installation of Officers followed. Comps. W. Vincent I.P.Z., I. Isaacs Treasurer, A. W. Beckham S.E., C. Taylor S.N., H. Bond jun. P.S., T. Coulthard 1st Asst., C. Lee 2nd Asst., Church Janitor. After which hearty good wishes were tendered, and the Chapter was closed until June. The company afterwards sat down to a very sumptuous and *récherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and superintended by Comp. Dawkins. The M.E.Z. ably presided and proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. W. Vincent I.P.Z., in rising to propose the health of the M.E.Z., said there are but few in Craft Masonry who do not know Comp. Johnson; he can scarcely be excelled as a worker; to-night he has been installed as Z., and he (Comp. Vincent) was sure he would do his duty in R.A. Masonry. During the past year the Companions had shown him every kindness and forbearance, and he trusted they would extend to their new M.E.Z. the same amount of attention. He was sure then the Chapter would flourish. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked the I.P.Z. for the flattering expressions he had used; he hoped to have as prosperous a year as his predecessor. If the Companions only rallied round and supported him as they had Comp. Vincent he was sure the Chapter would prosper. Before resuming his seat he would call on those present to drink to the health of the Exaltees—Comps. Burrows and James. Both are well known and respected in their respective Lodges, and he (Comp. Johnson) was sure they would be an acquisition to the Eccleston Chapter. Both Companions responded to the toast. The latter spoke of his connection with the Parent Lodge; he was now a member of the Chapter, and hoped to be with them at many enjoyable gatherings for many years yet to come. The toast of the Visitors met with a most cordial reception, and Comps. Smith, H. M. Levy, Cantle, and Messenger severally responded; each dilated on the able presidency of the M.E.Z., and the pleasure they experienced in testifying to the way in which Comp. Vincent had performed the ceremony of exaltation and installation. The M.E.Z., on again rising, said he had now to propose what might be considered the toast of the evening,—the health of their excellent Comp. W. Vincent I.P.Z. The credit this Chapter had acquired was mainly due to him. He was its first M.E.Z., and no one could have conducted the work better than he had done. To follow such an accomplished Principal he felt he had his work cut out for him; still, if he could only do half as well he should be perfectly satisfied. Turning now to Comp. Vincent, the M.E.Z., continued: He had now to place on his breast the jewel of the Chapter, and hoped that as they had been so agreeably associated in Craft, they might look forward to an equally pleasant connection in Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Johnson concluded his address by expressing a hope that Comp. Vincent might live long to wear it, with pride, as a mark of appreciation of the services he had rendered to the Chapter. The jewel is of exquisite design; enamelled, with the R.A. colours; and is set with diamonds and precious stones, and bears a suitable inscription. Comp. Vincent in reply said he had to thank the Z. and the Companions for their kindness; whatever he had done he felt was but his duty. He thanked them heartily for their support; he could not have succeeded so well as they had paid him the compliment of saying he had done, had they not supported him might and main. He felt assured they would accord the M.E.Z. the same assistance in carrying out his duties. He thanked them for the elegant jewel presented to him, and to quote the words of Comp. Johnson—he hoped that he might wear it with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Chapter. The Z. then proposed the toasts of the H. and J. The H. was one of the founders of the Chapter, and P.M. of the Eccleston Lodge. Comp. Wyer is a very old and respected P.Z.; personally, he felt honoured by having two such Companions to support him in his year of office. He hoped to see both Companions occupy the chair; this was undoubtedly their right, and he felt it was a pleasure in store for them. Comp. Fisher said it was due to the able tuition he had received from the I.P.Z. that he had attained the proud position he now occupied. He felt it was only his duty to thank Comp. Vincent for his zeal in seeing that every office should be filled with credit. Comp. Wyer followed; all his energies would be at their command. The Officers of the Chapter were next complimented. The S.E., Comp. Beckham, is one who does his duty thoroughly. The S.N. equals him in zeal; and, in fact, all the Officers were able to do their work thoroughly. He wished specially to say a word for Comp. Bennett, who had looked after their creature comforts most assiduously. Comp. Beckham, in a very excellent speech, responded; he regretted the absence of the Treasurer, but he might remark with pride that they were out of debt; that was saying a great deal for a Chapter that had only been one year in existence. He hoped at the expiration of the current year there would be a large balance in hand. Comps. Taylor, Bond, Lee, Bennett, and Coulthard followed; then the Janitor's toast was given, and a very agreeable and harmonious evening's entertainment was brought to a close. The M.E.Z. provided a very excellent musical *melange*. Miss Florence Davis, Comps. J. I. Cantle, Charles Tayler, Lee, James Kift, and Knight-Smith delighted the Companions with their excellent harmony.

United Strength Chapter, No. 228.—A convocation of this Chapter was convened on Wednesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there were present Comps. Robt. H. Halford M.E.Z., Charles K. Killick H., Edward Davies J., A. J. Timothy Scribe E., W. S. Hunter Scribe N., A. W. Fenner P.S., Geo. W. Edis 1st Assist. S., Jas. Hillhouse P.Z., Villet Rolleston, J. Gibbs, Joseph Bennett and C. Thomas Janitor. Visitor—Comp. W. Cook Scribe E. of the Metropolitan Chapter. The Chapter was opened in accordance with ancient rites, but as there was no business on the agenda, only some formal work was done, and the Companions adjourned at an early hour to a *récherché* banquet, when the customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were proposed, and duly honoured. A very harmonious and agreeable evening was passed.

The North London Chapter of Improvement, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's Road, Islington, on the 29th instant, was well attended. Comps. Osborn occupied the chair of Z., Sheffield H., Pearcy J., Tipper S.N., Hubbard P.S., John Evans Sheffield S.E. The ceremony was capitally rehearsed.

We had lately the pleasure of inspecting the establishment of Brother M. Silver, of 117 Gower Street, Euston Square. Bro. Silver is well known to many of our readers, more especially to that section who are in the habit of attending the Jewish Lodges, where our courteous brother is almost invariably entrusted with the supervision of the banquets that follow the labours of the day. Bro. Silver is an accomplished caterer, and the business, of which he is now at the head, has been conducted by him and his father for nearly fifty years. The establishment in Gower Street is furnished with every requisite for comfort; capacious and well appointed kitchens, admirable storerooms, a splendidly fitted supper and ball room, with all the necessary retiring rooms, smoking rooms, &c. On the upper floor every convenience is provided for the supply of wedding breakfasts, and many a happy Jewish couple have had their nuptials celebrated under Bro. Silver's roof. As it is becoming the fashion now-a-days for those who desire to entertain their friends to select a public place for the purpose, rather than to incur the inconvenience at their own residences, we cannot do better than call attention to the facilities offered by Brother M. Silver. At the same time we may add that Brother Silver is always prepared to supply every requisite for dinners, ball suppers, or wedding breakfasts, at the residences of those who may honour him with their commands.

The Masonic Press is exercising itself just now with two subjects, which, for the sake of the promotion of good feeling, it would be better to let drop. One is the late election of Grand Treasurer, the other the establishment of a Temperance Lodge, and the columns of the papers are opened to correspondents who certainly do not lack the ability to sow discord. It seems extremely bad taste in the supporters of the re-election of Colonel Creaton to argue that he ought to have been re-elected, as it implies that the election of Bro. Allcroft was a slight on Colonel Creaton. Argue as they may, nobody, not even Colonel Creaton's advocates, see it in that light, and the supporters of Bro. Allcroft honestly and indignantly repudiate it. With respect to the Wolseley Lodge being a temperance Lodge, it is impossible to see in the fact any ground for soreness on the part of Masons generally. Why a Lodge should not be established on temperance principles no reason can be assigned. The brethren who promote it have surely a right to say what the speciality of the Lodge should be. No brother is asked to join it unless he likes. There are very many Lodges which have but one banquet a year,—like the Asaph. That Lodge was started on that principle, and every man in the Lodge knew the rule before he entered. If he objected to have but one Lodge banquet a year he could have gone to some other Lodge. There being one temperance Lodge on the roll of Grand Lodge of England is no aspersion on the character of the Masonic body. There is, however, some ground for complaint in the unusual course that has been adopted by the Provincial Secretary of the Lodge, sending out circulars to all the Lodges, touting for visitors at the consecration, to whom tickets are to be sold at a guinea each.—*Evening News.*

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UNWORTHY CLAIMANTS FOR THE BENEFITS OF OUR CHARITIES.

IT will doubtless be in the recollection of many of our readers that we have already addressed a few remarks to them under the heading which we now adopt; but, on the other hand, it is a considerable interval that has elapsed since we did so; further, this heading seems the most appropriate we can use at the present time, when the events of two and a half years back—for it is that time since our former article appeared—are really repeating themselves. Our present title may also be useful in calling to the minds of brethren generally the causes which necessitated such an apparently un-Masonic expression being made use of in the past, and may, by its repetition, perhaps induce some of those most interested to take steps to prevent its being again needed. Our present heading was first made use of when we brought the case of the lad Arthur Harvey Collingwood — at that time a candidate for the Boys' School—prominently before the Craft. We now intend it to apply to one of the lads on the list for the coming April Election.

It may be remembered that among the names on the list for the Election in October 1880 was that of Collingwood, who we found on inquiry was entitled, with his mother and three other children, to a fortune of something like £9,000, that being the amount at which his deceased father's estate was proved. Our publication of this statement called forth some indignant remarks from certain of young Collingwood's supporters, and the merits of the case were pretty generally discussed, with the result that in the end it was brought before the Quarterly Court of the School, when it was decided that the case should be referred to the House Committee to consider and report upon at the ensuing Quarterly Court. At the Election that followed this decision, young Collingwood's friends polled 1,007 votes, which, with 743 brought forward, placed him sixth on the list of successful—there were sixteen elected on that occasion; but, the House Committee, after inquiry, having recommended his exclusion, the lad was eventually declared ineligible, and the votes polled on his behalf were forfeited. We have devoted thus much of our space to a *résumé* of Collingwood's case, in order to show what course has been adopted in the past, and also to prove, if possible, that some more stringent inquiry is needed before a candidate is passed as eligible to take part in an Election.

The case now in point is, that of Frank Alexander Herring, No. 55 on the list, son of the late Bro. Thomas H. Herring, who was initiated in the Unanimity Lodge, No. 113, Preston, Lancashire, on 2nd August 1869, and who died on 29th June 1882, leaving three young children parentless, their mother having died previously. We were informed, just before going to press last week, that this lad and the other members of his family were entitled to something like £500 each as their share of their father's estate, but, as is usual in such cases, our informant pledged us to secrecy, so far as he was concerned. However, the records of the Probate Office were open, and, after a long search, we found that, Bro. Herring having died without making a will, letters of administration were granted, on 21st November 1882, to his brother, on behalf of the children, the personality being given as

£1,836 7 11 gross
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This latter sum representing the actual value of the property after all debts had been paid, each of the children is entitled to £555 4s 10d, which amount, if allowed to accumulate until the recipients reach the age of twenty-one years, will, in the case of the lad seeking election to the Boys' School, amount to something over £1,000. We therefore ask,—Is this lad a candidate worthy of being admitted to the benefits of the Boys' School? We say most decidedly not; he is in a better position to pay for his own education than nine-tenths of those who are called upon for subscriptions to the School, and for that reason should never have been approved of by the Committee, that is to say, provided they were in possession of the facts we have now stated. Indeed, we hardly think it possible all the circumstances could have been kept secret unless something like misleading representations were put forward.

We consider the particulars we have here given are sufficient to call for some inquiry, and as the figures are obtained from official sources, there can be no question as to their correctness. We therefore leave the case to the consideration of the brethren at the Quarterly Court, feeling assured, if the facts are fully looked into the application must finally be rejected.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on the 9th May, was held on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D., Vice-Patron of the Institution, in the chair. Bro. Grey was elected President of the Board of Stewards; Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., Patron of the Institution, was elected Treasurer; and Bro. Hedges Hon. Secretary. Bro. Dubois P.G.W. Middlesex, Vice-President, was appointed Chairman of the Ladies' Stewards. It was resolved to hold the Festival at Freemasons' Tavern. The dinner and music Committees were elected, and other formal business conducted. At the close of the meeting the Chairman drew attention to the fact that the number of Stewards was considerably below the average figure, and expressed a hope that all present would exert themselves to ensure the success of the Festival. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls held their monthly meeting on Thursday. Brother Col. Creaton was called to the chair, and there were present besides the following brethren, viz., Frank Richardson, Frederick Walters, J. H. Matthews, James Peters, C. H. Webb, Robert P. Tebb, and E. C. Massey. The minutes of the General Committee meeting of the 22nd ult. having been read and confirmed, and the minutes of the House Committee of 22nd inst. read for information, the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for varios small amounts due to tradesmen, &c. Brother Richardson informed the Committee that since the last meeting of the House Committee, it had transpired that of the fourteen pianofortes in use at the Schools, twelve were said to require replacing with new ones, and he therefore proposed that this Committee should authorise the House Committee to employ an expert to examine and report upon all the instruments, and that the House Committee should be empowered to replace with new ones such as turned out to be past repair. Bro. Richardson added that this expenditure would not be any tax upon the funds of the Institution, as there was in hand a fund of £186 resulting from the fees of half a guinea a quarter which was paid by each pupil who learned music. The Chairman said that the House Committee were not aware of the condition of the pianos at the date of their last meeting, and he thought it a very proper matter to be brought before the General Committee. He then put the proposal to the vote, and it was carried unanimously. Three petitions were considered, and all being approved, the names of three candidates were ordered to be added to the list.

The Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, which hitherto has been held at the "Duke of Cambridge," Bridge Road, Battersea, has now been removed to more convenient and commodious premises, namely, at Brother Burgess's, the "Rock" Tavern, Battersea Park Road, nearly opposite York Road Station London Brighton and South Coast Railway, where the brethren meet every Tuesday evening, at eight o'clock. Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M. 1585, acts as Preceptor, and Bro. R. K. Collick is the Secretary.

MARRIAGE.

FERRIS-STEVENS.—On the 24th instant, at Holy Trinity Church, Clapham, Thomas M. Ferris, only son of Thomas Ferris, Esq., of Walworth, S.E., to Ellen Lavinia, second surviving daughter of Brother James Stevens P.M. P.Z., Clapham, S.W.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As the April elections of Boys and Girls to the Schools of the Royal Masonic Institutions will take place very shortly, a few statistics concerning the candidates might not prove uninteresting or out of place. I must premise that my figures are approximate only, not fractionally correct. There are 65 boys and 28 girls anxiously looking forward for the result of the polling; of the 65 boys, 12 only can be elected, which, with two cases, Nos. 32 and 60, withdrawn, leaves 51 to try again in October, or be left out in the cold through being disqualified by age; as there are no less than 11 with whom this is the last chance. The average age of the boy applicants is 9 years, varying from 7 years and 5 months to 10 years and 11 months; one case being one month within the extreme limit, the fathers of these three have subscribed from ¼ to 32½ years, or an average of 9 years 7½ months, but only 13 of them, or one-fifth of the whole number, are recorded as having served a Stewardship or made themselves Life Subscribers, Governors, or Vice-Presidents of any of our Institutions. Of the 78 girl applicants 22 are to be elected, leaving only 6 unsuccessful. There is only one girl (No. 5, Mason) with a last chance, but as she brings forward 1,388 votes, her success may be looked upon as a certainty. The average age of the applicants is 9 years 7½ months; from 7 years 4 months to 10 years 9 months; their fathers have subscribed from 3½ years to 24 years, or on an average of over 9½ years, but 5 only are credited with in any way assisting the Masonic Institutions. Of the total of the candidates (91) 5 have both parents living—74 have the mother only—8 the father only—and 10 neither. The number of children dependent in each family ranges from 1 to 10, making an average of 4½ to each. While writing on this subject, I would call attention to what to me appears—if I may say so call it—handicapping a candidate unfairly. I allude to the case of Simpson's, No. 14, last chance; one of 5 dependent on a widowed mother. What right has this case to be singled out for the remark that he has a brother in Christ's Hospital, when I am informed, on undoubted authority, that the father of Pratt, No. 24, one of three only, and the mother alive still, is in receipt of a government pension; yet there is no mention of that circumstance against that boy's name, and he has four more opportunities. If it is necessary or wise to mention what extraneous aid outside Freemasonry any member of a candidate's family may receive, it should be done in all cases, or none.

Yours fraternally and faithfully,

P.M. 1607.

THE LATE ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Without entering into the question of the advisability of making the Grand Treasurership a yearly appointment, it would seem that some explanation should be given as to how it came to pass that the proposer of the Grand Treasurer elect stated openly that that "Brother had faithfully served the Craft for forty years."

The brother in question was initiated in Lodge No. 46, in December 1846, and continued a subscribing member for two years.

He did not join again until December 1876,—as can be proved by Grand Lodge Returns,—when he became first W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657.

How can any one, in the face of this, make out "forty years membership?"

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"ON THE SQUARE."

APRIL FOOLS?—We could not help asking ourselves who really were April Fools on Wednesday last, though March had not left us, and the day dedicated to fools proper was yet some days off. It happened in this wise. We paid a visit on the day mentioned to the London Cottage Mission, 67 Salmon's-lane, Limehouse, at the new Hall there, and saw one of the weekly Irish Stew Dinners given to the wretched lot of children who crowd in hundreds to be fed, and not only children, but men and women—the men mostly discharged labourers and such like, out of work, and the women either their wives or the wives of those too ill to leave their miserable homes and crawl as far as the Mission Hall, and whose share of Irish Stew was sent to them in jugs, basins, or cans of all sorts and sizes. Then came the question as to April Fools. We all—that is most of us—spend a great deal of money in a lot of useless ways, and even when we *do* give any away, give it away to anybody that asks us without asking a question. Is that an act of folly? Now, here is a case where we can all be sure we are acting wisely by sending all the little help we can to a *really* deserving charity, and can feel on Sunday next that our first act on the 1st of April was one we can look back again on with real pleasure and without any fear of being classed with those whose "nameday" it is. The offices of the London Cottage Mission are at 44 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., where Mr. Walter Austin, the Director of the Mission, will most thankfully receive all contributions, as will Miss Napton, the Lady Superintendent, at 304 Burdett-road, Limehouse, E.

MASONIC TIDBITS.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

ENJOYMENTS.—It is a little singular, and yet no less true, that the enjoyments of old people are, to a certain extent, similar to those of youth. The young look forward with hope and gladness to a future glowing in the warm sun of the spring-time when the flowers are fresh and fragrant, and the birds are shouting their songs from orchard and forest. The future is yet in the shadow, dark clouds may yet lower, but they are still below the horizon, and the rumbling of the tempest is too far off to be heard. Hard struggles and dark days, anxious cares and disappointed hopes, with many a gloomy hour and sleepless night await them, but the young and hopeful know it not,—and they are happy! But the aged have passed through it all. They have made the voyage, wrestled with the storm, and, after having endured it all, are now nearing the haven of quiet and safety, where there is secure anchorage and perpetual rest—song and crown and fadeless youth:

"They are standing by the river,
They are waiting on the shore."

MASONIC VETERANS.—These thoughts were suggested by reading lately, in some Masonic paper, about a re-union of Masonic veterans in some Eastern State, I think. Near a hundred venerable workmen from the Temple sat down to a sumptuous banquet, prepared for them by the members of the Lodge located in the town where they met. The good things which burdened the table were enjoyed, amid the sunshine of familiar faces, kind fraternal greetings, and warm grasps of the hand. Old times were talked over, old memories revived, anecdote and incident came in to brighten the scene and shed a richer glow on table and group—grey heads and tottering limbs. It was the enjoyment of young life again, enriched by the toils and cares and experiences of many years. And so passed the evening away, while the table and the hall, and the gathered fathers enjoyed the life and warmth of sunnier days once more.

And why not more of such re-unions? Why not make them as regular as the annual meetings of the Grand Lodge? Many years ago I arranged for such an organisation in Ohio—the first in the West, and wrote out in brief the nature and objects of it. The late Judge Thrall, Past Grand Master, George Rex, subsequently Grand Master, John M. Barriere, Kent, Jarvis, and other old and distinguished Masons, most of whom are now under the sod, gave the movement their cordial approval and support. Arrangements were made for a meeting of the veterans, to which was added a collation. I secured the attendance of a young brother who was a fine vocalist, with a promise that he would sing a song for the "old folks." After the supper and greetings and reminiscences, the song was called for. It was appropriate, and bore the title of "Forty Years Ago," and he sang it well. The veterans listened, their faces wreathed in smiles, old names and old memories came back, and the co-workers in forest and quarry and Temple seemed to mingle in the throng, and many a tear rolled down venerable cheeks—and all were happy. I never shall forget that evening of social enjoyment with the old workmen, who had "borne the burden and heat of the day," and were now enjoying the companionship, in the evening of life, of their fellow-labourers of other and earlier years. It was like the summer sunlight after the dark clouds had rolled away, and the tempest had hushed and folded its wings in slumber.

That association still lives and prospers, and its annual re-unions are green spots in the declining years of the fathers, and are looked forward to with most pleasant anticipations. Why not have such an association in every State, and even in the large cities? Give the fathers a cheer on their downward pathway, and add to their enjoyment while they "rest from their labours"—awaiting the summons to "come up higher,"—Where Faith is lost in sight, Hope ended in fruition, and Charity alone remains.

REPORTS ON MASONIC CORRESPONDENCE.—We can learn much from little things—from small items picked up from the highways and byeways of Freemasonry. Indeed, if we were to observe with more care the small matters which go to make up the aggregate, we should have a better knowledge of larger things—the greater thoughts and greater information. Life is made up of minutes, and great influences and great achievements are woven from infinitesimals. I have often thought that if Freemasons would more carefully study the small items that may be found all along the paths of Masonic life—from Lebanon to Zarthan, and then to Moriah—it would be better for all interested. We might not have such expensive halls and furniture, nor such grand displays and gorgeous regalias, nor so many expensive banquets and receptions; but we should know more about pure Freemasonry, understand it better, and practise its precepts more closely.

I have been reminded of all this by reading some Reports on Foreign Correspondence sent me. We all know the general object and character of such Reports, but we rarely study the valuable items that are compressed into these larger documents, by the often un-requited labour of some patient and hard working brother. We might gather many a little scrap of Masonic knowledge, the aggregate of which would add largly to our stores. There are questions about Masonic law and usage settled, details of events transpiring among the Craft; notices of movements and measures designed to promote the usefulness of the Institution and increase its general prosperity. I do not know of any collection which contains so much of the current history of Freemasonry for thirty or forty years past as do the Reports on Foreign Correspondence made to the Grand Lodges of the United States. Every Freemason should endeavour to procure, as published, as many as possible of these Reports, and file them away in his library. If he has not time to read them as procured, they can wait for future inspection. Besides, they constantly increase in value, as copies become scarcer and more difficult

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to obtain. Another generation will appreciate them, after the present labourers in the cause shall have passed away. We cannot treasure books too carefully, especially if they relate to Freemasonry, for such works are rarely re-published in after years, and soon become so scarce that it is often difficult to procure a copy.

But I am wandering from the subject of such Reports. We must accept the current facts, but not always the opinions and comments of the compilers of them. The Reporter gives facts, so far as they may come to his knowledge, and often interjects his own opinions and comments, on matters already decided by Grand Masters or Grand Lodges. These Reporters, it should be remembered, are no more infallible than some other Masons, and their opinions are as open to criticism as are those of their compeers. They give statements, and facts, and quotations, and then frequently add their own views and inferences. These often throw light on the question, and sometimes mislead the reader; yet they are valuable as aids in search of the truth; but in reading them we must learn to discriminate, and even sometimes to discount. The brother who prepares the Report should be well informed on matters Masonic—especially if they relate to the history, laws, objects, and labours of the Fraternity, its current transactions and characteristics, as well as the biographies of leading members. Tell us what such men have done for the benefit of Masonry, besides being admitted to the degrees. If they do no more than this, they very soon become idlers in the hive, or barnacles clinging to our noble Craft, and impeding the efforts of the active and enterprising members. In regard to the qualifications of a Reporter, one describes his associate in such work, when writing of him; thus: "He is not only an able writer, but a good condenser, and presents his brethren with the cream of the cream." Such, and such only, I think, should be appointed to that important work. Give us facts, but let the reader exercise his own judgment and supply his own comments.

Speaking of idlers,—every Mason should make a record of active devotion to the interests of the Institution, and of untiring zeal in the promotion of its welfare. This should be engraved upon his banner, and it should be unbought and unsolicited. The records of deeds, and of zealous devotion to the cause will constitute his highest eulogy. Everywhere, as well as in the Reports I am writing about, there may be and is sometimes too much pandering to great names, forgetful of the claims they may have to Masonic commendation, and without regard to any benefit they may have been to Freemasonry. They may be great as politicians, or statesmen, or jurists, or linguists, or clergymen, and they may be Masons, but many obscure and humble persons, from the farm or the workshops, may have done much more for Freemasonry in their love of the Institution, and their unwearied efforts to promote its interests, and sometimes those are commended who have not even been members of the Fraternity, but its causeless and unfaltering enemies. Take an example: One of the very best and most careful and competent of Reporters, in giving the names of the Officers of a Grand Lodge, says: "Clay Webster Taylor, Grand Master, and John Quincey Adams, Deputy Grand Master, a combination of illustrious names of which any Grand Lodge might be proud," The names are great in the history of the United States in its earlier days, but what of the men who bore them? But why should any Grand Lodge be proud of the names of Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, or John Quincey Adams? We are justly proud of those names as illustrious in the history of our country. They were eminent as lawyers, statesmen, orators and patriots. But why commend them in the records of Masonry? As American citizens we may well be proud of them, and ready to do all honour to their memories,—but not in connection with Freemasonry. Adams was a great and far-seeing statesman; Henry Clay was the peer of Adams, while as an orator he stood pre-eminent. And Daniel Webster, great, stern, massive Daniel Webster, in all respects, I think, he was the greatest man our country has produced. His very presence was an inspiration, and commanded the homage of all he met. It is said that once, while walking along a street in London, England, a gentleman was greatly impressed by his appearance and bearing, and inquired who he was. "Daniel Webster, from the United States," was the reply. "Is that the great statesman? said the querist. "Why he looks like a Cathedral!" And no better description of the appearance of the great Webster was ever given. All three of the men named were honoured statesmen, while two of them were among the greatest orators of the age. Every American may well be proud of seeing such illustrious names on the escutcheon of their country, but not in connection with Freemasonry. What did they do for our Institution that their names should be commended on the records of a Grand Lodge? Another generation who "knew not Joseph," seeing these names mentioned with pride in connection with Masonry, will take it for granted that they were Freemasons. But, from the present standpoint, I ask what claims have they to Masonic commendation? Let us see. But allow me to suggest that these Reporters are writing for the future, as well as for the present, and hence great care should be exercised as to what should be placed on record. It is this heedlessness of the past that has created such confusion and contradictions in the history of Freemasonry. Be careful to make and leave the records accurate, and in historical matters take nothing for granted that is not susceptible of proof.

ADAMS—WEBSTER—CLAY.—The mother of Adams was a noble woman—far above the sanctimonious pretensions of the earlier New Englander. Her husband was in Philadelphia as a member of Congress at the time of the Bunker Hill battle, at which the Grand Master Bro. Dr. Warren, was slain. Soon after, Mrs. Adams wrote to her husband, giving the details and results of the conflict. In this letter she says: "We heard from a deserter that our valued friend, Bro. Warren, dear to us in death, was not treated with any more respect than the common soldier; but the savage wretches called officers, consulted together, and agreed to sever his head from his body and carry it in triumph to Gage (the British General). What humanity could not obtain the *rites* and *ceremonies* of a MASON *demanded*. An Officer who, it seems, was one of the Brotherhood, requested that, as a Mason, he might have the body unmangled, and find a decent interment for it. He obtained his request, but upon returning to secure it, he found it already thrown into the earth, only with the ceremony of being first placed there, with many bodies over him." That woman, who wrote so kindly of Masonry, was the mother of John Quincy Adams, one of the most vindictive Anti-Masons of his day. When the Morgan excitement began, he, with others, caught the contagion and joined the "army of invasion." He wrote a large volume in a series of "Letters on Masonry and anti-Masonry," in which the Institution was condemned in terms of unrelenting hostility. He denounced Freemasonry, and said all he could to injure it and bring it into disrepute. But neither his high political standing, nor great name and great abilities could avail. Freemasonry lived on and prospered, and will live and prosper after its defamers shall be forgotten. But why we should now place on the records of a Grand Lodge, and in commendatory terms, the names of a vindictive anti-Mason, I cannot conceive. Distinguished as he deservedly was as a statesman, he was also distinguished as an enemy to Freemasonry.

Daniel Webster, in some respects, had few, if any, equals in his day,—or before or since. Intellectually he was "head and shoulders" above his contemporaries, though he lived in an age of great men. He was not a Freemason, and on one occasion, at least, treated the Fraternity with great contempt, if not insult. The present Monument on Bunker Hill was dedicated 17th June 1843. It was erected, not by the Craft, but by an association of patriotic citizens, who revered and wished to honour the memory of Warren. Fifty years before, in 1794, King Solomon's Lodge, at Charlestown, secured a donation of the ground, and erected a monument upon it in memory of their Grand Master Warren. The square and compasses, with other Masonic emblems, and an appropriate inscription, were engraved upon the shaft. John Foley jun., was Master of the Lodge, and at the dedication of the monument delivered an address. In 1825 the "Bunker Hill Monument Association" was organised to erect on the ground a much more massive and imposing structure. By mutual arrangement the ground and obelisk were transferred to the new Association, with the condition that an exact copy of the original shaft, greatly reduced in size, should be placed within the pedestal of the new Monument, and there preserved.

The new Monument, as stated above, was dedicated 17th June 1843. The President of the United States, with his Cabinet, distinguished citizens, and a vast concourse of people were present, and there, too, was King Solomon's Lodge, in full regalia, and at his head was the same John Foley jun., who had officiated as Master and delivered an address at the dedication of the original Monument erected by his Lodge.

Daniel Webster pronounced an oration on the occasion, one of the most eloquent that ever fell from his lips. But while patriotism, heroism, Warren and battle were all brought into review, not a word about Freemasonry. There was the model of the first Monument built by the Lodge; around him were the members of that Lodge; by his side on the platform was the venerable Foley, in costume, who, nearly fifty years before, had dedicated the first Monument. Mr. Webster could not have been ignorant of the facts, nor of the historical events connected with the structure, but he uttered not one word on the subject, nor alluded to the Craft in any way, in its connection with the imposing obelisk before him. The Lodge and the Craft were left severely alone—treated with silent contempt! Why? It is difficult to tell. It may have been from prejudices imbibed by the earlier years of the anti-Masonic excitement, but in 1843 there was little danger to be apprehended by a politician; and besides, Mr. Webster had, or ought to have had, too much stern good sense to be influenced by such thoughts. His studious failure to refer to the Craft, and to Dr. Warren as Grand Master when he laid down his life for his country, must have been intentional, but his reason for it now slumbers with him in the grave. There let it remain, for great men sometimes have failings, as well as less prominent ones, and there is use in all for "The broad mantle of Masonic charity." But why the name of Webster, great and patriotic as he was, should receive honourable mention on the records of the Grand Lodge is beyond my comprehension. I honour the man as a orator and statesman, but he is entitled to no special regard in connection with Freemasonry.

Henry Clay, "The great commoner," one of the most eloquent men of his day, and every pulsation of whose heart throbbed for freedom and his country, was a Mason in early life, and "did well for a season;" but political life and aspirations and anti-Masonry caused him to neglect and then to ignore the Fraternity. When the antis desired a candidate for the Presidency, they wrote Mr. Clay to know if he was a Mason, and what were his views about the Institution. His reply, substantially, was—that when young he had become a Freemason, but he had given it no attention for so long a time that he did not think he could gain admission to a Lodge. Cold shoulder again! But what an admission for a Past Grand Master! And why should such men now have honourable mention on the records of a Grand Lodge, however much we may honour them in other relations? The brethren referred to by the Reporter, as bearing these names, are doubtless good men and true Masons, but they did not select their names, and I am only writing of men of other days known by such names; of men who had no claim upon the Institution, and yet receive flattering notice on the records of a Grand Lodge.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 31st MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1905—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

MONDAY, 2nd APRIL.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields
83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1435—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amherst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street Bath
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1106—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1796—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 87—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 3rd APRIL.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Meddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 4th APRIL.

15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Cheqners, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1706—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
R.A. 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden Square, W

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashn-under-Lytone
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R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 5th APRIL.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)

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1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1773—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
M.M. 344—Trinity College, 15 Mandeville-place, W.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
133—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
286—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomert, Abington Street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
435—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
793—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1013—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
1382—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1384—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1907—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

FRIDAY, 6th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
860—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
963—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1429—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
K.T. 134—Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
243—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 7th APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1323—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

EMBLEMATIC LODGE, No. 1321.

AN ordinary meeting of the above Lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, when there were present Bro. Walter John Forrest W.M., who presided, supported by the following:—Bros. W. B. Fendick S.W., H. S. Hunter J.W., P. T. Brearey P.G. Steward P.M. Treasurer, G. F. Swan P.M. Secretary, G. F. Meads S.D., W. Englefield J.D., R. A. Kirkaldy I.G., H. Esling Steward, G. Willson I.P.M., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. P.M., F. T. Edgington P.M., W. Salisbury, S. H. Barrow, J. H. S. Palmer, S. Bannell, J. W. Edwards, W. Monks. Visitor—Bro. A. G. W. Richman S.W. Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. Jas. H. S. Palmer and S. Bannell were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and the third degree was conferred on Brother Samuel Harry Barrow. After some routine work, Lodge was closed. Previous to the banquet, and while the Secretary was arranging his papers, the brethren re-entered the Lodge room, headed by Brother P. T. Brearey P.M., who acted as spokesman for the occasion. Bro. Brearey stated that their worthy Secretary doubtless anticipated that the members of the Lodge had finished with him for that evening. But he (Bro. Brearey) was pleased to say there was something more to be done; and a gratifying duty had been entrusted to him. He would therefore ask Bro. Swan to accept, in testimony of the esteem in which he is held by the members, an illuminated vellum, the inscription upon which he would read, as follows:—

EMBLEMATIC LODGE OF ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, ENGLAND, No. 1321.

This Testimonial was presented to
Bro. George Frederick Swan,
Past Master, Secretary and Founder of the above Lodge,
on the 15th March 1883,

as a record of the great esteem and regard in which he is held by the members; as a testimony to his unvarying urbanity and integrity, and in appreciation of his assiduous attention to his various Masonic duties.

Walter John Forrest W.M.
William Barnes Fendick S.W.
Henry Samuel Hunter J.W.

On hearing this inscription read, and receiving at the hands of Bro. Brearey the elegant Testimonial, Bro. Swan, who appeared completely taken by surprise, was about to speak, when Bro. Brearey said, he would crave his attention a little longer. The brethren who desired to do honour to their zealous and energetic Secretary, had likewise commissioned him to ask Bro. Swan to accept a purse, and he was authorised to say that the amount it contained had been subscribed privately; not a penny had been taken from their Lodge Funds. In handing it over, he begged Bro. Swan to accept it in the spirit in which it was offered,—as a slight recognition of many and invaluable services rendered by him during the thirteen years he had been associated with the Lodge. After this graceful compliment had been fervently, but in brief terms, acknowledged by Bro. Swan, the brethren partook of a capital banquet, where the after proceedings were of an exceptionally agreeable character. We may add that Bro. Swan was the first W.M. of the Emblematic Lodge, and on leaving the chair was appointed Secretary, which post he has filled ever since.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1040.

THE annual election meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a goodly attendance, under the presidency of Bro. James Boulton W.M. There was an abundance of work on the agenda paper, and the various items having been satisfactorily disposed of, the brethren proceeded to the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, their choice falling unanimously on Bro. Frank Herold, who has acted efficiently as Senior Warden during the past year. The Treasurer was re-elected, and a Tyler was appointed; after the transaction of some other business, the brethren and Visitors partook of a banquet, at which the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured, and the proceedings agreeably interspersed with music.

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The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoum, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of **CHLORODYNE**, with which I effected miraculous cures.

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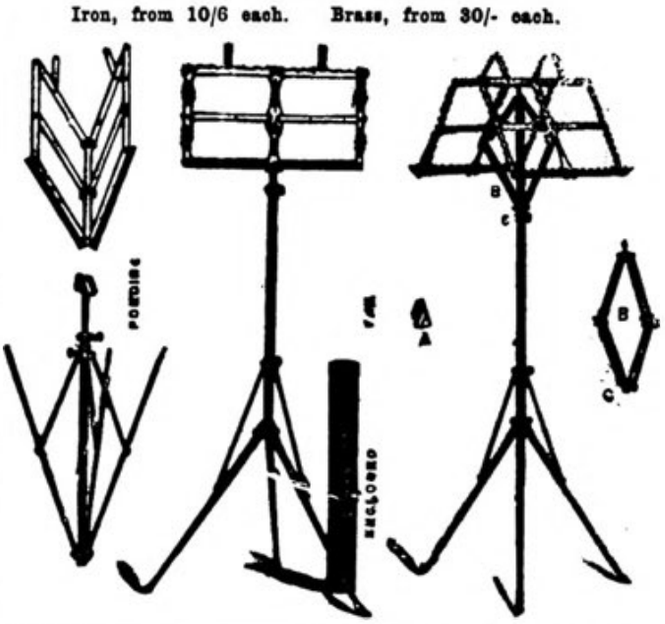

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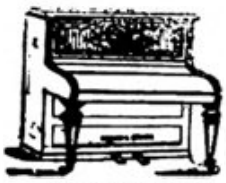

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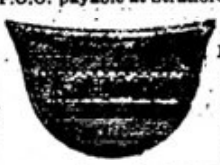

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AN INTERESTING CEREMONY.

AN event of some interest to the Craft is announced for Monday next, when Bro. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Warden of England, will lay the foundation stone of St. Anne's Church, near Bagshot, with Masonic ceremonies. Another instance will thus be afforded of the ready aid which Freemasons in all times have manifested themselves willing to lend in matters of public concern, calculated to advance the moral and spiritual good of their fellow creatures. We have not before us any further details of the event, but the fact that one of the Princes of the Blood has generously undertaken a prominent part in it, and that the Province of Surrey, under its esteemed Prov. Grand Master the Right Worshipful Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., will be represented in full strength on the occasion, invests the matter with sufficient importance to call for special notice in these columns. A train leaves Waterloo Station at a quarter past twelve, arriving at Bagshot, *via* Woking, about two, and immediately after its arrival there, the Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened, at the Vicarage, where a procession will be formed, and the brethren will repair to the site of the day's ceremonial. We are requested to state that the brethren of the Province are desirous of inviting Masons outside their own immediate circle to participate in the proceedings, which will unquestionably be of a very interesting description, and there can be little doubt, if the weather remains as summer-like as it has been during the past few days, a large number will take advantage of so pleasant a trip into the country. It need only be remarked that in all such cases the members of the Masonic Craft are pleased to assist in works of charity and brotherly love, and whether for the advancement of social or material progress, they are at all times not only willing, but desirous of lending a hand, both by their countenance and of their substance. We have frequently, in times past, been called upon to make pleasant records of the efforts that have been put forth by the Craft to ameliorate the condition of the suffering and distressed in all parts of the world; to aid in the promotion of means of saving life at sea, and the prosecution of all works of social improvement and progress. The event referred to is pre-eminently one in which Freemasonry may participate in with the consciousness that the work has the approval of the G.A.O.T.U., and of good men and true who desire the spread of refining and elevating influences everywhere around us. There can be no greater incentive to works of this character than the principles inculcated by the Craft to which we have the privilege to belong, viz. that of rendering ourselves more extensively useful to our fellow-creatures; and, apart from all other questions, this will stimulate many of our brethren to accept the invitation which is thus generously extended to them by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey. We hope to have the pleasure of meeting a goodly muster of brethren present on the occasion, so that our illustrious brother who has so kindly lent his august countenance to the event may be convinced of the deep-rooted affection in which he is held by every member of the Order, and that he may be encouraged in the noble actions which have made him so popular amongst all classes of his fellow-countrymen. It will also be the means of lending additional zest and gratification to the members of the Prov. G.L. of Surrey, who are proverbially glad to receive the co-operation of brethren in any useful movement in which they may engage; and, for this reason alone, we trust there may be a thorough rallying around them of as many Masons of that and the adjoining Provinces as can make it convenient to spare a few hours to devote to a very laudable and beneficent design. With such weather as we are now enjoying, the excursion into one of the prettiest parts of the county of Surrey will not be without its agreeable accompaniments, and it will be much to our surprise if the assemblage is not one of a very numerous and distinguished character.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CHARITIES.

THE question that has again been revived in our columns as to the eligibility or otherwise of candidates for one or other of the Masonic Schools, who may be possessed of property, or entitled to some on their coming of age, does not merely affect the individuals now particularly referred to, but is one that may have considerable weight in determining the future of the Institutions themselves. We do not think it necessary, in again writing on this subject, to do more than refer our readers to our article of last week, under the heading "Unworthy Claimants for the benefits of our Charities;" to the one under the same title which preceded it, two and a-half years since (should they be in a position to do so); and to the letters which, this week, and in the past, have appeared in our correspondence columns in connection with this subject. Having done this, we feel we shall have placed them in possession of sufficient particulars to enable them to understand the purport of our present remarks.

The question at issue—whether a candidate for the benefits of one of the Masonic Institutions who may be in possession of property is entitled to charitable relief—is a difficult one to deal with. Our opinion on the question is well known to our readers; but, whether it is the correct one or not, we do not undertake to decide, although past experiences would seem to prove that it is the popular one. We consider that any one whose property or prospects are sufficient to provide them with a fair education—we will say, for purpose of argument, such an education as is given in the Masonic Schools—and pay for the necessaries of life, is not entitled to a place in either of the Schools connected with the Order; even though their exclusion may necessitate the spending of the whole of their possessions; leaving them, at the age of twenty-one, with nothing to show for the property left them by their parents or relations but their education and maintenance in the past. In support of this view we would refer to the oft-repeated appeals of those who seek for subscriptions to the Schools; that they are made in order to help those who are not able to help themselves; and, as a further argument in support of our opinion, that all in possession of property should be ex-

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cluded, we argue that by far the larger part of the money annually subscribed to the Institutions is given by those who are not in a position to endow their own children with £500, £600, £1,000 or more, on their attaining the age of twenty-one years, or being married, should either of those events occur during the lifetime of the parents. The question really hinges on the soundness or otherwise of this proposition. If it be correct, then there can be no doubt but that children possessed of means should be excluded; while, on the other hand, if it is incorrect, then the possession of property should not be a bar to the admission of a candidate. We are afraid there is not much hope of discovering, with any degree of certainty, the actual social position of all, or even a majority of those who give; but from our experience, and bearing in mind, among other features, the fact that a very large amount is annually raised, in connection with the various Charity Associations,—now established in all parts,—by means of weekly subscriptions of sixpence and upwards, we should say there can be no question as to its soundness. It is of course true that very many subscribers to our Schools are in good positions; able to give their children as much, and more, than the amounts possessed by the children we have particularly mentioned; but the question then arises—for whom do they subscribe their money? Do they give it with the view of assisting children of their own position in life, or do they give it in order to aid only those who have been left really destitute, and much beneath them as regards social position. This is an argument that could only be answered by the individuals themselves, and even then it would depend on the particular views of the several donors. Speaking strictly from a Masonic point of view, we think that that portion of our ritual in the first degree where reference is made to the subject of Charity, should form the basis on which our decision should be formed; there are many ranged under the banner of Freemasonry who, from unforeseen calamity or misfortune, are reduced to the lowest ebb of poverty and distress, and it is on behalf of those that an appeal is made, and that too in the face of the assertion that there are also many of rank and opulence connected with the Order.

Our correspondence columns this week contain several letters from brethren on this subject, and in them are contained some of the most opposite views that can be formed in reference to it. "A Northern Subscriber," who, we may mention, is a brother well known in connection with our Institutions, and conspicuous in the past for his advocacy of the claims of all cases of distress which came under his notice, takes up the cause against us editorially. We do not object to his doing so; and, with our usual desire to give both sides a fair hearing, and also to elicit, as far as possible, every argument that can be adduced, we shall devote some attention to him. Our brother repeats the argument that our Schools are not intended for paupers only, a statement we, in some measure, endorse. We say we "in some measure endorse" this, because, obnoxious as the term "pauper" may appear, we fail to see much distinction between it and that of an inmate of either of the Schools. The children who are now enjoying the benefits of those Institutions receive food, clothing, education, and, indeed, everything needed for their welfare, at the hands of strangers, who most certainly have only the claims of sympathy to induce them to subscribe from their own means for the benefit of others. These gifts being voluntary, the children are therefore described as being brought up on charity, while, in the case of pauper children, we suppose the distinction is, that the subscriptions of strangers is compulsory, in the form of rates. Truly a very fine point on which to base an argument, and one which we think does not make much material difference in the actual result. The definition varies, but that is about all that is different, except perhaps that Masonic "Charity" children are better cared for than the majority of "pauper" children. Our correspondent next repeats the often-expressed opinion that a lad, even though he has some little property, may be as poor, comparatively speaking, as those without any provision. This may be the case in theory, but we cannot believe it to be so in practice. At the present time we venture to assert there are very many lads on the list of candidates for the benefits of the Boys' School who, if they do not actually know what it is frequently to want a meal, are yet so far destitute as to be without very many of what may truly be described as the necessaries of life. This being the case, we think that every lad who it can be shown is in a position to enable him to pay for his education should be excluded until such time as no other of the more necessitous class come forward. We are aware that by adopting this course we may almost fill our Schools with members of the lower middle class, but, on the other hand, there are many families who were once in a tolerably good position who are now reduced to the greatest straits. Surely their claims are stronger than those of a similar family who are even now tolerably well provided for. The argument that "families who have always lived in a higher sphere feel just as much the coming down to a lower one as those in an inferior do having to make shift lower still," is only true in sentiment. The former lose caste only, the latter may lose their supply of clothing, aye, even of food. Surely the pangs of hunger are stronger than any feeling which can follow a loss of position. This and other considerations in connection with the subject are really matters upon which there will always be a difference of opinion, and it is only by the minority acquiescing in the decisions of the majority that anything approaching harmony can prevail.

There is one point bearing on this subject on which we would urge the strictest caution; we allude to the publication of rumours, unsupported by reliable information. If brethren take upon themselves to give publicity to any particulars they may become possessed of, they should first of all take the trouble to ascertain whether their information is correct, otherwise they will not only themselves run a great risk, but may be the means of doing irreparable mischief to the individuals more particularly concerned, and permanent injury to the cause they wish to befriend. We make these remarks on the present occasion in consequence of an expression contained in a letter we have received from a well-known brother in reference to another lad on the list of candidates. The expression we object to is one in which there is a doubt implied, the writer himself qualifying his statement by the use of the little word "if." Once having raised a prejudice against a case, it is next to impossible to entirely remove it; we therefore consider that no one has a right to publish anything detrimental to a candidate unless he can prove, beyond question, that his statements are correct. We have been very particular in this respect in the past; if we had not, we might have questioned the eligibility of many a candidate who has been put forward during the past few years; but, as we were unable to satisfy ourselves that the rumours were well founded, we did not try to influence our readers by the publication of what might or might not have been correct. For the sake of the cause we are endeavouring to serve, we trust others will be equally careful.

FREEMASONRY IN THE CITY.

THE present Lord Mayor of London (Bro. Alderman Knight) is well emulating the example set him by many of his predecessors in office, by mingling freely with the brethren of the City Lodges, who seem to vie with each other in securing his Lordship's genial society for an evening now and then. Since his accession to the Mayoralty, Bro. Knight has been a visitor to as many Lodges as the multifarious engagements of the Civic chair will admit, and we can readily understand how perplexed he occasionally must be when inundated with the invitations of the brethren, at whose festivities he would be a welcome and an honoured guest. On the last occasion of his appearance in a Masonic capacity, at a complimentary banquet given by the "Good old Neptune Lodge," his Lordship, in a very happy vein, alluded to the guiding principles of the Craft, and impressed upon the Masters of Lodges the desirableness of doing their work in a thorough and complete manner. Very happy was his allusion to the kind of triple alliance which existed between himself and his two Sheriffs, who by an almost "unique" coincidence are also members of our Order, although Bro. Savory is as yet "but a fledgeling." The Lord Mayor in his allusion to this happy trio, dwelt urbanely upon the mutual sympathy which pervades the brethren of the Craft, not merely in the performance of their Masonic duties, but in all the other relations of life, and observed that when they felt the brethren with whom they were associated were deserving of their sympathy it increased the zest with which they set about their work, and tightened the bonds by which they were held together in the great

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Brotherhood of Freemasonry. His allusion to the strong Masonic affinities amongst the Hebrew section of the community was but the natural outcome of his recent experiences in that quarter of the city where Jews "most do congregate," and the impressions left upon his mind appear to have been of the most favourable and satisfactory kind. The many pithy little points included in his address to the Neptunians were listened to with evident pleasure, and will no doubt be profitably remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present. It must be admitted that the *réunion* was a great success, and reflected the highest credit upon Bro. Povey the Worshipful Master and his Officers. Never for a moment were the pleasantries of the occasion allowed to flag, and the presiding genius of the feast was enabled to show his ability at least in one important branch of his duties, and it must be admitted he performed that duty excellently well. It is gratifying to find that the Civic dignitaries are so alive to the desirability of cultivating the amenities of their brethren of the Craft, for it unquestionably produces a most salutary effect, in many ways. It not only brings the citizens on terms of agreeable intimacy with the chief Officers of the local government of the City, but increases the means of social intercourse amongst the brethren of our Lodges, and infuses more than ordinary zest and interest into their proceedings. It has been the custom with one or two recent Lord Mayors to give Freemasonry prominent representation within the precincts of the Mansion House, and we do not doubt that Bro. Alderman Knight, in the carrying out of the duties of his office—which he is doing without undue ostentation, but in a manner that has been eminently satisfactory to the City—will consider it part of his programme to welcome the representatives of our metropolitan Lodges "at home." We may expect from the sample he has already given us of his urbanity and deep active interest in the Craft that he will excel in sagacity and consideration some of the Lord Mayors, at least, who either through lack of thought, or by ill-advice, have made the Masonic banquets at the Mansion House anything but of a representative character. Such a gathering without the presence of a single representative of the City Lodges, forcibly reminds us of the rather hackneyed allusion to the play of Hamlet minus the Prince of Denmark; but we are reminded that no little comment was excited some time ago when an occurrence of that kind amused so many, and annoyed not a few of our City brethren. In congratulating his Lordship and his Sheriffs upon the lively interest they have taken during their term of office in the promotion of amenity, and the interchange of friendly feeling amongst the members of our various Lodges, there can be little question that when Grand honours are distributed this agreeable fact will not be overlooked.

GERMANY.

HAMBURG, 29TH MARCH 1883.

YOUR readers will perhaps be pleased to hear something about Masonry in this country, and in my first letter to you on this subject I shall have to dwell upon a rare Masonic festival which took place in Frankfort-on-the-Maine on the 18th of March. On that day one hundred years ago the Eclectic Order of Freemasons was called into existence in that city by the publication of the circular issued by the Directorial Lodge at Wetzlar and Provincial Grand Lodge at Frankfort, and which may be considered as the document of foundation of Eclectic Masonry.

The festival was arranged in the large hall of the Frankfort Saalban, as none of the Lodge rooms were large enough to hold all the participants. At noon precisely the Wor. Masters of the fourteen Eclectic Lodges were ushered in by the Stewards, and took their seats in the East, after which all the brethren were ushered in. When all had taken their places, the M.W.G.M. Bro. Van der Heyden opened Lodge, and the deputations of other Grand Lodges entered in solemn procession, and also took seats in the East behind the Wor. Masters. The celebration was opened by a festival cantata—"Des Schiffleins Fahrt"—written by Bro. V. Valentin, and composed by Bro. Klahre expressly for this occasion. At its conclusion, M.W.P.G.M. Brother Dr. K. Oppel rose and gave a highly interesting retrospective review over the past century of the Eclectic Order of Freemasons. The M.W.G.M. then called upon the fourteen W.M.'s of the Eclectic Lodges, and the M.W.P.G.M. to form the chain with him around the altar, and twelve strokes of the clock, and the gradual extinction of the lights in the hall, represented in a sensible manner the departing of the first century, in the same manner as the chiming of church bells and the gradual return of light into the hall represented the dawn of the new century. Now resounded the second festival cantata—"Der Tempelbau"—written likewise by Bro. Valentin, and composed by Bro. Jul. Sachs, expressly for this occasion. The musicians and their instruments, as well as the singers, &c. were arranged, so as to be invisible to the brethren, in the East, behind a large green screen and a large group of plants, by means of which the impression on the participants was all the more edifying. The Grand Orator then rose for his festival oration, his theme consisting of the poet's words: "Wie schön, o Mensch mit deinem Palmenzweige, stehst Du an des Jahrhunderts Neige." 500 to 600 brethren followed the deductions of the orator with the greatest interest, although all were apparently suffering from the excessive heat of the hall. Two W.M.'s—Bro. Barthelmess jun., from Nuremberg, and Bro. Corens, of Hamburg, then spoke, in the name of the Eclectic Lodges. Brother Corens, as the head of a deputation from the two Eclectic Lodges of Hamburg, was the bearer of a gift from the said two Lodges, consisting of a costly Bible, bound in velvet, and silver mounted, for the altar of the Grand Lodge. Then followed a number of addresses on the part of the Grand Lodges represented on this occasion by their deputations; among these was one from the Grand Orient de Belgique, and of the Supreme Conseil de Belgique, from Brussels, whose speaker was the M.W.G.M. Brother K. A. Couvreur.

Numerous letters and congratulatory telegrams were received from all countries of Europe and abroad, but they could not be read to the assembled brethren because of the great number. Only a telegram from H.M. the Emperor, and a congratulatory letter of H.I.H. the Crown Prince of Germany, both of whom had been invited to participate in this festival, were read. The announcement of the M.W. G.M. that Grand Lodge had resolved to proclaim H.M. the Emperor and H.I H. the Crown Prince of the German Empire honorary members of Grand Lodge, and that said honorary membership had been most graciously accepted, created among the brethren the most profound joy. A telegram conveying thanks, and expressing the loyalty of the brethren to the two Most Worshipful and Illustrious Protectors of our Order, was formulated and read by the M.W.G.M., and at once despatched. It may be remarked here that on this occasion the great Masonic merits of the M.W.G.M., Bro Von der Heyden, were acknowledged by his being appointed to no less than seven honorary memberships, by several Grand Lodges and Private Lodges.

At five o'clock Lodge was closed in form, and at six o'clock the brethren reassembled to partake of a sumptuous repast, which having been thoroughly enjoyed, rhetorical and musical performances contributed to bring to a worthy conclusion a notable day, that will long be remembered by those who took an active part in it.

Three publications appeared on this occasion, viz.:—

1. Annals of the Eclectic Order of Freemasonry, comprising the time from 1766 to 1883. By Bro. Karl Paul, Grand Secretary. 270 pages.
2. Festschrift. By Bro. Dr. K. Oppel, M.W.P.G.M.
3. Festival Number of the Masonic Organ, "Die Bruderkette," published by the Hamburg Lodge, "Zur Bruderkette."

A convocation of the St. Martin's-le-Grand Chapter, No. 1538, was held on Tuesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C. There was only a small attendance, and the work on the agenda paper being light, the brethren adjourned early to the banquet, over which Comp. Major W. E. Williams, Treasurer, presided. The customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured, and a very agreeable evening was passed.

The annual supper of the members of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, will take place on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. These réunions at Bro. Smyth's are always of an agreeable character; we are sure to meet many old friends, and mine host spares no pains to make his guests comfortable. Bro. Wallington will preside.

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THE CHILDREN OF THE LATE BROTHER WOODWARD.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your last, you mention the fact of Thomas Woodward having been withdrawn from the list of candidates for the Boys' School. You will, perhaps, allow me to state that Minnie Woodward, a sister of the above, is a candidate for the Girls' School.

Their father, the late William Woodward, attained the rank of Serjeant-Major in the 31st Regiment, with which corps he served throughout the Crimean and the North China Campaigns. He was initiated in 1858, and in the same year assisted in founding the Meridian Lodge, No. 743 (31st Regiment), of which he remained a subscribing member until his death in 1881.

The children of deceased military brethren being placed at some disadvantage as regards their candidature for our Schools, I shall be glad if this brief tribute to the worth of a gallant old soldier is successful in attracting even a slight measure of attention to a most deserving case.

Regimental Lodges, though neither Provincial or Metropolitan, have claims upon the entire Craft, and in the absence of direct assistance from Local Associations, I hope that many stray votes may be cast in favour of Minnie Woodward, who is one of a family of six children, left dependent upon a widowed mother.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD, P.M. No. 743.

THE APPROACHING ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — You, Bro. Editor, have done well in exposing the case of No. 55, Herring; and I should hope his friends will be wise enough to withdraw his name, to prevent the unpleasant task of repeating the Collingwood episode. Annexed you will find a table analysing the London and Provincial cases for the Boys' and Girls' Elections in April, and Aged Freemasons and their Widows' in May next.

At the election of the latter, there are fifty male applicants and seventy female; the average age of the former is 68 years 4 months, and of the latter 65 years 7 months, or a general average of 67 less half a month. Our distressed brethren have subscribed on the average 23 years 6 months, the late husbands of the widows 15 years and a fraction, making a general average of 19½ years or thereabouts, forming a favourable contrast to the fathers of the children, whose average is a trifle over 9 years 9 months. However, this is easily accounted for, seeing that out of the ninety-one children candidates, only eight have the principal breadwinner left to them. Hoping these few statistics will be of interest and benefit to your readers,

I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

APPLICANTS.

Districts.	Old Folks Males	Females	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Grand Total
London	19	25	44	20	10	30	74
Berks and Bucks	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
Cheshire	1	1	2	1	1	2	4
Cornwall	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
Cumberland and Westmoreland	...	...	...	1	2	3	3
Devon -	3	2	5	3	...	3	8
Dorset -	...	2	2	1	...	1	3
Durham -	...	2	2	1	1	2	4
Essex -	3	4	7	1	...	1	8
Foreign -	1	1	2	1	2	3	5
Hants -	3	6	9	3	2	5	14
Herts -	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
Jersey -	...	1	1	1	...	1	2
Kent -	2	5	7	4	2	6	13
Lancashire W.	4	2	6	2	2	4	10
Leicestershire	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
Lincolnshire	...	2	2	4	...	4	6
Middlesex	1	...	1	...	2	2	3
Military	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
Northumberland	3	...	3	...	...	...	3
Norfolk - -	...	...	...	4	...	4	4
Notts - -	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
Oxfordshire -	1	...	1	2	1	3	4
Somerset -	...	1	1	4	1	5	6
Suffolk - -	1	1	2	2	...	2	4
Sussex - -	1	1	2	1	...	1	3
N. Wales -	...	1	1	1	...	1	2
S. Wales -	...	1	1	2	...	2	3
Warwickshire	2	1	3	1	...	1	4
W. Yorkshire	4	8	12	2	1	3	15
	50	70	120	63	28	91	211
Deduct London	19	25	44	20	10	30	74
Provincial, Foreign, and Military	31	45	76	43	18	61	137

MISAPPLIED CHARITY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is only natural, when we consider the vast number of applications that are made upon the Masonic Charities, that the utmost care should be taken in discriminating as to who are the real, and who the undeserving objects of our solicitude and help. The Craft will have to thank you, Sir, and others whose duty it is to consider these matters, for pointing out any cases in which there shall be the slightest grounds for believing the applications made were not of the most genuine and *bona fide* kind. How frequently it is our lot to listen to the unpleasant facts related by the executive of our various Institutions, when the number of candidates for their benefits are so numerous, and the vacancies so few, that to meet one-half of them is an utterly hopeless task. And yet, in looking over the lists of names before us prior to each election, it is most difficult to say which is the most deserving our sympathy, or whose case is really the most urgent. Without inquiry into the private lives of the applicants and their families, the circumstances of which are certainly not presented in too rosy colours when applying for such benefits, it is very difficult to arrive at a perfectly satisfactory conclusion upon the point, and the friends who espouse the particular cases are careful to put them in as plausible and unfavourable a light as possible. The fact, however, remains, that whereas all, or with very few exceptions, such applications are impelled by urgent need, there are occasionally, as you have indicated from time to time, cases which creep in, and in which palpable "jockeying"—it can be designated by no other term—is resorted to, by which candidates who are by no means eligible, according to the rules of the Institution, for relief, are elected over the heads of others who are really deserving all the sympathy and help which can be extended to them. The cases you name demand the strictest investigation, and unless it is made there will be a vast amount of dissatisfaction aroused amongst those who are now willing subscribers to the funds. To say nothing of the unscrupulous endeavours of some people to steal a march upon our Charity, and to grasp at advantages of which they do not stand in immediate need, it is the duty of the promoters of our Institutions to guard carefully their own interests, and the interests of their consistent supporters, and to see that, as I have hinted at the head of this letter, their well-intentioned Charity is not misapplied.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours fraternally,

CAUTION.

"UNWORTHY CLAIMANTS FOR THE BENEFITS OF OUR CHARITIES."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see, by the article in your last issue with the above heading, that you have been more successful than I in unravelling the mystery which is attached to one of the candidates for admission to the Boys' School at the Election to take place this month. I may tell you I am about among Freemasons a great deal, and some short time since heard it mentioned, as you say, that one of the candidates for the Boys' School was entitled to a small fortune should he reach the age of 21. I asked the boy's name, but my friend replied he did not want to be the one to make a bother, and although I afterwards mentioned the matter to several others, some of whom, I think, knew the name, I had been unable to find anything out until I read your article, when I had no doubt but that the case there mentioned was the same. I see you have had a similar experience once before, and so I presume you know how to go to work, but some one must have told you the name of the boy, and I think that brother is equally, with you, deserving of thanks.

For myself, I cannot express the surprise I feel at reading your remarks; to think that a case like that to which you refer as having occurred two and a half years ago should have come to the knowledge of the governing body, and yet no steps have been taken to prevent what has now taken place—a repetition. What are the Committees thinking of? do they ask me to subscribe my ten guineas for this purpose? because if so, I shall most decidedly stop, once and for all, my advocacy of the Masonic Institutions. I may say, lest any brother should doubt my having already done something, that I have served two Stewardships, and had an idea of offering my services again, but I do not think I shall do so unless I see that the money, I and others collect, is spent more carefully. I feel sure my friends would not support me unless I could convince them that such persons as the Herring family are in future to be excluded from the benefits of the Schools.

I shall most anxiously look for your future numbers, in which I hope some further reference to this subject will be made. Meanwhile,

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your remarks on the position of a boy candidate for our April Election, which appear in your issue of 31st March, under the heading "Unworthy Claimants for the benefits of our Charities," again seek to place our Schools before the Craft in a false character. As you have referred to what was done some time since, in the case of the lad Collingwood, I also will refer to it. The view you now take may at that time "have appeared" to be the popular one, as the rejection of the case took place, but I much question if it was really the desire of the general body that

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the boy should be turned out. You will, perhaps, remember what were the arguments used at that time; they were, among others, that the Schools were not intended for paupers only, that they were as free to one member of the Craft as another; and it was pointed out that a lad, even though he had some little property, might be as poor, comparatively speaking, as some of those without any provision. Families who have always lived in a higher sphere feel just as much the coming down to a lower one, as those in an inferior do having to make shift lower still, and for that reason an Institution, to be worthy the name of a Masonic Charity, should do as much for one as for the other. I hope your advice will *not* be acted upon so far as the case of the boy Herring is concerned. The lad should be allowed to go to the poll, and, if he can get enough votes, he should be admitted to the School. His father was a Mason, and as such has a claim on the Institutions; why should his boy be shut out because he has some money to take some eleven years hence? he cannot live all that time on the expectation of getting it, and I expect he cannot touch it before. No, Brother Editor, the Schools are intended for the children of Masons, and those who can get enough friends to support them should be admitted; at least, that is my opinion; and I think you will find it will be the opinion of the Committee, who were perhaps carried away by the excitement of the moment when they decided that young Collingwood should be excluded. As for you, for whom I usually have the greatest respect, I feel on this occasion you have let your energy get the better of your judgment, and I hope, on reflection, you will see fit to modify your advice.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

A NORTHERN SUBSCRIBER.

[So far from modifying our advice, "on reflection," we feel more strongly than ever on the point. We have had two and a half years to think the matter over since the Collingwood affair, and have spoken of it many times, with the result that on each occasion we have been more and more convinced the action taken was the right one.—ED. F.C.]

THE LATE ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Since my last appeared in your columns my attention has been called to the fact that the statement as to the Grand Treasurer elect "having served the Craft for nearly forty years" appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and in the *Freemason* of the 3d March.

Therefore the proposer is not solely responsible for this misstatement, which was widely circulated previous to the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 7th ultimo.

Yours fraternally,

ON THE SQUARE.

ROYAL ARCH.

OLD KING'S ARMS CHAPTER, No. 28.

THE annual meeting of this old established Chapter was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Monday, 2nd inst. Comps. J. A. Farnfield M.E.Z., T. J. Thomas H., Watson Thomas J., E. Mooney P.S. (in whose unavoidable absence Comp. Jackson P.S. Polish National Chapter made a most efficient substitute), Paas S.E., Ebner and Coles P.Z.'s. Visitors—Comps. Jackson and Jagielski Polish National. Bro. Miller Old King's Arms Lodge, was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the ceremony being admirably performed by the M.E.Z. All business being finished, Chapter was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room. After the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts had been given Comp. Coles proposed the health of the M.E.Z. Comp. Farnfield had always performed his duties most excellently, and had added much to the popularity of the Chapter by always being genial and kind. Companion Farnfield responded in an appropriate manner, and then proposed the health of the exaltee, Comp. Miller, who was a well-known and important member of the Common Council; he hoped they would have him many years among them. Comp. Miller, in responding, stated that it reminded him most forcibly of the night of his initiation; he had been very much astonished at all that he had gone through, and hoped he might be spared for many years to come to meet around so festive a board. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the Visitors, Comps. Dr. Corrie Jackson and Dr. Victor Jagielski, both of the Polish National Chapter, alluding, in felicitous terms, to the way in which the Companions who acted as M.E.Z. and P.S. had performed their duties. These Companions having replied, he proposed the health of P.Z.'s Paas, Coles and Ebner, alluding repeatedly to the pleasure it gave the brethren to see the last-named again restored to them after his severe illness. Comp. Thomas also had been very ill, and they were all very pleased to see him again amongst them. Comp. Paas replied for the P.Z.'s; he was very pleased to see his friend Comp. Miller joining them, and to see Comps. Ebner and Thomas again restored to health. He also congratulated Comp. Griffiths on the way he had performed the duties of M.E.Z., and Comp. Jackson that of P.S. Comp. Ebner said that he could not allow the Comps. to separate without thanking them for their congratulations on his restoration to health; he hoped he should continue well. The Companions then separated, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22.

COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET TO THE LORD MAYOR AND SHERIFFS OF LONDON AND MIDDLESEX.

THURSDAY evening, last week, was one long to be remembered in the annals of the Neptune Lodge, when a grand complimentary banquet was given to the Lord Mayor (Ald. H. E. Knight) and the Sheriffs (Bros. Ald. De Keyser and Joseph Savory). The event had been looked forward to with a considerable amount of pleasurable interest not only by the brethren of this Lodge, but also by many others who had received invitations to be present, and the success which attended the affair must have been most gratifying to Brother E. F. Storr P.M., to whose instrumentality this was mainly due. Amongst the Visitors who graced the festive board were the Grand Treasurer elect (Bro. J. Derby Allcroft), Sir John Bennett, and other prominent Freemasons. Five o'clock was the hour named for the assembling of the brethren, at the Guildhall Tavern, and soon after that time Lodge was opened. There was no business on the agenda, and the brethren adjourned at an early hour to the banqueting room, which was elegantly decorated for the occasion. Bro. Henry Povey the W.M. presided; he was supported on the right by the Lord Mayor, the Grand Treasurer elect, Sheriff Savory, Sir John Bennett, and many others, amongst whom we may mention Bros. Hamer P.M. 1426, Swanborough P.M. 1319, Gabb P.M. 902, Vane, Brooke, Levy P.M. 188, Webb 235, Müller 73, Cook 1530, Bawtry 1445, Stillwell 1, Richardson late 22, Light (Star of India), Rose (Whittington), Hunt 1807, Creamer, &c. The Officers and members of the Lodge present included Bros. Harper, Ph. D., I.P.M., Wilcox P.M. (late Treasurer), Gray P.M., Holden P.M., Lawrence, Hopper, Charles, King, Vane, Roberts, Macgregor, Taylor, Jolliffe, Brooks, Peart, Walker, Frost, Roberts, Cartice, Murray, Emil Hollandt, Parkinson (Tyler), and others. After an admirably served repast, the W.M. read letters of apology for unavoidable non-attendance from Bros. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, Sir John B. Monckton, Town Clerk, President of the Board of General Purposes, Alderman Whitehead, and H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary. The W.M. in proposing the Queen and the Craft, said loyalty to the Throne, obedience to law, support of order, and detestation of revolution, were, and always would be, amongst the distinguishing characteristics of Freemasonry. The toast was loyally received, and was followed by the National Anthem, sung by Bro. Britton. The health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers Present and Past were given with due reference to their ability in governing and directing the affairs of the Craft. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the evening, the Health of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. In the course of his observations he said he was sure the brethren would agree with him that it was an act of great kindness on the part of his Lordship and Bro. Savory to come to their festivities on that occasion. When they considered that the Lord Mayor of London was looked upon as the representative of the commerce and industry of this great City, they ought to feel themselves highly honoured by his presence. The Lord Mayor for the time being occupied the chair of Walworth, Whittington, and Gresham, and Bro. Alderman Knight possessed all the qualifications which made him a worthy successor to those historic celebrities. Considering the number of engagements which necessarily occupied his Lordship's attention, it was a great condescension on his part to honour this meeting of the good old Neptune Lodge. The Sheriff also represented a very ancient and time-honoured office, though, as far as Masonry was concerned, he was only as yet a fledgeling; but in the name of the Lodge he congratulated Bro. Savory upon having been admitted a member of their ancient and honourable institution. He trusted the day might not be far distant when he might occupy in his own Lodge the proud position which he (the speaker) now held, through the kindness of the brethren. The toast was received with a thorough Neptune fire. Bro. the Lord Mayor, in a lengthy and exceedingly happy speech, thanked the brethren for the very happy reception they had given to the toast. He was especially indebted for the pleasure of being present that evening to his friend, Bro. Storr, who had been unremitting in his determination to keep him posted up in the meetings of the Lodge, so that he should not lose sight of his promise to attend one of its banquets. Bro. Storr had been most kind and courteous, bearing with him in his many engagements, until at last he found an opportunity of coming amongst them. He regretted that another engagement the same evening had prevented his taking part in the work of the Lodge, and proceeded to say that the post he had the honour to fill as Lord Mayor had frequently been occupied by brethren of the Craft, but there was something unique in the present year, for he did not recollect it had occurred before that the Lord Mayor and his Sheriffs had the honour of belonging to the Order of Freemasons. They were a trio, working together in a most friendly and amicable manner, and they found delight in supporting each other. There was a deep and hearty sympathy between brethren of the Craft, and when they felt that brethren were worthy of this sympathy, it increased their zest in working with men with whom they were associated in other relations in life, and with whom they were bound by strong ties in the great brotherhood of Freemasonry. He had been a Mason for nearly twenty years, and when he filled the chair in his Lodge he worked the three degrees, and gave the traditional history, which they would admit was no light duty. But he entered into Masonry as was his custom with all else that he undertook, and considered if a thing was worth doing at all it was worth doing well. That was a principle which should always guide Freemasons. Although they should never make it obtrusive, or force it before the world, so as to lower the Order in the estimation of others, and although they were forbidden to induce men to join

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the Craft, still the principles which actuated the brethren must necessarily make them good men and true friends. He referred to the salutary influences which Masonry brought to bear in the various relations of life, and said this was strikingly illustrated in the recent Aldermanic election in the City, when he presided over a wardmote for the election of a successor to their late esteemed colleague Bro. Alderman Sir Thomas White. He should not soon forget the extent to which Freemasonry seemed to be cultivated, and the manner in which it was carried out amongst the Jews. He had always understood that a great number of Jews were Freemasons, but he was not aware it existed to so large an extent as was evident to him in the ward of Portsoken. He looked upon Masonry as affording him some of the happiest hours of his life. He must say that amongst the hospitalities he had received from all classes of his fellow-citizens, none had exceeded those which had been offered him by the fraternity to which they all rejoiced to belong. Night after night, almost, he might be a welcome—and he believed an honoured—guest at any of the Lodges. They had come to him from all parts, and his only grief was that he had been unable to accept the kind invitations as frequently as he should have liked. He looked upon Freemasonry as an institution which had for its object the benefit of, and the promotion of happiness, amongst mankind. An institution which had this for its object was worthy of all admiration and support, and he should do all he could in the position he held to advance the means of doing good to his fellow-men. He wished this Lodge every prosperity, and might it continue to flourish to the very end. Bro. Sheriff Savory claimed the indulgence of the brethren, in responding to the toast, for two reasons, first because he was a "fledgeling" in Masonry, though he hoped in time he might become a full-grown bird, and it should be his endeavour to do his utmost for the cause of Freemasonry. In the second place, this toast was so often proposed, that he found it difficult to find suitable terms in which to acknowledge it. He was struck with the pertinent remarks which had fallen from the Worshipful Master, bearing upon the principles of the Craft, amongst which he said law and order were engrained in the heart of every Freemason. He regretted the absence of his colleague, Bro. Alderman De Keyser, who was spending a short holiday in Belgium; but they both esteemed it a privilege to rank with the Lord Mayor in the cause of Freemasonry. Bro. J. Harper, Immediate Past Master, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, referred to the admirable manner in which Brother Povey discharged the duties of the chair, and as the Lord Mayor had referred to the traditional history, which was ignored in many of the Lodges, he might be allowed to say that was a point on which the brethren of the Neptune prided themselves upon having done thoroughly. It took time to make themselves proficient in the ritual, but their predecessors had done it, and Bro. Povey had proved himself as able in this as in all the other branches of his work. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the kind response they had made to his appeal on behalf of the Institution for Girls, and said through their instrumentality he should be able to take up a list in every way worthy of the good old Neptune Lodge. With respect to himself, his whole heart was in the working of the three degrees, and he should feel it no honour to be Master of a Lodge unless he did the work. Two gentlemen had been nominated as candidates for their next meeting, and nothing would give him greater pleasure than to initiate them. In conclusion, he proposed the Visitors, the toast being most cordially received. Bro. Allcroft, after acknowledging the hospitality extended to the guests, said he should have been pleased to witness some working by the Officers and brethren. The reputation of the Neptune for hospitality had been maintained to a high degree. If the old original Neptune treated everybody as well as did the Lodge bearing his name, Sir Edward Watkin would have little need of boring a tunnel underneath the English Channel. Bro. Sir John Bennett, after some humorous prefatory remarks, said it was delightful to follow so high an authority in the Craft as Bro. John Derby Allcroft. Though, unfortunately, it had never been his privilege or good fortune to take a leading part in Masonry, yet from his early days his friends had been in the midst of it, and he had been full of the purposes and the traditions of the Craft, which came home to him as historical matters of the most momentous character. For thirty years, though persistently declining office, he had regarded with interest and respect the marvellous current of Freemasonry. Within the last 3000 years everything had been in revolution, and nothing maintained its unaltered supremacy like the Craft. Through evil and good report, it had passed through the dark ages, and though dynasties had risen and fallen, and even though forms of theology had come and passed away, still the steady march of the Craft advanced unchanged, through all the vicissitudes of surrounding Institutions. Freemasonry now, as ever, was hearty and vigorous in the performance of its beneficial designs. Its aim was to better the condition of suffering humanity; its motto was that of Christianity itself—namely, liberty, equality and fraternity. Its highest honours were given to its most devoted members on the true ground of merit, without regard for the man's position, or the want of position, in the outer world. Wherever the Masonic body could gather up the elements of progress and improvement, they gave a hearty concurrence, and strove to make them available for the good of human civilisation. Their past history showed this, and for the future they were as determined to add to those forces from time to time, most conducive to the freedom and welfare of the greatest number, in mind body, and estate. For this the world had ever been grateful to the Craft, and had ever appreciated, though it could not fully comprehend, the great principles which lay at the very root of humanity. They might be thankful to the G.A.O.T.U. that Freemasonry knew none of the creeds and disputations by which the world had been racked in the past centuries of its history; no political party spirit, no theological creed entered into the Craft itself; and its sole object was to make the world live better to-morrow than it did to-day. He was glad to congratulate this Lodge upon its vitality, and wished for it a long career of future prosperity. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Past Masters, with which toast he associated the name of Bro. Isaac Wilcox, who had ably officiated as Treasurer of the Lodge for twenty-seven years. Bro. Wilcox P.M., said nothing could be more gratifying to the Past Masters than to find the brethren of the Lodge emulating the example of their predecessors, and striving after the position which their Worshipful Master well occupied to-night. He (the speaker) had been a member of this Lodge thirty-three years, and he was now its senior member. It was a great source of satisfaction to him to know he enjoyed the esteem of the brethren. He had endeavoured, during the twenty-seven years he acted as Treasurer, to keep them in a good sailing condition, and during the whole of that period they had never been indebted to the tavern for a shilling, and had never sat down to a dinner without its liabilities being discharged. He looked upon that with some satisfaction, because he felt they were independent of the proprietor under whose roof they were entertained, and they commanded more respect than if they were £200 or £300 in debt. Economy, prudence and caution were as necessary in Masonry as in commercial matters; and it was a pleasure to know that the Lodge had risen by prudence, care and economy to its present high position in the Craft. The brethren did him honour, in January last, when he retired from office, to present him with an acknowledgment of his humble services, and he regarded it as the highest honour any Lodge could possible bestow upon a brother connected with it. He was sure in his nomination of Brother Storr as his successor he was quite justified, for that brother was remarkable for his punctuality and regularity of attendance. He held it as one of the greatest requisites that the brother who held the office of Treasurer should be regular in attendance, and for this Bro. Storr was proverbial; therefore it was with pleasure he recommended him, and he was sure the Lodge would never regret having received him. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, and spoke in highly complimentary terms of the manner in which the duties of these offices were discharged by Bro. E. F. Storr P.M. and Brother George Britton P.M. Brother Storr thanked the brethren for the hearty reception they had given to the toast, and expressed his gratification at the success of their gathering, and the attendance of their illustrious visitors. He was rejoiced to meet the Grand Treasurer elect, and said the blue collar should not be held in perpetuity by any brother, however worthy. Brother Colonel Creaton deserved well of the Craft for his services as Grand Treasurer, but there were many men equally worthy of the honour, as there were many coming on equally as distinguished as Brother John Derby Allcroft. He trusted the office would be handed down year by year to those who had done service to Masonry in their day and generation. His love for Masonry was innate, and charity was a touchstone to him. He thanked them for sending him to the Benevolent Institution with such a noble list, and now he asked them for all the Boys' and Girls' votes they could spare for deserving cases. He was pleased that Bro. Wilcox's mantle had fallen upon him, and he should strive to discharge the duties of his office to their satisfaction. Bro. Britton was exceedingly delighted at the success of the evening, and thanked their Treasurer for the energy he had displayed in bringing about this much-to-be-desired visit of such distinguished personages as the Lord Mayor and Sheriff of London, the Grand Treasurer elect, and other Officers of Grand Lodge. The good fellowship and intercourse of Freemasonry had been well exemplified on that occasion, and he should be glad to use every effort to promote the interests of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the Officers of the Lodge, with thanks for the ability with which they supported him in carrying on his duties. Bro. J. J. Slater, in returning thanks, said this evening had been a proud one for the Lodge, and he was rejoiced at meeting so many distinguished visitors. He and all the other Officers were united in furthering the best interests of the Neptune Lodge, and in maintaining the high position it had attained in the Craft. The proceedings were shortly afterwards closed with the Tyler's toast. There was an abundance of excellent music and singing, to which contributions were made by Bros. Britton, Hopper, Fitzgerald, Taylor, McGregor, Charles, Light, and Vane.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the meeting at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on Saturday, the 31st March, there were present—Bros. Weeden W.M., Dixie S.W., Marks J.W., Ashton S.D., Woolf J.D., Birch I.G., Pearcy Preceptor, Lorkin Treasurer, Galer Secretary; also Bros. Spencer, Houghton, Hatch, Brasted, Moss, Wright, Fenner, Glass, Bevan, and Manger. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Brother Brasted offered himself as candidate for raising; he was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the Worshipful Master giving the traditional history. Lodge was resumed, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Brother Lorkin candidate. Brother Dixie was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned. The members of the above Lodge have accepted invitations to work the Fifteen Sections at the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, on the 27th instant, and at the Upton Lodge of Instruction, on the second Thursday in May.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 3rd inst. Bros. Young W.M., Cushing S.W., Wardell J.W., Christian S.D., Bunker J.D., Gray I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Brasted acting Preceptor; also Bros. Allen, Smyth, Wallington, Ames, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Smyth candidate. Bro. Christian worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cushing was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

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EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

A NUMEROUSLY attended special meeting of the members of this Lodge, with several visitors, took place on Monday night, at the Masonic Rooms, Queen Hotel, York, the W.M. Bro. M. Millington presiding. The Lodge was called off for the purpose of presenting to Bro. Churchill an address, beautifully illuminated on vellum, by Mr. J. E. Morton, of this city, on the occasion of his relinquishing the management of the hotel, where he has catered for the brethren since the consecration of the Lodge in 1876. The presentation was made by the Worshipful Master with suitable remarks, which were endorsed by Bros. Whytehead P.M., Blenkin S.W., Padel P.M., Balmford Treasurer, and others. The address was as follows:—At a special meeting of the Eboracum Lodge of Freemasons, held at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York, on Monday, the 2nd April 1883, it was moved by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. Whytehead, and unanimously resolved "That the cordial thanks of the members of the Lodge be given to Bro. H. Churchill for his kind and fraternal conduct for a period of over six years, during which the Eboracum Lodge has held its meetings under his roof, together with their heartfelt wish that he may long be spared to continue a worthy Craftsman in their ancient Order." Signed for the members, M. Millington W.M., G. Simpson I.P.M., J. Blenkin S.W., A. T. B. Turner J.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., C. G. Padel P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., G. Balmford Treasurer. Bro. Churchill responded in appropriate terms, thanking the brethren for their kind consideration to him during the six years he had catered for the Lodge, and also for the splendid presentation they had just made him. He would still continue to take a deep interest in the welfare of the Eboracum Lodge. The brethren afterwards partook of supper, after which a lengthy toast list was submitted, including the health and future prosperity of Bro. Churchill, which was received with enthusiasm. Various songs and glees were contributed by Bros. Wilkinson, Child, Cumberland, Humphries, and others.

Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687.—A regular meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 4th instant, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields. Bros. W. C. Parsons W.M., E. Duret S.W., F. Green J.W., L. Beck P.P.G.O. Middlesex Treasurer, J. B. Docker Secretary, G. Valeriani S.D., F. V. Green J.D., H. M. Levy P.M. 188 as I.G.; and Bros. Shaw and H. Gros. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Baptiste Barroni, having answered the necessary questions in a very satisfactory manner, was passed to the second degree, in the perfect way that the W.M. has invariably performed his duties in both this and another Lodge, No. 180, wherein he filled the chair, to the satisfaction of all the members. The bye-laws were read. This being the night for the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the choice of the brethren was unanimously in favour of Bro. E. Duret, the announcement of whose election was warmly received by the brethren, and endorsed by the W.M., who stated Bro. Duret was the first initiate. Bro. Duret, in very appropriate terms, thanked the members for the honour they had shown him. Bro. L. Beck was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bros. Gros, Hawkins, and Shaw were appointed Auditors. The resignation of a brother was announced, and accepted with regret. Bro. L. Beck then proposed that the usual Lodge jewel be presented to the retiring W.M. for the able manner in which he had, in every way, conducted the duties of the chair, to their entire satisfaction. This was seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed until October. There being no banquet the brethren seperated.

The M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has granted a warrant for a new Lodge, to be called the Priory Lodge of Acton, No. 1996, and to meet at the Royal Oak Assembly Rooms, High Street, Acton, W. Brother W. Roebuck, P.G.Steward, P.M. No. 29, P.Prov. G.S.W. Middlesex, is to be the first W.M.; Bro. C. E. Botley, 780, S.W.; and Bro. George Wright, 452, J.W. The consecration will take place early in May. Bro. C. E. Botley is acting as Secretary pro tem.

We congratulate Brother Magnus Ohren, P.G.A.D.C., on the recognition made by the Shareholders at the Ordinary Half-Yearly General Meeting of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company, which was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Friday, the 16th ultimo, Bro. Erasmus Wilson, LL.D., F.R.S., in the chair. It is always a pleasant thing to realise the fact that one's efforts are appreciated by those we serve, and the substantial increment made to our esteemed brother's salary on this occasion fully confirmed, in his case, this fact.

Last week we formally announced the removal of Thomas Woodward, No. 32 on the list, from those who would compete at the coming election for the Boys' School. At that time we were unable to state the reason for this step, but a letter from Bro. R. F. Gould, which we publish in another column, supported by private information we have received, enables us now to explain the matter. It appears that a sister of the lad Woodward has been nominated as a candidate for the Girls' School (No. 10 on the list), and the friends feeling it was impossible to carry the boy's case—as the next would have been his last chance—and finding that the fact of his being a candidate interfered with his friends procuring votes for his sister,—in consequence of the objections many brethren entertain of allowing two members of a family to benefit by the Schools,—wisely determined on withdrawing this lad's application, thereby proving they only desired the benefits of the Masonic Schools for one member of the family. We trust this explanation will satisfy any who were prejudiced in this case, and that the efforts of Bro. Gould and others who are working on behalf of the girl may prove successful. The letter we already referred to gives some further details in reference to the father of the children than have hitherto been presented to the Craft, and its perusal may perhaps secure a few stray votes.

We must not omit to remind subscribers that we shall, as usual, be pleased to receive any proxies they may have at their disposal, and assure them we shall do our best to have them judiciously distributed among the most deserving cases.

THE LATE BRO. W. H. JONES.

A very successful meeting was held at St. James's Hall, on Wednesday evening, in view to organising a Memorial Fund for the family of the late lessee of the Alexandra Palace. Upwards of £250 was subscribed in the room, and an Executive Committee was appointed, with Bro. Wm. Tinsley, of Catherine-street, as Treasurer, and Bro. H. T. Thompson, of Clapton, as Hon. Secretary. The Committee Room is at 31 Villiers-street, Strand.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 14th day of April 1883, at Twelve o'Clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, and to Elect 22 Girls into the School from a List of 28 approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'Clock (or after the usual business is over).

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The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at the Vicarage, at 2·30 o'Clock p.m. precisely, and the procession will then be formed.

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THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from page 186).

HAVING traced the rise of the Craft Guilds, we turn our attention more particularly to the Stonemasons, who in many things resembled the other Craft Guilds, while at the same time, in matters prescribed by the exigencies of the trade, they differed from them all. The fraternity of builders, whose first authentic charter dates from the 13th century, had no doubt an earlier existence, and Bro. Gould considers it not improbable that skilled masons of the convent builders left the employ of their masters, the monks, "in the twelfth century or thereabouts," and "amalgamated with the Craft builders in the towns," and that "the two together formed the society afterwards known throughout Germany as the *Steinmetzen*." Certain it is, he says, that in the twelfth century we "do hear of the stonemasons as a distinct fraternity, occupied in the construction of large edifices, chiefly cathedrals and churches." These *Steinmetzen* were a branch of the *Spinnewetter*, who at first included all the building trades, but afterwards, following the example of other Crafts, resolved themselves into their component parts.

Bro. Gould contents himself by referring at some length to the "Constitutions" of the Steinmetzen of the year 1459. They have been reprinted oftentimes, and those who are curious in such matters will find them at p 660 and following pages of Findel's "History of Freemasonry." These were confirmed on 9th April 1464, and fresh signatures were attached as late as 1472. They appear to have been revised in 1563, on St. Michael's Day, at Strassburg, and as no English translation of the new code has heretofore been published, it is re-produced in these pages in its entirety. The preamble is to the following effect: "His Imperial Roman Majesty, our most gracious Lord, having in this one thousand five hundred and sixty-third year most graciously renewed, confirmed, and approved to the general fellowship and brotherhood of the Stonemasons in German Lands their regulations and duties; and whereas for some time past many irregularities and bad habits have arisen and obtained in the craft of masonry, therefore have many masters and fellows of aforesaid craft and fraternity, as they are named hereafter, met together in the aforesaid sixty-third year at Bâle on St. Bartholomew's, and at Strassburg on St. Michael's Day, in order to elucidate and better aforesaid Ordinances and Articles of the Craft and Brotherhood, and the aforesaid have elucidated and bettered said Ordinances, and settled that they shall be held as hereafter follows; and no one who is of this guild shall do or act contrary thereto."

It is no part of our duty to reproduce these articles, but some among them may be quoted or described. Thus Article II., which treats "Of the Duties of those who are of this Guild" declares that: "Whoso comes into this guild of his own good will, as hereafter stands written in this book, he shall promise to keep every point and article if he be of our craft of Masonry. Those shall be masters who can erect costly edifices and such like work, for the which they are authorised, and serve no other craft unless they choose so to do. And be it masters or fellows, they shall and must conduct themselves honourably, and none shall be wronged by them; therefore have we taken power in these Ordinances to punish them on the occasion of every such act." Article XI., in laying down the law as to "Who thrusts another from out a Work," says: "Whoever it be, either master or fellow, who shall oust from his work another master who is of this guild of craftsmen, or shall apply, be it in secret or openly, without his knowledge and consent, for the work that he possesses, be it large or small, the same shall be brought to task; and no master or fellow shall have any communion with him. And no fellow who is of this guild shall enter into his employ so long as he possesses the work which he has dishonourably obtained; nor until he shall have made restitution and given satisfaction to him who was thus dispossessed of the work; and also until he shall have been punished by the masters who are enjoined so to do by the guild." The meaning of this is obvious enough, notwithstanding that the pronouns "he" and "his" refer sometimes to the one dispossessed, and sometimes to the dispossessor, and it will be accepted as a very useful and proper regulation, which might be enjoined not without advantage at the present day among the members of some trades or callings. Rule XIV. ordains that "No Master shall teach a Fellow anything for Money," and Rule XV. regulates the number of Apprentices a Master may have. Rule XIX. relates to hearing, judging, and conducting conplaints, and is to the following effect: "And if a master have a complaint against another master for having violated the regulations of the craftsmen, or in the same way a master against a fellow, or a fellow against another fellow, whatever master or fellow is concerned therein shall give notice thereof to the masters who hold these books of the regulations. And the masters who are informed thereof shall hear both parties, and set a day when they will hear the cause. And meanwhile, before the fixed or appointed day no fellow shall avoid the master, nor master the fellow, but render services mutually until the hour when the matter is to be heard and settled. And this shall be done according to the judgment of the Craftsmen, and what is adjudged shall be observed accordingly. And, moreover, where the case arose there shall it be tried, by the nearest masters who hold the book of these regulations, and in whose district it occurred." Rule XX. "concerning driving away," may be said to follow naturally, and reads thus: "It is also further decided as regards the driving away: if it happen that anything be reported of a Master or Fellow, a matter of hearsay, repeated from one to the other, so long as it is not certain, and the aforesaid not righteously convicted thereof, he shall be avoided of or driven away by no one, but pursue his work until such time as it shall really be brought home to him, and he be righteously convicted. Unless it be that he will not yield obedience to the laws of the craft, such a one shall go idle according to our aforesaid Ordinances. Rule XXI., headed "Not to Appeal," may likewise be quoted: "It is also decided, where a matter begins and takes its rise, there shall it be settled, or in the nearest lodge where a book lies. And neither party shall appeal until plaint and answer take place and are heard, nor carry the matter further than aforesaid, unless it be rejected there." The Rule that follows determines "What Master has power to hear Complaints."

Rule XXIV. provides for "a collection for the Poor and Sick Brothers" in places where there is a Book, the sum thus collected from the fellows being a penny per week, to be put into a common box, the Master having a box, sending "a bohemian," a coin of trifling value, "every year at Michaelmas to the chief Lodge at Strassburg, with a ticket whence it comes, as a sign of obedience and brotherly love." Rule XXV. enumerates the places "which, having Books, are subject to the Chief Lodge at Strassburg."

Rule XXIX. treats of Punishments entailing expulsion from the Craft:—"If a complaint be laid before a master, such as would entail the greater punishment; for instance, if any one is to be forbidden the craft, that shall the master of a district not hear or judge of alone, but call to his aid the two nearest masters, who also possess a book and power according to these ordinances, that there may be three of them, and also the fellows that are in the employ where the complaint arose, and that which these three, together with the fellows, unanimously or by a majority, shall then decide on their oath and to the best of their judgment, that shall thereafter be maintained by the whole body of craftsmen." Rule XXX. relates to cases "where Quarrels arise, not concerning Masonry," and lays it down that "Should it be that two or more masters who are of this guild be at variance or discord about matters which do not concern masonry, they shall not on account of this difference, summon one another anywhere but before the craft and brotherhood; and they shall judge and reconcile them to the best of their ability, but so that the matter be settled without prejudice to the rights of those Lords or cities where the matter arose."

The following rule provides that a master, on admission, "pay one florin, and every year thereafter two bohemians or blapperts into the Craft box," a fellow paying five bohemians, and an apprentice, "when he has served his time," the like amount. Rule XXXIII. meets the case of

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an apprentice who considers his master does not fulfil his duty towards him, and who is allowed to bring the matter before the Masters and Craftsmen residing in the neighbourhood. Rule XXXIV. is headed, "Should any be sick in this Brotherhood, what is then to be done," and provides that "Should a master or a fellow fall sick, or a fellow of this guild who has in his time lived uprightly in masonry, and lay so long sick that it fail him in sustenance and the necessities of existence, the master who has the box of the guild in his charge shall help and assist him with a loan from the box, if he otherwise can, until he recover from his sickness; and he shall vow and promise to restitute the money lent into the box. But if he die in his days of sickness, then shall so much be retained from what he leaves after death, be it clothing or otherwise, till that is again made good which had been lent him, if so much there be." It appears to have escaped the framers of these Ordinances that a man who fails "in sustenance and the necessities of existence," and receives a loan from the box, if he die during illness, is not likely to leave behind him the wherewith to make restitution, nor does the Rule strike us as being liberally contrived, though it is calculated to inoculate those for whom it is intended with habits of thrift.

By Rule XXXV. a master or fellow making any disbursement out of his own pocket on behalf of the Brotherhood shall have it returned to him out of the guild. Or, if any one "Come to grief with justice or other things touching this guild," the fellows are enjoined to render him help, but no one of his own accord "without the advice of other masters or fellows" is to put the Craft to any expense. The Rule that follows provides for the punishment of the disobedient, and that, in the extreme case of any master or fellow refusing to pay the penalty adjudged against him, "then shall be be allowed to go idle, and no stonemason shall stand by him till he become obedient." The ordinances that follow as to the Judges and the Districts into which the Craft is divided may be passed over, so also may the earlier Rules affecting Wardens and Fellows excepting Rule L. against "Leagues," or as we should say "Strikes," which reads thus: "Likewise the fellows shall in the future make no more mutinies or conspiracies to leave any employ collectively, and thus delay a building; for up to the present the profits of our brotherhood have come from the Lords and cities almost entirely; but should a master behave otherwise than right in any case, he shall be summoned before the craft, and submit to its judgment. And in case of a pending judgment no such master shall be avoided of his fellows until the matter be adjudged, unless it be that such a one be disobedient to the judgment; in that case he may well be left to go idle." It were well perhaps if, having regard to the Strikes by which Masters are so frequently damaged, and the "Lock-outs" which Masters occasionally put in force against their men, some tribunal could be established that should decide all questions in dispute between employers and the employed. This, however, is merely a remark in passing and concerns not these regulations as they interest the Freemason.

Rule LIV. prescribes the vow that an apprentice is to take when he has served his time and is made free, and is to the following effect:

"In the first place, every apprentice when he has served his time, and is declared free, shall promise the craft, on his truth and honour, in lieu of oath, under pain of losing his right to practise masonry, that he will disclose or communicate the mason's greeting and grip to no one, except to him to whom he may justly communicate it; and also that he will write nothing thereof.

"*Secondly*, He shall promise as aforesaid, to be obedient to the craft of masonry in all things concerning the craft, and if he should be sentenced by the craft he shall conform wholly to such sentence, and yield obedience thereto.

"*Thirdly*, He shall promise not to weaken but to strengthen the craft, so far as his means may extend.

"*Fourthly*, No one shall stand by another to hew stones who is not honestly of the craft; and no master shall employ any one to hew stones who is not a true stonemason, unless it be permitted to him of a whole craft," the probable explanation of which curious expression is stated in a foot-note to be "Of all the members of the craft in his neighbourhood."

Rule LV. declares that he must not "of his own will and power" alter his mark "which has been granted and lent him by a craft"—that is, as suggested by a meeting of the craft—"but if he ever desire to alter it he shall only do it with the knowledge, will, and approval of a whole craft." By Nos. LVII. and LVIII. an apprentice is not to be made a warden either during his apprenticeship or even when he has served his term until he has "also travelled for one year." The ordinances that follow to the end of the Code all relate to Apprentices and, though interesting, need not to be described or quoted. Last of all, come the signatures attached, namely those of the "Masters and Fellows" as well as of "the Fellows," who subscribe their adhesion to the Ordinances.

Having compared this Code with that of 1459 and pointed out in what respects they agree and in what they differ, Bro. Gould gives the "Torgau Ordinances of 1462, Concerning the worshipful Masters of Stonemasons of the Craft, the Wardens, and the Fellows of the Craft," which are here for the first time translated into English. These he also describes and comments upon at length, subsequently sketching the character of a journeyman fraternity, all which should be carefully studied by the reader. Indeed the whole of the remaining part of the chapter is calculated to excite the interest of the curious. But as we have dwelt so long on the subject, and especially on the Ordinances of 1563, in the belief that a compact survey of that one code would be preferable to a less connected sketch of the 1563 and 1462 codes and the matter that follows, we must content ourselves with noting the most important conclusions which Bro. Gould has formulated as the result of his most searching inquiries. They will be found at length at p 177, but the following strike us as being pre-eminently noteworthy. He holds, as we have remarked before, that the Stonemasons had their origin "in the craft guilds in the cities;" that "about the twelfth century the convent and the craft builders imperceptibly amalgamated and formed the guilds of the *Steinmetzen*;" that "in 1459, they constituted themselves into one all-embracing fraternity, with its perpetual head at Strassburg;" that they had "a secret method of communication, consisting of a form of greeting;" possibly a peculiar "*grip*;" but no word; while the existence of a "*sign*" is doubtful; "no initiation ceremony," but perhaps one "at affiliation;" no "speculative science," while "the admission of honorary members is very doubtful;" and that Freemasonry, when introduced into Germany from England, "was not recognised as having any connection with them."

(To be continued.)

ANNUAL ITALIAN BALL.

THE Fifth Annual Evening and Fancy Dress Ball was held on the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., under the patronage of Bro. H. Burnley Heath, Consul General of His Majesty the King of Italy. The proceeds are to be devoted to the French Hospital and Italian Benevolent Society, of which Brother Ernesto Zuccani is the Treasurer. Bro. Perelli-Rocco and a large body of Stewards conducted the proceedings. The room was artistically arranged, with the National Colours, and the dresses were in every way artistic in style. A very excellent band, under the superintendence of Signor Curti had been engaged. Bro. J. Arnold acted as M.C. Three rooms were occupied by the company for supper, the principal being the Crown Room, where several toasts were proposed by the Chairman, Bro. Ernesto Zuccani, who was received with loud and enthusiastic cheers. Amongst the toasts were those Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, their Majesties the King and Queen of Italy, the Prince of Naples, and the rest of his Royal Family; the French Hospital and the Italian Benevolent Society; and that of the Ladies, present and absent. Mr. Hewling in eloquent terms proposed the health of the Chairman, who in reply said, no matter what denomination—whether Italian, French, or of the Jewish persuasion—he would always be proud to assist in the cause of charity. He was pleased to say that this year above £400 would be given to the two Institutions they were assembled together to assist. Dancing was then resumed. Owing to the exertions of Bros. Rocco, Baroni, and others, this Ball was an undoubted success. The President, Bro. Zuccani, paid every attention to the enjoyment of those present.

FERNS ROUND LONDON.—Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston and Co. are about to issue a new and cheaper edition of Mr. F. G. Heath's little volume "Where to Find Ferns," with a list of fern localities round London.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Though it is impossible, in this climate of changing temperature, to prevent ill-health altogether, yet its form and frequency may be much mitigated by the early adoption of remedical measures. When hoarseness, cough, thick breathing, and the attendant slight fever indicate irritation of the throat or chest, Holloway's Ointment should be rubbed upon these parts without delay, and his Pills taken in appropriate doses, to promote its curative action. No catarrhs or sore throats can resist these remedies. Printed directions envelop every package of Holloway's medicaments, which are suited to all ages and conditions, and to every ordinary disease to which humanity is liable.

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MASONIC TIDBITS.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

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LAZY MASONS.—The next little tidbit picked up in my path, is a reference to lazy Masons, by some observing Grand Master. His hit at lazy Masons is so piquant and pointed, and so well deserved, that I cannot resist the temptation to place it before the readers of the *Voice of Masonry*, for every Mason should read it, and see if his portrait is properly reflected from it. The Grand Master says: My experience is, that a lazy Mason will soon become so lazy that he will not attend his Lodge if it were within fifty steps of his door, while the zealous live Mason will go, no matter if he should have to ride ten miles. Lazy Masons are just about of as much use to the Lodge as lazy Christians are to the church. They help to swell the count of membership, are always ready to avail themselves of its benefits, but don't like to shoulder any of its burdens." This is concentrated truth. Every Mason should look in the mirror, and see if he can discover the original of the picture. I beg pardon, if need be, for the liberty I have taken in furnishing the mirror.

UNDER AGE.—In a copy of a Report to some Grand Lodge, I find several references to the act of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, in giving permission to a constituent Lodge to initiate a man under age. I am not a special advocate of some of the usages of Masonry as practised in that State, but every accused person should be heard before he is condemned, and I beg to offer some suggestions that may at least modify the terrible violation of Masonic law and usage, with which the Grand Master in question is charged. Is there no excuse for this venial sin—this seeming transgression? We should not hastily condemn age, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is the oldest in America. Aged persons generally have a good excuse for their peculiar opinions and idiosyncracies, and so have old Grand Lodges—especially the one referred to. Let us examine this question before we condemn.

"Under age." Under what age—eighteen, twenty-one or twenty-five? The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was born of other parentage than more modern Grand Lodges. More than a century and a half ago there was a schism in the Grand Lodge of England, and a new Grand Lodge was organised. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania owes its nativity to that Grand Lodge, and Dermott's Ahiman Rezon was adopted as the elementary statutes for that jurisdiction, and is retained as such to the present time. I have not a copy of that work at hand, but I think it says the candidate must be of "mature and discreet age." Anderson's Constitutions of 1723 fixes the standard as "mature and discreet age," and that work is accepted as the elementary law in most, if not all modern Grand Lodges to the present day. The Grand Lodge of England, the oldest and largest in the world, and "the mother of us all," still retains as the standard, "mature and discreet age, and in many cases the Lodges in that jurisdiction initiates candidates at eighteen years of age. Why don't our rigid constructionists complain of the Grand Lodge of England, as well as that of Pennsylvania?

Now what is meant by "age" under those old laws? To-day in most American Grand Lodges it means twenty-one years,—a kind of procrustean standard from which no departure is permitted, but it was not always so, nor is it now in the old organisations. Many young men are as "mature and discreet at eighteen" as others are at twenty-five. Do our critics remember that General Washington was made a Mason while yet under twenty-one years of age? Twenty-five was at one time the standard, then eighteen and twenty-one, but "mature and discreet" is a safe rule in emergencies, though I am in favour of twenty-one years as a general standard. Did any one ever consider the initiation of Washington, while yet under twenty-one years of age, as a violation of Masonic law? He was of "mature and discreet age." At sixteen he had completed his education in mathematics, and soon after executed important trusts under Lord Fairfax. At seventeen he was commissioned as a public surveyor, an office at the time of high responsibility. At nineteen he was in command of one of the military districts as Adjutant-General, with the rank of Major, and was about to depart by authority of the Governor to communicate with the French commander on the Ohio on matters of great national importance. He was not twenty-one, but he was regarded as of "mature and discreet age," and was initiated before he left on his perilous journey. He was already a man, with all the elements of a fully developed manhood, and the morning star of that glorious era which gave Freedom to a continent and secured rational Liberty to uncounted millions of our race.

There is another case of similar kind. General Warren who became Grand Master, and afterwards fell on Bunker Hill as the proto-martyr of the Revolution, was less than twenty-one years of age when he was initiated. He became as distinguished for his zeal and labours for Masonry as for his devotion to his country's welfare. Though so young, he was of "mature and discreet age," as much so as some other men at thirty.

And yet another instance of "under age" just now occurs to my memory. At the commencement of the late rebellion, a young man in Michigan moved by love of country, entered the army as a private soldier. His activity and bravery won him friends, and he fought his way up to a Lieutenantcy. He then came home on a furlough, and greatly desired to become a Freemason before he rejoined his regiment at the front. But he was yet "under age" and was informed he could not be initiated until he had attained his legal majority. An aged brother by the name of Moore was then Grand Master of Michigan, and on application to him, with a statement of the facts, he issued a dispensation to the Lodge authorising the initiation of the young man, if found worthy otherwise; and he was admitted. The Grand Master reported his action to the Grand Lodge, and gave as a reason for it that the young man already held a commission as an officer in the army of his country, which he had won on many a bloody field, and that he therefore merited the privilege of being made a Mason a few months "under age." If he was old enough to stand in the front a commissioned officer, and breast the storm of war to save his country, he was old enough to become a Freemason, especially under the old and fundamental rule of "mature and discreet age," and his Grand Lodge approved the act. I am not a special defender of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, but I fail to see the necessity for this procrustean standard. There are many other things done in other jurisdictions which, to me, are more objectionable than making a Mason of a young man who lacks a few months of being twenty-one years of age. Still, let each one have his own opinion, but avoid harsh language and provoking denunciations of others for doing what they deem is right, and at best is but a slight departure from general usage, especially when they follow the example and practice of the Grand Lodge of England—the oldest—the mother Grand Lodge of the world. I believe in the general standard of twenty-one years—the age recognised as legal by the laws of the country, but think there may be occasions when a departure from the rule is justifiable, as in the case of Washington, and Warren, and the young patriot in Michigan. We should not forget that the old rule, and which is still recognised as of binding force, is yet regarded as law in almost every Grand Jurrisdiction, and only requires "mature and discreet age," whether that was reached at eighteen, twenty-one, or twenty-five years. It is not pleasant for me to differ, even in opinion from eminent brethren, but in *some* Masonic labours we can *all* agree.

HANSELMANN COMMANDERY.—I was reading the other day about the proceedings of Hanselmann Commandery, Knights Templars, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and I cannot help referring to them. It was good work, square work, and just such work as GOD and men will approve.

There is in that musical city an Institution known as the Childrens' Home. Little homeless orphans are gathered into it and cared for by kind ladies. It lives on the benevolence of good men and women. It is the practice of some Masonic bodies in that city to make an annual donation to that and kindred Institutions, and Hanselmann Commandery does its part nobly. The members of that Body, moved by the impulses of their great Masonic hearts, decided to make a call at the Home on the first day of the present year. They made all the needed preparations, and then, in a body, "made a pilgrimage" to the Home. They were warmly welcomed by the kind ladies in charge, and by the gentlemanly President as well, and by none more so than by the little orphans. About the time the welcomes and greetings, together with the songs and recitations of the children were over, two wagons drove to the door, loaded with a substantial New Year's gift from the Commandery, —clothing, dry goods, shoes and stockings, groceries and general provisions. These were unloaded and were carried in by the Knightly visitors. The whole formed a huge pile, and cost over three hundred dollars. The children were in high glee when they saw the grand New Year's gift. Their eyes sparkled "like stars in the sky," and there little faces were wreathed in gladness and gratitude. The children were happy, the kind ladies were happy, and the knightly donors were the happiest of all.

How grandly this act of Hanselmann Commandery looms up in the current Masonic history of the times, and the record will grow brighter as the years pass on! How much better, and how much more in harmony with the spirit of Masonry than the usual fashionable New Year's calls, or the dancing parties, expensive receptions, with big suppers and gorgeous displays!

My heart says, God bless Hanselmann Commandery! I wish every other Masonic organization would imitate the example of the Templars referred to; then there would be more and better explications of the genuine old Masonic work, without the need of Grand Lecturers. How happy would be the widows and the orphans, as well as the poor, the aged and the infirm! "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me." A heavenly commendation that would be a fitting motto to be inscribed upon the banners of Masonry everywhere!

We have received the Second Volume of Bro. R. F. Gould's "History of Freemasonry," and congratulate both author and publisher on the appearance of the work.

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The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoum, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of **CHLORODYNE**, with which I effected miraculous cures.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 7th APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1273—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 9th APRIL.

Special Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, Pagshot
5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Trafalgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1861—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1927—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

49—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
249—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
940—Williamson, St Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Harrington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1231—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fennor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Lea, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 498—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 10th APRIL.

15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
17 —Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
18 —Joppa, Champion Hotel Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
19 —Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
21 —St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
208—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
549—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
291—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
419—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1485—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 70—St John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 285—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 288—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 452—Frederick of Unity, 105 High Street, Croydon
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 153—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 11th APRIL.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lubard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
183—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Popnin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
1306—Lodge of St. John, City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 558 Old Kent road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield Cheques, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Ball's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
201—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1062—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Derwent, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hall (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 192—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 15—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 12th APRIL.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
7—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
17—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

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238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street

704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1523—St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R.A. 147—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 66—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
545—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Walkerfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.

FRIDAY, 13th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1780—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 119—Sun, Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 14th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1745—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1913—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street W, Hammersmith

GIBRALTAR.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 278.

THE rejoicings of the Easter Week worthily commenced here on 28th March with a grand Masonic Ball, given by the members of this Lodge at the Theatre Royal. To say that it was a success would scarcely do justice to the great care and forethought which had been bestowed on all the arrangements, of which the result was most satisfactory. Masonic Balls seem to have no exception as to success, though as they occur in their turn, each one in some respect excels the last. The one given on Easter Monday will hold a high place on the list, in fact, perhaps the highest, and the pleasant memories of the great trouble taken by the brethren of the Craft on that occasion to so worthily entertain their numerous guests, will not be lost sight of for many a long day. What made the entertainment particularly noticeable was the care with which even the minutest details had been thought of and provided for, and the transformation of the interior of the theatre is hardly capable of description—all was clean, bright, and glittering—blue and white were the prevailing colours, which were delightfully blended with emblems of the Craft, the happy introduction of flowers, mirrors and evergreens, most judiciously disposed, adding to the general effect, the result being a charming *tout ensemble*. The stage was for the time transformed into an Oriental Tented Pavilion, beautifully got up, and at the East end a trophy of thrones of the Craft, Mark and Royal Arch degrees were erected, while the background (specially painted by Mr. Caretto, scenic artist) was certainly a work of art. Above the dais of the Friendship Lodge the words "welcome" in gas jets was fixed, this, together with countless waxlights, illuminated the whole with charming effect, and was the object of admiration during the evening. The entrance, staircases, and boxes were carefully draped and carpeted, and large mirrors liberally placed in suitable position gave light and brightness to the whole scene. In the centre of the Theatre directly beneath the large sunlight, was placed a picturesque rustic fountain (designed and fixed by Mr. Stewart, of Gunners'-lane), which was in full play all the evening, being supplied with perfumed waters from some unseen source, producing a charmingly cool and refreshing effect. Mr. Peso, Upholsterer, of Waterport-street, had charge of the furnishing department, which left nothing to be desired. By half-past nine o'clock the boxes were well filled with a large number of guests, the body of the Theatre being kept clear for the procession. Punctually at the time appointed His Excellency the Governor, with Lady Adye and party, arrived, and were met at the entrance by Bros. Roberts W.M., Healy S.W., Bryant J.W., and conducted to the Royal box by the Honorary Secretary Past Master Brother Cottrell and the two Deacons Bros. Culatto and W. Thornton. After the strains of the "National Anthem" had died away, "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was played in honour of H.R.H. the Grand Master, when the curtain was raised and the Masonic procession commenced, the brethren in their brightest jewels and regalia appearing in full force which made a dazzling display, as they advanced in four lines and then marched round the theatre, ultimately forming two lines facing inwards, culminating in the east with the arch of steel. His Excellency the Governor was conducted through the double line of brethren by the D.D.G.M. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Gilbard, and welcomed in the name of the brethren by the W.M. Bro. Roberts, who presented the D.G.M. Bro. Cornwell as the representative of the Grand Lodge of England. The lines then broke up, and dancing commenced, which was continued with the greatest spirit till four o'clock in the morning, to an excellent programme by the band of the 2nd Batt. Durham Light Infantry (106th), ably conducted by Mr. Davis, the band-master. Supper was served at twelve o'clock, in the large saloon of the theatre, and it is needless to say it was plentiful and of the very best, the Caterer being Bro. J. Canovas, the display and excellence of the viands leaving nothing to be desired. We have all heard that hospitality and good feeling are Masonic virtues, this was fully exemplified on this occasion by the courteous attention of the Stewards and Committee. The guests at this most successful and enjoyable Ball numbered nearly three hundred, among them being His Excellency the Governor, Lady Adye and party, Maj.-Gen. and Mrs. Adams, the Chief Justice, Lady Burford-Hancock and party, Captain Hon. Fremantle and Mrs. Fremantle and party, Lord and Lady Gifford, Surgeon General Smith, C.B., R.E., and party, Colonel and Mrs. Markham, Mr. Sheriff, Mr. and Mrs. Cornwell, Colonel Gilbard, Mr. Melfort Campbell, the D. O., General and Mrs. Healy, and the *elite* of the city and garrison. The arrangements, which we have had much pleasure in so deservedly praising, were carried out by an excellent Committee composed as follows:—Bros. Roberts W.M. President, P.M. Cottrell Hon. Secretary, Speed Treasurer, Healy S.W., Bryant J.W., T. J. Haynes, Gomez, J. H. Haynes, Henry, Culatto, and Dobranich, to whom every credit is due for the admirable arrangements which prevailed throughout, and made the ball such an unqualified success.—*Gibraltar Chronicle.*

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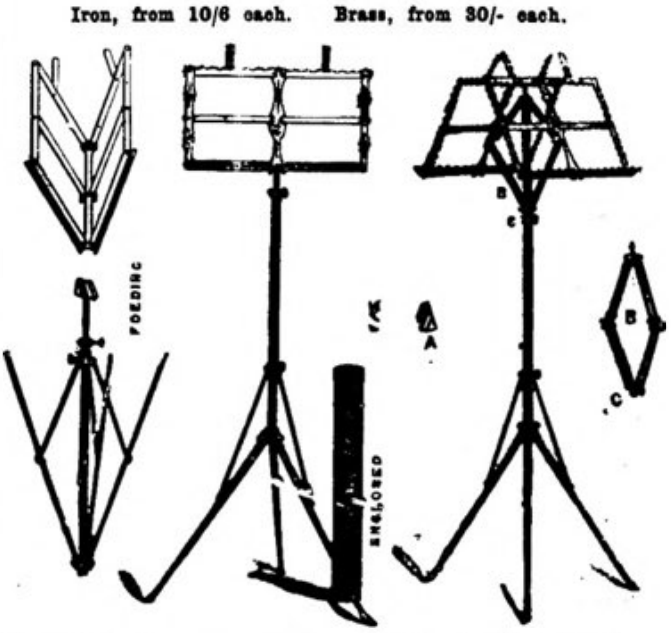

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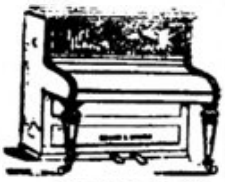

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LAZY MASONS.

AMONG the "Masonic Tidbits" which we have recently extracted from our American contemporary, the *Voice of Masonry*, is one under the above heading, which is given as the expression of "some observing Grand Master," and is to the following effect:—"My experience is, that a lazy Mason will soon become so lazy that he will not attend his Lodge if it were within fifty steps of his door, while the zealous live Mason will go, no matter if he should have to ride ten miles. Lazy Masons are just about of as much use to the Lodge as lazy Christians are to the church. They help to swell the count of membership, are always ready to avail themselves of its benefits, but don't like to shoulder any of its burdens." This hit, says the editor of our contemporary, is so piquant and pointed, and so well deserved, that I cannot resist the temptation to place it before my readers. We cordially endorse the opinion of our American brother in his condemnation of Lazy Masons, and feel that a few words further on the subject may not be considered out of place.

Nothing can be more disheartening to the Master of a Lodge than to find, at the time that his Lodge should be opened, that he, and perhaps two or three others, are the only members present, and when, after making inquiry, he finds that the absence of many of the brethren at the time fixed in the summons was due to laziness, rather than to any inability to attend at the proper time, annoyance follows as a natural course; and, not unfrequently, an inclination to neglect the work in the future is the consequence. If brethren would remember that punctuality among members of Lodges is one of the most desirable characteristics, they would perhaps exert themselves to secure it wherever possible. By so doing they would not only add to their own comfort, but would materially increase that of others. How often has the business of a Lodge had to be rushed through, the banquet hurried, and the speeches cut short, in consequence of want of punctuality at the start, and all caused by brethren who were really too lazy to attend the meeting at the proper time, thereby necessitating delay in the opening of the Lodge, or the appointment of a brother who, maybe, was not thoroughly acquainted with such portions of the work as he might be called upon to undertake, while filling the place of an absent officer. In writing in these terms of absentees at the opening of a Lodge, it would not be fair to say that all who are not punctual in their attendance are defaulters through laziness. There are, of course, many causes which either detain or keep a brother away from his Lodge, but in all such cases, especially when the brother holds office, the Worshipful Master should be previously informed, so as to prevent his waiting unnecessarily. There is one other class of Mason—if we may so term him—to whom our strictures as to laziness most particularly refer. We allude to the brother to be initiated. We have frequently been present at Lodge meetings when the whole proceedings have been brought to a standstill by the non-appearance of the candidate for initiation at the time appointed. In these cases we have thought that the proposer and seconder were to blame;—indeed, they are personally answerable for the doings of the candidate, so far as Freemasonry is concerned, until he has taken upon himself the responsibilities of membership, and been admitted to a participation in the secrets of the Order. We are of opinion that the Worshipful Master would do well in politely, but firmly, refusing to initiate any one who was not present at the time at which he was summoned, or at least within a reasonable period afterwards. First impressions are the strongest that can be made, and if a brother were taught that punctuality was a feature in Freemasonry, it would not only benefit him, from a Masonic point of view, but perhaps prove of far greater service to him in after life than some of the more popular teachings of Freemasonry. In this respect we must bear in mind that Freemasonry aims at the improvement of ourselves and our fellow men. It is true that inconvenience might follow a postponement, but the sufferer would be the candidate himself, who, it should be remembered, was also the cause of the inconvenience. The nearer the man may be to the place of meeting the more likely is he to be late,—if at all inclined to laziness. When the meeting takes place at a distance, it is necessary to lay out a programme, and work to it, in order to attend the Lodge at all; but when it is within "fifty steps of our door," comparatively speaking, no such preparation is needed, and, as a consequence, unpunctuality is more likely to take place. This may, in a measure, account for the delay in opening some Lodges, especially noticeable in large towns, although, on the other hand, the engagements of members so situated are often more binding, and less amenable to Masonic claims than those of Provincial brethren.

That Lazy Masons are always ready to avail themselves of the benefits of Freemasonry is as true, we admit, in this country as it is in America. Our experience leads us to the belief that members of the "lazy" class are among the foremost of those who apply for assistance, from one source or another, of Masonic relief; indeed, there are so many of this class of applicants about in our midst as to bring down the condemnation of some brethren on Masonic charity generally, and, as a consequence, many truly deserving individuals suffer. It would be hard, indeed, to measure a brother, or the eligibility of a brother's family for assistance, by what such a man had done in the past, but we cannot help taking such subjects into consideration when weighing the claims that are made upon the Order, as, more frequently than otherwise, we find those who do the least are among the loudest in their demands. To what is this lack of past service due? Laziness, and to laziness alone. There are many brethren who could, if they so desired, do much to extend the benefits of Freemasonry during their lifetime, by working on its behalf among their friends. Personally they may be able to do little, but their associations may be such as to bring them in contact with large numbers of those who can; yet, from a want of energy, they do nothing. Should a day of adversity overtake them or their families, they are usually the first to apply for the benefits of the Order. How can we prevent this? We cannot measure out relief in proportion to what a brother has done; nor can we compel brethren to work if they do not feel disposed to do so; but we may urge on all to do something, assuring them

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that in advancing the welfare of Freemasonry they will run little chance of doing injury to themselves.

Our contemporary, after having, as he terms it, furnished the mirror by his remarks on this subject, asks every Mason to look in it, and see if he can discover the original. Such a step, generally undertaken, would doubtless lead to good results. There are many men who only require to have their attention drawn to a defect to at once set about remedying it; while others, who are perhaps only lukewarm on a subject, are urged, by a similar course, to increased efforts, with the result that a great improvement follows. If any of our readers are stimulated to greater efforts on behalf of Freemasonry; or if any who have previously remained in the background are induced to undertake some kind of work on behalf of our Order, by reason of our remarks, we shall be highly gratified; as will, we are convinced, the brother to whom we are indebted for the "Tidbit" upon which we have based these comments.

THE TILER'S CLUB.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

FROM time immemorial, it has been the custom for the brethren to meet in the Tiler's-room before Lodge hours and discuss matters of general and Masonic interest. Indeed, these assemblies had been a sort of committee of the whole, and whatever decision the Tiler's-room conclave arrived at was quite certain to be the decision of the Lodge. In course of time these meetings were styled the Tiler's club, and the Tiler's club it still is termed. Had the room been less comfortable or less attractive, perhaps no Tiler's club would ever have "growed," for, like Topsey, it never was born, but simply grew. The central figure, and *ex-officio* chairman of the club, was the old Tiler, whose white locks and beaming countenance had been familiar to even the veterans for many years, and every one acted as if he held a life tenure to the office he had filled so long and so acceptably. The old gentleman was somewhat of an oracle in Masonic affairs, had been a zealous worker in his day, and was still regarded as authority on "phraseology." Although he had handled none of the tools except the implement of his office for many years, he was by no means rusty, and few of the younger craftsmen had been taught how to use their working tools by any other teacher. Pleasure and profit were combined in his instructions, for the old brother was continually exhibiting some "testimonials" from his students.

The room was well lighted, heated and ventilated, and at one side was the Tiler's book shelves, containing the companions of his long hours of watching while the Craft was at labour. These he valued highly, and the brother was honoured who secured the privilege of carrying one home with him. The chair of state was a huge hickory splint, and the sceptre the long pipe-stem of the occupant.

Sometimes the deliberations of the club transgressed on the hours of labour of the Lodge, and even the Worshipful Master, who never forgot to imitate the great luminary of nature in the regularity with which he should open and enlighten his Lodge, would indulge the members with an extra ten minutes.

One evening the Tiler was recounting some of his experiences in the army in Mexico, and had exhibited the marks of a bullet wound received at Palo Alto, when some one inquired whether the ugly scar on his hand was received in battle. The veteran reached for his sword, and holding it aloft remarked that they two formed an acquaintance at Buena Vista, and that he had secured the relic of his difigurement only after a well-directed pistol shot at its lawful owner.

The Worshipful Master interrupted to say that, on account of the Tiler's attachment to the sword, he had been permitted to use the one in his hand, in preference to the proper Masonic implement of his office.

A young Craftsman thereupon inquired whether Freemasonry had a form of sword different from any other, and whether the use of a common sword or sabre was improper. To this the W.M. rejoined: "In this respect also, is our Fraternity unique; in Genesis we read that when the LORD drove our first parents from the Garden of Eden, 'He placed at the east of the Garden, cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way.' The old form of the Tiler's sword was in imitation of this flaming sword, sort of spiral or wavy in shape, and as such a sword could not be sheathed, it was to indicate that it was ever drawn and in readiness to defend the Lodge against the approach of cowans or eavesdroppers.

The Tiler added, "When I was made a Mason, over forty years ago, we gave more attention to the little details that now fail to mark the Masonic Lodge as distinct in all respects from that of any other Society. There are now so many of the so-called secret societies, and so many Masons join them, that we have gradually lost some of our time-honoured practices. Freemasonry is nothing without its symbolism, and the twisted sword, or as the heralds style it, the flaming sword, is the only proper one for Masons to place in the hands of the Tiler. But I should regret to have you separate me and my relic."

Brother Junior Warden then asked whether our ancient Operative predecessors were tiled in a Masonic manner, or whether the Tiler was simply the outgrowth of a necessity to prevent intrusion at the meetings of the modern Speculative Craft.

Every one glanced at the Tiler, for, aside from his oracular authority, there was an implied doubt in the inquiry that his office was an ancient one, and all were interested in learning how the old sentinel would regard it. Taking the pipe from his mouth, he arose, and selecting a volume of Fort's *Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry*, said: "The enquiry can be answered both affirmatively and negatively. I do not think our ancient brethren were tiled according to the present system, but they were tiled all the same. Now this is what an erudite Masonic scholar has said on this subject: 'The earliest authoritative documents indicate that, as far back as the eleventh century, the Craftsmen were regularly organised while at labour. * * * In there earliest workmanship, the Apprentices no doubt performed the more unimportant parts of labour, as for example, familiarising themselves with the use of Masonic tools, by pounding off the angles and corners of rough stones with a stroke-hammer, and using the gauge or measuring board to shape the edges into true and perfect lines. I think it more in harmony with the dictates of sound reason to presume that the fullest instruction in all the details of art was vouchsafed the Apprentice, in an exact proportion as he evinced his aptitude to acquire the rudiments of a strict science. No doubt a secret meaning was attached to many things which he beheld, but the precise signification of which was only comprehended when he had mastered the theory upon which the practice was grounded—the occasional gleam of light that flashed before his inquiring eye conveyed no fixed idea to a mind untaught, as yet, to interpret the mystic symbolism of its brightness. * * * It is not to be supposed for a moment that this class of artificers, during the continuance of their long term of service, was simply burdened with the mere drudgery of hammering rude and jagged stones, or wielding the gauge with no higher ambition than to make straight and perfect corners. His teacher was his Master, and as such practically progressive, and all the instruction essential to render the Apprentice a thorough and proficient workman was bestowed upon him during this tutelage. And in the pursuance of this purpose he advanced gradually, with a greater or lesser degree of proficiency, to a high standard of mechanical skill, so that at the time the grade of Fellow was conferred on him, he was in full possession already of the necessary knowledge which made him a master of the details of architectural art. * * * He could work out with exquisite elaborateness a floriated capital, and chisel into natural semblance the niched figures with which the church Militant was delineated upon airy towers and cathedral walls; he could dress, with accuracy, the polished stones suitable for elegant pilasters, and contributed his share of arches upon which the superstructure was raised, with infinite skill—all this he had acquired during his Apprenticeship, but the key by which these multitudinous and detached portions were conjoined, the combination by which foundation stones, pilasters and columns, shining walls, chapiters gracefully wreathed with flowers, arches and mullions, canopies and ribbed tracery, flying buttresses and rosette finials, were put together to form the cathedral, was one of the secrets which he obtained in being admitted to the degree of Fellow-Craft.' It is obvious that the Operative Craft worked in secret, that is, they did not permit persons to lounge among the workmen, and they must have had some sort of police duty performed by some one of their number. Under the speculative system of Freemasonry, some one brother can and does discharge the duty of tiling the Lodge against interruptions or intrusions.

Brother Senior Deacon remarked, as the old man closed his book and replaced it on the shelf, "You have used the word tile, and you are called Tiler, what do they mean and how did they originate as Masonic terms?"

(To be continued.)

PRESENTATION TO BRO. SAMUEL CARRINGTON.

A COMPLIMENTARY Dinner took place on the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, to Bro. Samuel Carrington P.M., Chairman of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, when opportunity was afforded of making him a Presentation Testimonial in commemoration of his having filled the chair of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum. The following is a copy of the inscription:—

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BRO. SAMUEL CARRINGTON,
Chairman of the Institution for the Year 1882,
At a Dinner held at the
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On Tuesday, 10th April 1883,
In testimony of their high appreciation of the integrity he displayed in the discharge of the onerous duties attached to such position; for his energy in procuring funds for the Institution, and especially during the period of his chairmanship, when the subscriptions and donations obtained by him, in conjunction with his colleagues and other supporters of the Society, amounted to £7,949 8s 6d; for the courtesy he evinced towards the members of the Board, and to the subscribers generally; as also for his solicitous care of the inmates of the Institution.

At the same time a suite of jewelry (consisting of a diamond locket and necklet, brooch and earrings), was presented to Mrs. Carrington, as a memento of her husband's chairmanship. The proceedings terminated with a ball. Bro. S. Fryett was in the chair, and there was a numerous attendance.

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"UNWORTHY CLAIMANTS FOR THE BENEFITS OF OUR CHARITIES."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent, "A NORTHERN SUBSCRIBER," has the courage of his opinions, but I very much question if they will find favour with the subscribers to the Boys' or Girls' Schools, on whose contributions those Institutions rely for their funds. These Schools are intended for the children of deceased and distressed brethren, and it is ridiculous to say that those of a deceased brother whose will was sworn at £9,000 come under this description. The case you have shown up of the boy Herring is by no means so flagrant, but he, I hold, comes not justly within the class of children for whom the Boys' School is intended. I believe he is one of three children who are entitled, on coming of age, each to a one-third share of some £1,600, and though, as your correspondent suggests, the money may not be available now, there ought not to be much difficulty in obtaining the sanction of those whom it concerns to some plan for providing for the child's requirements till he attains his majority. Would it not be possible to purchase for him an admission into the School? the price being, I believe, £170 10s. That would leave intact over £300, and on leaving School he ought to be able to earn his own living. But, in any circumstances, I should like it to be ascertained how many among the remaining candidates have a third of £1,600 payable to them when twenty-one years of age, so that those who have not this prospective advantage may have a prior chance of being elected.

I perfectly well remember the arguments used at the time of Collingwood's election and subsequent rejection. I remember, likewise, that a very active supporter of the School remarked, that if young Collingwood were admitted, he should consider he was fully justified in bringing forward one of his children as a candidate. I know also, it was said the School was not intended for paupers; but pauper, which is a harsh word, may be used to describe an absolute fact or one that is only so relatively. The son or daughter of a gentleman who has possessed a good salary, and moved among people of position and culture, is a pauper if he is left with no more than £30 or £40 a year to support and educate him, so that he may in time be fitted to enter on some respectable occupation, but the son or daughter of a small tradesman possessing the same annual means would be well off. The former might justly be approved as a candidate for one or other of the Schools, the latter not. I quite agree with "A NORTHERN SUBSCRIBER" that "families who have always lived in a higher sphere feel just as much the coming down to a lower one, as those in an inferior do having to make shift lower still;" but surely he must be laughing in his sleeve when he suggests that the son of an affluent brother who bequeathed £9,000 to his family moved in a higher sphere. I hope it will be understood that I intend nothing disrespectful to the memory of the late Bro. Collingwood, who, I have no doubt was an honest and honourable tradesman, and worthy man and brother, but the "sphere" in which he lived was not a superior, nor did it entail any lavish expenditure on the maintenance of himself and his family. He was a "gentleman" only in the same conventional sense as that in which the word "lady" is used when applied to a barmaid. He probably lived far more luxuriously than a vast number of those who are professionally or by birth gentlemen, but he did not belong to the same category with them, and his friends and supporters have no right to speak of his children as belonging to any other sphere than that which includes butchers, bakers, grocers, and the like.

I am very glad you hold fast "on reflection" to the opinion you expressed in the Collingwood case, and that you have made public the facts in the Herring case. I also trust that until those on the list of candidates who are less well off than Herring have been elected into the School, his appeal to the governors will not be responded to.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

London, 10th April 1883. Q.

THE APPROACHING ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Herewith please find a tabulated statement, as to the present recipients from the Masonic Institutions. These tables do not include the widows receiving half their late husband's pension, to which they are entitled for three years after such deaths. The number of these is constantly changing, but at the present time is about 17 or 18.

PRESENT RECIPIENTS FROM THE THREE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

Districts.	Aged Males	Aged Females	Aged Total	Children Boys	Children Girls	Children Total	Grand Total
Bedfordshire	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Berks and Bucks	3	...	3	2	2	4	7
Bristol	1	2	3	2	1	3	6
Cambridgeshire	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Channel Islands	7	2	9	1	...	1	10
Cheshire	2	3	6	5	4	9	15
Cornwall	3	2	5	...	...	...	5
Cumberland and Westmoreland	2	2	4	4	1	5	9
Derbyshire	1	...	1	1	...	1	2
Devonshire	7	7	14	6	7	13	27
Dorsetshire	3	3	6	7	...	7	13
Durham	...	...	...	6	4	10	10
Essex	2	3	5	4	2	6	11
Gloucestershire	...	2	2	4	3	7	9
Hants and Isle of Wight	5	6	11	4	12	16	27
Herefordshire	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
Hertfordshire	...	...	...	1	2	3	3
Kent	9	5	14	8	12	20	34
Lancashire E.	10	14	24	12	9	21	45
Lancashire W.	2	3	5	3	6	9	14
Leicestershire	...	...	...	2	1	3	3
Lincolnshire	5	3	8	5	6	11	19
Middlesex	1	...	1	4	3	7	8
Monmouthshire	1	...	1	1	2	3	4
Norfolk	2	3	5	1	2	3	8
North & Hunts	4	1	5	2	1	3	8
North Wales and Shropshire	...	...	...	4	2	6	6
Nottinghamshire	...	...	...	2	...	2	2
Oxfordshire	...	2	2	...	...	...	2
Somersetshire	...	1	1	4	8	12	13
S. Wales E.	...	...	...	4	2	6	6
S. Wales W.	1	1	2	3	2	5	7
Staffordshire	...	1	1	3	3	6	7
Suffolk	5	5	10	1	7	8	18
Surrey	1	...	1	3	...	3	4
Sussex	4	4	8	3	4	7	15
Warwickshire	1	2	3	8	6	14	17
Wiltshire	1	3	4	1	8	9	13
Worcestershire	...	1	1	3	2	5	6
N. & E. Yorks	8	1	9	5	5	10	19
W. Yorkshire	14	13	27	21	21	42	69
Colonies	4	7	11	9	10	19	30
Provincial and Colonial Total	115	102	217	162	158	320	537
London Total	42	59	101	53	81	134	235
Grand Total	157	161	318	215	239	454	772

In this table, as in the one describing the candidates for the coming elections, you will perceive that the Provincial candidates are nearly three times, and the recipients more than twice, as many as those of London, and as the population of England and Wales and the Channel Islands is 27,000,000, of which the London Masonic District is about 6,000,000, the proportion is not so great as might have been expected, but on the other hand the number of votes belonging to the London District is nearly, if not quite, equal to all the other Provinces put together.

I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

[Our esteemed Brother Henry Smith, the Charity Representative for West Yorkshire, directs out attention to an error our correspondent made in his tabular statement last week. Bro. Smith writes:—"On page 212 you state that W. Yorkshire has fifteen candidates for the April and May elections. I herewith enclose a list of nine—all we have—and the full particulars will enable you to prove that I am correct, and that you have fallen into some error. Perhaps 'P.M. 1607' will take the trouble to revise his figures."

WEST YORKSHIRE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIONS 1883.

14th and 16th April, and 18th May.

GIRLS.

Midgley, Elizabeth, Lodge 448, born 10th August 1874, Halifax.

BOYS.

Richardson, H. P., Lodges 302, 974, born 18th July 1873, Bradford.
Rose, Frederick Joseph, Lodge 289, born 5th January 1875, Leeds.

MALES.

Collins, T., Lo. 290, 275, Huddersfield, Aged 80 Subscribed 51¼ yrs.
Exley Ben, Lodge 206, Dewsbury, „ 62 do. 39 „
Stork, William, Lodge 837, Ripon, „ 74 do. 21¼ „

WIDOWS.

Greenwood, J., Lo. 308, Todmorden, Aged 73 (Husband) do. 46 „
Matthews, M., Los. 139, 1239, Sheffield „ 61 (do.) do. 15 „
Barras, E. A., Lodge 139, Sheffield „ 58 (do.) do. 19 „

We are convinced "P.M. 1607" will correct his statement.—ED. F.C.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which attack humanity when wet and cold weather gives place to more genial temperatures. In short, these Pills never fail to afford relief in all disturbances of circulation, digestion, and nervous energy, which at times oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the wholesome, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by these excellent Pills the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation rendered perfect. Holloway's medicine possesses the highly estimable property of cleansing the whole mass of blood, which in its renovated condition carries purity, strength and vigour to every tissue of the body.

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GRAND MASONIC GATHERING AT BAGSHOT.

AMIDST a considerable amount of pleasurable interest and excitement, the foundation-stone of the new church of St. Anne's, Bagshot, was laid on Monday afternoon by the R.W. Brother His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., Past Grand Warden of England, in the presence of a vast concourse of spectators. The weather, when once clear of the fog which hung over London nearly the whole day, was delightfully bright and Spring-like; and, tempted by the brilliancy of out-door appearances, the occasion was made the most of by the brethren of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey, to add "pomp and circumstance" to an event which proved to be more than of local interest. From all parts of the county, and by train from London, visitors came into the secluded town, the streets of which bore an aspect of unwonted animation during the afternoon. Leaving Waterloo at a little after mid-day, the City contingent mustered well, and picked up accessions to their strength at the intermediate stations of Clapham Junction, Surbiton, Weybridge, Woking, Brookwood and Frimley, arriving at Bagshot shortly after two o'clock. The sun shone with the fervency of July, albeit there was a fresh breeze astir, which modulated the otherwise oppressive heat into a refreshing temperature; but the roads were unpleasantly dusty, and the brethren arrived at their trysting place—the Mechanics' Institute—"like a lot of millers." As the crowd of visitors, with whom mingled several brethren in uniform, from the military Lodges at Aldershot, Farnham and elsewhere arrived, the inhabitants flocked to the doors and windows of their houses in pleased surprise at so great influx of friends from all the country round. Admirable preparations had been made for the ceremonial, though the dimensions of the hall were not anything like adequate to the accommodation of so numerous and distinguished a gathering. As something must be said upon the main object of the assembly, we may state that the old church, which was built in the year 1820, had fallen into a state of dilapidation, and the estimated cost of placing it in proper repair was found to be so great that it was very wisely decided to take steps for the erection of a perfectly new edifice, sufficient for the requirements of the parishoners, and in which Divine worship might be carried on "decently and in order." Accordingly, the respected Vicar, the Rev. F. A. P. Lory, issued an appeal for help, to which a generous response was made, the ladies of the district with their friends arranging a bazaar of useful and fancy goods, which realised £1,630. To this Her Most Gracious Majesty added £100, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught £300, the Commissioners of Woods and Forests (from whom the site for the new building was secured) £400, Mr. H. P. Leschalles 100 guineas, Mrs. Michael Waterer (for bells) £400, and other amounts, reaching to a total of £1,500. With this aid the Vicar was enabled to invite designs, those of Mr. Henry A. Cheers, architect, of London and Bagshot, being accepted, and the contract was entrusted to Mr. Joseph Higgs, builder, of Dorset-square, London. The building, which will form an ornament to the locality, will be of the early English style of architecture, to consist of a nave, transepts, north and south aisles, and a chancel, with a tower at the west end, surmounted by a spire, 120 feet in height, and will accommodate 450 adults. The building will be of brick, faced externally with Bath stone, whilst the interior will be plastered, with open roof of pitched pine, the seats being of the newest design in open stained wood, and the floor tesselated. The estimated cost, with boundary walls and neat iron palisading, is £5,000, towards which nearly £3,000 has been raised, irrespective of the amount collected on Monday. Immediately on their arrival, the brethren repaired to the Institute, and clothed, when Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in form by the R.Wor. Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master; Bros. Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Chas. Greenwood P.G.S.B. Senior Warden, W. C. Beaumont P.G.S.W. acting as Junior Warden, Rev. Richard Milner 1616 Chaplain, Sir Patrick Colquhoun Past Grand Registrar as Registrar, George Price Treasurer, Charles Greenwood jun. Worshipful Master 410 Provincial Grand Secretary, J. B. Boucher 1872 S.D., W. Youldon 1638 J.D., A. E. Taylor 1851 Supt. of Works, H. E. Frances D. of C., J. H. Askham 1564 Assist. D. of C., Compton 1929 Organist, Geo. Westall 1714 Sword Bearer, W. J. Kemp 1362 Pursuivant, F. A. Manning 1861 Standard Bearer, and C. T. Speight Tyler. Amongst the Grand Officers and brethren were Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Captain N. G. Philips P.G.D., Rev. H. P. Bent Past Grand Chaplain, Magnus Ohren Past Grand Assist. D. of C., H. Botting 1395 P.P.G.S., R. Eve P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, J. N. Boor P.P.G.S.B. and Secretary 370, G. N. Mooney P.P.G.S.W., George Payne I.P.M. 1534 P.G.S., C. H. Woodward P.G.J.D., G. W. Lister S.W. 410, H. Summers W.M. Royal Albert, G. Godson P.M. 69, S. Bradley P.M. 414, F. G. Cook W.M. 1971, S. J. Pulley P.M. 1714, J. L. Hickley S.W. 1046, W. A. Laver P.M. 1362, J. Mew I.P.M. 1362, W. W. Ridley 1101, J. Collins 1101, W. J. James 1101, S. G. Dundas W.M. 370, J. W. Squire 3, J. G. Horsey I.P.M. 1892, George Turner W.M. 1395, J. Hardy 1395, A. W. Callis 1395, Andrew Rogers 1564, S. P. Coaker 1564, A. H. Bowers 1638, W. Lane W.M. 1638, David W. Cable 1638, E. W. Cox 463, J. Wright P.M. 1046, G. Mesher 1564, R. Tozer 1714, G. W. Parker P.M. 215, James Edwards 1892, F. Carter 1892, J. M. Norman 1638, W. Pile W.M 1892, T. Adams W.M., B. H. Ridge 1347, J. T. Lock J.W. 1347, A. F. Asher S.D. 1395, R. Bunce Secretary 1714, J. W. Lendrim Past Prov. Grand Pursuivant, H. Sadler G. Tyler, &c. Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, prayer was said by the Rev. J. M. Milner, Provincial Grand Chaplain, and after a few simple formalities, a procession was formed, accompanied by the silken banners of several of the local Lodges, the brethren marching two a-breast, in the direction of the site of the proposed new church, which is situated on an eminence, known as Mill Hill, overlooking a magnificent stretch of country. The following was the order of procession:—

Two Tylers with drawn swords.
Visiting brethren.
Lodges according to their numbers, Juniors walking first.
Provincial Grand Officers of other Provinces.

Prov. Grand Steward. — A Cornucopia with corn, carried by a Master of a Lodge. Two Vessels with Wine and Oil, carried by Masters of Lodges. — Prov. Grand Steward.

Past Prov. Grand Pursuivants.
Prov. Grand Pursuivant.
Prov. Grand Organist.
Trowel, carried by a Past Master. Mallett, carried by a Past Master.
Past Prov. Grand Sword Bearers.
Assistant Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Past Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works.
Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works.
Past Prov. Grand Deacons.
Prov. Grand Secretary, with the Book of Constitutions.
Past Prov. Grand Registrars.
Prov. Grand Registrar.
Prov. Grand Treasurer.
Past Prov. Grand Chaplains.
Past Prov. Grand Wardens.
The Corinthian Light, carried by a Master of a Lodge.
The Column of the Prov. Junior Grand Warden, carried by a Master of a Lodge.
The Prov. Junior Grand Warden, with a Plumb Rule.

Prov. Grand Steward. — Banner of Prov. Grand Lodge. — Prov. Grand Steward.

The Doric Light, carried by a Master of a Lodge.
The Column of a Prov. Senior Grand Warden, carried by the Master of a Lodge.
The Prov. Senior Grand Warden, with the Level.
The Prov. Junior Grand Deacon.

Prov. Grand Steward. — The Prov. Grand Chaplain, bearing the Sacred Law on a Cushion. — Prov. Grand Steward.

Past and Present Officers of the Grand Lodge of England.
The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, with the Square.
The Ionic Light, carried by a Master of a Lodge.
The Prov. Grand Sword Bearer.
H.R.H. the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G., Past Grand Warden.
The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master.
The Senior Prov. Grand Deacon.
Two Prov. Grand Stewards.
Prov. Grand Tyler.

The clergy and choir, in their surplices, had met at the Vicarage, and included His Grace the Lord Bishop of Winchester (who with Mrs. Harold Browne and the Rev. Robert Browne, his lordship's Chaplain, had been the guest of their Royal Highnesses, at Bagshot Park), the Rev. F. M. Middleton Rural Dean and Vicar of York Town, the Vicar the Rev. F. A. P. Lory, and his Curate the Rev. E. M. Salmon, the Bishop of Ballarat, the Revs. J. M. Freshfield, Vicar of Windlesham; R. Flint, Vicar of Sunningdale; Newton Spencer, Vicar of Emly and Rural Dean; W. Basset, Rector of Frimley; A. Kinch, Rector of Farnborough; W. Suthey Curate of Farnborough; C. B. Fendall, of Windlesham, and others. The Bishop of the Diocese took his seat at the table in front of the stone, the clergy and choir occupying the platform in rear, whilst the brethren were ranged around, in accordance with rank, the Provincial Grand Officers being in the centre. The Duke and Duchess on their arrival were received with respectful salutations, which they graciously acknowledged, and her Royal Highness was escorted to her seat by General Brownrigg, who sat between her and her Royal husband, on the left of the Bishop. Accompanying the Royal party were Colonel Sir H. Elphinstone and Lady Elphinstone, General Sir D. Lysons and Lady Lysons; the infant Princess Margaret, Mr. Miles, Treasurer of the building fund; Colonel Lempriere, R.E.; General Smythe, C.B., and a large gathering of the resident gentry of the district. When the assemblage was seated, the scene within the half-raised walls of the building was exceedingly picturesque, the sun shining brightly over all, and with beams as fervent as on an ordinary July day. The necessary preliminaries having been arranged, the opening sentences of the service were said by the Bishop, the responses being given by the Rev. E. M. Salmon. Then followed Psalm lxxxiv.—"O how amiable"—by the choir, ably led by Mr. G. P. More, who presided ably at the harmonium, the lesson for the day (Ezra iii. 10, 11) being read by the Rural Dean, the Rev. F. M. Middleton. Prayers were then offered for a blessing on the work undertaken, and the preservation of all those who were engaged in it; after which Psalm cxxvii.—"Except the Lord build the house"—was sung. The Prov. Grand Master then advanced to the stone, and addressing His Royal Highness, said: Knowing the deep interest which you and Her Royal Highness take in the laying of the foundation stone, and the building of the edifice which we have come here to complete, I beg, on my part, and on behalf of the Freemasons of Surrey, that you will do us the honour of performing the ceremony of laying this stone, with the test of the plumb, the level, and the square. We trust that you will find it well and truly laid, for which purpose I have the honour to place this trowel in your hands. He then handed to the Duke a magnificent silver trowel, suitably inscribed in commemoration of the event. The R.W. Bro. his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., P.G.W., in reply, said: My Lord Bishop and Brethren,—Be it known unto you that we be lawful Masons, true and honourable to the laws of our country. Although not ourselves Operative Masons, yet we have, from time immemorial, been associated with the erection of buildings, to be raised for the benefit of mankind, the adornment of the world, and the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. We have amongst us, unseen from the eyes of all men, secrets that may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of either God or man. They were entrusted to the Masons of ancient days, and they have been faithfully transmitted to us; and it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to our latest posterity. Unless our Order had been honourable, and our calling just, it would not have

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lasted all these centuries, nor should we have had so many illustrious brothers in our Order, ready to promote our laws and to further our interests. We are assembled to-day, in the midst of all you here present, for the erection of a house to the glory and the worship of the Most High, which we pray God may bless and prosper as it seems good to Him. (So mote it be.) As it is the duty of all Masons in any undertaking to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, I will call upon you to unite with our Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace. The Prov. Grand Chaplain having offered prayer, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught said, It is my will and pleasure that the foundation-stone of this church be laid, and Brother the Provincial Grand Secretary will read the inscription on the plate. Brother Charles Greenwood jun., the Provincial Grand Secretary, then read:—"This foundation-stone was laid by their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, with Masonic honours, A.D. 1883. Henry A. Cheers, architect." The Prov. Grand Treasurer deposited coins of the realm and other articles in the cavity of the stone, after which mortar was spread, and the stone lowered to its resting place. His Royal Highness having tested it with the plumb-rule said, "I find this stone to be plumb, and the Craftsmen have prepared it true and trusty." Applying the level, he said, "I find this stone to be level, and the Craftsmen have laboured skilfully." Trying it with the square, he said, "I find this stone to be plumb, level and square, and I declare it to be truly prepared and duly laid, and that the Craftsmen have done their work well." He then gave three knocks with the maul, and declared the stone truly laid. Corn, wine and oil were placed on the stone, emblematical of plenty and abundance, joy and peace and unanimity. Might peace, prosperity, happiness and goodwill ever prevail amongst those who should minister in that place, to the glory of the Most High, till time should be no more. (So mote it be.) The Bishop then prayed that true faith, the fear of God, and brotherly love might always abide, and that the place might remain ever consecrated to prayer and the praise of His Holy Name. As the offertory was being taken, the choir and congregation sang the hymn, "Christ is our Corner stone." A pleasing incident here occurred, her Royal Highness the Duchess receiving at the hands of several children, some of whom were very diminutive, and appeared timid and abashed in the presence of royalty, purses containing sums collected towards the building fund. The first to place a purse upon the stone was the rosy-faced little infant Princess Margaret, only a few months old, and who appeared charmingly oblivious of the prominent part she was taking in the ceremony. Her father, the Duke, patted her lovingly on the cheek as she was being taken up to the stone in the arms of her nurse. The anthem, "How dreadful is the place!" and Psalm lxxxvii., "His foundations are upon the holy hills," were sung, and the concluding prayers were said by the Vicar, the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction. Soon afterwards the company dispersed, the Royal party, accompanied by the Bishop of Winchester and Mrs. Harold Browne, and the Bishop's Chaplain, driving home to Bagshot Park. The clergy and other friends were entertained at the Vicarage, and the brethren having re-assembled in Provincial Grand Lodge, were thanked for their attendance in such numbers, and dismissed, returning by the 4·30 train for home.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday, the 7th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Edgar Bowyer (in the chair), Joyce Murray, J. L. Mather, L. Ruff, Arthur E. Gladwell, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), Donald M. Dewar, H. Massey, Raynham W. Stewart, W. Maple, Alfred Williams, E. Baxter, George Cooper, F. Adlard, John Palmer, Thomas Cubitt, G. P. Festa, C. F. Hogard, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The sum of £10 was voted for educating a boy out of the School for six months on account of his ill health; and £2000 was ordered to be invested in India 4 per cents. The Secretary reported that £500 having been left by a testator to "The Freemasons' Boys' School," application was made to the Chancery Division to decide whether The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was the object of the testator's bounty. The Chief Clerk decided that it was, and the £500, free of legacy duty, had been received. Petitions for placing two boys on the list for the election in October were passed, as was also the qualification of a presentation boy. Outfits of £5 each were granted to three former pupils of the Institution, now in situations. In consequence of withdrawals the number of candidates for next Monday's election was reduced to 62. Brother W. Roebuck gave notice of a motion for the Quarterly Court of next Monday, after which the Committee adjourned.

The installation ceremony will be rehearsed, on Tuesday next, the 17th inst., by Bro. Whitley P.M. P.P.G.D.C., at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, held at the Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, nearly opposite the York Station L.B.S.C. Railway, and five minutes walk from the Queen's Road Station L. and S.W. Railway. The proceedings commence at eight o'clock.

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PRUDENT BRETHREN CHAPTER, No. 145.

THE regular April meeting of this excellent working Chapter was held on the 10th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern. Comps. Braine M.E.Z., Headon H., Leggott J., Venn P.Z. S.E., Bull P.Z. Treasurer, Moon Provincial Soj.; P.Z.'s Comps. Haslett, Thiellay, and Moody. Visitors—J. Stevens P.Z. 720, J. A. Barking Young P.Z., W. Smallpeice 1201, C. A. Wood 1512, Sprake 813, Stohwasser Z. 21, H. M. Levy P.Z. 188. Chapter was formally opened by the Principals. The minutes of last convocation were confirmed. Bro. F. T. C. Keeble W.M. elect 1426 was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the working being most efficiently carried out. The election of M.E.Z. and Principals then took place; Comp. Headon was elected M.E.Z., Leggott H., Elsley J., Bull P.Z. Treasurer, Venn P.Z. S.E., Reinhardt Janitor. A jewel was voted to the retiring Z., Companion Braine, for his excellent working. The Chapter was then closed until December. A capital banquet followed, superintended by Companion Dawkins. Comp. Braine proposed the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts. Comp. Haslett proposed the toast of the M.E.Z., and complimented him on his excellent working; indeed, he had never heard it more perfectly rendered. The M.E.Z. in reply thanked Companion Haslett for his kind expressions; what he had done he hoped was for the benefit of the Chapter. It would be his great pleasure to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor. The toast of the M.E.Z. Elect was then given. Comp. Headon's working in Craft Masonry was well known, and it was a great pleasure to have such a good working R.A. Mason to fill the chair of this Chapter, which, if it was to be second to none, the M.E.Z. elect would be the one to carry this out. In Comp. Leggott no better working Mason could be found, more particularly for the Charities. The toast of the Exaltee, Comp. Keeble came next on the list, and it was in very able terms responded to. Comps. Stohwasser Z. 21, and J. Stevens P.Z. 720, responded for the Visitors. The health of the Treasurer Comp. Bull, and of Comp. Haslett P.Z. S.E. was then given, the M.E.Z. stating no Companions could be found who knew their duties better; no Chapter could consider itself efficient without it had capable Officers. This toast having been responded to, the Junior Officers and Janitor's followed. Comps. Stevens, Moody, Haslett, and Levy contributed to the harmony.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

A CONVOCATION of this Chapter was held on Monday (in lieu of the regular meeting of the 2nd instant, that date being Bank Holiday), at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. H. P. Isaac M.E.Z., I. P. Cohen H., A. Henochsberg J., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E. and Treasurer, J. Dewsnap S.N., L. Lazarus P.Z. as P.S.; P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, L. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, W. Littaur; Visitors—Comps. W. Vincent P.Z., A. Abrahams late 188, J. A. Gartley 142, G. Smith jun., C. Killick H. 228, Round. Chapter was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bro. J. B. Mesquito 205 and H. C. Lonsdale, which being in favour of the candidates, they were duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. The working of the M.E.Z., Principals, and Officers was perfect. The resignation of Comp. Boekbinder was accepted with regret. The sum of two guineas was voted from the Chapter, to be placed on the list of Comp. L. Lazarus P.Z., who will serve as a Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on the 9th of May. The Chapter was then closed till the last Monday in May, and the Companions sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Comp. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The M.E.Z., in eloquent terms, proposed the Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. W. Littaur P.Z. proposed the toast of the Z. This was a pleasing duty for him to perform, as Comp. Isaac was a good Craftsman and R.A. Mason. He (Comp. Littaur) had exalted him; he had filled every chair to the satisfaction of the Companions. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked the Companions for their good wishes. He would strive to advance the prosperity of the Chapter, and his great aim would be to promote its success. In speaking to the toast of the Exaltees, the M.E.Z. said, by the attention they had paid to the ceremony, he felt assured they would become creditable Royal Arch Masons. All were gratified they had selected this Chapter to be exalted in. Comp. Mesquito eloquently responded, and he was followed by Comp. Lonsdale, who although but a young Mason, had heard so much of the Joppa Chapter wherever he went, that he thought he could not do better than join it. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. He thought the Chapter might boast of two attributes—cordiality amongst its members, and hospitality to its guests. In the name of the Chapter, he would extend to them a hearty welcome. Comp. Killick responded; he had experienced an intellectual treat that evening. The Chapter might be congratulated on the ability of its Z., and the excellent working of its Officers. Comps. Gartley and Vincent followed, acknowledging the extreme pleasure they had experienced in the excellent working. The toast of the P.Z.'s came next. Comp. M. J. Emanuel P.Z. and S.E. responded. The H. and J. were next complimented, and after response had been made, the Janitor gave the parting toast.

The Camden Chapter, No. 704, was consecrated on Friday, 6th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, by Comp. James Terry, who was assisted by Comps. J. D. Collier and E. C. Daines. Comps. E. Dimsdale and G. S. Graham assisted with the music.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of East Lancashire was held on Thursday, the 29th ultimo, at the Baths Assembly Rooms, Bolton, on which occasion the Provincial Grand Superintendent, Companion Le Gendre N. Starkie, presided, and was supported by Comps. Beswicke-Royds Provincial Grand H., Franklin Thomas Provincial Grand J., G. P. Brockbank Provincial Grand N., J. Chadwick Prov. Grand E., E. Ashworth P.P.G.N., J. Newton P.P.G.N., J. T. Peel Prov. P.S., Blacka Prov. 1st A.S., J. Holmes Prov. Grand Treasurer, J. T. Hooper P.P.G. Treasurer, J. H. Sillitoe P.P.A. Soj., Hargreaves P.P.A. Soj., and many other Past Provincial Grand Officers; M.E.Z.'s Comps. Nicholl 317, Greenhalgh 221, Waterson 126, M. Hardman 344, Halliwell 42, Taylor 286, Godley 325, Loftos 128, Walker Z. elect 37; P.Z.'s Comps. Dawson 317, Jaffrey 152, Rutter 221, Richardson 221, Morris 221, Brown 37, S. Horrocks 128, Porritt 283, Horrocks 348, J. Harwood 348, Higson 348, Whittaker 350; also Comp. E. G. Harwood 221 Mayor of Bolton, and about 50 other Companions. The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened in form, the minutes of the last P.G. Chapter were read and confirmed. The roll of Chapters was called over, and four of the number, being unrepresented, were fined in accordance with the Bye-laws. The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Companion Holmes, of Ashton, presented the accounts of the past year, duly audited by Comps. Dawson and Jaffrey. The same being satisfactory, were passed, and a vote of thanks accorded to the Auditors, and the retiring Treasurer. Comp. J. H. Greenhalgh Z. 221 was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. The following Companions were then invested as Officers for the year 1883-4:—

Comp.	Capt. Beswicke-Royds	P.G.H.
	J. H. Sillitoe P.Z. 645	P.G.J.
	John Chadwick P.Z. 152	P.G.E.
	Thomas Mason P.Z. 116	P.G.N.
	R. L. Mestayer P.Z. 204	P.G. Sojourner
	J. Walsh P.Z. 345	P.G. 1st A. Soj.
	James Horrocks P.Z. 345	P.G. 2nd A. Soj.
	J. H. Greenhalgh P.Z. 221	P.G. Treasurer
	J. M. Rutter P.Z. 221	P.G. Registrar
	John Bollard H. 116...	P.G. Sword Bearer
	James Walker Z. 37	P.G. St. Bearer
	Samuel Porritt P.Z. 283	P.G.D.C.
	J. Dearnally 300	P.G. Organist
	J. Barrett 221	P.G. Stewards
	S. Crowther 37	
	John Harwood 348	
	Thomas Mitchell	P.G. Janitor

On the motion of Comp. G. P. Brockbank P.Prov.G.S.N., the sum of £10 was voted to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. Companions Richardson and Alcock were elected Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts. The Provincial Grand Chapter having been closed in due form, the Companions adjourned to banquet, at the Swan Hotel, the meeting place of Concord Chapter, No. 37, where the Provincial G. Superintendent presided, supported by several of the Provincial and Past Provincial Grand Officers who had been present at the Chapter. The customary loyal toasts having been duly honoured, Companion Phillips proposed the Grand Officers of England, coupled with the name of Companion Royds Provincial G.H., and one of the Grand Officers of the year. Companion Royds replied, expressing his determination to do his duty, both in the Province and Grand Chapter, without fear or favour. Companion Brockbank proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Superintendent Colonel Starkie, referring to his position as one of the leading landowners in the district, and the esteem he was held in by Masons throughout the whole of East Lancashire, especially noticing his fairness in distributing the honours of his Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter to brethren and Companions who had duly earned their promotion by assiduity to Lodge labours and the practice of Masonic Charity. The Most Excellent Superintendent, in reply, thanked the proposer of the toast for the kindly way he had spoken of him, and eulogised the brethren of Bolton for the way in which they always catered for the material comforts of the brethren when called upon to provide accommodation for the meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter; he also referred in terms of great commendation to the admirable manner in which the members of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, had entertained the members of the Grand Lodge who attended at the Sesqui-centennial celebration of the Lodge in October last. The toast of the Prov. Grand H. Comp. Royds, and the Prov. Grand J. was duly honoured, and replied to in a characteristic speech by Comp. Sillitoe Prov. Grand J. A silent tribute of respect was paid to the memory of Comp. Thomas Entwisle P. Prov. Grand S.N., who died in harness as Z. of Chapter of Concord, the oldest Chapter in the North of England, and which has been in active working condition from the year 1768. The Prov. G. Superintendent proposed The Mayor of Bolton, speaking highly of his personal character, and of the pleasure it afforded him to meet the Chief Magistrate of Bolton again at a Masonic meeting in a locality where Masonry was practically carried out in all its fulness. The Mayor (Comp. E. G. Harwood) briefly responded, and thanked the Prov. Grand Superintendent for his complimentary remarks, and stated that, although only a young Mason, it was his earnest wish to progress in the science, and expressed his great gratification at being able to welcome so distingnished a Mason as Col. Starkie at a Provincial meeting in Bolton during his tenure of office. The Masonic Charities was proposed by Comp. Sillitoe, who expatiated on the merits of these Institutions, and made an earnest appeal for increased contributions to their funds. The Bolton Chapters was proposed by Comp. Ashworth Past Prov. S.N., and responded to by Comps. Richardson P.Z. Chapter 221, and J. Greenhalgh Prov. Grand Treasurer. The toast To all Poor and Distressed Arch Masons, proposed by Comp. Brockbank, as the oldest Arch Mason present, brought the proceedings of a highly successful meeting to a close.

We understand that E. Comp. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Deputy P.G.M. for Essex, and Recorder of Colchester, has been appointed by H.R.H. the Grand Z. to the post of Grand Superintendent of the Province of Essex; and that Comp. Philbrick will be installed at Chelmsford, on Wednesday, the 16th May, by E. Comp. Lord Lathom G.H. of England.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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EARL OF LATHOM LODGE, No. 1922.

ON Monday last, the members of this young suburban Lodge, which has rapidly risen into popularity amongst the brethren in the South of London, assembled in force at the Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, the occasion being the installation of Bro. R. J. Taylor as Worshipful Master, in succession to Bro. Anthony Runacres. The weather outside London was delightfully fine and genial, and a numerous party of the members and visitors made the event an opportunity of enjoying a day in the open country, which is just now assuming a Spring-like brightness. Soon after two o'clock the meeting took place at the Greyhound, when the retiring Worshipful Master presided, supported by Bro. R. J. Taylor S.W. and W.M. elect, J. Turle Lee J.W., G. W. Evans S.D., Charles Evans I.G., E. Witts P.M. Secretary, and Boyton; Bros. Clarke, Jones, Dawe, Warne, Spencer, Sims, Cannon, Hill, Mason, O'Donnell, Hayboe, Robins, Thomson, Hunts, Firkins, Vane, and Stow M.C. Visitors: Bros. Taylor W.M. 1558, P.M.'s Gallant 25, Dairy 141, Dickson 860, Barker 1632, Burleton 1681, Hawkins 1693, Barham I.P.M. 144, Stokoe J.D. 1963, Albert 43, Harnett 813, Edgeley 1446, Anderson 1672. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting, and the emergencies of 30th October and 12th February having been read and confirmed, Bro. I. G. Albert, L.D.S., of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 43, proposed by Bro. Chapman, and seconded by the Worshipful Master elect; and Bro. W. Blount, of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, proposed by Bro. Evans, and seconded by the W.M., were unanimously accepted as joining members. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in a sound and healthy condition financially, was received and adopted, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Committee for their services. Lodge was then advanced, and Bros. Francis John Dawe and Henry Thomas Warne were raised to the sublime degree by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers, who acquitted themselves in a highly creditable manner, and to the satisfaction of all present. Lodge was resumed, and Bros. Henry Alexander Thomson, Charles N. Robins, and Edward Hayboe were severally passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the working in this degree being equally well performed. After some other business, Bro. Taylor was presented as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and having assented to the ordinary interrogatories, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Taylor was solemnly installed into the chair, the ritual being impressively rendered by the outgoing Worshipful Master, who officiated as the Installing Officer. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Worshipful Master was greeted with the customary honours, and received the hearty congratulations of the brethren, with whom he is deservedly popular. He invested his Officers, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bros. Anthony Runacres I.P.M. and Treasurer, J. W. T. Chapman S.W, G. W. Evans J.W., Edward Witts P.M. Secretary, J. Turle Lee S.D., Charles Evans J.D., J. S. Clarke I.G., Connell Wine Steward, and O'Donnell Assistant Wine Steward. The Worshipful Master, in the name of the brethren of the Lodge, presented to Brother Runacres a magnificent Past Master's jewel, having a diamond centre, and the Earl of Lathom's crest and the name of the Lodge embossed on the border. On the reverse side was the following inscription:—

Presented to
BROTHER ANTHONY RUNACRES,
by the brethren of
THE EARL OF LATHOM LODGE, No. 1922,
As a mark of esteem and regard, and in recognition of the zeal and ability with which he discharged his duties as
WORSHIPFUL MASTER,
during the year 1882-3. 9th April 1883.

After affixing it to Bro. Runacres's breast, the Worshipful Master alluded to the zealous and admirable manner in which he had performed the task entrusted to him as ruler of the Lodge, and said their excellent Immediate Past Master had had wisdom to discern, and ability to execute all that could conduce to the well-being and prosperity of the Earl of Lathom Lodge. In private he was admired and esteemed by all with whom he came into contact, whilst in his capacity as a Mason and a Master of this Lodge he had gained for himself universal affection. This jewel was but a slight tribute of their appreciation of services well and worthily rendered to the Lodge, and he expressed the hope that Bro. Runacres might live for many years to continue those services, and to live in the esteem and good opinion of the brethren, which he now so deservedly enjoyed. Bro. Runacres could scarcely find words adequately to express his deep sense of the honours which had been conferred upon him, and of the kindly sentiments which had fallen from the lips of the Worshipful Master. He could only say he should endeavour to deserve all that had been so generously said of him, by straining every nerve to advance the best interests of the Earl of Lathom Lodge. He felt a deep interest in

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Masonry, and anything he could do to promote the welfare of the Craft in general, and this Lodge in particular, would be to him a pleasure as well as a duty. Lodge having been closed in form, the brethren and visitors sat down to an excellent banquet, when the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the toast of the evening, alluded in felicitous terms to the energy, zeal, and ability displayed by Bro. Taylor, whilst filling the Senior Warden's chair during the past year, and to his assiduity in promoting harmony and good fellowship amongst the brethren. From the admirable working they had witnessed in Lodge, and the genial way in which he had presided over the amenities of the festive board, they might rest satisfied that Bro. Taylor would make a most efficient Master, and he congratulated the brethren upon the judicious selection they had made. He wished for their newly-installed Worshipful Master a happy and prosperous year of office, and assured him the Officers and brethren would assist him to the utmost of their power in contributing to that result. The Worshipful Master, who was most cordially received, said he was deeply sensible of the proud and honourable distinction which had been conferred upon him by the brethren of the Lodge in placing him in the chair, and it should be his earnest endeavour during the coming year to justify their selection by strict attention to duty. He should leave no stone unturned to promote the best interests of the Craft in general, and his Lodge in particular, in which he had felt so deep and genuine an interest ever since it was established. He trusted he might have the assistance of his Immediate Past Master, and the cordial co-operation of the Officers and brethren generally, and he had no fear, if this was extended to him, the year's work would be both pleasant and advantageous to them all. He should try and emulate the excellent example set him by his predecessor, and hoped that when the tenure of his office expired he should have acquitted himself with credit and with satisfaction to the Lodge. He then resumed his seat amidst loud acclamations. In rising again to propose the health of the Immediate Past Master and Installing Officer, the W.M. spoke of the constant and unwearied exertions made by Bro. Runacres to forward the best interests of the Lodge. He had been unremitting in his attention to the duties of his office, and had shown a happy ability in the promotion of harmony and goodwill amongst the body of members. He trusted that Bro. Runacres might be spared for a long time yet to assist in the governance of the Lodge, and to accord to it the benefit of his intelligent administration and experienced and valuable counsel. The Immediate Past Master, in response, said, After the remarks he had uttered in the Lodge-room very little was needed for him to convey to the brethren his deep sense of the compliment they had paid to him. It would be his endeavour, in the future, as it had been in the past, to assist by every means in his power to sustain and uphold the interests of the Earl of Lathom Lodge, and to render what assistance he could to their excellent Worshipful Master and the brethren generally. The work of the Lodge was a labour of love to him, and he rejoiced to see the unanimity and sound brotherly feeling which animated all the members of the Lodge. Might that harmony of sentiment and action long continue, to their common and mutual happiness and advantage. He should prize the magnificent jewel which now glistened on his breast, for its intrinsic value, but very much more for the kindly and brotherly sentiments by which it had been prompted. Their generous expressions towards him that day would never cease to be remembered, and would form a source of happy reflection, he hoped, for many years to come. The health of the Past Masters was then given, and duly acknowledged; and Brother Mason, in responding for the Charities, delivered an earnest appeal for continued help towards the great Benevolent Institutions, which are the pride and boast of the Craft. The toast of the Officers of the Lodge was suitably acknowledged by the Wardens, and the Tyler then closed the proceedings, which were throughout of a very happy and enjoyable description. An abundance of good music and singing tended materially to enhance the pleasures of the evening, and the brethren separated at an early hour, highly delighted with the success which had attended their gathering.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—Held at Bro. Serjeant's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., on Wednesday last. Present—Bros. Millington W.M., Serjeant S.W., Little J.W., Pinder Preceptor, A. Clark S.D., Black I.G.; also Bros. Rowe, Patrick, Turberfield, Gieseke, Kraum. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Kraum candidate. Bro. Turberfield answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Brother Serjeant was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

A regular meeting of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, was held on Tuesday, at the Albion, under the presidency of the W.M. Brother Frederick J. Hentsch. There was no ceremonial work on the agenda, occasion was therefore taken by the members to invite Bro. W. W. Morgan, the Senior Warden, to deliver one of his Lectures. Bro. Morgan selected "The Masonic Institutions; their Establishment and Development," for his text, and his discourse was listened to with the greatest interest. At the conclusion of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Morgan was passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. In acknowledging the compliment Bro. Morgan expressed his gratification that his efforts had met with approval, and threw out a suggestion that other of the members should follow the precedent he had inaugurated; the so-called "off-nights" would then prove instructive to the younger members of the Lodge, and sustain the interest of the elder brethren.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, Colonel Creaton presiding. There were also present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, C. G. Dilley, G. Bolton, C. A. Cottebrune, Louis Stein, John Bulmer, C. J. Perceval, C. Lacey, J. M. Case, A. A. Richards, W. Hilton, J. J. Berry, A. H. Tattershall, T. W. C. Bush, T. Cubitt, James Garner, C. H. Webb, James Willing jun., and E. C. Massey. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, the Secretary reported that four deaths had occurred since last meeting, viz., two male annuitants, and one male and one female candidate, thus making the vacancies to be filled at next election, 25 male and 15 female annuitants. The Report of the Finance Committee, verifying the accounts to 31st March, was read and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes; and the recommendation of the Finance Committee for the investment of £1,000 in India Four per Cents., in the names of the Trustees of the Male and Female Funds respectively, and that £2,000 should be placed on deposit account, was ordered to be carried out. Bros. Creaton, Farnfield, and Lacey were appointed a Committee to draw up the Annual Report, to be submitted to the meeting in May next. A moiety of the annuity of a brother whose death was reported at last meeting was granted to his widow. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

The R.W. the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon presided, on Wednesday evening, at the Anniversary Festival of the Railway Officers' and Servants' Benevolent Institution, held at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there was a large and distinguished company supporting the noble Earl in the chair. Amongst them may be mentioned Lord Suffield Prov. G.M. of Norfolk, Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., the Mayors of Canterbury and Dover, Mr. H. E. Frances, General Sir J. Linton Simmons, Alderman Hadley Treasurer, Mr. Dixon-Hartland, M.P., Mr. Sheriff Savory, and many other prominent Freemasons. The Lord Mayor was unavoidably prevented from attending, that evening being devoted to a banquet at the Mansion House to Bros. Lord Wolseley and Lord Alcester, who had during the day been presented with the freedom of the City of London. Earl Carnarvon delivered an earnest appeal on behalf of the Institution whose anniversary was being celebrated, and whose object is to provide annuities for the aged and decayed officers and servants of the various railway companies throughout the United Kingdom, to relieve them in times of sickness and distress, and to provide for their orphans. The Secretary (M. James Salmon) was enabled, during the evening, to announce that the combined efforts of the Stewards on the occasion had resulted in an aggregate of donations and subscriptions, amounting to £2,700 towards which our esteemed Pro Grand Master contributed the handsome sum of five hundred guineas. The intimation was received with loud and prolonged cheering.

The Lord Mayor of London and the Sheriffs, with other brethren, who are members of the John Carpenter Club, which consists of old City of London School boys, and is named after the Founder of the School, have been granted a Warrant for a new Lodge, to be called the John Carpenter Lodge, No. 1997, which will meet at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. The Lord Mayor, who by the way, we think is the first City of London School boy who has attained the highest Civic dignity, is the W.M. designate, and Bro. Savory has been appointed Treasurer *pro tem.* The Consecration will take place on the 11th proximo, and the Grand Secretary, Bro. Colonel H. Clerke will be the Consecrating Officer. Colonel Clerke will be assisted by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, and other distinguished Grand Officers.

A movable Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held at Nottingham, on Thursday, the 26th inst., under the auspices of the Newstead Lodge (T.I.), at the Masonic Hall, at three p.m. Lord Henniker G.M.M.M. will preside. Nottinghamshire will be constituted a Mark Province on this occasion, and Bro. John Watson will be appointed and invested as Prov. Grand Master.

The installation meeting of the St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, took place on Wednesday evening. A full report shall appear in our next.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the LARGE HALL, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on MONDAY, the 16th day of April 1883, for the transaction of ordinary business of the Institution.

To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

To elect as members of the General Committee, representing the Life and Annual Subscribers, 12 brethren not being Life Governors.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:

1. By Bro. J. L. MATHER, H.C., V.P.:
"That, in consequence of a premature vacancy, 13 boys be elected, instead of 12, as stated on the voting papers.

2. By W. Bro. WILLIAM ROEBUCK, H.C., V.-Patron:
"That the following words be added to Law 65: 'The two householders signing the bond shall also undertake to remove the boy from the School at their own expense during the holidays sanctioned by the House Committee, in the event of the parents or relatives refusing to do so.'"

3. By Bro. R. W. STEWART, H.C., V.P.:
"That in the event of Bro. Roebuck's notice of motion being adopted, the laws and necessary bonds be altered in accordance with such motion.

To elect Twelve (or Thirteen, should the Court so determine) Boys from a List of Sixty-four Candidates, as appears on the voting papers, reduced to Sixty-two by the withdrawal of No. 32, Woodward, Thomas, and No. 60, Musgrave, Thomas Frank, and the death of No. 27, Rosier, Reginald W. A.

The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'Clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will open at One o'Clock, or so soon as the general business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'Clock precisely.

By Order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.)
Vice-Patron, Secretary.

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7th April 1883.

THE EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,

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Wednesday, 27th June 1883.

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THE GRAND FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, the 25th April 1883, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London.

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Tickets may be obtained of the Grand Stewards; but no Tickets will be issued after four o'clock on the day preceding the Festival.

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THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from page 218).

FROM the Stonemasons of Germany Bro. Gould transfers his attention to the Craft Guilds—*Corps d'Etat*—of France, which existed from the earliest times down to the period of the French Revolution, when the National Assembly in 1793 decreed their abolition. At the outset he notes the remarkable fact that the French Masonic writers, unlike their German brethren, have not looked for the origin of Freemasonry in the past history of their country or its traditions and usages. This, he observes, is all the more remarkable because, "by a judicious combination of the history of the French trade guilds with that of the *Companionage*, a much better case might be made out than the *Steinmetz* theory, requiring for its complete establishment no deliberate falsification of history, as in the former instance, but only a slight amount of faith in some very plausible conclusions, and natural deductions from undoubted facts." He quotes, however, sundry passages which show that some French writers had a certain glimmering of the possibility of a connection between the Craft Guilds and modern Freemasonry. Thus the writer of an anonymous pamphlet, which appeared in 1848, speaks of the "community of origin which unites the societies of the Companionage with that of the Freemasons." M. Simon says, "The moment we begin to reflect, we are quickly led in studying the facts to the conclusion that the Companionage and Freemasonry have one common origin." Thory gives a slight sketch of the Companionage, and remarks, "Some authors have maintained that the *coteries* of working masons gave rise to the Order of Freemasons," while Besuchet, in his "Précis Historique de l'Ordre de la Franc-Maçonnerie," observes that in 1729 the prevailing opinion in France was that "England only restored to her what she had already borrowed, inasmuch as it is probable, according to a mass of authorities and traditions, that Freemasonry, in its three first or symbolic degrees, is of French origin."

In tracing the rise and progress of these Guilds, Brother Gould invites his readers to bear in mind that France was not, until comparatively recent times, a homogeneous state. Julius Cæsar found it in three divisions, which he specifies: the Belgæ, inhabiting one, being Teutons; and the Aquitani, who inhabited another, being, it is supposed, of African origin; while Gaul Proper, or Celtic Gaul, was inhabited by the Celts, or Gauls as the Romans called them; these last being subsequently subdivided into three classes. But though the manners and customs of the three races differed from each other very widely, Roman civilisation, though it failed to affect them all to an equal degree, obtained a deep and lasting hold on all classes, as is shown by the fact that in spite of the ultimate subjugation of the whole country by the German tribes, all the dialects and languages known and used at different times "have merged in a derivative of the Latin tongue." Moreover, this same civilisation, which had obtained a firm footing in the country long before the first invasions of the barbarians, was not destroyed by the invaders. The Alans, Suevians, Vandals, and Burgundians, who crossed the Rhine at the close of 405 A.D., and passing through France into Spain, left many of their number behind, who settled in Gaul, and pillaged the cities, but did not destroy them. These settlers soon became allies of the Romans, though retaining their own usages and customs. Then the Franks and Visigoths successively effected settlements in the country, and the former, who occupied principally the north central provinces, grew in strength as the Roman empire grew weaker, and succeeded finally in getting rid of the Roman domination, but not of its civilisation. "The conquerors," says Bro. Gould, "had for three generations"—406-486—"been neighbours and allies of Rome, although they had probably not conformed to any great extent with the Roman customs. They already looked upon the country as their home; many warriors must have been natives of it, and there would be no desire to utterly devastate it. The war was not one of ruthless extermination. The legions were driven out, but the cities remained. They were repeatedly pillaged by the victors, but they were not destroyed; the citizens were harassed, and doubtless many of them killed, but the basis of civilised life was untouched; the Teutons, true to their nature, retired to the country districts, leaving the cities to recover from their losses, and to accumulate fresh hoards which might serve as the spoil of some future foray." Having got rid of the Roman governors, the Franks gradually established their authority over the other tribes settled in Gaul, and before the end of the Merovingian dynasty in 752, Gaul had practically become the country of the Franks, or France, the inhabitants remaining, however, composed of representatives of all the tribes that had settled in the country. "In the cities the inhabitants had probably changed very little, and preserved their manners, customs, and language," the Germans avoiding the towns, even Paris, the capital, being seldom inhabited by them. Thus, on the departure of the Roman governors, the cities set about organising themselves afresh, and would appear "to have immediately formed a species of republican government." The executive authority was placed in the hands of the lieutenants who had already exercised it on behalf of the old governors. "The priests and bishops naturally took a prominent part in this new system, which was probably based on the trade organisation of the Romans. Those Colleges, which consisted of more than one trade, appear to have split up into their several component parts, and their elected officers to have formed, together with the heads of the clergy, a municipal council. As they already exercised the petty police of the towns, they now added to their duties magisterial functions, and the imperial prerogative of levying taxes," And, in order to prove that "the cities of France, up to the time of Charlemagne, were veritable republics; and also that the divisions into craft guilds existed from very early times," Bro. Gould adduces "a few quotations from careful writers and authentic documents," the testimony itself on these points being most ample. Very many of these quotations may with advantage be reproduced.

Thus Levasseur, in his "Histoire des Classes Ouvrières en France," says—"It was more especially in the south and in the cities that the traditions of the past were perpetuated. The country districts had been invaded by the men and usages of Germany, but the cities, a sojourn in which was avoided by the barbarians, preserved their Roman populations, and even a portion of their ancient civil and political institutions. In 462 the games in the circus were still celebrated at Arles." In Vol. iii. of "Le Moyen Age et la Renaissance," article, "A.A. Monteil, Corporation des Métiers," is a passage to the effect that "in the fifth century the history of the holy hermit Ampelius, who lived at Cimeez, mentions the consul or chief of the locksmiths." The following are from Levasseur: "In the year 585 Gontran visited Orleans; all the inhabitants came out to meet him, bearing their flags and banners;" and "In 629 Dagobert established a fair in Paris for the merchants, foreigners as well as natives. It took place yearly on the 9th October, and lasted four

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weeks." Ouin-Lacroix, in his "Histoire des Anciennes Corporations d'Arts et Métiers" states that "a capitulary of Charlemagne decrees that the corporation of bakers shall be maintained in full efficiency in the provinces, and an edict of 864 mentions the gild of goldsmiths." Thierry remarks, "The inhabitants of Rheims preserved in the twelfth century the recollection of the Roman origin of their municipal council. The citizens of Metz prided themselves on having exercised civil rights before the Duchy of Lorraine existed; they used to say, 'Lorraine is young and Metz old.' At Lyons, Bourges, and Boulogne, the citizens maintained that there had existed for those cities a right of free justice and administration before France became a kingdom. Arles, Marseilles, Perigueux, Angoulême, and even smaller cities in the south that had been mere castles under the Roman Empire, believed their semi-republican organisation to be anterior to the Frankish conquest, and to all the feudal boldings of the Middle Ages. Toulouse gave itself a capitol after the manner of Rome." Levasseur again says: "The true origin of the corporation is found in the social life of the Romans, and amongst the vanquished Gauls, who always formed the principal population in the cities, and faithfully preserved under their new masters the remembrances and traces of their ancient organisations;" and also: "In the majority of cities the organisation of the craft guilds preceded that of the commune; the proof of it is, that in almost all the communes the political system and the election of magistrates were based on the division of the citizens into trade corporations." The following from MM. Renouvier and Ricard is also to the same purport: "In the south the trade guilds followed the same development as the communes; although only recognised feudally in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, they existed from time immemorial. Survivals of the old Roman organisation, the corporations sought refuge in the church, and attained to public life and independence at that period when order commenced to be established in the relations between the commune, the feudal lord, and the Church." In the preface to Monteil's "Histoire de l'Industrie Françai e," it is stated that "Roman civil architecture, industry, art—in one word, the whole Roman tradition was perpetuated in France till the tenth century. Even the German conquerors, whilst preserving their own national laws, customs, and usages, accepted the Gallic industry much as they found it." And again, "The Middle Ages invented nothing, but they gathered together from the preceding Civilisation its traditions, of which they carefully preserved the memory; and in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries the industries still flourished which had created the opulence of Roman Gaul, generally in the very districts which had given them birth." The facts adduced from these quotations, in Brother Gould's opinion, "go far to show the great probability of a virtual and direct descent from the Roman colleges and municipalities to the French trade guilds and communes of the early Middle Ages;" and later on, while admitting that "there is no direct proof obtainable that these corporations were the descendants, in unbroken continuity, of the Roman colleges," he considers that "the balance of probability seems to affirm it."

In the changes that were introduced under the Carlovingian dynasty, when the country was reduced to a state of greater dependence on the central authority, "the trade guilds retained the greater part of their previous importance, and were deftly woven into the new fabric." Under the feudal system, the cities became subject to the bishop or lord paramount, and then followed struggles on the part of the municipalities to recover their independence. In the reign of Philip the Fair, the cities were possessed of their ancient privileges, and about the same period the Craft guilds were able "to produce documents confirming and settling their ancient privileges," and the fees and fine previously paid to the feudal lord were payable to the King. "In Paris," we are further told, "the rise of the municipality is characterised by a singular feature—the government of the city being vested, not in the delegates of all the guilds, but in the officers of one huge guild only, that of the Hanse," the progress of which is described, after which he directs his attention to the trade guilds and their regulations, the first attempt to introduce order and uniformity among them having been made in the latter half of the thirteenth century by Etienne Boileau, provost of Paris. Of course, it is not surprising that the regulations should contain much that is curious; as, for instance, in the case of the baker's guild on the reception of a new master. Of the ceremony on this occasion we have the following: "On the day agreed upon, the candidate leaves his house followed by all the bakers of the city, and coming to the master of the bakers, presents to him a new jar full of nuts, saying, 'Master I have done and accomplished my four years; behold my pot full of nuts.' Then the master of the bakers, turning to the secretary (*clerc écrivain*) of the craft, demands to know if that is truly so. Upon receiving a reply in the affirmative, the master of the bakers returns the jar to the candidate, who smashes it against the wall, and—behold him master." In the case of the millstone makers, who belong to the same category as the stonemasons, we read: "A banqueting hall was prepared, and above that a loft, whither, whilst the masters were partaking of good cheer below, the youngest accepted master, with a broomstick stuck into his belt in lieu of a sword, conducted the candidate. Shortly after, there issued therefrom cries which never ceased, as though he were being cudgelled to death."

We next come to the fraternity, which was closely allied to the craft guilds. Indeed, says Bro. Gould, "every craft guild belonged, as a body, to some fraternity, maintained an altar in some neighbouring church, and decorated it with candles, to supply which it levied on its members fines and fees to be paid in wax. From this wax candle the fraternity was sometimes spoken of simply as *le cierge*, 'the candle.'" This fraternity, which, though composed of the same members as the Craft, and for that reason often difficult of distinction from it, "was always a distinct entity, and was often legislated for separately," we are told, "provided for the assembly of the brethren at stated periods, for religious exercises and social pleasures; those of the table occupying a large share," and as "the newly received Master was expected to provide the members of the fraternity with a banquet," it is not surprising to read that "it was the excess to which the feasting was carried which eventually formed one of the great hindrances to becoming a master." Again, "Provision was made for a due attendance of members at the nuptials and obsequies of one of their number, and it afforded a convenient meeting-place for secret political purposes, and for maturing further restrictions in favour of the existing masters." But "their most useful sphere of action was the sustenance and relief of aged and poor masters, their widows, and children, the assistance rendered to members in cases of illness, and to companions on their travels. The members appear to have belonged solely to the body of masters, although apprentices entering on their indentures, and companions working in the city, were required to contribute to the funds. In return, they were assisted from the treasury, and shared the benefit of the religious services." It is also noteworthy that "there were sometimes several fraternities in one craft, at other times several crafts united to form a fraternity." The earliest documentary evidence we have of these "craft fraternities" (not guilds) relate to "the Hanse"—already mentioned—"1170, the Clothworkers of Paris, 1188, the barber surgeons, 1270, and the notaries, 1300;" and Bro. Gould quotes the "Statutes regulating the Fraternity (*cierge*, candle) of the masons' trade (*du Mestier de Machonnerie*) of Amiens, bearing" date 15th June 1407, which is preserved in the archives of that city.

As to the building trades, Bro. Gould remarks that "the oldest code which has been preserved is probably that of Boileau (about 1260). In it we find them already subdivided into many branches, which of itself presupposes a much earlier existence, as the division of labour always marks a considerable development of a trade. This code unites, under the Banner of St. Blaise, the masons, stonemasons, plasterers (both makers and users), and the mortarers (both makers and users of mortar). From other sources we know that the quarry-workers and the tylers (but not the tyle-makers) owed allegiance to the same banner, and also the millstone-makers." Of the twenty-four articles contained in the code, those of interest to the brethren are quoted and commented upon, where necessary. He also gives evidence of the corporate existence at an early date of the building trades. Thus at Amiens the Masons took part in the municipal elections for the first time in 1348, and in 1387 the municipality had a city architect. In 1244 "Paul Olivier, *maistre de peira* (Master Mason)," is mentioned in the archives of Montpellier. "The statutes of the *probes hommes* of Avignon regulate, in 1423, the pay of the stone masons." Then, "in 1208, Ingelram was architect of Rouen Cathedral; in

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1280 Jehan Davi constructed the south porch;" while, later, we are told that "in 1389 Jehan de Boyeaux was appointed master mason of the city of Rouen. His title was 'master of the works of masonry,' his salary 10 *livres* a-year; he had a seat at the municipal board, and wore a distinctive dress almost like that of the *échevins* of the city. The salary, however, rapidly increased. In 1562, Pierre de Marromme received 75 *livres*, and in 1692 Nicolas de Carpentier 1500 *livres*, besides other emoluments. This title and office of master of the works still existed in 1777, Fontaine being then the architect." Last of all, we have a translation of a charter of the French builders, "preserved in a volume of manuscripts in the library of the Bishop of Mirepoix," and dated 1586. These are described as the "Statutes and Ordinances made by the Masters-Mason Architects of the City of Montpellier, *According to their ancient privileges, which have been lost and destroyed during the troubles and wars which have been in this country, and now re-enacted under the good pleasure of our Sire the King, and of Monsieur the governor of the said city*," and were ratified by the King in Council. In addition to the ratification, there are twenty-two articles, No. 7 of which provides for the appointment of two consuls and provosts of the Craft, "who shall keep the box and collect the pence, ordained as well to sustain and assist poor masters and suffering companions, as for defraying the cost which it may be proper to incur for the maintenance of the guild." The key of this box is placed in the charge of one of the oldest masters "who will keep it, together with the first, provost during the said year," the provosts keeping an account of what they distribute and the expenses incurred and rendering it to their successors. Nos. 8 and 9 regulate the amount to be contributed by the masters, fellows, and apprentices. No. 10 provides for the masters attending the funeral of one of their body, and No. 13, for the weekly inspection by the provosts of "the masonry and work in course of erection." No. 15 lays it down that "No mason who is not a sworn master may undertake a new edifice in ashlar work, from the foundations upwards, the sworn masters of other sworn towns of this kingdom excepted;" though "proprietors may employ fellows" for certain purposes. No. 18 provides for the settlement of differences between masters and fellows "on account of the craft," and No. 19 against any wrongdoing on the part of a servant or fellow, while No. 20 ordains that the statutes shall be read "once a year on the day of their assembly and election of consuls and provosts," so that masters may not plead ignorance of them.

The rest of the chapter is interesting, but it is not necessary we should go further into the subject of the French Craft Guilds, to which the fourth chapter of Bro. Gould's work is devoted.

(To be continued).

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 14th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
108—London, Ship and Turtle Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall. W.C.
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street W, Hammersmith
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon

MONDAY, 16th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Austrnlian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street. at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1198—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973—Save and Sele, Essenden Hotel, Belvedere
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 17th APRIL.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1749—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1380—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1670—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 18th APRIL.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)

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30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 18 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
969—Mayhury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1504—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leyronstone
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
424—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1346—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester
R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 19th APRIL.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. Johns Wood
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Bargrave, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-treet, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundels
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
288—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Cardour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralgan Tavern, Plumstead

FRIDAY, 20th APRIL.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1985—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 176—Era, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T. 45—Temple Cressing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
Genera' Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire

SATURDAY, 21st APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
M.M. 315—Henniker, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C. (Consecration)

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THE members held a regular meeting on the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Bros. J. Benjamin W.M., Martin S.W., Bean J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, J. S. Lyon Treasurer, H. A. Botibol S.D., L. Wall J.D., J. Dewsnap I.G., A. G. Dodson P.M. M.C., J. Wynman and G. M. Lion Stewards, P. E. Van Noorden Organist; P.M.'s L. Lazarus, L. M. Myers I.P.M., R. Baker, L. Alexander. Visitors—T. H. Newell 1538, Siemens 1502, J. C. Loring 1744, W. G. Jennings 1681. Lodge was opened, and after the minutes had been confirmed, Messrs. H. Davis and Maurice Jackson

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were proposed as candidates for initiation. The ballot was in their favour, and they were duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., whose working was worthy of the *prestige* this old Lodge has secured. A candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the resignation of Bro. S. B. Alexander, Steward, was tendered and accepted. Bro. L. M. Myers P.M. said they had experienced a loss by the death of Bro. E. Moss, one of the oldest members of the Lodge. He proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow and family. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Lewis Lazarus P.M. announced that it was his intention to serve as a Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and Bro. H. M. Levy proposed, and Bro. H. Botibol seconded, that the sum of ten guineas be placed on his list. Bro. L. Alexander P.M., in supporting the motion, said the Lodge had not done so much for the Charities as the members could have wished, but he hoped they would do more in the future. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent supper, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. eloquently responded for the Grand Officers. In speaking to the toast of the Benevolent Fund the W.M. informed the brethren that the two initiates had given the sum of 21s each. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. L. Alexander Past President, who, in responding, stated that the sum now at the disposal of the Lodge was nearly £1,000. The W.M. gave the toast of the newly initiated brethren, and this having been responded to, Bro. L. M. Myers I.P.M. rose to propose the health of the W.M.; he was sure that when work was to be done they could see the W.M. was able to do it. He urged all to co-operate, and he felt assured this would be a successful year for the Lodge. The W.M., in reply, returned his sincere thanks for the manner the toast had been received. To be the W.M. of the Lodge had been the aim of his life. He hoped that while under his direction the Lodge would retain its ancient *prestige*, and in every respect be second to none. Bro. W. G. Jennings acknowledged the honour conferred upon him by having his name associated with the toast of the Visitors. He hoped to keep up his long acquaintanceship with the members, and be present at many of their festive gatherings. Bros. L. M. Myers I.P.M. responding in a very eloquent speech for the Past Masters, and then the toasts of the Wardens and Junior Officers were given, and acknowledged. Bros. Siemens, the W.M., R. Baker, H. L. Phillips, Thomas, and Dodson contributed to the harmony.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22. — A meeting was held on Monday evening last, at the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughborough Junction. Bros. Westley W.M., Cormack S.W., Sherring J.W., Warren S.D., Littler J.D., Wood I.G., Brown Tyler. After preliminaries, Bro. Pardon worked the first section of the second lecture. Lodge resumed to first, when Bro. Brown answered the questions previous to being passed. Lodge was again resumed, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, with Bro. Brown as candidate. The W.M. afterwards worked the second section of the first lecture, and Bro. Sherring the third.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on 7th instant. Bros. Dixie W.M., Marks S.W., Ashton J.W., Woolf S.D., Weeden J.D., Gribbell I.G., Pearcy Preceptor, Lorkin Treasurer, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Hatch, Richardson, Manger, Stoughton, Lone, Hirst, and Carr. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hatch candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the first section, assisted by Bro. Ashton; also the second, assisted by Bro. Woolf. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Lorkin worked the second and third sections, assisted by Bros. Gribbell and Weeden. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Marks was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his efficient working. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed. The Percy is one of the oldest Lodges of Instruction in London, and for a number of years has been under the Preceptorship of Bro. R. Pearcy P.M. 228. Brethren seeking Masonic knowledge will be amply repaid by paying a visit here. Lodge meets at eight o'clock every Saturday evening.

Polish National Lodge, No. 584.—The Audit Committee of this Lodge held their annual meeting at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Thursday, 5th inst. After a thorough examination of the accounts there was found to be a substantial balance in favour of the Lodge. The following were present—Bros. Lancaster W.M., Jackson I.P.M., E. T. Smith W.M. elect; P.M.'s Szulczowski, Jagielski, S. Nowakowski Treasurer, Dicey, Rath, Paas Secretary, Ebner: Bros. Culverhouse and J. Nowakowski.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 10th inst. Bros. Wardell W.M., Christian S.W., Bunker J.W., Glass S.D., Smyth J.D., Watkinson I.G., Wallington P.M. Preceptor, F. Carr Secretary; also Bros. Allen, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Carr offered himself as candidate for passing, and was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was called off, and resumed its Masonic duties by Bro Allen working the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian worked the third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cushing was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned. The Annual Supper will take place on Friday, 20th April.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

THE brethren of this Lodge held an emergency meeting at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 6th inst., at three o'clock p.m., under the presidency of Bro. Rudolph Franckel W. Master. Amongst those present were Bros. Past Masters Blasby acting as I.P.M., W. Gomm Treasurer, Hilton Secretary, Littlewood as S.W., Walter Goss, C. F. May, Henry Potter; W. Beckett J.W., R. Gifford J.D., C. Maton I.G., James Tarling M.C. Visitors—H. Cammell I.G. 15, E. H. Sugg P.M. 452, W. Williams 857, Thomas Winter 198, Montague Flint 1612, Arthur Turner Secretary 1818, J. L. Lyon Treasurer 188, R. Andrews 35, H. Tucker W.M. 1612, Lewis Honig 1319, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211. After the Lodge had been regularly opened, Bro. Henry Spencer James Flint was raised to the sublime degree. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Edwin Littlejohns, who was proposed by Bro. May P.M. and seconded by Bro. Hilton P.M. The result was in favour of the candidate, who was regularly initiated by the W.M., who proved himself a competent worker. After other business had been carried out, Lodge was closed. We may here refer to a pleasing incident that lately took place in connection with this Lodge, Brother Costelow, the Immediate Past Master of the Royal Alfred, from a variety of causes, was unable, during his year of office, to pay that strict attention to his duties so necessary in a Lodge having so large a list of members. He had, however, a worthy and considerate helpmate in Brother B. E. Blasby, his predecessor, who was unceasing in his endeavours to advance the interests of the Lodge. The members seem fully to have realised and appreciated this, and it is our duty to announce that after resolution had been duly proposed, seconded, and carried, an elegantly illuminated address was prepared and presented to Brother Blasby, bearing the following inscription:—

Presented to
BROTHER B. E. BLASBY I.P.M. of the ROYAL ALFRED LODGE OF FREEMASONS,
for the very able manner in which he carried out the duties of the Lodge in the absence of the W.M.

(Signed) L. FRANCKEL W.M.
W. GOSS P.M. S.W.
W. BECKETT J.W.
W. GOMM P.M. Treasurer.
W. HILTON P.M. Secretary.

We sincerely congratulate Brother Blasby on his being the recipient of such a testimonial, and we also bear testimony to the zeal he has so prominently displayed. May his associations with the members of 780 ever be as pleasant as now they are. The usual banquet was served in the Dining Hall of the Star and Garter, and was ably superintended by Brother John Brill. Brother James Tarling, as usual, spared no effort in carrying out his duties as Steward. The toasts customary on these occasions were given.

ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE meeting prior to the vacation was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, 4th inst, when the proceedings were of a very interesting character. Bro. J. A. Jones W.M. presided, there being also present Bros. L. Stean P.M., G. T. Barr P.M., C. F. Barham P.M., E. Benjamin I.P.M., A. A. Clement S.W., J. Funston J.W., D. King Treasurer, J. Cox Secretary, E. Walker S.D., F. Matthews J.D., R. Drysdale I.G., H. J. Thrower M.C., G. C. Young Organist, L. Harrison and E. T. Clark Stewards; also Bros. C. Short, H. Waynforth, W. Strickland, J. Tidball, J. James, G. Lookyer, T. Douglass, R. Boyce P.M. 813, Dr. W. Holt, E. J. Rose, E. A. Beckett, W. H. Brand, and E. T. Henman jun. Visitors—Bros. J. Woodham 101, R. W. Byott 861, J. Little 1607, H. Morell 1889 and G. H. Stephens J.W. 1623. Lodge was opened in ancient form; the business included the raising of Bros. G. Colls, L. Fraser, T. Weatherly, and the passing of J. W. Griffiths. The W.M., in graceful terms, presented a handsomely illuminated vellum, in massive gilt frame, to Bro. Charles Stevens, for his services as Treasurer since the consecration of the Lodge in 1873 up to December last. Bro. Stevens feelingly acknowledged the kindness of the Lodge, and although only slowly recovering from severe indisposition, expressed his pleasure at being present on the occasion. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and in the after proceedings the speeches were more than ordinarily interesting. In giving the toast of the W.M., Bro. Benjamin referred to the excellent working and prosperity of the Lodge under Bro. Jones's Mastership—a compliment which was duly acknowledged, and the Past Masters in their turn expressed their great interest in the Lodge's welfare, and readiness at all times to place their knowledge and experience at the service of the W.M. and his Officers. Bro. Barr intimated a desire to go up as Steward for the Girls' School, and asked the support of the brethren. The toasts of the Visitors and Officers were warmly honoured and appropriately responded to. Bros. Douglass, Strickland, Barham, Harrison, Little, and others, contributed some excellent harmony, accompanied by the Organist.

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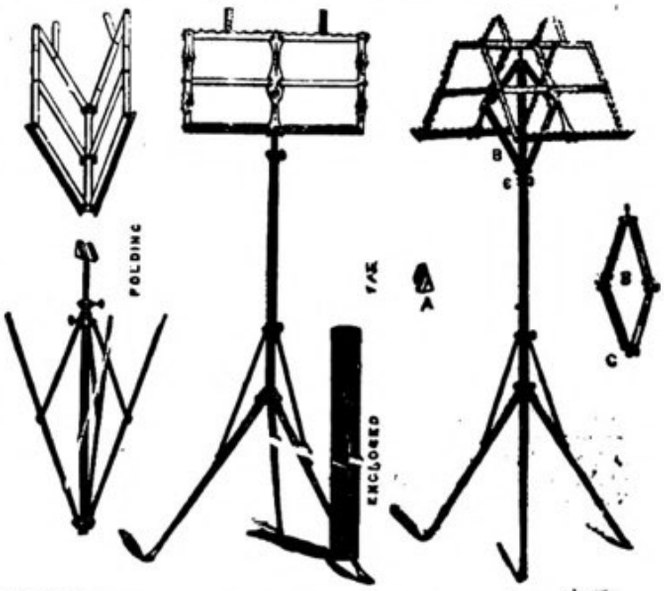

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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE next event of importance that calls for attention in the Masonic Charity world is the Ninety-fifth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will take place on Wednesday, the 9th prox., at Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight—Brother W. Wither B. Beach, M.P. As was stated in a recent issue, the number of Stewards is, so far, below the number enrolled last year at a similar date, but it does not necessarily follow that the final number will be lower than in 1882, nor that the total collected may be less satisfactory than was the case then. We trust, both as regards number of Stewards and amount collected, that this year's Festival will compare favourably with the gatherings of the past.

It has been somewhat extensively reported that the Girls' School is not urgently in need of funds, and many of those brethren who have accepted this view of affairs have pointed, as proof of the truth of their argument, to the small number of candidates seeking election, in the case of the Girls' School compared to those in that of the Boys'. Unfortunately, the facts are different; the Girls' School is in want of increased, rather than diminished support; and the very feature which has been referred to as shewing the opposite is one of the principal reasons which can be brought forward why increased support should be accorded to this Institution. How is it that the lists of candidates have recently been, comparatively speaking, so small? It is because the Committee of the Girls' School have largely increased the number of those to be received into their School during the last year or two, and have thus afforded an opportunity of clearing off all the outstanding cases. They have taken in all the candidates that presented themselves, obviating the necessity of elections, and, as a result, they have diminished the number of applicants now seeking admission far below what it could have been if very large additions had not been made. At the same time, they have burdened themselves with a much larger family to keep, and necessarily they want considerably more money to maintain the School than was the case before these large increases. It is very gratifying to be able to open the doors of the Institution to all who are deemed eligible, but once having been received, there is no removing a candidate because the subscriptions fall short, nor would it be good policy to lessen the number of inmates by neglecting to fill up any vacancies which might occur previous to one of the Half-yearly Elections. The only course which will be tolerated is, to keep up the numbers, and, as far as possible, keep the subscriptions up to the amount required.

Bro. Beach, the Chairman of this year's Festival, is a Mason who is well known in the district in which he presides, and also in Grand Lodge. In both he is highly respected; indeed, a more conscientious exponent of Freemasonry could not be desired than is to be found in Bro. Beach. These circumstances will, we think, have no little influence on the total receipts of the Festival which will take place under his presidency, and it is nothing but right that they should do so. Bro. Beach is one of the most frequent attendants at Grand Lodge, and is seldom present there but his services are called into requisition in connection with one or other of the higher offices. Under such circumstances, he has a claim on the regular attendants of Grand Lodge, who will thus be able to show their appreciation of the attention he gives to them on such occasions. He frequently devotes several hours to Freemasonry, when, as Acting Grand Master, he presides at the Quarterly Communications, and would doubtless feel highly gratified if he saw around him, at the Festival in May next, all those he is accustomed to meet in Grand Lodge. He presides there for the benefit and comfort of the Craft at large, and let us hope the brethren will come forward and support him when it lies in their power, and show they appreciate what is done for them.

The Girls' School has this year one great "counter attraction" to contend against, which may make an appreciable difference in the final returns. We allude to the action of the Boys' School authorities, who are offering double votes to those usually given for all subscriptions on behalf of the "Preparatory School Special Building Fund." This inducement will, it is true, also affect the Boys' School "general total," although not to so marked an extent, as, before the "Special" Fund advantages are available, a donor must have qualified by making a donation to the General Fund. At the same time there can be no doubt that the special advantages offered by the Boys' School will attract to that Institution a large amount of support which in the ordinary course would have been divided between the other two Institutions. Another advantage which we consider the Boys' School has over that of the Girls' is, the fact that its Festival comes later in the year, at a time when a day in the country can be enjoyed, and this has been taken advantage of by the Stewards on the last few occasions, who have held the Festivals at Brighton and elsewhere. This course enables greater inducements to be offered for the attendance of ladies, and we believe that no small amount of support has been given to these Festivals in consequence. The more these meetings get known, the more popular will they become, as they really afford the principal opportunity of allowing the ladies to enjoy with their husbands a day's Freemasonry. The suggestion may perhaps be opposed—on the plea that it is looking too far a-head—but we have heard that brethren excuse themselves from undertaking the office of Steward for the Girl's School this year as they wish to wait until the Centennial Anniversary, which will be in 1888, believing that something special will then be offered to induce a hearty response to the call for Stewards; but to such we would say—Let the future take care of itself. If this plea is to be urged now, how will it fare with the years that intervene before the Centennial really comes? We shall have the Centennial, but not the Institution; or at least not such an Institution as to-day we can point to; besides, even if a brother does serve now, there is nothing to prevent his doing so again five years hence, when if any special inducements are offered to Stewards they will be quite as beneficial for those who have acted before as they will be for new ones. We trust this excuse will not be urged by any who really desire to promote the welfare of the School.

In conclusion, we can but refer to our oft-repeated wish, —that all who are able will undertake the office of Steward for one or other of our Charities. As the Girls' Festival is the next to take place, we naturally direct especial attention

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to it. The interval before us is now short, but it is quite sufficient for any brother to make a fair list if he only devotes a little extra energy to the task than perhaps he would have done had he a few more weeks at disposal. We trust that some few, at least, of our readers will see the force of this argument, and, by immediately and energetically undertaking the office of Steward, enforce the truth of it.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Tavern, Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presiding. After the minutes of last Quarterly Court had been read and confirmed, Colonel Creaton was proposed as Treasurer of the Institution by Bro. Henry Smith Prov. Representative West Yorkshire. Colonel Creaton had served the Institution well and faithfully; he took a deep interest in it, and ought to be unanimously re-elected. Bro. W. Roebuck Past Grand Steward, seconded the motion, which received unanimous assent. After Col. Creaton had acknowledged the honour conferred upon him, Bro. Henry Smith made a suggestion that there should be agents for the Institution in different parts of the kingdom, who might receive a commission for their collection of subscriptions, and he recouped any expense hey might be put to for printing and postage, a course which would only involve the outlay of a few shillings or a couple of pounds, instead of £5 or £6, which it cost the Institutions for the Secretaries to attend and receive what was subscribed. Colonel Creaton remarked that the suggestion was doubtless a good one, but he pointed out that there was a law of the Institution which gave power to appoint a paid agent in every large town or centre. He did not think much had been done upon it up to the present time, but he was sure the Institution would reimburse any expenses a brother was put to in increasing the funds. The law of the Institution was that an agent might be appointed by the General Committee in every large town, or for certain districts or centres that might be determined, whose duty should be to collect subscriptions for the Institution, and such agent should be paid a commission, on such a scale as the Committee should see fit. Bro. Henry Smith said he had entirely overlooked that rule; but Bro. J. R. Hine, of Manchester, said the rule had been in force several years. Bros. J. W. Berrie, J. F. Corben, W. Dodd, A. Moore, E. C. Massey, H. Massey, J. J. Caney, W. Dickenson, C. Pugsley, French, and Herbert Wright were elected on the General Committee of Annual or Life Subscribers for the year. The election of twenty-two girls out of an approved list of twenty-eight candidates was then proceeded with. The result list will be found in our Advertisement columns; we give here, however, the List of Unsuccessful Candidates, with the number of votes each obtained. The London brethren succeeded with seven candidates, Durham one, Kent two, Cheshire one, Madras one, Somerset one, Hants and the Isle of Wight one, Middlesex two, Oxford one, West Yorkshire one, West Lancashire one, Cumberland and Westmoreland two, and Leicestershire one. The highest number of votes was 2,485, made on a first application, and the lowest 878. There were 390 votes difference between the lowest and second lowest, and 1607 between the highest and the lowest.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on List	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
3	Hayes, Ellen	214	483	697
22	Henshaw, Helen Mabel	—	624	624
25	Haworth, Sylvia Mary	—	428	428
10	Woodward, Minnie	110	223	333
13	Hutchings, Jane Wheeler	—	38	38
18	Ochsenbein, Annie Lucie	—	13	13

The usual votes of thanks to the Chairman and Scrutineers closed the proceedings.

The Grand Festival will be held on Wednesday next, when the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will be again installed, and the new Officers appointed. A banquet will be provided by the Grand Stewards at Freemasons' Tavern.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Col. Creaton again taking the chair. After the reading of the minutes, which were duly confirmed, Bro. Binckes stated that £2,000 was about to be invested, making £5,000 on account of £8,000, on the obtaining of which the Preparatory School was to be commenced. Col. Creaton proposed the re-election of Brother George Plucknett as Treasurer of the Institution, and spoke in praise of Bro. Plucknett's performance of his duties. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., and carried unanimously. The General Committee of Life and Annual Subscribers who served for last year were re-elected without a dissentient voice. In the case of Hipley, No. 41 on the list, it was agreed that the lad should be admitted by purchase; Bro. Roebuck P.G.S. proposed the resolution, and Bro. E. F. Storr P.M. 22 seconded it. The case of George W. King Hill, No. 3 on the list, was then discussed, Bro. Binckes desired to bring it forward because a report had got abroad that the mother of the boy had been left by her late husband in comfortable circumstances. Brother Gladwell P.M. 172 was immensely pleased that Bro. Binckes had mentioned the case; he assured the brethren that having made full inquiry into the case, the assertion was incorrect. The case of Frank Alexander Herring, No. 55, was also brought before the Court, the remarks anent this case that have appeared in this journal having directed the attention of the subscribers to it. Considerable discussion ensued; Bros. Alpass G. Standard Bearer, Godtschalk, Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., and others taking part. A motion was at length made, that the case be struck out, but it was negatived by 28 votes against 24. Bro. W. Roebuck's motion to add to Law 65 the words "The two Householders signing the bond, shall also undertake to remove the boy from the School at their own expense during the holidays sanctioned by the House Committee, in the event of the parents or relatives refusing to do so," was withdrawn.

The Election was then proceeded with, the number of declared vacancies being thirteen. The names of Successful candidates will be found on another page, here we content ourselves by supplying the number of votes polled by the candidates unsuccessful on this occasion.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on List	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
11	Willett, George Cross	1751	825	2576
8	Stewart, Charles Edward	1979	563	2542
15	Wyatt, Augustine William	354	2029	2433
5	Stanford, William Bryant	1873	280	2153
26	Hennah, Frederick Wolfe	809	1231	2040
57	Steed, Ernest Arthur	—	1794	1794
22	Sykes, Richard Alfred	329	1351	1680
29	Hooper, Lionel Charles	745	799	1544
25	Hare, Harold Malcolm	940	603	1543
10	Skelton, Frederick Francis	1021	373	1394
24	Pratt, Alfred	527	606	1133
23	Williams, Arthur Frederick	597	498	1095
59	Carré, Emile Eugéne P.	—	917	917
4	Liversidge, Charles Percy	655	159	814
41	Hippey, Henry Ernest	527	76	603
21	Delafons, Richard William	363	230	593
34	Shaw, John	299	266	565
9	Windross, John Benjamin	256	263	519
37	Walters, John Edward	134	346	480
27	Rosier, Reginald Walter A. (*deceased*)	451	10	461
55	Herring, Frank Alexander	—	460	460
38	Coleman, Frederick F.	110	340	450
20	Gale, Horace	220	110	330
43	Powsey, Thomas Edwin	—	277	277
35	Beaumont, Reginald	102	116	218
32	Woodward, Thomas (*withdrawn*)	215	2	217
47	Booker, Herbert Walter	—	164	164
53	Seagrave, James Pullen	—	161	161
6	Long, Joseph William	154	1	155
28	How, John	140	13	153
13	Cummings, Charles Brown	106	—	106
7	Pudney, Frederick	97	—	97
1	Collinson, James	69	22	91
64	Whiting, Robert Henry	—	91	91
63	Hildred, Benjamin Meeds	—	81	81
54	Bailey, Frank Bernard	—	76	76
52	Lillywhite, Herbert J. M.	—	62	62
46	Longman, Frederick W.	—	28	28
62	Habgood, William Ernest	—	25	25
36	Townsend, William Benjamin	9	2	11
51	Bevis, Samuel Harman	—	11	11

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42	Mitchell, Reginald A. L.	2	6	8
45	Bray, Henry	—	8	8
19	Douglas, Francis C. A.	3	4	7
18	Bell, Frank William	3	2	5
56	Graves, Harry Robert	—	5	5
48	Green, James Murray	—	4	4
61	Davis, Frederick Teilo	—	2	2
49	Whiting, Edward Alfred	—	1	1
50	Rose, Frederick Joseph	—	1	1
60	Musgrave, Thomas Frank (*withdrawn*)	—	1	1
65	Crutchett, Albert Edmund	—	—	—

The proceedings closed with the customary votes of thanks to Scrutineers and Chairman.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when Brother Joshua Nunn presided; Bros. James Brett S.V.P. and Charles Atkins J.V.P. occupying their respective chairs. There were also present Bros. T. Cubitt, W. Mann, H. Garrod, J. H. Matthews, G. P. Britten, Charles Dairy, C. B. Hogard, J. D. Collier, F. Spaull, W. P. Brown, A. Spaull, W. Holloway, G. E. Fairchild, Capt. A. Nicols, George Cordwell, T. C. Walls, J. Dawkins, John Maclean, John Jervis, T. Harper, C. Hawksley, George Andrews, W. A. Tinney, A. J. Burr, J. F. de Gallais, T. W. Ockenden, Courtenay Wynn, A. Tisley, H. P. Tiddiman, W. Groove, H. E. Tucker, J. R. Behenna, J. C. Woodrow, W. O. Lyon, A. Marvin, W. Hopekirk, Edgar Bowyer, and E. C. Massey. The brethren first confirmed the sums, amounting to £305, recommended at last meeting to be granted by the M.W. Grand Master. The list of new cases was then considered. It contained thirty, of which two were dismissed, six were deferred, and the other twenty-two were relieved with an aggregate sum of £645, which consisted of one grant of £100 (£100), two of £50 (£100), three of £40 (£120), six of £30 (£180), two of £25 (£50), two of £20 (£40), one of £15 (£15), three of £10 (£30), and two of £5 (£10). The Lodge was then closed, at nine o'clock.

"*JOHN BULL*" ON FREEMASONRY.

"N. E. K." writes to us to vindicate the Masonic organization known as the *Grand Orient* of France from the "sweeping charge of Infidelity." He supports his view by a long quotation from an address which occurs, or, at any rate, once occurred, in the initiatory rite of the *Grand Orient*, and in which the Name of God is mentioned. We think our esteemed correspondent must be unaware that, only a few years ago, the *Grand Orient* expunged the Name of God from its proceedings. That is simply a matter of fact beyond dispute, and indeed admitted on all hands. What we intended to point out last week was, that this avowedly Atheistic Rite is not "spurious," but a perfectly genuine Masonic organisation; and our object was to draw an inference hostile to all Freemasonry. Our view is, that the English Freemasons who objurgate the *Grand Orient* cannot really dissociate themselves either from that or from any other Masonic sect, without abandoning the pretensions of Freemasonry to world-wide universality—a course which would be fatal to their own claims to be included in the Masonic brotherhood. Our correspondent has also favoured us with an account of the "Origin of all the known Masonic Rites," a part of which is amusingly mythical; as, for instance, the assertion that one Rite was "purified" by an Alexandrian disciple of St. Mark—a process which seems to have lacked the element of stability.

The true origin of Freemasonry has long been discussed. The various Lodges included within it are certainly modern in their origin; but the Craft itself is unquestionably ancient, and the general course of its history not difficult to trace. It is, indeed, the offspring of that vast movement which, ever since the foundation of Christianity, has flowed on side by side with it as a hostile rival. The doctrines borrowed from Eastern philosophy by the Gnostics and Manichees, who mingled them with those of Christianity, were the direct source of all the ancient heresies, such as the Arian, Nestorian, and Eutychian. Gnosticism itself continued to live on, and the movements of its votaries can be distinctly traced during the Middle Ages. The Albigenses, for instance, as is evident to any one who carefully studies their doctrines and history, were certainly of Gnostic origin; and the same is true of various other religious sects down to the present day. By what process it was that the mediæval military Orders, such as that of the Knights Templars, imbibed Gnosticism, it may be difficult to determine. The fact of their having done so seems at any rate to be established. It is through Gnosticism and the mediæval Secret Societies, especially the Military Orders, that the pedigree of Freemasonry is, we believe, to be traced. The historical method of inquiry and the weight of internal evidence alike point to this conclusion.

Such an account of the origin of Freemasonry is, we fear, calculated to shock the sensibilities of the vast majority of English Freemasons, who have no sympathy whatever with Revolutionary or anti-Christian doctrine, and who, in becoming members of the Craft, innocently supposed that they were simply joining a vast mutual benefit society extending itself throughout the world. As we remarked last week, the English Freemasons of the present day are for the most part unaware of the true history and character of the Masonic organisation. But this is an ignorance which is soon dispelled by anything approaching to a careful study of what may be called the inner political history of Europe during the last hundred and fifty years.

For instance, it can be shown that the great French Revolution, both in its origin and in its progress, was directly the handiwork of the Freemasons. Earlier in the century Voltaire and Rousseau—both of them Freemasons—had propagated the teaching which the Revolution put into practice. The actual outbreak of the Revolution was preceded by two great Masonic Conventions, held a few years before, at which the Revolutionary programme was settled. The lists of names of Freemasons who attended these Conventions include those of every single Revolutionist of note, such as Philippe Egalité, Siéyès, Robespierre, Danton, Marat, Condorcet, and a host of others. The very motto of *Liberté, égalité, fraternité* is Masonic; and it has been noticed that the unhappy Louis XVI., on being brought back in triumph to the Hotel de Ville, was received with distinctively Masonic honours. Since then every Revolutionary outburst in Europe has invariably been preceded by a Masonic Convention. This was notably the case with the troubles of 1848, the war between France and Austria in 1859, the subsequent Italian Revolution, and the last French Revolution of 1870. Lord Beaconsfield said that the two greatest forces in Europe are the Church and the Secret Societies—the Secret Societies being, as we have said before, Masonic to the core.

The narration of these facts is not uncommonly received in England with incredulity on the part of the general public, and of course with indignation on the part of the Freemasons. But facts they remain, nevertheless—facts which are not only provable, but which, on the Continent, are perfectly notorious and universally recognised.

Freemasonry, taken at its best, is a secret organisation, the essential and primary condition of membership in which is, that the candidate should pledge himself by an oath to obey certain rules, before he knows what the rules are. That is the broad principle upon which all Freemasonry rests—a fact which no Freemason will presume to deny. Our contention is, that that principle is altogether contrary to the most elementary laws of morals. To vow obedience to any merely human command, the nature of which is unknown until obedience to it has been promised, is, it seems to us, perfectly indefensible on any moral grounds whatever.

But Freemasonry, viewed as it really is, and in its actual working, is the backbone of the Cosmopolitan Revolution—Socialist and Atheistic. This is not the result of merely accidental causes. In playing this *rôle* Masonry is true to its anti-Christian parentage. Side by side for centuries there have flowed on as it were two great streams, the Christian and the anti-Christian. The rival organisations are each of them universal in extent, and each of them has its laws, its hierarchy, its ritual. They instinctively know each other when they meet; between them no truce can ever be possible; the struggle is a death struggle, the issue of which, though it may seem to the bystanders to be uncertain, is in no way doubtful.

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RECIPIENTS OF THE BENEFITS OF THE INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I willingly acknowledge my error to Bro. Henry Smith, and am sorry my geography was so incorrect. His reminder has made me look into the matter, and I herewith append the correction, which I believe to be as follows:—

	Males	Females	
Lancashire (W.)	2	1	= 3
Lancashire (E.)	2	3	= 5
Lincolnshire	3	0	= 3
Yorkshire (W.)	3	3	= 6
Yorkshire (N. & E.)	1	2	= 3

I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

THE GRAND TREASURER ELECT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I heartily thank you for inserting my late letters on the above subject. They have however failed to elicit any reply, and I am therefore driven to the conclusion that my assertion that our worthy Bro. J. D. Allcroft has rendered "Masonic service" properly so called for a period of nine years, and not "nearly forty years," is unanswerable, and that it is not "Masonic service," but some other qualification which has led to his being selected for the intended honour. Although it was on the former ground his proposer urged his claim, any other conclusion would lead to the inference that Grand Lodge was imposed upon. I now dismiss the subject, and, again thanking you, remain,

Yours fraternally,

"ON THE SQUARE."

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RESTORATION OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF KIDDERMINSTER.

IT may well be said the active members of our Order have many parts to play. Last week it was our pleasant duty to chronicle the laying of the Foundation Stone of a new Church at Bagshot, wherein members of the Craft took an active share in the labours of the day; this week we refer to an equally pleasant gathering, but the scene on this occasion lies further away, and we must ask our readers to accompany us, in thought at least, to the Province of Worcestershire. It appears that for a long period the tower of the Parish Church of Kidderminster has been in a dangerous state, and the bell-ringers have from time to time called attention to this. No definite steps, however, were taken until at a vestry meeting, on 2nd March 1882, at which the Vicar presided, it was resolved to try and raise £1000 for repairing the tower and re-hanging the bells. On the same day the present Mayor—G. W. Grosvenor Esq.—was, at a meeting of Freemasons, elected Worshipful Master of the Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874. The connection between these events will be more apparent when it is stated that the worthy Mayor has since been the originator of a movement which has led to the Freemasons of the district presenting the church with a valuable set of chimes. The question having arisen as to whether the pinnacles, which are of a modern and very debased style of architecture, should be refixed or a proper restoration made, Mr. Hopkins, diocesan architect, was consulted on this point, and he advised that until a complete restoration of the tower be undertaken, it would be better to re-instate the present pinnacles, and this advice has been followed. In addition to the above works, new floors under the bells and for the clock chamber have been inserted, and the stone steps to the turret staircase thoroughly repaired, all of which works have been carried out in a most satisfactory manner. The old peal of eight bells has been re-hung in a strong oak frame, with entirely new fixings, and three new bells have been added for the chimes. The clock has been repaired and refixed, with new copper dial, on south front, and the old wooden one on west front. A set of carrillon chimes have been presented by the Freemasons of the town, which will play at every third hour, and are set upon the eleven bells, having a change of three barrels, two of which contain fourteen secular tunes and the third seven sacred tunes. The old ting-tang quarters have been replaced by the Westminster chimes, and there is also a barrel for chiming 182 changes and rounds on the eight old bells. The whole of this work has been satisfactorily carried out. The cost of repairs to the tower and re-hanging the bells and the work to the clock is about £960, and that of the chimes (which is borne by the Freemasons) about £250. Other improvements, such as the drainage round the church (which was in a deplorable condition), the gravelling of walks, and the erection of a screen to the south door to chancel have been carried out by the churchwardens at a further cost of about £50. Our esteemed brother the Mayor determined to signalise the occasion by giving a banquet to the members of the Corporation and other public officials, and to the Freemasons, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Invitations were sent to 280 guests, and about 260 signified their acceptance of his Worship's hospitality. Whilst doing this the Mayor, with that kind thoughtfulness which is a marked trait in his character, decided that other officials of perhaps not quite such high social standing should also be provided for, and commissioned Mr. D. Lane to cater for them in the Corn Exchange, at the same time that the banquet proper was in progress in the adjoining hall. A portion of the Corn Exchange was partitioned off and furnished as a drawing-room. The room was first covered with a red cloth, and upon this were laid handsome carpets. The walls had their unsightliness disguised by rich tapestry hangings, and chairs, couches, mirrors, &c., helped to furnish the apartment and give it a cheerful and bright appearance. The Mayor, wearing his robe and other insignia of office, stood here and received the members of the Corporation and other burgesses in the most frank and cordial manner. Whilst there was no stiffness in the affair, there was just that amount of ceremony which all Englishmen like on State occasions. When the proper time arrived, a procession was arranged, and started from the Parish Church, and some flags and banners that were suspended from different places assisted in enlivening the scene. Admission to the church could only be obtained by ticket, and it is hardly necessary to say that the whole of the interior of the sacred building, with the exception of that reserved for those who walked in the procession was filled long before the time announced for the service. On arriving at the gates leading to the churchyard, the procession was met by the Bishop of St. Albans, the Dean of Salisbury, and a large number of the local clergy, and the choristers, who preceded them into the Church. The interior of the building had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, and presented a most attractive appearance. The prayers were read by the Rev. C. Stockdale; the first lesson by the Rev. Canon Melville, and the second by the Very Rev. the Dean of Salisbury. The singing of the Te Deum, the Anthem, &c., by the choir was exquisite, and spoke volumes for the careful training they had received from their excellent choir-master, Mr. W. Taylor, Mus. Bac. Oxon. The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, who took for his text the 10th verse of the 18th chapter of the Book of Proverbs, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it and is safe." He described in graphic language the ancient use of bells and church towers, and said they were very serviceable in ancient times in calling worshippers to the churches from a distance, and that even in these modern days, amongst the clang of machinery and the discordant noises that arose from our crowded busy cities they performed a similar office and bade men to remember that there was something beyond this life. Settlers in distant lands like Australia and Africa were said frequently as they were going to worship to fancy they heard the bells of their parish church ring out the summons that they had listened to so many times before they left their homes, and the thought brought back to the scenes of their childhood, the faces of their parents, brethren, and neighbours, or even of those who were no more, and would exercise upon them a peaceful and benign influence. His hearers had been accustomed to hear church bells and to see church towers from their childhood, and consequently took little notice of them. Some two or three years ago he (the preacher) was going to consecrate a church, and as he passed through the different villages, each with its church peeping out from amidst the surrounding houses, he had one by his side upon whom it made a deep impression. He was a Bishop from the wilds of North America, where one might go for miles and miles without seeing a House of God, and he spoke of this land as being blessed beyond measure, and said that the people under such happy influences must be living in bonds of peace, love, and unity together. Many of those who were lying on their beds of sickness would hear the pleasant chimes ringing from the old church tower, and would call upon the Lord who was their helper. He assured those present that whatever they did for God's house would not return unto them void. The prayers they offered up there would be heard, answered, and the gifts they gave would find acceptance on God's altar. He asked them, as he had often asked them in times past, and seldom or never in vain, not to let the burden of debt lie on the work they dedicated to God that day. Let them remember as they cast their gifts into the plates in whose name the gifts were asked; that it was not to exalt or magnify themselves in any way; not to minister to their own use or to add to their pride or satisfaction, but simply to repair the breaches which time had made in the holy and beautiful house which their forefathers built for them. As those present were leaving the church, the National Anthem was played on the bells. At two o'clock the guests assembled in the reception room for the banquet, and the ladies were formally presented to the Mayor. After a time they marched into the Town Hall, which had been elegantly decorated with plants and evergreens, and which, with the array of tables ornamented with beautiful plants and covered with various coloured glasses, presented a decidedly inviting appearance. Whilst the guests were taking their seats, Mr. Taylor gave an organ solo. The Kidderminster Glee Union then sang "For these and all Thy Mercies." The viands were well cooked and served up in the best possible manner, and Mr. D. Lane is to be congratulated on the skill and ability with which he catered for so large a number. After the cloth had been removed, the Mayor said the first toast was one which was always drunk in an assembly of Englishmen. It was that of our Gracious Sovereign. The National Anthem was sung. The Mayor next gave his Royal Highness the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. They performed the duties pertaining to their exalted station in a manner which entitled them to the esteem of all Englishmen. This was especially the case with his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who on that occasion he must speak of not only as the heir to the throne, but as the chief officer of the Order of Freemasons in the United Kingdom. He had performed most admirably all the social duties involved by his station; and he performed the duties of Grand Master of the Freemasons in a way that endeared him to the members of the Craft. He begged to give them the health of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. Song—"God bless the Prince of Wales." Mr. J. Brinton, M.P., proposed the Lord Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese, and the Rev. D. Robertson Rural Dean and Rector of Hartlebury, returned thanks. The Mayor said he would now proceed to the pleasing duty which devolved upon him. But before doing so he wished to mention that he had received letters of regret from several whom they should have been pleased to see there. The last name he would mention was that of Sir Edmund Lechmere. He (the Mayor) hoped that he, as the head of the Masonic Order in Worcestershire, would have made it convenient to be present. He had however, received a letter from him on the previous day saying it would be impossible for him to do so. Sir Edmund had been put on a Private Bill Committee in the House of Commons, and there was no escape from his duties. He hoped the Mayor would express his very great regret to the brethren of his Province that he could not assist in the last stage of this work, which he felt had reflected so much credit on the Province, and of which he cordially and sincerely approved. The Mayor then went on to say that the formal presentation of the chimes was an illuminated document, which he trusted the Church authorities would kindly hang in their vestry as a memento of that occasion. He then read it as follows:—

The Freemasons of Kidderminster, as their special contribution to the work of restoring and beautifying the Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints, have caused the chiming apparatus to be erected in the tower at their sole charge and expense, and with the sincerest goodwill they hereby dedicate and give it to the perpetual service and pleasure of their fellow-townsmen, committing it to the care and keeping of the vicar and churchwardens, this eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

GEORGE W. GROSVENOR,
Provincial Grand Warden, and Chairman of the Chimes Committee.

The Mayor said in making the presentation he felt he ought to take the liberty of alluding to Freemasonry and the interest taken by Freemasons in ecclesiastical art and architecture. Freemasons did not often come before the public in their corporate capacity, and the aims and principles of the Order were only but imperfectly understood and appreciated by the outside world. He knew the general opinion entertained of Freemasonry, especially by ladies,—he had no reason to think so himself,—they were looked upon as harmless lunatics, who took a delight in ribbons and gems, and in occasionally meeting together in quiet conviviality. He hoped that when those who took that view thought for a moment of the considerable work Freemasonry found in acts of charity, their opinion might be modified. Public buildings—Masonic Schools and Institutions—were supported entirely by the voluntary contributions of the members of the Craft, having a total income of not less than between £40,000 and £50,000 per annum. Of that sum no less than £2,100 had been contributed by

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Worcestershire during the last four years. Of that £2,100, one-fifth, or £420, had been raised in Kidderminster. Freemasonry was not a philanthropic institution. It possessed great and valuable privileges, but he must not excite a curiosity which he could not gratify. They, indeed, possessed secrets—secrets concealed from those who were not Masons—but, as the Prince of Wales observed, those secrets were loyal and honourable, and not opposed to the laws of God or to the interests of the realm. They had been entrusted to Masons in ancient times, and ever since had been religiously guarded by successive generations of members of the Craft. These hidden acts and secret mysteries in the early ages of the Christian era were preserved and handed down through the guilds and monastic institutions, to whom they were indebted for the stately cathedrals which adorned our land. It was the pride of Freemasons to encourage and take a lively interest in the preservation and restoration and adornment of those undying memorials of the skill and ingennity of their ancient brethren. It might be interesting to some of them to know that amongst the Freemasons of former times was the great architect Sir Christopher Wren, and that the mallet he used in laying the foundation stone of St. Paul's Cathedral was still preserved in one of the London Masonic Lodges. To come to later times, the first stone of the magnificent Cathedral at Truro was laid by the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order. That imposing ceremony took place in the presence of a vast assemblage of Freemasons from all parts of the kingdom. In our own county the Masonic Fraternity had had the privilege of taking part in the restoration of the Cathedral at Worcester, and had contributed at their own expense a fine window in the north transept of the Cathedral. The neighbouring Abbey of Tewkesbury had of late been enriched, by the restoration and adornment, by one of the Freemasons, of one of its chapels. Considering the interest of the Craft in such labours, it need not be a matter of surprise to them that the local Masons quietly seized the opportunity of taking a share in the restoration and enrichment of our own fine old parish church. It happened in March last year that there was a large and important gathering of Masons on the same evening as that convened by the Vicar for initiating a movement for the repair of the tower and the rehanging of the bells. As he (the Mayor) presided at the meeting, the happy thought occurred to him that it would be a suitable action if the Freemasons as a body would undertake to provide the chiming machinery for the church. The idea was taken up most enthusiastically by the brethren present, and in a very few days the requisite funds were subscribed. He knew that the sound of the bells did not please everybody. There were unfortunate mortals who had no music in their souls, who took no delight in the mellow cadences of chiming bells, and the melody caused in the breasts of some persons' feelings similar to those experienced by the American poet on listening to the grinding of a barrel organ. He expressed those feelings in the following terms:—

"Thank heaven, the air again is still,
The music all his ground,
And silence, like a poultice, comes
To heal the blows of sound."

On behalf of the Freemasons of Kidderminster he would now hand over, through his Lordship, to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Kidderminster, the chiming apparatus at the present time in St. Mary's Church. The Bishop of St. Albans said, if he might be allowed, in a sort of semi-official capacity that day, on behalf of his son, to accept the kind and generous and most appropriate gift of the Freemasons, he should have great pleasure in doing so, and would hand over that record of their proceedings—(this was the illuminated and framed parchment that had been read by the Mayor)—to the proper authorities to be kept in the vestry. It was a singular coincidence that in a very short time he would probably have to acknowledge a gift somewhat similar, although not quite the same, from the Freemasons in his own cathedral church of St. Albans. Later on Mr. T. Lea, M.P., rose to propose a toast; it was one they would receive with a due amount of cordiality. It was that of the Freemasons, and he should couple with it the name of Bro. Godson, who held at the present time the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire. He felt it would have been much better had that toast been entrusted to some one who knew more of the works and the acts of Freemasonry than he did. They had heard something of them that day in the Mayor's speech, and they had heard something more in those chimes. They knew, also, that the Freemasons had established excellent Institutions for the care of aged Freemasons and also for orphan children. There was also a feature of Freemasonry that had not been mentioned, and it was that no Freemason came to want. It was their duty to support the Government in endeavouring to root out mischief, whether at home or abroad. He desired that in that spirit Freemasonry should exist throughout our country. If every man in it were a Freemason they should have no fear of dynamite. They were grateful to the Freemasons for their kindly charity; and for those chimes which, he regretted to say, he had not heard, but which he hoped to hear. He felt sure that the people of Kidderminster would deeply appreciate the kindness of the Freemasons. Bro. A. Godson responded, and said he hoped that when they came to worship within the sound of those chimes, they would always find their labours began and ended in peace. That was a Masonic sentiment. He hoped that if ever they came to meet in the future, happy would they meet and happy part again.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—The last meeting of the session of this excellent Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Monday, the 16th inst. Bro. A. Staley P.M. and W.M. presided, and with marked ability performed an abnormal amount of work, without apparent discomfort to himself. He was well seconded by Bros. S. Barnett and L. Boaz Senior and Junior Wardens, and, as may be well understood, the Deacons, Bros. Peartree and Marks, showed a proper appreciation of the responsibilities which under the circumstances devolved upon them. There were no less than three raisings; two candidates were passed, and the following four gentlemen were initiated, viz., Messrs. Mark Emanuel, James Henry Reeves, Sigmund Birne, and Michael Cohen. Several sums were voted to relieve immediate cases of distress; two with amounts of half-a-guinea each; two with three guineas. One of these brethren required five guineas, but the W.M. had power only to grant three, without notice of motion. However, the brethren immediately subscribed the balance; indeed, an amount considerably beyond what the applicant applied for. Ten guineas was voted on the list of the W.M., who acts as Steward for the Benevolent Institution. The W.M. also announced his intention to represent the Lodge at the coming Festival of the Girls' School. Ample refreshment followed, after which, the hour being advanced, the W.M. gave "Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft," which sentiment is presumed to embody the three principal toasts. The health of the Initiates was proposed by the W.M., who remarked, that besides the close attention the new brethren had evinced in the ceremonies, they had shown they possessed the qualities of the true Masonic spirit by the way in which they responded to the call for the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge. Bro. Emanuel, in responding, said that as a matter of course he conceived that on such an occasion he should probably be called upon to say something in reply to a toast; he therefore arranged a rather elaborate speech, which he repeated to himself over and over again, and was sure of making a sensation; but now the time had arrived for giving vent to his eloquence, the whole had evaporated, and he did not remember a single word. Bro. Bush I.P.M. gave the health of the W.M., which toast was most enthusiastically received. The Worshipful Master, replying, said, that whatever his shortcomings, he was certain of the fraternal feeling of the Lodge—there was not an unpleasant face among the brethren. He was sure there was not another Lodge in which the absence of bickering or ill-feeling was more conspicuous. Digressing from that subject, he would assert that even Visitors were received with the same heartiness as was accorded to him; the consequence was, that brethren who hail from the Tranquillity Lodge were sure of a cordial reception wherever they visited. He could scarcely find words adequate to represent his feelings of gratitude, but would assure the members of his zeal which would always be exercised for the benefit of the Lodge. Bro. McDowell, of the Rifle Brigade Lodge, replying for the Visitors, bore testimony to the excellent working of the Lodge. Bro. Staley, a brother of the W.M., also spoke; while Bro. Lyons, Treasurer of the Joppa Lodge, was so well pleased with the Institution, that he not only was a frequent visitor, but by his influence his son became a member. The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of the Past Masters, dwelt upon the assistance those who had passed the chair rendered the Masters. Bro. Bush as the I.P.M. having said a few words, Bro. Bloomfield was called upon to take the place of Bro. N. Moss, who the W.M. had named to respond. Brother Bloomfield said, it was rather unfair to him to be called upon to speak for another, when he did not know that he had anything to say for himself. With all due respect to the Worshipful Master, and craving his forgiveness, he would assert that to praise the Past Masters for their assistance was misleading and a sham. He was sorry to say, some people might urge he ought to be glad that he was nearly the senior Past Master; but during all the years he had occupied that position he had never been called upon to render any assistance. The position was a sinecure. He was sure the majority of the brethren had never heard his voice, as far as work was concerned. The fact was, the Worshipful Masters, one after another, were so well up in their duties that the P.M.'s were superfluous. He had, however, no doubt that should opportunity present itself the P.M.'s, one and all, would be found ready and willing to give the best assistance in their power to help; indeed, would deem themselves under strong obligations to the W.M. who would make use of them. Bro. J. D. Barnett, P.M. and Organist, assisted at the piano, while Bros. Mitchell, Ross, Tipper, and Laurie contributed, by their vocal efforts, to the pleasure of the evening. The Visitors were Bros. McDowell W.M. 1962, Lyon P.M. Treasurer 188, Mickley P.M. 449, Codd W.M. 1728, A. Jacob 487, J. Benjamin P.M. Victoria, S. Australia, Ramas 360, Staley 1597; and others. The P.M.'s were Bros. Bush, Croker, Ross, N. Moss, D. Barnett, R. Z. Bloomfield, E. Gottheil.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A regular meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, the 11th instant. Present—Bros. R. Dowsett W.M., Blackwell I.P.M., Ridley S.W., Hawkes J.W., Prickett S.D., Ravenscroft J.D., Cordery M.C., Hickie Organist, Creed acting Secretary, Ivey P.M. Secretary acting I.G., Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Pulley, E. Margrett; Bros. Weatherhead, Knight, Slaughter, Sparrow, Vowles, Collins, Greenaway, Bailey, Bennett, W. Margrett, T. Margrett. Visitors—Bros. Harrison 1895, Dallcar 1466, Tarrant 1158, Gadd 1217. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bennett, a candidate for raising, gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency, was entrusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Bennett was re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony was admirably performed by the W.M., while the effect was considerably heightened by vocal and instrumental music under the direction of Bro. Hickie

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Organist. The W.M. gave the traditional history in a most correct and perfect manner. Lodge was resumed. The Worshipful Master proposed that the Treasurer's accounts, as audited by the Permanent Committee (an abstract of which had been sent to each member), be passed, and that a vote of thanks to the Treasurer be recorded on the minutes; this was seconded by the I.P.M. and carried. The I.P.M., in accordance with a notice of motion which appeared on the agenda paper, now moved that the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that the same be added to the list of the W.M. who would, in the capacity of Steward, represent the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of that Institution. This was seconded by Bro. Ridley S.W., and carried. The Worshipful Master expressed his sincere thanks for the grant, and hoped to have the personal assistance of the members, so that his list might compare favourably with those of his predecessors. Brother Sparrow, who had lately come to this country from New Zealand, desired to present to the Lodge two ebonised columns, surmounted by a pair of globes (presented to the Lodge in 1869 by Brother Pulley Past Master). This splendid present, placed at the foot of the winding staircase, was much admired, and gave a finishing touch to this elegantly furnished hall. The Worshipful Master, on behalf of the Lodge, returned his sincere thanks to Brother Sparrow for his magnificent present, and moved that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to that brother; this was seconded by the I.P.M. and carried with acclamation. Past Master Pulley desired to call the attention of the Lodge to the decease of two brethren, one of whom was a subscribing member, and the other had been initiated in this Lodge. One of them leaves a widow and three children in destitute circumstances, two of the children being twins and in ill health. The other, he feared, was somewhat similarly circumstanced, but not in such destitution; he hoped the Permanent Committee would investigate, and take the matters into consideration. The Worshipful Master expressed the hope that the death of these brothers would make a lasting impression on the minds of the members. He suggested that a letter of sympathy be sent to the widow of each brother, signed by himself and the Secretary; also that the Permanent Committee be empowered to aid the destitute widow with temporary relief; this was seconded by Brother Margrett P.M. and supported by Brother Ridley S.W., who suggested that the Lodge, of which one of these brethren was connected previous to his coming to Reading, be communicated with, and be asked to co-operate with the Grey Friars in endeavouring to obtain assistance from the Fund of Benevolence;—carried. After the proposal of a candidate for initiation, and the customary routine work, Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1558.

A REGULAR meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 12th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Bros. Taylor W.M., Sims S.W., Smith J.W., Power P.M. Treasurer, Mitchell P.M. Secretary, Stokes S.W., Nettlefold J.W., Briscoe I.G., Walker Wine Steward, Plummer Assistant Wine Steward, Crossley Organist, Thomas Tyler; Past Master Brother Runacres. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Eykyn 1585, Tompson 594, Austin 1275, Griffin 975, Hill 1658, Swallow P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was formally opened, and after the confirmation of the minutes, Bros. Hargroves, Mullet, Backlog, Mitcham, and Back were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. H. Stevens, who was duly initiated into the Order. Both the ceremonies were impressively rendered. After a candidate had been proposed for initiation, and other business transacted, Lodge was closed. After an excellent supper, the Worshipful Master, in very eloquent terms, proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Power P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M. They had seen how ably Bro. Smith had fulfilled his duties; he had had five brethren to raise, and one candidate to initiate; they could appreciate such a worker, who filled the chair in every way to their satisfaction. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Power for his kind expressions, and the brethren for their cordial acceptation of the toast. If he had given them satisfaction by his working he was amply repaid for any trouble he had taken to perfect himself. In speaking to the toast of the initiate, the W.M. said they were pleased to see Bro. Stevens among them. There were two candidates on the agenda paper, but one was unable to be present; he hoped the brethren would give the toast a hearty reception. Bro. Stevens briefly, but appropriately responded. Bro. H. M. Levy replied for the Visitors, and paid a just compliment to the W.M. for the excellence of his working. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Past Masters said the duty was a very pleasing one. They had three of their Past Masters present, and he could say no better could be found; their services in the cause of Freemasonry could not be surpassed. Bro. Power in responding said, it was the duty of the Past Masters to assist the Worshipful Master; this he was ever ready to do, and he felt he could say as much for the others. Bro. Smith next paid a graceful compliment to his Officers, and thanked them for the manner in which they assisted him. In response Bro. Simms S.W. made an excellent speech; Bro. Wilkins J.W. followed, and he was succeeded by the Treasurer, who with pride stated the Lodge was in a flourishing condition; they had discharged all liabilities; this he thought was a great thing for so young a Lodge. Bro. Mitchell, one of the founders, P.M. and Secretary, said his services were always at command. Several of the junior Officers having also spoken, the W.M. summoned the Tyler. Bros. Hardy, Rouse, Back, W. Mitchell, Runacres and Briscoe contributed to the harmony.

The members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, "by invite" will work the Fifteen Sections at the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, held at Bro. Meekham's, the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Highbury, on Friday, the 27th inst. Brethren are cordially invited on that occasion.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

THERE was a well-attended meeting of the members, with many distinguished visitors, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 14th instant. The chair was occupied by Bros. G. F. Smith jun. W.M., A. Stokes S.W., Wilkins J.W., Dewsnap Treasurer, J. W. Brooke P.M. Sec., G. F. Smith sen. J.D., Williams I.G., Cattermole M.C., J. Da Silva Organist; Past Masters Corpe and Maloney. Visitors—Bros. Philbrick Deputy Provincial Grand Master Essex, Kuhn 298, Sheffield 901, Halsey P.M. 134, Clowes W.M. 650, Edmonds S.W. 913, Halestrap 1471, Braham 1471, Smith 1438, Hastelow P.M. 101, Carter 382, Crate P.P.G.C. P.M. 697, Johnston 1777, Hodges, Da Silva P.M. 205, Max Mendelsohn 212, Smith 1706, Robertson 1538, Malster 1706, Wood 1901, Watson 1706, Thomas 1818, Ganz P.G.O., Legge 15, Hook P.M. 185, Allen 51, Watson, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After due observance of preliminaries, Brother Heinekey was raised to the third degree, and Bro. Blake was passed. The election of W.M. resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Stokes. Bro. Corpe was elected Treasurer, in consequence of Bro. Dewsnap having retired, and Bro. Bowler was appointed Tyler. Bro. Stokes thanked the brethren for having elected him W.M. of this flourishing Lodge; he hoped to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors. Bros. Ayres, Ensworth, and Barstow were elected Auditors. The W.M. proposed, and it was carried unanimously, that a jewel be presented to Bro. Dewsnap, on his retiring from the office of Treasurer, for the efficient manner he had carried out his duties. A. P.M.'s jewel was voted to the retiring Master for the manner he had discharged his functions, and a sum of £10 10s was voted, to be placed on the list of the W.M., who is a Steward for the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Brother Fielding presented the Lodge with a very elegant casket for the use of the Benevolent Fund, and a vote of thanks was accorded to him and entered on the minutes. A similar vote was given to Bros. Monday and Da Silva for having invested the sum of £100 for the benefit of the Lodge without making any charge. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren (seventy-one in number) sat down in the Crown room, where a very sumptuous and récherché banquet was provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), superintended by Bro. Dawkins. Grace having been sung, the W.M., in felicitous terms, proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem was given, Miss Hoare singing the solo pleasingly. In speaking to the toast of H.R.H. the M.W. the Grand Master; the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master; and the R.W. the Earl of Lathom D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said they were honoured that evening by the presence of distinguished brethren. The Rev. Bro. J. Studholme Brownrigg D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks. Bro. Philbrick D.P.G.M. for Essex, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, and others. The members were pleased to see such distinguished brethren at a Lodge so young in the Craft. Bro. Brownrigg eloquently responded, and in the course of his remarks expressed the pleasure he felt at the progress made by the Lodge. He could go back to the country, and say what he had seen that night had been well done. There was no fault to be found with the Lodge. He had predicted this on the night of its consecration, when he had the gratification of being present. Here Bros. Winn, Carter, Hodges and Hanson sang a glee that was deservedly applauded. The W.M. on again rising said he had now the great pleasure to propose the toast of the Brethren from the Province of Essex. There were three present, but he would call on their esteemed Bro. Philbrick to respond. Bro. Philbrick in a very eloquent speech replied, and then Bro. Wilhelm Ganz played a solo on the pianoforte. Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg said he felt a great deal of pleasure in proposing the next toast, which usually falls to the lot of the Immediate Past Master; it was the health of the W.M. Bro. Taylor knew his work, and had introduced and initiated nineteen gentlemen into the Order. He (Bro. Brownrigg) knew that when the Duke of Connaught brethren undertook any work, they did it well; that had been fully exemplified by the W.M. After a song by Miss Cater—"Beauty, sleep"—the W.M. replied; he was at all times anxious to keep up the reputation of the Lodge. Its having invested £100 in Consols was a very good beginning; their Benevolent Fund possessed over £25, and with that night's addition would realise about £30; he was sorry to leave the chair, but there were other brethren equally deserving to fill it. He thanked all very heartily for their reception of the toast. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, coupled with the names of Bro. Rev. C. H. Crate P.P.G.C. and T. J. Ralling P.M. P.P.G.S., both of Essex; and Bros. Edmonds, Hook, and Roberts. Bro. Carter here sang, with exquisite taste, "Tell me, Mary, how to woo thee." Bro. Crate in responding said he and Bro. Ralling had received a very excellent lesson in the working of the Lodge, and felt it a great pleasure to note its financial position. They should carry away pleasing recollections of the hospitality they had enjoyed, and hoped to be present, and see the future prosperity of the Lodge. Bros. Edmonds, Roberts, and Hook P.M. likewise responded. The latter said he had initiated the W.M., in a Lodge in which he had the honour of being a P.M. Miss Heath here sang "The Lost Chord," most artistically, and received loud and well-deserved applause. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Past Masters. Each of them in the Lodge well knew his work. Bro. Mitchell is a good Secretary, and Brother Corpe would make a careful Treasurer. Bro. Maloney is not a P.M. of the Lodge, but they were pleased to see him among them. Bro. Brooke was the first to respond; he regretted the absence of Bro. Bott, who, from some unforeseen circumstances, had not been able to be present. When the W.M. went into office he promised to fulfil certain duties, and carry them out to the best of his ability. He had done so, to their satisfaction; and thanks were due to him. They should be pleased to receive him among the Past Masters. Bro. Corpe followed, expressing his appreciation of the compliment paid him in a very humorous speech. Miss Hoare and Miss Helen Heath sang "I know a Maiden." In proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities, the W.M. said they were pleased to see the Worthy Secretary of the Boys' School, Brother Binckes P.G.S.; he

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hoped the brethren would support the noble Institutions of the Craft. They had sent up three Stewards to the Charities each year, although the Lodge had only been four years in existence. This they were proud of. He would couple the name of Bro. Binckes with the toast; they all knew his great energies were devoted to the cause of the noble Institutions, which were fully deserving of their support. Bro. Hanson then sang the "Last Watch." Brother Binckes in responding said, that day they had elected 22 girls out of 26 candidates; but on Monday there were 13 boys to be elected out of 62 candidates. As the W.M. had urged, great credit is due this Lodge for its exertions; in the four years of its existence it had well supported the Masonic Charities. This was the first time he had been present at the Lodge; he was pleased to visit them, and hoped that the three Institutions would be supported. There were 238 girls, and 215 boys, children of Masons, being maintained and educated in the Schools. In addition, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution granted annuities to about 330 distressed Masons and their widows. He would urge on every brother to give a small amount annually to the Institutions; they would then prosper, and be prepared to meet all claims made upon their resources. The Worshipful Master next had a very pleasing toast to propose,—the Masonic Press. He might say there were two recognised organs,—the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE and the *Freemason*; he had great pleasure in proposing the toast, and would couple with it the name of Brother H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Brother Levy said, after the eloquent speech of Brother Binckes, but few words need emanate from him. He had been connected with the Press for twenty years, and to him it was a pleasing duty to respond for the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, which journal gave truthful reports, if not lengthy ones. The promoters of the CHRONICLE had always advocated the claims of the Institutions, and he was gratified to know their efforts were appreciated. He thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast. After Miss Margaret Hoare had delighted the brethren with another charming song; the toast of the Officers was given, and responded to by Bros. Stokes and Dewsnap. The Worshipful Master proposed a special toast for the Musical Brethren, who with the Ladies, had contributed so much to the entertainment. This having been acknowledged, the Worshipful Master gave the Tyler's toast, and the proceedings closed.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on 14th inst. Bros. Weeden W.M., Ashton S.W., Woolf J.W., Rhodes S.D., Archer J.D., Gibbs I.G., Brasted acting Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Houghton, Venning, Bevan, Recknall, Mallett, Richardson, Marks, Lone, and Manger. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Manger offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The ceremony of the second degree was next rehearsed, Bro. Lone candidate, and Bro. Marks performed the work, the W.M. vacating the chair in his favour. Bro. Brasted worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Weeden worked the first section, assisted by Bro. Ashton. Bro. Recknall, P.M. of the Euphrates Lodge, 212, was elected a member, and Bro. Ashton was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 17th inst. Present—Bros. Christian W.M., Bunker S.W., Smyth J.W., Carr Sec, Robinson S.D., Clarke J.D., Ames I.G.; P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Brasted, Marks, and Allen. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Lodge was called off and resumed its Masonic duties by Bro. Allen working the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Bunker was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. He appointed his Officers in rotation. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday the 11th inst. Present—Bros. M. Millington W.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., C. G. Padel P.M., G. Balmford P.M., J. Blenkin S.W., A. T. B. Turner J.W., W. B. Dyson S.D., W. Lackenby as J.D., G. Chapman I.G., and several other members and visitors. Having raised the Lodge to the third degree the W.M. proceeded to put Bros. Irving and Nance through the ceremonies, the traditional history and concluding addresses being given by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., and Bro. C. G. Padel P.M. presided at the harmonium. Before the Lodge was closed, Bro. Ware presented to the Lodge a bound volume of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and Bro. Whytehead two old editions of the Constitutions and a bound volume of the *Voice of Masonry*, for which votes of thanks were passed. Brother Whytehead also announced that Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett had presented to the Lodge a copy of Bartolozzi's valuable engraving of Stothart's picture of the Festival of the Girls' School. He was having the engraving cleaned and mounted, and should then present it formally for Brother Orde-Powlett. It was stated that the sum raised amongst the brethren for the purchase of the Mechanics' Institute now amounted to over £1,000.

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MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, No. 34.

THE Centenary Ball of this ancient and flourishing Lodge was held on the 18th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. D. Lyon, and an efficient Board of Stewards, including Brothers Artus, Postans, Butler, Perkins, Waylett, Jenkins, Gibbs, Greenfield, Parker, Gribbon, Meyer, Hales, De Lacy, Hughes, Bean, Rixon, A. C. Thorpe, Wainwright, E. J. Thorpe, Wells, and Wood. Bros. Jenkins and Rixon efficiently acted as M.C.'s. A very distinguished company assembled. The St. George's Rifles String Band discoursed sweet music, under the direction of Mr. Fleet. A very sumptuous and récherché supper was provided, under the superintendence of Bro. Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the toasts—the Queen and the Craft, and the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. Bro. Artus, in rising to propose the health of the W.M., said it was a great pleasure for him, as senior P.M. and Secretary, to descant on the merits of the W.M.; he wished to impress upon those present that the members of this Lodge were a happy family, and where that good feeling existed, a Lodge was sure to prosper. Might he live long to see it so continue. Their W.M. was one they could look up to, and the members were proud to have him in that position. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Artus for his kindness. It was a great pleasure to be Master of such a Lodge, more especially so on the occasion of its Centenary Ball. He hoped that every one present had enjoyed the entertainment. Bro. Meyer, in a happily conceived speech, proposed the toast of the Ladies, and Bro. J. Thorpe as ably responded. Dancing was then resumed. Before leaving, the Ladies and brethren expressed to the W.M. and Bro. Artus their appreciation of the exertions made for their enjoyment.

Eboracum Chapter, No. 1611.—An emergency meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday week last. The following members were present: Comps. C. G. Padel Z., T. B. Whytehead P.Z. as H., G. Simpson J., James Key S.E., G. Balmford P.Z. as S.N., M. Millington as P.S., E. J. de Salis and H. Chapman, as Assistants; W. Lackenby, R. Ware, and others. Bros. S. J. Dalton, Eboracum Lodge, 1611, and Sergt.-Major Morgan, 5th Dragoon Guards Lodge, were exalted to the degree. After the close of the Chapter the Companions met at supper, at which the M.E.Z. presided.

THE A. AND A. SCOTTISH RITE.

WE are continually in receipt of copies of communications which are being sent to the Secretaries, Deputies and Commanders of the several organisations known as the "Cerneau Supreme Council," wherein the writers, with more or less forcible language, give their reasons for withdrawing their connection from these irregular Bodies, the dissolution of which has been progressing for some time past, and hence the scamper from the sinking squadron of Cerneau Supreme Councils, of which we are informed there are three or four in antagonism in this city.

The following communication addressed to one of the Deputies, which was signed by seventeen Masons, is the most courteous. We have three others before us:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We, the undersigned, desire to withdraw from the Cerneau Bodies.

You will please advise us of the amounts we owe to the several Bodies, and upon such advice reaching us we will at once remit; after which, please drop our names from the tablets.

Our reasons for preferring the above request can be stated in a few words.

We are thoroughly convinced that your Body is in possession of nothing on which to establish a claim of legitimacy, and that all the time and money we have given have been expended foolishly and in vain.

Although we notify you officially of our withdrawal, we wish you to understand that we have nothing but respect and brotherly love to offer you personally.

Yours respectfully.

Hebrew Leader.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has promised to deliver his interesting lecture, "Explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonies of the Frst Degree," in the St. Margaret's Lodge, No. 1452, at the Masonic Hall, Lowestoft, on Thursday, the 26th inst. Bro. W. Woolner Garnham P.P.S.G.W. Suffolk, Secretary to the Lodge, has, at the request of W. Bro. H. J. Eastaugh W.M., issued a special circular convening the Lodge meeting for 6.55 p.m. punctually. A large attendance of brethren from the surrounding districts is anticipated. Arrangements have also been made with Bro. J. Stevens to deliver his Lecture at Freemasons' Hall, Osborne Street, Hull, on Friday, the 27th instant.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's-inn-Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 14th April 1883,

Colonel J. CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee, in the Chair.

After the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of 22 Girls into the Institution, from a list of 28 APPROVED CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

No. on List		Votes	No. on Poll
27	Shervill, Angela Georgina	2485	1
31	Grabham, Helen	2184	2
16	Wrighton, Mildred Ammon	2153	3
11	Keily, Maud Pitt	2141	4
26	Musgrave, Grace A. I.	2062	5
19	Bates, Edith Mary	2015	6
2	Wortley, Kate	1978	7
1	Hill, Ethel Augusta	1923	8
6	Stokes, Kate	1764	9
5	Mason, Florence	1761	10
15	Midgley, Elizabeth	1573	11
23	Carruthers, Emily Gooding	1512	12
20	Garner, Blanche Amelia	1493	13
4	Prebble, Frances Annie	1440	14
14	Trotman, Florence Hamilton	1377	15
24	Fearon, Ada Elizabeth	1330	16
8	Willcox, Florence Mary G.	1276	17
28	Weare, Caroline Louisa	1275	18
12	Hippey, Ethel Constance	1264	19
7	Beavon, Florence Maud	1243	20
9	M'Leod, Isabella	1206	21
17	Smith, Jane	878	22

The numbers of votes recorded for unsuccessful Candidates can be obtained at the Secretary's office, and will be duly carried forward at the next Election, if eligible.

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AT a QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 16th day of April 1883,

Col. J. CREATON, in the chair.

A ballot took place for the Election of 13 Boys, from an approved list of 65, reduced by withdrawals to 62, Candidates, the following being declared to be successful:—

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	2	Farrar, Ethelbert	3620
2	3	Hill, George William King	3491
3	30	Tustin, Harry Holman	3423
4	14	Simpson, Edward Henry	3347
5	17	Tettenborn, Arthur James	3283
6	16	Botting, Alfred Henry	3266
7	39	Bowes, Arthur Kebble	3213
8	33	Salter, Frederick Bruce	3203
9	13	Crow, Charlie John	3157
10	40	Hodge, William James	3100
11	58	Richardson, Harold Percy	2993
12	31	Basham, Frederick Charles Victor ...	2927
13	44	High, Herbert Alfred	2872

Lists of candidates (successful and unsuccessful), with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office. Votes of unsuccessful candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election, in October next.

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.)
Vice-Patron, Secretary.

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16th April 1883.

THE EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,

WILL BE HELD ON

Wednesday, 27th June 1883.

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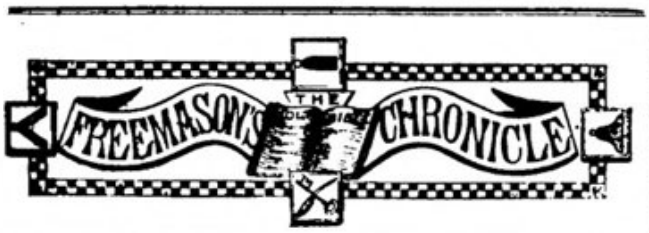

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE annual meeting of this old established and flourishing Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Thursday, 12th inst. Lodge was opened punctually at five o'clock by Bro. Lancaster, who was supported by Bros. E. T. Smith S.W. W.M. elect, J. J. Rantz J.W., Bieling S.D., Oliver Bryant J.D., Tongue I.G., Hayday M.C., and the following Past Masters:—Dr. Jackson I.P.M., Dr. Jagielski, Rath, Ebner, Nowakowski Treasurer, Pass Secretary. All preliminaries being duly observed, Brother Stanislaus John Nowakowski was raised to the third degree, and Bros. Edrupt, Simpson, Dunn, and Lincoln were passed; both ceremonies being accurately rendered. The next business was the ceremony of installing Bro. Smith to the chair of K.S. by the W.M., who performed this duty in a manner that gave the highest satisfaction and enjoyment to the large number of members and guests who were present. Bro. Smith chose the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Lancaster I.P.M., Rantz S.W., Bieling J.W., Bryant S.D., Tongue J.D., Gordon I.G., Apsey M.C., and Banks Tyler. The W.M. presented, in the name of the Lodge, the handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted at last meeting, hoping that Bro. Lancaster would live many years to wear it. Bro. Lancaster in reply thanked the brethren for their kindness to him during his year of office, and assured them he would always do everything he possibly could for the advancement of the Lodge. Ballot was then taken for Mr. George Edward Davenport, aged 37, public accountant, 8 Warwick Street, Regent Street. This proved to be unanimous in his favour, and he was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., in a most creditable manner. After hearty good wishes had been given to the new W.M., at the satisfactory report of the Audit Committee read, and other business transacted, Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the banqueting hall. When grace had been said, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts disposed of, the I.P.M. rose and proposed the health of Bro. Smith, their new W.M., stating that he had been known to them all for years as an able and energetic worker in the Lodge. Personally he wished Bro. Smith a prosperous year of office, and hoped he would have the support of the brethren, and terminate his year with even a larger balance than the one already in hand. The W.M. in the course of his reply said, if the enthusiastic manner of the brethren receiving his name had anything to do with their feelings, it showed he had the sympathy of the brethren in starting on his year of office. He was happy to say they were strong in numbers as well as in exchequer, and he hoped to be able to pass the Lodge to his successor in the same healthy condition in which he received it from the I.P.M., who had that evening performed such good work, namely, one raising, four passings, and the ceremony of installation, all of which had been performed in a most able manner. Bro. Lancaster deserved the highest thanks of the Lodge for the way in which he had done the work. The candidates he had introduced, and the manner in which he had represented the Lodge at the various Charitable Institutions. The Immediate Past Master, who on rising was greeted with long and continued applause, stated that he considered it a very great honour and pleasure to have presided over the Lodge during the past year; he had received from all the greatest kindness and assistance. He congratulated the Lodge on its having so goodly a balance. He could not finish his remarks without thanking the Officers for the regularity and punctuality of their attendance; not only at the regular, but also at the weekly meetings, where they had attained so high a standard of efficiency as workers. He reminded the brethren that he was again going up as Steward, and would be pleased to receive any assistance from them, however small. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Initiate. Bro. Davenport was well known to a large circle of Masons as a most conscientious man; he would prove to be a happy addition to their Lodge. This brother, in reply, stated that it gave him much pleasure to belong to the Polish National; he could only thank them most heartily for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health. The W.M. next gave the Visitors, which toast was replied to by Bro. Saegart and Crombie. Bro. Saegart stated he was very much obliged to the brethren for the hospitality he always received at the Polish Lodge; he thought one little matter ought not to be overlooked: that was to give honour to whom honour was due. He had been highly pleased with the manner in which the brethren had received the name of Bro. Lancaster, who had worked so hard, and discharged his duties in such a way as will lay up for him a crown of joy and rejoicing. Bro. Saegart next alluded to the W.M., Bro. Smith, who had already proved he was able to perform his duties as Master; he felt sure that the brethren will have no cause to regret the choice they made. Bro. Crombie thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had honoured the mention of his name. He was very pleased with the way in which all the duties had been performed, and as an old Mason desired to give a little piece of advice to his younger brethren. That was, to pay every attention to their Masonic education, and carry out the principles of Masonry. No good Mason could possibly be a bad man. It was the first time he had the pleasure of visiting them, but hoped soon to renew his acquaintance with the members. The toast of the P.M.'s was fluently responded to by Bro. Jagielski. The following is a list of the Visitors:—Bros. Stanbrown, Buckingham and Chandos, 1050, Inglis Strawberry Hill 946, Hickman P.M. United Strength 228, Alford W.M. United Strength 228, Boulton W.M. Victoria 1056, Hopgood Bagshawe 1457, Carter P.M. Faith 141, Nicholls St. John the Baptist 475, Saegart P.M. Wellington 548, Slack P.M. Ranelagh 834, Kelsey Great Northern 1287, Latreille W.M. Old King's Arms 28, Buck P.M. Suburban 1702, Bell P.M. Perfect Ashlar 1178, Browne Royal Alfred 780, Taylor S.W. Eccleston 1624, Roberts Eccleston 1624, Shrimpton Skelmersdale 1658, Larkins P.M. Belgrade 749, Weston J.W. Kingsland 1693, Hoone Crusaders 1677, Berry Fitzroy 569, Cross P.M. Villiers 1194, Crombie P.M. Old King's Arms 28, Lucas Royal Leopold 669.

JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 11th inst. After the routine business had been got through, the W.M., Bro. Henry Evans, vacated the chair in favour of the I.P.M. Bro. Orlando Latreille, who had undertaken to work the installation ceremony. Brother Captain Heaton, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master elect, was presented and obligated in due form. A Board of Installed Masters was convened, and Bro. Heaton was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The brethren under the degree of I.M. having been re-admitted, the Worshipful Master

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was proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom. Brother Heaton then proceeded to appoint his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Salmon S.W., Sorrell P.M. 176 J.W., Baker S.D., Tayler J.D., Frost I.G. Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. and P.M., who had been re-elected Treasurer, was, we regret to say, unable to attend for investment, he having been confined to his house for some weeks past by a severe attack of bronchitis. Bro. Chas. Atkins Past Master was re-appointed Secretary. The Worshipful Master, in appointing the Officers, instructed each one in the duties attached to the position. The appointment of Officers being concluded, Bro. Latreille addressed the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren with an eloquence that elicited the applause of every brother who had the advantage of being present. The Worshipful Master subsequently proceeded to initiate Mr. Wm. Henry. The work, considering the Officers were new to it, was admirably performed by those engaged. We are pleased to notice that this Lodge has a balance of £233 4s 10d to credit of its Benevolent Fund, established in 1878. Visitors—Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, C. A. Grammer W.M. 27, A. Tisley W.M. 1589, J. Willing W.M. 1987, J. Pigott P M. 1288, C. Phillips P.M 820, W. Manger P.M. 1314, J. Green P.M. 27, C. W. G. Pinero Past Master 257, &c. Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet at Freemasons' Tavern. The Grand Secretary, in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers, expressed his regret at the absence of his esteemed friend and colleague in Grand Lodge, Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., and his pleasure in attending the John Hervey Lodge, seeing it bore and would perpetuate the name of his predecessor in the office of Grand Secretary. That distinguished brother having associated himself with, and taken an interest in the Lodge, it was very gratifying to him (Colonel Clerke) to find the work carried on in such an admirable manner. The Installing Master had performed the ceremony with eloquence and ability, whilst the new W.M. had proved his capacity by his excellent working at the initition of the brother on his right. The toast of the Visitors was associated with the names of Bro. Grammer W.M. 27, and Bro. Tisley W.M. 1589, who, together with several other visiting brethren, acknowledged the compliment. The Tyler's toast having been duly honoured, the brethren separated after a most successful and enjoyable evening.

ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE, No. 1507.

THE installation meeting was held on the 11th inst., at the Langham Hotel, Portland-place, where there was a large attendance of members and visitors. Lodge was opened by Brother Benjamin Phillips W.M., who was supported by Bros. White P.M. 177 S.W. and W.M. elect, Mouflet J.W., Chaplin Treasurer, Baker P.M. Secretary, Hill S.D., Halliday J.D., Smith I.G., Kift Organist. P.M.'s Bros. Timewell, Draper, Ashwell, Foxall P.G.P. Visitors—Bros. L. Ascot P.M. 783, Beckley P.M. 507, Dr. Stirling 174, G. Fredericks late 118, Mussared 1901 and 188, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bros. Curtis, Barr, and Ashdown were raised to the sublime degree, and Bros. P. Rocco, C. Woolf, Artand, and Billing were passed. Both ceremonies were excellently worked by the W.M., while each Officer was equally perfect. Bro. White P.M. 177, 1563, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. Phillips, who conducted the ceremony in a very excellent manner; Bro. Ascot efficiently acted as M.C. By special request the W.M. gave the concluding address, which he delivered most impressively. The newly-installed Master then, in appropriate terms, appointed and invested his Officers. Bros. B. Phillips I.P.M., F. C. Mouflet S.W., Hill J W., J. Chaplin Treas. re-elected, J. L. Baker P.M. Sec., Halliday S.D., F. Smith J.D., Durand I G., G. Spurgin M.C., J. Kift Organist, Daly Tyler. The Auditors' report was read and adopted, and then Lodge was closed until the second Wednesday in June. The brethren sat down to a very sumptuous and récherché banquet and dessert, provided by Captain Gordon. The W.M., in very eloquent terms, proposed the preliminary loyal toasts, the Queen and the Craft and H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. In speaking of the Grand Officers the W.M. said those who attend Grand Lodge see how ably they do their duty. He called on all to give the toast the reception it merited. Mr. Armand Semple, M.D., a friend of Bro. Dr. Spurgin, here delighted the brethren with a song entitled "Golden Love." Bro. Phillips I.P.M. then rose. It was with great pleasure he had to propose the health of the W.M., who had been associated with him for many years. Brother White was well calculated to preside over them, and would prove himself as good a Master as ever had been elected in the Lodge. He would promote harmony, and his year of office was sure to be a successful one. Bro. Stirling, previous to the W.M.'s reply, played a solo on the violin. Bro. White then thanked Brother Phillips for the way he had spoken of him. He hoped the same love and harmony that now existed would continue, Every member of the Lodge, he was sure, wished it to go on and prosper. Personally he could hardly express his gratitude for the kind manner in which the toast had been received. In speaking to the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. said the Lodge was indebted to Bro. Ascot for his assistance in the ceremony; on behalf of the members he thanked him. He could also say they were very pleased to see the visiting brethren present. The St. Marylebone Lodge is at all times pleased to see them. Bro. Ascot in eloquent terms responded; he was present at the consecration of the Lodge, thirteen years ago, and was gratified to see the progress it had made. Bro. Alderman saog in excellent style "The Vagabond." In speaking to the next toast the W.M. said it was not an ordinary one. Bro. Phillips, the I.P.M. and Installing Master of the day, had passed and raised seven brethren. He had likewise installed him; and he (the W.M.) was sure the brethren had appreciated the valuable services thus rendered. In due course, he hoped to instal his successor. However, that was an event for the future. He asked for the toast a hearty reception; but before Bro. Philips responded, he desired to say the brethren had voted him a jewel, for the manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair. It had been voted unanimously, and he hoped Bro. Phillips might be spared for many years to wear it, in recollection of his association with their Lodge. Bro. Phillips in reply could scarcely find words to say how gratified he was to hear the kind words of Bro. White. He appreciated the good feeling of his many friends. Ten years since he was initiated, by Bro. Stringer. He had been successful in his Masonic career, inasmuch as he was a P.M. of the City of Westminster, as well as of the St. Marylebone. In both Lodges he had received many kindnesses, which he trusted he might never forget. He thanked the members for the elegant jewel just presented; this was the second one voted him, and he hoped to be spared to wear it among them for many years. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the P.M.'s, said he hoped they would support him during his year of office; indeed, he was sure they would do so. Brother Semple again delighted the brethren with one of his splendid songs, and then Bro. Timewell, on behalf of the P.M.'s, responded. He regretted being absent during Bro. Phillips's year; he could assure them it was out of no disrespect to him; he thought no better Mason existed. He hoped in future to be a more regular attendant. Brothers Foxall and Draper followed. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary came next; to both of these Officers hearty thanks were due. The Worshipful Master generally has all the credit; but it is generally due to the efforts of the Treasurer and Secretary that a Lodge owes its prosperity. Here both Officers had done their duty well. After Bro. Stirling had played a solo on the pianoforte, Bro. Chaplin (Treasurer) responded. Bro. Baker followed; while he was Secretary, he hoped not only to give satisfaction to the W.M., but to every brother in the Lodge. Bro. Phillips had had a successful year of office, and he (Bro. Baker) hoped Bro. White would have a still more successful one; this he was sure would be satisfactory to all. In speaking to his Officers the W.M. fully impressed on them the necessity of their attending Lodges of Instruction; he would ever readily give them his assistance; he knew their working qualifications, and had every confidence in them. To Bro. Dr. Spurgin he and the Lodge were specially grateful; the musical treat he had provided them was much appreciated. Bro. Spurgin had induced some of his private friends who possessed high intellectual attainments and splendid voices to render him assistance, and the result had been eminently satisfactory. Bros. Mouflet S.W. and Dr. Spurgin acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Seager Hunt, in replying to the next toast said, the Lay Members, he felt assured, would strive to advance the welfare of the Lodge. Shortly afterwards the Tyler's toast was given. We cannot conclude this notice without a word for Dr. Spurgin; he and his friends deserve great praise for the excellent musical entertainment they provided; this greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening.

ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 1306.

THE annual installation meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held at the City Arms Tavern, St. Mary-Axe, E.C., on Wednesday, the 11th instant, when there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. T. Wooding, who was supported by I.P.M. T. Magrath and P.M.'s W. H. Hayward, W. Poore, C. Veal, and W. Beck Treasurer; T. J. Tyer J.W. and W.M. elect, A. G. Clements Secretary, I. P. Couture S.D., G. T. Holdom J.D., J. Somners M.C., W. Sherwin Organist, I. G. Twinn I.G., J. Loftus Steward; also Bros. S. M. Pipe, G. Wise, T. J. Barnes jun., C. Stephenson, A. W. Flack, J. Oxley, W. T. Hardy, T. Phillips, J. L. Green, A. Lloyd, C. Hausmann, T. J. Tarling, T. Willetts, W. McCreddie, E. Oppenheim, T. J. Morris, H. Harbord 901, H. Forss 917, P. Jackman 1805, R. Hayward 1306, A. Meyers W.M. 1421, H. McClelland 901, W. H. Myers P.M. 820, P. K. Job P.M. 1076, R. Hirst 1421, C. H. Bardolean 1421, G. Clarke 554, T. Loane 1421. Lodge was opened in accordance with antient rites soon after four o'clock, and the minutes of last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The Auditors' Report was most unanimously received and adopted. This showed the Lodge to be in a most satisfactory financial position. Bro. Tyer was then presented as W.M. for the ensuing year, and duly installed into the chair, the impressive ceremony being carried out most ably by the retiring Master. After the customary salutations, Bro. Tyer (the new Master) invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Wooding I.P.M., Couture S.W., Clements J.W., Holdom S.D., Twinn J.D., Pipe Secretary, Beck Treasurer, Hardy I.G., Hayward M.C., Loftus Asst. M.C., Barnes W.S., Wise and Norris Stewards, Longstaff Tyler. Reference was made to the new home and new title of the Lodge (which had received the assent of Grand Lodge), and mutual congratulations were exchanged by all as to the conspicuous foundation for the future prosperity of the Lodge. A unanimous vote of thanks was then passed in favour of Bro. Hayward for his able services in contributing to this issue, the same to be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge. At the conclusion of other business, the brethren and Visitors adjourned to the banquetting room, where the new W.M. presided in a very able and congenial manner. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, while the toast of the Visitors received all honours. In due course, the brethren separated, after having been favoured with songs by several of those present, and an excellent recitation by Bro. Oxley.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 17th April, at the Crown and Cushion, London Wall. Bros. Medwin W.M., Tyler S.W., Ford J.W., Millar Sec., Hawksley S.D., Mather Preceptor, Conohman I.G.; Bros. Goldney, Hepburn, Hunter, Blay, Stockdale, Draper jun., Benison, Laroom, Mitchell. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Goldney candidate. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Benison candidate. Bro. Mather worked this ceremony. Lodge was closed, and the brethren separated after a very instructive evening.

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SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge was held at the New Masonic Hall, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, near Champion Hill Station, on Thursday, the 19th instant. After the Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday, 15th March, and the emergency meeting, held Wednesday, 4th April, were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Three Master Masons with the Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge were appointed a Committee to manage the Benevolent Fund. Brother George Frederic Barton, La Tolerance Lodge, No. 538, was proposed as a candidate for joining by Bro. Bellis S.W., and seconded by Brother E. Eagle. Bro. Bellis did a similar honour in favour of Bro. William Edward Constable (F.C.), Southwark Lodge, No. 379; in this case Brother Marcus J.D. seconded the proposition. Both were accepted. There were two candidates for initiation—Mr. Joseph Searby, who was proposed by Bro. Bellis S.W., and seconded by Bro. Marcus J.D., and Mr. Isaac Dadd, who had for his sponsors Bros. Phillips and Davies. Here again the ballot was unanimous, and both gentlemen were introduced and initiated. The W.M. elect, Bro. A. J. Bellis, was now presented, and Bro. Nicod proceeded to instal him into the chair of the Lodge. This our zealous brother did in a most satisfactory way; indeed, the whole work of the year has been conducted by him in a perfect and painstaking way. We may state here Bro. Nicod's duties have not been of a mere perfunctory character; he has initiated seven candidates, passed five, and raised five; when to this is added that he undertook the duties of Installing Master, and, as we have said, ably fulfilled them, we think he deserves the praise that was lavishly bestowed on him. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follow:—Bros. L. C. N. Nicod Immediate Past Master, W. R. Burnett S.W., A. R. W. Powles J.W., E. Eagle Treasurer, W. H. Hook P.M. Secretary, W. B. Marcus S.D., W. J. Bullimore J.D., R. E. Anderson I.G., R. P. Forge P.M. M.C., W. Bosher W.S., L. E. Eagle, Assist. W.S. The addresses were then delivered, and after routine work, hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. In addition to nearly the whole of the members, the following Visitors were present:—E. C. Malet de Cartaret P.G.M. Jersey, Charles Naylor P.M. 958 P.D.C. Jersey, R. E. H. Goffin J.W. 1573, Thomas Wallis 1901, James Watsey P.M. 1310, John Osborn P.M. 1602, E. Woodman J.W. 1950, T. Perrin W.M. 1297, John Rhodes 1524, R. Pierpoint J.W. 177, W. J. Garland 1728, R. W. Moss 548, C. Clifton S.W. 944 P.D.G. Org. Bombay, D. Keyse S.D. 1314, J. J. Taffs W.M. 186, W. S. Whitaker P.M. 1572, J. Mount Sperring W.S. 186, J. G. Caston 40, J. Tickle P.M. 1196 Past Provincial Grand Registrar Middlesex, John Page 1572, E. C. Massey P.M. 1296, R. Applegarth 1415, Reginald Bridger 72, W. W. Morgan Senior Warden 211, &c. The banquet was most liberally supplied by Bro. Gurney, and the viands and wines were of excellent quality. The speeches were brief and to the point. The I.P.M.'s services were dilated on, and an elegant jewel was presented to him, which bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to
BROTHER S. C. N. NICOD P.M.
by the brethren of the SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901,
19th April 1883,
as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the able and courteous manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of office—1882-83."

Bro. Bellis must be congratulated on entering upon his duties as Master under such favourable circumstances. A word for our esteemed Bro. Hook; he exerted himself most successfully to make this meeting go off happily, and his "Masonic Surprise" was indeed a happy thought. Long may he live to see the Lodge he has taken so much interest in flourish and extend its influence. A capital musical entertainment was provided, under the direction of Bro. A. F. Grainger Organist. We append the programme. Song and Chorus, "God save the Queen;" Solo and Chorus, "God bless the Prince of Wales;" Song, "Tell her I love her so," Bro. C. A. White; Song, "Good Night Beloved," Bro. Wallis; Solo (clarionette), "Luisa di Montfort," Bro. L. E. Eagle; Song, "The Gipsies' Life," Bro. Hook; Song, "Sailing," Bro. A. F. Grainger; Song, "The old and young Marie," Bro. C. A. White; Duett, "The Moon has raised her Lamp," Bros. Wallis and Hook; Solo (pianoforte) "Gavotte," Bro. A. F. Grainger; Song, "Good-bye Sweetheart," Bro. C. A. White.

THE meeting of the Press Lodge, last Saturday, was one of the most successful the Lodge has had since its commencement. The W.M. Bro. H. F. Bussey, performed his work in admirable style, and he was most ably supported by his Officers. Mr. Joseph Capp and Mr. Frederick Saunders were initiated, and Bros. Brine, Baines, and Seabrook were elected on the Benevolent Fund Committee. A Founder's and Past Secretary's jewel was presented to the late Secretary, Bro. Basil Cooke, and the Lodge resolved to join with the West Kent and Orpheus Lodges in erecting a headstone at the grave of Past Master John Allen, in Nunhead Cemetery. Bros. Macartney, M.P., and Hyde Clarke were among the visitors to the Lodge, and expressed their pleasure with the way in which the working was done. Bro. Hyde Clarke, in addressing the brethren in response to the toast of the Grand Officers, after supper, contrasted the style of the Gallery Lodge with that of others, and predicted for it a glorious future. The Benevolent Fund he looked upon as a great feature; it would enable the brethren to do an immense amount of real good.

We have received from Bro. T. Francis, of Havant, a copy of his recently published History of Freemasonry in the Province of Sussex. Bro. Francis seems to have bestowed much care upon the production of his work, which we will take an early opportunity of perusing.

MASONIC HALLS.

NEXT to ability in the Officers to render the Ritual with force, beauty and propriety, nothing is so important to the dignity and prosperity of Freemasonry as a Hall, handsomely fitted up with proper appointments to give adequate expression to the beautiful degrees of the system. If we go into a town, and find an elegant Masonic hall, with handsome equipments, furniture and apparatus, we do not need to ask what kind of Masons meet there; the fact speaks for itself. But if we find a miserable hall, with bare floors, dilapidated furniture, dirty walls and windows, we do not need to ask anything here about Masonry; we know it is in the last stages of dissolution, if it ever had any healthy existence at any time. We were once in an Ohio town of say 1000 inhabitants, and, as we usually do, we asked some of the brethren to show us their hall. We noticed some evident reluctance and trouble to find the key; but at length the key was found, and as we ascended the dirty staircase, the brother conducting us began to apologise for the condition of the hall. When we were ushered into it, we found a large room, with bare floor, white-washed walls defiled by tobacco juice that had been squirted against them, and had run down in rivulets upon them. The stations, east, west and south, were unpainted boxes, the chairs around the walls were rush-bottomed chairs in every stage of degeneracy! We beat a hasty retreat, and thought to ourself, as we descended the staircase, that if we had lived in that town when a profane, the Masonic Institution would have been the very last Institution we should have wanted to unite with.

And so, feeling the importance of the subject, as Masonic halls are being continually built and renovated, we purpose to give a few words as to the proper construction and equipment of a suitable Masonic hall. If you are about to build, or refit your hall, by all means give heed to some recommendations like the following:

1. Give yourselves plenty of room. Do not get into a little eight by ten affair, where your enthusiasm will all be burnt out by bad air and asphyxia. Be sure and give yourselves room to breathe and to work. It is true that a few brethren in a business meeting look almost lost in a large room, and it is very well, if you can, to have a smaller room also, where you can occasionally meet, but most Lodges can only afford one main room, and it is much better to have the brethren in a small meeting look like a mouse under an umbrella, if thereby you have room to render your work well, than to have a small room where you will be smothered and have no floor space for a suitable rendering of the Ritual.

2. If possible have a stage with shifting side and back scenes in your East. All of our best Masonic halls are now being constructed with these stages and scenery, the idea being borrowed, we think, mainly from the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Cincinnati. Since that Cathedral was constructed, some fifteen or twenty years ago, Chicago, Indianopolis, Columbus, Dayton, and other places have followed suit, and the fashion ought to be general. Those who want to see to how many uses a stage with scenic accompaniments can be put should go to the Scottish Rite apartments at Chicago, where with not half the amount of room that we have at Cincinnati the very dramatic Ritual of the Scottish Rite is elaborately and handsomely rendered, very largely by the use of the stage alone. Almost everything in Masonic work in the degrees of the York and the Scottish Rite (which together constitute everything that is legitimate in Freemasonry) can be exhibited and worked out in a single room, if necessary, fitted up with a stage and proper accompaniments; and as Masonic work is so largely dramatic in its character, a stage is almost a necessity in properly exhibiting it.

3. In fitting up a Masonic hall there should be a gallery or passage way around part of it, and if possible a large part of it. Every Mason knows that Masonic work requires "travelling," and passage ways around the Lodge-room are very desirable, if not absolutely necessary. We will undertake to render every degree in the York and Scottish systems by the aid of these three things we have mentioned: a large, well-furnished hall, a stage with scenic accompaniments, and a wide gallery or passage way around a good part of the Lodge-room.

4. Of course, there must be at least two ante-rooms: a preparation room and a visitors' waiting-room. These are absolutely necessary to all Masonic work; and no Lodge should have a charter unless provided with these; other rooms are useful as property rooms, but two ante-rooms must always be connected with every Lodge-room.

5. The lighting apparatus is also quite important in fitting up a Masonic hall. The best arrangement is to have a central reflecting light, big enough to light up the whole room, with a ventilating arrangement in connection with it. If you have gas in your town, of course you will use it in your Lodge, and by a "cut-off" you can easily regulate the amount of light to suit the dramatic demands of the work you are engaged in, giving "more light" or "less light" just as you please. If you have no gas, it will not be so easy to regulate the light, but by the aid of curtains, movable by a Master of Ceremonies, you can produce tolerably good effects, and, talking about lights, a Lodge that can afford a stereopticon will find it a valuable auxiliary both in rendering the Ritual, and in entertaining the members and their families when gathered socially.

6. We need add nothing as to dresses, regalia, furniture, and other properties. The more beautiful and extensive these can be furnished, the more impressive will the Ritual be. But these things must be regulated by the funds of the Lodge.—*Masonic Review.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 21st APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1564—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall Mare-street, Hackney
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
M.M. 206—Beaconsfield, Checquers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
M.M. 315—Henniker, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C. (CONSECRATION)

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1597—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 23rd APRIL.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Dartford, at 8 (Instruction)
1412—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7 30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 43 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1621—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Trafalgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1685—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1691—St. Ambrose Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

46—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7 30 (Instruction)
837—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1804—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro

TUESDAY, 24th APRIL.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1940—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
263—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Ball Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1809—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 25th APRIL

GRAND FESTIVAL, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pennin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Checquers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1923—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Atbol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1063—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1319—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1384—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1388—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
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M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester

THURSDAY, 26th APRIL.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst.)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington
R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Rod Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)

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1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborne Street Hull
R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 27th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1365—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1103—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1631—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1713—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 343—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth
R.A. 1066—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 28th APRIL.

1196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1393—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

THE TILER'S CLUB.

From The Voice of Masonry.

(Continued from page 226.)

The old Tiler resumed his seat and pipe, and replied with a smile and pointing to the W.M., "There is your Master, ask him." That brother rejoined that it was the Tiler's club that was then in session, not the Lodge, and that the inquiry had been made of the Tiler, not the Master. This sally provoked a laugh, when Brother Senior Warden remarked that he had seen it argued by an English writer, that the word was derived from a Roman word, *Teilor*, signifying "weapon man," or the man with a drawn sword, and that in the Greek mysteries the man who admitted the candidates was so styled. Further, that he had recently been reading some old Masonic Magazines, and had noticed that in March 1857, a Rev. Brother delivered a lecture before Victoria Lodge, Dublin, Ireland, in which he proposed a new etymology for the word Mason, that was relevant to the question propounded by brother Senior Deacon. This brother stated that as every Lodge is guarded, it is supposed the guard is armed; formerly the weapon was a club, the Latin for which is *maca*, from this the *mace* of authority is derived, and as the early craftsmen worked with closed or guarded doors—guarded by a *maca*—the Institution in time was called Masonry and its members Masons."

The Tiler smiled complacently while listening to this ingenious theory, and remarked that the authority he had just quoted had stated that the derivation of the word was encompassed with much difficulty and uncertainty. Krause had translated it *Ziegeldecker*, or tile coverer, but in the opinion of Bro. Fort, the most satisfactory explanation was found in the corruption of *Tailleur de pierre*, which to ears ignorant of its significance, would sound like Tiler de per. The two methods of spelling the word, Tiler and Tyler, had some bearing, perhaps in the derivation. Operative Freemasonry was, in the opinion of the old Tiler, something more than a tiling assembly of mechanics, the master-pieces of architecture they have left behind them prove that they were acquainted with the principles of science, artists in the truest sense, and endowed with intellectual powers far in advance of their contemporaries. To admit that the word was derived from the old occupation of tiling a roof were to admit that that class of labour was intellectual, and was equivalent to saying that a hod-carrier was a brick-layer.

Bro. Junior Deacon asked whether the word Tiler had not some connection with the Masonic word *hele*.

The W.M. said he was sorry he would have to disagree with the old Tiler in his conclusions, neither did he know that he would enlighten the brethren much, for after all the researches of skilled Craftsmen, the derivation of the word seems to be as obscure as ever. The Tiler had referred to the inferior position of the tilers, or tile-coverers; whatever may have been their standing, they were of sufficient importance to be formed into a guild by themselves, and in the statute of King Edward II. in 1350, their wages are fixed. The titles and implements of Speculative Freemasonry are derived from the operative Craftsmen, and it is to them we should refer for information on this disputed point. It was a part of the Masons' business to make the pavements in their cathedrals, as well as to roof them, and this derivation has been most acceptable among Masonic scholars. The signification attached to it is that, as the tiler, when the building is erected, finishes and covers it with a roof of tile, so the Tiler of the Lodge closes the door and covers the sacred precincts from all intrusion.

The Tiler admitted the force of the Wor. Master's remarks, and said he had read some years ago of another kind of Tiler. A brother travelling in the west of England had visited a Lodge where he found a woman officiating at the outer door. His surprise was to some extent subdued when the brethren informed him she was the widow of the late Tiler, and was continued in the office as a matter of charity.

The Senior Warden remarked that one interesting peculiarity of the Tiler's office had not been mentioned, which was that some of its functions were like those of the old parish beadle. This local functionary was formerly dressed in a manner becoming his distinguished (!) rank, and our ancient brethren appeared to have dressed the Tiler in a similar manner. In a schedule of the regalia, records &c., belonging to the Grand Lodge of all England, taken at a Committee held 15th September 1779, is the entry, "A blue cloth coat with a red collar, for the Tiler."

The young Craftsman who had provoked the discussion, had been examining some old magazines lying on the shelf, and at this point said he had discovered a few verses that suited the old brother before them, and handed them to the Senior Deacon, who read as follows:

THE OLD TILER.

God bless the old Tiler! how long he has trudged
Through sunshine and storm, with his summonses due;
No pain nor fatigue has he ever begrudged,
To serve the Fraternity, Freemasons and you.

God bless the old Tiler! how oft he has led
The funeral procession from Lodge door to grave;
How grandly his weapon has guarded the dead
To their last quiet home, where the acacia boughs wave.

God bless the old Tiler! how oft he has knocked
When vigilant stranger craved welcome and rest;
How widely your portals, though guarded and locked,
Have swung to the signal the Tiler knows best.

There's a Lodge where the door is *not* guarded nor tiled;
There's a land without graves, without mourning or sin;
There's a Master most gracious, paternal and wise,
And he waits the old Tiler, and bids him "Come in."

And there the old Tiler, no longer outside,
No longer with weapon of war in his hand;
A glorified spirit shall grandly abide,
And, close by the Master, high honoured shall stand.

At the conclusion of the reading, the W. Master announced the hour for labour, and the Tiler's club was adjourned.

"Forestry."—With the commencement, in May, of its next volume, *The Journal of Forestry*, still conducted by Mr. F. G. Heath, Author of "Autumnal Leaves" and Editor of Gilpin's "Forest Scenery," will take a "new departure." Under the altered title of "Forestry: a magazine for the country," it will be enlarged in size and still further popularised. The May part will include a descriptive article by Mr. Richard Jefferies entitled "The Contents of Ten Acres," and "A Forgotten President of Agriculture," by Mr. R. A. Kinglake.

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The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoum, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of **CHLORODYNE**, with which I effected miraculous cures.

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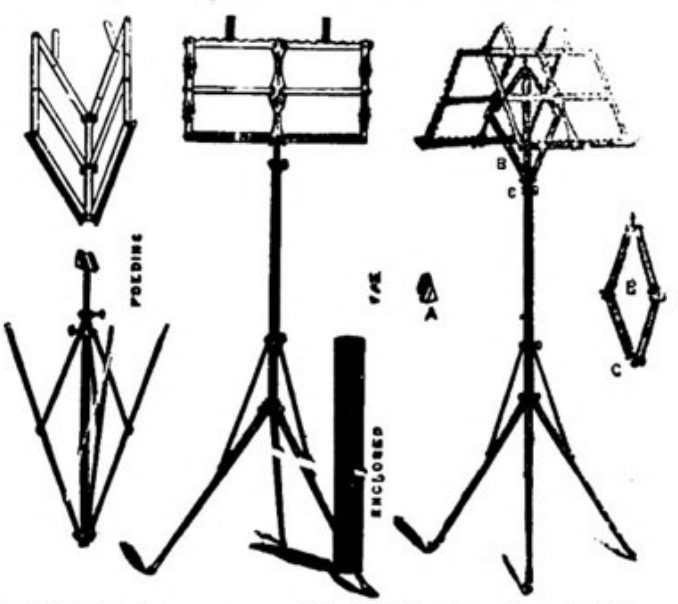

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION;

THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE MOTHER LODGE.

IN introducing to our readers the subject we have chosen for our present article, we consider it first necessary to glance at one or two of the more prominent forms in which we find the Lodges of Instruction circumstanced. In London and a few other large centres of Freemasonry Lodges of Instruction are scattered about, if not as thickly, at least as widely, as are regular Lodges; while in small, and even medium-sized Provincial towns, the brethren of the entire district frequently assemble at one general Lodge of Instruction, even though there may be two, three, or more regular Lodges in the place. It will therefore be necessary to bear in mind the varieties which exist, as there will doubtless be features in our remarks which will not apply equally to all, though we shall endeavour to shape them in as general a manner as can be.

Before it is possible to establish a Lodge of Instruction the sanction or permit of some regular Lodge must be obtained, and it is usual for some energetic member or members to take the initiative, and apply for sanction to start the Lodge of Instruction. This sanction is, under such circumstances, usually granted; the brother or brethren applying for it being held personally responsible to the Mother Lodge for the good behaviour of all who may assemble and work under the permission given. So long as the brethren who first applied for the privilege remain members of the Mother Lodge, and continue their attendance at the Lodge of Instruction, it is customary for some amount of interest in each other's welfare to exist; but in course of time death, and other causes combined remove the founders of the Lodge of Instruction, and, later on, the Lodge and its offshoot become virtually unknown to each other. True, the Lodge of Instruction may be reminded that it is in a measure connected with the Mother Lodge—by the continual production of its warrant or permit, which should always be shown at the meetings, in the same way as is the warrant from Grand Lodge in the case of an ordinary one, but the members of the Mother Lodge have no such reminder constantly before them, and in time they may actually forget they ever gave permission for a Lodge of Instruction, much less know of its present doings. That we are not going too far in assuming such a want of knowledge amongst the members of a Lodge can be proved by what has actually taken place. We heard lately of a case where certain brethren wished to establish a Lodge of Instruction in connection with their Lodge, but, just as permission was about to be granted, it was found that a similar concession had been made, many years back, and that weekly meetings were being held under such authority; at the same time, in consequence of changes that had occurred, by removals at one time or another, the meetings of the two bodies were held widely apart. In this case it was not deemed desirable to issue a second permit, and, those interested not pressing the matter, the subject was allowed to drop, a "club" for instruction being afterwards formed. We have pointed out this extreme view of the case to show that a Lodge, and its Lodge of Instruction, may become practically unknown to each other; but in how many cases do they become theoretically so? We think we may assert in a very great many; and we feel justified in saying that when such an event does occur, both the Lodge and its Lodge of Instruction sustain a great loss. The Lodge of Instruction should be a help to the Mother Lodge, while the latter should act as a guardian to the former. The Lodge of Instruction may be of service to the Mother Lodge in many ways. In it it should be possible for the Officers of the parent Lodge to rehearse the parts they would be called upon to enact in their own Lodge, and for this reason we strongly recommend the holding of "Officers'" nights in all Lodges of Instruction; that is to say, nights periodically set apart, on which the Officers of the year are invited to attend and take the same positions they hold in the Mother Lodge. When this becomes a custom, the brethren know where they can meet other members of their Lodge, and it is possible to discuss questions which are likely to arise at the next regular meeting before the day of holding the Lodge arrives, whereby time is saved, and petty annoyances are frequently avoided. As a consequence the Lodge of Instruction benefits; a large number of brethren are attracted who would not otherwise attend; further than this, a variety in the programme is created on these so-called "Officers'" nights, which is frequently much appreciated. Again, there is the advantage of the Lodge and its Lodge of Instruction being, as it were, one united body, rather than two distinct undertakings, known to be connected with each other only because the name of each is the same.

We are likewise advocates for the holding of annual suppers at our Lodges of Instruction. At such times the regular routine of work should be set aside, and a few hours devoted to social intercourse. On these occasions most brethren delight in looking back on the events of the past, calling to mind what was said and done at previous annual gatherings, and renewing acquaintanceships which but for such meetings would die out. Here there is not so much formality as is usual on installation nights in ordinary Lodges: the brethren feel more at home; and a general free-and-easy air—if we may use the expression—pervades the meeting. As a consequence, those present usually enjoy themselves. Again, these annual suppers afford the most ready means of cementing the friendly feeling which should exist between the Mother Lodge and its Lodge of Instruction, and in many cases they are made to serve that purpose. We know of several Lodges in which the annual festival of the Lodge of Instruction is looked forward to with as much interest as is the installation meeting of the Lodge itself, while in others it is noted as being the occasion on which a general muster of the Masons of the district will take place, and all the Masonic affairs of the neighbourhood will be discussed. In some of the Provincial towns this is particularly the case. The annual meeting of the Lodge of Instruction is presided over by the W.M. of the oldest Lodge, with the W.M. of a younger Lodge filling the position of vice chairman, and, as each appears to try and get the largest number of his fellow members to support him, a goodly attendance from each Lodge usually assembles; this gives a large meeting for the Lodge of Instruction, and when it is explained what is done at the weekly meetings, many of those who have hitherto stayed away decide upon attending in the future, with the result that the Lodge of

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Instruction is permanently benefitted. In other Lodges of Instruction it is customary to invite the W.M. or W.M. elect of the mother Lodge to take the chair at the annual supper, and as that is usually arranged to take place immediately before or after the installation of the mother Lodge, it forms a first-rate practice night for the Chairman, besides giving him an insight into the working of the Lodge of Instruction meeting under the authority of his Lodge. It may doubtless come strange to some of the brethren who are called upon to preside on such occasions, to find themselves at the head of some twenty or more brethren whom they now meet for the first time, while, on the other hand, the brethren themselves may feel awkward at being presided over by a brother strange to them all; still, with that good feeling which usually pervades such meetings, these drawbacks, if they may so be called, are easily surmounted, and with a good Preceptor, or other permanent official of the Lodge of Instruction to support him, the chairman of the meeting should have no difficulty in scoring a success. In the majority of these cases the Worshipful Master of the parent Lodge, at its next meeting, is likely to refer to what took place at the Lodge of Instruction; here again new interest is likely to be awakened. Among the members present may be one or more initiates, or others comparatively new to the Order, who may thus hear of Lodges of Instruction for the first time, and with that desire for knowledge which pervades every true brother, they immediately set to work to test for themselves the advantages of attending these instruction meetings. Once having made such a resolve, what better place of resort presents itself than the one which bears the name, and works under the sanction, of that Lodge wherein they first received the benefits of Masonic light.

THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

WHAT we have described in former years as the Annual Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England took place on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London. The Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master presided, supported by the Earl of Mar and Kellie Grand Master of Scotland, General Laurie Grand Master of Nova Scotia, Sir Francis Burdett as Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carrington Grand Senior Warden, Sir J. W. Ellis Grand Junior Warden, Sir Albert Woods (Garter) Grand Director of Ceremonies, J. Derby Allcroft Grand Treasurer, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Æ. J. McIntyre Grand Registrar, Sir John B. Monckton President Board of General Purposes, J. Penrice G.S.D., J. Else and Beswicke N. Royds G.J. Deacons., David Smith Deputy G.D. of Cer., R. T. Pigott Asst. G.D. of Cer., Ernest E. Wendt G. Secretary for German Correspondence, John Messent G.S.B., W. R. Wood G.P., H. Krauss P.D.G.M. British Burmah, Hugh D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal, Revs. C. W. Arnold, J. Studholme Brownrigg, H. Adair Picard, C. Martyn, Simpson, A. W. Hall, J. E. Cox, D.D., Past G. Chaplains, Capt. N. G. Philips, J. A. Rucker, C. E. Murton, Frank Richardson, Brackstone Baker, R. Grey, Peter de Lande Long, H. J. P. Dumas, Henry Maudslay, Raynham W. Stewart, J. M. Case, J. Sampson Peirce, Raphael Costa, J. H. Scott, Colonel H. S. Somerville-Burney, Past Grand Deacons; George Lambert, Joshua Nunn, Duff-Filer, C. Greenwood, Past Grand Sword Bearers; Magnus Ohren, J. Lewis-Thomas, F.S.A., Dumas, Past Grand Assistant Directors of Ceremonies; Jekyll and Kuhe Past Grand Organists; Albert, Howe, and Cubitt Past Grand Pursuivants, Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette P.M. 1657, Alfred Brookman P.M. 1657, Jolliffe J.W. 1657, Captain Nicols W.M. 1974, Leopold Ruf P.M., Atkins P.M. 27, Hamer P.M. 1426, Headon P.M. Treasurer 1426, Roebuck P.M., Medwin W.M. 1618, Frederick Binckes Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Jas. Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Hubbuck Past G. Steward, G. P. Festa W.M. 1900, Hammerton P.M., Hammond P.M., Pratt W.M. 192, Fred. Davison Prov. Grand S.W. Middlesex, Lovegrove P.M. 1949, G. Kenning P.M. 192 and 1657, Edmands Past Grand Steward, Murlis P.M., E. Stillwell 1, E. F. Storr P.M. and Treasurer 22, Woodman J.W. 1950, Baker 1471, Keeble W.M. elect 1426, Baber Junior Warden 1426, Henry Povey W.M. 22, Robert W. Coulcher J.W. 22, F. J. Hentsch W.M. 211, T. H. Lavers and Alfred Withers P.M.'s 211, W. Radcliffe P.M. and Sec. 211, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211, &c. After the formal opening of Grand Lodge, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the Prince of Wales was declared duly re-installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Earl of Carnravon was again appointed by His Royal Highness as Pro Grand Master, and the Earl of Lathom as Deputy Grand Master. The Earl of Lathom then announced that he had received a letter from the Earl of Carnarvon, apologising for his absence, on the ground of ill-health. The Earl of Lathom afterwards said he had a duty to perform which would give him and all the brethren in Grand Lodge pleasure. In consideration of the long and valuable services, as Grand Registrar, rendered to the Order by Bro. Æ. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., for a period of twenty-one years, the Grand Master had been pleased to confer upon him the rank of a Past Grand Warden, and he (the Earl of Lathom) now asked Grand Lodge to authorise him, in the name of the Grand Master, and on his behalf to invest Bro. McIntyre with the collar and jewel of a Past Grand Warden. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

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Grand Registrar,
on his appointment as Past Grand Warden, in recognition of years of faithful, able and zealous service as Grand Registrar,
25th April 1883.

Bro. McIntyre was formally invested.

The following were then appointed and invested as the Grand Officers for the year:—

Bro. The Earl of Milltown	Senior Grand Warden
The Right Hon. Col. Stanley	Junior Grand Warden
John Derby Allcroft	Grand Treasurer
Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P.	Grand Registrar
Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke	Grand Secretary
E. E. Wendt, D.C.L.	Sec. German Correspondence
Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter)	Grand Director of Ceremonies
The Rev. H. G. Morse, M.A.	Grand Chaplains
Rev. W. O. Thompson, M.A.	Grand Chaplains
Thomas William Tew	Senior Grand Deacons
Dr. Ralph Gooding	Senior Grand Deacons
Frank Green	Junior Grand Deacons
T. H. Devonshire	Junior Grand Deacons
Lieut. Colonel James Peters	Grand Sword Bearer
Horace Jones	G. Superintendent of Works
Thomas Dolling Bolton	Deputy Grand Dir. of Cer.
Raymond Henry Thrupp	Assistant Grand Dir. of Cer.
Lieut. Colonel Gough	Grand Standard Bearers
Edgar Bowyer	Grand Standard Bearers
W. Cusins	Grand Organist
H. G. Buss	Assistant Grand Secretary
L. F. Littell	Grand Pursuivant
W. Stephens	Assistant do.
H. Sadler	Grand Tyler

The following brethren will be the Grand Stewards for the new year:—

Brothers John William Fuller 1, Walter Jarvis 14, George Acland Ames 2, William Tickle Whitmore 4, John William Jones 5, James Robert Fitzjames Claridge 6, Thomas Skewes Cox 8, Thomas Francis Peacock 21, Harry Nicholas Mills 23, Edward Milner 26, John David McKenzie Von Dadelszen 29, Charles Gervaise Boxall 46, Savile Arundel Tucker 58, A. Torkington 60, Benjamin Bull 91, Henry Trueman Wood 99, Edward Henry Burnell 197, and Herbert Addington Rigg 259.

Shortly afterwards Grand Lodge was closed.

The banquet took place as usual in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, and the result was most creditable to the Grand Stewards, on whom devolves the responsibility of catering. The chair was taken by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. Wither B. Beach, M.P., who, in speaking to the first toast said, we are commanded by the precepts of our Order to honour our Sovereign, and as loyal subjects and good Freemasons he would ask the brethren to drink to the Queen and the Craft. This request having been responded to, the second toast was the Prince and Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family. The Princess of Wales, ever since her first appearance in this country had endeared herself to the hearts of the people. Few days elapse without the Prince of Wales, or other member of the Royal Family, appear in some public duty, and as a rule the duty is associated with the promotion of Charity. Such services they invariably perform with ability. After the glee, "By Celia's Arbour," the Grand

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Master in the chair rose for the next toast: We must congratulate ourselves that amongst the multifarious duties which fall to the lot of the Prince of Wales, he has consented to take the Presidency of the Order of Freemasons. His Royal Highness never fails to transact the business connected with that high position, and as he has taken part in several Masonic ceremonies in the country, we may express the fervent wish that the time may not be far distant when he may do the same in London, where undoubtedly he will receive the most enthusiastic support. The next toast on the list was the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, and Sister Lodges, and with it was associated the names of the Earl of Mar and Kellie G.M. Scotland, and General Laurie G.M. of Nova Scotia, both of whom responded. In introducing the toast of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, Bro. Beach said, it had been the intention of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, to be present to preside over the Grand Lodge, and to have occupied the position of Chairman at this Festival; but, unfortunately, he had been precluded by illness from attending. He felt sure they would sympathise with him in the cause of his absence, and wish him a speedy recovery to health. The Deputy G.M. was present at Grand Lodge, but in consequence of another engagement, it had been impossible for him to be here. The Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain, in replying, congratulated the brethren on having such a man as the Earl of Carnarvon to preside over them. The Earl of Carnarvon had done good suit and service during the time he had been Pro Grand Master, and is known and respected by all. So far as the Deputy Grand Master is concerned, we all have a warm affection and regard for him. He is ever ready to be present to fulfil his task, with zeal and with discretion, and is always at the right hand of the M.W.G.M. to succour and assist him in the various duties he has to fulfil. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, in proposing the R.W. Prov. Grand Masters, said they were brethren who were known and esteemed among us. The M.W.G.M. in the chair is the senior of the English Grand Masters; he (Bro. Monckton) only obeyed orders when he placed this toast before the brethren. He passed over Bro. Sandeman, a District Grand Master, hailing from the other side of the world (Bengal), but very highly esteemed, in order that he might come nearer home and connect this toast with the much loved name of Bro. Sir Francis Burdett. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett thanked the brethren for the kind and enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast. He was deputed to represent a very large body of brethren—a body that presides over the greater part of this country. The country is divided into large districts, and those districts were presided over by Prov. Grand Masters and Deputy Prov. Grand Masters. We can include among the Prov. Grand Masters the highest members of the Craft. The Earls of Carnarvon and Lathom come among us, and do their duties satisfactorily to all the brethren in their Provinces. There are very few of the Order who are not in some way or other associated or connected with the Prov. Grand Masters, and he felt very much gratified in having now the opportunity of thanking all for the kind support they gave to their Prov. G. Masters. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, District Grand Master of Bengal, proposed the next toast, the health of the Worshipful Brother who had presided. Bro. Beach was well known to all here; he was well known as an active supperter of their Charities, and he was well known as one who had frequently presided at their meetings; but he was even more known in his own Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. In reply, the Grand Master in the chair, Bro. Beach, said it was at a moment's notice that he was called upon to take the chair. He had little thought of doing so when he entered Grand Lodge, but being called upon to perform the duty, he could not refuse. He was much gratified at the many kind things that had been said as to the discharge of his duties as chairman. In introducing the toast of the Visitors, the Grand Master in the chair said they had had the pleasure of drinking the health of the representatives of other Grand Lodges; but there were other visitors, and all would be glad to show they appreciated their presence there. Bro. Macnamara, in reply, said there were two subjects connected with this toast which demanded the attention of Masons; he was happy in his own person to be able to return his most sincere thanks for the two in combination—one is, that of hospitality; he thanked them exceedingly for the noble display and kind manner to himself individually, and to his country, in which they had received him. Masonry is one of the best Institutions in the world; is one of the greatest Institutions that existed in Ireland, one of the Institutions that claim loyalty to the Crown as one of its greatest aims. There is not throughout the length and breadth of that great land a single man who is a Mason who is not a loyal supporter of the Crown and a devoted adherent of his Royal Highness and the distinguished lady who had once honoured them with her presence; who are loved throughout the length and breadth of the land. The other subject is, the splendid Masonic Charities of this country; he had the distinguished honour to be received at the Girls' School last Thursday, and if ever conceit was knocked out of any man completely and entirely, it was the conceit that they could do anything in Ireland like that. When he perceived the noble Institution which their generosity had instituted and carried out, and the children they had there, he asked them to allow him to compliment them upon every measure connected with it; whether it were the generous and courteously kind way in which they receive any one who visit, the nice pleasant affectionate looking girls that they saw there, or the admirable way the governesses go through and discharge their duties. He never spent a happier day than he did last Thursday when he visited the Girls' School. Professor Galbraith said it was a common thing for speakers to say they were taken by surprise when called upon to address a meeting, but he might say on that occasion that he was so taken by surprise, because all that could be said, and well said by men coming from his country, had been already uttered by Bro. Macnamara. He had nothing to add, except to say that his heart overflowed with gratitude for the reception they had met with at the hands of our English brethren. The toast of the Grand Stewards was replied to by Bro. G. Martin, No. 1, President. A Concert was afterwards given in the Temple, under the direction of the Grand Organist.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Brother Colonel Creaton in the chair, and the following brethren: Bros. J. H. Matthews, Frank Richardson, John A. Rucker, Robert Grey, A. H. Tattershall, Henry Venn, E. Letchworth, E. M. Money, W. G. Kentish, Peter de L. Long, Edgar Bowyer, J. J. Caney, Joseph Cleaver, James Peters, Samuel H. Parkhouse, John French, H. A. Dubois, C. Hammerton, C. H. Webb, E. C. Massey. The minutes of this Committee's meeting of 29th March were read and verified, and those of the Quarterly Court on 14th April, of the House Committee on 19th April, and of the Audit Committee on 24th April were read for information. Four petitions were considered, and approved, and the names added to the list of candidates. These included one on behalf of the daughter of the late Brother Weber, formerly senior clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Instruction. The following brethren were nominated for election on the House and Audit Committees:

House Committee:—By Brother Matier, Brother James Moore; by Brother Grey, Brother Edgar Bowyer; by Brother Samuel Glover, Bros. Ralph Clutton and Raymond H. Thrupp; by Brother Colonel Creaton, Brother A. H. Tattershall; by Brother J. J. Caney, Brother Joseph Cleaver; by Brother J. M. Case, Bros. Edgar Bowyer, Dubois, Grey, Hammerton, Letchworth, Long, Mather, Matthews, Nunn, Col. Peters, Richardson, Rucker.

Audit Committee:—Brother R. Grey nominates Brother G. Drysdale; Brother Venn nominates E. C. Davies; Brother Parkhouse nominates Brother W. J. Murlis; Brother Tattershall nominates Brother George Brown; Brother F. Richardson nominates Brothers W. Bailey, J. G. Chancellor, J. Cutbush, Herbert Dicketts, Thomas Kingston, H. C. Levander, William Roebuck, Henry Venn.

Bros. Earny, Newton, Stevens and Tyerman were appointed Scrutineers.

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MASONRY IN GERMANY.

HAMBURG, 18TH APRIL 1883.

IN my first letter I gave you a short account of the Festival of the Grand Lodge in Frankfort, and if my time had not been so very limited then I should have accompanied said account with a few remarks on Masonry in general which might have come, perhaps, not quite *mal a propos* on that occasion. However, better late than never. It is generally admitted that a reform of our Lodge life is essential, and it seems to me that as a first step in this direction it would be advisable for Lodges to become more scrupulous in the admission of candidates; *we should not count our members, but weigh them.* If the following remarks, which occurred to me after a conversation on the subject of Masonry with a conspicuous brother in this city, are the means of reminding one or other of the lukewarm or lazy brethren of their duty towards their Lodge, I shall be well paid for my trouble.

It lies in the nature—in the true and so often questioned, so often misunderstood, so often disputed nature—of Masonry that the *best* she is striving for, the *best* she is able to accomplish, and really does accomplish, withdraws itself not only from the perception of the profane, but often enough also of the initiated. To him, however, who only pays attention to self, and to his brethren, it must have become clear that the living, simple word, coming from and going to the heart, produces in the soul manifold emotions which will gain a certain influence on the activity of thought and on the will. All impurity suppressed here, and all the room gained for noble exertions, is the cause of many a return from the wrong, and of many an earnest resolve to remain in the right way after this has once been gained. Not the phrase and not the ceremonies can produce such an influence on our mind; it is the holiness of the place, the symbol, and above all, a single tone of speech that comes from the heart; that takes and prepares our heart and mind for good deeds. But such deeds as Masonry can boast of cannot be registered, they cannot be expressed in numbers, measure, or weight; they are invisible. They are the *best* Freemasonry accomplishes, and they hide the precious treasure of the real Masonic secret. No traitor could ever yet betray that. If Masonry aims at the mental and moral perfection of mankind, if she strives to equalise the existing contrasts, then the question whether Freemasonry is still in accordance with the spirit of the age appears to be almost a mockery, for in our days those ideal treasures of mankind are endangered the preservation and furtherance of which is the aim and striving of Masonry.

And what does the Order accomplish in this respect? We cannot, and ought not, to deceive ourselves; the present requires more at our hands than we have accomplished heretofore, for only as in the measure we meet these greater requirements the Order will gain authority and credit; or, what is better still, will be better able to serve the great aims of Freemasonry.

The proposals which may be made to us to bring Lodge life more in accordance with the spirit of the age should not be spurned because something altogether new is proposed, or an old and even endeared custom is to be abolished or to be replaced by another one; by no means, the merits and demerits of such proposals should be well examined into and the best selected. But *every brother Freemason* should participate in such examination, at least all those who have an earnest and devout perception of their duty. His *first* duty is a regular attendance at the workings of his Lodge. Whoever cannot, and will not, make a sacrifice to his Lodge of a part of his time, otherwise devoted to pleasure, or of a certain part of personal labour, he is in my opinion no real Freemason. The good and able men amongst us do not see themselves, because the lukewarm and indifferent ones stand between them. May the number become smaller if we only increase in power within. Either the combined endeavours will succeed (only the will is to be doubted, not the possibility) in intellectually raising the Lodge to a more prominent position, till she becomes a power which, through intelligence and moral efficiency, gains a powerful influence on the profane world, or she will more and more become a friendly alliance, thereby deviating from her great and noble aims. The Lodge will become a power if men of great moral character and intelligence of the profane world, who *are* Freemasons without belonging to the Order, come to our temples for admittance, and become working members; a power, not in the usual sense of the word, not visible and loud, but a power deliberating in modest secrecy, whose champions, ever strengthened by the feeling of unity, and armed with the consciousness of a widely spread confederation, will courageously struggle for light and truth.

"*Remember thy duty towards Freemasonry, and thou art standing in the service of the moral invariable laws of nature which you believe.*"

LODGE ATTENDANCE.

FROM THE FREEMASON'S ADVOCATE.

WHILE in conversation with the W.M. of one of our Lodges, a short time since, he asked this question: "What can I do to increase the attendance at the communications of my Lodge?" The question asked is a very important one, and it made a deep impression on my mind—knowing that he was not the only one that was racking his brain to devise some means whereby he could increase the attendance at the communications of his Lodge. The question has been often asked, and probably will be in the future, and I, for one, do not know that it has been ever satisfactorily answered, either in practice or in theory. I am well aware that any one can theorise; but to put each theory into practice is entirely another affair. It is a serious question how a Master that has the welfare of Masonry, and his own Lodge in particular at heart, can put new life into the sluggish blood of his brethren? He often asks himself, What can he do to cause a *revival* amongst Masons? Theoretically, we all have our ideas how it can be done; but theory and practice do not always go hand in hand. Practice fails where theory has made it perfectly plain. At the first thought one would naturally suppose that the brethren alone were wholly to blame, and that no responsibility rests upon the Officers—especially the Master—for the non-attendance at Lodge communications. In many of our Lodges the Masters act as if they were mere figure-heads (such as is too often the case) who think when the hours of labour close their labours cease; and when the Lodge is at refreshment they put a literal construction upon refreshments as far as the affairs of their Lodges are concerned. Now, let us take the unpopular view of the question and attempt to show that the brethren at large are not wholly to blame; but that the responsibility rests, in a great measure, upon the Officers themselves, more especially upon the W.M. He may do it theoretically, but practically, at any rate, a little scolding to some of our Officers may not do them any harm.

Now, I claim that the attendance of a Lodge depends a great deal upon what kind of a Master presides over that Lodge. If he be a man of an easy, careless, don't-like-to-exert-himself temperament, he will conduct the affairs of his Lodge in about the same manner that he does his own affairs; if he does not like to exert himself in them, he will not be very apt to exert himself in the affairs of his Lodge, and that Masonic business is the last and least of his troubles. After a good deal of physical effort, on his part, he succeeds in getting to his Lodge-room, on the evening appointed for the meetings. After he does once get there, and if there should not happen to be enough present to commence business, he sits down in the easiest position he can find, and languidly wonders why the brethren do not turn out; or, perhaps, he elevates his heels to an angle of forty-five degrees—Yankee fashion—and entertains his hearer or hearers (if he has any) with choice bits of slang and scandal. The moments pass away, until he finally concludes to go to work, and he does it in just about as easy, indifferent a way as he does everything else. Well, he blunderingly opens his Lodge, transacts the usual routine business, closes it, turns out the lights and goes home—or somewhere else. "Out of sight out of mind." Out of his Lodge-room, no thought or care, unless he is to assist in the eating degree—and he does not forget that, I assure you. Oh no! That is the best part of Masonry to him. Such a Master as that is not long in bringing his Lodge into the same way of thinking, and they, as well as he, lose all interest and care of the real work of Masonry. No life, no energy—unless there happens to be a banquet, then:

"Alas! what a change—
What once was dead
Is dead no more."

There is life enough then; no laggards or drones then, I can assure you.

The members, after a time, begin to ask themselves the question, that if the man they have appointed to preside over them does not manifest any interest in the Lodge, why should they?—forgetting that if he does not they should. The influence of such a Master is greater than one would imagine. In a few years, at the most, that Lodge is numbered amongst "the things that were," its influence gone, its mission unfulfilled, and Masonry a bye-word and reproach. Now, what is the remedy? In the first place, when the brethren find they have erred in their judgment, and that their Master is one of that kind of men, and that the Lodge interests are to suffer by his hands, let each one of the workers (no use talking of the drones) put their shoulder to the wheel and do their best to counteract the influence of the Master. Let them exert every nerve, and put forth every energy to keep up their Lodge, even if then they may be accused of doing the work of the Master, remembering that it is for the good of Masonry that they are engaged in, not for the personal good of any one member or any particular class of members. Let this thought buoy them up, that the time is coming when a new Master is to be elected, and then let them do their duty and elect a working man to preside over them. Have a care that he has some

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life in him. If he does commit a few trifling mistakes, better put up with them than have a Lodge of drones, or the influence of that Lodge destroyed by laxity. Let him be a fair ritualist—do not ask him to be perfect, for that is an impossibility. Ritualism is good in its place; but it is but a small part of Masonry. Let him be one who is familiar with the Bye-laws of his own Lodge and of his Grand Lodge; besides that, a general knowledge of Masonic Jurisprudence and custom. But, above all, have him a man that is not afraid to take off his coat, roll up his sleeves and go to work with a vim; not one of your dilly-dally, white-gloved fellows, who thinks more of parting his hair in the middle and the perfect faultlessness of his attire than he does of real Masonry; but have him a worker—a real live worker—one who views Masonry as it is, and as founders designed that it should be. If he has a lifeless Lodge to preside over, let him go to each one of his members, personally, and plead, beg—coax, and even throw in a few mild threats—for them to assist him in bringing his Lodge back to its original standing. He will get many a sharp rebuff, and, no doubt, will get discouraged; but keep digging, keep at work—put up with everything if you can only accomplish good by it. After he has pursued this course, he will find them straggling in one by one. He will find that he has infused some of his own life into them, and they will be as anxious as he is himself. Let him despatch the business of his Lodge as if it was his own business; but let him fully realise that to be a good Master is no boy's play. Do not let the routine affairs drag along as if you were fighting against time, but do it promptly, quickly, and to the point. Do not wear a long-faced, solemn visage, as if you were the chief mourner at a funeral, or that the responsibility of the welfare of the whole Fraternity rested upon your shoulders. When you are in your station, do your duty as a man and a Mason; but when you leave it, unbend and be a brother amongst them. If a question should arise which is detrimental to the best interests of Masonry, and in confliction to law and usage, *squelch* it. If you are in doubt, let it rest until your doubts are removed, and then decide it; it will not spoil by delay. When you are performing the opening ceremonies, it is not necessary that you should repeat from the Alpha to the Omega of the ritualistic lectures, but cut it short where it can be done without marring any of the beauty of the ceremony; not too terse—but, at the same time, not long enough to weary your brethren, for when one is tired he loses interest,—as it may be as familiar to them as it is to you. When you get to the real, solid work of the Lodge-room' then take off your coat, infuse life into your actions; do not stand like a stook of wood, but have some animation about. Do not go through the ritualistic work as if you were a parrot, and could only say "pretty Polly," but put some force into it—emphasise it when necessary—do it with your voice, though, not with your hands and feet. Above all else, use every effort to impress upon the minds of seekers after light that there is something in our beautiful ritual besides a schoolboy declamation. Study it. Find out for yourself its beautiful points, and then impress them upon the minds of all. Act and speak as if you meant every word you said, and knew just what you were about—that you knew your duty and place, and meant to do it. If any Lodge or Master has not tried that course, let them try it and see if the result will not be beneficial. Mark the difference between the wide-awake, active Master, and the good-natured, easy, indifferent one. The work of both prove for themselves.

If that course does not improve the attendance of the Lodge, try some other. In the majority of cases it will be found that *as the Master of the Lodge*. Brethren do not like to come from a distance to simply see the opening and closing ceremonies, and the usual details spun out to the very end of tediousness, nor will they do it many times, for they soon lose all interest in Masonry, until, finally, they give it up altogether, when, had the Officers, especially the Master, been faithful to their trust, the result might have been different. There are other reasons, perhaps, why the Lodge attendance is not increased; but whatever they may be, it must be admitted, in both theory and practice, that upon the Master, in a great measure, depends the prosperity of the Lodge. Let the Master look well to the East, and, as the sun governs the day with regularity, so must he be as regular in governing his Lodge. Let wisdom, strength and beauty be combined; each, when separate, fully able to support the other. Let them who bear the rods be well versed in their parts, and who bespeak for that Lodge prosperity and plenty. Infuse life into the Lodge by means of its Officers, and right nobly will the mission of that Lodge be accomplished. Put theory into practice, and no fear of the result. Sit down and idly dream over it, and the result is just as plain,—on the one hand, prosperity; but, on the other, indifference and ultimate destruction.

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THE MAY ELECTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the forthcoming Election of Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, there are no less than 120 candidates, and, accordingly, the same number of sets of papers to be sorted and counted. In order, therefore, to lighten and expedite the work of the Scrutineers, I would venture to suggest to those brethren who are working the respective cases, to place their votes together, in packets of fifties, hundreds, or more, and not in single papers; also if there is time, and they could place the papers of the same value together, it would greatly assist the enumeration.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A PAST SCRUTINEER.

THE FREEMASON'S SECRET.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A Scotch Brother, on the Cunard Steam Ship Batavia, gave me a slip of a Scotch paper to read, containing the enclosed original poem, recited at the consecration of a Lodge at which the said brother was present. I can only say, its humour amused me greatly. I believe it deserves a corner in your journal, so here is a copy of it, and if your opinion and mine coincide, why, print it.

I remain,

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 13th April 1883.

BY BRO. R. HUNTER.

In an auld burgh toon that I daurna weel name,
That boasts of its hicht in the annals o' fame,
There lived at the time of this short rhyming tale,
A canty old couple baith hearty and hale.
Fu' lang had they travelled thegether through life,
Wi' a routh of its joys, and but little o' strife;
For the worthy guidman, sae the neebors wad say,
In settlin' disputes had a pauky auld way,
And when oucht wad arise to annoy and harass,
He wad quietly say, "There noo, Jenny, my lass,
Since for weel or for wae we are tied to ae tether,
Let's look ower ithers fauts and pu' cheerful thegether."
And sae, with a kindly bit word and a smile,
The auld wifie's anger he aft wad beguile.
But the best o' us all are but mortals, I wot,
And the auld proverb's true "There's a crook in ilk lot,"
And sae no to gie ye a lengthy narration,
A crook Jenny had—her guidman was a Mason.
No a mason by trade, but a Freemason grand,
Wi' his secrets, his signs, and his grips of the hand;
And, oh! but it troubled the auld body sair,
To think he had secrets that she couldna' share,
And for week after week, aye, and year after year,
Baith early and late the same questions she'd spier.
She had wrocht roon' his heart, and she'd wrocht roon' his fears,
She had tried him wi' fleeching, wi' flyting, wi' tears,
But it a' wadna do, for by nicht or by day,
He only wad answer her, "Nay, Jenny, nay."
But the hardest of stanes aye maun yield to the stroke,
As the constant drap drapping 'll wear out the rock.
Sae ae cauld winter's nicht when he'd come frae the meeting,
And Jenny began wi' her fleeching and greeting,
He rose frae his seat in the deepest vexation,
Saying, "Weel, weel, at last I shall mak' ye a Mason;
Gae bar ilka door, and mak' a' thing fu' ticht,
For awfu's the gait ye maun travel this nicht,
'Mid rapping and chapping, 'mid darkness and gloom,
And a' sorts of horrors on this side the tomb.
Sae mak up ye'r mind e'er I tak ye awa far,
Daur ye gang through the secret?" quo' Jenny "I daur."
"But," quo' the guidman, "I had almost forgot,
Whate'er shall we dae for want o' a goat?
Gae bring the big stool frae the ben ingle neuk,
And bring me the poker, sand glass, and Buik;
Syne tak ye your seat wi' your een steckit ticht,
And ne'er speak a word while I screw doon the licht.
Noo, tak ye this sand glass, an emblem of death,
And ower the guid Book swear a terrible aith,
That ye'll never reveal what this nicht ye may hear,
Nor at yer guidman ony mair questions speir,
But wi' Masons and Masonry leave me alane;"
To whilk she responded wi' solemn "Amen."
"Noo, tak ye the poker, come, ne'er think to fret,"
Quo' Jenny, "My faith, but ye have made it *richt het*,
The goodness be wi' us, but this is nae fun,"
But he stampit his fit like the crack o' a gun.
"I daur ye to whisper, far less thus to cry,"
To whilk a sair sich was the only reply;
Syne he bent ower her shoulder fu' solemn and queer,
While Jenny sat quaking and tremlin' wi' fear,
And he whispered fu' low, sae that nae ane micht hear,
"Will ye promise again *nae mair questions to speir?*
But can ye keep secret? speak low in reply;"
Quo' Jenny "I can;" then quo' Tam, "So can I!"
And frae that day till this he can gang to the meeting,
Without either fleeching or flyting or greeting.

At the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185, Comp. Nathan Moss M.E.Z. was presented with an elegant P.Z.'s jewel, as an acknowledgment of the high esteem in which he is held by the Companions, and in token of their appreciation of the services rendered by him during his year of office.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723, BOLTON.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday the 25th April, at the Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton, at four o'clock in the afternoon. Bros. W. Court W.M., Robert Latham S.W., John Barrett J.W., John Priestley Chaplain, Geo. Ferguson Treasurer, Nath. Nicholson P.M. Secretary, E.G. Harwood S.D., J. W. Taylor P.Prov. G.O. M.C., T. E. Smith Organist, T. B. Tong I.G, J. W. Roiley Tyler, W.E. Bardsley and B. Derham Stewards. P.M.'s Bros. G. P. Brockbank Past Prov. S.G.D., Grand Steward Scotland, Thomas Morris, J. H. Greenhalgh, J. M. Rutter, John Bromley, James Richardson, James Haywood, N. Nicholson. Bros. J. B. Goulburn, John Collins, William Pendlebury, Thomas Arden, Thomas Naylor, James Fogg, Thomas Morris jun., Miles Settle, James Forbes, J. W. Hawksworth, James Parkinson, Samuel Brierley, W. D. Hughes. Visitors—Bros. H. Greenwood P. Prov. G. Purs., Thomas Provincial Grand Tyler, Rooke Pennington P.M. 37, John Morris P.M. 37 and 146, Charles Brierley W.M. 42, William Cooper P.M. 146, John Isherwood W.M. 221, James Walker J.D. 221, Thomas Rimmer 146, J. Fawcett Skelton J.W. 146, C. A. Pontefract 337, G. W. Dyson 348, W. Crankshaw W.M. 348, Thomas Higson P.M. 348, J. Lee Wood S.W. 350, F. H. Cheesewright 907, John Marsden 381, Peter Lowe 381, and F. M. Bentley, Mus. Doc., Org. 37. Lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; it forthwith proceeded to the second degree, when the W.M. elect—Bro. Robert Latham—was presented by Bro. Job H. Greenhalgh P.M. to a Board of Installed Masters, under the presidency of Bro. G. P. Brockbank W.M. of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, and Senior Past Master of this Lodge, and duly obligated as regards the government of the Lodge, the St. George's Lodge choir singing the anthem, "I will lift up mine eyes," by Whitfield, and on saluting they also chanted "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips that they speak no guile." The Lodge having been opened in the third degree, Bro. Latham was duly installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. Brockbank, the usual proclamation made by Bro. N. Nicholson, and saluted in ancient form by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. W. Taylor Past Provincial Grand Organist, Master of Ceremonies. The Auditors presented the balance sheet of the Treasurer, which they certified as correct, and thereupon Bro. Ferguson was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Roiley was re-elected Tyler. The following brethren were appointed by the W.M. as his Officers for the ensuing year, and they, along with the Treasurer and Tyler, were duly invested with the collar and jewel of their respective offices, the usual explanation of the duties being rendered by Bro. Nicholson:—Bros. John Barrett (Chairman of the Board of Guardians, Bolton Union) S.W., E. G. Harwood (Mayor of Bolton) J.W., N. Nicholson P.M. Secretary, A. Cosgrave S.D., T. B. Tong J.D., J. W. Taylor P.M. M.C., E. Smith Organist, W. E. Bardsley I.G., Derham and Naylor Stewards. The customary charges to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren were delivered by Bro. Brockbank. Anthem—"Send out thy Light," Gounod. A gentleman was proposed for initiation. Bro. Brockbank announced that the W.M. had given him the necessary sum to qualify as a Life Governor for the Boys' School, and also for the Girls' School; also to serve as Steward for those Charities at the forthcoming Festivals. The announcement created the liveliest feeling of satisfaction amongst the brethren present. It was also stated that the Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Starkie, intended to lay the foundation stone of a new church, adjoining his estates at Tong Moor, near Bolton, in the month of May, and that a Masonic ceremony was contemplated for the occasion. The brethren expressed their desire to give support to the Prov. Grand Master at that time, and to make a good muster to meet him. A portion of the Ancient Rules and Charges having been read by the Senior Warden, the Lodge was closed in form, and with prayer, at six o'clock.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE DALHOUSIE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 860.

THE brethren of this Lodge of Instruction held their annual supper on Friday, 20th instant, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, under the presidedcy of the worthy Preceptor, Bro. Wallington, who was supported by Bros. Christian and Clark as S.W. and J.W., while among the other brethren present were Bros. Barker (the W.M. of the mother Lodge), Barham, Carr, Smyth, Young, Brasted, &c. After the brethren had enjoyed the good things provided by the worthy host, Bro. Wallington proceeded to give the few toasts customary on such occasions. The first—Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft—was proposed in a few well-chosen words, and heartily acknowledged. "Prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction" followed. Bro. Wallington, in proposing it, said the Lodge had had a varied and chequered career, like most Lodges of Instruction; but on the average it would compare well with any other, no matter where they were situated. Lately, the attendances had somewhat fallen off, but he heard that the Dalhousie was not alone in that respect. Of one thing they could boast—they had a large number of old friends, who came week by week to keep up the work of the Lodge, and he, as Preceptor, felt some amount of honour was done him by their so doing. He was very pleased to continue in the office of Preceptor of the Lodge, and hoped he might live for many years to be present at the weekly meetings of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction. Many brethren who had recently passed the chair of their Lodge, as well as many present Wardens, had obtained their knowledge of the Ritual in the Dalhousie Lodge. It was very gratifying to find so many of the pupils going through the work to the satisfaction of their respective Lodges. He was quite sure that those who attended week by week enjoyed the meetings as much as he did, and hoped with him that the Lodge might long continue in the path of prosperity, the number of its members increasing week by week. Brother Carr, the Secretary, acknowledged the toast. No one could wish the Lodge more success than he did. Although the attendances during the past twelve months had not been quite so good as in previous years, they were yet able to boast of 615 attendances during the year, giving an average of over 12 for each of the fifty nights on which meetings had been held. The fact that they had held meetings on fifty of the fifty-two Tuesdays in the year was something for them to be proud of. In conclusion, he could but hope that all the old members would rally round the Lodge, and one and all endeavour to secure their friends as members. They could not do better than attend the Dalhousie. The Fifteen Sections had been worked once during the past year, on which occasion Bro. Musto occupied the chair, and it was hoped that he would again undertake the task ere long, when doubtless there would be a good muster of brethren to support him. The President next proposed the health of the Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge, who was that night present as a guest. Brother Barker was one who they were all pleased to see. It had been the custom for many years past for the Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge to preside at the Instruction supper, but, in consequence of some little dissatisfaction having been expressed by some of the members, who seemed to look upon the W.M. as a stranger, Brother Barker had been informed of the state of affairs and agreed the proper thing to do was to make an alteration; accordingly, they that night had their Preceptor in the chair, and the Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge as a guest. Brother Barker had doubtless met many of those present at one or other of the Lodges of Instruction they were in the habit of attending. Personally he (Bro. Wallington) could refer to him as one of his best pupils, one of whom he was very proud. He had but recently been installed as Master and gave every promise of a successful presidency. Brother Barker tendered his thanks for the cordial reception accorded him. He considered he had virtually been born in the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction. It was there that he had learned the ritual of Freemasonry, and to it and the careful tuition of Brother Wallington he was indebted for what he knew. His ability to perform the duties required of him now that he was Worshipful Master of his Lodge was entirely owing to the care their Preceptor had taken in teaching him the several points. Brother Christian Senior Warden gave the toast of the health of the Preceptor of the Lodge, the President of the evening. A better friend or Freemason, or a more worthy Preceptor, could not be found. Many of those around the table owed all they knew in Freemasonry to him, and he therefore felt no further comments were necessary. He would conclude by wishing Bro. Wallington long life and good health. Bro. Wallington could but assure the brethren that he was delighted to be present that evening and preside over so large a gathering of the Lodge. He recognised many old faces, and thanked them for their attendance; he could but feel gratified to see around him several new faces; he hoped all would continue their support. The health of Bro. Carr, Secretary of the Lodge, was next given, Bro. Wallington referring to the great interest he took in the Lodge, and thanking him, on behalf of the members, for his services in the past. Bro. Carr having replied, the toasts of the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Press, the Organist, the Host, &c. were given, and each was responded to. The proceedings were interspersed with songs and recitations; a most enjoyable meeting being brought to a conclusion just before midnight.

Obituary.

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CAPTAIN JOHN WORDSWORTH.

IT is with extreme regret that we announce the death of Brother Captain John Wordsworth, Past Grand Steward, Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden West Yorkshire, and Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason of West Yorkshire, which sad event occurred on Friday, 20th instant, at his residence, Blenheim House, Manningham, Bradford. Up to within the last year or two Captain Wordsworth was a constant attendant at the Elections for the Masonic Institutions, and was as well known at these meetings as any of the London brethren. He was a consistent supporter of the Charities, and an earnest worker. A full account of his Masonic career will be found in the Second Series of our Masonic Portraits, wherein he is designated "A Grand Steward."

A meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvememt was held at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, Islington, on Thursday, 19th inst. Comps. Dean Prov. Grand Registrar occupied the chair of Z., Gregory H., R. Bird (member of the Royal Geographical Society) J., Hunter S.N., Hubbard P.S. The ceremony was conducted throughout in an admirable manner. Comp. Faulckner, of the Era Chapter, joined this Chapter of Improvement, and Captain A. Nicols was present as a visitor. This Chapter of Improvement is rapidly progressing, and is turning out some first class workers, who will do honour in the future to Royal Arch Masonry.

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HENNIKER LODGE, No. 315.

THIS Lodge was consecrated on Saturday last, the 21st inst., at the Hall of Grand Mark Lodge, Red Lion-square. The Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the degree, conducted the ceremony; he was supported by Bros. Captain N. G. Philips, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Frank Richardson, Philbrick, Q.C., and several others. His Lordship, in opening the proceedings, reminded the brethren of the great interest he took in the Order; he was pleased to give his sanction to the Lodge being named after him. He added his hope that when his term of office had expired, his name would be handed down as one amongst the Past Grand Masters whose interest in the Mark Degree had not been the least. Brother Frederick Binckes, the Grand Mark Secretary, afterwards installed Brother Edgar Bowyer as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Lord Henniker and the Officers who assisted at the consecration were elected honorary members of the Lodge, and Brother Bowyer undertook a Stewardship on behalf of the Lodge for the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

A new Chapter of Instruction has recently been established, entitled the Camden, and the members meet at the "Boston," Junction Road, Holloway, on Wednesday evenings, at half-past eight. Comp. J. D. Collier P.M. P.Z. is the Preceptor, and Comp. H. Slyman H. is the Scribe E.

On Monday afternoon Lord Wolseley was advanced to the degree of a Mark Master Mason at an emergency meeting of the Old Kent (Time Immemorial) Lodge of Mark Master Masons, 8A Red Lion-square. The brethren present on the occasion were Bros. the Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker M.W.G.M., Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., James Moon P.M. as W.M., J. L. Mather S.W., John Ramsey J.W., Thos. Keen M.O., Henry Venn P.M. as S.O., Charles E. Soppet J.O., E. C. Mather P.M. Treasurer, J. E. Pinder R. of M., D. M. Dewar Past Master Secretary, W. H. Gimingham Senior Deacon, R. Leman Junior Deacon, J. E. Anderson I.G., E. M. Money Director of Ceremonies, George Graveley Steward, Rawles Tyler; P.M.'s Frederick Binckes, H. Dicketts, William Roebuck. Bros. Frederick Davidson, G. H. Hunter, C. E. Ferry, R. H. Halford, F. J. Tyler, A. J. H. Goldney, E. F. Storr, Hatch, C. F. Matier, George Ward Verry, Gilles, Gilliam, James Terry, Edgar Bowyer, Kingston, John Webb, T. C. Walls, and E. Mills. Lodge was opened, and a ballot was taken for Bro. General Lord Wolseley, of Cairo, as a candidate for advancement. Lord Wolseley was proposed by Lord Henniker and seconded by Bro. Dewar. The ballot having proved unanimous, Bro. Lord Wolseley was regularly advanced. A ballot was taken for the Hon. A. H. Henniker, Royal Arch Chapter, No. 33, I.C., as a joining member; this candidate was proposed by the M.W. Grand Master, and seconded by Bro. Dewar. The result was unanimously in his favour. Bro. Dewar proposed a cordial and hearty vote of thanks to the M.W. Grand Master for honouring the Old Kent Lodge with his presence. This was carried by acclamation, and his lordship was unanimously elected an honorary member of this ancient Lodge. Bro. Binckes proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. General Lord Wolseley, for honouring the Old Kent by becoming a member, to which his Lordship replied. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form.

The First annual Ball of the Montefiore Cyclists' Club will be held on the 16th of May, at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, under the patronage of Bro. Leopold De Rothschild, Arthur Cohen, Q.C., M.P., Israel Abrahams F.R.S. F.R.G.S. P.M. 188, and an efficient body of Stewards. Lady's tickets 2s 6d; Gentlemen's 3s 6d; double tickets 5s; may be obtained from Miss E. P. Vallentine, 9 Huntley-street, W.C., Hon. Sec., S.J. Weingott jun., 72 Fleet-street, E.C., H. T. Marks Enfield-road, N., and I. A. Levy, Resident Sec., 32 Tavistock-place, W.C. It is anticipated there will be a numerous attendance of the members and their friends.

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The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Leicester, Northampton, and Derby will be held on the 8th of May, at Freemasons' Hall, Northampton, under the banner of the Simon de St. Liz Lodge, No. 245, when the Provincial Grand Master will be installed and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers appointed.

THE LONDON COTTAGE MISSION HALL, Salmon's Lane, Limehouse, was filled on Wednesday evening with an eager crowd of children, to whom a substantial tea of bread and butter, cake, &c., was given; after which they were entertained with dissolving views, songs, and recitations. Many of these were sung and delivered by the children themselves, and right cleverly done too. One could not help being struck by the change in the little folks; their ragged clothes showed that needle and thread had been at work, and their faces shone again with a liberal supply of soap and water—the result of the teaching their mothers had received at the Mothers' Meetings of the Mission, at which Miss Napton, the Lady Superintendent's lessons of cleanliness and thrift had evidently taken effect. Funds did not allow of the usual Irish stew dinner being given on Wednesday, hence the "tea" but it is earnestly hoped that sufficient will be received in contributions before next week to enable these poor little people to have at least one more Irish stew dinner ere the season is over. Donations and subscriptions will be gladly received, either by Miss Napton, 304 Burdett-road Limehouse, E., or by the Director of the Mission, Mr Walter Austin, 44 Finsbury Pavement, E.C.

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The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoum, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of CHLORODYNE, with which I effected miraculous cures.

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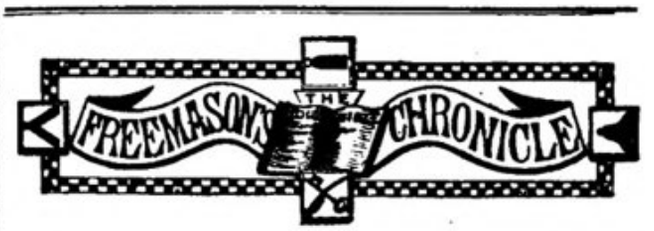

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 2nd of May next, at six o'clock in the evening.

The Regulations for the Government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business to be read.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes (as follows)

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will be submitted to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 17th January to the 17th April 1883, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

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Balance Grand Chapter - -	681	0	7	Disbursements during the quarter -	223	19	11
„ Unappropriated Account -	232	14	5	Balance - -	912	14	5
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which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions John Derby Allcroft as Z., the Rev. Philip Honoré Ernest Brette as H., Alfred Brookman as J., and ten others for a Chapter to be attached to the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, London, to be called The Aldersgate Chapter, and to meet at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate Street, in the City of London.

2nd. From Companions Frederick Howell as Z., Edwin Farley as H., James Gladwell as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470, Dunstable, to be called The Chiltern Chapter, and to meet at the Sugar Loaf Hotel, Dunstable, Bedfordshire.

3rd. From Companions Walter Goddard Rogers as Z., William Robert Woodman, M.D., as H., Mark Farrant as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Union, No. 444, Starcross, to be called The Chapter of Union, and to meet at the Courtenay Arms Hotel, Starcross, in the County of Devon.

4th. From Companions the Rev. Hayman Alfred James Cummings as Z., the Rev. Robert Jamblin as H., Henry Tuff as J., and ten others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lullingstone Lodge, No. 1837, Farningham, to be called The Lullingstone Chapter, and to meet at the Lullingstone Masonic Hall, Hawley, in the County of Kent.

5th. From Companions Arthur Edwin Taylor as Z., William Howard Paddle as H., George William Saul as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Ewell Lodge, No. 1851, Kingston, to be called The Ewell Chapter, and to meet at the Sun Hotel, Kingston, in the County of Surrey.

The foregoing Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have further to report that they have received a Memorial from the Companions of the Cana Chapter, No. 116, Colne, in the Eastern Division of Lancashire, praying for Charter authorising them to wear a Centenary Jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st February 1882.

This Memorial being in form and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of one hundred years, the Committe recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have also to report that they have recently had before them several cases, where through neglect of the Law as contained in Article 67, page 22 of the Royal Arch Regulations (Edition 1879), Candidates have been exalted at a less period than twelve calendar months from the date of becoming Master Masons—one case in particular having occurred 20 years ago, though having only now come to light. The Committee have in each case admonished the Chapters to be more observant of the Law, in the future, and have ordered the Candidates, in question, to be re-obligated. They now call attention to this serious irregularity with a view to greater care being taken in future, that the "satisfactory proof" required by the above quoted regulation be previously obtained in every instance.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, P.G.Pr. Soj.
Past Grand Treasurer,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
18th April 1883.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES FOR THE ENSUING TWELVE MONTHS.

The Revised Book of Constitutions; Critically Considered, and Compared with the Old Edition. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co., 4 Stationers' Hall Court, E.C. Sent on receipt of stamps, One Shilling, by W. W. Morgan, Freemason's Chronicle Office, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.—(ADVT).

AN AFRICAN BROTHERHOOD.—The Purrah is a strong brotherhood, in Africa, in the country back of Sierra Leone. Its definite object has not been promulgated. The ceremonies are sealed to the uninitiated, and are only discovered to be in progress by the fearful howls and shrieks heard from the the depths of the forest-recesses at midnight, and by occasional flashes of torches. When they are in progress the curious profane understands that death would follow intrusion. Whole nations own the power of the Purrah, and tremble at the mere name. When its members visit a village, which is always in the hours of darkness, the inhabitants hide themselves, in order to escape death or slavery. Another secret Order is entitled the Samo, similar in principle. Another, styled the Bundoo, admits females to membership, or is perhaps exclusively a sisterhood. Those of the sex who are initiated are sold into bondage if they contravene its laws or disobey the chief officer, called the Bundoo woman, whose chief business it is to detect and punish witchcraft.—*Masonic Review.*

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, 1883. Eleventh year of publication. Compiled by Bro. Samuel S. Partridge P.M. P.Z. P.P.S.G.W. Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Oxfordshire and Neighbourhood, 1883. Oxford: Bro. W. B. Bowden, 59 High-street.

The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Gloucester, 1883. Compiled by Brother R. Vassar Smith. Gloucester: Printed by John Bellows, 1883.

Official Directory for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall. Twelfth year of Publication. With an Appendix, containing a Masonic Sermon, by the Rev. Philip H. Newnham, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain of Cornwall, &c. Edited by Brother William James Hughan, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, &c. 1883.

WE are glad to see the Provinces are bestirring themselves in the matter of Calendars, and that each new year sees additions to, or improvements in, the contents of previous issues. The four before us are admirable specimens of the Provincial Calendar. They are well arranged, well printed, and well got up. Great pains appears to have been bestowed on each of them. In each there is a table of contents, so that no difficulty will be experienced in seeking for information that may be required in reference to any Masonic body belonging to the district. Each contains a list of the Grand Officers of England and the Grand Officers of the Provinces as well as of the Officers and Past Masters, or Principals as the case may be, of Lodges, Chapters, &c. The Leicestershire and Rutland Calendar also gives a list of the Lodges, Chapters, &c. in the adjoining Provinces, arranged alphabetically as regards the towns in which they meet, and particulars of the three great central Masonic Charities and the Leicestershire and Rutland Masonic Association, its rules, a list of members, and a tabular statement showing its voting strength for the central Institutions. The Oxfordshire Calendar contains, in addition to its local information as to Lodges, &c., particulars respecting the Province of Berks and Bucks, the Mark Provinces of Berks and Oxon and Bucks, and Lodges, like the Westminster and Keystone, the Isaac Newton, University, &c. which have some association with the Apollo University Lodge. It likewise furnishes particulars as to the three great Charities and the Mark Benevolent Fund. The Gloucestershire Calendar adds particulars as to the Lodges in the Provinces of Bristol, Berkshire, Herefordshire, Monmouth, Oxfordshire, Somersetshire, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, and Worcestershire, as well as respecting the Masonic Charities, and the Masonic Charity Association of Gloucestershire, its rules, and constituent members. With respect to the Calendar compiled by Bro. Hughan, it goes almost without saying that great care has been exercised in its production. Bro. Hughan never does anything by halves. The present issue contains the Revised Rules for the Management and Regulation of the Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund, and by way of Appendix an excellent Sermon, preached in the Prov. Cathedral, Truro, before the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, R.W. Prov. G. Master and the Officers and members of Prov. G. Lodge; in addition to many other interesting items. We congratulate the editors and publishers of these useful works of reference on the able manner in which they have fulfilled their respective duties.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

CALPE PRECEPTORY, GIBRALTAR.

THE regular Convocation of the above Preceptory was held on Saturday, 14th April, at the Masonic Hall, Horse Barrack-lane. Amongst those present Sir Knights Moore-Keys E.P., Cottrell P.E.P. Treasurer, Sir Henry Burford Burford-Hancock Acting Prelate, Thomas Haynes P.E.P. Acting Constable, Trenery, Marshal, Langdon Sub Marshal, Callato Captain of the Lines, Sir Knights Gilbard Prov. Sub Prior, and Ashton Registrar, were unable to attend, owing to severe indisposition. There were also present Sir Knights Henry P.E.P., Dobranich, J. H. Bryant, and several Visitors. The minutes of the last regular Convocation having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of installing the Eminent Preceptor Elect for the ensuing year (Sir Knight Sir Henry Burford Burford-Hancock) by Sir Knight C. W. Moore-Keys E.P. the Installing Officer, was proceeded with, the work being extremely well and impressively performed. The E.P. then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Sir Knights Moore-Keys P.E.P. Prelate, Gilbard P.S.P. Constable, Langdon Marshal, Culatto Sub Marshal, Cottrell P.E.P. Treasurer, Ashton P.E.P. Registrar, Haynes P.E.P. Herald, Dobranich Almoner, Bryant Captain of the Lines, and Peterkin (serving brother) Equerry without. The Preceptory was then closed, and the Sir Knights retired for a few moments, while the rooms were re-arranged and prepared for the Knights of Malta. On resuming business, Sir Knight J. H. Bryant received this degree in due form, and the ceremony of installation took place, when our esteemed Sir Knight Sir Henry Burford Burford-Hancock was duly installed, and received the O.B. of E.P. Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested; the Priory was then closed in the usual manner, with solemn prayer. The entire evening proved to be a real Masonic treat, and augurs well for the future of this old-established and prosperous Preceptory.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 28th APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

MONDAY, 30th APRIL.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1480—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1633—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

63—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 871—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 1305—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse

TUESDAY, 1st MAY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C. 79—Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
130—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
134—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
348—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
365—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 20—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

WEDNESDAY, 2nd MAY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
504—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
858—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
993—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1065—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1540—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1600—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 200—Old Globe, Londesborough Rooms, Scarborough
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 3rd MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction
1288—Finsbury Park Cock Tavern, Highbury
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomert, Abington Street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)

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1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1283—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1381—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1638—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1907—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 496—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 58—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 4th MAY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 6.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
765—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Lewisham St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 134—Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
243—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
589—St. Matthew, Dragon Pole, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
887—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
939—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1094—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Carlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1538—Port Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1581—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
R.A. 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart, Romford
R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 5th MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1213—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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GROVE LODGE, No. 410.

THE first regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, on the 21st instant. Present—Bros. C. Greenwood jun. Provincial Grand Secretary P.P.G. Registrar W.M., H. J. P. Dumas P.G.D. P.M. acting S.W., Lister J.W., Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. Prov. G.S.W. P.M. Treas., Jepps P.M. S.D., T. Moreton J.D., and others. Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Brother Lister was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and Brother T. Eustace Smith was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M. and his Officers. Upon the Lodge being resumed to the first degree, the Worshipful Master proposed Dr. Francis Ferratin Glanville as an initiate, and gave notice that the candidate would be ballotted for, and, if approved, initiated at the next meeting. The Worshipful Master then addressed the brethren, saying it was his painful duty to announce that since the last meeting, a dear and most esteemed brother had been summoned from amongst them. Brother Alfred Greenland jun., after a comparatively short illness, and at the early age of 26, had joined those who had gone before, and who constituted the Grand Lodge above. To him (the W.M.) their departed brother was not only a brother in Masonry, but a bosom friend and old schoolmate, so that the brethren could judge for themselves how impossible it was to express the deep grief with which he made this sad announcement. Brother Greenland had, during his short sojourn amongst them, shewn himself a zealous and efficient worker, he had filled the post of Inner Guard with credit, and had it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to spare him, he would doubtless have continued a bright ornament to the Craft and to the society in which he moved. He had left behind him, not only brother Masons, but sorrowing parents and relations who mourned the irreparable loss of a dutiful son and an affectionate brother. By them some mark of the appreciation in which he was held by the members of the Lodge would be regarded as a graceful tribute of respect. The W.M. concluded by proposing that the Secretary should be requested to write to the father of their late brother, expressing the deep grief of the members of the Grove Lodge at the sad news of his son's death, and offering their sympathy and condolence. This was duly seconded by Brother Thurston, and carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed, and the meeting adjourned until 19th prox. The brethren subsequently partook of a banquet in the Hotel, which was served in Brother Bond's best style, and gave the utmost satisfaction to all present.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

CENTENARY OF FREEMASONRY IN READING, AND JUBILEE OF THE LODGE.

ON Tuesday, 17th April, a regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, when a brilliant assemblage of the members of the two Reading Lodges, with visitors from various parts of the Province, attended to do honour to this special occasion. The Officers consisted of Bros. Ferguson W.M., Mount I.P.M. and Treasurer, Wheeler S.W., Withers J.W., Rev. N. T. Garry Chaplain, Parry Secretary, Witherington S.D., Blackwell J.D., Martin M.C., Tirbut Organist, Butler I.G., Webb Steward, Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Stephens, Blowers, Hounslow, Bradley, Oades, Morris, Long 663; also Bros. Stubington, Bracher, Higgs, Sydenham, Sherwood, Rayner, Albury, Tubbs, Hawkes, George Miller, Wellman. Visitors—Bros. Ivey P.M. and Sec. 1101, Pulley P.M. 340 and 1101, Weatherhead 1101, Rev. R. P. Bent P. Grand Chaplain of England I.P.M. Herschel Lodge 1894, Petty 414, Whitfield 1101, Tegg 1101, Sparrow 1101, Slaughter 1101, Hurley P.M. 1101, Coates 1101, Creed 1101, Ferguson P.M. 1101, Welsh P.M. 1101, Bulley P.M. 414 Hon. Member 1101, Bennett 1101, Dowsett W.M. 1101, Blackwell I.P.M. 1101, Greenaway 1101, Margrett P.M. 1101, Ridley S.W. 1101, Ravenscroft J.D. 1101, Horne I.P.M. 1887, Fisher M.C. 1887, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular Lodge and Lodge of Emergency were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Louis de L. Simonds, and for Mr. Arthur Simonds, both of whom were approved and proposed for initiation. The ballot was also taken for Mr. Milton Welling, who was approved. Messrs. L. de L. and Arthur Simonds were admitted and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The ceremony was admirably performed by the W.M.; the musical part, under the direction of Bro. Tirbut, considerably added to the effect; the vocal parts being taken by Bros. Hounslow, Bradley, and Martin. The charge of the first degree was delivered by the I.P.M. Bro. Mount, with his usual correctness and precision. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the W.M. read a most interesting account of the introduction of Freemasonry into Reading in the year 1783, and of its revival in 1833, by the warrant of the Lodge of Union. Since which time there had been a gradual progress of numbers and influence, till two full blown Lodges have appeared, both now in the full tide of prosperity. Allusion was also made to the great necessity of enlarging the reception rooms; this will shortly take place, and add materially to the comfort and convenience of the members and their friends. After the customary ceremonies Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment to the Great Western Hotel, where an excellent supper was provided by Bro. Flanagan, whose catering invariably gives unqualified satisfaction. Between sixty and seventy Craftsmen sat down; the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to. That of the Initiates met with a cordial reception, and was appropriately responded to by the Brothers Simonds. Bro. R. Dowsett proposed, in a feeling speech, the health of the W.M., who suitably returned thanks, and alluded to the loss of two members of the Grey Friars Lodge, one of whom left a widow and three children in destitute circumstances. He thought this a good opportunity to pass the broken column round for their relief. This resulted in the sum of five pounds being contributed, which sum was at once forwarded to the widow. During the evening some excellent singing was contributed by the brethren, particularly we may mention the song by Bro. W. G. Millar, who gave "Tom Bowling" in a masterly style. After spending a very pleasant evening the brethren separated at an early hour.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The weekly meeting of this successful Lodge of Instruction was held on Wednesday last, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, the chair being occupied by Bro. Western, who was supported by Bros. Ashton S.W., Marks J.W., P.M. Cusworth Preceptor, F. Perl Sec., Weeden S.D., Pullen J.D., Chubb I.G.; also Bros. W. Potter, P.M. Haslip, Bolton, Allsopp, Gadsby, Read, James, Manger, Lone, Ockelford, Dewersby, and others. The customary formalities having been observed in opening the Lodge, the ceremony of initiation was proceeded with, Bro. Lone acting as candidate. Bros. Allsopp and Gadsby then proved themselves qualified to be passed, but were not entrusted, they not having gone beyond the degree of E. Apprentice. After the Lodge had been called off and on, the W.M. rose, and Bros. Allsopp, Gadsby, Read, and James were unanimously elected members. Bro. Ashton was elected to fill the position of W.M. at the ensuing meeting, and the brethren then dispersed, after having spent a pleasant and instructive evening. Brethren are cordially invited to attend this Lodge, and qualify themselves for any position in their parent Lodge.

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STOCKWELL LODGE, No. 1339.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell, when a large concourse of members and visitors was present. The W.M. had wisely called a previous Lodge of Emergency, to initiate, pass, and raise, so that nothing was left but the ceremony of installation, one always interesting, and which often sacrifices its solemnity by following or preceding other long ceremonies on the same evening. Lodge was opened at five p.m. punctually, when there were present:—Bros. Sawyer P.M. as W.M. (the W.M. Bro. Cocks being absent through illness), W. F. Masters S.W. W.M. elect, McKay J.W., Templeman S.D., Salmon J.D., Moss I.G.; P.M.'s Pain, Klenck, Basnett, Frances P.P.G.D. Secretary; also Bros. C. L. Bowsell, London, Pollard, W. J. Pain, Horsey, Rogers, Woodrow, Hersee, Dresser, Myers, Fletcher, Harvey, J. R. Parkinson (Initiate). Among the Visitors were Bros. Baron De Ferrieres, M.P., P.G.S., Smallpeice W.M. 960, E. Ayling W.M. 975, Sherring 1673, Hollington P.M. 933, Woods P.M. 145, Buck 153 P.G.S.W. Essex, Martin P.M. 453, De Lacey 1706 P.P.G.D. Essex, Green P.M. 27, F. Pincott 1686, Mills 548, Youlden P.M. 1658 P.P.G.D. Surrey, Schartau 1549, Ball P.M. 145, Coote 1381. After the Lodge had been opened, the minutes read, and a very satisfactory audit report passed, the chair was taken by Bro. Frances Secretary. Bro. Masters having been presented, was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed in Bro. Frances's usual able and impressive manner. Bro. Masters appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. McKay S.W., Templeman J.W., Hammerton P.M. (by proxy) Treasurer, Frances P.M. Secretary, J. Salmon S.D., Moss J.D., H. J. Pain I.G. The appointments gave the utmost satisfaction to the members of the Lodge, there being but one course pursued in this Lodge from its foundation, viz., giving the members rank according to seniority, that is, on proof of their efficiency. Bro. Masters, following the custom, presented the Lodge with a handsome banner, and received a vote of thanks. After the closing, the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the Worshipful Master being received with every token of appreciation, for Bro. Masters has made himself much respected by the Lodge. The Installing Master, Bro. Frances, was enthusiastically received, and in reply that Brother testified to the particular pleasure he had had that evening in placing one of his most honoured friends in the chair of the Lodge, whose name was known not only in the Order to which it was their privilege to belong, but outside it. In many an Institution formed for the amelioration of the miseries of their fellow creatures, in the lists of many a Charity, his name could be found. In all stations of life, from the palace to the hovel. A wise and good Providence had placed men who, unaffected by their surroundings, acted kindly and nobly to their fellow men, not in obedience to any educational teaching, but from the innate sense of kindness and beneficence within them; he was sure many there that evening could testify that Bro. Masters was deserving of all the honours they could bestow. Bro. Frances hoped the brethren would pardon this digression from the toast of his health, which he heartily thanked them for so cordially receiving. W. Baron de Ferrieres, in replying for the Visitors, complimented the Lodge on the excellency of its work, particularly on the ceremony of the evening, and thought the Lodge fortunate in possessing so able a Mason as Bro. Frances; while the home they met in, the splendid repast, and the hearty welcome, would be something to tell the Gloucester Masons. Some very beautiful singing between the toasts made the evening's entertainment still more enjoyable, the music being under the direction of Bro. De Lacey, who, with Bro. Schartau, and one or two lady singers, was much appreciated.

HALSEY LODGE, No. 1479.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge took place at the Town Hall, St. Albans, on Tuesday, 24th inst., when the members were honoured by a visit from the Provincial Grand Master R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P. Lodge was opened at four o'clock, by Bro. C. W. Reynolds W.M. Past Prov. Grand Assist. Pursuivant, who was assisted by Bros. C. Miskin S.W., O. R. Ilatt J.W., Thomas R. Webster P.M. Treasurer, John Parrott P.M. Secretary, W. Masters P.M. 428 S.D., T. B. Nichols J.D., Thomas Kent M.C., Horace Slade I.G., G. Barnes Steward; Past Masters I. N. Edwards, Debenham, Marks, &c. Visitors—A. Atkins W.M. 478, W. G. Atkins P.M. 887, J. D. Collier P.M. 1366, W. F. Neave 188, G. R. Park 181, H. Campkin P.M. 403 P.P.G.S.D., W. P. Willson 403, S. Monckton White 199, George Young W.M. 1757, C. W. Allen W.M. 1385, J. G. Yolland I.P.M. 1385, J. Brittain J.W. 1385, W. Reynolds, Selwyn, Graham 1920, Amos T. Ewen S.W. 475, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211, &c. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. George J. Nettleton was examined and entrusted; Lodge was then opened in the second, and Bro. Nettleton was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Christopher Miskin, one of the earliest initiates of the Lodge, was then presented as the W.M. elect, and Brother Reynolds commenced the duty of installing him into the chair of the Lodge. Bro. Miskin having given his assent to the ancient charges, was duly obligated. At this stage of the proceedings the Provincial Grand Master was announced, and was received with full honours. The ceremony was then proceeded with; a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Brother Miskin was regularly placed in the chair for the ensuing twelve months. On the re-admission of the brethren below the degree of I.M., the W.M. was saluted, and the Officers were appointed and invested, as follow:—Bros. Ilatt S.W., Masters J.W., Webster P.M. Treasurer, Parrott P.M. Secretary, Wilcox Chaplain, Nichols S.D., Slade J.D., Deedes I.G., Gaff Org., Kent P.M. M.C., Barnes and Miles Stewards, Everett Tyler. Bro. Reynolds then gave the addresses in a most impressive manner. Indeed, the work of the day was excellently done, and Brother Reynolds was heartily congratulated on the zeal he had displayed. The report of the Audit Committee was next presented; this showed the Lodge to be in a sound financial position, and—taking into account the modest amount of the annual subscription—had a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The report was unanimously received and adopted. Bro. Webster P.M. and Treasurer was appointed Lodge representative to serve on the Provincial Audit Committee, and the sum of £2 2s was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the same amount having already been voted this year to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and to the Benevolent Institution. A Past Master's jewel had been subscribed for by the members, to be presented to Bro. C. W. Reynolds on his vacating the chair. Bro. Miskin had now the pleasurable duty of placing it on his breast; he complimented Bro. Reynolds on the admirable way in which he had carried out his duties, and expressed a fervent hope that an improvement might take place in his health, which had not been so favourable during the past twelvemonths as Bro. Reynolds's friends could wish. It was the desire of all that the I.P.M. should have the opportunity of wearing the jewel, not only in this Lodge, but elsewhere, for many, many years to come. This compliment was briefly, but gracefully acknowledged. Bro. Reynolds said he had had every consideration shown him by the Lodge, and he fully appreciated the kindness of the brethren. He reciprocated the wish that he might be with them for many years. Routine work followed; hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was supplied by Bro. W. Marks, of the "Peahen." The tables were elegantly decorated, and a "buttonhole" was provided for each guest. Brother Marks personally superintended the service, and his exertions resulted most satisfactorily. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. introduced in brief terms the toasts customary on these occasions. The proceedings throughout were of a most harmonious character, and altogether a most agreeable day was spent by those who attended.

MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE, No. 1900.

THE meeting of this Lodge, on Wednesday, the 11th instant, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-Fields, was a very interesting one, and though a record of the event in these columns comes rather later than is our custom, still we feel our readers will pardon us the unavoidable delay. The W.M.—Bro. G. P. Festa—was supported by Bros. W. H. Dean I.P.M., F. R. W. Hedges S.W., Hubert J. Capon J.W., Montague Guest, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Dorset P.M., J. D. Collier P.M. Secretary, H. Slyman S.D., W. H. Gardener J.D., John M. Doble M.C., Samuel Brooks P.M. I.G., Charles M. Tate Steward, Banks Tyler. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Sir Francis Burdett Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, Frank Richardson P.G.D., H. G. Buss Assist. Grand Sec., J. Creasans 1366 P.G.S.W. Herts, J. Goddard W.M. 771 P.G. Steward Berks and Bucks, Edwin Moss W.M. 1929, T. Walford 771, W. J. Arnold 780, P. T. Webster M.C. 27, Edward Wharton 1716, W. S. Cantrell W.M. 1871, and H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. George de Bassompierre was raised to the third degree. The W.M. afterwards initiated Mr. W. W. Goodman. The election of Worshipful Master resulted in favour of Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and Bro. W. H. Dean P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. Bros. Pratt, Shelton, and Stacey were appointed Auditors. A Past Master's jewel and a collar and jewel were voted to Brother Festa in recognition of his services to the Lodge during his year of office. The brethren afterwards partook of a capital banquet, served under the superintendence of Bro. Walter Gosden. The W.M. gave the loyal toasts, which were most heartily received, and then proposed the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers, and coupled with it the name of Sir Francis Burdett Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, who, in the course of his reply, said those whom they might call permanent G. Officers, like the G. Master and the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, might hold their respective positions for years to come. Still, at the same time, Grand Lodge was rather a changeable Parliament, for every year they had a change of Officers, but he believed those who had already been before the brethren had done their duty to the satisfaction of the entire Craft. Grand Lodge was now passing on to another change, and he felt confident that the brethren who would be appointed to replace those in office would do their duty as far as lay in their power, and as much to the satisfaction of the Craft as those who had gone before. The W.M. had been kind enough to allude to the Province of Middlesex, and had said it was the best of all the Provinces. He (Sir Francis Burdett) would be very well satisfied if they were as good as any other Province under the Grand Master. They had done what they could to bring the Province of Middlesex to a high position, and he believed it stood well in the estimation of the Craft. It had been ably supported, and there were a few brethren, like Bro. Buss, the Prov. Grand Treasurer, who had assisted it in every possible way. As long as he had the support he now received, he doubted not it would retain its present high standard. In proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Dean I.P.M. said, Bro. Festa had done his work exceedingly well, both in Lodge and at the banquet table. The Lodge was started under most favourable auspices, and it was carried on for the first year to the satisfaction of all. During the past year the W.M. had sustained its prestige in every particular, and the Lodge was prospering under his rule. The Worshipful Master had set an example to the members of the Lodge, both as a ruler and as a supporter of the Institutions. He had been most assiduous and diligent in promoting the cause of charity, and had worked most enthusiastically; in fact he could not say too much of what Brother Festa had done. It was a noble thing to support the Charities. The W.M. would carry with him the honour and love of the brethren for the manner in which he had kept up the prestige of the Lodge, and the brethren would give him their best thanks for what he had done. The Worshipful Master in reply said he wished the compliments so lavishly bestowed on him by

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Brother Dean were more thoroughly deserved; however, he had done the best his skill and ability could effect. He always held that what was worth doing at all was worth doing well. He differed rather from Bro. Dean about the last year, it had not been so successful as that of Bro. Dean's Mastership. The progress of the Lodge had not been so great as in the first year, there had not been so large an accession of members. But then it must be remembered that brethren who wish to join this Lodge must be well recommended. The Lodge was not so anxious to have members as to have them of the right sort. If they were fit and proper persons to join the Order, this Lodge would accept them, but not otherwise. Lately there had not been that rushing into Freemasonry there was five or six years since; the brethren had become more cautious in their acceptance of new members. With regard to the working of the Lodge he could only say he hoped the brethren had understood his interpretation of the English language; as a foreigner he had done the best in his power. With regard to the Charities that was another matter. On the night of his installation he had remarked that charity was the sole object of Freemasonry, and if a brother was not anxious for the Charities of the Order he was not fit to be among them. In their happiest moments they must think of what they were taught at their initiation. He had done all that lay in his power for Charity, and he hoped before the year was over he would be able to contribute in proportion to what he had already done to make him worthy of the work and power of Masonry. The W.M. then proposed the W.M. elect. Some five years ago he became acquainted with Bro. Hedges, and was struck with his gentlemanly manner, and the nice way in which he conducted the duties of Secretary to the Girls' School. He (the W.M.) was anxious to make his way in Masonry, and Bro. Hedges was also anxious in the same direction. Bro. Hedges tried to do him a turn, and he desired to return the compliment. The greatest pleasure of his Masonic career would be to instal him as W.M. The brethren had elected the right man for the office. He would follow up the true principles of Masonry, and carry with him all the members of the Lodge. Lodges were not often so fortunate; he envied Bro. Hedges the high character he had won for himself, and in wishing him good health, hoped he would occupy the position with credit to himself, and to the satisfaction of the brethren of the Lodge. Bro. Hedges, in reply, said he really did not know how to find words sufficient to thank the brethren for the very high honour they had paid him by electing him as their W.M. for the coming year; he could only say he thanked them most sincerely and heartily, and he appreciated the honour as fully as any one could. He promised he would exert himself to the best of his ability to follow in the footsteps of those who had gone before him; but he must say, when he looked back at the way in which his predecessors had occupied the chair, that he looked forward to his year of office with some misgivings; he did not think he could come up to them. Nevertheless, he promised the brethren they should not find him wanting in trying worthily to follow them. Bro. Festa had referred to the fact that it was he who had first introduced him to the promoters of the Montagne Guest Lodge. He certainly did, and ever since then he had had every reason to be very, very grateful to Bro. Festa for it. He was glad to have this opportunity of thanking him for that kindness. Bro. Festa had been a good friend to him, and to the Institution which was very dear to him, and he was very glad to have the present opportunity of thanking him also for that. Bro. Goodman in replying to the toast of the Initiate said, if he ever felt proud in his life, he did so at the present time; he thanked the brethren for the cordial way in which they had accepted him as a Mason. It was a proud thing for any young man to be initiated, and he should never forget the occasion. As the Worshipful Master had said, what was worth doing at all was worth doing well; he trusted he should be able to do Masonry well. He should not be satisfied until, by paying strict attention, and studying the work, he should make himself competent to be Master of a Lodge. Bros. Goddard, Cussans and Cantrell responded for the Visitors, after which the W.M. proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master and Treasurer, Bro. Dean, and the Secretary, Bro. Collier; of these Officers he spoke in the highest terms of praise as to the way in which they performed their duties. Bro. Dean in reply said it was scarcely worth while to recapitulate the kind expressions of the W.M. He was delighted to see Bro. Frank Richardson present; he acted as M.C. at the consecration of the Lodge, and fully entered into the spirit of the ceremonies of the day. The Lodge had gone on harmoniously, and though the W.M. had said it had not been so successful in his year as in the first, inasmuch as it had not had so many initiates, he might urge the Lodge looked for quality rather than quantity. Plenty of brethren would join a Lodge in its first year. They did not wish their Lodge to be a large, but a leading one. They had exercised discretion; they had not had an influx of members, but he felt everything would turn out well. The members would rally round Brother Hedges, and he was sure his would be a successful year of office. Bro. Collier also replied. Bro. Festa, in proposing the next toast—the Charities—coupled with it the name of Bro. Richardson; he believed that brother was one of the staunchest supporters of the Secretary of the Girls' School. He did not know how Bro. Richardson found time to attend to the Charities as he did. Last year the Girls had a very successful Festival; it could hardly be expected that that of the present would be so satisfactory. He always felt proud when he went to the Girls' School, and hoped all the brethren would go and see it, and when they returned to their homes if they found any spare cash in their pockets they should give it to that Institution. Bro. Frank Richardson, in responding said, the toast was indeed an important one for any brother to undertake to reply to. Although he gave way to no one in the interest he felt in the Charities, still he wished some other brother had been called on to reply. The W.M. had impressed on the initiate that charity was the first thing in Masonry, and although there were many brethren of rank and opulence among the Order, there were others who were in distress; he also taught him that charity blessed him that gave as well as he who received; therefore, it ought to be a source of gratification to Masons that they helped to relieve not only those who had borne the heat and burden of the day, but also those of their children who required education, and they turned them out good and useful members of society, capable of earning their own livelihood. Many years ago as a child he was taught the line—

"One thing at a time and that done well;"

he should like to take an active part in all the Charities, but time would not permit. He therefore devoted himself to one well, rather than to three badly. He wished that Lodges would follow the example of the Montagne Guest, and subscribe liberally to all the Charities. There was really something wanting when they considered the number of Masons there were, and the comparatively small collections they made. The majority of the subscriptions came from the old Lodges, but why was it that so many of the Lodges that had been formed in the past few years had subscribed so little, or nothing? It was only few amongst the many which subscribed. He thought it should be in some measure compulsory, like the quarterage to the Fund of Benevolence. There would then be no need of elections, for the funds would be large enough to take in all candidates. As a member of the Girls' School Committee he hoped Bro. Hedges, for whom he had the highest respect, would have a good Festival. He knew that royalty drew, and last year they did so well that they could not expect to do a great deal this year. He was quite satisfied of one thing, that if all the members of the Craft had the opportunity which he had, as a member of the House Committee, of going to the Girls' School and seeing the children there, he was sure there would be more Stewards. Nothing gave him so much pleasure as to be at the Institution. From Miss Jarwood, who had been 66 years in the Institution, down to the youngest child, they were one happy family; there was a kindly, friendly tone between matron, governesses, and children. He had made the acquaintance of them all, and he felt he had got 239 friends there. Whenever he went down he had a lot of the children to talk to him, and he was satisfied, if there was anything wrong in the School—any tyranny or any pain—the Committee would know it from the children. It would be impossible to get a better staff, and the system had been carried on very well. All the staff had been made up from those educated in the School, and all the children knew they had a chance of being taken on the staff. If any of the brethren would like to go down to see the School, he should be most happy to receive them and conduct them over it. We congratulate Bro. Hedges on his election to the chair of this Lodge. We feel assured the Past Masters and members will render him every assistance during his period of Mastership.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting was held on Monday evening, 16th April, at Brother McDiarmaid's, Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughborough Junction. Present—Bros. Cornock W.M., Perkins S.W., Rush J.W., McKinley Secretary, Warren S.D., Stafford J.W., Johnson Preceptor, Hampton I.G.; also Bros. Brown, Martin, Sherring, Westley, Bellis, and Banks. Lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes were read and confirmed. Brothers Westley and Bellis worked the second and third sections of the lecture, respectively. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Brother Cornock for his most satisfactory rehearsal of the ceremony, this being his first appearance in the chair. On Monday next, the 30th inst., Brother Stevens will deliver his lecture on the Rituals and Ceremonies of the First Degree.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday 21st inst. Present—Bros. Hirst W.M., Weeden S.W., Spencer J.W., Gribbell S.D., Dixie J.D., Ashton I.G., Pearcy Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Recknall, Bleakley, and Houghton. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bleakley offered himself as a candidate for raising and was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. Pearcy worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Dixie; and the third section, assisted by Bro. Galer. Lodge was then resumed to the second degree and Bro. Pearcy worked the first section, assisted by Bro. Gribbell, Lodge was closed in the second degree and Bro. Galer proposed, and Bro. Pearcy seconded, that Bro. Bleakley of the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, be elected a member, and this was carried unanimously. Bro. Weeden was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, on the 23rd inst. Present—Bros. Killick jun. W.M., Western S.W., Woolf J.W., Snook S.D., Marks J.D., Jones I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor, Killick sen. acting Secretary, and a large number of members. After preliminaries, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed. Brother Collingridge was elected Secretary. Brother Trewinnard will occupy the chair on Monday next. Lodge opens at 8.30.

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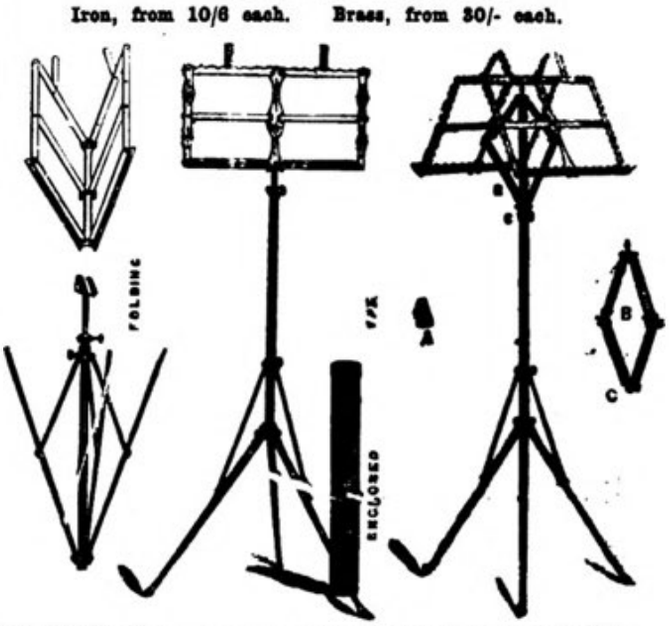

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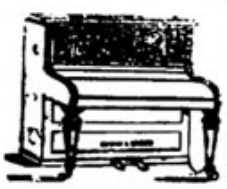

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FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL.

TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF "THE TEMPLE."

ON Thursday, shortly before midnight, a fire was discovered at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, and by the time the fire engines arrived, the elegant hall known to Craftsmen as "the Temple" was completely destroyed. Fortunately the fire was confined to the room where the Quarterly Communications of the United Grand Lodge of England are usually held. We regret to say all the valuable portraits with which this apartment was adorned are completely destroyed, the roof having fallen in, and nothing but the bare walls are left standing. The room had not been used for some days, and the origin of the fire is a mystery. The "Temple" now destroyed was built in 1775, when the adjoining Freemasons' Tavern was a coffee-house. The pictures to which we have already referred were portraits; with the single exception of Lord Ripon, of all the Past Grand Masters of the Order, consequently, from a monetary point of view, no estimate can be formed of the damage done. Most of the loss is irreparable.

We paid a visit to the scene this (Friday) morning, and from the apparent lack of public interest the catastrophe seemed to evoke we were for the moment led to hope the first accounts had been grossly exaggerated. Unfortunately, however, inside the building the extent of the damage is too palpable. While the offices and business parts of Freemasons' Hall have escaped the ravages of the fire, the elegant Temple has been totally destroyed.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from p 235.)

THE fifth and concluding chapter of the first volume of Bro. Gould's History of Freemasonry treats of "The Companionage, or Les Compagnons du Tour de France;" and is by no means the least interesting section of the work, so far as it has been published. We frankly confess that until we read this chapter, our knowledge of the subject it treats of was very limited, and as it is not unreasonable to suppose that many other brethren, with fewer opportunities than necessarily fall to our lot of studying the history of Freemasonry and kindred associations, are as indifferently informed as we were till lately of an institution which has flourished for ages, and still flourishes in France, it may be we shall deal with it at even greater length than usual.

Broadly stated, says Bro. Gould, "the 'Companionage' (*Compagnonnage*) means the associations formed by the journeymen of France for mutual support and assistance during their travels." Though many of its regulations will "compare with those of the German fraternities," in others "the difference is strongly marked." Among these points of difference Bro. Gould notes, that while "in Germany each craft was a separate entity, and in many cases the members of a trade in one town had no bond of union connecting them with a similar *Bruderschaft* of another town, beyond the ordinary results following the exercise of a common employment," the Companionage comprised "three great divisions; to one of these each trade belonged, whilst in these handicrafts some members belonged to one division and some to another; and these three divisions were extended throughout France." Again, "the French fraternities practised a veritable initiation—a mystic reception—and treasured venerable legends;" whilst "the affiliation of the German craftsmen was a simple burlesque ceremony, enriched by a certain amount of symbolism." But what is more especially noteworthy is, that it not only has these points in common with Freemasonry, but also others. Thus, "its existence was patent to all, and readily acknowledged; with its works of charity and festivals the public were familiar, but its legends, its ceremonies, its signs and tokens, were shrouded in mystery, and even a bare allusion to them was considered highly culpable. Although latterly, by enlightened members of this fraternity it has not been considered improper to partially unveil its legendary lore, yet to this day no revelation of its more important secrets has been made." Yet Masonic writers, remarks Bro. Gould, have treated the institution with indifference, and, more remarkable still, in spite of the frequently recurring feuds between the different corps and the bloodshed they entailed, the public has manifested towards it the same feeling.

It was not till 1841 that any one came forward to throw a light on the subject, and then Agricol Perdiguier, himself a Companion of more than ordinary intelligence, published his "Livre du Compagnonnage," his object being to put an end, if possible, to the fratricidal strife which had prevailed among the various factions of the Companionage. The work caused a profound sensation in France, and the late George Sand invited Perdiguier to visit her, and furnished him with funds to make afresh the tour of the country, and "preach his new Gospel to his fellows." She further helped to extend the knowledge of the subject among the French people, by publishing the same year her novel, "Le Compagnon du Tour de France," and her example induced others, many of whom were themselves Companions, to follow Perdiguier's and her footsteps. Having reiterated his surprise that our Masonic writers should have concerned themselves so little about the subject, on the ground that "its ceremonies and legends are so interesting of themselves, its resemblance to our present system of Freemasonry so obvious," Bro. Gould goes on to describe the Institution as it was in 1841, the date of Perdiguier's work already referred to. Since then it has undergone many changes, though "in one form or another it still exists." "Railway travelling has done much to modify it; the journeyman no longer tramps from one town to another, nor does he usually live so absolutely from hand to mouth; many of its regulations have consequently fallen into disuse: its old enmities and feuds are especially out of date."

As has already been said, the Companionage comprised "three great divisions," each of which, we are told, "revered and claimed origin from a traditionary chief, the hero of a legend, who was supposed to have conferred a charge (*devoir, i.e.* duty) on his followers. The Companions called themselves the Sons (*enfants*, children) of this chief: hence the three classes were denominated the Sons of Solomon, the Sons of Maître Jacques, and the Sons of Maître Soubise." The most ancient of these were the Sons of Solomon, originally Stonemasons only, but who

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subsequently admitted the joiners and locksmiths to a participation of their charge; while some seceders from the carpenters, Sons of M. Soubise, claim to be a fourth corps under the same banner, but are not recognised as such by the other three. Next in point of origin are the Sons of Maître Jacques, also stonemasons, who likewise subsequently admitted the joiners and the locksmiths, and, still later, the members of nearly every other Craft. The youngest class are the Sons of Maître Soubise, who were originally confined to the carpenters, but afterwards admitted the plasterers and tylers. Thus the oldest and youngest classes only consist of three trades each—all belonging to the building crafts, while the intermediate one numbers in its ranks most of the known handicrafts, as "the joiners began by conferring their charge on the turners and glaziers, and one by one every trade has either been admitted, or has managed to acquire possession of a charge, and to enforce acknowledgment of its claims. Without the possession of a charge no claim can hold good." Of the few Crafts that have never belonged to the Companionage the most conspicuous are "the Masons (not to be confounded with the stonemasons), the apothecaries, clothworkers, furriers, printers, watchmakers, goldsmiths, wigmakers, bookbinders, and perfumers." We may state that a table is given at page 215, which shows at a glance the organisation of the Companionage, its subdivisions, chiefs, distinctive grades and marks, &c. This will be found of great use in studying the subject It is further to be remarked that "in whatever town of France a charge "(*devoir*)—which Perdiguier defines as "a code—the entirety of the laws and regulations which govern a society "—"was deposited, there the Craftsman found a house of call devoted to his purposes, and a branch of the society." These towns, known as the "*villes du devoir*, or *du tour de France*, were Lyons, Avignon, Marseilles, Nîmes, Montpellier, Toulouse, Bordeaux, Nantes, and Paris," to which Simon has added "Auxerres, Châlons-sur-Saone, Clermont-Fevram, Béziers, La Rochelle, Angouléme, Angers, Saumur, Tours, Orleans, and later Algiers." As regards these, Bro. Gould notes, as a curious coincidence, that they are chiefly situated in the south, where the Roman traditions were longest preserved. In towns where there was no charge lodged—and which were known as "bastard towns," the itinerant Companion "was still able to profit by the society in a minor degree, provided that he continued his subscription to the nearest branch."

Our attention is next drawn to the traditions connected with the several classes. As to Solomon's position towards the Companions, but little has been said by Perdiguier; and Bro. Gould suggests the cause of this reticence to have been, that "perhaps he had little to communicate, beyond a biographical record of the wise king, which he has admittedly taken from the Holy writings. Perdiguier, it seems, has merely added to this record that "The Sons of Solomon claim that this King gave them a charge, and incorporated them fraternally within the precincts of the Temple;" and, also, that "The stonemasons" (of this fraternity, S. of S.) "are accounted the most ancient of the Companions. An ancient fable has obtained currency amongst them, relating, according to some, to Hiram, according to others, to Adonhiram, wherein are represented crimes and punishments; but I leave this fable for what it is worth."

As to the "Legend of Maître Jacques," it is reproduced from the pages of Perdiguier, who, we are informed, remarks, "Maître Jacques is a personage about whom very little is known, and each of the societies has invented a more or less probable story concerning him; nevertheless, there is one which enjoys an extended acceptance with very many *Companions du Devoir*; it is from this that I *extract, without changing a single word*, the following details." In a footnote, Bro. Gould writes, "The italics are mine. The legend which follows is fragmentary, and I think it not improbable that the portions omitted would, if supplied, furnish a clue to the secret ceremonies and other undisclosed features of the institution. It must not be forgotten that Perdiguier was far too honourable to divulge anything of vital importance. He wrote for his fellows, and the public; the former would be able to supply every hiatus; the latter would only learn what was considered sufficient for their enlightenment. He wrote as a conscientious Freemason would discuss Freemasonry; nevertheless, it is possible that a Freemason can read more easily *between* his lines than any one else besides a *Compagnon*." The legend is to the following effect: "Maître Jacques, one of the first masters of Solomon, and a colleague of Hiram, was born in a small town called Carte, now St. Romili" —which, as is said in a footnote, is "as purely traditionary as the master himself"—"in the South of Gaul; he was the son of Jacquin "—possibly, as is suggested, "Jachin "—"a celebrated architect, and devoted himself to stone-cutting. At the age of fifteen he left his family and travelled into Greece, then the centre of the fine arts, where he entered into a close alliance with * * * "—Bro. Gould suggests that the stars may stand for "Pythagoras," only that philosopher flourished much later than Solomon—"a philosopher of the highest genius, who taught him sculpture and architecture. He soon became celebrated in both these arts." Here he learns that "Solomon had summoned to himself all famous men," and accordingly, "he passed into Egypt, and thence to Jerusalem," where, however, "he did not at first gain much distinction among the workmen; but, at last, having received an order from the chief master to construct two columns, he sculptured them with such art and taste that he was accepted a master." M. Jacques was six and twenty years of age when he arrived at Jerusalem, but he did not remain there long, and left not long after the construction of the Temple. He made his way back to Gaul in company with Maître Soubise. "They had sworn never to part; but before long M. Soubise, a man of violent character, becoming jealous of the ascendency which M. Jacques had acquired over their disciples, and of the love which they bore him, separated from his friend and chose other disciples. M. Jacques landed at Marseilles, and M. Soubise at Bordeaux. Before commencing his travels, M. Jacques chose thirteen Companions (*Compagnons*) and forty disciples; being deserted by one of them he chose another. He travelled for three years, leaving everywhere the memory of his talents and virtues. One day, being at some distance from his disciples, he was assailed by ten of the followers of M. Soubise, who attempted to assassinate him. In order to save himself he plunged into a swamp, the canes (*or reeds, in French 'joncs'*) of which not only supported him, but afforded a refuge from the blows of his assailants. Whilst these cowards were seeking some means of reaching him, his disciples arrived and effected his rescue." After this he withdrew to St. Beaume, where a second attempt on his life was, unfortunately, more successful. "One of his disciples, called by some Jéron, and by others Jamais, betrayed him to the disciples of M. Soubise. One day, before sunrise, M. Jacques being alone and engaged in prayer in his accustomed spot, the traitor arrived, accompanied by the executioners, and gave as usual the kiss of peace, which was the preconcerted death signal. Five villains at once fell upon and killed him with five dagger wounds." However, his disciples, though they arrived too late to prevent his murder, were in time to "receive his last farewell. 'I die,' said he, 'God has willed it so; I forgive my assassins, and forbid you to follow them; they are already miserable enough; some day they will repent. I deliver my soul to God, my Creator; and you, my friends, receive from me the last kiss of peace. When I shall have rejoined the Supreme Being, I shall still watch over you. I desire that the last kiss which I give you be imparted always to the Companions whom you may make, as coming from their Father; they will transmit it to those whom they make; I will watch over them as over you; tell them I shall follow them everywhere so long as they remain faithful to God and to their charge (*devoir*), and never forget . . . . . " which hiatus, Brother Gould very pertinently suggests, is "possibly of the utmost importance to Companions." After this, M. Jacques "pronounced a few more words, which they were unable to understand, and crossing his arms over his breast, expired in his forty-seventh year, four years and nine days after his leaving Jerusalem, and 989 years before Christ." Then "the Companions having disrobed him, found a small piece of cane, which he wore in memory of the canes that had saved his life when he fell into the swamp." After this we learn, without surprise, that "since then the Companions have adopted the cane." As for Maître Soubise, and whether he was the instigator of his old friend's death, we read, "the tears which he shed over his tomb, and the pursuit of the assassins which he ordered, contributed to weaken in great measure the suspicions that were entertained. As for the traitor, he very soon repented of his crime, and, driven to despair by his poignant regrets, he threw himself into a pit, which the companions filled up with stones." Then "the Com-

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panions constructed a bier and carried him into the desert of Cabra, now called St. Magdalen." Then follows a brief summary respecting "the embalming of M. Jacques, and the funeral ceremonies, which lasted three days; the procession encountered a terrible storm, crossed forests and mountains, made stations in a place now called *Caverne St. Evreux*, and by others named *St. Maximin*, *Cabane St. Zozime*, &c. The procession at length arrived at the final resting place. The rest of the legend is in full, and "describes how," before lowering the body into the tomb, the elder gave it the kiss of peace; every one followed his example, after which having removed the *pilgrim's staff*, the body was replaced in the bier and lowered into the grave. The elder descended beside it, the Companions covering both with the pall, and after the former had given the *Guilbrette*, he caused them to hand him some bread, wine, and meat, which he deposited in the grave, and then returned to the surface. The Companions covered the grave with large stones, and sealed it with heavy bars of iron; after which they made a great fire, and threw into it their torches and all that had been used during the obsequies of their master." As to his raiment, it was preserved in a chest. At the destruction of the temples, the sons of M. Jacques separated and divided amongst them his clothing, which was thus described:

> "His hat to the hatters.
> His tunic to the stonemasons.
> His sandals to the locksmiths.
> His cloak to the joiners.
> His belt to the carpenters.
> His staff (*bourdon*) to the wagonmakers."

Perdiguier adds: "After the division of the articles belonging to M. Jacques, the act of faith was found which was pronounced by him on the day of his reception [as master, probably] before Solomon, Hiram, the high Priest, and all the Masters. This act of faith, or rather this prayer, is very beautiful."

As for Maître Soubise, we are vouchsafed less information in his case than respecting Solomon, Perdiguier having been unable to find any document relating to him.

(To be continued.)

THE OLD ANTI-MASONIC CONSPIRATORS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

In the number of the Freemason's Chronicle of 27th of January last, I gave a sketch of several stories about Morgan, and pointed out the utter unscrupulousness of our American office hunters. Weed's success in New York fired the hopes of the office-seeking crew in Vermont, where an anti-Masonic party, with a party paper, were established. For a time, the Morgan story sufficed to keep alive the agitation, but the said story finally became stale; new Masonic outrages had to be invented to keep alive the party. Well, it happened that on the 15th October 1826, Joseph Burnham, a convict in the Vermont State Prison, died, and on the 17th the body was buried by the relatives of the deceased. In 1828 or 1829 a rumour was spread in the anti-Masonic papers that Burnham was alive in New York, and was known by the name of Patrick Dolon, and his escape from prison was due to Masonic influence. The *Antis* were in possession of two affidavits of residents of New York as proof of their assertion. In 1829 the Antis were emboldened to petition the Vermont Legislature for an investigation of the new Masonic outrage. The Governor thereupon appointed a commission, with full powers to investigate the case. The Antis produced an affidavit from *Lyman* Mower (an appropriate name), alias Cobb, and one from Aaron B. Cutler, that Burnham was alive in the City of New York, &c. And on the other hand, the prison officers swore that Burnham was dead when his relatives took away his body on the 17th October 1826. To make things sure, one of the Commissioners went to New York, and hunted up Mower, who repeated his old story with extra details, viz., that while he was confined for debt in a New York prison, Burnham, whom he knew in Woodstock, Vermont, was brought into the same prison (also for debt) on the 17th of October 1826, on which day he (Mower) was released, and he furnished evidence that he was discharged from prison on the said day. The Commissioner then offered Mower a reward of five hundred dollars, and a pardon for Burnham, if he produced Burnham alive. After a while, Dolon was found. This Patrick Dolon was a genuine Irishman, had lived in New York some six or seven years, and it was proved that the said Dolon "*had* wrought for Mower on a building in New York in the spring of the year 1826." [Thereupon Mower said that] "*he had forgotten*" [all about it] "*until this morning, but then he distinctly recollected it.*" Mower then made an affidavit that *Dolon was not Burnham*. The character of the Cutler was too bad for his evidence to have any weight whatever with the Commissioners. Besides which, "Two gentlemen residing in New York city, who were well acquainted with Burnham in Woodstock, saw the said Dolon, and certified that he was not Joseph Burnham." The Burnham story thus brought grief to the Vermont *Antis*. I shall only add that the paragraphs placed between quotation marks I copied from the printed Proceedings of the Vermont Legislature for 1829.

In 1832 a play in five acts, by Timothy Tickle, Esq., was printed in Woodstock, Vermont, called, "The doleful Tragedy of the raising of Jo Burnham, or the cat let out of the bag." The names of the characters in the play indicate their professions, &c.; thus, we have Sir Rodrick Makefuss, Elder Lovely, Parson Rawlimbs, Major Hardface, Lawyer Longjaw, &c.

The play opens with the following soliloquy, by Rodrick Makefuss, while sitting in his office:—

> "'Tis even so—this is my last resource
> To raise the wind, and make my own good fortune.
> There's *something* which, if cunningly conducted,
> Will seem a monster in the public vision—
> A very vampire. Sucking the vitals
> Of this our great and glorious Commonwealth.
> Vermonters are exceedingly tenacious
> Of equal rights, good laws, and living freedom.
> And if we can, by any *hocus-pocus*,
> Impress them with the notion that a tyrant,
> Enthroned in secret, reckless of all justice,
> Besmeared with blood, and panting for fresh victims,
> Is stalking through the land, bidding defiance
> To the strong arm of retributive justice:
> With power, too, to crush the mightiest efforts;
> Screening his subjects from deserved chastisement,
> And buckling to their backs the long account
> Of office, honours, and emoluments—
> Usurping all the places in the land,
> For the exclusive vantage of his votaries;
> If we can make the credulous million think
> That these are facts, (no matter *how* we do it).
> * * * * *
> Now, I am but a cypher 'midst my townsmen;
> Derided, laughed at as the veriest *ninny*.
> I've studied hard, searched every nook and crevice
> By which to squeeze into their good opinion;
> But all in vain,—neglect is all I've compassed,
> And all I shall acquire, unless this bugbear
> Shall urge me up a steep where merit cannot.
> But if the people can but be bamboozled
> With this new scheme, hatched up to help poor devils,
> Should they but swallow the alluring pill,
> Which shall be fashioned for their rusty palates,
> They will join a crusade to put down the Masons.
> * * * * *
> There is Elder L——, how his long face brightened
> When first I told him of the saintless scheme.
> He once stood fair in public estimation,
> And even triumphed at the fall elections;
> But now he is flat, and always must remain so,
> Unless he rises by this new fledged project.
> * * * * *
> And, then, there is R. (Parson Raw-limbs), with religious mask on,
> Veiling a heart which stops not at mere trifles;
> He's anxious to enlist in this campaign,
> To gull the people, and put down the Masons.
> The devil himself would hesitate as soon
> To take *foul* means to gain a *favourite* object
> As he to use his sanctimonious face
> To hoax the public and fill up his pockets.

Other office seekers are portrayed by Makefuss after the same fashion, but I must hurry on to the next scene where Landlord Slatestone, Rodrick Makefuss, Squire Deal-he-knows, Old Greedy, Parson Raw-limbs, Farmer Dobbin, and others, meet. The conversation between the various individuals is frank, viz., they all want offices, and neither of them care about the means of getting the said offices. Sir Makefuss, however, advises the assembled party for each to bind himself by a solemn oath to be true to the new organisation, and here is his proposed oath:—

OBLIGATION OF A TRUE AND ACCEPTED ANTI-MASON.

"We, the undersigned, of our own free-will and accord, not having the fear of God before our eyes, but being moved and in-

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stigated by a view to our own selfish purposes and the hopes of political advancement, do each most solemnly and sincerely promise and swear:—

"That we will for ever conceal from all mankind, except from a true and fully initiated anti-Mason, all the secrets of that party that may have been, are now, or shall at any future period, be communicated to us as such.

"That above all things, we will keep the mass of the ignorant and honest antis in their present state of ignorance with regard to our true designs—that although we may believe Freemasonry to be a harmless, charitable, and social Institution, we will unceasingly represent it as a most dangerous foe to the religion and liberties of our country.

"That where the fears of individuals, or societies, can best be excited by representing it as anti-christian and impious, we will never fail so to represent it; and when, on the other hand, we may have Liberals and Free-thinkers to deal with, we will represent the "Handmaid" as being yoked with the Orthodox, to promote the union of Church and State, to trample the liberties of the people under their feet.

"We furthermore swear, that although on all occasions we shall denounce every Mason as a traitor, murderer, and blasphemer; yet whenever any contingency shall arise, in which the interests of the Anti-Masonic party may require the election of a Royal Arch or a Templar Mason, we wil promote such election to the utmost in our power.

"Each and all of us do furthermore swear, that from this time forward, we will hold ourselves devoted, soul and body, and estate, to the interest of the Anti-Masonic party—that we will postpone to it all considerations of religion, patriotism, and common sense: and will receive as our reward, such honours and emoluments as it may be in the power of the party to bestow.

"To each and all of which, we hereby severally bind ourselves most solemnly, by subscribing our names."

The first scene of the second act is a farmhouse, where farmer Credulous and his wife Judy and Aunt Debby on one side, and Hawk Eye on the other, discuss the Morgan murder, the resurrection of Burnham, &c. Credulous and the two ladies of course stick to their belief, in spite of the arguments of Hawk Eye. There is also a scene in a court-house, where lawyer Long-jaw lays down points of law with all the acumen of the Lord Chancellor in *Iolanthe*. I must, however, proceed with the anti-Masonic plotters. Well, then, after full discussion, the above oath was signed by all present; the assembly was called "The Secret Divan," with a Wor. Master, Grand High Priest, Scribe, &c. as Officers. The establishment of a party paper, with Parson Rawlimbs as editor, was agreed to. The Burnham plot was discussed and approved of; numerous other Masonic outrages were invented, and for a while things went on swimmingly. The party, however, afterwards received two checks, which threatened its immediate extinction: First—In the words of Sir Rodrick—

> Friend Rawlimbs has done very well since he began,
> Has spared no pains, and made a wide impression,
> But the revival of some *old affairs*,
> By some young scoundrels, through that d—d Observer
> Who made some thrusts that Rawlimbs could not parry,
> Has dulled the edge of his reforming scythe,
> And palsied half the power of his arm.
> At first they said he was a vagabond,
> Expelled from the Church, by honest men detested,
> And said, boldly, in public meeting.
> He tried to gain redress, but who would think of it?
> They charged him boldly, in the public prints,
> With 'smoke-house' feats of most unseemly odour,
> And sundry capers of his earlier days,
> Which grated harshly on the public ear.
> There was a *slight* foundation for a part,
> So that he could not court investigation.

Rawlimbs had to be thrown overboard, and Master Slender was induced to conduct the paper. It was also deemed necessary to change the location of the paper to where the lying character of the party was less known. The second check was the report of the Legislative Committee on the Burnham *resurrection*. This was remedied by all agreeing to swear that the *Lodge-money* bribed Mower to unsay what he said and swore before. It seems to have answered their purpose—the party carried the election, and the offices were divided among those *worthies*. After which, defections from the party began to take place; the next election, when it drew near, seemed doubtful; new recruits for the "Divan" had to be sought after; hence, at one of the Divan's meetings, Master Slender announced that Lord Mansfield, one of the Vermont judges, would join the Divan,* but his ambition soared for a Senatorship.

> *Sir Rodrick*—That is good, by George—if we could catch the old one,
> The Lord Sage Mansfield, it would be a grand one.
> Suppose you send him your whole collection
> Of tracts and pamphlets for examination.
> *Slender*—I've had him under diet several weeks,
> Reading Bernard, Slade, Ward, and Rush, and Allyn;
> He feels quite sore about the last fall's defeat,
> And does expect that Masonry produced it.

In the next scene Lord Mansfield is introduced to the members of the Divan. In the course of conversation Lord Mansfield says:

> The termination of the late election
> Was one of those which caused my first suspicions.
> I could not for a moment doubt that *something*
> Unseen, but potent, ruled that fatal day.
> Six years before I was a candidate
> For the same office, and my friends assured me
> That nothing could prevent or check my triumph.
> I really thought the appointed time had come,
> When all my hopes and fond anticipations
> Would be resolved in unalloyed fruition.
> The day arrived, with all its high excitements;
> My friends were busy—I was all on tiptoe;
> But maugre all I had been told or dreamed of,
> My rival left me at a sightless distance.
> * * * * * *
> At length the period hastened to its end,
> And a new Senator must be elected.
> In the meantime I had made up some losses
> Of popularity beneath the ermine;
> In loud professions of devotedness
> To a protective tariff, none excelled me.
> I had been studious of the public whims,
> Watched each pulsation, noted every change,
> And had my creed adapted nicely to them."

It is only necessary to say that Lord Mansfield was convinced that his defeats were due to the secret influence of the "Handmaid," hence he was willing even to take the *anti-Mason's* oath, and to work for the party with all his might. The result was, the Antis triumphed at the next election. Landlord Slatestone invited the *Divan* to a grand feast, where a jolly time was anticipated by the party. Unfortunately, in order to ensure success, it was deemed expedient by the *Antis* to suffer the election of a few Masons for some offices. This, however, gave mortal offence to *Old Mordacious*, (a member of the Divan). They tried to pacify him, they bore his insulting taunts with great patience, they even coaxed him to join them in the banquet room, which he finally did, but this did not mollify him. Well, liquor was abundantly served, each in his turn gave his toast, which toasts were received with three cheers. As the party warmed up, six cheers, with the help of a *bumper*, were given. When it came to the turn of *Mordacious* he gave for his toast, "Starving office seekers, our ranks are overrun with them;" which was received with "a dead silence." Again and again the toasts went round, but when it came to Mordacious's turn, he proposed, "*Deacon Lovely* and *Makefuss*, a brace of d——d detested hypocrites and office seekers, that ever went unhung;" thereupon Makefuss returned the compliment, and the party began to become noisy. The next toast of Mordacious capped the climax; it was, "*Master Slender*, a d—d slender concern, the mere jackal of hypocrites and scoundrels." Slender thereupon became terribly excited, and began to threaten chastisement. Toasts, however, continued to go round, and the next toast of Mordacious was, "Makefuss and his man 'Friday.' One wants to go to Congress; may both go to the devil." Slender then jumped up to fight Mordacious; the others tried to interfere, but were too drunk to stand long on their feet; the fight then became general, and amidst the noise, uproar, and confusion, the curtain dropped.

BOSTON, U.S., 20th April 1883.

A meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Canonbury Tavern, St Mary's Road, on Thursday, 3rd May. Comp. Hunter occupied the chair of Z., G. Briggs H., Brasted J., W. J. Hunter S.N., Hubbard P.S. There was a large attendance.

The Installation of M.E. Companion Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G. Soj., as Grand Superintendent of Essex, will take place at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, at three o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, 16th instant. The installation ceremony will be performed by M.E. Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Grand H. of England.

* I suppose the author must have been prejudiced against Lord Mansfield by the letter of Junius to the said Lord.

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ROYAL ARCH.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Comps. J. M. P. Montague, Col. Creaton, and the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg occupying the three principals' chairs. The Prince of Wales was again declared M.E.Z. of the Order. His Royal Highness appointed

Comp. Earl of Carnarvon	Pro Grand Z.
Earl of Lathom	Grand H.

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., was appointed Grand J., Lord de Tabley having preferred a request to be released from his appointment, on account of ill-health. The other appointments were—

Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	Scribe E.
Colonel Stanley, M.P.	Scribe N.
Rev. Herbert G. Morse	Pr. Sojourner
Thomas M. Tew	1st. A. Sojourner
Ralph Gooding, M.D.	2nd A. Sojourner
John Derby Allcroft	Treasurer
Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C.	Registrar
Frank Green	Sword Bearer
Thomas Dolling Bolton	1st Standard Bearer
Raymond Henry Thrupp	2nd Standard Bearer
Lieut.-Col. A. C. Foster Gough	3rd Standard Bearer
Edgar Bowyer	4th Standard Bearer
George Lambert	Dir. of Ceremonies
Robert Turtle Pigott, D.C.L.	A. Dir. of Ceremonies
Wilhelm Ganz	Organist
Henry Gustavus Buss	Asst. Scribe E.
Henry Sadler	Janitor

Charters were granted for new Chapters to be attached to the several Lodges particularised by us last week, while the Companions of the Cana Chapter, No. 116, Colne, Lancashire, were authorised to wear a centenary jewel, this Chapter having worked continuously for upwards of 100 years. Comps. Colonel Creaton, Robert Grey, and Duff-Filer were appointed by the Prince of Wales members of the Committee of General Purposes, and Grand Chapter elected Comps. George Lambert, James L. Thomas, E. Letchworth, J. Sampson Peirce, R. H. Thrupp, and J. H. Matthews members of the Committee.

POLISH NATIONAL CHAPTER, No. 534.

THE installation meeting of this old established and rapidly improving Chapter took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 29th April. The business was commenced at six o'clock p.m., under the presidency of Comp. Palmer P.Z. M.E.Z., Comp. Hyde Clarke P.Z. H., Comp. Nowakowski P.Z. J. Comp. Palmer performed the ceremony of exalting three candidates—Bros. Geflowski, Morley and Hayo—in a manner which seemed to deeply impress those brethren. All Comps. below the rank of Principal, were then called upon to retire, and the ceremony of installing Comp. Paas as M.E.Z. was performed. Comp. Hyde Clarke being H. and Comp. Lowden J. The M.E Z. selected the following as his Officers:—Comps. Palmer S.E., Dr. Jagielski S.N., Dr. Jackson P.S. (who selected Comps. Kelsey and Kelsey 1st and 2nd Assistant Sojourners), Nowakowski Treasurer and Banks Janitor. The name of Bro. A. Bell, Organist of the Polish National Lodge, having been proposed as a candidate for exaltation at the next meeting, and other business being completed, the Chapter was closed in due form. The Companions then adjourned to the banquet-room. After the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts had been disposed of, Comp. Palmer P.Z. proposed the health of the M.E.Z. Comp. Paas, alluding to the fact of his being so well known in Freemasonry, and to the efforts he had made to bring the Polish National Lodge up to the high standard it had reached; all hoped Comp. Paas would be equally successful in regard to the Polish National Chapter. Comp. Paas proposed the health of Comps. Hyde Clarke and Lowden, as H. and J., referring especially to the manner in which Comp. Hyde Clarke had adhered to the fortunes of the Chapter. For his own part, no effort should be spared if he could advance the condition of the Chapter. Comp. Clarke, in returning thanks, stated he had been many years a member of the Chapter; he was glad to feel that after half a century in Freemasonry he was again amongst Poles; for whom he would always do all he could for their advantage. Comp. Lowden replied in a few appropriate remarks. The M.E Z. next proposed the health of the Exaltees, calling upon Comp. Geflowski to reply. This Companion stated that it was more than an ordinary pleasure for him to be present that evening; he, being a Pole, had been delighted with the ceremony, the sympathy he had received, the sentiments he had heard, and the manner in which the M.E Z. had conducted his part. The P.S. was also deserving of equal praise; he only hoped he should be spared to be with them for many years. The next toast was that of the Past Principals. Comp. Palmer had acted well as M.E Z., and Comp. Nowakowski, who was Treasrer, had kept the Chapter afloat by funds supplied from his own pocket. Comp. Palmer, in returning thanks, said he was pleased to see the Chapter supported by the mother Lodge; at any time his services were at the command of the Companions. The M.E.Z., in proposing the Officers, alluded to the manner in which the P.S. and S.N. had performed their duties. The Janitor's toast brought to a close a most agreeable evening.

THE HUMBER INSTALLED MASTERS' LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A SPECIAL Meeting of the Humber Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Osborn-street, Hull, on Friday, the 27th instant, for the purpose of hearing Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. give his lecture on the rituals and ceremony of the first degree. The W.D.P.G.M., J. P. Bell Esq., J.P., M.D., occupied the W.M.'s chair. The Rev. H. W. Kemp, M.A., acted as S.W., and Bro. Forder W.M. 1010 as J.W. There were also present the following Masters and Past Masters:—Bros. A. King 57, R. Beevers 57, W. E. Hay, M.D., P.P.G.S.D., George Wilson P.P.G.J.D., M. Haberland Prov. G.J.D., George D. Shackles 1511 Prov. G.S.D., Thomas Hewson P.P.G.T., W. D. Keyworth P.P.G.S. Works, A. Ansell P.P.G.S.B., F. A. Hopwood P.P.G.D.C. 1010, H. Preston P.P.G.D., Thomas Sissons 1010 P.P.G. Reg., M. C. Peck Prov. Grand Secretary, George Hardy 250 P.P.G.S.D., R. E. Harrison P.P.G. Org., W. Cheeseman 1611 P.P.G. Org., J. R. Ansdale 1611 Prov. G.S.B., W. Gillett 1611; Bros. D. J. O'Donoghue, J. W. Holmes, George Storey Prov. Grand Organist, Cockin, Dindsale, Hall, Kemp, Feltam, Pexton, Norris, Ganderton, Rutter, Thyer, Dyson, Wildbore, Shaw, Oates, Masterman, Batty, Gray, Foster, Brown, Linwood, Fletcher, Voght, Logan J.W. 1010, Bennett S.W. 1611, Davis, Fowler-Sutton, Shearsmith, Towler, Westerman, Whiteside, Welton 1511, Wilson 1511, Harrison, Whitfield, Clayton, Longley, Moll, Hogg, Highmoor, and others. The Lodge having been opened in the first degree, Bro. Dr. Bell, in briefly introducing Brother Stevens, stated that his lecture had been given in various Lodges in the South and neighbourhood of London with great success, and he was very glad that the honour of first introducing Brother Stevens to the North, for the purpose of giving this lecture, had been achieved by this Past Masters' Lodge of Instruction; he considered that by such a course a Lodge of Instruction, as the one in question, was taking its proper position in inquiring into, ascertaining, and correcting divergences of ritual, if by so doing no alterations were made in the established landmarks of the Order. Bro. Stevens then proceeded with his lecture, prefacing it with a few remarks to the effect that the observations he was about to make were his individual opinions alone, and as he claimed a certain latitude of opinion for himself, so he could not but allow a similar latitude to others. The lecture, which occupied upwards of two hours, was listened to with great attention, some of the remarks eliciting a considerable amount of applause and approval. At the conclusion, after discussing a few points of divergence of ritual, W. Bro. Dr. Bell, in moving a vote of thanks to Brother Stevens, said that every one present must have been struck with, and he hoped would carry away with him, some portion of the lecture to meditate on and digest; and if by that means a few of the inaccuracies in the working of the different Lodges in the Province, one of the aims and wishes of the Founders of the Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction, under whose auspices the lecture had been given, would be accomplished. W. Bro. Rev. H. W. Kemp, M.A., S.W., having briefly responded, Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired, well satisfied at having spent such an enjoyable evening.

At the first meeting of the brethren who have undertaken to serve as Stewards at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday last, there were present:—Bros. James Smith Eastes, Horace B. Marshall, Edgar Bowyer, John P. Hale P.M., John L. Mather, George Cooper, T. W. Ramsay, M.D., W. W. Morgan, W. E. Whadcoat, G. P. Festa, C. Dearing, F. R. Spaull, George Drysdale, George Brown, G. A. Ames, Louis A. Leins, Richard Barham, P. J. Taylor, B. Bird, W. W. Nevill, W. Lake, T. A. Logan, S. H. Goldschmidt, F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., George Page, Charles Belton, J. Child, J. Gresman Chillingworth, Hugh M. Gordon, Arthur C. Tanqueray, Jermyn Boyd, F. J. Stohwasser, Ralph Gooding, M.D., Captain F. Butterworth, Richard Clowes, J. G. Henning, C. B. Cousens, Thomas Wallis, Patrick McCarthy, W. Maple, H. W. Homann, E G. Lewis, W. H. Hooper, W. Mann, W. P. Webb, F. Foxley, J. Cutbush, E. Good, H. Faija, R. A. Meyer, J. H. Hawkins, C. Hawksley, T. White, C. E. Steel. It was announced that the Board of Stewards now numbered 308. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie was appointed President, with Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Col. Malet de Carteret, T. W. Tew, and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford as Honorary Presidents. Bro. James Smith Eastes D.P.G.M. Kent (for which Province Viscount Holmesdale, the Chairman of the Festival, is the Right Worshipful Grand Master) and Bro. Edgar Bowyer Grand Standard Bearer acting Presidents. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., was appointed Honorary Treasurer, and Bro. Frederick Binckes Honorary Secretary. Considerable discussion took place as to where the Festival should take place, and a decision on this question will not be come to until the next meeting of the Board of Stewards, which will take place on the 17th inst.

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FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We are pleased to be able to inform you that notwithstanding the lamentable Fire at Freemasons' Hall, the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will not be postponed; but as the accommodation will necessarily be somewhat contracted, we feel confident we may rely upon the co-operation of all those who are taking part in its celebration to make the best of any little inconvenience which may unavoidably arise.

We are, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ROBERT GREY,
President of the Board of Stewards.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Hon. Sec. Board of Stewards.

4th May 1883.

OLD KENT LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS,

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your report of the proceedings on the occasion of the introduction to the above Lodge of Lord Wolseley of Cairo you have, doubtless unwittingly, done gross injustice to such poor modicum of common sense as I may claim to possess. In the few earnest words I addressed to the brethren assembled—with the consent and at the request of the W.M. in the chair—I said no more than I should have said had the opportunity been afforded me while presiding at the customary banquet—(on the occasion in question refreshment did not follow labour)—to propose the toast of "The Newly-Advanced Candidate."

I recognised the position and services of our distinguished brother, but, with all the respect I feel for men of light and leading, whose adhesion to our ranks must always be matter for congratulation, I appreciate and value the privileges of our Order far too highly to think of proposing a "vote of thanks" to any one who may offer himself to participation therein.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

8A Red Lion-square, W.C.
30th April.

Obituary.

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BROTHER W. H. LUCIA.

WE regret to have to record the death of Bro. William H. Lucia, Provincial Grand Secretary Suffolk, which sad event took place on Tuesday morning, at his residence, Bury St. Edmunds. The deceased gentleman, who was 63 years of age, had been ill for some time, and by his death Freemasonry in West Suffolk loses one of its most energetic supporters. Bro. Lucia's connection with the Order extended over a number of years. He was the founder of the Royal St. Edmunds Lodge, No. 1008, and the Abbey Lodge, No. 1592, both of Bury; he took a very active part in the establishment of the White Rose Chapter, Bury, and was Past Master of four Lodges, and P.Z. of the White Rose Chapter. He held the offices of Prov. Grand Secretary of Suffolk, and Grand Scribe E. in the Provincial Chapter. He was also a P.P.G.S.W., and a few years ago was elected by the Grand Master to the office of Grand Sword Bearer of England. The funeral will take place this day (Saturday).

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THE NEW RESTAURANT MONICO.

THE dinner given on the occasion of the opening of the new Restaurant Monico took place on the 30th ult., when a select and distinguished company of the friends of the proprietors met to celebrate the event. The chair was occupied by Brother Willis, and the vice-chair by Brother Gros, of the firm of Hau and Co. About eighty guests were present. The chairman proposed the toast of the Queen, and Signor Tito Mattei delighted the company with a performance on the piano, which secured for the talented performer a perfect furore of applause. The toast of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales was next given, and was fully honoured. Signor Ria then sang "Non e Ver," accompanied by the composer; the company fully appreciated this musical treat. Bro. Hudson in an eloquent speech responded to the toast of the Naval Forces, and Mr. Simpson played a very excellent solo on the violincello. The chairman proposed the toast of the evening, the health of the Brothers Monico. In the course of his remarks he said they were assembled together to celebrate the re-opening of this restaurant. The building was closed some few months since for the purpose of making great and necessary alterations. As those present could see, it had been beautifully re-decorated; as likewise had the Grand Hall, which he could recommend to their inspection. The Bros. Monico had zealously gone to work, and completed the vast improvements now visible. In incurring the great outlay these alterations had entailed, they relied on the continued and increased support of the public, to whom already they were so much indebted. They would continue to supply the best viands and wines that could be procured. He (the chairman) knew all present wished them success, and would do full honour to the toast, which without further remarks he would now offer for acceptance. This compliment was acknowledged by Bro. M. Davis, who was entrusted by the Brothers Monico to express their gratification at the way in which the toast had been proposed and received. To Bro. Gros was entrusted the next toast, the health of the Chairman—Brother Willis—whom he had hitherto only known in his official capacity. He, however, was well known in the City of London, and the genial manner in which he had presided over them entitled him to their respect. The President, in reply, said his object in taking the chair was to render a service to the worthy proprietors, who he thought deserved every success. He was sure all the guests had enjoyed themselves, and hoped such social gatherings would frequently take place. He thanked Bro. Gros for so kindly introducing the toast. To Signor Mattei and the gentlemen who assisted by their vocal efforts great praise is due.

The installation meeting of the Lily of Richmond Lodge, No. 820, will take place on Wednesday next, the 9th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond. Brother Charles Hubbard, who has already twice filled the chair of this Lodge, viz. in 1878 and 1879, was, at the last meeting, unanimously elected Master. The proceedings commence at 3 o'clock p.m.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.—The London and North Western Railway Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad Street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day from Monday, 7th May, until Monday, 14th (inclusive), so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North Western Railway can do so at any time of the day, prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets can also be obtained for the principal stations on the London and North Western system and its connections (Sunday and Bank Holidays excepted) at the following town receiving offices of the Company:—Swan with two Necks, Golden Cross, Charing Cross; Spread Eagle, Piccadilly Circus; 70 St. Martin's Lane; 16 Holborn; George and Blue Boar, Holborn; Spread Eagle, Gracechurch Street; Bolt-in-Tun, Fleet Street; 34 Albert Gate; Griffin, Green Man, and Still, 241 Oxford-street, and 33 High-street, Kensington. On Saturday, 12th May, the express train leaving London (Euston) at 3.0 p.m., Birmingham (New-street) at 5.30 p.m., Liverpool (Lime-street) at 7.35 p.m., and Manchester (Victoria) at 7.30 p.m. will be extended to Windermere. On the same date a special express, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd class, will leave London (Euston Station) at 3.45 p.m. for Birmingham, calling at Willesden Junction, Rugby, and Coventry only, and reaching Birmingham (New-street) at 6.20 p.m. The express trains to and from the City, St. Albans, Watford, and Kensington will not run on Whit Monday. Cheap Excursion Trains will run from London, for three and six days, to Carlisle, the Lake District, North, South, and Central Wales, the North of England, the Potteries, Birmingham, and the Midland Counties, &c. Full particulars of which can be obtained at any of the above Offices, or at the Railway Stations.

A movement is on foot among the Masons of Philadelphia to establish in that city a Home for aged and indigent Freemasons. Meetings have been held and an effort is being made to secure the co-operation of all the Lodges in the city for this laudable purpose. An institution of this sort would be a greater honour to Masonry in Philadelphia than it now enjoys in having the finest Masonic Temple in the world. Philadelphia claims priority in Masonic organizations in this country. She can attain to higher honour by being the first to establish a Home for worthy brethren who may have been unfortunate in business, or from any cause have no home of their own as old age comes creeping on and they are unable to provide for themselves. We bid our Fraters Godspeed in their noble work.—*Masonic Advocate.*

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TIGERHOOD AND SPIDERHOOD.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

HE who knows but little of the world knows that it is selfish, very selfish, while he who knows much of it realizes that all the bulls and bears are not at large in the fields and on the mountains, nor even along "the Barbary coast," but that there is often too much of the wild animal found in unregenerate and profane man everywhere. Sometimes he springs as a tiger, sometimes he spins as a spider, but always he is dangerous—watch him. We do not say what this is owing to; we do not blame it on old Adam, or anybody, except perhaps the individual himself. When we see a tiger, whether in a cage or at large, whether walking on all fours or looking very human, we get out of his way. When we see a spider, whether fairy-like and harmless-looking on his aerial web, or robust and afoot, treading the earth like a man, we avoid him. A tiger is a tiger, and a spider a spider, no matter what his form. Men are sometimes spiders and sometimes tigers. Look out for them. They are impostors. Their apparent manhood is real tigerhood or spiderhood. Whatever was the origin of Freemasonry, and its primary purpose, its principles, and precepts to-day operate to overcome, eliminate and expel from the breasts of its initiates any tendency towards animalism. It says, stand upright, look up, peer beyond, demean yourself well here, and have a care for the hereafter. The Grand Architect of the Universe is your father—worship Him; every member of every Masonic Lodge is your brother—love him. Brotherly Love is the key-note of Masonry. It introduces to the harmony of the Lodge, where Brethren "harmonize in the light." It bids you, fraternally grasp by the hand and take to your heart every worthy Brother. Do not spring upon him like a tiger, nor deceive him like a spider. Do not seclude yourself from your kind, but go forth blessing and to bless, enjoying yourself socially and convivially, while you are ministering enjoyment to others. There are those who

"Sit close and silently within,
And their own web from their own entrails spin,"

but no Freemason should go into such a manufacturing business; the product does not warrant it. The goods are poor, and there is no demand for them. Ascetics and hermits are out of date, and ascetism and hermitism far below par. Freemasonry instructs its votaries to be the reverse of all this. It teaches one to remember his kind, to be sympathetic, to be helpful, to be charitable, not—to go outside of his web—but to have no web—to be a man, not a spider, and to exemplify in his conduct manhood, not spiderhood.

It may do at a time when the blasts of war blow in our ears, "to imitate the tiger," but not in times of peace, not in the bosom of the Fraternity, not towards a Brother Mason. It is never justifiable to act the spider or the tiger to a Brother. We are protectors not destroyers, friends not foes. The profane may act brutishly, not we. Let anti-Masons cheat and deceive, set their webs to catch the thoughtless and ignorant—it is their nature, but we are bred in a different school, and amenable to a higher law. We have been "brought to Light," the light of truth, unity and concord, while they are in the midst of a darkness which may be felt.

It may be that there are those who now and then have observed traces of the presence of a spider-like or tiger-like man in the Fraternity. It is too much to expect that we should be entirely successful in excluding from the Craft every such person. We aim to be successful, and all of our regulations are framed to that end. But the strictest rules, and the most careful observance of them, occasionally fail to exclude the unworthy. The hypocrite sometimes makes himself at home in the most exclusive circles. Applicants may declare that they are unbiassed by improper considerations, and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, but when, after they have been received, after a proper examination, they immediately begin to seek to prey upon the Fraternity, or individual members of it, watch them, look out for them. They are spiders or tigers in disguise. They are, in the largest sense of the word, impostors. All of their Masonry is on their tongues, and none of it in their hearts. Young Masons, especially, should be on their guard against these deceivers. They borrow and pay not again; they wear their Masonry as a cloak to hide their guilty purposes; their service is eye-service, and if employed they must be closely looked after. The only proper course when they are detected in their unfraternal and un-Masonic conduct, is to suspend or expel them. They are blots on the Craft, that should be removed as soon as discovered.

The gospel that Freemasonry teaches is the gospel of manhood, embracing truth, justice, honesty, temperance, brotherly love. Against these there is no law. But the crafty deceits of the spider, and the open ferocity of the tiger, let them never be named among us, save to condemn and to punish.

THE W. H. JONES MEMORIAL FUND.

THE Executive Committee of the W. H. Jones Memorial Fund have published a lengthy list of contributors, in which Common Law, Literature, Music, the Drama, and private philanthropy, are all, more or less, represented. A noticeable feature, however, is the absence of names connected with the Railway interest, to which Bro. Jones long rendered good service. It has been suggested that an energetic appeal in this direction could scarcely fail to meet with due recognition.

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The numerous friends of our worthy Brother T. J. Barnes will regret to hear the critical state of his health is causing his family much concern. We sincerely trust that the change in the weather we may now look forward to will have a beneficial effect, and that our dear old friend will again be able to regain strength, and take an active share in the labours he has hitherto so ably fulfilled.

The installation of Brother E. J. Acworth as Master of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 133, will take place on Monday, at the Minor Hall of the Faversham Institute. A banquet will afterwards be given at the Ship Hotel, Faversham. Viscount Holmesdale has promised to pay the brethren a visit on this occasion.

At the Yearly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Archipelago, held on Wednesday, the 28th March, the appointment and investiture of the following Officers took place:—

Bro. J. D. Vaughan P.M. 1152 and 508	D.D. Grand Master
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M. B. Dennys 1152	Junior Grand Warden
J. P. Joaquim P.M. 508 and W.M. 1152	Grand Registrar
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J. P. B. Beal W.M. 508	Grand Secretary
G. Lavino P.M. 1555	Senior Grand Deacon
A. Knight S.W. 1152	Junior Grand Deacon
J. H. Windrum P.M. 1311 & 508	G. Superintendent of Works
W. Windrum J.W. 508	Grand Director of Ceremonies
J. Rae 508	Grand Sword Bearer
C. K. E. Woods 1152	Grand Organist
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FREEMASONRY IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

FROM THE NOTTINGHAM DAILY GUARDIAN.

THE Freemasons find a congenial home in the county of Nottingham, and as the principles of the Order become more extensively disseminated they increase in numbers and influence. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottingham, claims for its Grand Master his Grace the Duke of St. Albans, for its Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. John Watson, for its Senior Warden Bro. Sir Henry Bromley Bart, and for its Junior Warden Bro. C. B. Trueman. The oldest Lodge in the Grand Lodge records is Newstead (No. 47), which is often referred to as having its origin in "time immemorial," but the first warrant pertaining to it is dated 1735. It has for its Worshipful Master Bro. Geo. Chapman, for its Senior Warden Bro. E. C. Patchitt, and for its J.W. Bro. H. Vickers. The Lodge meets at the Masonic Hall on the first Tuesday in each month. The Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 402) was founded in 1829, and has its headquarters at the George Hotel, where it meets four times a year. It has for its Worshipful Master Bro. Herbert Owen Taylor, for its Senior Warden the Rev. A. J. L. Dobbin, and for its Junior Warden Dr. Seaton. The Commercial Lodge was founded on the 16th April 1832, meets at the Masonic Hall on the second Monday in the month, and has for its Worshipful Master Bro. William Hickling, for its Senior Warden Bro. S. Walker, and for its Junior Warden Bro. R. Halford. The next Lodge in point of rank is the Pelham Lodge, No. 939, which was founded in the year 1862, and meets at the Corn Exchange, Worksop, on the third Thursday in the month. It has for its Worshipful Master Bro. Robert T. Matterson, its Senior Warden Bro. Joseph Pickering, and its Junior Warden Bro. Charles Butler. The Southwell Lodge, No. 1405, was established in May 1872, and meets at the Masonic Hall on the first Friday in each month, except May and June. It has for its Worshipful Master, Bro. William Hirst, for its Senior Warden Bro. F. Hind, and for its Junior Warden Bro. J. S. Hardy. The Nottinghamshire Lodge, No. 1434, was founded in April 1873, meets at the Masonic Hall on the first Monday in the month from September to April, and has for its Worshipful Master Bro. J. T. McCraith, for its Senior Warden Bro. Arthur James Page, and for its Junior Warden Bro. Arthur Kirby. The Annesley Lodge, No. 1435, was founded on the same date as the Nottinghamshire Lodge, meets at the Masonic Hall, and has for its Worshipful Master Bro. William Clarke, for its Senior Warden Bro. G. T. Alenson, and for its Junior Warden Bro. J. Thornley. The Robin Hood Lodge, 1495, founded in June 1874, meets at the Mechanics' Hall, Eastwood, on the Wednesday on or before the full moon, and has for its Worshipful Master Bro. W. H. Barton, for its Senior Warden Bro. H. Saxton, and for its Junior Warden Bro. James Gall. The Newton Lodge, No. 1661, was founded in May 1887, meets at the Savings Bank, Lombard-street, Newark, on the second Friday in the month, and has for its Worshipful Master Bro. F. H. A. Appleby, for its Senior Warden Bro. Walton, and for its Junior Warden Bro. H. George. The De Vere Lodge, No. 1794, was founded in December 1878, and meets at the Masonic Hall. The Vernon Lodge, No. 1802, was founded on the 1st of January 1879, and meets at the Exchange Buildings, East Retford. The Forest Lodge, No. 1852, was established in November 1879, and has its headquarters at the Swan Hotel, Mansfield. The Carnarvon Lodge was founded on the 22nd April 1881, and meets at the Masonic Hall. The Royal Arch Masons have also a moderately numerous contingent within the county. The first Provincial Grand Chapter of Nottinghamshire has Sir Henry Bromley, Bart. for its Provincial Grand Superintendent, and Companion John Watson for its Provincial Grand H. The Abbey Royal Arch Chapter, No. 47, meets four times a year at the Masonic Hall, and has for its Z. Companion A. Lawson. The Royal Sussex Royal Arch Chapter, No. 402, was established in 1881, meets at the Masonic Hall, and has for its Z. Companion Sir H. Bromley, Bart. The Commercial Royal Arch Chapter was also founded in May 1881, meets at the Masonic Hall, and has for its Z. Companion C. G. Wragg. The Alexander Royal Arch Chapter was established in August 1881, meets at the Savings Bank, Newark, and has for its Z. Comp. W. Newton. There are also held at the Masonic Hall, in connection with the Knights Templars, the Abbey Chapter Encampment, the Nottingham Chapter, No. 17, and the Rose Croix Chapter. The proceedings which took place at Nottingham on Thursday, the 26th ult., were in connection with the Order of Mark Master Masons. This is believed to be of greater antiquity than the more popular branch of Freemasonry, and has made rapid strides in public favour during recent years. The origin of the Newstead Mark Lodge, like its namesake, is said to be of "time immemorial," though its minutes only date from the year 1802. It meets at the Masonic Hall four times a year, and has for its W.M. Bro. C. B. Truman, for its Senior Warden Bro. E. C. Patchitt, and for its Junior Warden Bro. H. J. Norris. The Fleming Mark Lodge, No. 265, is held at the Savings Bank, Newark, four times a-year, and has for its Worshipful Master Bro. J. M. Davis, for its Senior Warden Bro. H. Walton, and for its Junior Warden Bro. J. McLeod. It was thought that there should be a Grand Mark Lodge for Nottinghamshire, and the highly interesting proceedings at the Masonic Hall were instituted for the purpose of establishing such a Lodge, and appointing its first Grand Officers. There was a large number of Mark Masons present from London, Birmingham, Derby, Leicester, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Hartlepool, and other Midland and Northern towns. The members of the Newstead Mark Lodge, of whom Bro. Joseph Ward is the Secretary, attended at the Masonic Hall at eleven in the forenoon, to receive the brethren from a distance, to supply them with information, and to conduct them to the principal places of interest in the town and neighbourhood. The Visitors were received at the entrance by Bros. J. Ward Secretary, Dr. Hatherly, Thornley, J. Wigglesworth, Wills, and Councillor Vickers. The following were amongst the places visited:—The Castle Museum, the University Buildings, the lace-dressing works of his worship the Mayor (Bro. Alderman Lindley), the lace manufactory of Bro. Sir James Oldknow, the lace curtain manufactory of Bro. Doughtey, the leather works of Bro. Alderman Turney, the machine-building works of Bros. Blackburn and Attenborough, and the hosiery manufactories of Messrs. I. and R. Morley. At two o'clock a Lodge of Emergency of the Newstead Mark Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Charles B. Truman, the choir singing the opening hymn, commencing—

Hail Eternal, by whose aid
All created things were made.

Amongst those present were the following:—Grand Officers—Bros Lord Henniker M.W.G M., Lord Kintore R.W.D.G.M., C. F. Matier P.G.W. acting as G.J.W., F. Davison D.P.G.M., G. Foljambe G.S.D., F. Binckes Grand Secretary, D. M. Dewar Assistant Grand Sec., R. Berridge G.D. of C., W. Watson G. Assistant D. of C., F. Lang G.S.B., G. Carter G.S., G. Powell G.C. Provincial Grand Masters—Bros. Pryn Pryn Province of South Wales, W. Kelly Secretary Leicester, Notts, and Derbyshire Province, J. W. Woodhall N. and E Yorks Province, J. Watson Notts Province. Past Grand Officers—C. T. Lane P.G.D., W. Roebuck P.G.M.O., A. F. Godson D.D.G.M., T. B. Whytehead P G.M.O., T. J. Pulley P.G.S.D., C. F. Matier P.G.W., and J. Arbitt P.G.S.D. Bro. the Earl of Limerick was expected to be present, but his duties in the House of Lords prevented him leaving London. After some preliminary Lodge business had been transacted, Bro. Truman appointed a deputation to receive the M.W.G.M. Lord Henniker and the Officers of the Grand Lodge. The brethren stood to order, and the Organist having played a voluntary, Brother Lord Henniker assumed the throne, and was saluted with Grand honours. His Lordship then opened the Grand Lodge, and the choir sang the ode beginning—

Hail, Masonry divine.

Bro. Binckes, the Grand Secretary, then read the summons convening the meeting, after which the Most Worshipful Grand Master Lord Henniker was informed that the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Designate, Bro. John Watson, was without, and requested to be installed. Brother Lord Henniker directed that Brother Watson should be introduced in proper form. Brother Robert Berridge, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, together with several other Grand Officers and a number of Provincial Grand Officers, retired, formed into processional order, introduced Brother Watson, and conducted him to the front of the pedestal in the east. Brother Binckes Grand Secretary then read the patent of appointment, after which the Rev. Bro. Bagshawe Past Grand Chaplain offered a prayer, and the choir sang the ode, "Supreme Grand Master, God of Power." Bro. Lord Henniker then addressed Bro. Watson on the nature of his duties and the qualifications for the office of Provincial Grand Master. At this point, Bro. Berridge, in his capacity of Grand Director of Ceremonies, proclaimed "The county of Nottinghamshire is now and henceforth constituted a Mark Province." Brother Watson then undertook the necessary obligations pertaining to his appointment, and was conducted to the right of Bro. Lord Henniker, who invested him and inducted him to the chair. Brother Watson was officially proclaimed as the Provincial Grand Master for Nottinghamshire, and was saluted with grand honours. The choir sang the anthem, "That which has gone out of thy lips," after which the other Provincial Grand Officers were appointed, as follow:—Bros. W. Newton (coroner of Newark) D.P.G.M., R. Fitzhugh S.W., C. G. Wragg J.W., Joseph Ward S.D., Thomas Thorpe (Newark) J.D., M. Mann M.O., J. M. Davis (Newark) S.O., H. Walton (Newark) J.O., C. B. Truman Treasurer, E. C. Patchitt Registrar of Marks, H. R. Hatherly Secretary, H. J. Norris and the Rev. A. Wood (Newark) Stewards, H. George Director of Ceremonies, Rev. F. V. Bussell Chaplain, W. Wright Organist, Appleby (Newark) I.G., Bro. Glover Tyler. After votes of thanks had been proposed, and other business transacted, Bro. Lord Henniker resumed his position on the throne, and the choir sang the closing ode,

Now the evening shadows closing,
Warn from toil to peaceful rest.

The Rev. Bro. Bagshawe, Past Grand Chaplain, again offered up prayer, and Grand Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren retired to the banquet-room. The banquet took place in the lower room of the Masonic Hall, and was presided over by Bro. Lord Henniker Right Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason of England, who was supported by most of those present at the meeting of Grand Lodge. After the repast, Bro. Lord Henniker proposed the Queen and Mark Masonry. His Lordship said this toast was always received with enthusiasm by all classes, and particularly amongst Masons, and not less amongst any other body than by the Mark Masons. Her Majesty the Queen was the Patron of the Order, the Prince of Wales was the Grand Master of England, and the Duke of Albany was one of the Grand Masters of Mark Masonry. He was sure they would all join with him on that occasion, not only in drinking Her Majesty's health with the usual cordiality, but also in the sincere wish that the Queen might be restored to her usual health with the utmost possible speed. This toast was received with Masonic honours. Bro. Watson proposed the M.W. Grand Master the Right Hon. Lord Henniker. He said Mark Masonry was progressing and extending, and he believed a great deal of its success was due to the popularity of its Grand Master. Bro. Lord Henniker, in reply, said he thanked them very much for the cordial reception they had

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given him. He prized their good feeling very highly, and if he was at all popular amongst the brethren, it was perhaps because he tried to the best of his ability to do his duty to Mark Masonry. During the two years he had held office he had been very fortunate in having good Officers around him to back him up, to help him, and to do their duty as he had endeavoured to do his. He was sorry he was obliged to return to London early in the evening, but he had other duties besides those pertaining to Mark Masonry; and if he got back that night he would have the whole of the following day before him, whereas if he delayed his return until the following morning, he should lose the best part of the day. He wished to thank the Provincial Grand Master, and the whole of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the magnificent reception they had given them, and for the trouble they had taken to make all the arrangements pleasant and comfortable. It was quite true that Mark Masonry was flourishing everywhere. Even the best of things required a little pushing sometimes; but when he saw the enthusiasm displayed at every meeting of Mark Masonry which he attended, he did not think there was much pushing required. It was not at Nottingham alone where they had met with an enthusiastic reception. They had certainly had a most interesting ceremony in a splendid Masonic Hall. Craft Masonry was most flourishing in the Province of Nottingham, and he believed that very soon Mark Masonry would be as flourishing. They met with great enthusiasm wherever they went, and if the Grand Officers, the Officers of Lodges, and brethren carried on the business of Mark Masonry with the same spirit, having duty as their watchword, and the same desire to promote the welfare of the Order, he was sure they would go on from year to year increasing in strength, in numbers, in influence, and in usefulness. Their meeting that day had been of a most pleasing character, and he should carry away reminiscences of it which he should not easily forget. There was one thing which had cast a cloud over their meeting, and that was the death of Brother Vowles, who had taken a most active interest in that Province, both in Mark and in Craft Masonry. He had heard of Bro. Vowles's death with deep regret. He had to apologise to them for the absence from that banquet of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore, who had had great pleasure in attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge, but had been obliged to return to London as soon as it was over, in consequence of the illness of his children. Before sitting down, he wished to propose to them the health of Bro. John Watson, the Prov. Grand Master, to whom was entrusted the most important duty of governing that Province in Mark Masonry. He was sure that in appointing Brother Watson as their Prov. Grand Officer they had taken the best possible course for the promotion of Mark Masonry in Nottinghamshire. Brothers Lord Henniker, Binckes, Dewar, and other Grand Officers here left the room in order to catch the train for London. Brother Watson, in acknowledging the toast, said if the Grand Master felt a responsibility in the establishment of the Province, how much greater responsibility did he (Bro. Watson) feel in undertaking the office of G.M. for Nottinghamshire. Of one thing he was certain, and that was, that if any great measure of success attended their efforts, it would be due to the assistance which his Officers would be able to render him. He could himself do something, doubtless, but his Officers could do a great deal more. Many of them had perhaps not had honours showered upon them as he had, but they had had a much greater experience in the working of the Craft, and it was to their help he looked for the effectual working and the arrangement of the Province. He did not believe that any Provincial Grand Master was surrounded by a better set of Officers, and he would do his best to carry out the principles of the Order in a satisfactory way. When it was first designed to form a Province, they put themselves in communication with the authorities in London, and from that day to this they had met with nothing but kindness and assistance. In conclusion, he proposed the Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master (the Earl of Kintore), and the Grand Officers, Present and Past, and with the toast he associated the name of Bro. Kelly, Provincial Grand Master for Leicestershire. Bro. Kelly responded, and thanked the company on behalf of the Grand Officers. He said he had known Bro. Watson for many years, and had always found him kind and courteous. He (Bro. Kelly) was the oldest Provincial Grand Officer in England, and Bro. Watson was now the youngest. He had a pleasant recollection of Mark Masonry in Nottingham many years ago, for he came to join that Order about twenty-five years since, and he was devotedly attached to it from that time onward. Brother the Rev. Bro. Bagshawe, of Derbyshire, also responded on behalf of the Grand Officers, and said he felt highly honoured, first of all, in having been appointed a Grand Chaplain in the County Palatine, and also, through Lord Lathom's kindness, in being chosen a Grand Chaplain of Mark Masonry in England. His certificate was allowed by Bro. Binckes to be perfectly regular and correct, and nobody could be more generous in their treatment of him than the Grand Mark Lodge of England had been. He trusted there would be perfect harmony throughout the county, and that Mark Masonry would make rapid progress. Bro. Watson afterwards proposed the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Notts, Bro. W. Newton, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. He referred particularly to the services of Bros. Newton and George, and said the Province had much reason to be grateful for the services they had rendered. Bro. Newton, in acknowledging the compliment, said it was necessary to sink small differences in order to gain great objects, and he felt that had been done in establishing this Provincial Grand Lodge. He extremely regretted the death of Bro. Vowles, who had rendered such great service to the Order, and whose genial countenance they remembered so well; but he was perfectly certain that their deceased brother was prepared to take office under the Great Overseer in the Lodge above. He also referred to the large family which Bro. Vowles had left behind, and made some practical suggestions with regard to their future career. He referred to the valuable services which Brother Russell had rendered to Craft and Mark Masonry, and congratulated this newly-formed Lodge on the success which had attended its efforts. Brother Watson proposed the Worshipful Master and Officers and members of the Newstead Lodge (Time Immemorial), to which toast Bro. C. Truman suitably responded. The other toasts included Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund, the Visitors, &c. In the course of the proceedings, songs were rendered by Bro. R. De Lacy, Mr. A. Castings, Mr. Dunkerton, and Mr. Orange.

MASONIC ANTIQUITY—LIMERICK.

AS a point of general intrest bearing upon the theory that Freemasonry was first invented at the beginning of the eighteenth century only, we are induced to describe a small square now in the rooms of Lodge 13, in Limerick.

In 1830 the Corporation of Limerick decided upon taking down an old bridge, called Baal's Bridge, which connects the island upon which the old town of Limerick is built with the mainland. This old bridge consisted of four small arches, and had a row of ten houses along one side, the back walls of which were a continuation of the parapet, and the front wall and other parapet formed a narrow street, as in several old bridges in England and other countries. This old bridge of small arches was found inconvenient, and tending to prevent the flow of water and, as it was to be replaced by a bridge consisting of one single arch only, the foundations of the old piers had to be entirely removed and the bed of the river deepened. This required the entire removal of all the foundations of the old piers in the centre of the river; and when taking up the lower course of the centre pier a little cavity was found which contained the following article, viz.:—

A small brass "square," similar in size to that now worn by the Worshipful Masters of all the Craft Lodges in the world, four inches and a half from the outside angle to each end, and about two inches and three quarters from the inside angle to the inside end of the square, the ends being sloped from inside to outside edge, with a wave pattern, not a straight edge. The square is made of a plate of brass five-sixths of an inch broad by about one-tenth of an inch thick.

The square is a little different from the present jewel worn by a W.M., inasmuch as it has two holes, one at each end, at the inner edge, instead of one single hole at the angle, so that if it was hung round the neck by a ribbon or chain it would hang with the angle instead of the ends down as in modern days.

Any body reading thus far would conclude it was only an ornament used by operative Masons, but we now come to the remarkable engraving upon it:—

At the angle of each side where the hole of the modern jewel is situated is engraved a heart, with its lower point to the inner angle and the top indentation to the outside angle.

On the sides of the square is the following inscription in capital letters, a line on each arm:—

I · WILL · STRIUE · TO · LIUE
1517
WITH · LOUE · & · CARE
UPON · Y$_e$ · LEUL
BY · Y$_e$ · SQUARE

The first two of the above lines with the date are upon one side of the jewel, the latter two upon the other side.

This is a most remarkable article, about the antiquity and genuineness of which there is not the least possible doubt. The two hearts and inscription are quite plain to be seen, and the only doubt which can possibly be raised is to one figure in the date which might possibly have been 1317, the second figure could not have been either 0, 1, 2, 4, or 6, and it could not have been either 7 or 8, nor could in reality have the second figure been any other but a figure of 3 or 5. The top and bottom of the figure are perfect, but the intermediate stroke is partly defaced, and this stroke it is which makes a difference of two hundred years in figures of those dates, as in the case of a 5 this stroke runs from the left of the top line to the left of the semicircle, and in a 3 from the right of the top stroke to the same place at the bottom as in the former figure.

How this square came to be placed in the position it was found is a difficulty, as there is no historical account of the building of this bridge either in 1317 or 1517, and the structure must have been in existence long before 1317, as it formed the only entrance to the island upon which the old city of Limerick was built. It is therefore supposed that in the numerous battles which took place upon this bridge, or by a flood, it may have been injured, the current being strong in that place, and some portion of the structure renewed at the time the square was placed in position where it was found in 1830.—*The Kneph.*

Bro. Signor Ria (Fidelity Lodge, No. 3) announces a Grand Morning Concert, which will take place on the 7th June, at the Marlborough Rooms, 307 Regent-street. Among the artists who will assist are Mesdames Rose Hersee, Adeline Paget, Kate Baxter, Buckland, and Jose Sherrington; Signori Ria, Bonetti, Isidore De Lara, W. Marnock, Bernard Lusini and Zoboli-Vitterina De Bono, Herr C. Oberthur; Piano—Signor Tito Mattei and the Paggi Family. The Concert will begin at three o'clock. Conductors—Signori La Calsi, Sala, Romilli, and Bro. Lindsay Sloper.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 5th MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1233—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1459—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 7th MAY.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1508—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
R.A. 833—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M. 139—Panmure, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Shin Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Hyrshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
341—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthbergn, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Bowling Green, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1579—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford

TUESDAY, 8th MAY.

15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1348—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1377—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1427—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Germyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1665—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
194—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
408—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Manle-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1515—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 70—St. John's, Hyrshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 285—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Lancashire
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 9th MAY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Cleveland-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1304—Lodge of St. John, City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1791—Creation, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
116—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
187—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1019—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marrion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1107—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewisses, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1214—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 281—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 240—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 313—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire

THURSDAY, 10th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
415—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
753—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)

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1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1457—Ragshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1094—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1418—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pole, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
R.A. 464—Hwlffordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
R.A. 613—Eidson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
R.A. 724—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
K.T. 21—Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

FRIDAY, 11th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
141—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
167—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich (Inst.)
R.A. 569—Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City Road, E.C.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Brompton.
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1299—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 12th MAY.

178—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Cavaæ, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1874—Fredericton, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723, BOLTON.

WE, last week, gave an account of the installation meeting of this Lodge, so far as regards the earlier events of the day. The after-dinner proceedings were of an essentially harmonious character, and we feel assured the subjoined particulars will be acceptable to our readers:—

The brethren assembled for banquet shortly after the close of business. Mrs. Priestly of the "Commercial," having put forth her best efforts to cater to the wants of the brethren, was rewarded by a thorough appreciation of one of the most successful meetings of the brethren in Bolton; the arrangements were simply perfect, and the viands all that the keenest epicure could desire. The St. George's Lodge choir, recently established, contributed largely to the enjoyment of the brethren, and sang their glees and songs in such a manner as to entrance the audience. They were heartily thanked for their contribution to the harmony and enjoyment of the meeting. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and received full recognition from those assembled. In proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Officers the S.W., Bro. Barrett, spoke highly of those brethren, and stated that it should be a matter of pride that Bolton contributed some of the most valued members of that body. The toast was briefly responded to by Brother Henry Greenwood P.Prov. G.P., who said that he was proud of his position as a Past Prov. Grand Officer, and that he would always endeavour to sustain the dignity of the office. The health of the W.M. (Bro. Latham) was proposed by Bro. Brockbank, the senior P.M., who expressed his great gratification at being asked to instal to the office the seventh Master of St. George's Lodge, who had proved himself so worthy of the distinction the brethren had bestowed upon him. His contributions that day shewed clearly that he thoroughly appreciated the axiom that office brought responsibilities as well as honours along with it. Bro. Dr. Bentley, composer of "Here's to his health in a song," favoured the brethren by a vocal display, which elicited the warm plaudits of the brethren. Bro. Pennington proposed the Installing Master, Bro. Brockbank, and spoke in very flattering terms of the long Masonic services of that brother, intimating that the pleasure he had in visiting the Lodge that evening was considerably enhanced by hearing the Master of his own Lodge conduct the ceremony of the day, and, as Master of the oldest Lodge in the town, instal the Master of the youngest Lodge into office. Brother Brockbank, in reply, alluded to the fact that this Lodge, of which he had the honour of being the first Master, had in a short time become so marvellous a success, this showed that brethren of good social position peaceably and quietly agreed to accept their Masonic rank without any desire to obtain precedence, which some brethren might think them entitled to; for instance, the S.W. was Chairman of the Board of Guardians of the Bolton Poor Law Union, and the J.W. held the honourable position of Mayor of Bolton, while other members of the bodies over which these brethren respectively presided occupied various offices in the Lodge. He was proud of its success, and trusted to be spared to continue to render it any service in his power. The Mother Lodge, 221, was proposed by the Mayor, and responded to by Bro. John Isherwood, W.M. of the Lodge. The Mayor spoke in the most kindly way of the "Mater," and the services the old Lodge had rendered to Freemasonry, and of the very excellent Masons who had been trained under its banner, heartily wishing it every success. The Past Masters were duly honoured, and the toast replied to by Bro. Court, who acknowledged the services which had been rendered to him during his year of office by the Past Masters and also the Officers of the Lodge. The Visitors, proposed by Bro Barratt S.W., was responded to by Bro. Brierley, W.M. Lodge Relief, No. 42, Bury, who expressed his great gratification at visiting Bolton Lodges, as his Lodge was consecrated, now nearly 150 years ago, by the first Master of the Anchor and Hope Lodge of Bolton; he stated that the Sesqui-Centennial of his Lodge would be celebrated in the month of July, and he hoped to be well supported by Bolton Masons. The Charities were next proposed and honoured. The services of the Officers of the Lodge were fully recognised and the compliment paid them was gracefully acknowledged. The toast, proposed by Bro. John Morris P.M.—Poor and Distressed Masons—concluded the programme. The musical arrangements and general direction of the proceedings were entrusted to the able hands and experienced judgment of Bro. Taylor, Past Provincial Grand Organist, and gave general satisfaction. The following brethren formed the choir whose services were so highly appreciated:—Bros. J. M. Bentley, Mus. Doc., J. B. Goulburn, Cheesewright, J. T. Smith, J. W. Taylor, and Tom Collins. The following is a list of the glees, &c. sung:—"National Anthem," choir; "God bless the Prince of Wales," choir; "Ye Shepherds," Dr. Bentley; "Let us have harmony," choir; "Good Company," Bro. Walker; "Red Cross Knight," choir; "Polly," Cheesewright; "Glorious Apollo," choir; "The Poacher," Bro. Pennington; "Friendship, Love and Truth," Bro. Higson; "Mother Hubbard," The Chanlain; "Here's to his health," Dr. Bentley; "Fill to him," Bro. Nicholson; "Stranded," Bro. Goulburn; "When Evening's Twilight," choir; "The Collier Lad," Bro. J. H. Greenhalgh; "Should Auld Acquaintance," Dr. Bensey; "Powder Monkey," Bro. Cheesewright.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Meeting at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N., on 28th April. Present—Bros. Weeden W.M., Ashton S.W., Capstick J.W., Venning S.D., Woolf J.D., Snook I.G., Fenner acting Preceptor, Galer Secretary; also Bros. Houghton, Manger, Richardson, and Dixie. Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. After preliminaries, Brother Manger (a F.C.) answered the questions leading to the third degree. The ceremony of passing was afterwards rehearsed, Brother Manger

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candidate. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Ashton was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Capstick, of the Industry Lodge, No. 186, was elected a member. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Upton Lodge of Instruction, held at the Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green-road, by members of the Percy, on Thursday, the 10th May, under the presidency of Bros. I. P. Cohen W.M., H. G. Gush S.W., A. Trewinnard J.W., and A. W. Fenner I.P.M. Brethren are cordially invited.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—At the weekly meeting, held at the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughborough, S.E., on Monday evening last, Brother James Stevens P.M. P.Z. &c. paid his long-promised visit to this flourishing Lodge, and gave his lecture on the first degree. Amongst the members present we noticed Bro. J. R. Johnson Preceptor, and Bros. Donald, Baldwin, Philips, Richardson, Harvey, Westly, Banks, Rush, Wood, Allison, Snelling, Leigh, Perkins, Sherring, Haines, Poore. The Lodge was opened, Bro. J. R. Johnson occupying the chair, assisted by Bros. Allison and J. Saddler Wood as Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. Banks S.D., Harvey J.D., and Westley I.G. After the confirmation of the minutes Bro. James Stevens proceeded with his lecture, which was listened to with marked attention by the brethren, and as time did not permit of it being concluded, Bro. Stevens consented to attend at an early date, at the request of the brethren, to deliver the second portion of his lecture. Three members were elected, and a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Brother Stevens for the part of his interesting lecture he had delivered, and as a small token of respect he was elected an honorary member of the Lodge. He in reply to the vote accepted it in the fraternal spirit of the intentions of the brethren. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form, and it was the unanimously expressed view of the brethren present that they had received considerable instruction from what Brother Stevens had so kindly imparted to them in his lecture.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday evening, the 27th ultimo, when there was a large attendance of brethren. The Worshipful Master, Bro. E. A. Francis was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. H. Baldwin S.W., Serjeant J.W., Poore Secretary, Phillips S.D., Jones J.D., Hakini P.M. I.G., Williams Organist, Knight Master of Ceremonies, there were also present Bros. Richardson, Bye jun., Bate, Stokes, Albert, Banks, Styles, Pooler, and others. After preliminaries, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and, in accordance with previous arrangements, the W.M. (Brother Francis) proceeded to rehearse the installation ceremony (omitting that portion relating to the board of Installed Masters). Brother S. Richardson having assumed the chair of K.S., the Officers of the evening, as above, were duly invested, and the remainder of the ceremony was proceeded with, and concluded. Lodge being closed to the first degree, a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Brother Francis for the admirable manner in which he had worked the ceremonies, to the great pleasure and profit of the brethren. The resolution was ordered to be inserted on the minutes. Brother Francis thanked the Lodge for their kind vote, which was a sufficient reward for his exertions. Brother G. H. Knight rendered efficient service as Master of Ceremonies, as also did Brother Williams as Organist; he gave the musical portions with great taste and effect. Bro. Baldwin was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week. Brother S. Richardson was elected a member. The usual routine business being duly completed, and hearty good wishes expressed by the brethren, Lodge was closed.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 27th April, at 8 o'clock p.m. Present—Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., F. Botley S.W., Gomm J.W., Cammell S.D., Monson J.D., Tucker W.M. 1612 Treasurer, Sperring I.G., Andrews P.M. Preceptor; also Maton, &c. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of last meeting were read confirmed and signed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Preceptor acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. The W.M. and the brethren then worked the first and fourth sections of the lecture. Brother Botley was elected W.M. for next Friday.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—A meeting was held on Wednesday last, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road. Present—F. Ashton W.M., Gush S.W., W. Potter J.W., F. Perl Secretary, Jupp S.D., Delvalle J.D., Halford I.G.; P.M.'s Cusworth Preceptor, Killick. Visitors—Allsopp, Gadsby, Ockelford, Read, Lone, Weeden, Dixie, Langdale. The customary formalities having been observed in opening the Lodge, and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Dixie candidate. Bro. Gush, assisted by the brethren, worked the first and second sections of the first lecture. Bro. Langdale, of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 401, was elected a member. Bro. Gush was appointed W.M. for the ensuing meeting. Hearty good wishes having been offered, the meeting adjourned until Wednesday next, at the hour of eight precisely. The brethren then indulged in harmony, which is the practice here after Lodge business is over.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on the 30th April. Present—Bros. Hubbert W.M., Austen S.W., Oxley J.W., West S.D., Job J.D., Scheerboom I.G., I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 acting as Preceptor, B. Stewart Hon. Sec.; also Bros. Clements, C. Kendall, Pringle, and Pugh. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Pugh answered the questions leading from first to second degree. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Clements, as candidate to be raised to the third degree, answered the questions, and was duly entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Clements candidate. Bro. George Kennett Pugh, of Old England Lodge 1790, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Austen was appointed W.M. for the meeting on 14th May. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on 7th May, on which occasion Bro. Stewart 1278 will preside.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No 1949.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, the 1st instant, at Bro. Monk's, the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when there was a good attendance of brethren. The W.M. Brother A. E. Albert being supported by the following:—Richardson S.W., Hakini J.W., Francis Preceptor, Phillips Treasurer, Williams Secretary, Poore S.D., Banks J.D., Baldwin I.G.; also Bros. Harling P.M., Knight, Hooper, Letchfield, Pooler, Croucher, Hudepohl, Monk, Danks, Hill, Millen. Lodge being opened in due form, the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were unanimously confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Knight candidate. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Hill candidate. Lodge was closed to the first degree, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair, for the first time in his Masonic career. Bro. Richardson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form in peace and harmony, and adjourned until Tuesday next, at 8 p.m. The anniversary meeting of the Lodge will be held on Tuesday, 12th June, when the worthy Preceptor, Bro. Francis, will preside, and work the ceremony of installation. After the Lodge of Instruction closed, the monthly meeting of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction Benevolent Association was held, Bro. Francis, the President, being in the chair. The Secretary, Bro. Hooper, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. The Treasurer, Brother Richardson, announced that he had over £10 10s in hand, and it was resolved that there should be two ballots, of £5 5s each, in accordance with the rules. Bro. Harling P.M. and Miss Hammond proved to be the fortunate recipients. The Society now numbers forty members, who pay a subscription of 1s per week. Twenty-five guineas have already been paid over to the Charities. This augurs well for the success of the Society in the future, and our Masonic Charities will benefit accordingly. Members are admitted any week after the Instruction Lodge is closed, and at the monthly meeting, on the first Tuesday in each month. Ballots are taken if funds allow; there will, however, always be one or two each monthly meeting, and shortly, it is hoped, even more. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings at a somewhat late hour.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, Crown and Cushion, 73 London Wall, E.C., on Monday 7th May, at 7 o'clock p.m. Bros. Walter Martin S.D. 879 W.M., J. C. Smith A.M.C. 1744 S.W., G. Emblin 147 J.W., First Lecture—Bros. Moran, Hester, Thomas, Money, Sillis, Smith, Powell. Second Lecture—Bros. Knight, Hemming, Paul, Ager, Morney. Third Lecture—Bros. Pierdon, Emblin, Weeden. Bro. Edwin Storr S.D. 167 Secretary.

At the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on Monday evening, 7th May, at seven o'clock precisely. Bro. B. Stewart 1278 will preside. Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 S.W., Candick P.M. 1421 J.W., Moss S.D. 1275 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Brittain, Hammond, Hubbert, Levy, West, Stephens, Candick. Second Lecture—Bros. Clements, Richardson, Job, Musto, Moss. Third Lecture—Bros. Scheerboom, Myers, Barnes. Bro. B. Stewart 1278 Hon. Sec.

By the brethren of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, by special invite of the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, on Thursday, the 10th instant, at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road. Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. 1594 W.M., at seven o'clock. Brethren are kindly invited to attend.

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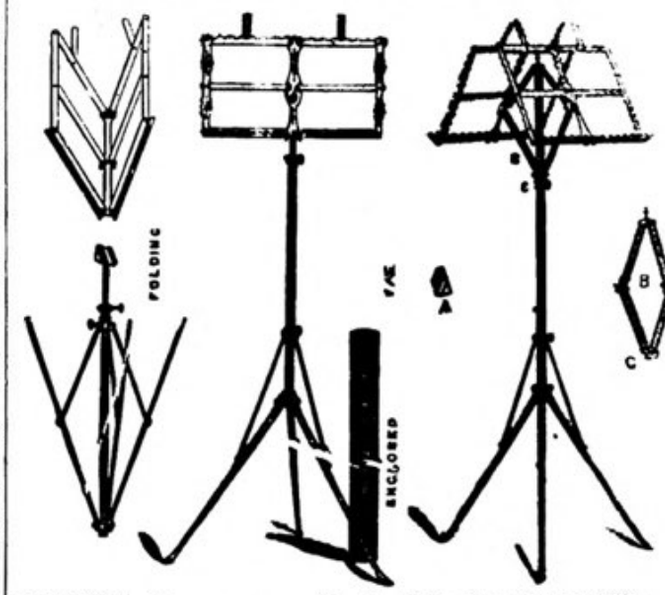

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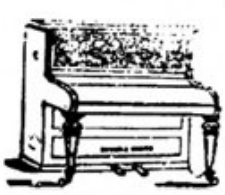

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THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

IN presenting to our readers a brief outline of the particulars furnished in reference to the circumstances of the several candidates offering themselves for election at the contest on the 18th inst., we can but again express the hope that those most deserving of support may ultimately be found at the head of the poll. There are, unfortunately, a very much larger number of applicants than vacancies, and it is to be regretted that there is little chance that the number of the latter will be materially increased unless many of those already on the funds of the Institution are removed by the hand of death. Much as we and others would like to see many more of the "Old People" now seeking election admitted at this year's contest than is at present proposed, we hardly think any one will really wish it when we consider the only condition by which such increase is possible. The Institution is kept up for the purpose of lessening the troubles and toil of declining years, and we feel sure that all who subscribe to it do so with the desire that each of the annuitants may live for many years to enjoy the provision thus made for them.

It is very difficult to estimate the particular degree of suffering endured by those in distress—as some of our recent correspondents and others have argued; and it is not our present purpose to attempt to determine who is the worst off—the man who, formerly in affluent circumstances, has an income now reduced to "very moderate" dimensions, or he who, never having had much more than "very moderate" means, now finds himself deprived of even these. We have before us a list of one hundred and twenty old people who seek election to the benefits of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, and of these only thirty-eight can, as at present arranged, be relieved. Which then shall be the fortunate thirty-eight? All have claims on us, but all are not similarly circumstanced as regards number or ability of friends, and it is only those who can secure a large number of votes who have a chance of succeeding. Of the one hundred and twenty candidates, fifty are aged brethren competing for twenty-three annuities, and to these we shall first direct our attention. Of this total, nineteen were initiated in London Lodges, twenty-nine in Country, and two in Foreign. The Provinces which are represented are:—Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Lancashire (East), Northumberland, and Yorkshire (West), each with three candidates; Cheshire, Devonshire, and Kent, each with two; and Dorsetshire, Essex, Lancashire (West), Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Somersetshire, Sussex, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, and Yorkshire (North and East), each with one. The Foreign cases come respectively from Gibraltar and Hong Kong Lodges, while the London candidates were initiated respectively in Lodges Nos. 7, 25, 27 (two candidates), 45, 87 (two candidates), 177 (two candidates), 180, 181, 185, 188, 211, 554, 733, 834, 871, and 1185.

We will take the London cases first. No. 22, John Martin Baab, was initiated in Royal York of Perseverance Lodge, No. 7, in 1836, and paid thereto for 32¼ years. He is now, at the age of nearly 80 years, compelled to seek aid from the Institution, for which he has been a Steward, and is a Life Governor. Few, we imagine, are more worthy to receive an annuity; the present is his first application. No. 47, Richard Churchill, was initiated in the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, in June 1843, but only remained a member of it for six months. For fifteen years after he seems to have taken no interest in Freemasonry, for it is not until 1859 that he again appears as a subscribing member, he having joined No. 157 in March of that year; from that date until 1877 he has remained on the books of Grand Lodge—since 1863 as a member of No. 969, of which he was one of the founders—and shows a total of twenty years' subscription. He was formerly in good circumstances, but is now compelled to seek aid from others; speculation having reduced him to penury. He is afflicted with rheumatism, and has a helpless sister dependent upon him. No. 30, James Shepherd, and No. 50, John Thomas Jones, each received Masonic light in the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, the former in 1852, and the latter in 1868. Bro. Shepherd continued his subscription as a "mummy" for 6½ years, and then, after a short interval, joined No. 201, to which he subscribed for 11¼ years, giving him a total of 17¾ years' subscription. Loss of business compels him now to seek the assistance of the Benevolent Institution, of which he is a Governor. Bro. Jones continued his allegiance to his mother Lodge until his retirement from active Masonic life, which took place in 1879, after a membership of 11½ years. He now finds himself, at the age of 74, unable to follow his business, and therefore appeals to his brethren of the Craft. The members of the "old Egyptian" will not let him long remain out in the cold, unless there is some reason for their not helping him. No. 6, G. H. T. Dyer, initiated in the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, in 1853, continued his subscription thereto for 26¾ years. He is now partially paralyzed, and comes forward with 367 votes to his credit from last election. The Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87—that most zealous of patronisers of the Benevolent Institution—is accredited with the initiation of two of this year's candidates, No. 9, Joseph Lewis, and No. 29, James Goodchild. Bro. Lewis was initiated in 1862, and continued his subcription until 1880. Ill-health and infirmity prevents his following his employment. He brings forward 536 votes from last election. Brother Goodchild is a younger Mason, having been initiated in 1872; he continued his subscription until 1881, a total of 9½ years. Indigent circumstances and paralysis are the claims he now puts forward in support of his application. The Domatic Lodge, No. 177, is also represented by two of its children, viz., No. 42, William M. Ford, and No. 46, Christopher Wilcox. Bro. Ford was initiated in 1856, and then subscribed for three years; he re-joined the Lodge in 1871, and continued on its roll until December 1878, a total of eleven years. Bro. Wilcox was initiated in 1858, and paid until 1873; since then he has taken part in the foundation of Lodge, No. 975, at Richmond, and joined No. 780, at Kew Bridge. Ill-health renders him incapable of following his occupation. No. 16, W. Harrison, initiated in St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, in 1854, has paid Grand Lodge dues for 14 years, five from his mother Lodge, and nine from No. 733, London. Reduced circumstances, old age, and infirmities are pleaded on his behalf. He was only able to poll 11 votes at last year's election. No. 34, B. Banks, initiated in Universal Lodge, No. 181, in March 1829, has a record of 35¼ years membership, made up in his mother Lodge and in Nos. 186, 619, and 534. The recent death of his mother-in-law leaves him quite unprovided for. No. 39, Ralph M. Smith, a P.G. Steward, has

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had a varied connection with Freemasonry, stated at 26¼ years. Initiated in Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, in 1856, he paid to that Lodge for three quarters of a year. He then joined No. 145, and paid one year. About the same time he joined No. 23, and paid to it for a matter of 12 years; No. 619, to which he subscribed for two years, and No. 742, to which he paid 7½ years. The Grand Stewards' Lodge received him in 1860, and again in 1868, his payments on the first occasion being for 1½ years, and on the second 3 years. He has served the office of Steward, and is a Life Governor of the Benevolent, and also of the Girls' School; the abolition of his office in the Bankruptcy Court is stated to have deprived him of the means of livleihood. No. 15, James L. Langley, initiated in the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, in 1856, paid until 1878. Losses in business, coupled with old age, have compelled him to seek the benefits of the Institution. He has already had 509 votes polled in his behalf. No. 17, Francis Harper, owes his initiation to the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, to which he belonged from 1856 to 1875. He joined No. 382 in 1868, and continued a member thereof for three years. He suffers from severe disease of the eyes. No. 41, William Brafield, an initiate of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, in 1862, shows eleven years' membership to his mother Lodge. Loss of trade, old age, and sickness of self and wife have placed him in destitute circumstances. He subscribed to the Institution for ten years, a fact which should get him some little support. No. 35, Hannibal Gardner, was initiated in the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, in 1858, and paid thereto until 1881. He joined No. 27 in 1861, and remained on its roll until 1877. His only means of support for some time past has been the engrossing of Warrants and Patents of appointment for Grand Lodge. His age is nearly 74. No. 28, Charles Fitzwater, initiated in Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, in 1861, paid until 1869, and again from 1873 to 1878, a total of 15 years. Failure in business has rendered him unable to support himself and family. He has been a Steward for the Benevolent, and is a Life Governor thereof. No. 26, Robert West, an initiate of Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, subscribed thereto for 17½ years. He is a Governor of the Benevolent and Girls' School, has lost all his property, and is unable to gain employment in consequence of extreme deafness. No. 49, William F. Tubby, concludes the London list. He was initiated in Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, in 1868, subscribing until 1880. He was also a member of No. 11 from 1871 to 1880. He is now suffering from diseased brain, and is permanently incapacitated from following his occupation.

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight comes first on our list of Provincials, and sends No. 7, Charles Sarl; No. 13, Alexander Reid; and No. 43, Thomas R. Weston. Bro. Sarl was initiated in 1863 in Lodge No. 35, Cowes, and paid thereto until 1879; he joined No. 551, Ventnor, in 1876, and paid to it for five years. He is now without employment. Has thirty votes forward from last year. Bro. Reid was initiated in Southampton (No. 359) in 1863, paying to his mother Lodge until 1876; he afterwards joined No. 195, Bournemouth, and paid until 1878. He has twenty-one votes in hand; is without any means of support. Bro. Weston appears now for first time. He was initiated in No. 487, Portsmouth, in 1853, paying thereto until 1868. Is now much reduced in circumstances. Receives pension of 8s 6d per week from Incorporated Society of Licensed Victuallers.

Lancashire (East) initiated No. 25, Andrew Wade; No. 33, Thomas Nuttall; and No. 45, Richard Wild. The former was received into No. 381, Over Darwen, in 1837, and paid thereto for 24¼ years. He joined No. 1476, Blackpool, in 1874, and paid six years. He suffers from chronic rheumatism, and is too infirm to follow his occupation. Bro. Nuttall, for thirty-six years (from 1842) a member of his mother Lodge, No. 215, Haslingden, is unable to earn anything, in consequence of ill health. Bro. Wild can also show long adhesion to his mother Lodge, though in his case the term is reduced to twenty-seven years. He was initiated in 1855 in No. 226, Littleborough, and is now, through paralysis and old age, dependent on his children.

Northumberland is responsible for No. 2, John Patterson; No. 37, Joseph Robertson; and No. 38, Noach S. Lotinga. Bro. Patterson was admitted to Freemasonry in No. 393, Berwick, in 1852, and paid for twenty-eight years. He is now incapable, and has only £6 16s a year coming in—a pension from the Aged Seamen's Fund. He polled 158 votes last election. Bros. Robertson and Lotinga were both initiated in No. 431, North Shields, the former in 1857, and the latter in 1846. Bro. Robertson paid to his mother Lodge for 24¾ years, and to No. 991, Wellington Quay, for 18 years Bad health and an accident render him unable to support his wife and family, his receipts as Tyler of two Lodges being his only income. Bro. Lotinga rejoined his mother Lodge in 1851, and paid for thirty-one years. He also subscribed to No. 424, Gateshead, for six years. He has been a Steward for the Benevolent, is Life Governor of that and the Girls' School, and Life Subscriber of the Boys. Losses in business and failing health has placed him in great poverty.

Yorkshire (West) has No. 31, Ben Exley, No. 32, Thomas Collins, and No. 44, William Stork, accredited to it. Bro. Exley saw the light of Masonry in No. 208, Dewsbury in 1842, and continued a member of that Lodge until December 1881. A severe accident, coupled with losses in business and bad trade render him unable to support himself and family. Bro. Collins was initiated in No. 290, Huddersfield, in 1830, and paid until 1836; he joined Lodge 275 in 1837, and remained a member until 1882. The failure of a bank ruined him, and his great age, upwards of eighty years, renders him unfit to return to his occupation. Bro. Stork, initiated in (late) No. 681, Ripon, in 1848, joined No. 837 in 1860, and paid for 21¼ years. Age and failing health render him unfit for work, and his savings only amount to a small sum.

Cheshire is represented by No. 21, Michael Coffey, and No. 36, William Radford. The former was initiated in No. 89, Dukinfield, in 1864, and paid until 1880. He is incapacitated, through an accident, has no means of support, and is in great poverty and want. The latter was initiated in (late) No. 651, Chester, in 1847, and subscribed until end of 1852. He joined No. 765, London, in 1863, and paid to it for 3½ years. A severe accident and paralysis have permanently incapacited him from earning a living.

Devonshire sends No. 5, George Cole, and No. 24, John L. Towning. Bro. Cole subscribed to his mother Lodge (No. 248), Brixham, for 17½ years; he is now incapacitated, through chronic rheumatism and defective sight; he has a pension of £3 8s a-year from the Merchant Seamen's Fund. He brings forward 13 votes from last year. Bro. Towning was initiated in 1870, in Lodge No. 372, Budleigh Salterton, and subscribed to it for 12 years. Infirmity and failing sight renders him unfit to follow his trade.

Kent has also two cases—No. 11, Charles Benjamin Bennett, and No. 12, Frederick John Knott; both took part in last year's election, and then secured 509 and 508 votes respectively. Bro. Bennett was initiated in No. 77, Gravesend, in 1853, and paid until June 1856. He joined No. 1382, London, in 1871, and paid to March 1881. He is dependent on a small commission, which is insufficient to support him. Bro. Knott, initiated in and for 17¼ years a member of No. 429, Ramsgate, is, through rheumatic gout, quite unable to follow his occupation.

The remaining cases are each from separate districts; we take them in the order they appear on the list, except that we shall leave the two candidates who were initiated abroad until last. No. 1, George Ensell, a Birmingham brother, was initiated in No. 43, in 1856, and paid to June 1867. He also joined No. 739 in 1858. He is permanently incapacitated, and without means of support. The present is his fourth application, and he comes forward with 238 votes to his credit. No. 3, James Hayter, for 21¾ years a member of No. 40, Hastings (1858—1879) was formerly in good circumstances, but is now entirely dependent on charity. He brings forward 283 votes from two previous elections. No. 10, Francis Joseph Wirtzfeld, was initiated in No. 382, in 1863, and remained on its roll until 1870. Chronic rheumatism and contraction of the spine has rendered him unfit to follow his occupation. He brings forward 346 votes from last year. No. 14, Daniel Heigho, for 20½ years a member of the Province of Essex, is permanently incapacitated, through a fractured thigh. He secured 43 votes last election. No. 18, John Kingsbury, initiated in No. 261, Taunton, in 1843, paid for 21¾ years; misfortune and loss in business have rendered him entirely destitute. No. 19, William Norman, was initiated at Harleston, in No. 85, in 1854, and paid to that Lodge for 11½ years, he then joined No. 959, Ipswich, and paid to June 1880. Ill health and old age have caused the loss of his business, and he has no friends to help him. No. 20, Thomas Sansom, shows a total of 32½ years payments to G. Lodge; 15½ years as a member of No. 170, Weymouth (his

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mother Lodge, wherein he was initiated in 1852), and 17 years as a member of No. 1037, Portland. Decline of business, and bad health compel him to seek aid from the Institution. No. 23, John Musham, an initiate of No. 200, Scarborough, in 1871, subscribed for 5½ years. Business misfortunes and paralysis are given as the reasons for his present appeal. No. 27, Frederick Allies, initiated in No. 529, Worcester, in 1847, continued his subscriptions until 1853—thirty years ago. He is in very straightened circumstances, and is paralysed. No. 40, Thomas Ashmore, was for 18¼ years connected with No. 823, Liverpool, he having been initiated there in 1863. His only income for himself and wife is £20 a-year from the "Hamer Masonic Benevolent Fund, West Lancashire." No. 48, Jonathan Wright, shows a total of 34 years dues having been paid. He was initiated in No. 555, Framlingham, in 1848, and paid there until June 1858. He joined No. 71, Lowestoft, in 1852, and again in 1859. Through depression of trade, and old age, he is unable to obtain employment.

From abroad we have No. 4, John Inwood, and No. 8, Thomas William Sewell, both of whom now make a second application. The former was initiated in No. 153, Gibraltar, in 1868, and paid thereto until 1873. He joined No. 697, Colchester, in 1874, and paid for one year. Age, infirmity, and a most painful disease combine to render him incapable of earning a living. He has a pension of 1s 6d a day. He brings forward 158 votes. Bro. Sewell first saw Masonic light in Lodge No. 1026, Hong Kong, in 1873. He is totally blind, and without any means of support, a distant relative upon whom he was formerly dependent being now unable to maintain him. This, the last case of the fifty on the list of Old Men candidates for the 18th instant is certainly, to all appearances, one of the most deserving, even if it is not the one that should have first attention.

We have so far only devoted ourselves to the Male list; there yet remains seventy Widows, each of whom is entitled to some notice at our hands, but we regret it is not in our power to consider their claims as fully as we have done in the case of the men. Our aged brethren have in a measure the first claim on our attention, and such being the case, we have referred to each one individually, with the result that we have already outrun the space at our disposal. We must therefore be very brief in our remarks respecting the widows, although it must not be assumed that by such action we consider the widows the less deserving of relief at the hands of the Craft.

London is responsible for twenty-two of the seventy candidates for the Widow Annuities, that is to say, the husbands in twenty-two of the cases were initiated in London Lodges. Of the remainder, forty-five come from Provincial initiates, one from a Jersey Mason, one from a Military Lodge, and the other from New Zealand. Glancing first at the London cases, we find the following Lodges to be represented, viz.:—Nos. 1, 7, 8, 11, 22, 25 (two applicants), 73, 79, 87, 142, 147, 169, 173, 179 (three applicants), 186, 188, 206, 554, and 780. No. 28, M. M. Rodgers, is a widow whose husband was initiated in No. 1 Lodge, he subscribed to it for 11¼ years. The present is her third application, and she brings forward 66 votes. No. 30, A. T. H. Wood, Lodge 7, shews 20 years payment by her husband to his Mother Lodge. She has 512 votes in hand from two previous contests. No. 53, S. A. Mardon, is a first application. Her husband was initiated in and paid to No. 8 for 14 years. No. 12, Mary Geary, third application, has 243 votes in hand. Her husband paid for 34¼ years; as a member of Lodges Nos. 11, 19, and 120. No. 33, E. Haynes, whose husband paid for 18 years, in Lodges 22 and 27, brings forward on this her second application 522 votes. The two candidates from Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, are 29, C. Murnss, and 67, H. Rebbeck. The former's husband paid to his mother Lodge from 1840 to 1850, and to No. 503, Maidstone, from 1844 to 1859. This is her third application, and she brings forward 594 votes. The latter (Rebbeck) can only show 5¼ years payments from her husband, 1¼ to his mother Lodge and 4 to No. 43, London. No. 54, S. Timms, first application, records 10¼ years payment by her husband, as a member (and initiate) of No. 73. No. 59, R. Perridge, is the representative of No. 79, to which Lodge her husband paid from 1863 to 1878. He also joined Nos. 1320 and 140, his total years payments being 25¼. The Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, puts forward No. 56, M. Heppel, the husband of whom paid to that Lodge for 14¼ years. No. 49, J. Polkinghorne's husband shows a Masonic life of 27 years, 3 years of which was in his mother Lodge, No. 142, and the remainder in No. 121, Penzance. No. 26, A. Roberts, brings forward 924 votes from two previous trials. Her husband was initiated in No. 147, and remained a member for 10 years. The next case, No. 27, M. Nowlan is the representative, of No. 169, also a Deptford Lodge, her husband was initiated in 1857, and paid for 14 years. Lodge No. 173 is represented by No. 8, E. Lafittau, widow of an initiate of 1866, who paid for one year; he afterwards joined No. 91, in 1871, and subscribed to the time of his death in 1879. The Manchester, No. 179, appears as the mother Lodge of three of the applicants' husbands, viz.:—Nos. 3, 21, and 45. No. 3, E. M. A. Child, now makes a sixth application, with only 430 votes in hand. The husband appears to have left the Manchester Lodge immediately after his initiation, and joined No. 177, to which he subscribed from 1836 to 1859. No. 21, L. Greig's husband, was initiated in 1851, and subscribed for 17½ years. She has been more successful as regards votes, having secured 942 at the last two contests. No. 45, H. Evans, brings forward 252 votes from last year. Her husband remained a member of the Manchester Lodge for 19¼ years (1838-1857), and then joined the Vitruvian, No. 87, to which he paid for 8 years (1857-1865). No. 40, E. Bowen, makes a second application, and brings forward 275 votes. Her husband, an initiate of No. 186, paid for 13½ years, 12½ to his mother Lodge, and one to 1223, Westerham. The Joppa, No. 188, has a representative in No. 66, F. Isaac, whose husband, initiated in 1855, subscribed for 15¼ years. No. 20, P. A. Rumsey, brings forward 594 votes from two previous elections, her husband was initiated in No. 206, in 1841, and remained on its roll until the time of his death in 1879, a term of thirty-eight years. Brethren of the Friendship Lodge, is 594 votes the most you can collect for the widow of this old member in two years? surely 38 years "Friendship" should do more. The Yarborough, No. 554, initiated Brother Morrison, the husband of E. Morrison, No. 36 on the present list, and he continued a member until his death 11½ years after. The widow had 1342 votes polled on her behalf last year, another instance of the way in which this pattern East End Lodge helps its old members. This is in striking contrast with the last case. No. 17, S. Rigarlsford, brings to an end the list of London representatives. Her husband saw the light of Freemasonry in the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, in 1864, and continued a member thereof for 12¼ years. She comes forward for the third time, with six votes. Brethren of the Royal Alfred, this is not as it should be; we hope you have an answer to the charge of neglect which appears justifiable here.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight has five representatives. No. 11, Mary Smith—husband initiated in No. 30, Southampton, in 1839, and afterwards joined No. 359, Southampton, paying two years to the former, and twelve to the latter. She brings forward 172 votes from two previous contests. No. 18, E. Hill, is also a Southampton case. The husband was initiated in No. 421 in 1851, and continued his membership thereof until 1856. He joined No. 251, Barnstaple, in 1863, and paid there until 1879, total 20½ years. The widow has 273 votes forward from two elections. No. 19, H. M. Madeley, comes forward for the third time, with six votes to her credit. Her husband was initiated in No. 342, Portsea, in 1851, and paid to that Lodge until his death in 1865. He joined No. 903, Gosport, in 1862, and also paid there until his death. No. 42, M. Russell, is a second application, and she has 263 votes to her credit; the husband was an initiate of No. 132, Ringwood, and subscribed to that Lodge for 13¼ years (1844-1857). No. 55, L. Lovelock, is another Southampton case; her husband was initiated in No. 359, and remained a member thereof for twenty years, until his death in 1876.

Kent is also represented by five widows, whose husbands were initiated in Kentish Lodges. No. 15, E. Pearson, has 1279 votes brought forward, she having already stood two elections; her husband was initiated in No. 503, Maidstone, in 1847, and continued a member for 25½ years. No. 16, M. Pelton, has had similar experience as regards number of elections, but it is evident her turn for Provincial support has not yet come, as she has only received ninety-four votes so far. Her husband was an initiate of No. 299, Dartford, and remained a member of his mother Lodge for thirty-six years. No. 22, Z. Emmerson, is another third application case, and she has secured 678 votes. The husband was initiated in No. 429, Ramsgate, and was on

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the list of members of that Lodge for ten years from 1837, so that it is something over thirty-five years since he last subscribed. No. 61, J. M. Townsend, is the widow of an initiate of No. 158, Sheerness, who paid to that Lodge for thirty-six years. The present is her first application. No. 69, E. L. Cooley, shows a total of thirty years membership for her husband. He was initiated in No. 184, Old Brompton, in 1855, and remained a member until 1863. He joined No. 20, Chatham, and subscribed from 1857 to 1867. Was first W.M. of No. 972, Canterbury, in 1863, and remained on its roll till 1866, and joined No. 1449, Canterbury, in 1873, and continued as a member until 1881.

Lancashire (East) provides four of the seventy. No. 25, J. Greenwood, now makes her third application, with six votes in hand; a small number it is true, but not necessarily an indication of want of sympathy on the part of the Lancashire brethren. The votes of the Province are well organised, and doubtless Mrs. Greenwood's time for attention is not far distant. Her husband was initiated in No. 308, Todmorden, in 1832, and paid almost up to the time of his death, his payments being given as extending over forty-six years. The other three cases are all fresh ones—Nos. 62, 63 and 64. The former, M. A. Petty, is the widow of an initiate of No. 204, Manchester, who paid to that Lodge for 25¼ years, from 1850. He joined No. 1009, also of Manchester, in 1864, and paid there for 14 years. No. 63, E. Greenwood, gives her husband's initiation as far back as 1827, when he was admitted to No. 26, Burnley. He remained on the roll there for 18¾ years. No. 64, A. Hargreaves, gives 16¼ years as her husband's membership, all of which were spent in his mother Lodge, No. 369, Clitheroe.

Devonshire, Durham, Lincolnshire and Suffolk are each represented by three cases. The first on the list from Devonshire is No. 7, J. Maddick, who, with 13 votes in hand, now comes forward for the fifth time. Her husband was initiated in No. 156, Plymouth, in 1845, and continued a member of that Lodge for 23½ years, until 1869. No. 23, E. M. Thomas—third application—has 571 votes in hand. She is the widow of an initiate of No. 1125, Tiverton, who was a member of that Lodge for 11 years (1866-1877). No. 31, E. Chapple, is also a Plymouth initiate's case. Her husband was "made" in No. 159, in 1855, and paid thereto until 1867. He joined No. 954, Devonport, in 1863, and continued on its roll until 1877. He also paid to No. 1099, Stoke Damerel, from 1866 to 1877.

Durham puts forward No. 1 on the list, J. Elliott, an old lady of 80 years of age, who now makes her tenth application, with a total of 764 votes brought forward. Her husband died in 1860, so that the brethren of the Province have had time to forget any grievance—if they had any—against him, and therefore have no excuse for neglecting his widow. Surely it would be better to make an effort to get this old lady elected, if she is deserving, or get her name removed from the list if she is not. Her husband was initiated in No. 124, Durham. No. 5, S. A. Allen, sixth application, has only 439 votes on hand, so that it would appear Durham is not a very sympathetic Province for a deceased brother's widow. Her husband was initiated in No. 531, Hartlepool, in 1857, and paid until 1868. No. 44, M. Crisp, secured but 8 votes at last election. Her husband was initiated in No. 97, Sunderland, in 1861, and paid for 20 years.

Lincolnshire takes the next oldest candidate on the list, but there is three years difference between her and Mrs. Elliott, just referred to. No. 2, A. Wakefield, has 919 votes in hand with which to commence her seventh application. Her husband was initiated in 1840, in No. 362, Grantham, and paid for 35¼ years, or up to within a few months of his death, which occurred in 1875. No. 14, C. Copeland, brings forward four votes from the last two elections. Her husband paid for 18 years to his mother Lodge, No. 588, Sleaford. No. 38, A. Parker, is widow of another Sleaford initiate, her husband being admitted a member of No. 588, in 1860, and remaining on the roll for twelve years.

Suffolk has two second application cases and one first. No. 43, A. W. Davis, is the widow of an initiate of No. 959, Ipswich, who remained on the roll there from 1867 to 1874. He subscribed to No. 1278, London, from 1874 to 1879; and to No. 1677, London, during 1877 and 1878; a total in the three Lodges of 13 years. No. 47, C. Golding; her husband was initiated in No. 332, Hadleigh, in 1838, and paid until 1841. He rejoined in 1854, and paid up to 1880. He was also a member of No. 5, London, from 1856 to 1861. No. 68, E. A. Cook, is another Ipswich case; her husband being initiated in No. 376, in 1834, and remaining a member until 1840. He joined No. 959, also of Ipswich, and paid from 1863 to 1868.

Essex has two cases. No. 13, S. Fenning, whose husband was initiated in No. 51, Colchester, and No. 58, M. Jager, whose husband saw "light" in No. 453, Chingford. The former's husband was admitted in 1839, and paid for 36 years; the latter's in 1859, and he continued his subscription until 1880.

Yorkshire (North and East) has two cases, as likewise has the Western Division of the same county. No. 6, M. Rowell, now makes a fifth application, bringing forward 368 votes. Her husband was initiated in Lodge 543, Stokesley, in 1851, and paid to his mother Lodge until 1866, a total of 16½ years. No. 10, S. Greathead, is a third application, the number of votes brought forward being 363. Her husband was for 33 years a member of Lodge 123, Richmond, in which he was initiated in 1841.

Yorkshire (West) puts forward two first applicants, No. 50, E. A. Barras is widow of a brother who was initiated in, and for 19 years subscribed to, No. 131, Sheffield, while No. 51, M. Matthews, is the widow of another member of the same Lodge, who joined in 1864 and paid up to December 1870.

We have now come to the end of the Provinces from which more than one case originates, and in view of the great amount of space already devoted to this review, and also with the feeling that where only one case occurs, no comparison is needed, we shall content ourselves with merely giving the heads of the remaining Provincial cases, as follows:—

Province.	No. on list.	Name.	Husband's Lodge of initiation.	Total Years' subscribed.
Berks and Bucks	65	J Leaver	414	33½
Cheshire	70	M Harbord	477	14½
Cornwall	34	J Penman	589	24
Lancashire (West)	4	N Gambell	241	24½
Monmouthshire	41	L Cathcart	471	16½
Northumberland	48	E G Beattie (late)	138	24½
Nottingham	32	C C H V Buckley	402	11½
North Wales	46	E Potter	384	24½
Oxford	52	E Hobbs	340	28½
Somersetshire	35	C S L Pratt	446	11
Sussex	24	F Stubington	38	12½
Warwickshire	9	S Coates	468	13½
Worcestershire	39	H Caswell	377	11½

The Jersey case is No. 60, S. Croad, widow of an initiate of No. 590, who from 1859 to 1876 continued a subscribing member of his mother Lodge.

No. 37, M. A. Watson, represents the military element, her husband having been initiated in (late) No. 633, H.M. 89th Regiment in 1829. He remained a member of his mother Lodge until 1836. In 1844, another Lodge was started in the same regiment, and Bro. Watson was enrolled on the list of founders—to this he subscribed for ten years.

Last, but, as in the case of the old men, not the least worthy of support, comes No. 57, J. Tribe, who gives a total of thirteen years as her late husband's Masonic career. He was initiated in No. 604, Lyttelton, N.Z., in 1853; he joined No. 609, Canterbury, N.Z., in 1860, and became first W.M. of No. 1241, Totara, N.Z., in 1866. There are doubtless many brethren who have votes at their disposal, whose connection with New Zealand in years gone by will induce them to lend a helping hand to one of that colony's Masonic daughters. Let us hope that Mrs. Tribe will secure a place among the successful.

We feel that no apology is needed for any omissions we have made in the foregoing list. All we have done is to endeavour to show, in as plain a manner as possible, the claims which are being made upon the Benevolent Institution by the various divisions of English Freemasonry, and to give brethren an opportunity of finding out those candidates which may be of most interest to them without wading through the whole of the one hundred and twenty cases, a task which only needs to be done once to prove the utter impossibility of remembering the details of any particular class.

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There is a fable about an unfortunate ostrich which tried to cross a treacherous swamp; the poor bird sank into it and could not extricate itself. As its puny wings were of no use, it tried to get its legs out by sticking its head into the mud. But when, for obvious reasons, it endeavoured to pull its head out of the mire, it was forced to sink its legs again into the mud. Our Masonic writers seem to be in a similar predicament—they get into a swamp and cannot, or will not, wholly get out of it. As soon as one Masonic fallacy is exploded, they somehow manage to hatch another, or revive the old one.

It has been demonstrated again and again that so-called *Speculative Masonry* originated after 1717. It is certain that neither the pre-1717 Alnwick, nor Scotch Lodge records, or the "Old Charges" give any imitation of *Speculative Masonry* in those days. True, the Masons' coat of arms was decorated with a square and compass. But coats of arms of all other old guilds were also decorated with some kind of pictures to symbolise their respective trades. No one, however, pretends that, for instance, wheelwrights, coppersmiths, weavers, &c., amused themselves at their gatherings with puzzling out the symbolic moral teachings of the pictures on their banners. What reason, then, have we to suppose that Masons, and Masons alone, indulged in such speculations?

The recent numbers of the *Freemason* contain letters filled with new discoveries about the *antiquity* of Speculative Masonry. The writers do not pretend to trace Speculative Masonry to the days of Adam, or even those of King Solomon. Oh, no! They are out of the swamp as far as that kind of *antiquity* is concerned. But still, they are not satisfied with the antiquity of 1717, and must therefore try to make it even ever so little older; and therefore they reason after the following fashion: Elias Ashmole was initiated in Warrington in a Masons' Lodge in 1646. Therefore, says Bro. Kenning's Cyclopædia, Ashmole, "is so far the first Speculative English Mason of whom we have distinct evidence." But recently a writer discovered that in 1603 a *non-operative* was admitted into the Masonic Brotherhood; the worthy editor of the *Freemason*, therefore, shifted the beginning of Speculative Masonry to 1603. But another writer calls attention that in 1600 some gentleman was received into Lodge membership in Scotland, which discovery caused additional rejoicing to the antiquity *yearners*. The beginning of Speculative Masonry is now traced to the year 1600.

But, with all due respect to the respectability and learning of the said writers, I would like them to inform me what reason or authority they have for *nicknaming* Ashmole and other pre-1717 non-operative members of the Masonic Brotherhood as *Speculatives* or "Speculative Masons." Surely the Masonic Fraternity in those days was not the only guild or Operative Fraternity which admitted non-operatives into its ranks; but, on the contrary, it was a common practice in the seventeenth century, at least, for guilds to admit gentlemen, noblemen, or even a King into their societies. Each guild, indeed, claims the patronage of such non-operative members. One illustration will however suffice at present.

In the fourth volume of the *Freemason*, page 332, I furnished information, drawn from a work called "Progresses, Processions," &c. of James I., by J. B. Nicols; that in the year 1607, King James I. and his son Henry, and a host of courtiers, feasted with the "tailors and drapers," when Prince Henry and the courtiers were admitted to membership of the Tailors' and Drapers' Guild. King James was also invited to become a tailor, which invitation he declined, because he was already a *cordwainer*. Now, surely, no one ever presumed to call Prince Henry and the courtiers *speculative tailors*, nor did any one ever style King James a *speculative* cordwainer. The mere fact of non-operatives being admitted to membership of an operative guild did nowhere turn them into *speculatives*; why, then, do our Masonic writers insist on applying the phrase "speculative" to Masons, and Masons only?

The fact, is "Speculative Mason," when applied to Ashmole and other gentlemen who joined the Masonic Brotherhood in the 16th or 17th century, is simply a *misnomer*; the very phrase "Speculative Mason" was unknown in the days of Ashmole, and the application of that phrase to those old non-operative Masons is but a very recent invention, probably not eighteen years old. But having succeeded in fastening the name (speculative) upon Bro. Ashmole, they most absurdly come to the conclusion that Ashmole *speculated*, and hence they made him the founder of Speculative Masonry. But since it has been found that gentlemen, or non-operatives, were members of Masons' Lodges before Ashmole's time, they are now ready to swear that Speculative Masonry dates back even to an older period,—*the Lord alone knows when.*

Briefly then, if our *hankerers* for "*speculative*" *antiquity* cannot furnish reasonable proof that *Speculative Masonry*, as explained in our Ritual, was practised in Masonic Lodges in the 17th century, it is high time to cease misapplying the word "*speculative*" to Elias Ashmole and other non-operative Masonic worthies of the 17th century.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

BOSTON, U.S., 22nd April 1883.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION ELECTION FOR WIDOWS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reference to the case of **Mrs. Jane Tribe, No. 57 on the List.** The late Bro. G. H. Tribe I knew intimately for many years after his arrival in New Zealand. He, like many other of the pioneers, suffered from the reverses of adverse fortune, as well as enjoyed the advantages of success. He was always an energetic Mason, in act as well as in word; and his wife, the lady now seeking relief at our hands, was highly respected. After losing her breadwinner, she followed the example set by her late husband, and energetically went to work to maintain herself by keeping a school. Deafness, however, set in, and she was obliged to relinquish that occupation, and tried the letting of lodgings; but her hearing getting worse and worse, that source of subsistence failed her also. Gradually all her valuables were parted with, until she was compelled to seek relief from the Board of Benevolence. What she obtained from that source gave her temporary relief, and she now seeks at the hands of Freemasons under the English Constitution,—Brethren, yet strangers,—a place of rest for her declining years. The late Bro. Tribe having spent nearly the whole of his life in the Colonies, it comes particularly hard for Mrs. Tribe to solicit interest on her own behalf, as her late husband was quite unknown to the English Brotherhood. She has, therefore, only his reputation and the merits of her own case to depend upon; and what are his merits? He was initiated in the Lodge of Unanimity 604, Lyttelton, New Zealand, 1858; he was member of the St. Augustine Lodge 609, Christchurch, N.Z. in 1862; W.M. of the Totara Lodge 1241, Ross, Westland, N.Z., 1870; Dist. G.C., Westland, 1871; District Grand Treasurer, North Island, N.Z., 1876, and died the following year, having been an exemplary Mason for nineteen years. I now confidently appeal to the Craft in general, and the Colonials in particular, to come forward and help the candidature of Mrs. Tribe up to, and through, her election.

Yours fraternally,

C. J. PERCEVAL (V.P.) P.M. 1607,
formerly of No. 609.

8 Thurloe-place, S.W.

A BEGGING MASON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Almoners and others in the southern counties should keep a sharp look out for an individual styling himself James Donovan, St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 4, Johnstown, New York State, whose statements to me I have proved to be totally untrue. He was at Chichester on Thursday, the 3rd instant, and the brethren of the Lodge impounded his documents, waiting information from Johnstown. He is about 5 feet 10 inches in height, with a thick brown moustache, and looks as if he had not suffered much for want of food and shelter; has a slight impediment in his speech when talking fast.

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS FRANCIS.

The General Committtee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Roebuck (in the chair), Mather, Webb, Cubitt, Raynham W. Stewart, Edgar Bowyer, Dr. Ramsay, Don. M. Dewar, W. Maple, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), J. Joyce Murray, H. Massey, E. Johnson, C. E. Soppet, Joseph Cleaver, John J. Berry, L. Ruff, A. H. Tattershall, Alfred Williams, Berridge, Baxter, Gillard, Festa, Adlard, Paas, Venn, Herbert Dicketts, Moon, Goodall, Stedwell, Motion, Skeggs, Godson, Saunders, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The Secretary reported the investment of £2,067 10s. Eight candidates were placed on the list for the October election, and four grants were made to former late pupils of the Institution. Bros. R. W. Stewart, J. L. Mather, Edgar Bowyer, Dr. Ramsay, Saunders, Joyce Murray, Roebuck, Hunt, Paas, Moore, Dudley Rolls, and Godson were nominated for the House Committee; and Bros. Matier, Cubitt, Goodall, Hogard, Soppet, Venn, Maple, and Berridge for the Audit and Finance Committee, after which the meeting adjourned.

The installation meeting of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, took place on Wednesday. Full report in our next.

The Installation Meeting of the Panmure Royal Arch Chapter, No. 720, will be held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday next, when Comps. Bryant, Levy, and Watts will be severally installed as Z., H., and J., by Ex. Comp. James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe E. of the Chapter.

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ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THIS important event took place on Wednesday evening last, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. Wither B. Beach, M.P., presided, and was supported by Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middlesex, Sir E. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Worcestershire, Viscount Ranelagh, K.C.B., Captain S. G. Homfray Deputy G.M. Monmouthshire, Captain Hunter P.P.G.M. Aberdeenshire, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Ralph Gooding G.S.D., Colonel Peters Grand Sword Bearer, Edgar Bowyer Grand Standard Bearer, Rev. H. A. Pickard P.G.C.; Robert Grey (Chairman of Stewards), Frank Richardson, Peter de Lande Long and J. A. Rucker Past Grand Deacons; J. Messent P.G.S.B., C. Greenwood P.G.S.B., H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, H. Smith P.G. Sec. West Yorks, J. Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., J. E. Le Feuvre Past Grand Secretary Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Richard Eve P.G.W. Hampshire, H. A. Dubois Chairman Ladies' Stewards, C. Greenwood jun. P.G. Secretary Surrey, Dr. Morris, &c. &c. Over 300 guests assembled.

The Chairman in proposing the toast of the evening said he yesterday had the pleasure of attending at the distribution of prizes, and was glad to be able to announce that the School was in a most satisfactory and efficient state. It was gratifying to all to see the manner in which the girls went through their various performances; it showed that the education at the School had been carefully attended to. The domestic and useful arts had been laid great store by, at the same time the cultivation of accomplishments had been carefully watched; in fact the girls had done great honour to themselves in the way they had distinguished themselves in their various avocations. In the Cambridge Local Examinations fifteen girls went up, and of them fourteen passed, three with honours, and two of them achieved honour for religious subjects. This was most gratifying, because it showed that where an amount of talent existed it was cultivated and made the most of. The satisfactory state of health which prevails at the present time does great credit to the doctor who looks after them. They had the satisfaction to know also that the mistresses, with the exception of Miss Davis—who at present was suffering from illness—had been pupils in the School. One of the assistant mistresses had recently been appointed head of the Masonic School in Dublin, and another girl had been appointed to the Bristol Asylum. That evidenced that those who were appointed to teach in the School were worthy of the confidence reposed in them. During the last ten years the School had increased its pupils from 112 to 230. This involved great additional expenditure, and additional responsibilities. The Committee never found themselves justified in spending every penny they received; they thought it prudent exercise of their responsibility to build up for themselves a certain amount of capital; but at the same time that prudent considerations guided them, it was well to remember their capital formed a very small portion of the sum necessary to conduct the School; and unless the liberality of Masons was exercised to a considerable extent the School must fail to carry out the great ends it at present was doing. In firm reliance on the liberality of the brethren the additional expenditure had been incurred.

Shortly afterwards the following list of subscriptions was announced:—

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Br.	H A Dubois	25	0	0
	Charles Hammerton	26	5	0
	Peter de Lande Long	84	0	0
	E C Mather	46	5	0
	J H Matthews	26	5	0
	Joshua Nunn	54	12	0
	Lieut.-Col. Jas. Peters	105	0	0
	Frank Richardson	27	10	0

LONDON.

Lodge				
Grand Masters	Br. James S. Burroughs	37	16	0
1	Br. J G L Hemmerde	28	7	0
1	R Gooding, M.D.	15	15	0
2	W H Rylands, F.S.A.	21	0	0
Chapter				
2	Comp. E Letchworth	52	10	0
Lodge				
4	Br. Capt. H A Bennett	14	14	0
5	F Pattison	33	12	0
6	B de B Lopez	10	10	0
7	John Donaldson	21	0	0
8	F J Rushton	10	10	0
9	James Forbes			
9	Russell Elliott	12	12	0
10	Rev. J W Palmer, M.A.	18	7	6
11	J H McQueen	38	6	6
12	W J Beedell	27	6	0
14	G S Walmsley	27	6	0
18	Samuel S Hasluck	36	15	0
21	T A I Howell, M.R.C.S.E.	35	14	0
22	Henry Povey	40	0	0
23	T W C Lenty	36	15	0
29	J D Von Dadelszen	24	3	0
33	John Henry Davis	46	4	0
49	James Moon	53	0	6
58	Oswald H Colven	60	18	0
73	Charles Rayden	38	17	0
91	Thomas Lough	36	15	0
143	James Boulton	75	12	0
165	Charles Belton	10	10	0
172	H Hoadley	52	10	0
179	Walter Dickeson	38	6	6
180	Geo. A B Fletcher	55	0	0
181	E W Stanton	26	5	0
183	A J Hirsch	26	5	0
185 & 1728	A E Staley	15	15	0
188	Lewis Lazarus	28	7	0
193	Walter Wood	115	10	0
197	Henry Irving	59	17	0
198	Robert Rowell	37	0	0
222	Robert Grey	199	10	0
259	Dr C Godson	72	9	0
511	Carter Milbourn	14	0	0
548	W E Batchelor	47	5	0
554 & 1605	G W Verry	98	14	0
569	W C Williams	15	15	0
617 & 1928	H Massey	20	0	0
657	J D Matthews	39	18	0
733	Charles J Kilby	20	0	0
813	T J Cusworth	72	18	6
822	F Abbott	37	16	0
834	A C Bean	108	11	0
871	J J Pakes	21	0	0
898	C Chapman	60	18	0
902	T Spearing	52	10	0
1056	J Boulton	101	17	6
1269	B G Frampton	34	12	0
Lodge				
1278	W H Making	18	17	6
1287	W Cleghorn	106	1	0
1328	F Kirk	36	15	0
1365	J S Badkin	15	0	0
1365	E M Mallet	21	0	0
1382	G T Limn	62	4	3
1383	M P F Caulfield	149	2	0
1426	A F Kibble	91	7	0
1446	T Griffiths	45	0	0
1472	V J Holloway	33	0	0
1491	P H Waterlow	116	11	0
1538	T Barlow	25	18	6
1540	C Graham	20	0	0
1584	A Perrot, B.A.	15	15	0
1602	W Morris			
1615	Col. G H J Haldane	65	2	0
1632	H Baldwin	21	0	0
1657	S Benton, M.D.	105	0	0
1658	T Edmonston	63	0	0
1668	C Ochse			
1669	A C Bradley	65	2	0
1672	J Perkins	27	9	0
1704	J E Elliott	58	16	0
1719	J F Porter, M.D.	144	18	0
1765	G F Smith jun.	20	0	0
1768 & 1124	A C Spaull	60	18	0
1768	J R Jones	34	13	0
1791	J Neilson	130	0	0
1804	Rev. R H Atherton	27	0	0
1818	J Clever	57	15	0
1820	F J Vialls	54	1	6
1829	H Clarke	40	0	0
1839	J Wooley Brooke	33	12	0
1900	G P Festa	147	0	0
1949	H B Marshall, C.C.	105	0	0
1963	R J Vincent	100	0	0

UNATTACHED.

	Edgar Bowyer	94	0	0
	T W C Bush	68	5	0
	W H Farnfield	57	15	0
	James Garner	15	15	0
	T S Howell, M.R.C.S.E.	10	10	0
	William March	10	10	0
	James Salmon	21	0	0
	G Smith, F.R.C.S.	23	2	0
	A Torkington	10	10	0
	Rev. A F A Woodford	23	2	0
	E C Woodward	10	10	0
	W H Kempster, M.D.	17	17	0
	W Poore	10	10	0

BERKS AND BUCKS.

711	Br. W H Gardener	30	0	0
Chapter				
840	Comp. Rev. F W Harnett	23	7	0
Lodge				
918	Br. A S Murling	21	0	0
1101	Richard Dowsett	60	0	0
1501	Richard Pattick	31	10	0
1565	Rev. Arthur Fearon	17	14	0

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Prov. & 88	Br. N J York	128	2	0

CHESHIRE.

89	John Clayton	48	17	0
1289	Henry B Bare	26	5	0
1565	George Richardson	10	10	0

CORNWALL.

Province	Capt. H G Colvill	42	0	0
Lodge				
1151	Controller S G Bake	31	10	0

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

Unattached				
	George J McKay	26	5	0

DERBYSHIRE.

1235	John Stanley	70	7	0

DEVONSHIRE.

99	H W Madeley	66	3	0
444	William R Woodman	126	10	0
1402	John Lane	10	10	0
Unattached.				
	H H Looke			

DORSETSHIRE.

1027	R N Howard			

DURHAM.

Province & 111	H Maddison	86	2	6

ESSEX.

276	J P Lewin	37	5	6
1000	W D Merritt	28	6	6
1545	H E Dehane	31	10	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

839	R Vassar Smith	21	0	0
	John Mullings	15	15	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

	W Wither B Beach, M.P. (Chairman)	52	10	0
35	A Barfield	82	19	0
76	T Stopher	77	16	6
130	C W A Jellicoe	110	5	0
151	C E Lock	46	4	0
195	E W Rebbeck	93	19	6
257	T K Williams	42	0	0
309	E Goble	31	10	0
Chapter				
309	Comp. Rev Dr White	15	15	0
Lodge				
342	Bro. John Brickwood	124	19	0
694	Rev. A G Barker	100	0	0
698 & 1869	Rev. J N Palmer	34	13	0
723	R Glasspool	98	14	0
785	John Broster, M.D.	23	2	0
903	F Powell	67	4	0
1331	Richard Eve	56	14	0
1373	William Tasker	36	16	0
1780	Joseph Stevens	82	19	0
1903	Thomas Page	129	3	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

449	George Mickley	26	15	6
493	Lieut. R B Croft	24	14	0
1327	E West	96	12	0
1479	Isaac N Edwards	10	10	0

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KENT.

Lodge					
127	John G Henning	48	5	0	
1206	D Baker	64	0	0	
1414	Rev. T S Curteis	43	13	0	
1436	T J Pulley	72	10	0	
1436	R White				
1531	H B Taylor				

EAST LANCASHIRE.

62	Edward Ashworth	10	10	0
317	James Wilson	10	10	0
317	William J Cunliffe	10	10	0
317	John W Edwards	10	10	0
467	Walter Potts	15	15	0
1723	Robert Lathom	10	10	0
1723	James Heywood	10	10	0
1948	Major G E Hardman	10	10	0

WEST LANCASHIRE.

86	Reginald Young	85	1	0
85	William Newsome	10	10	0
202	Bradshaw W Rowson	10	10	0
1013	William Longbottom	31	10	0
1213	James Andrew	21	0	0
1250	David W Finney	31	10	0
1387	Robert Davies	12	12	0
1505	Robert Foote	10	10	0
1814	William Bouden	31	10	0
1814	William Young Martin			

MIDDLESEX.

1309	John Proffitt	16	16	0
1326	William R Vassila	20	0	0
1460	Rev. Dr. P H E Brette	44	2	0
1494	T S Archer	36	15	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Province.	Alderman T Beynon	236	5	0

NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

384	R C Mellor	10	10	0
Chapter				
606	Comp. Capt. C Hunter	31	10	0
Lodge				
1336	Br. J Oswell Bury	11	11	0
1849	Henry Kneeshair	10	10	0

OXFORD.

Lodge				
340	John Fisher	20	0	0
357	Rev. H A Pickard	28	17	6
1704	William Atkins	21	0	0
1895	G E Brakspear	15	15	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

Prov. & 833	John Budge	44	2	0

SOUTH WALES (East Div.)

833	Bro J Smith			
Prov. & 960	George H Noel	217	7	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

418	W H Snow	72	16	0
624	Capt. J A Bindley	110	5	0
624	T A Jackson			
1792	F J Turley	89	5	0

SUFFOLK.

Prov	N Tracy	136	10	0

SURREY.

Lodge				
410	C Greenwood jun.	47	15	0
1395	A H Bowles	10	10	0
1638	D W Cable	25	0	0
1981	W F Catterson	15	15	0
	Col. R Angus Croll	10	10	0

SUSSEX.

271	G Ford	10	10	0
315 & 1636	J Eberell	262	10	0
732	B Bennett	79	16	0
732	J M Kidd	10	10	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

	Woodhouse	12	12	0
587	C F Rowe	15	15	0
739	A F Warrillow	10	10	0
887	Captain A Ash	10	10	0
1474	H J Creamer	10	10	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Province	G Taylor	217	7	0
280	H Rowe			
377	S W Grosvenor			
377	W C Green			
377	J E Stone			
539	W B Williamson			
560				
1874				
	A F Godson			

N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

313	Major W H Marwood	15	15	0

WEST YORKSHIRE.

139	J Needham	400	0	0
242	C H Verity			
296	J C Wing			
302	J R Armitage, J.P.			
521	H Wood			
910	G H Locking			
910	J G Lyon			
910	W H Wilkes			
910	J H Greaves			
910				
910	R Fisher			
1211	G F Crowe			
1211	J W Fourness			
1211	A Wood			
1211	Major R W Moore			
1513	T Embleton			
1513	W R Massie			
1513	G Sykes			
1513	I Longley			
	C Pegler			

FOREIGN.

	H De Tatham, M.D.	10	10	0

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—On Monday evening last, at the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughborough Junction. Bros. Barclay Perkins W.M., Warren S.W., Littlewood J.W., McDiarmaid Treasurer, McKinley Secretary, Banks S.D., Westley J.D., Johnson Preceptor, Wood I.G.; Chambers, Allison, &c. After the minutes of last Lodge had been read and confirmed, Bro. Alliston worked the first and Bro. Westley the second sections of the lecture. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, with Bro. Chambers as candidate. After other business, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till Monday, the 21st inst., on which evening Brother James Stevens will give the second part of his lecture on the rituals and ceremony of the first degree.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N., on Saturday, 5th inst. Present—Bros. Ashton W.M., Capstick S.W., Venning J.W., Woolf S.D., Weeden J.D., Hatch I.G., I. P. Cohen as Preceptor, Fenner as Secretary, Lorkin Treas.; also Bros. Houghton, Lowe, Manger, and Galer. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Lowe offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Brother Cohen worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Capstick was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After sundry communications had been read by the Secretary, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Saturday the 12th inst., at eight o'clock.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday evening, the 4th inst., Bro. Henry Baldwin W.M. There were present among others Bros. Serjeant S.W., Phillips J.W., Poore Secretary, James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor, Jones S.D., J. N. Bate J.D., Wiltshire I.G., M. Francis, Stokes, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and Bro. Serjeant delivered the charge. The first and fourth sections were worked by the brethren, assisted by Bro. Francis. Lodge was called off for entry drill, Bro. Poore very effectively acting as drill master. Lodge was called on, and Bro. Serjeant having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned.

Southgate Lodge, 1950.—This Lodge held its first meeting under the new Master, Bro. Tibbitts, on the 3rd inst., when two brethren were raised, one passed, and Mr. Tryon was initiated. Bro. Forge I.P.M. called the attention of the brethren to the lamentable loss of life in the North Sea amongst the fishing fleet during the severe gale of the 6th of March. He stated there were about 150 lives lost, while 60 widows and 362 orphans were left in deep distress. The S.W., Bro. Hancock, proposed that the sum of £2 2s be voted from the Lodge funds, and in the course of his remarks Bro. Hancock alluded to the niggardly way in which the public had subscribed to this fearful disaster, affecting British subjects; he always found that when anything of the kind happened in a foreign country it was taken up with more spirit by the British public than any home disaster. The whole of the brethren subscribed to Bro. Forge's list, and this has enabled him to send a cheque of £7 7s to the Lord Mayor as the subscription of the Southgate Lodge.

There was a meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last, at which Bro. C. J. Perceval presided, and there were also present Bros. Clarke, Cottebrune, Brett, Bolton, Belton, Louis Stein, Adlard, McPherson, Smith, Goodall, John Bulmer, Dilley, Case, Farnfield, Murlis, Charles Lacey, Moore, Bush, and Massey. Brother Terry, the Secretary, read the minutes of previous meeting, which were confirmed. He also read the Warden's report. Brother Terry reported the death, since last meeting, of one male and four female annuitants, and a moiety of her late husband's annuity was granted to the widow of the first mentioned. Brother Terry also reported that since last meeting the Committee had lost three of its members by death, viz.:—Brothers W. Hale, J. R Gallant, and A. J. Duff-Filer. Brother Terry was instructed to write letters of condolence on behalf of the Committee to their widows respectively. Bro. Terry read a draft of the Annual Report, for the information of the Committee. He also read the statement of the number of attendances of members of the Committee to be presented to Grand Lodge, and as it appeared that three of the number were disqualified, three others were nominated for election.

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THIS fire has not touched in the least any part of the Freemasons' Tavern, and will not cause the slighest interference with any arrangements made or pending for Masonic or other Banquets, Balls, Public Meetings, or any purpose for which the establishment is devoted. Orders can now be received for Masonic and Regimental Dinners, Public Festivals, Private Dinners, Wedding Breakfasts, Evening Parties, Balls, Soirees, &c., and the Spacious Hall is, as usual, available for Election and other Public Meetings.

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THE FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL.

WE have very little in the way of additional particulars to add to the account given last week in this journal. As we then stated, the fire, which broke out shortly before midnight, resulted in the total destruction of the Temple. The cause of the catastrophe has been proved to be through a beam which was in too close proximity with the passage of a flue from the adjoining Tavern, and the only wonder now is that the sad event did not occur sooner than has been the case.

We are indebted to a correspondent for the following particulars:—

On Thursday night, at 11.45 o'clock, the Grand Tyler of the Hall communicated to Bro. Dawkins, the manager of the Tavern, his suspicions that something was smouldering, and these two officials proceeded to examine the various rooms, when it was seen that smoke issued from the roof over the room known as "The Temple," and some of the Tavern staff were at once ordered to connect fire hose to the second floor hydrant in the Tavern, and play upon the point of assumed danger, with the result that a powerful stream of water poured upon the roof in less than two minutes after the order was given. Further examination revealed the fact that a serious fire was raging in the south end of the Temple, and Bro. Dawkins deemed it necessary to enter that room by the vestibule connecting the two blocks, but, on being prohibited by the Grand Tyler, he caused the pair of iron doors in the banqueting room to be opened, and found the second pair of similar doors, which were distanced 19 inches from the first pair, and closed a passage through the wall separating the Grand banqueting room from the Temple, glowing hot, and so distorted that they had to be forced open, and then was the seat of mischief made apparent. A second hydrant on the first floor was now made use of, and another line of hose taken through the banqueting room, from which a stream of water was dexterously directed into the body of fire which had already begun to threaten to extend to the Tavern portion of the building, but was now attacked in a manner which held the flames so well in check that when the Fire Brigade arrived, some fifteen minutes later, the

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work of extinguishment was much easier than would have been the case had not Messrs. Spiers and Pond taken timely precaution to furnish the Tavern, in September last, with Messrs. Merryweather and Son's system of Fire hydrants and hose.

It appears most marvellous that the destruction of property was so limited, as it is impossible to say what proportions the flames would have assumed but for the promptitude with which they were attacked, and the praiseworthy measures taken to confine them. The Tavern has sustained but a few pounds value of damage, while the whole of the rooms of the Hall, other than the Temple, remain intact.

The following is an epitome of the damage done:—

The South end of the flooring consumed and fallen into the wine cellar beneath; rest of flooring and carpet slightly damaged with water.

The handsome fluted pilasters, ornamental skirting and wainscoting, with the beautiful ceiling and roof consumed, as far as concerns the south end, and remainder damaged by heated smoke.

The handsome marble statue of the late Duke of Sussex blackened with smoke, a "bow" broken off the shoe of one of the feet, and the linen covering consumed.

The front case of organ charred, a few pipes damaged, and the ivory keys destroyed.

The Grand Officers' seats partly consumed and otherwise damaged. The ten valuable paintings of Past and Present Grand Masters completely charred, and the features of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales are alone distinguishable, while the gilt frames for the most part remain intact; thus showing the rapidity with which painted canvas is ruined when subjected to highly heated smoke, because actual fire did not reach any of the pictures. The Deacon's chairs are greatly damaged, but the Grand Masters' and two Grand Wardens' chairs are untouched. The preservation of the main portion of the two blocks of buildings is due alone to Merryweather's fire extinguishing appliances, and the creditable application of them by the Tavern *employés*.

In reference to this subject an article appeared in the *Daily Telegraph* of Saturday last, which we take the opportunity of reproducing:—

Free and Accepted Masons in every part of the United Kingdom—and, indeed, all the world over—will regret the burning of the "Temple" attached to the Freemasons' Tavern in Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields. This magnificent hall—architecturally one of the handsomest rooms in England—was the headquarters of the influential Craft presided over by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; it was the meeting-place of Grand Lodge, whence the entire English Masonic system is ruled and regulated. Fortunately, the valuable regalia and the "throne" have been saved intact, and but little damage has been inflicted on the beautiful white marble statue of the late Duke of Sussex, the work of the eminent sculptor Bailey—a great artist and a good Mason. For the rest, this splendid apartment, decorated at immense cost and in perfect harmony with the purpose to which it has been applied, is a mass of wreck and ruin. The full-length portraits of a long series of Past Grand Masters—all save a likeness of the late Duke of Kent—are burned out of their frames in the wainscot, blistered and peeled beyond recognition or revival, or rent into shreds by the action of the flames. In parts the flat gilded woodwork is entirely consumed, showing the brick wall behind, in parts it is charred and splintered. Galleries, cornices, fluted columns have given way and tumbled down, a confused mass of blackened rubbish. Scarcely anything remains of the mystical and wonderful roof with its splendid sun in burnished gold, and its exquisitely wrought signs of the Zodiac. All that the loving pains of William Cox designed to be the masterpiece of his art has perished in a few hours. The gilded seats of the Officers of Grand Lodge, of the Master, Wardens and Deacons, are partly burned partly smashed to pieces, and what were the pedestals have entirely disappeared. Strangely enough the vast carpetted flooring, though strewed with debris and soaked with water appears to be intact everywhere, except in one corner in close contignity to a pair of iron doors which shut off Grand Lodge from the large banqueting hall of the Freemasons' Tavern. The party wall stood the test of the flames wonderfully well, for while the "Temple" is completely gutted, the great room on the other side of the brickwork remains untouched by fire, and apparently free from damage. This nobly proportioned and elegantly and elaborately ornamented chamber was ninety-two feet long, forty-three broad, and more than sixty feet high. Although it is not deemed discreet to disclose even the minor details connected with the ancient secret and impressive Ritual of Freemasonry, there is no harm in saying that the Craft will feel keenly a misfortune which deprives them of a resort associated with the best work, and dedicated to virtue, universal charity, and benevolence. The loss is the more to be regretted because the "Temple" was the first home which English Freemasons could call their own.

The origin of the Craft is shrouded in mystery; and what learned Masons know of its foundation they do not disclose to the uninitiated. Just enough to tantalise inquisitiveness and not sufficient to satisfy the thirst for knowledge is as much as they will confide to the outer world. Here, again, there is no offence in revealing the fact that the Brotherhood is devoted to charitable works, and to say that its members cannot be bad men and good Masons at one and the same time. They who know nothing whatever of the Craft pretend that there is no secret, otherwise it would long ago have leaked out. Freemasons, however, do not resent, or even regard, that kind of criticism. They know what they know, and, while leading the lives of worthy and respectable citizens, and attending to their work, suffer rancour to say its worst. Enough for them that the Craft speaks all languages, and is united in a common brotherhood on sea and shore, in every country and clime. One most learned and accomplished Mason dates its history from the creation of the world. Others are satisfied to come nearer our own time, and do not pretend to find the Masonic family tree planted in the Garden of Eden. Of course the Temple of King Solomon was built by the brethren on the top of Mount Moriah, over against Mount Olivet; and all the Freemasons employed on the work, exclusive of the two G. Wardens, amounted to one hundred and thirteen thousand. Pythagoras belonged to the Craft; but whether he learned what he knew in Egypt and India, or elsewhere, is not quite certain. No one needs to doubt that the professors of Thebes and Memphis, and the priests of Brahma, and the Magi with whom the Wise Man of Samos was on the most friendly terms, were competent to enlarge his Masonic researches. It is an historical fact that he studied under Pherecydes, of Syrus, a strict believer in the immortality of the soul. Whether Pythagoras intended his Freemasonry to be a political protest against the tyranny of Polycrates, tyrant of Samos, and to what extent he meant it as a bond of contented and refined Communism, is open to dispute; but what he taught at Crotona remains the foundation of a great deal of our modern Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity. How much English Freemasonry retains of India, Egypt, Judea, Greece, and Rome is a matter for Masons, if they can do so, to decide among themselves. It will be enough for those who are not of the Craft to recognise that the Institution in England is associated with several noble and most praiseworthy Charities.

Freemasonry has been of two kinds, Operative and Speculative. Formerly, at least in this country, the vast majority of the brethren were more or less connected with the building trades, either as patrons, as designers, or as handicraftsmen. The Ancient Britons, the Romans, and the Saxons had among them initiated persons; and in later times all our grat historical structures, ecclesiastical or lay, were built by members of the Order. Henry VI. took a lively interest in the Craft; "Bluff King Hal" was Master of a Lodge, as was also the "Merry Monarch." It is an indisputable fact that St. Paul's Cathedral is tinctured with the science from the foundation-stone to the top of the golden cross. Not only was Sir Christopher Wren the father of Modern Masonry, but from the time when he flourished may be dated its present peculiarly speculative character. When the famous architect grew old and weary, the Lodge of St. Paul, over which he presided, fell off in numbers and influence; and it was agreed among the few remaining members that the Order, its privileges and mysteries, should be thrown open to men of other professions. Prior to the reign of Queen Anne, a few non-practical Masons were initiated, but "speculative" brethren were rarely to be met with. Then, and for a long time afterwards, the Craft were without headquarters. A Lodge used to meet at the Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's Churchyard, the second part of which sign may possibly have suggested the ridiculous notion that a certain humble piece of ironmongery is associated with the ceremony of initiation. Another Lodge met at the sign of the Crown, in Parker's-lane, Drury-lane, another at the Rummer and Grapes, in Channel-row, Westminster, and a fourth at the Apple Tree Tavern, Charles-street, Covent-garden. It was at the Apple Tree that a few old Masons constituted themselves a Grand Lodge in the year 1717. From that date English Masonry has grown and flourished; and, though it has had its troubles and its schisms, is now more than ever powerful and useful. Based on the principle of equality of man, it owes not a little of its prestige to the friendliness and companionship of Royal and noble personages. Continuing to extend the sphere of its influence, the Craft gradually amassed property, and in the year 1771 the Honourable Charles Dillon, Deputy Grand Master, introduced a bill in the House of Commons to incorporate the Society by Act of Parliament. The measure was opposed, and at the desire of many of the brethren was withdrawn on the second reading. Freemasonry, however, having made for itself a recognised name, was no longer content to date from a tavern, and the members of Grand Lodge, held at the Crown and Anchor, in the Strand, sought for themselves a local habitation. In the year 1772, Lord Petre being at that time Grand Master, a large sum was subscribed for the purpose of building a suitable hall; and, two years later, they purchased a plot of ground, consisting of a couple of fine houses and a large garden, the site of Thursday's fire. Afterwards a further sum of money was raised by tontine. The building progressed quickly, and on the 23rd of May 1776, the Grand Lodge of England, which used to meet in inns and in the halls of the City Companies, was first installed in that beautiful home which is now no more. Although it is morally certain that a "Temple" as fine or if not finer than the building which has perished so suddenly will in due time rise from its ashes, yet Freemasons as a body will lament the loss of their first, and heretofore their grandest and best-beloved shrine, associated for more than a century with countless noble and glorious memories that cannot die.

According to the *Keystone*, the Oriental Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, was crowded with brethren at the last meeting of Montgomery Lodge, No. 10, on Thursday evening, 5th April, to listen to a eulogy delivered by Bro. William A. Sinn P.M. Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge, on the death of Bro. James Reynolds P.M. Bro. Sinn, from his long personal acquaintance with the deceased, and his close connection with him during his Masonic career, was eminently fitted for the task which he assumed. As Bro. Sinn arose, his stalwart form, and his sympathetic, and yet clear and distinct enunciation, claimed the profound attention of all present. His reference to the Past Masters was very effective, and the Grand Tyler surprised his friends by his eloquent and masterly address. The resolutions attached were unanimously adopted, and a copy of the proceedings will be sent to the family of the deceased.

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DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE annual visit of the Stewards to the Royal Masonic Girls' School took place on Tuesday, the Festival Chairman of the year, R.W. Brother W. Wither B. Beach, M.P., Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, presiding. This meeting invariably draws a large attendance, and in spite of the disagreeable surroundings on a wet day, this was the case on the present occasion. The musical performances and the recitations were given with spirit, while the drawings exhibited on the walls were greatly admired. The following is the official programme:

Part I.

Part Song—"The Lord is my Shepherd"—Schubert.
Duet—"Gloria in Excelsis Deo"—Mozart—24 hands.
Trio (Little Girls)—"Gavotte and Minuet"—Boccherini—36 hands.
Recitation—"William Tell"—Gurney—Athalinda Allison.

Prizes to the Highest Pupils—

Ada Huyshe Clase, the Gold Medal for Proficiency, given annually by Brother William Pass, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn. Louisa Marion Thomson, the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, given annually by the Institution, with £5 given annually by Brother William Winn. Gertrude H. Mey and Mary S. Norrish, £2 10s each, part of £5 for Proficiency, given annually by Brother William Winn.

From the Institution, for Passing Cambridge Examination in Honours—Emma Lizzie Bridgeman (Gold Medalist of last year), Ada Huyshe Clase, Gertrude H. Mey, Mary S. Norrish.

For Passing Cambridge Examination—Mabel E. Bingham, Fanny E. Lapington, Kathleen A. A. Collins, Mary L. Bowler, Beatrice L. Turner, Violet H Lang, Kate L. Parker, Colina Sharp, Eleanor E. Spurging, Edith M. Potts.

Part II.

(Little Girls)—"Toy Symphony"—Romberg—16 performers.
Recitation—"King John and the Abbot of Canterbury"—Ada Tanare.
Duet—"Lucia di Lammermoor"—Donnizetti—24 hands.
Recitation—"Maid of Bregenz"—Miss Proctor—Lilian Stephenson.
Part Song—"Rise again, Glad Summer Sun."

Prizes given by the Institution:—

Music (vocal and instrumental), Mary A. Johnson; Drawing, Mabel E. Sandford; Needlework, Mabel E. Bingham, Harriette Chrimes, Amy L. Kirke, Adelaide M. Brunskill; Machine Work, Clara M. Cowley and M. M. Smith; General Usefulness, Ada Carter and Mary J. Feltham; Order and Attention (as proved by Conduct Marks throughout the year), Adelaide F. Laycock, Agnes A. Deeley and Juliet Priestley; Neatness, Laura S. Spurr; Magnetism and Electricity. (Class I.—Science Examination), Clara Kingcombe, Catherine A. Peele and Minnie Ansell.

Class II.—Clara Kingcombe, General Proficiency; Julia M. Hervey, General Improvement; Edith Hicks, Perseverance.

Class III.—Agnes A. Deeley, General Proficiency; Mary A. Wyatt, Perseverance.

Class IV.—Mabel Lewis, General Proficiency; Rosamond Laybourne, Perseverance.

Class V.—Grace K. Bartrum, General Proficiency; Nina Prideaux, Drawing.

Part 3.

Recitation—"Morceaux d'Esther"—Racine—Fanny E. Lapington and Kate L. Parker.
Duo—"Capriccio"—Mendelssohn—12 hands.
Recitation—Ada Huyshe Clase.
Quartette—"Dichter und Bauer"—F. Von Suppe—24 hands.

Prizes given by Friends of the Institution:—

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work:—Beatrice Lilian Turner.
By Bro. the Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., for French,—Fanny E. Lapington.
By Mrs. Crick, for Elocution.—Ada B. Tanare, Lilian Stephenson, and Athalinda Allison.
By Bro. Frank Richardson, for Good Conduct and General Usefulness.—Dora Scott and Grace Simmonds.

By a "Lewis."

Mathematics and Electricity (Class I. Science Examination):—Emma L. Bridgeman.
Physical Geography (Class I. Science Examination):—Fanny E. Lapington.
General Improvement (1st Class):—Mona B. Hennet.
French Recitation:—Kate L. Parker.
2nd Prize for Calisthenics and Deportment:—Bessie Reed.
2nd Prize for Cookery:—Florence Armitage.
By Friends of the late Collard Moutrie, for Music:—Gertrude H. Mey.
By Brother and Mrs. Louis Hirsch, for Music:—Hannah Mabel Ward and Rose A. Bridgeman.
The St. James "Yates" Memorial Prize (per St. James's Lodge), for Proficiency in Domestic Duties (Cookery):—Edith H. Escott.
The Supreme Grand Council of the 33rd Degree, for Good Conduct:—Meta Bell Braisier.
By Brother John Faulkner, for Amiability (as selected by her Schoolfellows):—Mona Hennet; Cookery, Louisa M. Thomson; Magnetism and Electricity (Class I.—Science Examination), Ada Huyshe Clase and Mary S. Norrish.
By Mrs. Edgar Bowyer for Needlework:—Lucretia C. A. Wilton.
The "Wentworth Little" Memorial Prize, for Music:—Ada Huyshe Clase, Helena Pidduck and Mary Bowler.
Good Conduct:—Marian S. Cooper.
The "John Boyd" Memorial Prize, for Drawing:—Mabel E. Bingham.
Writing:—Catherine A. Peele and Eleanor A. Ludlow.
Usefulness in Domestic Duties:—Annie Maria Strong.
By Bro. C. E. Atkinson, for Religious Knowledge, as distinguished at Cambridge Examination:—Ada Huyshe Clase, Gertrude H. Mey.
By Bro. Robert Grey:—For General Good Conduct, Mabel E. Sandford; Fancy Work, Florence Armitage; Calisthenics and Deportment, Maude M. Cowley; Calisthenics and Deportment (among Little Girls), Eliza Louisa Johnson.

National Anthem.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Bro. Peter de Lande Long, and Brother Beach in reply expressed the gratification he had experienced in attending. He had visited the School some years back, but since that time it had increased in numbers, and he was pleased to find that efficiency had kept pace with that increase. The calisthenic display would have done credit to a body of well disciplined soldiers. Brother Beach remarked that all would regret the enforced absence of Miss Davis, through illness, but all felt they were much indebted to her for the trouble she had taken in her conduct of the School. After referring to the long services of Miss Jarwood, and recognising the indebtedness of the Institution to Dr. Howell for his care of the children, Brother Beach concluded by saying of the pupils they might be called upon to join in various vocations, but he trusted they would be incited by the successes that had attended their efforts that day to regard those successes as stepping-stones to future achievements in building up a further scheme of knowledge to that which they had acquired. He trusted it would always be a characteristic of the Freemasons' girls that they would remember and love those who possibly might never leave the Institution, and in after life would look back to the associations which they had formed, and reflect upon the happy hours they had spent within those wards. After refreshments had been partaken of by the Visitors, a second calisthenic display was given, and then dancing was indulged in until an advanced hour.

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On Monday, the 21st inst., the Youell Mark Masters' Lodge, No. 317, at Gorleston, near Great Yarmouth, will be Consecrated by the Right Hon. Lord Henniker M.W. Grand Mark Master, and the Worshipful Master installed by Bro. Frederick Binckes, Grand Secretary. The Province of East Anglia, consisting of Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, and Cambridgeshire will then be constituted, and the M.W. Grand Master having consented to take charge of the Province will be installed, as Provincial Grand Mark Master, by M.W. Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Past Grand Mark Master.

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TESTIMONIALS.—Head Quarter Staff, Cabul, May 31st, 1880. Mr. R. Freeman, Dear Sir,—It is with much pleasure I am able to state that your Chlorodyne has been of special service to me in alleviating the wearisome spasms of Asthma, which is here existent in an aggravated form. Many of my patients now come and beg me to give them that medicine which always relieves them, and which I need hardly say is your Chlorodyne. Yours faithfully, CHARLES W. OWEN, L.R.C.P. Lon., M.R.C.S. Eng., the Divisional Head Quarter Staff and Civil Surgeon, Cabul.

The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoum, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of CHLORODYNE, with which I effected miraculous cures.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 12th MAY.

173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon

MONDAY, 14th MAY.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1386—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1861—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C.
R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1089—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1593—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Charter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 379—Tyrie, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 15th MAY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1609—Sir Hugh Middleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
231—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
960—Rute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1784—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 105—Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 340—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 490—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 16th MAY.

15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, New'ington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
709—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1593—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
340—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
643—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1048—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
R.A. 632—Harmony, Trowbridge
R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
R.A. 1040—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Newstead, Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 17th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)

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1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1385—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Headquarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M M. 7—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundels
98—St Martin, Town Hall, Buralem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Cardour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1376—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
R.A. 214—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 293—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray

FRIDAY, 18th MAY.

Annual General Meeting Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
148—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, Kings-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 48—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Harrer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
R.A. 521—Perfect Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 19th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1621—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
Sphinx Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-st. et. Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 133.

THE installation of the W.M. elect—Bro. E. J. Acworth—of this venerable Lodge, took place on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Minor Hall of the Faversham Institute, East-street, Faversham. The brethren assembled at three o'clock in the afternoon, when Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Stapleton Payn, who was supported by Past Masters Dr. Gange (Treasurer), R. Griggs (Secretary), Underdown (I.P.M.), Longhurst, Giraud, J. W. Penton. The Right Hon. Viscount Holmesdale, R. W. Provincial Grand Master of Kent, honoured the brethren with a visit, and there was likewise a goodly gathering of the W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and Officers of Lodges in the immediate district, as well as several brethren from the Metropolis. Among those brethren who signed the attendance book were Bros. G. Page P.M. 1209 P.P.G.J.D., R. Boughton-Smith W.M. 1915 P.P.G.S.D. Leicester and Rutland, E. G. Waltham 1915 and 31, H. M. Mangham Chaplain 1915, John T. Reeves S.W. 1915, E. J. Lawson Secretary 1915, B. Kelly Thorpe P.M. 709 P.G. Treasurer, Thomas Mitchell W.M. 20, W. Langshaw W.M. 1424, Herbert Black W.M. 1273, F. J. Seale P.M. 1273 P.P.G.A.D.C., H. Iron S.D. 1273, G. Goble Organist 1273, W. G. Kennett S.W. 1273, John F. Solly W.M. 784, Thomas Bent P.M. 784, A. G. Spears 158 P.P.G.O., Edward Stuteley W.M. 158, George Green I.P.M. 158, C. Andrews P.M. 77, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211, J. C. Barnard 1273, H. J. Price 1967 and 200. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master was announced. A deputation was formed, and he was escorted into the Lodge room, and saluted with the usual honours. Brother Acworth was then presented and duly obligated by Brother Payn. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and those brethren who as yet are not entitled to don the levels were requested to retire. A Board of Installed Masters was opened under the presidency of Brother P.M. Longhurst, who placed Brother Acworth in the chair of the Lodge with the customary ceremonies. On the readmission of the brethren, the new Worshipful Master was saluted in the three degrees, and the Officers were appointed and invested, as follow:—A. Greey S.W., F. F. Giraud P.M. J.W., Genge P.M. Treasurer, Underdown P.M. Secretary, Griggs P.M. S.D., Fuller J.D., Longhurst P.M. I.G. Brother Longhurst then gave the addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren, and thus completed in admirable style his share of the business proceedings of the day. Brother Past Master Penton was elected Charities representative for the Lodge, and an announcement was made that the members were interested in the candidature of a lad who sought the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, but who had not, as yet, secured the support of the Provincial Charities Organisation. A notice of motion for next meeting was handed in to consider the advisability of altering the Bye-Laws so far as they refer to the day of meeting. It has been considered by a majority of the brethren that the second Monday in the month, in lieu of the first Monday, would be more acceptable; but this will, later on, receive full consideration, when any advantages that may be likely to accrue from the projected change will be fully detailed. After a candidate had been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, a vote of thanks—to be recorded on the minutes—was unanimously agreed to be passed to Bro. Longhurst for the way he had conducted the ceremony of the day. After routine work, hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Ship Hotel, where a capital banquet was served. The menu had been carefully considered, and great credit is due to the worthy proprietors of this old-established hostelry for the way they carried out their engagement. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M., with due regard to brevity, spoke to the several toasts. After that of the Queen and the Craft, the National Anthem was sung. Speaking of the Prince of Wales Bro. Acworth said all recognised the fact that the Most Wor. Grand Master had many duties to perform, but the interest he evinced in Masonic matters led to his being unanimously esteemed by Craftsmen throughout the length and breadth of the land. In speaking to the third toast—the Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, Bro. Acworth said it might be urged in regard to this, that they "bear their blushing honours thick upon them." He had great pleasure in calling upon the brethren to drink to the toast. In proposing the health of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of Kent, Viscount Holmesdale—"our very noble and approved good Master,"—the W.M. said his powers of speech were scarcely equal to the task of recounting the many services rendered to Freemasonry by Viscount Holmesdale. However, these were fully recognised by the Freemasons of Kent, and he could confidently leave the toast in the hands of the brethren to do it justice. In the course of his reply, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, after expressing his gratification at the way in which the toast had been received, made reference to the Revision of the Book of Constitutions now being undertaken. The proposed changes had received attention at his hands, and he was not unmindful of the vast interests involved in their consideration. With respect to what the Worshipful Master had said as to the lapse of time since he had visited the Lodge of Harmony, he might urge that he had very many and heavy duties to perform. Whenever he received an invitation from the Lodges in his Province, he gave the matter consideration, and, in this case, finding he had a day clear, he gladly availed himself of the opportunity to join the members, and was much gratified with the result of his visit. The next toast—the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present—was proposed by Bro. Past Master Longhurst. The zeal evinced in the Masonic business of the Province by Brother Eastes was eloquently dilated on by Bro. Longhurst, who regretted the inability of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master to attend. With the toast was identified

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the name of Brother Thorpe, the P.G. Treasurer, who gracefully acknowledged the compliment paid him and the other Grand Officers. The health of the W.M. was proposed by the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, who congratulated Bro. Acworth on his accession to the chair of a Lodge which had hitherto so worthily sustained its reputation. He trusted he might have a prosperous year. It was satisfactory to know that the Officers he would have to assist him in the conduct of the business brought to bear upon their work experience gained already. He might be pardoned for making a digression, but it was sometimes urged that certain offices were mere sinecures. He could not agree with this. He did not look upon any office in the Provincial Grand Lodge as a sinecure. He expected every Prov. Grand Officer to help him and his Deputy to sustain the prestige of the Craft. He was always much exercised when it came to the consideration of how the honours were to be distributed. In some Provinces, where there were only about eight or ten Lodges, it was not such a difficult feature as in one were there were as many as fifty Lodges. The W.M. briefly, but graciously, acknowledged the honour done him. The remaining toasts were rapidly pushed forward; they comprised the Installing Master, the Past Masters, the Visitors, the Wardens, the Press, the Junior Officers, and that of the Tyler. The speeches throughout were ably conceived and well to the point, while the day was enlivened by some capital songs and recitations.

PRINCE EDWARD OF SAXE-WEIMAR LODGE, No. 1903.

THERE was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren at the annual meeting of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, which was held on Wednesday, the 2nd instant, in the Masonic Hall, Highbury Street, Portsmouth. Brother Thomas Page, the retiring Worshipful Master, having been unanimously re-elected, was installed by the acting I.P.M. (Bro. H. W. Townsend), to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony. The Worshipful Master, in returning thanks for his re-election, said, that but for the sudden and serious illness of Brother Colonel Bray, the Senior Warden, he should not have been again in that position; but he promised that he would do his best to give them satisfaction. The Secretary (Brother A. Leon Emanuel) read a telegram from Lord Charles Beresford, the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge, expressing regret that he could not attend, and conveying his kindest wishes to the Worshipful Master and Brethren. A letter was read from Mrs. Bray, acknowledging a letter of sympathy from the Lodge. The Secretary added that he had the pleasure of seeing Colonel Bray on the previous day, and he undertook to convey his sincere thanks to the Lodge for the kindness which had been shown him. The Treasurer (Brother H. Threadingham) claimed the indulgence of the brethren while he attempted to discharge a duty which had been pressed upon him owing to the unavoidable absence of the I.P.M. They all knew of the circumstances which had led to the taking of the chair for the second time by Bro. Page, and it was only necessary for him to remark that the lamentable fact that Bro. Colonel Bray being stricken down by the stern hand of affliction, just about the time that he would have been elected to fill the chair, threw them into a dilemma, from which they were relieved by Bro. Page. Not only had he done this, but he was given to understand that he had added twenty guineas to the sum voted by the Lodge in order to swell the funds of the Institution for Girls. Many of them had on several occasions listened with no small degree of pleasure and delight to the excellent and efficient manner in which the general business of the Lodge had been conducted, and the ritual of the various degrees performed by Bro. Page, and because he had thus added materially to their Masonic edification they had thought the termination of his first year of office a fitting opportunity to present him with some tangible mark of their appreciation. In asking Brother Page to except the beautiful jewel which he held in his hand, he was sure he only expressed the feelings of all present when he trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would be pleased to spare him for very many years to enjoy his well-earned popularity. After a few other remarks, Bro. Threadingham, amid the hearty plaudits of the brethren, affixed the jewel to the breast of the W.M. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, to Bro. T. Page, on his second installation as W.M., as a token of their sense of his Masonic attainments, genial character, and able conduct in presiding over them—1882-1883." The W.M., who was loudly cheered, returned his hearty and sincere thanks for the beautiful jewel. Words failed him to express his feelings, or to convey in such terms as he could wish his high appreciation of their great kindness during the last twelve months. He could say, without fear of contradiction, that he had at all times received at their hands every consideration and assistance, and that his duties had been thereby very much lightened. In undertaking for another year the office of W.M., he assured them that every effort would be made by him to support the honour of the Lodge and to maintain its present high position. The W.M., on being re-installed, appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. Lord C. Beresford I.P.M., W. Lathom Cox S.W., H. Long J.W., Rev. P. H. Good Chaplain, H. Threadingham Treasurer, A. L. Emanuel Secretary, W. Royston Pike S.D., G. Nelder Junior Deacon, S. Knight Master of Ceremonies, G. Sylvester Organist, A. E. Elmes I.G., J. G. Livesay and Pigott Stewards. At the installation banquet the W.W. was supported, among others, by Brothers Sir H. Drummond Wolff, M.P., and General Hodgson P.P.G.W. of Madras. The catering of Bro. W. Maybour, of Portsea, gave great satisfaction, and the wines were of excellent quality. The Queen and the Craft and the other introductory toasts having been given from the chair, Brother Sir H. D. Wolff, who on rising was received with loud applause, said the next toast had been confided to him, and it was a great pleasure to bring it under their notice, because it referred not only to a distinguished Mason, who was connected with them in that province, but to one who was the representative of a portion of that county in Parliament, and whatever opinions might be entertained of his political views, he was certain that everything he did was entitled to the respect that was due to one who acted conscientiously. He recollected that about two years ago, when this Lodge was inaugurated, how they were all struck with the great ability with which Bro. Beach discharged the duties of his office, because not only did he go through the ceremonies which were time-honoured among Masons, but he added reflections of his own, and gave an historical retrospect of many matters connected with the Craft, which was quite original, and struck them all as most interesting. He could easily understand that Brother Beach liked sometimes to get away from the struggles of political life to the calmer and more harmonious atmosphere of Masonic existence. He recollected that many years ago the late Lord Beaconsfield, in a speech at the Literary Fund dinner, which took place during a great political conflict, said he felt as one who had come away from the heat of battle to drink the water of some pellucid stream. And coming from a place where all was not harmonious, and where the proceedings occasionally gave rise to a bitterness which those at a distance would scarcely believe possible, he confessed that when he witnessed the harmony and good feeling that reigned in a Masonic community, he felt the contrast as one of the highest possible advantage. It was for this reason, among others, that he thought Bro. Beach attended so much to his Masonic duties, in order to develope the good of which Masonry was capable in the county to which he belonged, and as long as he reigned over them, as the head of their Masonic Institution in Hampshire, he was certain they would all drink to his health, whether present or absent, with enthusiasm and good fellowship. He therefore proposed the Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. Bro. W. Royston Pike gave the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Hickman, and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, and the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Rastrick, responded. Bro. Townsend, in proposing the Worshipful Master, said that during the past twelve months Bro. Page had thoroughly carried out what he (the speaker) had said he would, and had merited their approval, as was shown by the presentation of a handsome testimonial. The W.M., who was received with great enthusiasm, suitably responded. Bro. Lieutenant Bourke, R.N., in giving the Installing Master, described Bro. Townsend as the Father of the Lodge, and said it was owing to his energy and perseverance that they had surmounted difficulties and troubles that would have disheartened many another man, and that the Lodge had attained its present proportions. He had in other respects shown himself a thorough good Mason, and a right good man. Bro. Townsend, in responding, referred to the fact that the Lodge had over a hundred members, and a good balance in hand. Bro. Threadingham, in proposing the W.M.'s and Representatives of Neighbouring Lodges, referred to the fact that Sir Henry Wolff had been Master of a foreign Lodge, and knew somewhat of the working of Masonry in different parts of the world. They found him stealing a few hours from Parliamentary life and struggles to associate with his brethren in the Craft. Bro. Ontridge W.M. No. 487 responded, and was followed by Bro. W. E. Atkins W.M. No. 1069, who referred to the fact that £50,000 a year was expended by the Craft in charity. Bro. Grant W.M. No. 1705 and Bro. T. H. Williams W.M. No. 1776 also responded, the latter making an appeal on behalf of the Boys' School, mentioning that, in his capacity of Steward at the approaching Festival, he had received upwards of £250, and expressing a hope that he should be able to make it up to £300. The Worshipful Master, who subsequently made an appeal on behalf of the Girls' School, for which he had accepted the office of Steward, said he felt highly honoured that Bro. Sir H. D. Wolff had come so many miles to be present on that occasion, and he proposed his health, which was received with great enthusiasm. Bro. Sir H. D. Wolff, in response, said it must always be gratifying to him, connected as he was with the borough, to have his health received so kindly as it had been that evening. No doubt there were present brethren holding different views, and Lord Palmerston once said it was very safe, in a mixed society, to drink the health of a politician, because those who sympathised with him wished him health to continue his functions, while those who did not sympathise with him thought his health might be improved by assisting him to retire. He much regretted last year not being able to come down to the installation of the Worshipful Master, for having been present at the installation of the first Master he had hoped to be able to be there several years in succession. A worthy brother had alluded to his being Master of a Lodge abroad. Certainly he had been so, he was sorry to say a great many years ago. But although it was in a foreign place—Corfu—the Lodge was working under the English Constitution. He then had the satisfaction of making many friendships among members of the two Services who were so warmly welcomed and so much beloved in Portsmouth, and he was hardly able to come to Portsmouth without meeting some friend whom he had met in a distant country. He had, therefore, conceived a higher idea of Freemasonry than he had before, because he had found that through it brethren had obtained society and a home when perhaps otherwise they would have been deprived of it. The Lodge was enabled more than once to be of assistance to brethren who, owing to adverse circumstances, had fallen into distress, and was enabled to render aid without that humiliation which sometimes came when it was received from private sources. Perhaps they would allow him to propose another toast—The Immediate Past Master, the Right Hon. Lord C. Beresford. It struck him as peculiarly appropriate that Lord Charles Beresford should have been the first Master of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge because, as a naval man, he was Master of a Lodge which bore the name of a beloved military officer. He thought Prince Edward must feel highly pleased that his name should be associated, as it would be for many generations, with that Lodge, for

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it was one proof of the great popularity which he and his admirable Princess had gained in this town. They knew that since the inauguration of the Lodge and the installation of Lord Charles Beresford, he had gone through a great many vicissitudes, and, without speaking in terms too flattering of him, he could say that from all they had heard—and he had seen many who met him during his distinguished service in Egypt—his genial qualities, his merry good nature, and his friendliness to all were no less conspicuous than his gallantry. The remaining toasts were the Visitors, and the Officers of the Lodge. Brother Sylvester, the Organist of the Lodge, rendered valuable assistance, both vocally and instrumentally, and other brethren also aided in promoting harmony.

Obituary.

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BRO. A. J. DUFF-FILER.

Owing to the crowded state of our columns we have space merely to record the death of this worthy Mason. The sad event took place on Saturday last. A sketch of Bro. Duff-Filer's Masonic career shall appear in next issue.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. W. H. LUCIA.

FROM THE EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES.

ON Saturday afternoon the funeral of the late Bro. W. H. Lucia, the Provincial Grand Secretary of Suffolk, took place at Bury St. Edmunds, the obsequies partaking somewhat of a public character, as the Masonic body attended to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency was opened at the Angel Hotel, and in the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Master, through illness, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was in Lancashire, the chair was occupied by Brother Frederick Long, the Provincial Grand Senior Warden, who was supported by Bros. Rev. R. N. Sanderson P.P.G. Chaplain, N. Tracy P.P.G.J.W., T. J. Huddleston P.P.G.J.W., Rev. E. J. Griffiths Provincial Grand Chaplain, William Clarke P.G.D. of C., W. Armstrong P.P.G.J.D., G. J. Paine P.G.S., J. R. Thompson P.P.G.S.D., Fred. Wheeler P.P.G. Registrar, W. W. Walesby P.P.G.W., C. Cooke P.P.G.J.D., W. Chapman P.G.S., G. H. Grimwood P.P.G.S.W., G. Thompson P.M., Joseph F. Hills P.P.G.J.W., Horace Lucia P.G. Steward, B. W. Syer P.G. Tyler, J. Neal York P.P.G.S.W. Cambs., T. J. Ralling Provincial Grand Secretary Essex, and about 40 or 50 brethren of various Lodges in the Province. The acting Provincial Grand Master read a communication from Bro. Lord Waveney stating that in unison with the wishes of the family the Lodge meeting was to be held as a token of respect for Brother Lucia's services and character, offered with deep sympathy, and in the desire to lighten as much as may be the burden of the family's sorrow. Bro. Long continued—Brethren, from time immemorial it has been an established custom among the members of our Craft, when requested by the family of a deceased brother, to accompany his corpse to the place of interment, and there to deposit his remains with the usual formalities. In conformity with this laudable usage, and at the special request of the family of the deceased brother whose memory we revere, and whose loss we now deplore, we are here assembled in the form and character of Masons to accompany his remains to the grave, and there to resign his body to the earth from whence it came, and to offer the last tribute of our fraternal affection and regard to his memory, thereby demonstrating to the world the sincerity of our past esteem and our steady attachment to the principles of our honourable Order. Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson proposed that a letter of condolence in the following terms be forwarded to Mrs. Lucia, and that the same be entered upon the minutes:—

Madam,—Permit us, the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk, here assembled, to pay the last office of respect to your departed husband, to assure you and your family of our deep sympathy with you in the sad bereavement with which it has pleased the Most High to visit you. Within the sacred circle of your private grief we do not presume to intrude; but it is at once a brotherly duty and a mournful satisfaction to take this opportunity of showing our sense of the loss which we have sustained, corporately and individually, in the removal of our honoured brother, and our grateful remembrance of his long services to the Order of Freemasonry in our Province.

Most respectfully we express our hope that this testimony of our fraternal regard for him whom we shall meet no more on earth may yield you some small solace, though we are well aware that all effectual consolation must come from a Mightier Love and a Higher Power. To Him, therefore, who calls Himself the Father of the fatherless and the God of the widow we commend you and yours, humbly hoping that this separation may end in an eternal and blessed reunion.

The proposition was seconded by Bro. Paine, and carried in solemn silence. Apologies and letters of regret were received from brethren in London and all parts of the province. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren proceeded to St. Mary's Church, where the first portion of the Burial Service was read, and where were also gathered a large number of friends of the deceased gentleman. At the door of the church were stationed the choir and the following clergy:—The Rev. R. N. Sanderson, the Rev. V. F. Willson, the Rev. C. H. C. Baker, the Rev. E. J. Griffiths, the Rev. H. C. Crossley, and the Rev. J. D. Paton. As the coffin was borne into the church it was preceded up the aisle by the choir and clergy, the Rev. R. N. Sanderson reading the opening sentences of the Burial Service. The coffin was placed in the centre of the aisle at the entrance of the chancel, and one of the psalms appointed for the burial of the dead was then sung by the choir. The Rev. V. F. Wilson read the special lesson, after which Hymn 299 (*Ancient and Modern*) was sung. The "Dead March" was played by Mr. Richardson (the Organist of St. Mary's), during which the corpse was borne back to the hearse, and the funeral cortège, headed by the deceased's brother Masons, and accompanied by a large number of the public, proceeded to the cemetery, where many friends were waiting. The service at the graveside was read by Bro. the Rev. E. J. Griffiths Prov. Grand Chaplain, who also delivered a short address in accordance with ancient custom. In conclusion, the rev. gentleman said: Let us embrace the happy moment while time and opportunity may offer in providing with care against that great change, when the transitory pleasures of the world can no longer delight us, and the reflection of a life spent in the exercise of piety and virtue yield the only comfort and consolation. While we drop the sympathetic tear over the grave of our deceased brother, let Charity induce us to throw a veil over his foibles, whatever they may have been, and let us not withhold from his memory the praise that his virtues may have claimed. His meritorious actions let us imitate. Let us support with propriety the character of our profession on every occasion, and supplicate the Divine grace to enable us to pursue with unwearied assiduity the sacred tenets of our Order. Then we shall secure the favour of that eternal Being whose goodness and whose power can know no bound, and prosecute our journey, without dread or apprehension to a far distant country from which no traveller returns. By the light of the Divine countenance, we shall pass without trembling through those gloomy mansions where all things are forgotten, and at that great and tremendous day, when arraigned at the bar of Divine justice, judgment shall be pronounced in our favour. We shall receive the reward of our virtue by acquiring the possession of our immortal inheritance, where joy flows in one continued stream, and no mound can check its course. Unto the grave we have resigned the body of our loving friend and brother, there to remain until the general resurrection; and we earnestly pray Almighty God of His infinite goodness at the grand tribunal of unbiassed justice to extend his mercy towards him and all of us, and to crown our felicity with everlasting bliss in the expanded realms of a boundless eternity. The mourners and brethren afterwards gave a farewell look at the coffin, which was covered with choice wreaths and sprigs of acacia, and the funeral obsequies were brought to a close. Brother N. Tracy P.P.G.J.W. efficiently acted as Provincial Grand Secretary, at the request of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Brother Lord Waveney.

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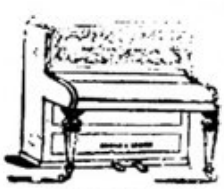

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ADVANCE OF THE MARK DEGREE.

THE most speculative and sanguine adherents of the Mark cannot but be satisfied with the rapid strides the Degree is making at the time present. In February last we had the satisfaction of reporting progress as to the doings of the Mark Masters in Norfolk, and this week we have again to announce the projected opening of a new Lodge in the same district. The Yonell Lodge of Mark Masters will be consecrated on Monday next, the 21st inst., at the St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston; the interesting ceremony will be performed by the Most Worshipful Brother the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, who will be assisted by several of his present and past Officers. The Installation ceremony will be undertaken by the Grand Mark Secretary Bro. Frederick Binckes, Bro. Edward P. Yonell, of the Walpole Mark Lodge, No. 92, is the W.M. designate, while Bros. William Dods, Albert Victor Lodge, No. 70, and James Bond, Constantine, No. 145, have been nominated as the Senior and Junior Wardens. Amongst those who have intimated their intention of seeking advancement to the Degree in connection with this Lodge are the following brethren :—

Charles Diver	United Friends	313	P.M.
George Arthur Ward	St. Andrew's	1631	
Herbert Willoughby Yonell	Ditto	1631	
Hugh H. W. Elwes	St. Margaret's	1452	
George Bush	Ditto	1452	
Benj. M. Bradbeer	Ditto	1452	
James J. Owles	United Friends	313	J.W.
George Francis Crane	St. Andrew's	1631	P.M.
Henry Harvey-George	Ditto	1631	
Richard Martins	Friendship	100	P.M.
Herbert F. Brooks	Ditto	100	
Henry Owles	Ditto	100	S.W.
Charles W. Chaston	St. Margaret's	1452	
Joseph Hudspith	St. Andrew's	1631	
William Sayer	Ditto	1631	P.M.
Alexander Mitchell	Friendship	100	
John Hammond	St. Andrew's	1631	

A second prominent event in connection with this meeting will be the formation of the Grand Lodge of East Anglia, and the Installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Designate, the Right Hon. Lord Henniker G.M.M.M. The Most Worshipful Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.M.M. has undertaken the duties of Installing Master, and we feel confident this feature will not be the least interesting in the proceedings of the day. As a natural sequence a banquet will take place, when Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker has kindly consented to preside.

MARK MASONRY AT BRADFORD.

ON Tuesday evening, the 1st May, there was a gathering of Masons at the Masonic Hall, Bradford, the meeting being called by invitation of the W.M. of the Old York Mark Lodge (T. I.), Bro. James Wright, for the purpose of hearing a lecture by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, Past Grand Mark Master Overseer, on Mark Masonry. There were about eighty brethren present, the bulk of whom were not members of the Mark Degree, and the meeting was held in the banquetting hall. The lecturer was introduced by Bro. J. Wright W.M. in a few appropriate words. Bro. Whytehead then said :—

BRETHREN,—I must confess that I feel in a rather peculiar position to-night in standing up as a Mark Mason to address an assemblage of brethren, many of whom, I understand, have not entered the Order; and under the circumstances it seems desirable that I should in the first instance place myself in a fair position in this matter. I do not come before you in any sense either as the apologist for Mark Masonry or as its proselytising apostle. The Order needs no such adventitious assistance. There may have been a time, but that era in its history has long passed away, when possibly it was desirable to call in artificial assistance to further the cause of its progress; but the position Mark Masonry has now attained in the Masonic world not only would render any such movement or attempt ridiculous in the extreme, but would fairly subject the agent of such a scheme to the charge of deliberate impertinence. An Order that has a register of over three hundred prosperous Lodges, that has enrolled on its list of Past Grand Masters a Royal Duke and several members of the Peerage, that is now ruled by a Mason so eminent as Baron Henniker, and many of whose Grand and Past Grand Officers are also Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, stands in a position so strong as to afford to smile at carpers and cavillers, and to continue its career of usefulness regardless of the opinions of those who do not care to range themselves under its banners.

At the same time I do not wish you to mistake my meaning. I am one of those who think that absolute freedom is the prerogative of every Mason. I consider that every brother has a perfect right to judge for himself as to what Orders and Degrees based on Masonry he shall join, and what he shall avoid, and so long as any Order is conducted in a Masonic manner and within the usually accepted lines laid down in the Masonic *lex non scripta*, I say that a brother has an equal right to ally himself with it, or to refrain from all connection with it. There do exist Orders and Degrees that I shall not mention, doubtless many of you know to which I allude, which do not possess what may be called a good Masonic standing. They are or have been guilty of un-Masonic practices, they are not in accord with other bodies of Masonic repute, and they are and are likely to remain ostracised by Masons of weight and influence. But of this I shall say no more. I have come here to speak of Mark Masonry, an Order than which none save the Craft takes a better stand, and to which any brother may be glad and proud to belong.

I am here by invitation of your W. Master and of Bro. J. L. Atherton, brethren whom I believe you all know as honest workers in the Craft and genial Masons, and, as I understand them, their desire is that I should say something to you as to the History of Mark Masonry. This, you must understand is quite distinct, in one sense, from the history of Masonic Marks. On the latter subject numbers of archæologists have written. It is of the deepest interest and value, and assists in forming a powerful and valuable aid in the elucidation of architectural problems. Mr. George Godwin, M. Didron, Mr. P. Chalmers, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Papworth, Sir W. Ouseley, and many other authors and architects have published papers, and alluded in their works to this subject, and within the last few weeks Bro. R. F. Gould, in the second volume of his

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magnificent work on Freemasonry, has devoted one of his most interesting chapters to the subject of Masons' Marks, and given numbers of illustrations of their infinite varieties. From the most remote times of antiquity Operative Masons appear to have observed the strict practice of making the selection of a mark a special feature of their organisations. Amongst the most ancient ruins are found the marks of those Craftsmen by whom the edifices were originally erected. Many investigators have argued and striven to prove that these marks possessed more signification than a mere identification of individual work. They have asserted that they bore a mystical meaning, a hidden language, and that much religious symbolism was concealed beneath their deeply indented outlines. Whether this be so or not is, however, quite uncertain, and is likely yet to remain an enigma. Yet the selection of similar marks tends to show that the building sodalities of all ages have had more or less intercommunication; that Masonic Operative Societies have borrowed from one another, even if they have not been lineally descended, and that kindred ideas and teachings have led to the choice of the same symbolic marks wherever the stonehewer's art has been practised and cherished in a systematic manner. Many of those present will be aware that in the far east, equally with the distant west, are to be found the individual and distinctive marks of the skilful Masons whose hands cut and placed the stones that now stand records of their ability. From the foundations of the Temple of Solomon, from the Round Towers of Ireland, from the classical ruins of Italy, and from the wrecked temples of Central America; from the remains of the cities of Northern Africa, and from the glorious monastic ruins of the British Islands, have been gathered thousands of Masons' marks, multitudes of them exhibiting analogous features, and speaking to us in silent language of the achievements of those marvellous artists whose names and histories have for centuries been lost in the efflux of time. Yet even in the days in which we live the Operative Masons carry out the very same practices and in their work of to-day may be seen the very identical usages that characterised their predecessors who wrought with mallet and chisel upon the palaces and temples of prehistoric times. Bro. Cumberland, of York, some few years ago drew my attention to the fact that in the restoration works of the Cathedral of York the Masons were making use of marks many of which were of a character and class well known in Speculative Masonry, and in his company I visited the workshop (alias "Lodge") where the stone cutting was in progress. Here we found the Overseer superintending his Craftsmen. The drawing or tracing board, bearing the design for the intended structure, was placed upon the table. Each stone was thereon distinctly marked out to scale, and each section bore the mark of the Craftsman to whose hands was entrusted the duty of its execution. Thus, a glance at the tracing board was sufficient to indicate to each Craftsman his work, the rule being that upon the completion of a stone the executant's mark was placed thereon as his sign manual in proof of his claim to payment.

The resemblance between the marks of the Operative Masons of the present day, those of the mediæval periods, and those of the very far distant past are most curious, and must be more than merely accidental. Marks, for instance, have been found done in red ochre in portions of the Great Pyramid identical with others now to be seen on the stones of some of our English churches. On the very foundation stones of Solomon's Temple are marks again, facsimiles of which in miniature are found in several of our English Cathedrals. Many persons have devoted much time and pains to the collection and comparison of Masons' marks, and these often seem to agree that the marks had a significance more than mere identification of work; and it is not only possible, but perfectly probable, that the moral lessons conveyed to the Craftsmen in the secret recesses of their Lodges or guild houses found perpetuation, and were darkly shadowed forth by the chisel's edge on the surface of their work. The Rev. R. M. Musgrave, who investigated the different varieties of marks on St. Nicholas Church, at Yarmouth, expressed an opinion that the different grades of Masons could be distinguished by the marks, and that the strictly Masonic marks were probably those of the artists of advanced skill. This is not an unlikely supposition, and somewhat coincides with the present legends of the Mark Degree, as well as the experiences of practical builders who have exercised their powers of observation.

Mr. George Godwin tells us that in the books of the Bricklayers' and Tylers' Company, circa 1580, those who signed the book were in the habit of using a mark, the name being written on the side of it, and the marks selected being of a Masonic character.

As a sample of how the same mark occurs at different places and dates, Mr. Godwin tells us that he found the hourglass mark on the stones on the site of Ancient Carthage, Hastings Castle, the Cathedral at Geneva, Lausanne Cathedral, on Turkish ruins in Lycia, Kirkstall, and Roche Abbeys, Furnace Abbey, Gloucester Cathedral, Malmesbury Abbey, Setubal (Portugal), Santarem (Portugal), Lincoln and York Cathedrals, Kenilworth Gateway, Salamanca (Spain), Canterbury Cathedral; and I may add that it is common upon the foundation stones of St. Mary's Abbey, York, and on the Walls of Fountains Abbey.

Again, the Pentalpha, or Solomon's Seal, he found in the Holy Land, Malmesbury and Furness Abbeys, Dunstable Church, Steyning Church, in Suffolk; Geneva and Gloucester Cathedrals, Lincoln Cathedral, and St. Mary's Abbey, York; York Chapter House, Fountains Abbey, Strasburg Cathedral, York and Glasgow Cathedrals, in several Spanish Cathedrals. This mark I have noticed on almost every building where marks remain, and both these marks, the Hourglass and Pentalpha, are now in use amongst the Operative Masons employed on York Cathedral.

In Mr. Street's account of Gothic architecture in Spain will be found a good deal of information respecting Masons' Marks, and the deductions the author makes respecting the numbers of workmen employed are interesting. In the present day, as in the past, the man who works the stone is not usually the man who places it in the building, and the cutter consequently places his mark on the *inside*, so that it is lost when the stone is cemented into the structure, the builder placing his mark on the outside afterwards. There can be little doubt that the similarity of these signs from the very earliest times points to a continuity of Masonic teaching and guild organisation from age to age. As to the varieties of the marks represented, these ancient builders seem to have laid under contribution many sources. Not only did they select figures representing implements of their trade, natural objects, weapons, and tools conveying lessons of moral teaching, but the alphabets of many languages were also requisitioned to furnish designs for their marks.

Possibly you may say that this is all very well, very true, and very interesting; but what has it to do with the Speculative Mark Masonry of the present day? I reply that it has as much connection with it as the Craft Operative Masonry of the Middle Ages has to do with our Speculative working of the nineteenth century. That Masons' marks were adopted by the earliest speculative Masons of which we have any record, no one will deny who has any pretensions to Masonic knowledge. It is in the old Lodge records of Scotland, at a time when Operative and Speculative Masonry appear to have been in process of merging, that we find the selection of marks to have been an invariable practice amongst those candidates who were admitted into the Order. The Lodge in Aberdeen working in 1670 kept very careful registers of its members, and in these we find a long series of names of brethren to each of which is appended his mark. These have been extracted by Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Truro, and are given in Gould's History. Amongst them we find noblemen, professional men, tradesmen, and a few Operative Masons, showing that even at that date the Lodges were both Operative and Speculative. In some of the older Lodge records in England we find marks appended to the names of members, and in the records of the Grand Lodge at York the Mark cypher occasionally occurs. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland has officially declared that—"In this country, from Time Immemorial, and long before the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (which was in 1736) what is now known as the Mark Master's Degree was wrought by the Operative Lodges of St. John's Masonry."

Mark Masonry, in some form, was worked during the later portion, at any rate, of last century in many Craft Lodges in England. In those days it was a generally accepted doctrine that any degree could be legitimately worked in any Blue Lodge under the authority of the Craft Warrant, and it is quite manifest that at the Union of the Athol and Modern Lodges in 1813 there must have been many sticklers for such license, since the Second

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Article of Union, after declaring that *pure* Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, including the Royal Arch, says "this Article is not intended to prevent any Lodge or Chapter from holding a meeting in any of the degrees of the Orders of Chivalry, according to the Constitutions of the said Orders." In many Lodge records we find that Craft Lodges were opened in the second degree and that brethren were made "Mark Men." Again, we find them opened in the third degree and brethren made "Mark Masters." This was the case in Hull, in London, in Lancashire, Cumberland, and in West Yorkshire.

Before an assembly of brethren, some of whom are not Mark Masons, it will be readily understood that the question of the Mark Ritual is one upon which it would be improper for me to enter, and on this account I am obliged to restrict my observations within much narrower limits than I could have desired. I may, however, say that the rituals of the degree have been almost legion. I possess copies of several of the old workings, some of which are curious and seem to be associated with, or derived from, degrees that are now worked on an entirely separate basis. But in this respect Mark Masonry does not differ from other degrees, or even from the Craft itself. You are doubtless aware that the present usually accepted Craft working is very different to that which prevailed during last century, and during the early part of the XVIIIth century it is extremely doubtful what ritual, if any, existed. It is quite probable that the present German system then usually obtained, i.e., that the Master of the Lodge exemplified the working according to his own ideas and in his own language, keeping within certain due bounds laid down by elementary landmarks.

As late as 1855 the Mark Degree had a narrow escape of being embodied in the working of Craft Masonry by the deliberate action of the Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Chapter of England, becoming aware that the Grand Chapter of Scotland accepted the Mark Degree as part of its system, considered whether or not it should follow the example of its northern neighbour, but upon a close investigation of the working of the Degree, the Grand Chapter decided that the Mark was in point of fact an integral portion of the Fellow Craft working, and recommended Grand Lodge to accept the responsibility; and this Grand Lodge actually decided to do. When, however, the matter came up for confirmation, it was resolved not to carry out the resolve, and perhaps wisely, for although I quite think that any unprejudiced person would agree in the original conclusion of Grand Lodge as to the Mark being an integral portion of Craft working and teaching, yet there is such a thing as precedent, and there is another such thing as the thin end of a wedge, and perhaps if the door of change had once been opened, were it ever so little, there might have been some difficulty in keeping it closed against other degrees that might have claimed admission. Those of my hearers who are acquainted with Mark working are well aware that it dovetails into a certain place in Craft working with remarkable exactitude, and forms a most valuable connecting link in the completion of the Masonic Traditional History. Some Masons are of opinion that the Royal Arch originally was, in some form, actual portion of the Master Masons' Degree, and this theory is in some measure justified by certain words and symbols found on tracing boards depicted in the oldest Masonic works extant. In the same way there are those who believe that the Mark Degree was at some period lopped off from the second degree, and it is possible that this may have also been the case, for the Grand Lodge of England declared in 1856 that the Mark Degree was "not positively essential, but a graceful appendage to the Degree of Fellow Craft." This is especially worthy of note, because it is a record of the deliberate opinion of the highest and most reliable leaders in Craft Masonry of our own day; not that the verdict is absolutely correct, for it is more correct to say that the degree of Mark Man would be a suitable appendage to the Fellow Craft, and that of Mark Master to the Masters' Degree. But of these details it is rather difficult to speak on the present occasion.

The formation of the present Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England was perfectly Constitutional. No one can now tell how long previous to 1855 or 1856 Mark Lodges had been working in this country, but just as in 1717 it was felt that without some governing body and some central organisation Masonry ran a great risk of being lost altogether or becoming corrupted, so in one of the former years some of the more influential of English Mark Masons made up their minds that something must be done to preserve and consolidate an order which possessed such good teachings and had so many worthy disciples. It was found that for lack of a supreme authority, members of the Order were applying to Scotland for warrants, and that no control existed over any part of the working or admission of members. There were excellent and sufficient reasons for the formation, under Lord Leigh, of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and the very fact that most of the influential Lodges gave in their adhesion at once proves how general was the consensus of opinion that the step was wise and necessary. It was unavoidable and to be expected that there should be some dissentients. No one ever heard of any movement, either inside or outside of Masonry, that did not find an opponent. It is true that some strong Lodges did not join the Grand Lodge for several years, and indeed it is within a very brief period indeed that that one old Lodge at Nottingham has given in its adhesion. But the fact that the Grand Lodge now practically commands the allegiance of the whole of the Mark Lodges and Mark Masons in England, is sufficient to remove the necessity for any further argument as to the legality of its origin. Moreover, it is now recognised, and in friendly relations with every Masonic body of good repute in the world.

It has been objected by some brethren that the Mark Degree, like others beyond the Three Degrees, involves a waste of Masonic energy, and militates against the Masonic Charities. I am not of that opinion. I have always noticed that it is those who give most to the Masonic Charities who are the best Masonic workers in other degrees beyond the Craft, and that those who say unkind things of the "Fancy Degrees" are not, as a rule, distinguished by their support of any of our Institutions. But the brethren of the Mark have shown their true desire to promote Charity by their foundation of a separate Benevolent Fund of their own, as well as a distinct Educational Fund, both of which have made great progress, and have done very good and practical service, and I am myself well aware that it is no infrequent thing for a Mark Lodge to contribute to the annual collections for the great Craft Charities.

Mark Masonry, like every other branch of the Speculative Art, depends, however, very much upon its rulers and guides. Every one knows the enormous strides made by the Craft within the past few years, and this is no doubt very largely owing to the fact of our future King filling the post of Grand Master. It is of the utmost importance to have men not only of light and leading, but of social weight and influence, to occupy the chief places in any Masonic Order, if that Order is to advance or become popular; for although our maxim is right—that we prefer honour and virtue above the external advantages of rank and fortune, yet in this country it is happily true that honour and rank, virtue and fortune, may not at all unfrequently be found combined in the person of one individual, and that one a Mason.

In Craft Masonry you, in West Yorkshire, have made, and are making, great progress, but from what I hear this has not been the case in Mark Masonry. This is, I think, much to be regretted, and the matter is to me somewhat unaccountable. It seems strange that a district intimately associated with the degree in its earlier and more obscure days should not appear to look upon it kindly now in its days of fortune. I think that as far as outsiders are concerned their shyness of the degree must arise more from want of knowledge of its value than anything else, and if anything I may have said shall have had the effect of exciting any interest in an Order and a working that for me possesses very great attractions, I shall feel that the little effort made in the preparation of this paper has not been wasted.

Bro. J. S. Cumberland made some interesting remarks upon the customs of the Operative Masons of the present day, and also exhibited a number of curious marks extracted from the old minutes of the Newstead Mark Lodge at Nottingham, and other old documents. Votes of thanks to Bros. Whytehead and Cumberland were moved by Bro. C. J. Banister 33°, and were seconded and carried, and after several leading brethren present had made remarks bearing upon the subject, the meeting separated, with expressions of gratification.

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual meeting of the supporters of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Friday, the 18th instant, in the Large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern. Brother Colonel Creaton, Past Grand Treasurer, presided. The following report, which was read by Brother James Terry, Secretary, was, on the motion of Brother W. Clarke P.G.P., seconded by Brother F. Adlard P.M. No. 7, adopted, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:—

REPORT.

In submitting to the notice of the Governors and Subscribers the position of the Institution, the Committee consider that it will be eminently satisfactory to all interested in its welfare.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., the Patron and President, appointed the Annual Festival to take place upon the 28th February last, and the Committee were fortunate in securing as its President General Brownrigg, C.B., the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Surrey; a numerous and influential Board of Stewards was formed—276 in number—who, with united and untiring energy, raised a sum of £13,250, and to them the Committee tender their thanks for their able and zealous services in realizing so large an amount.

At the last election there were upon the funds 315 Annuitants, since reduced by the decease of 12 men and 5 widows. The Committee, appreciating the efforts made at the recent Festival, have determined, in view of the large list of candidates (120), not only to fill up the vacancies thus created, but also to place upon the list of Annuitants 8 men and 7 widows in addition to those previously elected, so that the total number of recipients will now be 330, exclusive of the 19 widows in receipt of half their late husband's annuity.

The alteration effected in the Laws, whereby six Annuitants were placed upon a deferred list, to fill vacancies occurring during the year has been of the most beneficial character, and only to be appreciated to its fullest extent by those who have been enabled to derive the benefit accruing from having the annuity paid them so soon as a vacancy occurred, instead of having to wait until this Election, with the attendant anxiety of the ballot.

The amount required annually to meet these demands will be £12,236, without making any allowance for the usual and necessary working expenses.

The liberality of Grand Lodge in having increased its Annual Grant to £1,600, the Committee gracefully acknowledge, as it materially assists them in endeavouring to cope with the daily needs of the Institution. They also tender their thanks for the grant of £70 for providing the residents of the Institution with coals during the winter season.

To the honorary surgeons they again tender their fraternal thanks; to Henry John Strong, Esq., M.D., for the more than solicitous interest displayed by him for the comfort of the residents at Croydon, and to R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for his kindness in administering to the wants and ailments of those resident in London.

The Committee are pleased to say that the repairs and alterations of the building at Croydon are nearly completed, and that the various dwellings are in a thorough and sound condition.

Whilst thanking and congratulating those brethren who, by their donations and subscriptions, have so materially assisted the Committee from time to time in the heavy responsibility under which they labour in carrying on the Institution, they would desire to impress upon those who have not yet accorded it their support the great desirability of their so doing, as it is only by combined efforts that the work which has been carried on for over forty years can be gradually extended, so that the fullest advantages may be conferred upon the ever increasing list of applicants of both sexes.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the year ending the 31st March 1883, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution.

MALE FUND.

Balance 31st March 1882		3,077 16 1
Receipts.		
Donation from Grand Lodge	725 0 0	
Do Grand Chapter	100 0 0	
Do Lodges, Chapters and individuals	4978 11 0	
Annual Subscriptions	1138 8 6	
Dividends on Stock in the Government funds	1094 19 6	
Rent of field	9 0 0	
Cash withdrawn from call	1250 0 0	
Interest on cash at call	14 11 3	
		9,310 10 3
		£12,388 6 4
Disbursements.		
Annuitants	6120 0 0	
Salaries—Office	417 10 0	
Collector—Commission	213 9 0	
Messenger	5 0 0	
Provincial, &c. Expenses	64 14 5	
Medicine for residents at Institution	12 10 0	
Warden	20 0 0	
Pension to late Gardener, and Gardener's Salary	54 12 0	
Rates and Taxes	47 2 4	
Repairs, Painting, &c., and goods supplied	155 13 11	
Stationery, Printing, &c.	168 14 0	
Advertisements	16 2 7	
Postages, &c., including expenses of election	181 13 2	
Petty expenses	16 1 2	
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	50 6 5	
Hire of Hall on day of election	2 12 6	
Rent, &c.—Office	45 0 0	
Do Field	16 18 9	
Placed at Call	1500 0 0	
Premium on Collector's Guarantee Policy	3 15 0	
Bankers' Charges	1 1 4	
Gratuities	12 10 0	
Law Charges	1 19 0	
Architect's Commission	6 18 6	
Assistance in Office	7 7 0	
		9,141 11 1
Balance on this Fund		**£3,246 15 3**

WIDOWS' FUND.

Balance 31st March 1882		1,651 17 3
Receipts.		
Donation from Grand Lodge	675 0 0	
Do Grand Chapter	50 0 0	
Do Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	5636 18 6	
Annual Subscriptions	1134 10 6	
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	703 19 11	
Rent of Field	9 0 0	
Cash withdrawn from Call	1250 0 0	
Interest on cash at Call	14 11 2	
		9,474 0 1
		£11,125 17 4
Disbursements.		
Annuitants	5407 0 0	
Salaries—Office	417 10 0	
Collector—Commission	260 19 6	
Messenger	5 0 0	
Provincial Expenses	64 14 5	
Medicine for residents at Institution	12 10 0	
Matron	62 0 0	
Pension to late Gardener, and Gardener's Salary	28 12 0	
Rates and Taxes	47 2 4	
Repairs, Painting, &c., and goods supplied	155 13 9	
Stationery, Printing, &c.	170 16 5	
Advertisements	16 2 8	
Postages, &c., including expenses of election	180 1 6	
Petty expenses	14 0 5	
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	50 6 4	
Hire of Hall on day of election	2 12 6	
Rent, &c.—Office	45 0 0	
Do Field	16 18 8	
Placed at call	1000 0 0	
Premium on Collector's Guarantee Policy	3 15 0	
Bankers' charges	1 1 1	
Gratuities	37 10 0	
Law charges	1 19 0	
Architect's Commission	6 18 6	
Assistance in Office	7 7 0	
		8,015 11 1
Balance on this Fund		**£3,110 6 3**

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Balance 31st March 1882		59 13 7
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds		29 3 9
		88 17 4
Disbursements.		
Repairs		29 1 0
Balance on this Fund		**£59 16 4**

Total Balance as per Auditors' Report £6,416 17 10

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The Permanent Income of the Institution is as follows:

MALE FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge -	800	0	0	
Do Grand Chapter	100	0	0	
Dividends on £37.450 Stock in Government Funds - -	1094	19	6	
				1,994 19 6

WIDOWS' FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge -	800	0	0	
Do Grand Chapter -	50	0	0	
Dividends on £24,075 Stock in Government Funds - -	703	19	11	
				1,553 19 11

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Dividends on £1,000 Stock in Government Funds -				30 0 0
				£3,578 19 5

Signed J. CREATON, Past Grand Treasurer, Vice-Patron, Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
18th May 1883.

Brother H. G. Warren P.M. 173 called the attention of the brethren to the necessity of having some limit placed on the amount to be invested. He thought they were now laying up too much for posterity. Already there was over £60,000 invested, and this had been accumulated in the space of only 25 years. The whole matter, he thought, should be laid before the Committee, to see if a portion of the money could not be utilised for the present generation. There might be a sum invested of £40,000 for the men, and £30,000 or £35,000 for the women. Colonel Creaton felt quite sure that Brother Warren's remarks would have the best attention of the Committee. Brother C. J. Perceval moved to add the following words to Rule 25:—

"Every Vice-Patron, upon completion of a further donation of one hundred guineas to either Fund, or partly to each Fund, in one sum, or in sums of not less than ten guineas each, shall become a Patron of the Institution, with twelve votes for every ten guineas subscribed."

Bro. W. Clarke P.G.P. seconded the motion. Bro. Chas. Lacey P.M. 174, while thinking the proposition a good one, thought the scheme not perfect, and moved that it be referred back to the Committee. Bro. E. F. Storr P.M. and Treasurer No. 22 seconded the amendment. The amendment, on being put to the meeting, was lost, and the motion was carried. Bro. H. Smith Prov. Grand Secretary West Yorkshire, asked whether this was to apply to Lodges, Chapters, and Societies? Bro. Perceval said it was only to apply to individuals. Bro. H. Smith thought it ought to apply to these bodies as well. Col. Creaton said that as the meeting had decided to make the classes named Patrons of the Institution, Her Majesty the Queen and Prince of Wales being already Patroness and Patron, he thought the title of these Royal personages should be Grand Patroness and Grand Patron, and he moved accordingly. Brother Edgar Bowyer seconded this motion. Bros. A. H. Tattershall, J. J. Berry, and John Newton were elected Auditors, and the brethren then proceeded to elect candidates to the annuities of the Institution. Bro. R. R. Davis P.M. 256, Hon. Sec. of the John Hervey Memorial Fund, attended, and handed the amount of dividends received (£26 7s 6d) in four cheques, as follows: £6 13s 9d to each of the highest unsuccessful candidates (male and female), and £6 10s to each of the second highest unsuccessful candidates (male and female).

The result of the Election will be found in our advertisement columns.

The customary votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman closed the proceedings.

Signor Tito Mattei's concert was given on the 12th inst. at St. James's Hall, when this popular pianist and talented composer secured a distinguished and fashionable audience. The artistes comprised many celebrities of the day, including Mesdames Trebelli, Patey, Miramon and Miss Santley. Messrs. Edward Lloyd, Bonhy, Zoboli and Ernesto Palmero, a new tenor, who at short notice supplied the place of Signor Runcio, who did not arrive from the Continent in time. M. Pepani (violin), Albert (violoncello), La Calsi and Pinsuti (conductors). The beneficiaire in splendid style played a selection from I Puritani. The feature of the evening was a septett from a MS. opera, composed by Signor Mattei. The concert was a success in every respect.

Obituary.

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BROTHER JAMES ROBINS.

BROTHER James Robins, who died suddenly in a train between Ludgate and Loughborough Junction, on the 8th instant, was an old Mason, and for many years had held the office of Treasurer of the Frederick of Unity Lodge, No. 452. He was the son of the late George Robins, "of auction renown," whose flowery descriptions of properties he had for sale were the amusement and astonishment of readers of the first half of the present century. Brother James Robins followed the same profession as his father, and was well known and appreciated by a large circle with whom he had business dealings. The funeral took place at Nunhead Cemetery, on Wednesday last, when several members of the Craft attended to pay a last tribute of respect.

THE LATE BRO. A. J. DUFF-FILER.

THIS worthy Craftsman, whose services to Freemasonry extended over a period of close on forty years, was initiated in the Ionic Lodge, No. 227, on the 5th October 1843, and served the office of W.M. in 1846. He joined the Old Kings Arms Lodge, No. 28, on the 28th April 1851, and was elected W.M. in 1852. He was a Founder and the first Master of the Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, which was consecrated in 1855; at the time of his death he held the office of Treasurer. Bro. Filer served on the Board of General Purposes for three years, viz., from 1854 to 1856-7. Another Lodge in which our energetic brother took an active part in establishing was the Evening Star, No. 1719, well known now as a "class" Lodge, and strictly confined to Craftsmen who are connected with Gas and Gas Companies. Here again he was first Master, in 1877, and filled the post of Secretary at the time of his decease. Bro. Filer was exalted in Royal Arch Masonry in the Old Kings Arms Chapter, No. 28, 2nd June 1845, and herein filled the office of M.E.Z. He joined the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, 7th June 1872; and, to sum up the record of his many services, he was made Grand Sword Bearer of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter in 1872.

A meeting of the brethren who have undertaken Stewardships for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of the Worshipful Brother James Smith Eastes, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Kent. Amongst those present were Bros. Henry Smith, F. R. Spaull, John P. Hale, George Page, Charles Drawbridge, John L. Mather, Charles Fitzgerald Matier, A. F. Godson, Horace B. Marshall, Edgar Bowyer, F. Harrison, J. A. Farnfield, W. F. Smithson, W. H. Hooper, E. G. Lewis, A. P. Catterson, G. P. Festa, James Salmon, F. Foxley, Thomas Cubitt, H. A. Bennett, Webster Glynes, W. W. Morgan, Joseph Clever, F. E. Pocock, M.D., A. Le Grand, W. P. Webb, F. Hughes Hallett, George Smith jun., G. A. Ames, C. F. Hogard, J. Giesman Chillingworth, R. F. Williams, E. Good, C. Dearing, Henry Faija, Thomas Schofield, D. P. Cama, R. Barham, E. Valeriani, H. Mason, T. E. Tallent. Considerable discussion arose as to the locality where the Festival should be held, but it was at length arranged for the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on the 20th June This will be a week earlier than it was anticipated the Festival should take place, but previous engagements having been entered into for the 27th June, it was found impracticable to provide the requisite accommodation on the later date. For those who are musically inclined, we may mention that the day fixed upon is one of those set apart for the Handel Festival, and tickets will entitle the holders to take part in the musical entertainment of the day. We trust this further inducement will have a tendency to make this Festival one of the most successful ever celebrated by the Institution.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The changes of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are most cautious of their health, and most particular in their diets. These corrective, purifying, and gentle aperient Pills are the best remedy for all defective actions of the digestive organs, they augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness, and carry off all that is noxious from the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare balsams, unmixed with baser matter, and on that account are peculiarly well adapted for the young, delicate, and aged. As this peerless medicine has gained fame in the past, so will it preserve it in the future by its renovating and invigorating qualities, and its incapacity of doing harm.

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MARK MASONRY.

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CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE.

A SPECIAL Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-street, Torquay, on Tuesday, 8th instant, for the purpose of consecrating the new Jordan Lodge, 319. The history of the new Lodge is briefly this. Several of the members of Jordan Lodge, 1402, in order to become Mark Masons, had joined the Mark Lodge Devon, 215, Newton Abbott, but as these brethren were enthusiastic Masons, they were wishful that a Mark Lodge should be attached to their own at Torquay. Keeping this object steadily in view, Bros. John Lane, A. T. Blamey, and W. Bradnee increased their efforts, and yesterday's ceremony crowned the movement with success sooner than they anticipated. The first sign of the meeting in Torquay yesterday was small detached parties of Masons, who wended their way to the Imperial Hotel, where they were photographed in a group by Bro. Bradnee's artists. A copy of this photograph will be given by Bro. Bradnee to each of the sitters as a memento of the pleasant meeting. After refreshments, a Mark Lodge was formed at the Lodge rooms, when eight brethren were advanced to the degree of M.M., Bros. H. Martin P.P.G.R. I.P.M. 215 presiding, C. Pope P.G.S. Bearer acting as S.W., W. Harris P.P.G.J.D. as J.W, S. Lorden 315 as M.O., Charles Stevens P.P.S.B. as S.O., H. A. Schanks 315 as J.O., A. T. Blamey 215 S.D., and W. E. Taylor 215 J.D., the working being rendered in excellent form. At half-past two the Provincial Grand Lodge was formed, R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy, J.P., P.G.M.M. presiding, supported on the one hand by V.W. Bro. Charles Spence Bate, F.R.S., D.P.G.M.M., and on the other by V.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G.S.W., G. Mark Secretary of England, V.G. Bro. W. Vicary as S.W., and V.W. Bro. Vincent Bird as J.W. *pro tem.* The ceremony of consecration was proceeded with. Bro. G. F. Gratwicke P.P.G.A.S. P.G. Secretary, read various matters, including an announcement that a certain sum of money having been paid to the Masonic Charities, the Prov. Grand Master thereby became a Life Governor. This was warmly applauded. A communication from the Grand Lodge, confirming the appointment of Brother Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy as P.G.M.M., was also read. The Prov. Grand Master acknowledged the honour which had been conferred upon him, pointing out that Devon was not only the senior, but also the largest Province of Mark Masonry in England, and that Mark Masonry was still growing was amply shown in the fact that a week or two since Lodge 315 was consecrated in Teignmouth, whilst they were met to-day to consecrate Lodge 310, in Torquay. The Prov. Grand Secretary having announced to the Prov. Grand Master that the members of the Jordan Mark Lodge desired to be constituted and consecrated the founders of the new Lodge were arranged in order, and the warrant was read. The assent of the members and Master having been given to warrant, laws, and constitution, the Prov. Grand Master declared the Lodge constituted. The consecration ceremony was performed by Bro. C. Spence Bate D.P.G.M.M., W. Vicary P.P.G.T., and Vincent Bird P.G.S.W., who, in turn, poured out the corn, wine, oil, and salt upon the pedestal. The P. Grand Master and P.G. Chaplain, Bro. T. W. Lemon, having rendered their part of the ceremony, the installation of the W.M. Bro. John Lane took place, who subsequently appointed the following as his Officers :—A. T. Blamey S.W., W. Bradnee J.W., J. Dodge M.O., G. J. Pepperell S.O., B. Knight J.O., W. E. Taylor Registrar of Marks, S. Sanderson Secretary, M. B. Wicks S.D., G. Rowland J.D., R. Letherell I.G., W. Hill Organist, J. E. Newton Tyler. The P.G. Master then addressed the Lodge, alluding to the high honour of having Bro. Binckes, the Grand Secretary of England, with them. Bros. Lane and Spence-Bate having supported these remarks, Bro. Binckes said he was somewhat taken by surprise at his cordial reception. He had been, as all should be, anxious to do his duty, and it was a great pleasure to him to come amongst the brethren. This was his first visit to Torquay, and its beautiful scenery; he should always have in mind the enjoyable day he was now passing amongst the Devonshire brethren. He had the pleasure, in 1872, of installing the Prov. Grand Master Colonel Davy, and it was a further pleasure now to congratulate him upon him the spirit and prosperity of the Order. Bro. Henry Stocker P.P.G.D.C. W.M. 15 read a resolution passed at his Lodge St. George 15:—"That the Provincial Grand Master be requested to invite the Grand Lodge to hold their next movable meeting in Devonshire, under the banner of St. George's Lodge 15, and that the Provincial Lodges promise to give the Grand Lodge a most hearty reception." Bro. Stocker having spoken to his resolution, it was seconded by Bro. E. J. Fulford P.P.G.M.O. P.G.S. England. Bro. Binckes said the Grand Lodge was committed to Lancashire for their October meeting; however, it was possible that Devonshire might be visited in the autumn of 1884, and that the resolution should have, he could promise them, not only consideration, but the kindly consideration of the Grand Lodge. The Lodge was shortly after closed, and a banquet was held at the Royal Hotel, at which the Provincial Grand Master presided. It should be added that the musical part of the ceremony was capitally rendered, the Torquay Lodge room possessing an excellent organ.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

MINERVA LODGE, No, 12.

A MEETING of the Minerva Lodge of Mark Masters was held at the Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane, Hull, on the evening of Monday, the 7th inst. Present—Bros. James Pyburn, M.D., W.M., Ansell I.P.M., George L. Shackles S.W., Balchin J.W., George Hardy P.M. Treasurer, Walter Reynolds P.M. Secretary, Rev. Cas-on Chap., W. Holder as M.O., Wm. England S.O., W. H. Wellstead J.O., A. Johnson Reg., J. Linwood S.D., Thornton J.D., H. Vise as M.C., V. King Organist, R. Toogood Steward, F. Fullerton I.G., and Clayton Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Lissons, Sherling, and Smith; also Bros. Pyburn, Logan, Sutton, Pudsey, Firth, Whitesides, Blackburn, White, Bryan, and Johnston. Visitor—Bro. A. H. Robinson, of the Humber Lodge of M.M. Lodge having been opened in form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The ballot was then prepared for Bros. Rev. H. W. Kemp, M.A., Thomas Wetherill, J. R. Shearsmith, Edward Piper, E. G. Hewerdine, George Hansell, and J. H. Peters as candidates for advancement; and for Bro. George Spink, of the St. George's Lodge, No. 15, Exeter, as a joining member, all of whom were accepted. Bros. Rev. H. W. Kemp, Wetherill, Shearsmith, Piper, Hewerdine, Hansell, and Peters being in attendance, were regularly advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Masons. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Dr. Pyburn W.M., assisted by Bros. J. N. Selurling P.M. and R. G. Smith P.M. Labour being ended, hearty good wishes were expressed, and the Lodge was closed according to ancient custom. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and full justice having been done to an ample supply of viands, the W.M. proceeded to give the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. During the evening the health of the Initiate was proposed and enthusiastically received. Bro. Rev. H. W. Kemp, in responding, stated he that evening had had a recurrence of an old and pleasant feeling, namely, that of being received as a newly initiated brother. It was nearly twenty-five years ago since he first had the honour of replying to a similar toast in the Craft degree, and who amongst the brethren present would not, if he could, go back such a period, coupled with his present experience; as, however, the Great Architect of the Universe had decreed this could not be, it behoved them one and all to make the best use of the remainder of their allotted lives. In making such a retrospect, however, he could not help remembering many great and important works that he had the honour of assisting at in connection with their W.M. for the benefit of art, industries, and the welfare of their good old town of Hull, and the ceremony he had gone through that evening would certainly be an incentive to him to continue in the path he had years ago laid down for his guidance, and he hoped that his example would be followed by the younger brethren; they should, however, remember that for such a course there should be no "keystone," and that no one then present was not able to assist his brethren and fellow beings in this world in some manner, however slight, and for all they could that "keystone might become the head of the corner." Bro. George L. Shackles, the S.W., being placed in possession of the gavel, proposed the health of the Visiting Brother, and in doing so apologised for the absence of the W.M. of the sister Mark Lodge; many members of that Lodge would have honoured them with their presence that evening, had it unfortunately not been the anniversary festival of the Humber Craft Lodge. Brother Dr. Robinson responded in suitable terms. Brother Rev. H. W. Kemp then asked the brethren to give him their attention, as he had a toast to propose he was certain they would receive in a most enthusiastic manner, namely, that of their W.M. He had had the honour of the personal friendship of Brother Pyburn for many years, who by his uniform urbanity and kindness had endeared himself to a large circle of brethren and friends. It had been gratifying to him to be advanced that evening to the degree of a Mark Master Mason by such an old an esteemed friend. The toast was received with the utmost cordiality, and Brother Pyburn, in responding, disclaimed any merit of his own in the work done that evening; he thanked the Past Masters and Officers who had assisted him in the work within the Lodge. The parting toast having been given, the brethren dispersed after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

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PANMURE CHAPTER, No. 720.

THE nineteenth installation meeting of this Chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Whit Monday. The holiday interfered to some extent with the customary attendance on such occasions, and apologies for enforced absence were numerous. Amongst those present were Ex. Companions B. R. Bryant M.E.Z. elect, J. S. Terry J., James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe E., T. Poore, M. S. Larlham, Watts, H. Baldwin, Arnold, Harrison, and others. Visitors—Companions Bradley M.E.Z. 1216, B. Lyon M.E.Z. 1329, W. Halsey P.Z. 507, H. Bickerstaff P.Z. 13, Voisey H. 1329, Jonas Duckett, and H. Forbes of 1329. Chapter having been opened, Companion James Stevens proceeded to instal the Principals elect, viz.:—Companions B. R. Bryant as Z., J. S. Terry as H., and J. W. Watts as J. The ceremonies were very impressively rendered throughout. The newly installed Principals immediately commenced work, and the usual ballot having been found clear, exalted into Royal Arch Masonry Brother W. H. Beckley of Lodge No. 507. The admirable manner in which the exaltation ceremony was conducted, and the Principals' addresses given, was the subject of much subsequent laudation from the Visitors. On the termination of the business of exaltation, a notice of motion by the M.E.Z. was unanimously carried, to the effect, "That in recognition of the earnest services to the Chapter, as founder, and Scribe E. for fourteen years, of Comp. Jas. Stevens P.Z., a Past Scribe's jewel be presented to him; and that honorary membership of the Chapter should also be conferred on him." The M.E.Z. stated that in full assurance of the unanimity with which the motion would be carried he had had the jewel prepared. Companion Stevens briefly but forcibly expressed his grateful sense of the further honour conferred on him by the members of the Chapter. The design of the jewel is such as to denote the occupation of the three Principal chairs; the Past Principal's emblem is surmounted by cross pens, and the inscription sets forth the nature of the services rendered; made of solid gold and exquisitely finished, it was much admired by the Companions, who warmly congratulated the fortunate recipient. The Officers for the ensuing year were then invested, Bro. Thomas Poore, the newly-elected

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Scribe E., at once entering upon the duties of the office which Bro. Stevens had vacated; and Bro. H. Baldwin being invested as N. The report of the Audit Committee, with a balance sheet, which was of a favourable character, was received and adopted. Candidates for exaltation and joining were proposed, and after the acceptance of two resignations, with regret, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to banquet. This was well prepared, and served by Bro. Buxton, the new host of the Horns Tavern, and gave great satisfaction. After the cloth was cleared, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and those of the M.E.Z., the Exaltee, the Visitors, and the P.Z.'s met with appropriate responses. The social gathering was enlivened by the vocal efforts of Comps. Voisey, Halsey, Baldwin, Beckley, and Bickerstaff, and recitations by Companions Stevens and Forbes, and well before the midnight hour the Companions separated, pleased with the successful issue of their nineteenth anniversary.

Royal Arch Masonry is making rapid progress in the metropolis, and no recently formed Chapter has done more to help forward the movement than the Metropolitan, No. 1507, which has been, and is being, largely recruited from the Savoy Lodge. The popularity of the Metropolitan Chapter is due undoubtedly to the great discrimination shown in the selection of the Principals, and certainly few Masonic bodies have been so successful in the election of their Officers. In succession to Companions James Willing, Stacey, Fergusson, William Mason Stiles, and Hudson, Companion. H. Stiles (Master of the Metropolitan Lodge) has been called upon to rule the destinies of the Chapter, and he may safely be trusted to exercise the duties of the exalted position of first Principal with credit to himself and honour to the Companions. Comps. James Willling, Side, and T. C. Edmonds have been elected to important offices in the Chapter.—*Evening News.*

THE FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL.

We have seen some capital photographs of the "Temple," taken immediately after the fire. In these Mr. G. W. Parker, of Warwick-court, Holborn, has to our mind been the most successful; the destructive effects of the conflagration are vividly displayed in the several views he has just published. Bro. Bedford Lemere, of 147 Strand, has also produced some most artistic pictures. As the cost at which these photographs can be secured is but trifling, we hope to see them at many of the Lodge meeting places of our Metropolitan and Provincial brethren.

Spiers and Pond (Limited) have asked the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice for an injunction against Messrs. Chubb and Sons, lock and safe manufacturers, to restrain them from advertising copies of a letter from the Freemasons' Tavern, signed "Spiers and Pond and Co., per E. Dawkins, Manager," attributing the fact that the Freemasons' Tavern had not been burned down to the valuable services of some iron doors between the two buildings, which were supplied by Messrs. Chubb. Having got a letter from Mr. Dawkins, the defendants had advertised it far and wide. The plaintiff company thought the defendant company had no right to publish the letter; and, being determined to try the question, asked for an interim injunction over next Monday. The matter came before the Division on Thursday. His lordship said his difficulty was in granting an injunction *ex parte* when there was no evidence of injury to the plaintiffs being done. Mr. Napier Higgins said the plaintiff company had a property in the letter, and Mr. Dawkins had no authority to write it. If his lordship did not see his way to granting an injunction *ex parte*, he asked for liberty to serve short notice of motion for the following day. His lordship gave leave, but said he would not undertake to hear it then.—*City Press.*

The lamentable destruction of our historic hall, following as it does in the train of an unparalleled sequence of similar disasters, should stir the public from their supine attitude as regards the risks of fire which they and their buildings daily run. Science has done its part. Effective preventives are to be had, and it remains for us—especially those of us who are responsible for the safety of important structures—to avail ourselves of them. One remarkable invention in particular—Asbestos Fireproof Paint—the efficacy of which in resisting fire has been repeatedly proved by the public experiments of the United Asbestos Company, of Queen Victoria Street, is well worth the notice of those interested in the construction and preservation of large buildings. Its efficacy has been placed beyond all doubt, and its general adoption cannot be too strongly urged in the interests of public safety. It would be well if the authorities were to inquire into the virtues of this remarkable substance. The buildings of the great International Fisheries Exhibition have just been made fireproof by its aid, and it might probably be adopted with considerable advantage in the reconstruction of Freemasons' Hall.

Brother James Stevens P.M. P.Z., will continue his lecture, Explanatory of the Rituals and Ceremonies of the First Degree, in the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, at the Cambria Arms Tavern, Cambria Road, Loughborough Junction, S.E., on Monday next, the 21st instant, at 8 o'clock precisely.

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PRACTICAL MASONRY.

FROM THE FREEMASONS' REPOSITORY

IT is often said that Masonry is not sufficently practical. We hear a criticism frequently made to this effect; that the Masonic Institution, with all its prestige of age and rank, its large and varied resources, fails to be an effective working power in the world, and to accomplish the actual good that might be expected of such an organization. Not from outsiders alone does the charge come that Masonry is lacking in practical ministries, but many earnest Brethren give emphasis to such a complaint, while they urge greater zeal and activity on the part of the Craft in discharging the duties of a generous philanthropy.

This age is intensely practical. The world of to-day gives but little attention to matters that are merely speculative and fanciful. Something tangible is demanded to signify the worth of ideas and systems. Character rather than profession, works instead of mere words, the actual rendering of some service in the way of helping men to better conditions—these are the special requirements of our advanced civilization and moral state. In this practical age Masonry must show its practical side. It must keep pace with human progress and needs. It must adapt itself to existing conditions—must express its genius and power in the rendering of a positive service of helpfulness to those whom it is able to reach and bless.

There can be no question that a practical Masonry is called for in this matter of fact and progressive age. While in one sense no change is possible, our Institution being established on certain abiding principles, it is nevertheless eminently proper that the Craft should be attentive to the signs of the times—that they should give heed to those moral demands now generally recognized, and seek to make their organization preeminently useful in obedience to such requirements. Failing to perform this benign ministry, Masonry cannot justify its continued existence. It can only prove its right to live and flourish by responding to the large demands of human need, and doing a work of actual good according to what are its means and its opportunities.

There is danger, however, of limiting unduly the definition of practical Masonry. This word practical is sometimes strangely narrowed in its rendering. It is made to signify a single line of endeavour or accomplishment, rather than a broad sweep of effort in the way of desired good. Thus reference is made to practical business, when only some exceedingly limited methods or plans are held in view, and that which is set aside in the material undertaking is of vastly more importance. Some people talk about practical education, having in mind merely a limited and imperfect training for one kind of business or occupation. All other instruction seems to them unpractical and without value. How different the broad definition of education given by John Milton! "I hold a complete and generous education to be that which fits a man to perform justly, skilfully and magnanimously all the offices, both private and public, of peace and war." And this large definition of education is altogether of practical import, for it points to a training calculated to give an adequate preparation for the performance of all required duties, while it includes the discipline and use of all the varied faculties of man.

Practical Masonry does not begin and end with almsgiving, or with benevolent effort of whatever sort it may be. The ministry of usefulness which our Institution has to perform is not limited to a single department of effort, nor does such a ministry depend upon the constraining of its influence within two narrow bounds. Masonry, like religion, meets life at all points. It recognizes the many-sidedness of human nature. It has precepts and offerings appropriate to the heart, the mind, and the soul of man. It seeks to provide a ministry for the social as well as the ethical nature—to nourish the affections as well as to supply the intellect—and to develop symmetrical characters on which true manliness shall be stamped. It points its disciples to the fulfilment of various obligations, and binds them closely to the practice of many social and moral virtues. In its organic life it takes hold of the work which a true regard for the benefit of others prompts, and makes expression of itself by blessed services of love and benevolence. It does something to lessen human suffering, ignorance and vice, and it contributes some help to the moral stock of the world.

All this is practical Masonry, according to what is its broad and expansive genius of good. We are not to pick out certain lines of its teaching and work, calling these practical, and regarding all else as unworthy of attention. We shall make a grievous mistake if we conclude that there is no practical element in Masonry except that which is witnessed in its charities. If it addresses men on the intellectual sides of their natures, and incites them to earnest thinking, or if it brings to them the suggestions of profitable instruction, it is unquestionably practical in such communications. If it ministers to the social side of human nature, making its power felt in bringing men out of selfish isolation into true fellowship, and by providing means and occasions to augment the zest of life, it may well count its offices in this direction to be of a practical character. Masonry is practical in all the influence it exerts, all the work it does, to develop individual character and give instruction in the way of upright personal living. It fulfils no small part of its most serviceable mission as it disposes men to make the most and the best of life, to recognise their relations to each other and to God, and to be faithful, generous and true, wherever they may be placed, and whatever may be the special call to usefulness.

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AT the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on Friday, 18th May 1883, W. Bro. Lt.-Col. JOHN CREATON, Past Grand Treasurer, P.G.D., V. Patron, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 30 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 50 candidates, and 19 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 70 candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.

	Votes		Votes
Bennett Charles Benjamin ...	1854	Langley James L	1087
Tubby William F ...	1814	Wright Jonathan	1087
Dyer George Henry Talbot ...	1727	Lewis Joseph	1082
Sansom Thomas	1518	Smith Ralph M.	1055
Baab John Martin	1290	Radford William	1037
Ford William M.	1286	*Ashmore Thomas	1010
Cole George	1245	*Knott Frederick John	1008
Patterson John	1223	*Churchill Richard	989
Nuttall Thomas	1192	*Norman William	972
Shenherd James	1185	*West Robert	971
Harter James	1179	*Collins Thomas	946
Robertson Joseph	1166	*Exley Ben	875
Wild Richard	1151	†Stork William	831
Coffey Michael	1099	†Sewell Thomas William ...	763
Wirtsfeld Francis Joseph ...	1092	†Banks Benjamin	658

WIDOWS.

Muruss Charlotte	2290	Cathcart Louisa	1772
Morrison Ellen	1914	Greenwood Jane	1747
Lefittau Eliza	1912	*Nowlan Mary	1705
Penman Jane	1900	*Gambell Naomi	1699
Roberts Ann	1847	*Harbord Mary	1675
Davis Amelia Wallis	1803	*Greathead Sarah	1613
Petty Mary Ann	1796	†Pearson Elizabeth	1593
Caswell Harriett	1786	†Greig Lilias	1573
Golding Caroline	1779	†Pratt Caroline Sarah Louisa ...	1515
Watson Mary Ann	1772		

The following candidates who were next highest on the Poll, in their respective Lists, will receive sums of money given by the Committee of the John Hervey Fund:—

MALES.		FEMALES.	
Inwood John	542	Stubington Fanny	1393
Willcox Christopher	495	Wood Annetta T. H.	1317

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election.

Those marked * are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the proxies were issued.

The three lowest in the List of Successful Candidates (Male and Female) marked †, will be placed on the respective Funds of the Institution as vacancies occur.

By order,
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THE REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The destruction of Grand Lodge Temple recorded in your last issue is no doubt a great loss to the Craft from many points of view, but I cannot help feeling that it may ultimately prove beneficial to the general body of English Freemasons. There is little doubt but that arrangements will speedily be made for the rebuilding; but before that is commenced, I hope the Committee to whom will be entrusted the making of arrangements will do what they can to provide a building more suited to the requirements of the Craft of the present day than the old one was. A hall capable of holding twice, or even three times, the number of brethren would not be too large. However, my real object in writing to you is to make a suggestion.

I think it would be generally appreciated by Master Masons if some accommodation could be provided for them, something to correspond with the Strangers' Gallery of the House of Commons, where a few at least of the brethren ineligible for attendance at Grand Lodge might watch and hear the proceedings of the Quarterly Communications. If a gallery were erected no difficulty would arise as to voting or discussion on any topic, as it would be known that those upstairs were merely spectators. If such accommodation were decided upon before the plans for the new building are prepared, there need be no trouble in providing all that would be needed, and as I have already said, I think that Master Masons generally would appreciate the concession.

Yours fraternally,

J. W.

10th May 1882.

FREEMASONS' HALL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The subject matter of Sir John Bennett's communication in your issue of Saturday last is not a novelty to Masons, but has been well considered by brethren of high position in London and the Provinces. On Saturday last it was already discussed in City Masonic circles that a meeting should be convened with a view of waiting upon His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to allow the Craft to raise a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing land on the Thames Embankment, and erecting a hall, with Lodge rooms and club attached, such as would be worthy of the great and important body of Freemasons. A subscription of £1 each would in a short time realise the sum required—it would be wise to limit it to £1. Though I do not propose to take up the space of your columns with the details of the scheme, yet I have no doubt that the suggestion would meet with a hearty response from Masons throughout the country. I shall be glad to receive the names of Masons who are willing to subscribe, that a petition might be presented to His Royal Highness in reference thereto.

I am, &c.

JAMES GODWIN,
P.M. 1343, Z. 749, P.P.G.A.D.C. Essex.

16 and 17 Grand-avenue, Leadenhall.

THE GRAND LODGE SOLICITOR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—May I ask whether it be a fact that a member of the Board of General Purposes acts as Solicitor to Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and receives the fees? And, if so, is it not very unusual, it being a generally understood custom that members of committees are prohibited from receiving payment for services rendered to that body?

Now that it seems probable that not only the Grand Treasurership, but other offices, are likely to be subject to annual election, might it not be wise to get rid of this irregularity by the election of some gentleman not on the Board to fill the office?

There must be many capable solicitors not on the Board of General Purposes, and not connected, as the present holder is, with the worthy President, who no doubt feels the anomaly of his position.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

"ON THE SQUARE."

The next Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge, on the 6th of June, will be held in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, and on that occasion the brethren will have laid before them proposals for erecting a new Temple in place of the old Temple, which was destroyed by fire on the 3rd instant. It is not at all likely that the scheme proposed by Sir John Bennett or any other brethren who are anxious to have a hall on the Thames Embankment will be among the proposals, as Grand Lodge has land and to spare in Great Queen Street for the erection of a building fully commensurate with the wants of the Craft. The whole block of buildings, comprising Freemasons' Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, and Bacon's Hotel, belong to Grand Lodge, besides some houses and a yard to the West of the Hall. The wants of the Craft are now well known, and if the architect selected is a Freemason, which was not the case when the late Mr. F. P. Cockerell planned the buildings, of which the first stone was laid in 1764, the best use will be made of the space at command. The cost of obtaining land on the Embankment would be extravagant; and, moreover, it would hardly be advisable to remove the very centre of all English Freemasonry from a spot which may be said to be almost hallowed by old associations and history. Furthermore, there is a certain amount of privacy in the present antiquated neighbourhood, which would not be obtained on the Embankment; and if Grand Lodge buildings were sold they would not fetch a large sum, as they could not be utilised for any business, and land in Great Queen-street is not at a premium. The brethren will be prepared to hear any number of suggestions, but their accustomed good sense may be relied upon to come to a correct decision.—*Evening News.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 19th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1195—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Motel, Earl's Court, S.W.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Checquers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

MONDAY, 21st MAY.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1626—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W

Prov. Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of East Anglia, Gorleston
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
822—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York (Emergency)
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 985—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 22nd MAY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Jeppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
256—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 140—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
458—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1409—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R.A. 178—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd MAY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
869—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
210—Duke of Atbol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1907—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

THURSDAY, 24th MAY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction
1429—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington
R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 786—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1171—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1991—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Hashingden
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton

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350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 25th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Lewisham St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound, Richmond

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 26th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1641—Alexandra Palace
1824—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
R.A. 175—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

CONSECRATION OF THE PRIORY LODGE OF ACTON.

THE Priory Lodge of Acton, No. 1996, was consecrated on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Royal Oak Assembly Rooms, High-street, Acton. The Consecrating Officer was Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Cox, D.D., P.G.C., Dr. Piggott, D.C.L., P.G.A.D.C., J. M. Case P.G.D., Frank Richardson P.G.D., and Raynham H. Stuart, P.G.D. The Grand Secretary having opened the Lodge in due form, addressed the brethren. He urged them to be satisfied as to the character of any one introduced into their Lodge. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the Rev. Bro. Dr. Cox delivering an oration. The musical portion of the service was conducted by Bro. E. H. Sugg P.P.G.O. Surrey, who presided at the organ, and was assisted by a choir consisting of Bros. Walter Goss P.M., C. E. Botley, J. J. Gunner, F. Botley, E. Monson jun, and J. A. Cammell. Two new and original anthems, composed expressly by Bro. Sugg, namely, "The Lord is in His Holy Temple," &c.; and "Glory be to God on High," &c., being most effectively rendered; the solo in the first being sung by Bro. C. E. Botley. The consecration being ended, the installation ceremony was proceeded with, the Officers named in the Warrant being duly placed as follows:—Bros. Roebuck P.M. 29 463 P.G.S. P.P.G.S.W. Middlesex, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, as first W.M., C. E Botley S.W., and George Wright J.W. The W.M. then invested his other Officers, as follow: Bros. E. F. Earl Treasurer, E. H. Sugg P.M. Secretary, F. Botley S.D., E. Monson jun. J.D., J. A. Cammell I.G., Arthur Turner M.C., and Harrison Tyler. The installation ceremony was ably carried out by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and hearty good wishes and congratulations having been offered by the visiting brethren, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned. The Lodge-room is most suitable for the purpose, and that and the staircase and entrance hall were decorated with some beautiful plants and flowers, kindly lent by Bros. W. Roebuck, G. Wright, and Cammell.

THE JOHN CARPENTER LODGE.

AN important civic Masonic Lodge was consecrated on Friday evening, the Right Hon. H. E. Knight, Lord Mayor, being the first Worshipful Master. The place of meeting of the Lodge is the Albion, Aldersgate-street. The Grand Secretary of England, Col. S. H. Clerke the consecrating officer appointed by the Grand Master the Prince of Wales, performed the ceremony, assisted by Brothers Sir J. B. Monckton, Town Clerk, President of the Board of General Purposes, as Senior Warden, Captain N. G. Philips P.G.D. as Junior Warden, the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. as Chaplain, and F. Richardson P.G.D. as Director of Ceremonies. From its name it will be perceived that there is a connection between this Lodge and the John Carpenter Club, and primarily with the City of London School, of which John Carpenter, Town Clerk to the Corporation, was the founder, early in the fifteenth century. In the course of his address, Colonel Clerke remarked upon the appropriateness of the circumstance that Sir J. B. Monckton, the present Town Clerk, was assisting him in constituting the John Carpenter Lodge. Among the founders of the Lodge are Brothers Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, Sheriff Savory, and Ex-Sheriff Hutton. There was a large number of distinguished Masons present, including General Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia.—*City Press.*

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, 9th inst. Present—Bros. E. J. Blackwell I.P.M. acting W.M., W. Ridley S.W., J. H. Hawkes J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, Prickett S.D., Creed acting J.D., Cordery D.C., Vowles acting I.G.; also Bros. James, Greenaway, Bennett, Knight, Hemmings Tyler. After preliminaries, the ballot was taken for Mr. Oliver Egginton, who had been proposed at the last regular Lodge, and who was now unanimously approved. Towards the close of the ceremonies the acting W.M. addressed the Lodge. The brethren, he urged, ought not to separate without giving some expression to the deep feelings of regret which he was sure they shared, in common with all the Masons of Reading, on the recent decease of Brother Past Master Bulley. Brother Bulley's connection with the Craft had extended over such a long period of time that few now living could call to mind his first entrance into Masonry, at a time perhaps when it was at a comparatively low ebb; he felt sure he was not wrong in stating that in his younger days there were few of the brethren who were more regular in their attendance at Lodge, more attentive to their duties in office, or more ready to lend a helping hand in any case of Charity or Benevolence than Bro. Bulley; he had lived to see the Craft progress and prosper and extend its branches in an ever widening circle, and perhaps a noteworthy instance of Bro. Bulley's interest in Masonry having been sustained to the last, was the fact of his having revisited his old Lodge on the occasion of the celebration of the Centenary of Masonry in Reading, only a very few days before his death. We of the Grey Friars Lodge should also have a lasting memorial of Bro. Bulley, in the kind present which he made to the Lodge, a few years since, and which we see before us occupying a prominent position in the Lodge-room. It is only due, therefore, to one who was held in such esteem and regard by the Masons of Reading that a record of the deep regret felt at his loss should be placed upon the minutes of the Lodge. The S.W. moved, that a letter of condolence, embodying the sentiments of the I.P.M., and which he felt sure would be heartily endorsed by the Lodge, should be sent to the widow of Bro. Bulley. This was seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The report of the Permanent Committee was received; they recommended that the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge be applied to the assistance of the widow and family of a deceased Brother who were in destitute circumstances; this was proposed by the acting W.M. and seconded by the S.W. The Treasurer, in the absence of P.M. Ferguson, proposed a candidate for initiation, the S.W. seconded the proposal. After the customary ceremonies, Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., Saturday, 12th instant. Bros. Lorkin W.M., Wolf S.W., Weeden J.W., Ferrar S.D., Marks J.D., Fenner Acting Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Cohen, Brock, Houghton, Snook, Bleakley, Jones, Manger, and Lone. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brock was examined and entrusted; Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, the W.M. explaining the working tools at length, and giving the lecture on the second tracing board. Bro. Manger answered the questions leading to the third degree and was entrusted. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Wolf was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 11th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. F. Botley W.M., E. Monson jun. S.W., Gunner J.W., Tucker Treasurer, C. E. Botley S.D., J. A. Cammell J.D., A. Turner I.G., Andrews Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Turner candidate. Lodge was called off, and then resumed to first degree, when the fifth section of the lecture was worked. Bro. Monson was elected W.M. for 1st June. Lodge closed and adjourned until 18th May, which will be Officers' night.

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LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 174.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-street, City, on Wednesday last. Lodge was opened punctually at six o'clock by the W.M. Brother James Fraser, who was supported by Past Masters Bros. Charles Lacey (Treasurer), John Newton (Secretary), G. Jones, G. T. H. Seddon, C. H. Webb, F. Brown, E. J. Moore, W. Barlow; A. H. Brown S.W., Thomas F. Harvey J.W., W. Fraser S.D., F. J. Dellow J.D., H. J. Cant I.G., Charles Blain M.C., and J. Very Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Hugh M. Hobbs 1790, J. Knight S.W. 1185, G. F. Dix P.M. 1421, Robert Gifford J.D. 780, H. Horner 554, Thomas Moody 1507, John M. Knight 95, R. S. Cushing 1607, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211, A. Prevost 1421, H. Cushen 933, E. Prosser 860, &c. The agenda paper did not contain any reference to ceremonial work, consequently those brethren present who were not aware that anything special was to take place, expressed surprise at there being so large an attendance. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, an announcement was made that Bro. Past Master Webb had undertaken the duties of Steward at the approaching Festival of the Boys' School, and £10 10s was voted from Lodge Funds to head his list. An application was received from the daughter of a late member of the Lodge, who required some assistance, for a special purpose. Some discussion arose as to the merits of the case, and some sensible remarks were elicited as to the false impression many folks entertained that Freemasons were ever ready to assist those who were associated, in however remote a degree, with the Order. In the end it was agreed that the application should not be entertained. Reference was made to the recent decease of Bro. J. Greenway, an esteemed member of the Lodge; and it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the members of his family, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. Shortly afterwards, Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was served under the superintendence of Bro. Mills. On the removal of the cloth the Worshipful Master in brief terms proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. F. Brown, who referred to the amiability of heart he displayed. Brother Fraser was proud of the position he held amongst the brethren, and he (Brother Brown) knew the members were proud of their Worshipful Master. In reply the W.M. thanked Brother Brown for the way in which he had introduced the toast. He regretted his limited acquaintanceship with rhetoric precluded his expressing himself as effectively as he could desire; but he realised the responsibility of his position, and would earnestly strive to fulfil the duties which devolved upon him. For the toast of the Visitors, Bros. J. M. Knight, G. F. Dix, Cushen, and Morgan replied. The Worshipful Master, on again rising, remarked that a very pleasant duty now devolved upon him. In all well regulated Lodges it was a custom to select a discreet and courteous brother to fulfil the duties of Wine Steward. The Lodge of Sincerity had been singularly fortunate in having appointed to this office a brother who possessed tact and discretion in a prominent degree. Moreover, in the case of their Wine Steward, Brother John Miller, who had carried out the duties for the last eleven years, it might be said, that he and the Treasurer were in perfect accord. The brethren were so satisfied with Bro. Miller's exertions to minister to their comforts that they had deputed him (the W.M.) to present an illuminated testimonial and a loving cup, which in their behalf he had now the pleasure of doing formally. The following is a copy:—

This Testimonial, together with a Silver Cup, was presented by the Brethren of the
LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 174,
to
BROTHER JOHN MILLER,
As a token of their esteem, and in appreciation of his cheerfully rendered services, as Steward during the past eleven years.

Signed on behalf of the members,

J. S. Fraser W.M. (Chairman).	
Chas. Lacey P.M. Treas.	A. H. Brown S.W.
T. F. Harvey J.W.	John Newton P.M. Sec.
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The Loving Cup, which is of massive silver, and of elegant design, was inscribed as under:—

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LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 174,
to
BROTHER JOHN MILLER,
As a token of their high esteem, and in appreciation of cheerfully rendered services, as Wine Steward for the past Eleven years.
16th May 1883.

Bro. John Miller, who on rising, seemed to have lost his customary volubility, said he almost feared he should break down in the few remarks he would desire to offer to the brethren. He found the present undertaking he was engaged in, that of a speechmaker, much more arduous than were the duties of Wine Steward. However, the knowledge that he possessed the esteem and good wishes of the brethren were more to him than the intrinsic value of their gift. He felt sure that in his last hour the knowledge that he had gained their goodwill would soothe and cheer him. He should prize the handsome and liberal mark of their good opinion, and hoped it would be handed down from generation to generation. He was not a young man now, but he hoped yet to be with them for several years. It was an ardent wish of his that his son might be made a Mason in the Sincerity Lodge; at the same time he did not deem it advisable that young men should join our ranks at too early a stage of their career. Bro. Miller then gave some excellent advice on this feature, and concluded by saying that he trusted the happy event of the introduction of his son to Freemasonry would be within the compass of his lifetime. Several other toasts followed in rapid succession, and able replies were elicited. Bro. Webb fully recounted what was being done by, and for, our Charitable Institutions.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on the 7th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Bros. Benjamin W.M., Martin S.W., Benn J.W., Albert P.G.P. Sec., Lyon Treas., Botibol S.D., Wall J.D., Dawsnap I.G., Dodson P.M. M.C., Wyman Steward, Van Noorden Organist. Past Masters Myers, Hickman, Lazarus, H. M. Levy, L. Alexander, H. Hymans, O. Roberts. Visitors—Bros. Lambert P.G.S B., Foord 593, Vallentine 1017, Phillips 205, Kemp 1776, Levy 1017, Chambers J.W. 749, Anidjah 185, Graham P.P.G.O. Middlesex. Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Hartog Van Stavern, who was duly initiated into the Order. Bros. Davis and Jackson answered the necessary questions satisfactorily, and were passed to the second degree, the ceremonies being perfectly and impressively rendered. A distressed brother was relieved from the funds of the Lodge. It was agreed that in future an audit meeting take place twice a year. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very sumptuous and récherché banquet and dessert, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and superintended by M. Silver. The W.M. very ably presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, said these brethren were all known for their capabilities; he was pleased to see a distinguished member of Grand Lodge present; one to whom the Craft was indebted. Brother G. Lambert P.G.S B. in responding, said it was a great pleasure to respond to the toast. This was the first time he had visited it, but the Lodge was well known and recognised for its hospitality. Brother L. Alexander Past President of the Benevolent Institution gave an account of the Fund, which at one time had reached £1,509. However, they had given sums of £100 to distressed brethren. The Fund had now nearly £900 in hand. The newly initiated brother—Van Stavern—had given 21s, and his brother 10s 6d. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiate, Bro. Hartog Van Stavern, whose brother is a very old and valued member of this Lodge; he was sure he would be a credit to it. The initiate having briefly responded, Brother L. M. Myers proposed the health of the W M., whose working in the Lodge had been most satisfactory. The W.M. in reply thanked Brother Myers for the manner he had spoken of him. The work to him was one of love; the Joppa is held in the highest estimation by Lodges wherever he had visited, and it is an honour for any man to have to preside over such a Lodge. With the toast of the Visitors was coupled the name of Bro. H. Phillipps P.M. 205, who in reply acknowledged how ably the W.M. had conducted the duties of the chair. Bro. H. M. Levy responded to the toast of the Past Masters. The Officers of the Lodge came in for their share of praise, and in due course the Tyler gave the parting toast. The W.M. deserves great credit for the musical entertainment he had provided, under the superintendence of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden Organist. Madame Frances Brooke, Miss Clara Wollaston, and Bros. Arthur Thomas, Henry Prenton, and G. S. Graham P.P.G.O. Middlesex entertained the brethren.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall Duncombe-place, on Monday, the 7th inst. Bro. George Kirby W.M. presided, and there were present Bros. Garbutt S.W., Dr. Draper J.W., J Sykes Rymer (Sheriff of York) I.P.M., P.M.'s Mark Rooke, A. Buckle, M.A., Joseph Todd Treasurer, W. Smith Secretary, Alderman Terry, and numerous other brethren. The first business was the initiation of Mr. J. Holiday Smith, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. The tools were given by the Secretary, Bro. W. Smith, and the charge was delivered by Brother M. Rooke P M. M.C. Then followed the passing of Brother T. W. Denison, Brother Rooke performing this ceremony. Subsequently the Worshipful Master called attention to two melancholy events which had happened since the last meeting of the Lodge, one more immediately concerning the York Lodge, and the other a matter of sorrow for Free and Accepted Masons throughout the world. The former was the death of Bro. John Young, who had been connected with this Lodge for a number of years, and to whose highmindedness, geniality, and ability, not only Masonically, but commercially and socially, the W.M. testified, from over twenty years' experience of their lamented brother. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. Buckle, B.A., P.M. seconded, a resolution of condolence with the widow and family of the deceased in their bereavement, and this was unanimously adopted. The second matter of remark was the disastrous fire at the "Temple" in London, and profound regret was expressed at this calamity, which had deprived Masonry of some of its most valuable commemorators of past glories of the Craft. Much pleasure was expressed at the following announcement which appeared in the *York Daily Herald*:—"The Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons of North and East Yorkshire, has received a communication from Colonel Knollys, stating that the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of English Freemasons, will be pleased to lay the foundation stone of the new Institute to be erected in York with Masonic honours. The invitation to His Royal Highness to act in his Masonic capacity has been sent by the Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire. The ceremony will take place during the Royal Show week."

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LILY LODGE OF RICHMOND, No. 820.

THE brethren assembled on Wednesday, the 9th inst., under the presidency of the W.M. Brother William Forster Reynolds, in the Masonic Hall at the Greyhound Hotel. Amongst those present were Bros. Charles Hubbard P.M. and W.M. elect, Past Masters F. W. Koch, G. W. Young, C. Phillips, Weaver, and E. Townsend. Visitors—Bros. E. D. Hatch P.M. 357, N. L. Western J.W. 1693, Thomas J. Cusworth P.M. 813, George R. Soper P.M. 1385, G. T. Salmon Senior Warden 1260, W. W. Morgan Senior Warden 211. After the minutes of last regular Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Alfred Ward, who was proposed by Bro. Myers P.M., and seconded by Bro. Hubbard P.M. The result was in favour of the candidate, who was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The event of the day was now brought forward, the reinstallation of Brother Charles Hubbard, who a few years back for two years in succession filled the chair of this Lodge. Brother Past Master Myers took the chair, and in his customary perfect manner conducted the ceremony throughout. On the readmission of those below the degree of Installed Master, the Officers were appointed, as follows:—Young P.M. S.W., C. Phillips P.M. J.W., Giles P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Myers P.M. Sec., Fenwick S.D., Wrighton (named as) J.D., Slaymaker M.C., Ward I.G., Gilbert Tyler. Brother Hubbard was very happy in the few remarks he addressed to each of the brethren whom he invested, and fully explained what each was expected to carry out. The addresses were eloquently delivered by Brother Myers, who was congratulated by all present for the way he had performed the ceremony. The retiring Master was next presented with the jewel of the Lodge, in appreciation of the services he had rendered. This compliment having been acknowledged, Bros. Johns, Pye, Hammond, Biggar, and Slaymaker were appointed on the Committee for the management of the Benevolent Fund. In regard to this Fund, we may state here that the members have a sum of £100 invested, but it is desirable that a change should be made in the trustees in whose names the investment now stands. Some considerable discussion arose as to the simplest manner in which this could be brought about, and we doubt not but that this will be amicably arranged at an early date. Routine work followed, several letters were read, and after hearty good wishes had been tendered, Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was then served by Brother Moufiet, mine host of the Greyhound, and after the cloth was cleared the customary toasts were briefly introduced by Brother Hubbard. The duty of proposing the health of the Worshipful Master fell to the lot of Bro. Reynolds, who expressed his regret that an abler speaker had not been allotted the task. Their Worshipful Master's qualities, however, were known to, and appreciated by, all the members, and all would exert themselves to make his year of office a most pleasant and agreeable one to the Lodge. Bro. Hubbard in reply said, he could but feel gratified on finding himself in his present capacity. He could assure the brethren who had elected him for the ensuing year that no exertion on his part should be wanting to make it prosperous. In selecting his Officers he placed every reliance on the brethren he asked to assist him. At present the Lodge was not numerically so strong as he could wish, but though much as he could desire an accession of members he did not think it advisable to encourage any aspirant unless they could be assured he was of good quality. Throughout the evening he had advocated short speeches, and would conclude by thanking all present for the reception they had given the toast. In proposing the health of the Visitors, Brother Hubbard expressed the pleasure the members felt in having with them a distinguished brother from Nicaragua. They had likewise an excellent representative Mason in Brother T. J. Cusworth, who was a Past Master of the New Concord, No. 813, a Lodge which was celebrated as having some of the most competent workers in the Craft amongst its members. This toast having been acknowledged, the Past Masters, the Initiate, and the Officers of the Lodge were severally introduced, but with commendable brevity, as full advantage was taken of the musical talent that was developed by those present. The toast of the Charities, with which was incorporated the Press, was ably responded to by Brother Morgan, whose appeal for the Institutions resulted in the Worshipful Master tendering his services as a Steward for the Girls' School, while substantial additions were made to the speaker's own list for the Boys. Altogether this was one of the most agreeable and harmonious meetings we have taken part in. Some capital songs and musical selections enlivened the proceedings, and the ability displayed by Miss Thomas, A.R.A., in the latter regard, was much enjoyed and highly appreciated. We look forward with every satisfaction to the future of the Lodge under Bro. Hubbard's Mastership.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction, No. 720.—A meeting was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Present—Bros. Stafford W.M., Job S.W., Wood J.W., Culpin S.D., Elliott J.D., Arnold I.G., P.M. Poore Preceptor, Graham P.G.O. Organist, Dunkley Secretary; also Bros. Lambert, Allen, Dawson, Matthew, Warren, Malins, Garrow, and Jones. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes read and confirmed. Brother Mallins offering as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed; likewise that of passing—Brother Lambert candidate. The eighth and ninth sections were then worked. Lodge was closed in the second degree. It was proposed and seconded that Brother Lambert be W.M. for the ensuing week, and that on the following Wednesday Brother Everest should be duly installed. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

The Lord Mayor of York will be initiated at an emergency meeting of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, on Monday evening next.

At a banquet which followed the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset, held on Thursday, the 17th instant, at Glastonbury, the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, in proposing the health of the Prince of Wales, said it had been his lot to have intimately known three Grand Masters—Lord Zetland, Lord Ripon, and the Prince of Wales—and without exaggeration he might say that His Royal Highness was the best Grand Master the Order of Masons ever had. His opinion was that they owed a great deal to His Royal Highness, who had given greater depth and breath to the foundations of English Freemasonry, and had introduced into it many suitable elements, which he could not say it wanted, but which had contributed very greatly to its honour, spirit, and strength.

The annual ball of the Montefiore Cyclists Club was held on the 16th inst. at St. James's Hall. T. W. Richardson was the Vice-President, and an efficient body of Stewards did duty. Messrs. E. P. Vallentine, H. T. Marks and S. J. Weingott ably acted as M.C.'s. The feature of the evening was a new Valse, composed by Mr. H. T. Marks. A *récherché* supper was provided by Bros. H. and J. Roberts, and Mr. Herman's band played a most admirable selection of music. Dancing was kept up until the small hours were on the wane.

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The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoum, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of CHLORODYNE, with which I effected miraculous cures.

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MALTA.

TESTIMONIAL TO R.W. BRO. W. KINGSTON, DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF MALTA.

AT a large and brilliant meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Malta, which was held on Saturday, 21st April, an extremely interesting and important ceremony was performed. This was the presentation of an address, and a testimonial to Bro. W. Kingston, District Grand Master of Malta.

The testimonial is a very handsome and valuable one, consisting of a variety of articles in silver, manufactured by Mappin Brothers. The several articles evince great artistic skill and excellence of workmanship, a skill and excellence which accord well with the Masonic skill and excellence of the distinguished recipient.

The Address was read and presented by the Dep. Dist. G. Master, assisted by the W.M.'s of the five Lodges, E.C., in Malta.

"To Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM KINGSTON,
District Grand Master of Malta, &c. &c. &c.

"Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—The various Masonic bodies working under your rule, as well as many individual members of the Masonic confraternity connected with Malta, are desirous of marking in some manner (however inadequate), the high sense they entertain of the invaluable assistance you have rendered to Freemasonry in this district, as well as to the Craft at large, during your term of office as District Grand Master.

It would be difficult to set out, or even to allude to, within the narrow limits of an Address, the various important Masonic events which will, in the future, render memorable your prolonged and successful administration. They cannot, however, refrain from placing on record the fact that the existence of a local Benevolent Fund is attributable entirely to your zeal and initiative; that it was under your sway the limits of the district were extended to the continent of North Africa; that the number of Lodges in the island itself was successfully increased, and that the Craft has attained a degree of strength, importance, and prosperity, wholly unprecedented in the history of Freemasonry in Malta.

With a view of commemorating these distinguished services, they venture to present you with this Address, together with a Salver and other articles of plate, which they hope will be a lasting memorial of the esteem and affection of your Masonic Brethren.

At the same time they trust that the G.A.O.T.U. will be pleased to long preserve you to rule over this district, with which the memory of your great Masonic work will be for ever associated.

This address, after being numerously signed, will be illuminated and framed. It was listened to with evident signs of approbation and followed by long and hearty applause. The R.W. District Grand Master responded in a speech replete with good counsel, kind feeling and pathos. He thanked the members of the District, most sincerely and gratefully, for the very complimentary sentiments and good wishes so eloquently expressed in the Address, and also for their very handsome and valuable present. He could assure them that, during his prolonged tenure of office, as D.G.M., it had always been his study and earnest wish to rule the district with impartiality, justice, and equity, and it had been his constant endeavour to advance, to the utmost of his power, the best interests of the Order, to carry out its important principles, and promote its benevolent purposes. In these efforts, it was highly gratifying to say he had succeeded in securing the goodwill, hearty co-operation and assistance of the members of his district. As a natural sequence, his rule, he ventured to say, had been a pleasant, harmonious, and successful one. In these respects he hoped the future would be equal to the past. He again thanked them with a sincere heart for their kindness, and he could assure them that he and his family would preserve and treasure up, most carefully, the beautiful, artistic and useful objects forming the presentation, and they would ever look on, and exhibit them with pleasure and pride. He would estimate and appreciate them, not merely according to their intrinsic value, but as the expression, or outcome, of the generous sentiments and approval of those over whom he had the pleasure, privilege, and honour to rule; and as cogent, tangible, and lasting mementoes of their kindness, affection, and esteem. A vote of thanks was then proposed, and passed unanimously to the D.D.G.M., Bro. W. Watson, for the manner in which he had made the presentation. District Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren repaired to the refreshment hall, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them; some excellent speeches, songs, and recitations brought to a close a very pleasant and memorable evening.

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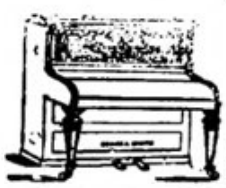

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NINETY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE result of this year's Festival of the Girls' School, although the lowest of the last five years, must be considered as satisfactory. As we stated in our analysis of the subscriptions announced at the Benevolent Festival, in our issue of the 10th of March last, there are many causes at the present time which tend to keep down the totals of amounts subscribed to the Charitable Institutions. The country is, and has been for some time past, in a state of commercial depression, and bearing in mind that whatever is announced at one or other of our Charity Festivals represents the free offerings of the brethren, it naturally follows that the total very much depends on the prosperity or otherwise of the country generally, for it is impossible for either as many, or as large amounts, to be spared in bad times as in days of great activity. The result, however, of the present year's Festival—according to the figures supplied us from the Office of the Institution, and published in a recent issue—totals up to no less than £10,590 17s 3d, and is a sum of which we, as Freemasons, may justly be proud. As usual, this amount does not represent the full result of the Festival; it is made up without the returns of eight Stewards who had not reported the extent of their lists at the time the details were supplied, and further there will doubtless be a few additions made to the totals that have already been sent in, so that we may look for £10,750, or more, as the total of promised subscriptions to the Girls' School for the year 1883. This amount of £10,590 17s 3d is, as we have said, the lowest that has been announced at any of the last five Festivals, and is some £2,641 odd below that of last year, £854 below that of 1881, £2,917 below that of 1880, and £1,122 odd less than was announced at the Festival of 1879. Yet we are among those who are satisfied with the result; satisfied, from the fact that in many quarters it was considered doubtful whether this year's Festival would realise a total of five figures. Anything below £10,000 would, no doubt, be now looked upon as a poor result of one of the great Masonic Festivals, but there were many of the best friends of the Girls' School who thought it next to impossible that that sum could be reached this year. It has, however, been reached, and exceeded by a little short of £600; the Stewards, and all who have assisted in the result are, therefore, entitled to our warmest congratulations, and to the thanks of all interested in the welfare of our Charities.

The Chairman who presided at this year's Festival—Bro. the R.W. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial G. Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight—is, as we have previously observed, a man highly respected by his brother Masons; respected in the Province of which he is the ruler, respected in Grand Lodge, and respected throughout the country, wherever he is known. That the Girls' School benefited from the fact of his presidency we think undoubtedly a fact, the regret is that he should have acted as chairman at a time when the general state of the country all but prevented a total being reached above those which has gone before. The present is not his first experience as Chairman at our Masonic Festivals. In 1877 he presided at the annual gathering on behalf of the Boys' School, when a total of subscriptions was announced higher than anything then known; the actual result at the time of the Festival having been £13,160 15s, increased a few days afterwards to £13,312 2s. This year's total, on behalf of the Girls' School, represents the work of 250 Stewards, distributed as follows:—London (including eight members of the House Committee) 112, the Provinces (including the Chairman) 137, and Foreign 1, The 112 London Stewards collected among them nearly one-half of the total sum, namely, £5,222 5s 9d; while the 137 Provincials sent £5,358 1s 6d, and the Foreigner £10 10s; the average per Steward is about £46 12s 6½d in the case of the Londoners, £39 2s 2½d in that of the Provincials, and £42 7s 3d in that of the whole body; sums which will favourably compare with the averages of past Festivals.

London, represented by 112 Stewards, contributes £5,222 5s 9d. Of this sum £4,454 2s 9d comes from 91 Stewards acting on behalf of 91 of the Lodges, and one of the Chapters of the Metropolis; £394 17s represents the total collected by the eight members of the House Committee, while the balance, £373 6s, was collected by 13 "unattached" brethren. Bro. Lieut.-Col. James Peters heads the House Committee list, with one hundred guineas. Bro. Peter de Lande Long following with eighty, Bro. Joshua Nunn with £54 12s, and the others with sums ranging from £46 5s to £25. The place of honour among the "unattached" is occupied by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, whose list of £94 is one of which he may well feel proud; he is followed by Bro. T. W. C. Bush, with £68 5s, and then by Bro. W. H. Farnfield, who collected £57 15s. The other lists in this section range from £23 2s down to £10 10s. In the general body of London Stewards, Bro. Robert Grey comes first in point of amount collected, with a list totalling up to £199 10s; this, from a representative of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 222, a Lodge which appeared in last year's Girls' Festival list with a total of £65 2s, proves that the older Lodges—those which have been in existence longer even than either of the Masonic Charities—are to the fore in support of the Institutions, while the totals of some of the younger ones, which will be referred to hereafter show that they also are mindful of the wants of our less fortunate members. Lodge No. 1383, the Friends in Council, is ably represented on the present list, its Steward (Bro. M. P. F. Caulfield) having collected the next highest amount, £149 2s, while he, in turn, is followed by the representative of one of our youngest Lodges—the Montagu Guest, No. 1900, for which Bro. G. P. Festa once more takes the office of Steward. His efforts on this occasion have again proved his worth as a supporter of the Institutions, his list figuring up to no less a sum than £147. Bro. J. F. Porter, M.D., the Steward representing another young Lodge, the Evening Star, No. 1719—follows close on Bro. Festa, with £144 18s, while Bro. J. Neilson, of the Creaton Lodge, No. 1791, puts another "youngster" to the front with a list of £130. The Athenæum Lodge, No. 1491, comes next on the list, its representative, Bro. P. H. Waterlow, having secured £116 11s towards the general total. He, in turn, is close pressed by Bro. Walter Wood, of Confidence Lodge, No. 193, whose list of £115 10s is a creditable production for even so well supported a Lodge as the "Confidence." No. 834, Ranelagh, contributes £108 11s at the hands of Bro. A. C. Bean, while No. 1287, Great Northern, is well represented by a list of £106 1s, collected by its representa-

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tive Steward, Bro. W. Cleghorn. Other Lodges sending up lists of, and exceeding £100, are Nos. 1657, Aldersgate, and No. 1949, Brixton, each of which figures for £105, taken up by Bros. S. Benton, M.D, and H. B. Marshall, C.C., respectively; No. 1056, Victoria, whose Steward, Bro. J. Boulton, collected £101 17s 6d, and No. 1963, Duke of Albany, which sent £100 by its representative, Bro. R. J. Vincent. The other London Stewards have each, we have no doubt, done their best, and there are doubtless many who deserve separate mention, but the space at our disposal does not admit of our specially referring to lists under £100, although the part they play in the general success of a Festival renders them of no small importance. We hope that the sparseness of the comments usually accorded to minor lists will not deter brethren who are unable to manage large ones from trying their hands, it is not possible for all to excel, and if a brother has done all that lay in his power, he has done as much, may be more, than he whose total heads the list.

Berks and Bucks is the first, in alphabetical order, of the Provinces which appear in this year's list. It is represented by six Stewards, who between them have brought up £183 11s; Bro. Richard Dowsett, of Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, collecting the largest amount (£60) from this district. The Province was represented at the Benevolent Festival of the current year by four Stewards, with a total of £109 12s 6d. It has not been absent from one of the Girls' School Festivals which have taken place since the starting of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE (1875), the total contributed from its members to the nine Festivals we have recorded being £1,632 7s.

Cambridgeshire presents a glorious change at this Festival compared with its past record of services rendered to the Institutions; its total contributions to the Festivals held from February 1875 to February 1883—twenty-five in number—having been but £46, viz., £25 to the Benevolent in 1875, £5 5s to the Girls' in 1878, and £15 15s to the Boys' the same year. It now appears on the list of contributing Provinces with an amount of £128 2s collected by its Steward, Bro. N. J. York; and right glad are we to chronicle the fact. We trust the brethren of Cambridgeshire may find it within their power to continue the good work thus begun, and that having now won a high place in the list of contributing Provinces, it will act in such a manner as to maintain, if not improve, such position.

Cheshire, represented by three Stewards, sends £85 12s; this is its second donation to the London Charities this year, its total to the Benevolent in February being £37 16s. It is seldom absent from the three central Institution Festivals, and also finds funds to support a home Charity. Cheshire might be adopted as a pattern by many of the other Provinces.

Cornwall, which also put in an appearance at the February Festival of the current year, now contributes £73 10s, at the hands of two Stewards. It was represented at last year's Festival of this Institution, when £32 11s was sent up. Previous to that it had only contributed to one of the seven Girls' School Festivals which we have noticed, viz., that of 1879, when its contributions reached the sum of £378. We are glad to see it among the contributors two years running, and hope that the old system of long breaks will now be abolished.

Cumberland and Westmoreland opens the ball this year with a contribution of £26 5s to the Girls' Festival. Its last donation to this Institution was in 1880, when H.R.H. Prince Leopold undertook the office of Chairman, and then it figured for £375 7s. We notice that Bro. McKay, the Steward from this district, describes himself as "unattached," a distinction which, we trust, does not arise in consequence of any disinclination of the Lodges of the Province to be represented. We should have liked Bro. McKay to have been accredited to "the Province," in which case, perhaps, his list might have amounted to something more than is now the case.

Derbyshire, at the hands of Bro. John Stanley, of Lodge No. 1235, sends up £70 7s. This Province was represented at the first Festival of the current year, £50 being then contributed, and is to be found among those present at most of the gatherings of the last eight years.

Devonshire is now represented by four Stewards, three of whom contribute £203 3s, while the fourth is yet to declare the amount of his list. The Province sent up £74 11s to this year's Benevolent, and is, as we stated when reviewing the donations at that Festival, among the most consistent supporters of the central Charities. It has also a local fund, which calls for assistance at the hands of its members.

Dorsetshire is on the list of represented Provinces, but its Steward, Bro. R. N. Howard, of No. 1027, had not, at the time the list was supplied us, given in the amount he had secured for the Institution. At the Benevolent in February the same brother took up a list of £100, a total which we hope will be at least equalled for the Girls.

Durham supplements its donation of £63 11s to last February's Festival, by one of £86 2s 6d to the one now under notice, and thus keeps up the regularity of the "representations" it has now made at the three Festivals for some years past.

Essex is another regular attendant at the Festivals, and now comes forward with £97 2s towards the general total. This sum was collected by three brethren, representing respectively Nos. 276, 1000, and 1545. This district, as we said in our issue of 10th March last, has only missed being represented at three out of the last twenty-six Festivals.

Gloucestershire, a contributor of £213 3s in February last, and one of the strongest supporters of the three Institutions during the preceding eight years, now continues the good work, with a contribution of £36 15s from its two Stewards.

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight—the Province of which the Chairman is the head—supported its ruler by sending up eighteen Stewards, who between them collected £1,254 13s, which, with a donation of fifty guineas from the Chairman himself, gives £1,307 3s as the contribution of Hampshire to the Girls' Festival of 1883. It figured in February last for £149 16s, and, as was then stated, had contributed upwards of £4,596 during the previous eight years to the three Institutions, so that its total donations since 1875 now reach £6,053 4s 6d.

Hertfordshire continues on the good course which has marked this Province for many years past. It was represented by four Stewards on the occasion of this year's Girls' School Festival, and between these four brethren a total of £158 11s 6d has been raised, the representative of the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, being accredited with £96 12s of the total. It was represented in February last, when £233 4s was collected for the Benevolent.

Kent now sends £238 8s as the result of five of its six Stewards' exertions. We must wait until the Boys' Festival is over, in June next, before we can say anything as to this year's contributions from this district, as the Provincial Grand Master—Viscount Holmesdale—will then preside, and will no doubt be well supported. Its lists in February last, or rather three out of four of them, totalled up to £148 5s.

Lancashire is represented by eight Stewards from the Eastern Division and ten from the Western, the amounts sent up being £89 5s in the case of the former, and £244 13s in that of the latter. Each was represented in February last, and each has played a conspicuous part in the maintenance of the three Institutions in the past. The day is not far distant when another "magnificent" total—such as was forthcoming from this county in 1876 and 1880—may be looked for. If either of its Provincial Grand Masters could be induced to take the chair, we feel sure the whole county would rally round.

Middlesex follows its donations of £356 8s 6d to the Benevolent in February last by a total of £117 13s to the Girls on the present occasion. It is represented by four Stewards, Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, as representtaive of No. 1460, being accredited with £44 2s of the Provincial total.

Monmouthshire, absent from the Benevolent in February last, appears here with £236 5s, collected by one Steward. It has done well in the past, and may be considered as one of the regular supporters of the Charities.

North Wales and Salop has four representatives, and these have secured, between them, a total of £64 1s as a follower to the £52 6s for which the Province figured in February last. For some time past this district has done well, its donations to the Girls School last year (£352 10s) being specially noticeable.

Oxfordshire continues the regularity of its support to the Charities, which has marked the 8½ years we have been in existence. It has not missed one of the twenty-six Festivals we have recorded. It now contributes £85 12s 6d at the hands of four Stewards.

Somersetshire, with one Steward to represent it, sends

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up £44 2s for the second Festival of 1883. It contributed fifty guineas to the Benevolent in February, and so keeps up the continuity of its attendances.

South Wales (Eastern Division) shows a very good list from Bro. G. H. Noel, amounting to £217 7s. There is another Steward from this district to report himself, so that the total may be materially increased. The Province was not represented at the Benevolent Festival in February last, but has done fairly well for the Educational Institutions in the past.

Staffordshire, with four Stewards (one of whom is not yet accredited with any amount), has contributed £272 6s towards this year's Girls' Festival, which amount was preceded in February last by £57 15s contributed to the Benevolent, and by upwards of £3,700 subscribed during the eight years 1875-1882 to the three Institutions.

Suffolk continues to do well for our Charities. Up to February last, including donations of £166 2s 6d at the Festival held that month, the total subscribed by its members since 1875 was close on £2,480, now it increases that total by £136 10s brought up by Bro. N. Tracy, the Steward representing the Province.

Surrey, with five Stewards, adds to its past gifts by contributions of £109 10s on behalf of the Girls' Festival of 1883. It will be remembered, that the Benevolent Festival of the current year was presided over by the esteemed Grand Master of this Province, and that the subscriptions then amounted to £905 14s, so that this year promises well to sustain the reputation of Surrey.

Sussex again comes out well. It sent £210 to the Benevolent in February, and now furnishes four Stewards, with lists amounting in the aggregate to £363 6s. It has long taken an active interest in the Masonic Charities, and has been represented at nearly all of the Festivals which have been celebrated during the last nine years.

Warwickshire had five representatives on the Board of Stewards at this month's Festival, and between them they collected £59 17s. The Province was also represented in February last, when £57 15s was subscribed; she did exceedingly well last year, and has done so in the past generally.

Worcestershire sends up nine of the Provincial Stewards, who between them secured £217 7s for "Our Girls." The Province did equally well for the Benevolent in February, contributing £218 13s on that occasion. Having started so well, we can only hope the brethren of the district will finish up the year with a similar amount for the Boys' School.

Yorkshire (North and East) had one Steward, who brought up £15 15s, while the Western Division of the same county was represented by twenty brethren and a list of subscriptions amounting to £400. Each of these Divisions appeared in the last returns of the Benevolent Institution, the one for £29 13s, and the other for £450, and representatives of each have come to be recognised as constant attendants at the regularly recurring Festivals. We trust it may be many years before either are omitted from the lists.

Having now come to the end of the Provincial contributions, we have only to record the donation, by Bro. H. De Tatham, M.D., of £10 10s from abroad, and our task is at an end. In conclusion, we can but reassert the opinion we gave in the opening passages of our remarks;—the Girls' School Festival of 1883 has resulted most satisfactorily, and express a fervent hope that as years roll on each succeeding Festival may prove as good, if not better, than the one of which we have just analysed the subscriptions.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Joshua Nunn President, Brett and Atkins Vice Presidents, occupied their respective chairs. There was a very large attendance of brethren. The Board of Masters was first held, at which the agenda paper of the Quarterly Communication of 6th June was read. The scrutineers for the porch, and for the ballot for the Board of General Purposes and Colonial Board were appointed, and the Lodge of Benevolence was then opened. The brethren first confirmed the recommendations of grants to the amount of £350 made at last meeting, and then proceeded with the new list, which contained thirty-eight cases. Five of these were deferred. The remainder were relieved as follows:—One £150, one £100, two £50, three £40, four £30, one £25, five £20, four £15, nine £10, and three £5, or a total of £880.

THE LATE ELECTION.—R.M.B.I.

WE have little to add to the particulars we furnished last week in regard to the election which took place on Friday last. The death of one of the candidates —Francis Joseph Wirtzfeld—occurred about the time the Poll was declared. This applicant was returned as No. 15 on the List of Successful Candidates. This will at once create a vacancy for the brother who stands highest on the deferred list. We append the names of Unsuccessful Candidates, with particulars of the votes polled for each. These, of course, will be carried forward for next election.

MALES.

No. on Voting Paper	NAME	Brought forward	Polled to-day	Total polled
4	Inwood, John	158	384	542
46	Willcox, Christopher			495
28	Fitzwater, Charles			458
38	Lotinga, Noach S			439
43	Weston, Thomas R			411
14	Heigho, Daniel	43	355	398
29	Goodchild, James			395
1	Ensell, George	238	70	308
35	Gardner, Hannibal			138
50	Jones, John Thomas			118
13	Reid, Alexander	21	81	102
24	Towning, John L			77
16	Harrison, William	11	42	53
7	Sarl, Charles	30	3	33
18	Kingsbury, John			28
25	Wade, Andrew			6
27	Allies, Frederick			4
17	Harper, Francis			3
23	Musham, John			3

FEMALES.

24	Stubington, Fanny	486	907	1393
30	Wood, Annetta T H	512	805	1317
40	Bowen, Emma	275	1041	1316
48	Beattie, Ellen G	696	580	1276
42	Russell, Mary	263	931	1194
33	Haynes, Eliza	522	639	1161
2	Wakefield, Ann	919	204	1123
23	Thomas, Elizabeth Mary	571	531	1102
3	Child, Elizabeth Mary Ann	430	665	1095
22	Emmerson, Zelie	678	277	955
32	Buckley, Caroline C H V	591	356	947
58	Jager, Magdalene			904
1	Elliott, Isabella	764	99	863
53	Mardon, Sarah Anne			782
20	Rumsey, Phœbe Ann	594	143	737
11	Smith, Mary	172	541	713
31	Chapple, Elizabeth	376	270	646
59	Perridge, Rebecca			589
5	Allen, Sarah Ann	439	42	481
52	Hobbs, Elizabeth			475
45	Evans, Harriet	252	207	459
6	Rowell, Margaret	368	17	385
12	Geary, Mary	243	112	355
18	Hill, Elizabeth	273	36	309
66	Isaac, Frances			307
54	Timms, Susan			271
16	Pelton, Mary	94	112	206
46	Potter Ellen	52	99	151
57	Tribe, Jane			141
61	Townsend, Jane Mary			81
28	Rodgers, May Marianne	66	10	76
67	Rebbeck, Hannah			71
56	Heppel, Mary			66
55	Lovelock, Louisa			61
49	Polkinghorne, Jane			50
69	Cooley, Elizabeth L			50
65	Leaver, Jane			37
14	Copeland, Charlotte	12	4	16
19	Madeley, Harriet Matilda	6	8	14
7	Maddick, Jane	13	—	13
51	Matthews, Mary			9
17	Rigarlsford, Sarah	6	2	8
44	Crisp, Mary	8	—	8
50	Barras, Elizabeth Ann			7
9	Coates, Sarah	5	—	5
60	Croad, Susan			4
63	Greenwood, Ellen			4
38	Parker, Annie	—	3	3
64	Hargreaves, Amelia			—
68	Cook, Elizabeth Ann			—

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INITIATION OF A MAGI.

FROM THE FRENCH OF M. HENRI DELAAGE.

IN Egypt, for four thousand years, the Pyramids have revealed, by their form, to the generations which have passed away, the eternal, immutable doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Ancient temples of the initiation, they have been traversed by all the great geniuses of ancient times; they have given lawmakers and promoters of civilisation, as their traditions devoutly attest; they have seen, without trembling, the convulsions of empires; they have remained standing in the majestic attitude of eternal truth; also those consciences which suffered from the scepticism of the century would go back with happiness to the times of the earnest faith, when the founders of religion came to drink of the living waters of the eternal truth; for, following the remark of St. Augustine, "Moses was versed in all the sciences, and mysteries of the initiation of the Egyptians."

We will consider these mysteries from their truthful point of view, viz., "the regeneration of the mind;" also to learn in what manner the man was placed in a state to enter into immediate communication with his God.

When a man felt in his mind an ardent thirst for the truth, and in his heart the necessary courage to brave the terrible ordeals of the initiation, he climbed up to the seventh course of the Grand Pyramid, where he found a window cut in the granite, which remained open day and night. This opening, of about "three feet square," the only entrance to the temple of the initiation, was situated towards the north, that being the side from whence comes the cold, darkness, and ignorance. There the aspirant would find before him a corridor—cold, damp, low-pitched, and arched like a tomb. Here he would find a hand-lamp. So low was the roof, that he was compelled to commence his forward progress in a crawling position. This consisted of a circuitous road, at the end of which was a pit with a large mouth; its edges and sides covered with a dark asphalte, as smooth as ice. The mouth of this gulf emitted a thick black smoke, and seemed to be one of the vent-holes of the infernal regions. Often, in the presence of this unfathomable pit, the heart of the aspirant failed. Some would slip backwards on their belly from this new obstacle, retrace their steps, and renounce their perilous enterprise. On the contrary, the man who had the courage to persevere, saw the initiated who accompanied him place over his head the lamp, then disappear down the dark precipice by the aid of a ladder placed in the interior; the profound obscurity concealing the iron steps of which it was composed. The candidate would follow him in silence.

After having descended about sixty steps, he arrived at an opening cut in the rock, which served for the entrance to a road; he would enter this aperture, and continue his descent in a spiral direction for about fifty yards. At the end of this road was a double swinging door, made of brass, which opened by itself at his approach, without effort or noise, but when it closed after him, produced such a crash that the echoes, reverberating through the deep subterranean passages, warned the priests that a profane was coming to pledge himself in the gallery which led to the place of trial.

At this moment, the initiated, who had accompanied the aspirant, would tell him that he was not able to go with him any further, but before leaving him he made him write his "will;" and informed him that Death was probable in the perilous trials which he had undertaken; in fact, that it was necessary to have a bold heart to enable him to persevere in his perilous enterprise. The aspirant who desired to continue his route came next to the new gallery. Both sides of this gallery disclosed to him some deep recesses, or caves, in which were placed statues made of basalt. These fantastic images were disposed in such a manner that the vacillating light projected from the lamp of the aspirant, falling on them, made him believe that he was surrounded by the shades of the dead, gathered together to contemplate the strange sight of a mortal descending alive into the infernal regions.

At the end of this gallery was a door guarded by three men armed with swords, wearing helmets or head-dresses, made in the form of the head of the jackal. These guardians — called in mythology Cerberus — at his approach advanced quickly towards him, one of them grasping him by the throat, at the same time saying—"Pass if thou darest, but take care not to retreat, for we watch at this door day and night to oppose the retreat of those who have passed its threshold, and to keep them shut up for ever in these subterranean places." If these words did not shake the resolution of the aspirant, the guards stepped aside and allowed him to pass. He would scarcely have proceeded fifty yards when he would see before him a very vivid light, by the aid of which he was enabled to perceive that he was in a vaulted chamber, about one hundred yards square. On the right and the left were raised two funereal piles, formed of branches of the Arabian balsam tree, the Egyptian thorn, and the tamarind tree; three kind of wood, supple and sweet scented, but very inflammable. It was necessary that the aspirant should pass these two furnaces, and as he did so the flames united and formed a flaming bower over his head. Scarcely had he passed this scorching fiery furnace than he saw that he was in the presence of a torrent fed by the River Nile, which barred his further progress. The aspirant would strip himself naked, roll up his clothes into a bundle, attach them firmly to his head, taking care to fix above them his lamp, whose clear light pierced the blank darkness which enveloped him, and enabled him to guide his course to the opposite side of the river.

As soon as he gained the opposite side he saw before him an inclining arcade; which led to a landing stage six feet square, whose flooring concealed from his sight the mechanism on which it rested. Before him was a door, made of ivory, and garnished with two fillets of gold, which indicated that it opened from the interior. Vainly would the aspirant try to force this door and thus find a road; it resisted all his efforts. Suddenly, two rings, very highly polished, appeared before him, which he grasped with his hands; but hardly had he done so than the flooring on which he stood was gradually drawn away, leaving him suspended by the rings over an abyss, out of which rushed a blast of wind which extinguished his lamp. Deafened by the noise, frozen by the cold, tossed about by the wind, he remained in this cruel suspense about a minute. Little by little, however, the rings would descend, and the aspirant again felt the landing stage under his feet, the ivory door would open, and he would find himself in a Temple, brilliantly illuminated.

These trials were not only for the purpose of ascertaining the courage of the aspirant, but to show him, by a frightful symbolism, that the man of this life who aspired to possess the "eternal truth," ought to commence by becoming dead to this world, descending alive into the grave, sojourning long enough in the bowels of the earth to divest himself of his mortal body, and not to return until converted and regenerated, and born again unto a new life, after having triumphed over the "four elements of nature," of which, by original sin, he had become the slave. The ideas which the nations of antiquity formed of the initiation were so grand, that we see the Epic poets make their heroes descend into the infernal regions, those who had not previously taken their part in the initiation of the revelation of the mysteries of the Goddess "Isis." We have seen the aspirant victorious in his struggle with nature; we shall now see him fighting a desperate dual between his soul and his body; in order that the "child of darkness" may become a "child of light," or demigod. Those heroes of antiquity who were of the initiated were indicated by the word "Love." They would have the soul kindle, not with the limited love of a woman, but with the infinite love of the Divinity, and humanity, which creates on earth heroes and saints.

The door by which the aspirant entered into the sanctuary was situated in the pedestal of the triple statue of Iris, Osiris, and Orus, sacred trinity, image of the three manifestations of the "creative God of the universe." There the neophyte was received by the priests, ranged in two lines, like rich costly ornaments. Above them the aspirant discerned a triangle beaming with light; in the middle was a sparking diamond, in the form of an "eye," indicating that they were priests of Osiris, whose name signified the "Eye of God." At their head was the torch-bearer, holding in his hand a gold vase in the form of a boat, named "Baris," from which issued a brilliant light, symbol of the increated light. A second held the mystic "Fan;"* all carried in their hands some symbol, either of purification, power, or of virtue. The hierophant, after embracing him three times, made him fall on his knees before the triple statue, and invited him to unite with them

* Or winnow for grain—symbol of Plenty.—T. B. H.

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in heart in the following prayer which he delivered in a loud voice:—

"O great goddess Isis, enlighten with thy knowledge this mortal, who has overcome many perils, and accomplished much work; make him again triumphant in the trials of the mind, so that he may be made worthy to be initiated into thy mysteries."

When all the priests had repeated this prayer, they struck their breasts, in token of fidelity. The chief priest then took him by the hand to assist his rising, and conducted him to a door which opened at the farther end of the first temple. Arrived before this door, he invited the aspirant to knock "three times," in response to which a stern voice from the interior demanded of the profane "What he wanted?"

Following the advice of the priests he answered, "That he was a penitent descended alive into the bowels of the earth, there to confess his sins, for them to make atonement, and to obtain the light." Then the aspirant heard a terrible rattling of chains, and the door slowly opened on its hinges. Entering he found himself in a place dimly lighted, in the presence of a tribunal composed of three priests, whose white robes of initiation were covered with a large tunic of bright red.

To these priests the aspirant would have to declare not only the guilty actions which he had committed, but the circumstances which had led him to commit them, finally ending by an exact account of his good or bad inclinations.

When he had finished his confession, the priests conducted him into a waiting room, and examined if his confession coincided with the knowledge gained in advance, and confirmed by the phrenological configuration of his skull, the look of his face, and the play of his countenance. When the judges—whose power of perception enabled them to dive into the innermost recesses of his conscience—had found him sincere, they admitted him to the benefits of their initiation, but before he underwent these new and formidable trials, they presented him with a cup containing the beverage of "oblivion." After he had drank from the first cup, they offered him a second, containing the beverage of the "memory," emblematical that he ought to forget the "errors" of the world, and only to remember the "Eternal Truths," which he would learn at his initiation.

The sides of the cup of oblivion were covered with honey, but the wine which it contained was as bitter as gall; whilst the sides of the cup of memory were coated with gall, but it contained the most exquisite nectar; a profound symbol of the "Eternal Truth."

T. B. Rosseter, W.M. 972.

MASONIC BLUNDERERS ONCE MORE.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

THE 125th anniversary of a Royal Arch Chapter in Pennsylvania was recently celebrated in Philadelphia. The Chapter's record is not quite as old, but as the Philadelphia Lodge charter, derived from the so-called "Ancients," arrived about 1764, it is not impossible for the disciples of Dermott to have begun to work both Craft and Chapter Masonry six years or so before they received a charter. Two orations were delivered upon that important occasion. I shall however confine my remarks to the historical oration by my friend Brother Charles E. Meyers, who, after giving a few rhetorical flourishes about Solomon's Temple, the Obelisks, Pyramids, Ancient Temples, &c. proceeded thus:—

"Listen to the story of the past. The operative Masons who annually assembled at York, prior to the forming of private Lodges, increased to such an extent that the attention of the learned men of the day was attracted to their mysterious meetings. Such influence was brought to bear upon the operative Masons that they were induced in time to admit such as had not worked with the implements of labour, but who had delved in nature's mysteries, and had made themselves Masters of science and art."

With due respect to the Philadelphia orator, I must inform him that the above paragraph *is a mere tissue of blunders*. Who knows the history of the operative Masons at York? When did Masons meet without having private Lodges? When, where, and who, were the learned men, "the Masters of science and art," whom the Masons' mysteries attracted to York? In the 17th century, and perhaps earlier, non-operatives used to join the operative guilds. I have already called attention, in my previous paper, that in 1607 James I. of England was a Cordwainer, and his son Prince Henry and a host of courtiers joined the Tailors' guild. I have no doubt the Goldsmiths' guild, the Fishmongers' guild, &c., also had gentlemen as honorary members, and the Masons, though they cannot boast of having received into membership Kings and Princes in those days, undoubtedly now and then received into their ranks a private gentleman or may be a nobleman; but which of the said non-operative Masons were "masters of science and art?" Again says Brother Meyer:—

"Masonry prior to 1717 consisted of one degree, that of the Apprentice, which differed greatly from our present degree of that name, inasmuch as it contained the elements of *all* of the degrees of Masonry."

Now, what did the orator mean by the word "all," which he so carefully italicised? Bro. Meyers is probably Master of from a hundred and fifty to two hundred degrees, or even more; but these are not *all* the Masonic degrees Masons believe in. Brother Meyers has received three degrees in the Blue Lodge; *four* in the Royal Arch; three in the Templar; three, or so, in the Cryptic Rite; thirty in the Scotch Rite (omitting the Craft degree); he may have received ninety-three degrees in the Rite of Memphis, and ninety in the Rite of Mizraim. Our brother is a Rosicrucian, a Red Cross Knight of Constantine, and a something in the Royal Order of Scotland. Dr. Oliver enumerates the following degrees:—"The Ark, Mark, Link, Wrestle, Babylonish Pass, Intendent, Noachites, Sublime Scotch Masonry, Excellent, Prussian Blue, the various elected Architectural, Priestly, and Crucible degrees, Red, White, and Black; the Knightly Orders and Mediterranean Pass, the Kadosh, Provost and Judge, Black Mark, Order of Death, Perfection, and innumerable others." In all, says Dr. Oliver, somewhere, there were about two thousand degrees afloat during the last century. Bro. Woodford, in "Kenning's Cyclopædia," enumerates a hundred and fifty or more Knighthoods, and nearly all were Masonic. I would, therefore, like to learn where Bro. Meyers had seen a pre-1717 Ritual which contained the elements of "all" the Masonic degrees.

Supposing, however, by "all," our brother meant only the three Craft degrees; if even so I am sorry to say he still blundered. I presume that I have read as many pre-1717 rituals as Bro. Meyers has; thus, the oldest Masonic ritual is contained in the Halliwell Poem, and in that ritual neither King Solomon nor his Temple is referred to. That poem was written after the year 1407, probably near 1430. Matthew Cook's MS. was written about a century later, and the MSS. published by Bro. Hughan and others, about thirty or more in all, of the 17th century, are mere abridgments of the Cooke MS. Now all the said rituals mention King Solomon and King Hiram, but ignore the architect. So we see that the principal personage of the third degree was not mentioned in the pre-1717 rituals. In short, the said rituals were minus the elements of the third degree at least. Now for the next:—

"Secession and expulsion (says Bro. M.) marked the period from 1738 to 1750, when another Grand Lodge was formed composed of the seceding brethren, who, acting under the example set them by the old Grand Lodge, in dividing the first degree, and forming the second and third; in turn divided the third degree, and from the latter part of that degree formed a fourth degree, styled the Holy Royal Arch; it is supposed this was done about 1740 to 1744."

The above implies that the Masters' degree of 1738 or so contained the elements of the Royal Arch degree, which elements or element was then separated from the parent trunk, and planted by itself under the name of "Royal Arch Masonry." Now, I happen to possess a Master Mason's ritual older than 1738, and the latter part thereof does not differ from the present ritual. Indeed, the Masters' ritual *never contained* the slightest allusion to the second Temple, nor the personages who figured at its building. I cannot very well furnish proof in the Freemason's Chronicle, but I could convince even Bro. Meyers, in ten minutes, that neither the *Ancients* nor Moderns ever clipped off anything from the third degree to form the Royal Arch. Brother Meyers quotes from Bro. Hughan's "Masonic Memorials," viz., 1st, "It will thus be seen that the special object of the seceders from 1740 or earlier, was the promotion of Royal Arch Masonry." And 2nd, "The chief feature of the new ritual consisted in a division of the third degree into two sections." Now, the "Masonic Memorials" was published in 1874. Bro. Hughan's opinion of *then* and *now* may differ. But whatever may be Bro. Hughan's opinion, *it cannot outweigh facts*; if he has not already changed his opinion, he will have to change it upon due reflection.

I shall not attempt to follow Bro. Meyers' earlier history of Masonry in Pennsylvania; the question about Daniel Coxe's connection with the Pennsylvania Masonry of 1782 has been discussed again and again in English and American papers; the Philadelphians have since then brought forward no new demonstrations, and have *most singularly* dropped the "Henry Bell" letter of 1754 from their proofs and demonstrations. The said letter was never alluded to by their orators at their celebration in 1882, nor did the orators of the Chapter celebration mention it. But the mere assertion and reassertion of the Philadelphia Masonic creed by Bro. Meyers—and a dozen other orators—even Bro. Hughan's opinion in the bargain—cannot change my belief that the theory of Daniel Coxe's connection with the Philadelphia Masonry of 1732 *is a mere assumption and blunder*. Again:—

"The Old Grand Lodge (says Bro. M.) changed the mode of recognition in order to detect the members of the seceding Lodges. For thus violating the landmarks they were styled by their adversaries as 'Moderns;' they (the seceders) claiming for themselves the title of 'Ancients.'"

This notion, that the Grand Lodge of England changed something in the mode of recognition, in order to keep out the seceders from its Lodges, originated with Preston in 1772. Previous to that time no one mentioned it; even Dermott's editions of the Ahiman Rezon of 1756 and 1764 make no mention of it. Preston's account of the origin of the *Ancients* is obscure and unmethodical. The first informs us, that during the Grand Mastership of the Earl of Crawford (that is between 30th March 1734 and the 24th February 1735) "A few resolutions also passed respecting illegal conventions of Masons, at which it was reported many persons had been initiated into Masonry on small and unworthy considerations."* As we have no evidence of the appear-

* The Grand Lodge held no meeting during the Grand Mastership of the Earl of Crawford. Such resolution could not, therefore, have

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ance of the Royal Arch before 1740, the irregularities above given, could not (as Bro. Hughan claims) have been due to "the promotion of Royal Arch Masonry" in 1734 or 1735.

The next trouble about irregular Lodges, Preston places in 1738. He says: "A number of dissatisfied brethren withdrew themselves from their Lodges and held meetings in different places for the initiation of persons into Masonry * * * In consequence of the breach which had been made in the friendly intercourse between the Grand Lodges of London and York (he ought to have said, "in consequence of the Grand Lodge of York *having been dormant since* 1730") these disaffected brethren * * * assumed, without any legal authority, the character of York Masons. Certain measures being adopted to check their progress. They made no considerable addition to their numbers, till, taking advantage of a murmur * * * among the Lodges in London, on account of some innovations that had lately been introduced * * * This imprudent measure of the regular Lodges offended many old Masons; but through the mediation of John Ward, Esq. * * * matters were in some measure accommodated." Again:—

In 1739. "Brethren again met in unwarranted Lodges, and initiated persons into Masonry on small and unworthy considerations. To disappoint the views of these irregular Masons, and to distinguish the persons thus received into Masonry, the Grand Lodge silently acquiesced in the imprudent measures which even the urgency of the case could not warrant. This had the intended effect, but gave rise to a new subterfuge. The brethren who seceded * * * immediately announced independency, and assuming the appellation of *Ancient Masons*, propagated an opinion that the ancient tenets and practices were preserved by them, while the regular Lodges had adopted new plans, and being composed of *modern* Masons, to counteract the resolutions of the Grand Lodge, a new Grand Lodge was instituted in London. * * * A civil rebellion ensued, and under the feigned name of the Ancient York Constitutions its Lodges daily increased * * * and under the false appellation of the York banner, they gained the countenance of the Scotch and Irish Masons, who readily joined in condemning the measures of the Lodges in London, which, they insisted, tended * * * to introduce novelties and to subvert the original plan of the society."

From Preston's history, one would infer that the secession, the declaration of independence, and the formation of the *Antients'* Grand Lodge, took place simultaneously in 1739 or 1740; the truth is, the first formation of the said Grand Lodge was in 1751; whether the original six Lodges, or even part of them survived since 1739, is, to say the least, *doubtful*. It is my opinion that from the very start of Masonry, there was a succession of unscrupulous Masons who conferred Masonry for small sums of money. Dermott, in 1756, complained that somebody then conferred the Royal Arch degree. Within my recollection, in Boston attempts have been made two or more times to establish such illegal Lodges. They failed in their attempts, because the *Mason makers* were neither men of position, means, nor talent, and such may have been the case in England with the old *Mason makers*. Even the concern of 1751 would have melted away, if Dermott, *quite a genius in his way*, had not placed himself at the head of it. In the earlier charters granted by Dermott he styled his concern "The Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted *York Masons*." This he could do with impunity, because there was no Grand Lodge at York from 1730 to 1761. But in the Charters he granted after 1761 he styled his concern "The G.L., &c., of Free and Accepted (not York Masons, but) Masons according to the old Constitution granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin of York." Now Dermott undoubtedly changed the mode of recognition in *every degree* of Craft Masonry. About the Masters' degree he says:—

"About the year 1717 some joyous companions who had passed the degree of a craft (though very rusty) resolved to form a Lodge for themselves, in order to recollect what had formerly been dictated to them, or if that should be impracticable, to substitute something new * * * At this meeting the question was asked, whether any person in the assembly knew the Masters' part? and being answered in the negative, it resolved *nem con* that the deficiency should be made up with a new composition." This accounts as to why the Masters' part differed in the two Grand Lodges. But even Dermott furnishes no hint as to why they differed in the first and second degrees, nor did he even allude to the existence of any difference in the two first degrees. That Dermott's statements are a tissue of falsehooods, Bro. Meyers himself conceded, by admitting that there was only one degree before 1717, &c. The establishment and perpetuation of the 1751 Grand Lodge was therefore entirely due to the talent and *cheek* of Dermott.

But I must now recall to mind Bro. Preston's account of the origin of the Ancients; he says, that in 1738 the English Masons, in order to keep out of their Lodges the *irregulars*, changed something in their ritual (which is understood to mean *their mode of recognition*), and that in 1739 the Grand Lodge *silently* acquiesced in the change; and this *change* gave great offence to the Scotch and Irish Masons, &c., all which, for obvious reasons, he gave us in very obscure language, which I shall, however, endeavour to make a little more clear.

Modes of recognition consist of *signs* or *words*, or both. Let us now suppose that before 1738, when an Apprentice wanted to make himself known to a Brother Mason, he gave the brother a slap on the back, and the word was "*Tweedledee;*" and a Fellow Craft to make himself known as such gave two slaps on the back of the brother and gave the word "*Tweedledum.*" Whether Preston's alleged change meant the introduction of entire new signs and words, or whether the mode of recognition of the Apprentice was changed into the former mode of recognition of the Fellow Craft, and *vice versâ*, I know not. But be that as it may, his account about the offence the Scotch and Irish brethren took thereat is clear enough. But here comes the question. There is no doubt that both in Scotland and in Ireland Masons give the same signs and words in the first two degrees, as is given by English Masons. Hence, at some period subsequent to 1738, the Scotch and Irish brethren must have conformed their modes of recognition to that of the Grand Lodge of England. The question then comes, *where*, *when*, and *why* have our Scotch and Irish brethren adopted the said change which their predecessors of the last century condemned as innovations and novelties?

The fact is, the statements of Preston with regard to the origin of the Ancients are on a par with his *compact* of 1721, with his narrative about the Grand Lodge of York, and other historical blunders. The ritual of 1730, discovered a few years ago by Bro. Abbott, is sufficient to upset the notion that any change was made *since then* by English Masons in the first two degrees.

Now for another Masonic blunderer. In the preface to "Hutchinson's Spirit of Masonry," Dr. Oliver gives an account of the Grand Lodge procession of 1742, and of the counter procession of the "Scald and miserable Masons," who met the G.L. procession in front of the old Somerset House, and the picture thereof, called "Geometrical view of the Grand procession of the scald miserable Masons," &c. To which Dr. Oliver adds:

"Anderson thus notices the circumstance: Some unfaithful brethren, disappointed in their expectations of the high offices and honours of the society, had joined a number of the buffoons of the day, in a scheme to exhibit a mockery of the public procession to the Grand Feast. This, as may well be supposed, furnished mirth to the gaping crowd, and disgust to the fraternity, who, wisely recollecting themselves, determined in future to confine their operations within the limits of their own assembly."

The whole of the above paragraph appeared in the said work, between quotation marks, as the writing of Dr. Anderson. The truth however is, I could find no such paragraph in Anderson's writings. Nor could Anderson have written remarks of events which took place in 1742, about three years after he was dead and buried, for he died in May 1739.

I sincerely hope that Bro. Gould's History will be free from blunders. I trust that he is endowed with sufficient courage to tread upon the toes of those who deserve it, and that he will discard the notion of "*Masonic Courtesy*" when dealing with Masonic misleaders. I would also respectfully suggest, that when his History is finished he should render a great service to the Craft by following it up with "*Anecdotes of Masonic Blunderers.*" For the collection of materials for such a work there will be no need to sneeze over old musty folios, or to spend years hunting in libraries. The said materials are scattered everywhere, and ready for gathering. For instance begin with the old MSS., Anderson, Hutchinson, Preston, Oliver, in short the English and American Masonic literature in general. Volumes of anecdotes of Masonic blunderers might be collected from those sources, and when these are exhausted he would find a wealthy mine of blunders in the legends and writings of the high degreers, for the higher Masons mount the more blunders they make. Such a work might be issued in volumes, or in monthly or weekly parts, I think it would be more remunerative, as far as pounds, shillings and pence is concerned, than the History. The said work would find its way into every public and private library, and even Masons, who as a rule do not relish serious reading, and do not care about history, as they are by no means averse to fun and humour, 99 out of every 100 brethren would readily subscribe to the "Anecdotes," where scarcely one would invest in a history. But the really great service the work would render the Craft would be, the driving away from the Masonic press of all kinds of pretenders, dreamers, and blunderers, *be they scribblers or orators.*

BOSTON, U.S., 4th May 1883.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

THE installation festival of this Lodge was held at Colchester on Wednesday, May 16th, and passed off most successfully. The Lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by Bro. Thomas G. Mills W.M., when two brethren were raised. Bro. G. A. Eustace (W.M. elect) S.W. was then introduced and duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Col. Somerville Burney P.G.D. P.M. and also one of the Founders of the Lodge. At its conclusion, the new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. C. D. Marshall S.W., Robert Smith J.W., Rev. W. Morgan Jones Chaplain, Thomas Eustace P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, Thomas Rix P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Secretary, S. H. Ellis S.D., A. S. B. Sparling J.D., R. Clowes W.M. 650 M.C., J. T. Bailey I.G., Simon Munson Tyler, G. P. Hazell and J. G. Renshaw Stewards. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Col. Burney, for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony of the day. The sum of five guineas was voted towards the Brightlingsea Relief Fund. The annual banquet followed at the George Hotel, when an excellent repast was served *à la Russe* by Mrs. Guiver. At its conclusion the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and Bros. C. Osmond, A. F. Amos, A. S. B. Sparling, C. D. Marshall, &c., kindly contributed some capital vocal music between the toasts. Among those present either in Lodge, or at the festive board, were Bros. H. S. Somerville-Burney P.G.D., Thomas J. Ralling P.M. 51 P.G. Sec., Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. 697 P.P.G.C., Thomas Rix P.M. Secretary 697 P.P.G.S.B., Thomas Eustace P.M. Treasurer 697 P.P.G.S.B., R. Clowes W.M. 650, W. Sowman W.M. 51, A. Gosling P.M. 697, Rev. A. Pertwee W.M. 433 P.P.G.C., J. J. Cavil W.M. 1312, J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Secretary 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., C. Osmond J.W. 51

been passed in 1734. Anderson does not mention such a resolution. In 1735 Anderson mentions a resolution condemning a book called "Freemason's *Vade Mecum.*" The question is, where did Preston get hold of his statements about 1734?

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P.P.G.O., Joseph Hope, A. R. Clench, and the following members of 697:—C. D. Marshall, Robert Smith, S. H. Ellis, A. S. B. Sparling, J. T. Bailey, A. L. Langford, W. Strutt, A. S. Went, H. Burton, W. G. Siggers, J. G. Renshaw, R. J. Godfrey, C. Frost, H. E. Williams, T. Matthewman, Jesse Eccles, W. Jelley, T. Warner, H. E. Heath, A. F. Amos, Percy Mitford, Henry Brown, H. J. Everett, A. J. Norman, G. P. Hazell, and W. Merry.—*Essex Standard.*

LODGE OF FINSBURY, No. 861.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th instant, at "The London," Fenchurch-street. Lodge was opened at four o'clock, by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. W. G. Hallows, who was supported by Past Masters George Leach, Meanwell Treasurer, G. W. Preston Secretary, A. Finch, W. Mackey, R. S. Hart; E. W. Parkes (W.M. elect) S.W., Fred. Hallows J.W., &c. &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. G. W. Hodges 1310, E. Isaacs 1816, H. Pritchard I.G. 1415, A. Ross J.D. 435, Henry T. Gordon W.M. 907, Henry G. Genton S.D. 1228, G. C. Peacock P.M. 201, W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177, J. Carty 700, E. Davey P.M. 861, H. E. Inman I.G. 1662, W. E. Williams 18, H. Baker 1669, R. P. Hewey 1687, A. H. Clements, W. Seckham Witherington 907, J. Seigenberg 212, A. Benabo 212, H. J. Amphlett 1511, Obed Roberts P.M. 188, F. W. Wenborn 813, W. Hicklin S.W. 1261, W. Garrett 173, H. Shepherd 754, J. L. Cogan P.M. 1365, W. France 860, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and, with due regard to proficiency being displayed by the candidates, Bros. Ernest Francis Brown, and Hewey of the, Crusaders' Lodge, No. 1677 (by request of the W.M. of that Lodge) were raised to the sublime degree. This ceremony was ably conducted by the acting Worshipful Master. For the ceremony of installing Bro. Edward William Parkes the Master Elect, Bro. A. Finch took the chair, and carried out the work in a most careful and impressive manner. Bro. Finch gave the explanation of the working tools in full, and his exhortations and addresses were listened to with rapt attention. He well deserved the applause he received at the conclusion of his labours. The Officers were invested as follows:—F. Hallows P.M. S.W., J. B. Edwards J.W., W. Meanwell P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Preston P.M. Secretary, Guyer S D., Byatt J.D., D. Ayling I.G., W. Groom P.M. M.C., Shepherd W.S., Thomas Tyler. The report of the Auditors, with a full balance sheet (which had been printed and sent to the members), having been presented and adopted, Bro. Groom announced that, thanks to the help he had received from members and friends of the Lodge, he had been enabled to secure the return of the candidate in whose election they were interested on Friday last; but, he regretted to say that Brother Wirtzfeld, to whom he referred, died about half an hour before the result of the poll was declared. A candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and routine work having received attention, Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was supplied, the viands and wines being of excellent quality. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the customary toasts in brief but pertinent phrase. In speaking of Her Majesty he regarded her as the Imperial mother of three energetic Craftsmen. He thought the brethren might, with more than customary enthusiasm, drink the health of Her Majesty on this her sixty-fourth birthday. In speaking to the toast of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, the Worshipful Master referred to the recent testimony of the Earl of Carnarvon as to the zeal displayed by the present Grand Master; this testimony he was sure all present would endorse. After the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers had been toasted, Brother W. G. Hallows proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He undertook the duty with much pleasure. The shadow of Death had been hovering over the Lodge for the past two years, and had made sad havoc in their ranks, but he trusted that some considerable interval might elapse ere they again had to acknowledge its presence. The brother who had been elected to preside over the destinies of the Lodge was highly respected, not only in Lodge, but by a large circle of friends who were associated with him in the business walks of life. In proposing the toast of health and happiness to the Worshipful Master, he could but wish Brother Parkes might have energy and strength to carry out his duties. The Worshipful Master in reply thanked Brother Hallows for the kind way in which he had introduced the toast, and the brethren for the reception they had given it. When he considered the able Masters who had preceded him, he felt fully the responsibilities he had undertaken. However, he should strive to his uttermost, and if he could only emulate the worthy Masons who heretofore had ruled the Lodge, he should be well satisfied. The Past Masters was the next toast offered by the W.M. He had around him both young and old Past Masters, and each had rendered good service to the Lodge. The W.M. referred to the able and efficient way in which Bro. Hallows performed the ceremony in the early part of the evening, while all present recognised the ability of the Installing Master. Bro. Parkes next made reference to the recent death of Bro. Willson, and to the memorial which had been exhibited in Lodge. For the other P.M.'s, he had among them some old and sincere friends. He would not take up their time, but would at once offer the toast for acceptance. In reply Brother Hallows expressed his thanks to the W.M. for his kind reference to what little service he had been able to render. If he had done the work to the satisfaction of the members he could but be gratified. Brother Finch endorsed what had been said by Brother Hallows. He had had great pleasure in installing Brother Parkes, who was a true hearted man, and would do credit to the Lodge. Bro. Finch then alluded to the loss the Lodge had sustained through the death of Bro. Willson, who, had he been permitted, would certainly have installed his successor. Bros. Leach, Hart, and Groom also addressed a few words to the brethren. The W.M. next rose to propose a toast always welcome to the brethren of the Finsbury Lodge, He referred to their Visitors. With the toast he would associate the name of Bros. Ferguson and Gordon. These brethren responded with commendable brevity, and they were followed by several other of the Visitors. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was the next toast introduced by the W.M., who enlarged on the zeal each of his Officers displayed in the fulfilment of their respective duties. Bros. Meanwell (Treasurer), and Preston (Secretary) acknowledged the compliment. For the other Officers the S.W. and others replied, and soon afterwards the Tyler gave the parting toast. The memorial, to be sent to the family of the late Bro. Willson, who died during the year of his Mastership, and to which reference has already been made, had been most artistically illuminated, and is worded as follows:—

LODGE OF FINSBURY, No. 861.

At a meeting of the above Lodge, held at the
"London Tavern," Fenchurch Street, 26th April 1883,
Bro. W. G. Hallows P.M. presiding,

It was unanimously resolved: To record on the minutes of the Lodge the expression of universal regret of the members on the death of their most esteemed Worshipful Master,

Bro. Philip H. Willson,

Who had been initiated in, and a constant attendant at, the Lodge, since February 1865. His earnest personal advocacy and generous contributions to Charity, and his amiable and courteous manner endeared him to all, and calls for the warmest gratitude and admiration.

The members of the Lodge also desire to express their sympathy and condole with the Mother, Sister, and Brother, upon the irreparable bereavement they have sustained.

Here follow several signatures.

The following programme of music was performed under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau, assisted by Bros. Edward Dalzell, Charles Beckett, and Franklin Clive. Grace, "For these and all Thy Mercies;" National Anthem; Madrigal, "The pleasant month of May," Beale; Song, "Ehren on the Rhine," Hutchinson; Part Song, "Summer Eve," Hatton; Humorous Song, "He did and he didn't know why," Grain; Ballad, "Is she not fair?" Pilati; Song, "I never can forget," Milton; Glee, "As the moments roll," Webbe. The music was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and Bros. Shartau and Franklin Clive added each a song to those set down for them; the former singing "The Three Pigs," while Bro. Clive, by request, gave "In cellar cool."

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Saturday, 19th instant. Bros. Wolf W.M., Marks S.W., Cook J.W., Gibbs S.D., Brook J.D., Venning I.G., Lorkin Acting Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Ferrer, Weeden, Houghton, Fenner, Lone, Manger, Ashton, Langdale, Allardyce, Spencer, and Von Jail. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree; Bro. Weeden offered himself a candidate, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Brother Wolf vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Ferrar, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, giving the traditional history. The Lodge was closed in the third degree, and Bro. Fenner worked the first section of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Langdale, of the St. Andrews in the East Lodge, No. 401 (Scottish), and Bro. Von Jail, of the Leigh Lodge, No. 957, were unanimously elected members. Bro. Marks was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Saturday, 26th of May.

Combermere Lodge, No. 605.—At the usual monthly meeting of the members of this Lodge, held at the Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, on the 17th instant, Bro. Alfred Judd S.S. proposed, and Bro. A. Moore S.D. seconded, "That the annual subscription of the Combermere Lodge to the Boys' Educational Institution and the Girls' Educational Institution be two guineas per annum respectively." After considerable discussion, Bro. J. Sillitoe P.M. and Treasurer, and A. Coveney P.M. opposing the motion, it was put to the meeting by the W.M. (Bro. Simm) and lost by one vote.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 18th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Bros. Gunner W.M., Maton S.W., Sperring J.W., C. E. Botley Sec., F. Botley S.D., A. Turner J.D., Cammell I.G., Gomm P.M.; Hirst, Weeden, &c. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Turner candidate. Lodge was closed in third and second degrees, when the first section of first lecture was worked by Bro. Secretary and Preceptor.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the members of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, at the Percy Lodge of Instruction, held at Bro. Langdale's, the Jolly Farmers' Southgate-road, Islington, N., on Saturday, 2nd June, at seven o'clock. Bros. Fox W.M., Larchin J.W., and Gush J.W. Brethren who will kindly favour the Lodge with a visit will be cordially received.

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GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS
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THE RIGHT HON. LORD HENNIKER,
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.
THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF KINTORE,
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

INSTALLATION of M.W. GRAND MASTER.

THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION OF THIS Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 5th day of June next, when and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of private Lodges, are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock p.m.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G.J.W.)
Grand Secretary.

N.B.—A Banquet will be provided at Seven o'Clock, at which the Grand Master will preside. The Tickets will be 15s each, inclusive of wine, if taken before the day of meeting; and 17s 6d if taken on that day; and it is requested that every Brother intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday the 2nd of June.

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CONSECRATION OF THE GORLESTON LODGE, No. 317.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PROVINCE OF EAST ANGLIA.

FAVOURED, on Monday last, as the Mark Master Masons of Suffolk and the adjoining counties were as regards the weather, and taking into consideration the interest which attaches itself to the doings of all degrees of Freemasonry in the Province of Suffolk, we were not surprised that a large gathering of Craftsmen assembled to take part in the consecration of this new Mark Masters' Lodge and the formation of the Province of East Anglia. The representative men of Gorleston—if we may be allowed so to designate them—Bro. E. P. Youell and Bro. Major Dods, had striven to their uttermost to the end that the meeting should turn out a successful one; and each vied in a spirit of honourable rivalry in offering a cordial welcome to the many visitors, with a result eminently satisfactory to all who participated in their hospitality. It has been said that Suffolk is fortunate in the number and position of its representatives in the various degrees in Freemasonry, and unquestionably she is securing for herself a position in the Masonic world. During the past few years great strides have been made in the Craft and Royal Arch degrees, which have respectively their Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter, both of them are well represented, and constantly increasing in numbers of membership. The Mark degree until Monday had but two Lodges in the county—one at Ipswich and the other at Bury St. Edmunds; on that day, however, the little corner of Suffolk—Gorleston—aspired to the possession of its Mark Lodge, following its earlier aspirations of a Royal Arch; and a large gathering of Mark Masters, and candidates for advancement, attended at St. Andrew's Hall. "The Youell" is the title under which this new Lodge will work, and is the sixth in the now-established Province working under the Mark Masters' Constitution, the other five Lodges being named—Albert Victor 70, Ipswich; Walpole 92, Norwich; Freeman 105, Bury St. Edmunds; Isaac Newton 112, Cambridge University; and Constantine 145, Colchester. Amongst those present were the Right Hon. Lord Henniker G.M.M.M., W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.M.M., Rev. C. J. Martyn, Frederick Binckes Grand Sec. P.G.J.W., D. M. Dewar (Past G.O.) Assistant Grand Secretary, Giovanni P. Festa M.O., T. Cubitt (St. Marks) P.G.S.O., Fred. Long P.M. Freeman 105 P.G.D.C. G.S.B. England, Dods (S.W. designate) Albert Victor 70, C. Pulman (Panmure) G.I.G. P. Prov. G.J.O. Middx. and Surrey, N. Tracy P.M. Albert Victor 70, H. C. Casley W.M. P.G.J.O. Albert Victor 70, C. E. Bignold S.W. Walpole 92, George Abbott Albert Victor 70, H. A. Smith Constantine 145, S. R. Anness S.W. Albert Victor 70, A. Hanlon Walpole 92, Thos. Rix P.M. Constantine 145, John W. French Constantine 145, Alfred Cubitt Constantine 145, G. B. Mickleburgh Sydney N.S.W., W. Armstrong S.W. Freeman 105, J. P. Lewin W.M. Constantine 145, James M. Harvey J.W. Albert Victor 70, A. Langton S.O. Freeman 105, Thos. J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. Constantine 145, Joseph Tomlinson (Francis Burdett) P.G.S.E., Edward Armitage J.D. Isaac Newton 112, Cambridge University, John R. Bridgman J.W. Walpole 92, James Dunsford J.O. Walpole 92, Charles F. Bond Walpole 92, E. Baldwin M.O. Walpole 92, George Baxter Secretary Walpole 92, S. Maude (Grosvenor) Prov. G. Chap. Middx. and Surrey, Hy. George Fleming P.M., John B. Pearce Reg. Walpole 92, H. G. Barwell W.M. Walpole 92, and about twenty brethren who sought advancement.

Lodge having been opened with Bro. Dewar as W.M., Bro. N. Tracy as S.W., and Bro. T. Cubitt as J.W., the following candidates were advanced to the degree of Mark Master Mason:—Bros. Charles Diver, Yarmouth; G. A. Ward, Newcastle; H. W. Youell, Gorleston; H. H. W. Elwes, Lowestoft; Geo. Bush, Lowestoft; B. M. Bradbeer, Lowestoft; J. J. Owles, Yarmouth; H. H. George, Gorleston; R. Martins, Yarmouth; H. F. Brooks, Yarmouth; Joseph Hudspith Southtown; William Sayer, Yarmouth; Alexander Mitchell, Yarmouth; John Hammond, Gorleston; C. L. Chipperfield, Southtown; F. W. Rolfe, Yarmouth; C. P. W. Laing, Southtown; T. R. Elkington, Ipswich; and W. W. Morgan, London.

At this stage of the proceedings it was announced that the M.W. Brother the Right Hon. Lord Henniker Grand Mark Master Mason of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, attended by several of his Grand Officers, was in waiting and sought admission. A deputation was formed, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master was received in the usual form, and with honours. On taking the chair, Lord Henniker expressed the great pleasure it gave him to witness the growth of Mark Masonry as evidenced by the increasing labour it entailed. He was especially proud of the duty that now devolved upon him in consecrating a new Lodge in his own county, particularly as in connection with the day's proceedings a Province was to be constituted. He complimented the members of the Lodge upon the excellent start it had made, and thought this might be accepted as a happy augury for its future. The founders of the new Lodge were then arranged in order, and the Petition and Warrant read. The brethren having signified their approval of the Officers named in the warrant, the Most Worshipful Grand Master proceeded to constitute the Lodge,

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with the customary formalities. The V.W. Brother Frederick Binckes, Grand Mark Secretary, took the chair as Installing Master, and Brother Edward P. Yonell, of the Walpole Lodge, No. 92, was installed as the first Mark Master of Lodge No. 317. The Officers appointed and invested were Bros. Major Dods S.W., J. Bond J.W., J. W. French M.O., J. Hall S.O., H. Elwes J.O., C. Diver Treasurer, H. F. Brooks Secretary, C. Buckland Senior Deacon, C. Bush J.D., H. H. Smith I.G., F. W. Rolfe Org., C. P. Laing Tyler. The addresses were delivered in splendid style by Brother Binckes, who thus completed his share in the labours of the day.

The next feature of the day's proceedings was the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Anglia, and to conduct this ceremony the Most Worshipful Brother W. Wither B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.M.M. had kindly consented to preside. The hymns for the occasion had been arranged by the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, and as we consider they were of more than ordinary merit, we give them in full.

OPENING HYMN.

The Sun and Moon, Eternal Lord,
Attend Thy sovereign call;
They run, obedient to Thy Word,
Whose laws are concord all.

In storm or sunshine, on the way
By Thee assigned they go;
The Lights that rule the night and day
Their Maker's guidance know.

Teach us, like them, where'er we be,
To do the Craftsman's part,
To work the work assigned by Thee,
True Master of our Art.

So let the sky be dark or bright,
And rough or smooth our way,
The day, though long, shall bring the night,
The night, though dark, the day.

Eternal Wisdom, Beauty, Power,
To Thee be glory given:
The Name we praise in life's short hour
We hope to praise in Heaven.
So mote it be.

The Worshipful Master of the Yonell Lodge was now informed that Most Worshipful Brother W. W. B. Beach was without, and a deputation was appointed to receive the Past Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge. Brother Beach having assumed the throne, Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the acting Grand Master was saluted. The following Ode was then sung—

Great Overseer of All,
On Thee for aid we call,
Sons of the Craft:
Steep is the bank to land;
Lend Thou the helping hand;
Safe on the shore to stand,
Raised on the raft.

Where'er our work be found,
Wood, hill, or casting-ground,
Thine aid we ask:
Grant in the noontide heat
Hour for refreshment sweet;
Call back to work when meet;
Speed thou the task.

Then when the shadows fall,
When labour ends for all,
Our wages tell:
Shew Thou the Master's choice;
Bid all our hearts rejoice;
Speak with approving voice,
"All have marked well."

The Grand Secretary having read the summons convening the meeting it was intimated that the M.W. Prov. G.M. designate, the Right Hon. Lord Henniker was without, and requested to be installed, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, with several Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, then formally introduced the Prov. G.M. designate and conducted him to the front of the pedestal. The Grand Secretary read the memorial from the brethren of the proposed Province, and the Grand Master's assent thereto. After a prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the following Ode was sung by the musical brethren:—

Eternal Wisdom, whose decree
Made light to dawn, and darkness flee,
Illumine Thou our earthly sight,
Make us indeed the Sons of Light.

Eternal Strength, whose mighty hand
Hath framed the sky, the sea, the land,
Without Thee vain were mortal skill;
Make strong our hearts to work Thy will.

Eternal Beauty, who hast blessed
The works Thy hands in order dressed,
Make us Thy loveliness to know,
And bear Thy Image here below.

Proclamation was then made that "East Anglia is now and henceforth constituted a Mark Province;" the P.G.M. was invested, and inducted into the chair, the M.W.P.G.M. taking the chair on the left. The Prov. Grand Master was then proclaimed and saluted with full honours. Lord Henniker appointed Brother the Rev. C. J. Martyn as his Deputy, and nominated and invested his Officers as follow:—

Bro. Frederick Long	G. Senior Warden
E. P. Yonell	G. Junior Warden
H. Barwell	G. Master Overseer
T. J. Ralling	G. Senior Overseer
H. C. Casley	G. Junior Overseer
Rev. R. N. Sanderson	G. Chaplains
Rev. Dennis Hall	G. Chaplains
Colonel Bignold (elected)	G. Treasurer
Rev. S. Maude	G. Registrar
N. Tracy	G. Secretary
J. Lewin	G. Senior Deacon
W. Armstrong	G. Junior Deacon
J. B. Pearce	G. Sup. of Works
J. B. Bridgman	G. Director of Ceremonies
George Abbott	G. Asst. Dir. of Cer.
Major W. Dods	G. Sword Bearer
T. Rix	G. Standard Bearer
J. Buckland	G. Organist
J. Bond	G. Inner Guard
S. R. Anness	G. Stewards
J. Dunsford	G. Stewards
C. H. Woods	G. Stewards
— Hollidge	G. Tyler

After the Provincial Grand Officers had been invested, Lord Henniker proposed a vote of thanks to the Most Worshipful Past Grand M.M.M. for his kindness in attending. Bro. W. W. B. Beach was an excellent Mason, always ready to assist, no matter in what part of the country. He (Lord Henniker) was very glad to see him in Suffolk on the present occasion. The proposition was seconded by the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Rev. C. J. Martyn, and carried with acclamation. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Beach wished the new Province every success in the future, and assured the brethren he appreciated the kind remarks of Lord Henniker. Amongst other matters that received attention was the appointment of a Committee to consider and prepare a code of Bye-laws, and after thanks had been tendered to the Grand Officers for the assistance they had rendered, hearty good wishes were given, and Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, after a very heavy day's work, which had much exceeded the time allotted for its transaction.

The Banquet took place at the Victoria Hotel, Great Yarmouth. The Most Worshipful the Right Lord Henniker presided in the first part of the evening, but in consequence of an important engagement he was compelled to leave early, and even then, as we were informed, had to post a distance of twenty-seven miles. The dinner gave great satisfaction, and on the removal of the cloth the Loyal and Mark toasts received full attention. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who now occupied the chair, on rising to propose the toast of the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Past Grand Masters of the Mark Degree, remarked that all must regret Lord Henniker had been compelled to leave. Their Grand Master had entered thoroughly into the duties of his office, and spared no exertion to promote the welfare of Mark Masonry. With respect to the Past Grand Mark Masters, they all were equally zealous: in fact, it might be asserted that the degree had never had a bad Grand Master. With the toast he would associate the name of one whom he considered the Past Grand Mark Master Mason *par excellence;* he referred to Brother Beach, to whom he was personally much indebted, inasmuch as it was he who initiated him; he was certainly one of the most hard working Masons we ever had; his services were always readily dispensed, and as warmly appreciated. This, perhaps, was his first visit to the Eastern part of the kingdom, and he (Bro. Martyn) thought he expressed the sentiments of all present when he trusted it might not be the last. In the course of his reply, Brother Beach said he hoped the brethren would accept his best thanks for the hearty reception they had given him. He had been associated with Bro. C. J. Martyn for many years, and in this regard it was pleasant to recal the memories of the past. He appreciated many lasting friendships that he had made through the medium of Freemasonry. He could but regret, in common with them all, the absence of Lord Henniker, but was gratified to note the advance the degree was making under his Grand Mastership. They were all indebted to the Rev. Canon Portal, their first Grand Mark Master, who had always taken a warm interest in the advancement of the Degree. The next toast that was brought under notice was the health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Mark Grand Officers; the speaker commenting on the care exercised in the selection of brethren for the several parts, and recognising the zeal each brought to bear in the fulfilment of his duties. Bros. Davison, Tomlinson, and Cubitt responded. The latter touched upon some interesting episodes in connection with similar gatherings to that he was now taking part in, and drew a most satisfactory picture of the day's work as compared with other of his experiences. The health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master was proposed by Bro. Beach, and Bro. Martyn in responding remarked that he felt almost as proud as a peacock at the recognition his efforts were receiving. He had recently had a Lodge in Suffolk named after him, and he was now again prominently brought under notice in connection with the formation of this new Province of East Anglia. In responding to the toast of the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Yonell Lodge, Brother Yonell referred to the establishment, seven years ago, of the St. Andrew's Lodge, and the sustained interest taken in Freemasonry by the brethren at Gorleston. A Royal Arch Chapter had since been firmly established, and that day they had taken part in the formation of a Mark Lodge. It was not to be expected they would stop where they now where, and he anticipated the more advanced degrees would be sought after by the Gorleston Masons. For himself he greatly appreciated the honour conferred on his Lodge, through him, by his having been selected for the collar of Provincial Grand Junior Warden. The next toast was the health of the Installing Master. The Rev. C. J. Martyn spoke in most eloquent

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terms of the services Brother Binckes, who had so well sustained his part that day, had rendered to Freemasonry in general and the Boys' School in particular. In acknowledging the compliment Brother Binckes said he felt somewhat awed by the too eulogistic way in which his poor services had been referred to. As regards the progress of Mark Masonry throughout the country, it unquestionably had had its ebb and flow, but it was now fairly established in this new Province. He had had the honour of consecrating the Walpole Mark Lodge, No. 92, and he was much gratified at the share he had taken in the events of the day they were now celebrating. He felt he might truthfully say all had striven to make it go off pleasantly. The degree, whatever might have been its vicissitudes, was now generally recognised, and received sympathy and support from all classes. Its financial position was a sound one; G. Mark Lodge had £5300 invested, and they were educating ten or twelve children. Bro. Binckes next referred to the connection of the Mark with Ancient Freemasonry, and recommended all to study its archæology. At that late hour of the evening he feared he should be wearying them, but as regards Mark Masonry, its early history was soundly authenticated, and 1670 might be named as the date when Operative ended, and Speculative began. Bro. Binckes concluded an excellent speech by thanking the brethren for the reception they had given him. There were several other toasts proposed, and the replies to each were brief, but well to the purpose. It was a late hour when the brethren separated. The musical arrangements of the day were conducted by Bro. Charles Buckland, who was ably assisted by Bros. Rolfe and George Abbott.

The next meeting of the Walpole Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 92, will be held at 23 St. Giles' Street, Norwich, on Monday, the 28th inst., at 6.45 p.m., when the following candidates will offer themseves for membership:—

Bros. Everett Howell M.M. Walpole Lodge, 1500, William Robert Tidman M.M. Walpole Lodge, 1500, proposed by Brother Jas. Hobrough, seconded by Brother M. J. Bailey; Brother the Right Hon. Lord Suffield Provincial Grand Master, proposed by Brother Barwell W.M., seconded by Brother Colonel Bignold S.W.; Bros. W. H. Doughty W.M. Sondes Lodge, 996, W. J. Butler J.W. Perseverance Lodge, 213, proposed by Brother F. Long, seconded by Bro. J. B. Bridgman; Bros. W. H. Stevens jun., Walpole Lodge, 1500. Charles Sexton, W.M. Perseverance Lodge, 213, proposed by Brother J. B. Bridgman, seconded by Brother George Baxter; Brother Fred. Morgan, Walpole Lodge, 1500, proposed by Brother George Baxter, seconded by Brother J. B. Bridgman; Brother Edward Arthur Ernescliffe, Cabbell Lodge, 807, proposed by Bro. W. F. Stratford, seconded by Bro. J. B. Bridgman. Bros. George Green, J. W. Browne, T. C. R. King, R. Woodward, H. Rosling, E. Pankhurst, G. F. Crane, W. H. Preston, W. Gaze, J. E. Short, and G. H. Ladyman, if present, will be advanced; the ballot already having been recorded in their favour.

Grand Mark Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on the 5th of June, at 5 p.m., when Lord Henniker will be again installed as Grand Master. The great progress of the Mark Degree is observable from the report of the General Board, which states that in the six months ending 31st of March last 738 certificates had been issued, the total number of registered Mark Master Masons being now 17,471. During the same period eleven warrants for new Mark Lodges were granted, seven for England and four for the Colonies. In the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners 100 certificates were issued, and two warrants for new Lodges, both for England. New Provinces were constituted at Montreal and Tasmania. The appointment of two additional Grand Officers is recommended, a Second Director of Ceremonies and a Second Standard Bearer; and donations of fifty guineas to the "Preparatory School Building Fund" of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and £25 to the sufferers by the recent fire in Jamaica are also recommended.—*Evening News.*

MASONIC REQUITAL.

WE extract the following from a recent number of the *Masonic Advocate*:—

In all the vocations of life man hopes to receive a just reward for his labour. That it should be commensurate with the work performed, and yield proper compensation to enable him to support himself and family, he has a right to expect while he faithfully employs such talent and strength as he may possess. Not only this, but while in the vigour of manhood he may reasonably expect to accumulate something more, so that, when he has passed the meridian of life, and in the weakness of declining years is no longer able to go forth to his accustomed task, he may enjoy the fruits of his labour and know that he is not dependent upon others for a home while life shall last, nor upon charity for a decent burial when his days are ended. But, alas! there are many, who, after long years of honest toil and self denial, find at last that their expectations are not thus realised. More than a bare subsistence, as the years roll by, they have nothing to shew in return for the great work they have done. What little strength that remains must still be constantly employed in providing the necessaries of life so long as it shall last. Can it be that such a requital is all that is deserved?

The last number of the *Voice of Masonry* contains an urgent appeal in behalf of an aged brother—now in his seventy-seventh year—who has spent nearly his whole life in the interest of Masonry. He began his work long before most of the Masons of the present day became members of the great Brotherhood, and has laboured without intermission in disseminating light and knowledge for the benefit of the Craft. And now, verging to nearly fourscore years, the veteran must still keep his pen going to provide his daily bread. This aged Mason, now in need of assistance, is none other than Bro. Cornelius Moore, for thirty years the editor of the *Masonic Review* at Cincinnati. His present address is Box 518 Windsor, Ontario, where he now resides. We most heartily join with the *Voice* in its appeal to the Masonic fraternity in behalf of this worthy brother in distress.

There are a few thoughts that arise in connection with the case here presented that we deem worthy of consideration. Is there anything in Freemasonry, aside from its ceremonial work, that is worth knowing? If so, then why is it that so few Masons appreciate the fact and avail themselves of this knowledge? From what source can these benefits be obtained? What requital may a Mason expect for time and money spent for the good of Masonry?

To one who has informed himself in regard to the Institution, it is apparent that no man of fair intelligence can pass through the initiatory ceremonies of being made a Mason without failing to discover that they are only the key that opens the door to the sublime principles, upon which it is founded. To enter in and receive a knowledge of the great truths that will be unfolded to him is now his privilege. Strange as it may appear, a very large proportion of initiates seem to be satisfied when they have reached this point. Why such is the case can be explained only upon the hypothesis that curiosity prompted them to seek admission, and having satisfied that they have no higher interest in Masonry. To still satisfy their curiosity they can spend hundreds of dollars in taking more degrees, but when asked to invest a few dollars in a valuable Masonic book, from which they could derive a more correct knowledge of Masonry, or to subscribe for a Masonic journal that would keep them posted in the work of the Order, they have no money to spare for that purpose, nor time to devote to it. From the best information we have been able to gather, not more than six per cent. of the Masons in this country own a Masonic book of the value of one dollar, and few to exceed that number are now subscribers to a Masonic journal. Many eminent and learned Masons, in the last fifty years, have tried to establish Masonic publications, but they have generally soon abandoned them for want of proper support. Not only Bro. Moore, whose case we have presented, but also Bros. Mackey, Morris, Mitchell, Charles W. Moore, Gouley, Wheeler, Guilbert, and others, go to make a long list of bright lights in Masonry, whose efforts in that direction were not appreciated to the extent of a proper requital for their labours. We are stating facts as we find them, not expecting to accomplish any particular good by so doing, but as matter of information to our readers. If any have thought otherwise, we have perhaps convinced them that a Mason is not necessarily a millionaire because he is engaged in publishing a Masonic journal.

THE FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP.

When need or distress, when misfortune or sorrow,
O'ertake or encompass thy brother around,
Go, serve and assist him, nor wait for the morrow,
On foot, e'en though out of thy way it be found.

Ah, yes, there *is help* in fraternal devotion,
A solace in sorrow, and aid in distress,
Which fills the sad heart with soft thrilling emotion,
When true to the *First* on love's pathway we press.

When faint thro' the darkness the vesper is pealing,
When clear on the morn rings the matin's sweet tone,
With heart and with voice, on the closet floor kneeling,
Remember a brother's welfare as thine own.

Thank Him for His grace and His love; ask His blessing
On thee, and thy home, on thine own, loved and dear,
Then think of the *Second*, and when Him addressing,
Let brotherly love plead in language sincere.

Preserve in thy breast what a brother, confiding,
Commends to thy keeping, when honest and just,
Inviolate hale it, and hold it in hiding,
And, strong in thy honour, betray not the trust.

Forget not the Builder beset and in danger,
E'en death from his bosom extorted no WORD,
So keep thou the *Third*, though it come from a stranger,
Enough that a brother the trust has conferred.

Aye, stretch forth thy hand if a brother be falling,
Support him, and aid him his feet to regain,
Await not the summons, the sign or the calling,
But fly to his succour from danger and pain.

If slander's foul tongue his fair name is assailing,
Though absent or present, his virtue defend;
And prove that the *Fourth* shall be ever availing,
To rescue the fame of a brother and friend.

To err is but human, a brother, forgiving,
Performs but a duty, a labour of love;
And he who demurs in his heart is not living
The life shown and taught by the Master above.

Nay, more, in the ear of the wayward and erring,
Reproof should admonish, and counsel should aid
In self-reformation; thus nobly conferring
The *Fifth* in its fullness, its light and its shade.

—*Voice of Masonry.*

BIRTH.

COOPER.—On the 22nd instant, at Spring Lane, Bexley, the wife of Brother ROBERT COOPER, of a Son.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 26th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1631—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 28th MAY.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1237—Enfield, Court House, Enfield

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 29th MAY.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead

WEDNESDAY, 30th MAY.

15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 357—Apollo University, Apollo University Hall, Oxford
R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THURSDAY, 31st MAY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborne Street Hull
R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 1st JUNE.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
998—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 2nd JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 173 - Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

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CONSTITUTION OF A NEW PROVINCE.

WEDNESDAY, 16th May, was a red letter day among the Royal Arch Masons of Essex, when the four Chapters working therein were constituted into a Provincial Grand Chapter, with the popular D.P.G.M. of the Craft Lodges—M.E. Comp. Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G. Soj.—as Provincial Grand Superintendent. The needful ceremonial of installation, which was held at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, was most kindly undertaken by M.E. Comp. the Lord Lathom, Grand H. of England, and was performed, it need hardly be added, in a most impressive manner. The other acting Officers were—E. Comps. Colonel Shadwell Clerke G.S.E. as H., the Rev. C. W. Arnold as J., T. J. Ralling Z. 51 as S.E., Frank Richardson P.G.A.S. as D.C. P.G. Chapter having been duly opened, the Grand Supt. designate was introduced by the following Comps:—the Rev. E. H. Crate P.Z. 51, W. W. Brown Z. 214, F. Adlard P.Z. 214, Vero W. Taylor Z. 276, E. Judd Z. 1000, and A. Lucking P.Z 1000. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and at its conclusion the Grand Superintendent appointed E. Comp. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.Z. and S.E. Essex Chapter, No. 276, and E. Comp. George Cooper, P.Z. and S.E. Hope and Unity Chapter, No. 214, to the Chairs of H. and J. respectively. The other Officers were then invested as follows:

Comp. T. J. Ralling Z. 51	P.G.S.E.
Rev. E. H. Crate P.Z. 51	P.G.S.N.
A. Goodchild P.Z. 276	P.G.P. Soj.
E. E. Phillips P.Z. 1000	P.G. 1st Assist. Soj.
E. Judd Z. 1000	P.G. 2nd Assist. Soj.
E. B. Florence P.Z.	P.G. Registrar
W. Pissey P.Z. 1000.	P.G. Sword Bearer
J. E. Wiseman P.Z. 51	P.G. Standard Bearer
A. Lucking P.Z. 1000	P.G. Dir. of Cer.
W. W. Brown Z. 3214	P.G. Organist
— Martin	P.G. Janitor

On the motion of E. Comp. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.G.H., seconded by E. Comp. E. E. Phillips P.Z. 1000, E. Comp. Andrew Durrant P.Z. and Treasurer 276 was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer. The following were appointed a Committee to frame Bye-laws:—E. Comps. Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.G.H., George Cooper P.G.J., T. J. Ralling P.G.S.E., Rev. E. H. Crate P.G.S.N., Andrew Durrant Prov. Grand Treasurer, and Vero W. Taylor Z. 276. On the motion of the Grand Superintendent, seconded by the Provincial Grand H., a hearty vote of thanks was passed to M.E.Z. Comp. Lord Lathom, for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony of the day. The Grand H., in responding, congratulated the Province of Essex upon meeting, for the first time, as a P.G. Chapter, and expressed a hope that from so auspicious a beginning they might grow and prosper. He was pleased to have been present that day to instal so worthy and distinguished a Comp. as the Grand Superintendent. Thanks were also voted to the acting Officers for the day; and to the County Magistrates for the use of the Shire Hall. The Grand Superintendent said, as a momento of the day's proceedings, he would ask the Grand Chapter to accept as a present from himself the collars and jewels which had been used to invest the Officers. He thanked the Companions for attending to greet him on his installation, and expressed a hope that Royal Arch Masonry would flourish in the Province. A hearty vote of thanks having been accorded to M.E. Comp. Philbrick for his munificent gift, the interesting proceedings closed. Between forty and fifty Companions afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel, a sumptuous repast being served by Brother Haxell, the host. The newly-installed Grand Superintendent presided, and was supported by the Grand H. of England, the Grand Superintendent of Suffolk, and other distinguished members of the Grand Chapter. After dinner, the usual Royal Arch toasts were given, and success to the Prov. Grand Chapter of Essex was enthusiastically drank. The musical arrangements were efficiently carried out by Companions G. F. Smith, G. F. Smith jun., T. Lawler, and G. T. Carter. Among those present during the day, in addition to those already mentioned, were Companions the Rev. C. J. Martyn Grand Superintendent Suffolk, E. J. Barron P.G.S.B. P.Z. and Treasurer 214, Thomas Fenn P.G.S.B., Nathaniel George Philips P.G.S.N., W. H. Saunders, Frederick Adlard P.Z. 214, W. Gosling P.G.S. Bengal, Edgar Bowyer Grand Standard Bearer, Joshua Nunn P.G.D.C., H. H. Locke P.Z. 109, &c., James Gosling 1000, R. Clowes 1st Assistant Sojourner 51, B. S. Barnes H. 276, D. M. B. Wheeler 276, K. Wilson P.Z. 276, E. Shedd J. 276, G. Wallace, 214, M. J. O'Connor P.P.S. 214, F. Whitmore P.Z. 276, A. C. Veley P.Z. 276, E. H. Carter P.Z. 276, Alf. Williams 8, G. F. Smith jun. J. 1839, G. F. Smith 1839, G. T. Carter 145, T. Lawler 92, J. H. Matthews 9, Joshua Street P.Z. 389, J. P. Lewin P.S. 276, G. W. Pascall 276, James S. Brown 276, Frederick A. Cole P.Z. 51, J. Terry Z. 1471 P.G.J., W. Sowman P.S. 51, James Nicholls P.Z. 276, A. Mead 276, &c.—*Essex Standard.*

A meeting of the members of the North London Chapter of Instruction was held at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's Road, Islington, on Thursday, the 24th inst. Comps. Dean occupied the chair of Z., Sheffield H., Higgins J., Fraser S.N., Hunter P.S. The weather was warm, yet there was a good muster. It being Her Most Gracious Majesty's birthday, the Companions, before seperating, drank to her health.

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PANTOMIME—"HARLEQUIN FREEMASON."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In January 1880, Bro. Parker, Superintendent of the Boston Masonic Temple, showed me a Diary by a New England Royalist refugee, while residing in London, containing an account of a Pantomime of the above name, acted at Covent Garden Theatre, 9th March 1791, which account appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Soon after this, I discovered the printed Pantomime itself (which I brought with me to London), and it was reprinted in the same paper in the latter part of February or beginning of March 1880. During my late visit to Europe, the same Bro. Parker found, in the Worcester Library, a Boston paper of 1802, containing the enclosed advertisement. There seems to be a mistake about its being acted in London in 1783. The arrangement differs from the original. It is not impossible, therefore, that another pantomime of that name may have appeared in London in 1783. The Boston papers contained no editorials in those days about theatrical performances, and I could not find in the papers that the said pantomime was ever performed here before, or after 5th May 1802. I think it would be worth while to look over the London papers of 1781 and of 1783, to learn what notice (if any) was taken of that performance. But any how, the enclosed advertisement will be new, both to English and American Masons, and there can be no harm in reprinting it in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Yours fraternally,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 7th May 1883.

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This evening, May 5th, will be presented (by desire) Shakespeare's favorite play of Henry the Fourth, with the humours of Falstaff.

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To which will be added, for the last time this season, a new Grand Pantomime Entertainment, in 2 acts, called,

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In the course of the Pantomime, the following incidents, scenery, &c.—To commence with a view of Hiram's Garden, and Recluse by Moonlight, in which Masonic Emblems change to Harlequin—A Fashionable Head-Dress inclosed in a Magical Band-box—A Clock just in time, and a New Constructed Toilette—A Dog Kennel changed to a Pigeon House, with an Old Woman Enraged, or the Clown in the Wrong Basket.

Act 2nd—A Collection of Animated Pictures, or the Portrait turned Painter—A Magic Cabinet, Organized—the Exaltation, or the Hanging of Harlequin, who drops Limb from Limb, and is instantaneously reanimated. To conclude with a Display of the Regions of Friendship, with Masonic Emblems, personifying Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty, with Faith, Hope, and Charity.

The whole arranged and got up under the direction of Mr. Bates, who respectfully assures the public he has dedicated a great deal of time and expense in its preparation, and humbly hopes it may be found deserving their approbation and patronage.

Doors open at 6. Curtain rises at 7. Conclude by 11.

Columbian Centinel, May 5, 1802.

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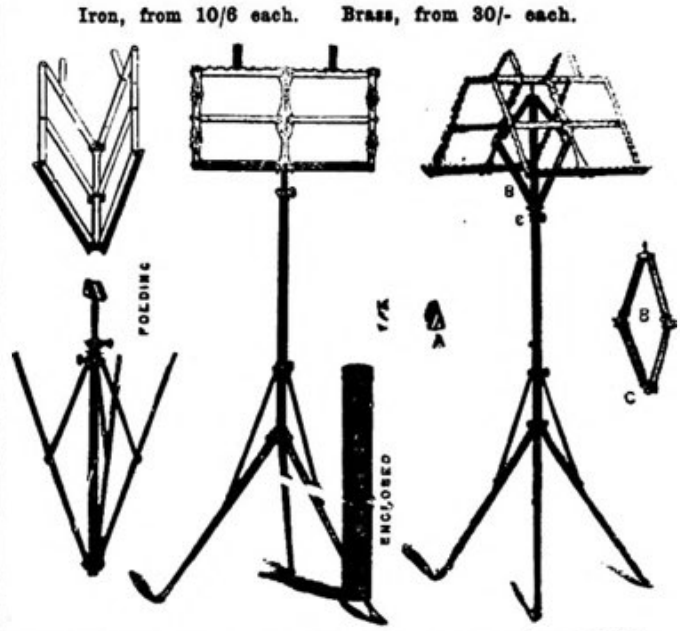

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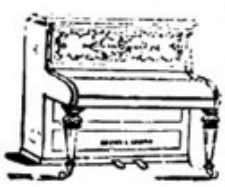

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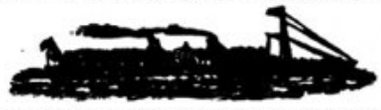

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THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE business to be transacted in Grand Lodge, at its Quarterly Communication, to be held on Wednesday next, the 6th inst, is of the most formal character excepting the one item which has reference to the reconstruction of our Masonic Temple. This one exception will render next week's gathering one of the most important in the annals of the Craft in the present day, and it will doubtless call forth many proposals, counter-proposals, suggestions and lengthy discussions. The main proposition on the subject to be considered by Grand Lodge next week will be submitted by the President of the Board of General Purposes, and is based on a report presented by the Premises Committee. This proposal, to which we refer at length below is, we think, the best that can be made, and if properly carried out, should meet the approval of brethren generally, as its adoption would be the means of providing something like double the accommodation to which we have been accustomed, and that, too, without materially interfering with existing arrangements as regards private Lodge-rooms, offices, and other adjuncts to Grand Lodge, the Freemasons' Tavern, &c.

Taking the items on Wednesday's agenda in the order in which they there appear, we have first the submission of the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, and of the Grand Festival, for approval. Next will come the election of members of the Board of General Purposes. For the fourteen vacancies on the Board which have to be filled by the vote of Grand Lodge, there are thirty-two nominations; but as one brother is nominated twice and two others three times each, there are but twenty-seven brethren actually before Grand Lodge. What does this double nomination mean? Does it not imply that the brother thus honoured (?) has never been consulted as to his willingness to contest the position—for surely no one who was asked would allow two brethren to divide the privilege of naming him for so important a post in the Craft? There is one point in connection with this plurality of nomination we think it desirable to mention here. It has never struck us before, although, doubtless, similar instances have frequently occurred. Will the names on the ballot papers be the same as those which appear on the Grand Lodge agenda, because if such is the case it will be possible for any brother so entitled to give two votes to Bro. Smallpeice (the brother twice nominated) and three each to Bros. Bristow and Escott (who each appear three times on the list). In such a case would the votes be added together, or each nomination stand on its own basis? The former course would be manifestly unfair to the other nominees, while the latter might seriously affect the pluralists themselves.

Having disposed of the election for the Board of General Purposes, that of the Members of the Colonial Board will follow, but as in this case the number of brethren nominated exactly corresponds with the number to be elected by Grand Lodge, no poll will be needed, the declaration of election being only a matter of formality. In the case of the members for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the case is different, as there are eleven nominations for the ten vacancies; a poll will, therefore, be necessary.

The sixth item on the list is the Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter. The grants which will come before Grand Lodge for approval at its next meeting are much smaller in number than has been the average of late, there being but seven recommendations—four of £50 each, two of £100 each, and one of £150. The Report of the Board of General Purposes comes next. After formally recording the fire which occurred at Freemasons' Hall on the 3rd ult., and which is described as having caused considerable damage to the premises, the Board acknowledge the receipt of a report thereon from their Premises Committee, which they say they have carefully considered, and, believing the recommendations therein to be for the welfare and convenience of the Craft, they submit them for the favourable consideration of Grand Lodge. The Board also report that a fresh Catalogue of the Library and Museum of Grand Lodge is about to be prepared, and solicits donations of Masonic works, &c. on behalf of the Library Committee.

The Report of the Premises Committee, to which reference has already been made, deals entirely with the question of the reconstruction of the Masonic Temple. The fire, says the report, resulted in the almost entire destruction of the time-honoured "Temple," in which the meetings of Grand Lodge have taken place for over a hundred years—together with the valuable pictures of Past Grand Masters contained therein, as also a great part of the furniture and other fittings. The Hall thus destroyed was formally dedicated to Masonry on the 23rd May 1776, by the Right Hon. Lord Petrie, then Grand Master, who had, in the year preceding, laid the foundation stone. Since that time Grand Lodge has, uninterruptedly, held its meetings there. The premises were fully insured, the only loss to the Craft being the many articles which cannot be replaced, such as the pictures already referred to, the "Ark of the Covenant" (wherein were deposited the Articles of Union between the two Grand Lodges on the occasion of their being united in 1813), and other "Antiquities."

The Committee, after careful consideration, have come to the conclusion that the removal of Grand Lodge premises to the Thames Embankment (a proposition long since mooted) is impracticable, as not only is involved the question of constructing, at an immense cost, a building suited to the requirements of the Craft, but also the almost equally prominent question of the Freemasons' Tavern, the goodwill, of which, of course, depends on the close proximity of the Hall. The G. Superintendent of Works having therefore been called upon for his opinion as to the best possible plan for carrying out such works of renovation and enlargement as will afford accommodation for the attendance in Grand Lodge of at least 1,500 brethren (double the number provided for in the old Hall) states, that to renew the premises destroyed, on the old lines, would be a simple matter, and, looking at the insurance, of little expense to the Craft; but he submits the following scheme for doubling the present accommodation, viz., to add to the area occupied by the Hall just destroyed, the present great Dining Hall of Freemasons' Tavern (the two now running side by side), and that by due and equitable arrangements with Messrs Spiers and Pond (Limited), the lessees of the Tavern, and with Mr. Bacon, the lessee of Bacon's Hotel, adjoining the Tavern, the necessary substituted accommodation for a new Dining Hall, and for improved kitchen accommodation for the Tavern, should be

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provided on the site of the Hotel. He further points out that at the present stage it is impracticable to submit any accurate estimate of the cost of this scheme; but is of opinion that the total expense would probably not exceed from £30,000 to £35,000 beyond what would be received from the Insurance Companies, and from Messrs. Spiers and Pond, as a contribution for improvements especially affecting their premises.

The Premises Committee refer to the funds to credit of Grand Lodge, and intimate that any balance required could be raised without difficulty, and conclude by recommending the scheme, fully believing that should it be adopted by Grand Lodge, it will give to the Craft premises worthy of the present flourishing state of Freemasonry in England. Little need be said in reference to this proposition, it seems to us the best that could be made. It would be a pity to sacrifice the portions of the premises still uninjured, and give up the old Masonic associations which are inseparable from Great Queen Street, for the purpose of erecting a showy Temple on the Thames Embankment, or other public thoroughfare, which, to many, would be looked upon as only a huge advertisement of the greatness of Freemasonry. In addition, there is the question affecting the income derived from the Freemasons' Tavern, which would no doubt be affected by any removal of the Lodge accommodation, as well as many other matters which will doubtless strike our readers.

The Report of the Board of Benevolence is followed by a resolution of the members; expressive of their sense of the ability and courtesy of the President, and by a statement of Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee (held on the 18th ult.) Then comes the consideration of the Annual Report of the Benevolent Institution; an appeal against sentence of expulsion; and three notices of motion.

The first of these latter refers to the rebuilding of the Temple, the second to the reconsideration of the Revised Book of Constitutions, and the third is a proposal that the usual annual grant for coals for the old people at Croydon shall be made from the funds of Grand Lodge. We can but express a hope that the meeting will be numerously attended, and that whatever decisions may be arrived at they may ultimately prove of benefit to the Craft at large.

THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THIS years' Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys promises to be the most important gathering ever held in connection with either of our Masonic Institutions, as no doubt this year's total of subscriptions will prove to be the largest ever collected. The Committee of the Boys' School, we believe, by the all but unanimous opinion of the subscribers, decided conditionally on an enlargement of the School buildings at Wood Green by the erection of a Preparatory School, a course which will enable them to take on an additional number of pupils, and thus relieve the pressing wants of some of the many candidates who periodically present themselves at the half-yearly elections of the School. It having been determined that a special Fund should be raised to meet the cost of building this proposed Preparatory School, especial advantages, in the way of extra votes, were offered, to induce old supporters of the Institution to come forward and contribute towards the enlargement, and this plan has met with such a hearty response as will lead to the collection of—it is said—as much as £20,000 during the year, a very large portion of which will, as we have explained, be specially contributed for the purpose of enlarging the premises at Wood Green. That such a result should even be anticipated goes far to prove the popularity of the proposed enlargement. It cannot be said that all of this extra support is given because additional votes are offered; that might influence some few, but, on the other hand, it must be borne in mind that unless a brother sympathised with the Institution, no amount of enticement, in the form of extra votes, would induce him to subscribe. We may, therefore, safely assume that the Boys' School is in favour with a very large majority of English Craftsmen.

It has fallen to our lot on many occasions in the past to lament the inability of the Committee to take on a larger proportion of the lads deemed eligible for the benefits of the School, and there is very little doubt but that the great number of boys who have had to be returned as unsuccessful after the various elections has made an impression on the minds of many who have come forward during the present year to assist in providing more accommodation at the School. We only hope they may live to see the fruits of their generosity; and that the lads who will be taken on in consequence of the extra exertions now being made will appreciate the help afforded them, and, should opportunity occur, will do their best to maintain those who, in years to come, may seek the benefits they in their youth secured.

So far we have only spoken of the support it is anticipated will be given to the School itself, during the present year; no mention has yet been made of the men who are working to bring about the grand result expected. The Stewards of the year seem to us to deserve especial consideration on the present occasion. They are entrusted with a work which will remain, not merely for a year or two, but as long as the School exists; they are called upon to demonstrate the practicability, or otherwise, of maintaining the enlargement that has been agreed upon, and in proportion to the success they achieve may be reckoned the success which will attend the first few years, at least, of the Preparatory School. If, as we believe will be the case, the Stewards are this year enabled to collect sufficient to pay the extreme cost of the addition, it will ever remain a monument to their exertions, and will stand as an example for future generations to follow.

At the present time there are something over 360 brethren enrolled on the list of Stewards, and from these some enthusiastic Craftsmen say no less a sum than £20,000 is to be received! A large amount, it must be admitted, but one which it is possible for them to raise under the special circumstances which can be associated with this year's appeal. The holding of the Festival at the Crystal Palace on one of the days set apart for the Handel Celebration, may influence some few at least to assist who would not otherwise do so, and if strangers to our Charities can be induced to attend these meetings, it usually happens that a donation follows, if not at once, at least some short time afterwards.

The Right Hon. Viscount Holmesdale has a good Province at his back, and we look forward to seeing him and the Craftsmen of Kent heading the list, so far as the Provinces are concerned, with a total which will do credit, not only to the county from which it emanates, the worthy brother at its head, the Institution for which it is subscribed, but to Freemasonry in general.

In conclusion, we can but tender our best wishes for success to all who are associated with the Festival, and express a fervent hope it may realise as grand a total as Brother Binckes, the energetic Secretary—to whom much of the credit of the work is due—and other friends desire. In any case we feel sure that the donations will prove beyond a doubt that the Boys' School has the sympathy of the entire English Brotherhood.

FREEMASONRY IN RUSSIA.

IT was the Grand Lodge of London that established the first Lodge at Moscow in 1731, under the reign of the Empress Anna Ivanowa, and for the purpose of constituting others in the country, patented John Phillips as Provincial Grand Master. Freemasonry made but very little progress in Russia, and it was not until the year 1771 that the first Lodge was organised at St. Petersburg. In 1772 the Grand Lodge of London delivered to John Yelaguine, a Senator and Privy Councillor, a patent constituting him Provincial Grand Master for Russia. After his death he was succeeded by the Count Roman Woronsow. At this time the Lodges increased to a greater extent in St. Petersburg than in any other portion of the empire, the membership belonging in great part to the nobility. Under the reign of Catherine II. it would have been difficult to find in St. Petersburg a noble who was not a Freemason. It is true that the Empress often manifested some chagrin when, after finding but a single chamberlain in attendance upon her, she inquired for such and such a one as she missed, and was told that he had gone to the Lodge; but, nevertheless, she was well enough

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disposed towards the Fraternity to have her son, Paul I., initiated immediately upon his coming of age. The high degrees, and, above all, those of the system of Strict Observance, invaded the territory of Russia about the year 1775, and it lacked nothing of creating the same disorders it had everywhere caused. Many of the Lodges, professing only the English Rite, had no desire to accept this Templar parady, which was principally the cause of the interdiction of Freemasonry in 1790.

The system of Strict Observance, under the patronage and Grand Mastership of the Duke of Brunswick, had organised at St. Petersburg a power, under the title of Grand Lodge of the Order of Vladimir, which assumed to direct all the Lodges of Russia, and thus came in conflict with a great many operative Lodges which practised only the English Rite. In few countries did Masonry rise to the splendour it attained under Catherine II., for the Masonic temples at St. Petersburg were indeed palaces. Many beneficial establishments were also founded by her directions and under her patronage. During the sojourn of the King of Sweden, Gustavus III., in St. Petersburg, who in his own country was Grand Master of the Templar Lodges (which is virtually the same as Strict Observance), the Lodges of this system gave him the most superb feasts, at which he assisted with his whole suite, composed entirely of Freemasons.

Notwithstanding these brilliant appearances, the true Freemasonry, so far from making corresponding progress in Russia, had, on the contrary, degenerated to such a point that the Empress Catherine not only openly expressed her discontent thereat to the gentlemen of her court, in respect to the abuses which were being introduced, but published a pamphlet very severe in its strictures against Freemasons. It has been translated into French and German, a copy of which we have seen in London. Such was the situation of Masonry in Russia upon the accession of Paul I. to the throne in 1796. Although he had been initiated, this prince had allowed himself to be prevailed upon by intriguants, who obtained of him an interdiction of Masonic assemblies, as well as those of all other secret societies, under the most severe penalties. Subsequently, regarding the Order of the Knights Templar as the true possessors of Masonic science, he desired to re-establish that Order, and, in fact, to bring about this pretended regeneration of Masonry, he had, on 16th December 1798, taken the title of Grand Master of the Order of Malta, as a means of more effectually accomplishing his purpose. Afterwards, however, he renounced the project, which was, in fact, impracticable.

To Paul I., assassinated 23rd March 1801, succeeded Alexander I. At once he confirmed the interdiction pronounced by his predeceesor against Freemasonry, but in 1803, consequent upon a circumstantial report which he ordered to be made upon the subject and principles of Freemasonry, he revoked it, and was himself initiated. We have been unable to ascertain the exact date of the ceremony, the place or the Lodge in which it occurred, nor can we assert that he ever took part in the labours of the Fraternity; no record can be found. It is pretty well known, however, that he always exhibited a certain degree of mistrust in the Institution. Russian-like.

The Grand Lodge Vladimir, which, with the Operative Lodges under its jurisdiction, was suspended by the interdiction pronounced by Paul I., after 1803 awoke to renewed activity. From that time the struggle recommenced. The Lodges of the English system established a new Masonic code for all the Lodges of Russia; but not wishing to recognise certain privileges that the Grand Lodge Vladimir revindicated, and to withdraw for ever from the systematic domination of it, he founded, in 1815, another Grand Lodge, under the title of "Astrea," of which the rules and regulations were approved by the government, and which from that time directed all the Lodges in Russia. Though Freemasonry has not greatly extended, it appears that it afforded some unquiet to the Emperor Alexander; for, by an ukase, dated 21st August 1821, he interdicted anew all Masonic assemblies, and in the autograph rescript that he addressed to his minister charged with the execution of this ukase, he based his promulgation upon the assertion that the Lodges occupied themselves with the discussion of political subjects. None of the successors of Alexander have revoked this prohibition. Further comment upon Masonry in Russia would be superfluous. Masonry remains under a ban of this interdiction, and in the present condition of its political affairs, we are very much inclined to think that it will continue so to remain, until, by some stupendous power, the light of humanity will be permitted to shine in their hearts, or as we should say, of their government.—*Hebrew Leader.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A MEETING of the General Committee was held on Thursday, when Col. Creaton was elected chairman. There were several hundred brethren present on the occasion, this being the day for the election of the House Committee, as to which a keen contest was expected. The arrangements for the proper distribution of the voting papers were utterly inadequate for the occasion, although the Committee sat in the Zetland, and the papers were distributed in the ante room.

Before proceeding with the business on the agenda paper the chairman announced that Bros. Moon, Clutton and Thrupp had withdrawn their names from the list of candidates for election on the House Committee. He added that the poll would remain open till 5 p.m., and that all Governors in the room at that hour (when the door would be shut) would be entitled to receive their voting papers.

The minutes of the General Committee, of the Quarterly Court April, were read and verified, and those of the House Committee were read for information. The following votes, recommended by the House Committee, were then agreed to:—£11 for a new skylight, £150 for additional fire mains and hydrants, and £20 for providing extra instruction to qualify Selina Sharp for a superior position. The chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the quarter's salaries and wages. Nine petitions were submitted, one of which was deferred consideration till next meeting.

The following is the result of the polling for the successful candidates for election on the House and Audit Committees:—

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Joshua Nunn	254
F. Richardson	253
J. H. Matthews...	251
E. C. Mather	250
H. A. Dubois	249
Lt.-Col. J. Peters	249
Peter de Lande Long	248
E. Letchworth	246
J. A. Rucker	246
Robert Grey	245
Charles Hammerton	244
Edgar Bowyer	236

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

H. Dicketts	255
H. C. Levander	255
W. Roebuck	247
H. Venn	244
J. C. Chancellor	234
Jas. Cutbush	229
W. Bailey	224
T. Kingston	221
E. C. Davies	125

Bro. Tattersball thanked the brethren who had given him their support, and regretted that they had not been strong enough to secure his election.

Votes of thanks to the scrutineers and the chairman closed the proceedings.

A meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on the 31st May, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's Road, Islington. Comps. Gregory Z., Higgins H., Sheffield (Scribe E.) J., Brasted S.N., George P.S. At the next convocation the sum of £5 5s will be ballotted for as a Life Subscription to one of the Masonic Institutions. Companion T. C. Edmonds ably fulfils the duties of Preceptor.

We have been requested to announce that in future the members of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction will hold their weekly meetings at the St. Andrew's Tavern, George Street, Baker Street, W. Brother G. Coop acts as Preceptor, and the meetings are held every Friday evening, at eight o'clock.

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INTERESTING MASONRY.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

MASONRY *ought* to be interesting, deeply interesting, and if it isn't it is somebody's fault. Primarily, we mean interesting to its members; but it ought also to have certain elements of interest for every thoughtful, cultured man. Let us observe what these elements are, and how they present themselves.

If any organisation in the world possesses a *raison d'etre*, Freemasonry does. It is founded upon a rock—the rock of ideas. It owes its glory not to its originator, for historically he is unknown, although traditionally King Solomon is credited with the Craft's origin. No man can claim, or has truly claimed, to be the father of Freemasonry. Like Melchisedeck, it is without father, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life. All that we know about it in this respect is, that it was, it is, and it shall be. That is sufficient. We cannot peer through the mists of the past, we cannot divine the far off future. The present only is ours, and it is with reference to it that we shall now speak. We assert and maintain that Masonry *now* is, and should be intensely interesting to the average man and Freemason. We will give our reasons.

Freemasonry engages, enlarges, and elevates the human mind. The ideas upon which it is founded are large ideas. It is the teacher of truth, and of truth of momentous importance. This truth is threefold—Faith in God, Hope in Immortality, and Charity to the Craft, aye, and to the world. Where can you find nobler or farther reaching ideas than these? They reach back to the Grand Architect of the Universe—they cover our present relations with our fellows, and they reach forward to the infinite hereafter. Who can find, or imagine, nobler, purer ideas? They fill the mind, purify the morals, and elevate the soul. Therein, certainly, Freemasonry is interesting. But there are other relations in which the Craft comés home to us.

Freemasonry gratifies the heaven-implanted instinct of man for social and convivial enjoyment. While it lifts him up to the high level of divine truth, it does not continuously keep him breathing the rarified atmosphere of that region, but it lowers him again to his natural level, and then generously stoops to him, and comes in and sups with him. While the Craft is at Labour it is dispensing the truth, lifting up the brethren to the high level of the triune virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity; but when the Craft is at refreshment, it condescendingly stoops to our every-day life, shares our joys with us, and heightens them by lending them a charm that we do not hesitate to say cannot be duplicated outside of Freemasonry. There is more intense satisfaction and pleasure to be derived from association with our brethren around the festive board, than in any other association known among men. It is innocent, it is recreative, it is enlivening It is intensely interesting. And yet, in spite of these facts—for they are facts—some brethren fail to continuously take an interest in Freemasonry. Somehow or other their Lodge cannot hold their attention. For a certain percentage of absentees one can readily account—old age, illness, absence from home, and permanent removal, will together account for, say one-eighth of the members being absent from their places. But where are the other seven-eighths? If the truth were known, we are inclined to think that fully one-half of these, for some cause or other, failed to find the Lodge and its proceedings interesting. Men *will* go where they are interested, and ordinarily they will *not* go where dullness reigns supreme; and they are not greatly to be blamed. What if Freemasonry does *theoretically* teach inspiring ideas, if it practically teaches nothing, in consequence of there being no work? How can dullness be interesting? The Lodge without work is in a deplorable plight, and somebody is to blame. Primarily, its members are to blame. Their inaction has produced the complete stagnation that is so appalling. When even the few that are diligent in their attendance fulfil their duty to the Lodge, it cannot fail to improve in all of its interests, and thereby prove interesting to its members generally, who will soon learn of the revival in their Lodge.

A Grand Visitation to a Lodge by the Grand Officers is an unfailing source of interest to a very large number of members and visitors, and on this account that Grand Master who makes the largest number of Grand Visitations, is doing what in the nature of things is the best that can be done by him for the prosperity of the Craft. It is a mistake to suppose that those brethren who are drawn out by these special occasions fail afterwards to appear again until a similar inducement attracts them. A certain percentage are continuous in their attendance from the time that they awaken out of their lethargy. Whatever therefore tends legitimately to fill the Lodge-room with brethren, contributes to the welfare of the Brotherhood. Freemasonry in action is always interesting. Of course if there be but a score, or a dozen, in the Lodge-room, and no work and nothing to supply its place, it is dull, supremely dull. Such things ought not to be. In itself Freemasonry possesses elements of the deepest interest, and if it fails to be interesting to the brethren, it is because those very brethren have failed themselves in the performance of their duty to their Lodge. We trust the time will come when there shall be no indifferent Masons, and no idle Lodges, and right sure we are that then there will be no body of the Craft in which the exemplification of Freemasonry will not be interesting.

The members of the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction intend, at their meeting on Monday evening next, at the Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, Loughborough Junction, S.W., to discuss several points of Brother James Stevens's Lecture on the Ritual and Working of the First Degree. Brethren from other Lodges will be welcomed. Bro. Stevens has promised to attend on the occasion.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge was held, for the first time at Burton-on-Trent, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., and was attended by upwards of two hundred members of the Craft, a number which has not hitherto been exceeded at more than three or four gatherings of Masons in Staffordshire. The preparations for the meeting were made by Bro. Capt. J. A. Bindley W.M., and the Officers of the Abbey Lodge, No. 624, whose ordinary place of meeting is the Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton; but on this occasion the gathering was so large that it was found necessary to assemble at St. Paul's Institute, where the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was transacted, and the banquet was held. The arrangements throughout reflected the greatest possible credit on Bro. J. A. Bindley W.M. whose efforts were admirably seconded by Bro. Bailey P.M., the zealous corresponding Steward, as well as by the other Stewards, Bros. Dr. Lowe and Martin Past Masters, W. Swinnerton, J. Toon and G. Lathbury. Nothing could exceed the courtesy and kindness of the Burton brethren towards their numerous visitors. The Abbey Lodge was opened by Bro. Bindley at 12·30, when the following, with about forty other members, were present:—W. Walters I.P.M. and P.G.W. Derbyshire, W. J. Gothard P.P.G.S.W., P.M.'s Dr. W. G. Lowe, Thomas Martin, R. Auty, J. H. Meredith P.P.G.R., C. Graham P.P.S.G.W., S. Briggs P.P.G.S.D., E. Starey P.P.J.G.W., R. B. Robinson P.P.S.G.D., Alfred Hooper, S.D., Percy Evershed J.W., the Rev. W. F. Drury Chaplain, W. H. Bailey P.M. Secretary, M. L. Nicholas J.D., John Wood I.G., R. Harrison Organist, R. Lane and F. Carter Tylers, Bro. Stirk acting as S.D.

Soon after the opening of the Abbey Lodge brethren from all parts of the Province began to arrive. Bro. Major G. S. Tudor R.W.P.G.M., accompanied by Bro. Col. Foster Gough S.B. of Grand Lodge and D.P.G.M., Bro. Frank James P.D.G.M., and other Officers and members of the P.G. Lodge were admitted, Bro. Tudor taking the chair. Amongst those who signed the Tyler's book besides the brethren named above were the following Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge:—Bros. A. L. Broad J.W., J. Bodenham Treasurer, W. Cartwright Secretary, John Fowler S.D., C. Bunting J.D., T. E. Fowke D.C., C. W. Graham A.D.C., F. Mountford Organist, J. W. H. Mackenzie Pursuivant, E. Piddock Sword Bearer, Thomas H. Bathbone Standard Bearer, W. H. Bailey, T. Martin, W. G. Lowe, W. Swinnerton and G. Lathbury Stewards, H. Bagguley Tyler, and a large number of Past Officers, members, and visitors.

Bro. Cartwright, the Provincial Grand Secretary, having read the notice convening the present meeting, and the minutes of meetings previously held at Rugeley and Stafford, and the latter having been confirmed, the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy were saluted in Masonic form. It was explained by Bro. Cartwright that the committee appointed at the Stafford meeting had taken into consideration the resolutions of the various Lodges with regard to the proposed Revision of the Book of Constitutions, and the same had been forwarded to the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Tudor mentioned that Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent, had invited him to a meeting of Provincial Grand Masters, which was to be held on the 30th instant, to consider the subject, and he should endeavour to attend. Letters of apology were announced from Bro. Sir A. Bass, M.P., Bro. Allsopp, and others, who were absent from various causes. The roll having been called over, showing that every Lodge in the Province was represented, Bro. Bodenham produced the Treasurer's account, from which it appeared that the expenditure during the past year had been £165 1s 10d, and that there was a balance in hand of £107 13s 8d. The statement of the Treasurer was adopted. Bro. Bodenham expressed his desire to resign his position as Treasurer, and proposed as his successor Bro. Thomas Wood, Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726, which was seconded by Bro. Cartwright and carried. Bro. James Senior, P.M. Staffordshire Knot Lodge, thanked the brethren for the honour conferred on Bro. Wood, who was unable, through illness, to be present that day. Bro. Tudor said he was sure they would all regret that Bro. Bodenham had retired, and he proposed a vote of thanks to him for the admirable manner in which he had for many years discharged the duties of Treasurer. Bro. Gough, who seconded the proposition, also testified to the zeal and fidelity of Bro. Bodenham, the Provincial Grand Treasurer. The motion was very heartily and unanimously approved, and Bro. Bodenham acknowledged the compliment paid him. He observed that he had felt lately that he had not been able to exercise that energy in the office which he did in the earlier flush of his zeal, but this arose from want of time and not from any disinclination to serve the Province in the best way he could. He had completed a register of the members of the Province, which he hoped would be kept up every year. In Staffordshire much work had been divided between the Treasurer and Secretary. The arrangements which had been made had answered well, and, with such an excellent Secretary as Bro. Cartwright, would work satisfactorily and save the Province the cost of a paid Secretary. He (Bro. Bodenham) hoped he might see his successor improve the position of the Provincial Grand Lodge financially. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master then referred to the recent appointment of Bro. Gough as Grand Standard Bearer of England, which he said was an honour conferred not only on Bro. Gough, but on the Province of Staffordshire. He had long been anxious to see Bro. Gough in office in the Grand Lodge, and if the Prince of Wales should always make such a good selection when appointing his Officers he could not but give great satisfaction to the Craft. He (Bro. Tudor) acknowledged the great assistance he had received from Bro. Gough since he had been a Mason. The R.W. P.G.M. then made the following appointments to office in the Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Capt. J. A. Bindley	...	624	G. Senior Warden
J. H. Parkes	...	482	G. Junior Warden
Thomas Ashworth	...	418	G. Registrar
Rev. J. Seddons	...	526	G. Chaplains
Rev. W. F. Drury	...	624	

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William Cartwright	...	460	G. Secretary
James Senior	...	726	G. Senior Deacon
E. Roberts	...	637	G. Junior Deacon
S. Clapp	...	662	G. Sup. of Works
T. E. Fowke	...	726	G. Director of Cerem.
W. H. Bucknall	...	460	G. Asst. Dir. of Cer.
William Ormson	...	1520	G. Sword Bearer
F. Mountford	...	460	G. Organist
F. M. Julian	...	451	G. Pursuivant
G. Sharpe	...	696	G. Standard Bearer

Brother Henry Baggnley, 460, was re-elected Tyler.

Brother Cartwright considered that in consequence of the great increase of Lodges and Provincial Grand Lodge business it was desirable to appoint an Assistant Tyler for the Province. He proposed the appointment of Bro. R. Tomlinson, 627, as Assistant Tyler. This was seconded by Bro. Bodenham and carried.

The Stewards appointed were Bros. W. H. Bailey, Dr. Lowe, T. C. Martin, J. Tong, W. Swinnerton, and G. Lathbury.

The P.G. Lodge then adjourned for Divine service at St. Paul's Church, on the opposite side of the road, a procession being marshalled by Bro. Fowke, which included four youths, who were sons of Masons, carrying the volume of the Sacred Law. Prayers were read by the Rev. J. Addenbrooke, who is not a member of the Fraternity; the first lesson by the Rev. W. F. Drury P.G. Chaplain, and the second lesson by the Rev. W. Randall P.P.G. Chaplain. Bro. the Rev. J. Seddon, P.G. Chaplain, preached an appropriate sermon from Psalm viii. 3 and 4—"When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained; what is man, that Thou art mindful of him; and the son of man, that Thou visiteth him?" The service was earnest and impressive, and included the singing of an anthem, "God is the Spirit" (Dr. Bennett) by the church choir. On the return of the brethren to the Lodge, business was resumed. Bro. Gough moved a vote of thanks to Rev. J. Seddons, the esteemed Chaplain, for the excellent discourse with which he had favoured them that afternoon. One of the first principles of Masonry was to be mindful of the wants of others, and, in accordance with the invariable custom of the P. Grand Lodge, he should propose that from the collection in the church (which on that occasion was something over £12) £5 5s should be contributed towards the debt in connection with their Chaplain's church and £5 5s to the Vicar of St. Paul's, who had allowed the use of his beautiful church for Divine service. Bro. the Rev. W. Randall seconded the proposition, remarking that Bro. Seddon's excellent discourse furnished abundant matter for the most soaring Mason to exercise his faculties upon. The Vicar of St. Paul's, who was not a Mason, had kindly allowed them the use of his church, and in dedicating the receipts of that day in the manner proposed by Bro. Gough they were carrying out the practice and principles of Freemasonry. The proposition having been carried, Bro. Cartwright said they had all heard, with regret, of the resignation of the P.G. Treasurer, and he certainly thought the duties Bro. Bodenham had performed entitled him to some mark of their esteem. He (Bro. Cartwright) begged to propose that as Bro. Bodenham was a Past Senior Warden and Past Treasurer of the Province of Staffordshire, a jewel combining the representation of those two offices be presented to him out of the funds of the Province. This was seconded by Bro. Gough, and carried. Bro. Bodenham having acknowledged the compliment conveyed in the resolution, the P. G. Lodge was closed by Bro. Tudor, and the Abbey Lodge by Bro. Bindley.

At the banquet which followed, which was of an excellent description, and was attended by most of the brethren who had been at Lodge, Bro. Tudor R.W.P.G.M. presided, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. Bindley and Parkes. The loyal toasts were followed by that of the M.W. Pro G.M. (the Earl of Carnarvon), the V.W.D.G.M. (the Earl of Lathom), and the Officers of Grand Lodge Past and Present. Bro. Tudor, in proposing the latter (which was received with applause), said that was the first time since he had been connected with Masonry that any Staffordshire brother had been called upon to respond as Officer of the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Gough, in acknowledging the toast, said he highly appreciated the honour which had been recently conferred upon the Province of Staffordshire by the appointment which the Prince of Wales as Grand Master had thought fit to make. He received the appointment of G.S.B. as an honour which he had done for the Province. He did not wish to arrogate to himself any personal merits which had brought that honour upon the Province, and he acknowledged with gratitude the kind, generous, and unsolicited aid which he had received from the R.W.P.G.M. He assured them that the toast was no mere formal one. In P.G. Lodge an appointment entailed duties rather *in posse* than *in esse*; but in the Grand Lodge there was real hard work to be done, and the Officers had no sinecure. He had received within the last three days four summonses to attend meetings with regard to the government of the Craft to be held in London during the next few weeks. He next pointed out the chief characteristics of the principal Officers of the Grand Lodge, and said those who served under them were actuated by the same spirit of zeal for the interests of Freemasonry. Bro. Bindley, in proposing the health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, said he considered a very great honour had been conferred upon Burton and upon the Abbey Lodge by the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Burton brethren entertained the most hearty good wishes towards the Visitors, and would have made even more ample provision for their comfort if they had known that there would have been such a large gathering. He was sure that the Prov. Grand Master had won the gratitude of all Masons who had served under him. They were quite aware of the sacrifices which Bro. Tudor made, both with regard to his health, and those comforts and conveniences which conduced to health, rather than forego anything which was calculated to give satisfaction to the Lodges under his rule. He (Bro. Bindley) was grateful for the honour which had been conferred on the Abbey Lodge by appointing as Prov. Grand Chaplain one of the finest men in Burton, whether considered as a Churchman, as a Volunteer, or as one who was ever ready to assist and comfort the distressed—namely, Bro. Drury, the worthy Chaplain of the Abbey Lodge. The toast was drank with great cordiality. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master acknowledged the toast, and urged the necessity of doing all they could to promote an increase of funds to the Masonic Charities. Since the Prince of Wales took the office of Grand Master of English Freemasons there had been an increase of five hundred Lodges, and it required more votes now to get a candidate into a Masonic Institution than it did formerly. Twelve years ago Staffordshire Masons sent £500 to the Masonic Charities in London, but that was nothing like what would have been sent if all the brethren had done their best. If the brethren all knew what good was being done by those Masonic Charities, there would be more money raised for them than there was at the present time. He reminded them that votes acquired by individual members died with them, but votes of Lodges were held in perpetuity, and he urged that it was important to support the Staffordshire Charitable Association as a means of increasing the voting power of the Province. Some years ago it only took 1000 or 1200 votes to secure the election of a candidate for one of the Charitable Institutions; but now it required between 2000 and 3000. He (Brother Tudor) then proposed the health of Bro. Foster Gough as D.P.G.M., and the other Provincial Officers Past and Present. Bro. Gough in responding spoke of the great harmony prevailing in the Lodges in the Province, and offered a few words of advice to Masters of Lodges past and present. Bro. Parkes also responded. Bro. Bodenham, in an appropriate speech, proposed the toast of the R.W.P.G. Masters of Adjoining Provinces and the Officers of their respective P.G. Lodges, for whom Bro. Coulson, P.G.S.W. Derbyshire, responded. At this stage of the proceedings the exigencies of the railway service rendered it necessary for a large number of the brethren, including the P.G.M., to leave, and for the remainder of the evening Bro. Bindley presided. Bro. the Rev. W. F. Drury proposed the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province. Bro. Bindley, in a neat and appropriate address, acknowledged the toast, mentioning, in the course of his remarks, that no body of men could be more loyal than were the members of the Abbey Lodge to their W. Master. Bro. the Rev. W. Randall submitted the toast of the Visitors, for whom Bro. A. O. Worthington responded. Bro. Bindley, in presenting the toast of the Masonic Charities, acknowledged with a feeling of pleasure the support which he received, not only from his own Lodge, but from the Province, when he went as a Steward to the Masonic School for Girls. He thanked those brethren who had supported him, and reminded them that there was another charity which needed all the help it could get, and nothing would give him more pleasure than to subscribe £5 5s this year towards the fund which would be raised at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Brother Frederick Binckes, the Secretary, who had arrived but a short time previously from Yarmouth, where he had been attending a Masonic meeting on Monday night, responded to the toast. He thanked them for the cordiality with which he had been received. He said he had a peculiar affection for Staffordshire. He had known and visited that Province while it was under Colonel Vernon, than whom a more able Grand Master never presided over any Lodge, also while it was under Bro. Harvey, again under that excellent brother the Earl of Shrewsbury, who was prematurely cut off from amongst them, and now they had as Prov. Grand Master one of the most sincere and hearty Masons in the world. He (Bro. Binckes) was one of those who, having laboured in the Masonic vineyard, did not like to lose old associations. He mentioned that the probationary School in connection with the Institution for Boys had been inaugurated, and, having acknowledged the generous aid rendered by Staffordshire to the Masonic Charities, he appealed to the members of the Craft present not to relax their efforts on behalf of those excellent Institutions; his remarks being well received. The Prov. Grand Stewards, and the Tyler's toast were the last on the list. The speeches were interspersed with some capital glee singing by members of the choir of St. Paul's Church.

It is always a gratifying duty for us to refer to any recognition of courtesy and zeal in the fulfilment of the every-day duties of life by those who minister to our comforts. We have frequently had occasion to speak of the unwearying attention displayed by Bro. John Baker, the manager of the Cock Tavern, at Highbury Corner. On Friday next, a presentation will be made, at a complimentary dinner which will be given, under the presidency of Alfred W. Stroud, Esq., a gentlemen well known to Islingtonians. Bros. E. Woodman (Secretary) and R. P. Forge (Treasurer), of the Testimonial Committee, have exerted themselves most strenuously to carry out the wishes of the many friends of both Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, and we anticipate the meeting of Friday next will be one of the most successful ever celebrated at this popular establishment.

A literary outcome of the International Fisheries Exhibition is the appearance of *The Fish Trade Gazette and National Fisheries Record*, conducted and written by practical men, and intended to be the representative of the innumerable industrial and manufacturing interests connected with fishing and fisheries all over the world.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

AN emergency meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Tuesday, 29th May, when there were present Bros. Ferguson W.M., Mount I.P.M. and Treasurer, Wheeler jun. S.W., Withers J.W., Parry Secretary, Witherington S.D., Webb Steward acting as J.D., Martin M.C., Tirbutt Organist, Butler I.G., Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Stephens, Bradley, Hounslow; also Bros. Stubington, Dodd, Tubbs, Sydenham, Sherwood, Hawkes, Walters, Wellman, Hayward, Millar, Rayner, George. Visitors—Bros. Ridley S.W. 414, Featherstone 591, &c. Lodge was opened in the first degree. Mr. Joseph Milton was initiated into Freemasonry. Bros. Wellman and Millar, candidates for passing to the second degree, were examined and entrusted; they then retired. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Wellman and Millar were re-admitted and passed by the W.M. to the degree of Fellow Craft; both the ceremonies were correctly performed. Bro. Tubbs, a candidate for raising to the third degree, proved his proficiency in the former degrees, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Tubbs on re-admission was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The ceremony was performed by the I.P.M., Bro. Mount, in his usual correct and impressive manner; the effect was considerably heightened by the instrumental and vocal accompaniment, under the able direction of Bro. Tirbutt Organist. The W.M. resumed the chair, and closed to the first degree, when, the business being ended, Lodge was closed, and adjourned till October next.

EWELL LODGE, No. 1851.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, 26th May, when a large gathering of visitors and members assembled. The Lodge being opened in due form, Mr. J. O'Connell was initiated into Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry in an impressive manner by Bro. W. H. Paddle W.M., who was ably supported by his Officers. Bro. Paddle then installed his successor, Brother George Moss P.M. 1201 into the chair of K.S., the work being carried out perfectly. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Paddle I.P.M., Dunkley S.W., Room J.W., Baber P.P.G.D. Surrey Treasurer, Saul P.M. 1201 Secretary, Davis P.M. S.D., Sibley J.D., Rush I.G., Youens M.C., Dupree and Wedgwood Stewards. Bro. Bowler was again invested as Tyler. After the installation, the W.M. presented to Brother Paddle, in the name of the Lodge, a jewel set with brilliants, as a mark of esteem for the unwearying kindness and energy displayed by him during two successive years of office as W.M. An enjoyable dinner was afterwards served in the Hotel, by Bros. Bond and Frayling, the energetic hosts, and the evening was enlivened by some good vocal and instrumental music, to which the visitors materially contributed. In responding to the toast of the health of the Provincial Grand Officers for Surrey, Bro. Chas. Greenwood P.G.S.B. Prov. G.S.W., testified to the pleasure he felt at the prosperity of the Ewell Lodge, at the consecration of which he had assisted, and referred to the members of the Lodge (Bros. Taylor and Paddle) who held Provincial Grand rank, as a proof of the discrimination of the Prov. Grand Master in recognising merit in the various brethren under his jurisdiction; this he (Bro. Greenwood) stated to be no easy matter for decision among so many good Masons in the Province. It was stated during the meeting that a warrant had been granted for a Chapter in connection with the Ewell Lodge, and that the same would shortly be consecrated. Among the visitors were Bros. Lloyd W.M. 1201, Bigley P.M. 1298, Cooper J.W. 1298, Walker 858, Mayfield 1298, Davieson 1541, Foreman 1201, Potter P.M. 11, Mills P.M. 49, Williams 1261, Haras 1694, Cooke 1694, Bygrave 1658, Rush 1201, Poore 1949. The members present were Bros. Paddle, Moss, Taylor, Baber, Saul, Dunkley, Room, Parker, Sibley, Rush, Youens, Greenwood P.G.S.B. Prov. G.S.W., Ackerman, Dupree, Wedgwood, Cooke, O'Connell, Poore, and Pochin.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No 813.—The usual meeting of this successful Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Jolly Farmer's, Southgate-road. The chair was occupied by Bro. Dixie, who was supported by Bros. Weeden S.W., Jones J.W., P.M. Cusworth Preceptor, Perl Secretary, Lone S.D., Gadsby J.D., Smith I.G., Manger, Ockelford, Schuler, Allsopp, Laughton, Flack, Powell, Killick, Ashton, and others. The previous minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to work the initiation ceremony, Bro. Powell acting as candidate. Bro. Flack having proved himself efficient to be passed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Flack acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in the second degree. The W.M. having risen for the necessary number of times, and Bro. Weeden having been elected to occupy the position of W.M. at the ensuing meeting, Lodge was closed and adjourned until Wednesday, 6th June, when Bro. P.M. Cusworth will work the ceremony of installation. Brethren are cordially invited to attend, at eight p.m. precisely. After Lodge was closed, a little harmony was indulged in by the brethren, who afterwards separated, having spent an instructive and pleasant evening.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No 1949.—A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 22nd inst., at Bro. Mock's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. Bros. Thomas Edmondston P.M. 1658 and 1669 as W.M., Richard Poore S.W., Hakin P.M. J.W. E. A. Francis Preceptor, C. H. Phillips Treasurer, Hy. M. Williams Secretary, J. Jones S.D., H. Hooper I.G., J. Harling P.M., George Moss P.M., W. H. Williams P.M., I. G. Norrington, R. R. Johnstone, G. Monk, Croucher, Pooler, Hudepohl, Routledge. After preliminaries, Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, with Bro. Richardson as candidate. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. The Audit Committee (Bros. Knight, Poore and Richardson, appointed at the previous meeting), brought up their accounts for the past year, which show a small balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The books and accounts had been most carefully and accurately kept by the Secretary, Bro. Williams, while every voucher required by the Auditors had been produced by the Treasurer, Bro. Phillips. The Audit Committee considered that the best thanks of the Lodge were due to those brethren for their zeal and ability in conducting the financial business of the Lodge. Resolutions were unanimously carried, conveying the thanks of the Lodge, for their very efficient and valuable services since the formation of the Lodge, and re-electing them in their several offices for the ensuing year. To the following brethren:—Bros. E. A. Francis and Thomas Poore P.M., &c. as Joint Preceptors, Bro. C. A. Phillips as Treasurer, and to Bro. Hy. M. Williams as Secretary. It was duly proposed, seconded and resolved unanimously—"That Bro. C. H. Phillips Treasurer, and Bro. Hy. M. Williams Secretary, having rendered essential service to the Lodge, first as Founders, and secondly as Treasurer and Secretary respectively, be and are hereby (in accordance with Bye-law No. 13) elected Honorary Members of the Lodge, with all privileges." Further resolutions were passed thanking the Auditors for their services; to the host, Bro. Monk, for providing every necessary for the comfort of the Lodge, for the care of the Lodge furniture, and his help at the musical portions of the meetings. On the motion of the W.M., and seconded by Brother Williams Secretary, Bro. George Norrington, Royal Leopold Lodge, No. 1669, was unanimously elected a member. Hearty good wishes having been expressed, Lodge was closed in due form, in peace and harmony, and adjourned. The brethren subsequently met for refreshment, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were eloquently given from the chair, and enthusiastically received by the brethren. Bros. Johnstone, Monk, and Williams contributed to the excellent musical programme of the evening.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

York College.—On Wednesday, the 23rd ult., the summer meeting of this College was held in the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds. There were present R.W. Fras. T. B. Whytehead Chief Adept of the Province, W. Rowley acting Suffragan, T. W. Holmes Prov. G. Secretary, C. L. Mason Celebrant, J. Moocks as P.A., J. L. Atherton as S.A., R. W. Moore T.A., C. Palliser Q.A., T. Trevor C. of N., G. Ayre as G.T., and Rev. W.C. Lukis as Deputy. The M.C. having having been formed, a ballot was taken for a number of candidates, and the following, who were in attendance were accepted and received: Bros. C. D. H. Drury, M.D., P.M. 1379, Monckman P.M. 1018, Brown 1611, Craig P.M. 304, Tomlinson P.M. 304, and Waddington 304. The ceremony having been completed, the Celebrant called upon Fra. Moore, who delivered a most interesting address upon the old Templar Preceptory, of Temple Hirst, near Selby. Going into minute details as to the Order, and especially with reference to the condition of the Temple Hirst Preceptory at the time of its suppression. A vote of thanks was passed to Fra. Moore, and the paper was ordered to be printed. Fra. Rev. W. C. Lukis made some interesting remarks respecting an ancient Templar seal lately found near Temple Hirst, and in the possession of Bro. T. W. Tew D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; and he acceded to the request of the meeting that his remarks should be embodied in the publication of Fra. Moore's paper. The report of the Bye-laws' Committee was read and adopted. It was arranged that, if possible, the next meeting should be held at Rievault Abbey, on the Saturday in the third week in August. Several proposals of candidates were made, and the M.C. was dissolved. The fratres subsequently met at tea, under the presidency of the Celebrant, and a very pleasant evening was spent in the discussion of various subjects connected with Masonry in its varied branches.

A YEAR OF LIFEBOAT WORK.

EVERY year brings a fresh list of terrible shipwrecks and disastrous collisions, resulting too frequently in a fearful loss of life; but, while deploring that such is the case, we can turn with satisfaction to the splendid and successful efforts made for rescuing the shipwrecked sailor from a watery grave on our dangerous shores. First and foremost in this noble work is the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, which last year saved, by means of its boats, no less than 884 poor fellows, who otherwise would most probably have perished. In addition to this the Board of Trade and the Coastguard have, by the use of the rocket apparatus, rescued a number of lives. It is remarked in the Report of the Institution just published, that it might have been hoped that increased skill in navigation, the substitution of steam colliers for the sailing craft of former years, and increased sobriety among our merchant seamen, would have greatly diminished the number of wrecks and of lives lost, at least on our own coasts. But, whilst those changes may have occasioned some diminution, the increase of collisions on our crowded sea thoroughfares and other causes, have made up the average amount, and the courage and capacity of our Lifeboat men have been called into requisition as often, if not more frequently, than in previous years.

During the past year, at the suggestion of the Chairman, Edward Birkbeck, Esq., M.P., the Committee made an exception to their general rule to confine their attention exclusively to the work of the Institution, hoping to diminish the loss of life amongst that in-

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dustrious and invaluable class of the population, our coast fishermen, on whom the Institution is often dependent to man its Lifeboats.

Some twelve years ago, the Institution was mainly instrumental in the introduction of decked fishing-boats on the east coast of Scotland, which improvement has undoubtedly been the means of saving many lives. And now again the Committee, hoping to be indirectly the means of saving many more, are trying to induce all fishermen whose vocation is prosecuted at long distances from the land, to provide themselves with reliable Aneroid Barometers, which when far at sea, beyond sight of land, shall forewarn them of the approaching storm, and enable them to run for shelter ere overtaken by it.

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Since the last Annual Report nine new Lifeboats have been provided, for the following stations:—England and Wales—Lincolnshire, Mablethorpe; Norfolk, Mundesley; Sussex, Winchelsea; Cornwall, Looe and Porthleven; Somersetshire, Weston-super-mare; Glamorganshire, Swansea; Carnarvonshire, Llanaelhaiarn. Ireland—Donegal, Aranmore Island.

The number of Lifeboats now under the management of the Institution is *Two hundred and seventy-three*, and their services during each month of the past year were as follows:—January, 13 launches, 15 lives and 1 vessel saved; February, 12 launches, 15 lives; March, 26 launches, 100 lives and 3 vessels; April, 26 launches, 77 lives and 3 vessels; May, June and July, 10 launches, 33 lives and 4 vessels; August, 15 launches, 54 lives and 1 vessel; September, 9 launches, 57 lives and 1 vessel; October, 19 launches, 75 lives and 3 vessels; November, 47 launches, 171 lives and 3 vessels; December, 54 launches, 144 lives and 4 vessels. Total number of Lifeboat launches during the year, 231; lives saved, 741; and vessels saved, 23.

In addition to these services, 143 lives were saved from shipwreck by shore-boats and other means, which had received rewards from the Institution, making the total of 884 lives rescued last year. The number of lives saved during the fifty-nine years from the establishment of the Institution, to the end of the year 1882, either by its Lifeboats or by special exertions for which it has granted rewards, is 29,608.

Every one must feel that the saving of so many thousand lives from drowning shows the absolute necessity of maintaining and extending the benevolent work of the National Lifeboat Institution, which has thus been productive of such noble results.

Unfortunately the brave services of the Lifeboat crews during the past year have not been performed without some loss of life, as if to remind their countrymen of the dangerous character of the Lifeboat work, three fatal accidents having occurred to the boats in that period, resulting in the loss altogether of six lives. In each of these cases the poor men left a widow and children unprovided for, but the Committee granted to each widow the sum of £200, or £1200 in all towards the local subscriptions raised on behalf of the widows and orphans.

Last year 11 Silver Medals and Clasps, 19 Votes of Thanks inscribed on vellum, and £3,144 were granted as rewards for saving lives. Since the establishment of the Institution it has voted 96 Gold Medals, 962 Silver Medals, and £74,800 in pecuniary rewards for saving life from shipwreck.

During the year 1882 the receipts of the Institution, in donations, subscriptions, and dividends, amounted to £43,117, while the expenditure was £36,746. As usual the items of receipt and expenditure are fully detailed in the financial statement, which has been audited by Mr. Lovelock, public accountant.

The valuable and earnest co-operation afforded by the Local Branch Committees, and their Honorary Secretaries is suitably acknowledged, and so are several munificent contributions to the Institution.

Since the Report was read to the Annual Meeting, the Committee have had regretfully to record the death of their late Secretary, Mr. Richard Lewis, who had held that importaht office, to the great advantage of the Institution, for the long period of thirty-three years.

After rendering a faithful account of the great trust the public has for nearly sixty years confided to them, the Committee refer with pardonable satisfaction to the fact that the organisation of the Institution was never more complete and active than at the present time, which has prompted them afresh, and with unshaken confidence, to appeal for continued and increasing support to an Institution which, with God's blessing, has been, and is productive of such manifestly gratifying results in the cause of humanity.

We trust that appeal will meet with a hearty and liberal response, and we will only add that contributions are received for the Lifeboat Institution by all the London and country bankers, and by the Secretary, Charles Dibdin, Esq., F.R.G.S., 14 John Street, Adelphi, London.

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THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION OF THIS Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 5th day of June next, when and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of private Lodges, are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock p.m.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G.J.W.)
Grand Secretary.

N.B.—A Banquet will be provided at Seven o'Clock, at which the Grand Master will preside. The Tickets will be 15s each, inclusive of wine, if taken before the day of meeting; and 17s 6d if taken on that day; and it is requested that every Brother intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday the 2nd of June.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 6th June 1883:—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th March, for confirmation.

2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 25th April for confirmation.

3. Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.

4. Election of members of the Colonial Board.

5. Election of members for the Committee of management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

(Vide list of names of the Brethren nominated for the several Boards and Committees.)

6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:—

The Widow of a Brother of the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, Chislehurst	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Wellesley Lodge, No. 1899, Sandhurst, Berkshire	50	0	0
A Brother of the Albion Lodge, No. 9, London	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 402, Nottingham	50	0	0
A Brother of the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London	100	0	0
A Brother of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 3, London	150	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, London	50	0	0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes have to report as follows:—

A fire having unfortunately occurred at Freemasons' Hall on the 3rd May, causing considerable damage to the premises, the Board have received the subjoined Report thereon from their Premises Committee, which they have carefully considered, and believing the recommendations therein to be for the welfare and convenience of the Craft, they submit them for the favourable consideration of Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF PREMISES COMMITTEE TO BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, dated 22nd May 1883:—

The Committee deeply regret to have to report that a disastrous fire occurred at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on the night of Thursday the 3rd instant, resulting in the almost entire destruction of the time-honoured "Temple" in which the meetings of Grand Lodge have taken place for over a hundred years—together with the valuable pictures of Past Grand Masters contained therein, as also a great part of the furniture and other fittings; the statue of His late Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex being likewise greatly damaged by fire and smoke.

The old Hall now destroyed was commenced in the year 1775, its foundation stone being laid on the 1st May in that year by the Right Hon. Lord Petre—then Grand Master, and the Hall being formally dedicated to Masonry on the 23rd May on the following year by the same Grand Master, since which time Grand Lodge has uninterruptedly held its meetings within its walls.

The premises were, as a matter of course, fully insured, but the Craft have to deplore the loss of many articles which cannot be replaced, amongst them the "Ark of the Covenant" wherein were deposited the Articles of Union between the two Grand Lodges on the occasion of their being united on the 27th of December 1813, the documents themselves being, however, fortunately preserved in another part of the Building.

The Committee are glad to be able to report that by great exertions the fire was confined to the Temple itself, and that the other portions of the building containing the Archives, Offices, Lodge and Board Rooms, &c., are entirely uninjured.

The Committee have lost no time in directing their most serious consideration to the steps necessary to be forthwith taken for the reconstruction of the Hall and for taking advantage of the opportunity thus offering for considerably enlarging the accommodation for the meetings of Grand Lodge, which has of late years been quite insufficient, owing to the great increase in the number of members.

The Committee have, in the first place, given careful attention to suggestions already made for the removal of Grand Lodge premises to the Thames Embankment, and in result they are of opinion that many financial and other reasons render such a step impracticable, as not only is involved the question of constructing, at an immense cost, a building sufficiently large to contain a Grand Hall, Ante Rooms, Board Rooms, Offices for the Executive, Lodge Rooms for Private Lodges, &c., &c., and this on one of the most expensive sites in London, where the difficulty as to obtaining foundations is unusually great, and where a freehold is unobtainable except at a price far beyond the resources of Grand Lodge, but also the almost equally prominent question of the Freemasons' Tavern, the goodwill of which is, of course, dependent mainly on the continued existence of the Hall on its present site—while, on the suggested situation no accommodation would exist for dining purposes at Grand Festivals and for Private Lodge Meetings.

The Committee consequently requested the Grand Superintendent of Works to consider and report to them his opinion as to the best possible plan of carrying out such works of renovation and enlargement as will afford accommodation for the attendance in Grand Lodge of at least 1,500 brethren, being about double the number now able to be present therein.

The Grand Superintendent of Works, in his report thereon, states that to renew the premises destroyed, on the old lines, would be a simple matter, and, looking at the insurance, of little expense to the Craft; but he submits the following scheme for doubling the present accommodation, viz., to add to the area occupied by the Hall just destroyed, the present great Dining Hall of Freemasons' Tavern (the two now running side by side), and that by due and equitable arrangements with Messrs. Spiers and Pond Limited, the lessees of the Tavern, and with Mr. Bacon, the lessee of Bacon's Hotel, adjoining the Tavern, the necessary substituted accommodation for a new Dining Hall, and for improved kitchen accommodation for the Tavern, should be provided on the site of the Hotel.

The Grand Superintendent of Works points out that at the present stage it is impracticable to submit any accurate estimate of the cost of the above-mentioned scheme; but he is of opinion that the total expense would probably not exceed from £30,000 to £35,000 beyond what would be received from the Insurance Companies and from

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Messrs. Spiers and Pond as a contribution for improvements especially affecting their premises.

The Committee may here mention that at the present moment Grand Lodge possesses some £21,000 in the Funds, and that its nett average income, as shown in the Report of a Special Committee to Grand Lodge on the 7th June last was, to that date, about £4,000 a year, since which time £800 a year has been alienated as a permanent grant from Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which, with the interest on the £21,000 (on its expenditure for the rebuilding) would henceforth have to be deducted, leaving a future nett average income of some £2,500 a year.

The balance of from £10,000 to £15,000 required to carry out the scheme now submitted, could no doubt be raised without difficulty, and the Committee have therefore no hesitation in submitting the scheme for the favourable consideration of the Board, fully believing that should it be adopted by Grand Lodge, it will possess premises worthy of the present flourishing state of the Craft in England.

The Board have also to report that, a fresh catalogue of the Library and Museum of Grand Lodge being shortly about to be prepared, donations of Masonic Works, &c., will be gladly received by the Library Committee.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
22nd *May* 1883.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 22nd of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz.:—

> The members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed on all occasions by the V.W. Brother Sir John B. Monckton, as President of the Board of General Purposes.

(Signed) FRANK GREEN, J.G.D.,
Vice President.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 18th May last, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £4,444 16s 5d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £100.

The President will move—

1st. That the report be received and entered on the minutes.

2nd. That the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes with reference to the suggestion of the reconstruction and enlargement of the Premises at Freemasons' Hall be referred back to the Board for execution, under the direction of the Grand Superintendent of Works.

8. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 18th of May 1883, including an alteration and addition to Rule 25, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

9. Appeal of Brother Alexander Dimant, P.M. New Zealand Pacific Lodge, No. 517, Wellington, New Zealand, against sentence of expulsion from Masonry, passed on him by the District Grand Lodge of Wellington, North Island, New Zealand, on 21st December 1882.

N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during office hours.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION.

(1) By W. Brother RAYNHAM W. STUART P.G.D.:—

> "Having regard to the recent destruction of the Temple by fire, and the great increase of Masons, that it be referred to a Committee in conjunction with Members of the Board of General Purposes to consider the advisability of rebuilding the Temple, or of acquiring a site to erect thereon a Hall capable of meeting the wants of the Order."

(2) By W. Brother CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL P.M. No. 1607:—

> "That it is of very great importance for the wellbeing of our honourable Order that the reconsideration of the Revision of the Book of Constitutions as presented to Grand Lodge in September last, together with the amendments and alterations suggested by the various Provinces, Lodges and Brethren, should be submitted to Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in September next, or at such earlier date as it may please the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to appoint a Special Grand Lodge for that purpose."

(3) By V.W. Brother Lieut.-Col. JOHN CREATON, Past Grand Treasurer:—

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

List of brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes:—

MASTERS.

GIOVANNI PAULO FESTA	1900
THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	141
RALPH CLUTTON	631
GEORGE JOHN HAKEWILL	1150
GEORGE HENRY HOPKINSON	14
GEORGE PITT-LEWIS	46
HENRY RICHARD COOPER SMITH	1731
SHARON GROTE TURNER	2
THOMAS LEAN WILKINSON	92
WILLIAM SMALLPEICE	969

PAST MASTERS.

EDWARD F STORR	22
WILLIAM H DEAN	417
THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER	907
THOMAS BESWICK PURCHAS	1635
CHARLES ATKINS	27
HENRY BISHOP	66
WILLIAM BRISTOW	G.S.L.
ALBERT ESCOTT	1592
JOHN LAURENCE MATHER	1471
ALFRED MEADOWS, M.D.	4
ROBERT PERCY MIDDLEMIST	5
JAMES GARNER	975
WILLIAM JOSEPH MURLIS	1642
WILLIAM BRISTOW	G.S.L.
ALFRED H TATTERSHALL	140
WILLIAM SMALLPEICE	1395
ALBERT ESCOTT	1593
JOHN H WATTS	63
CHARLES ALFRED WOODS	145
ALBERT ESCOTT	1593
WILLIAM BRISTOW	G.S.L.
JAMES STEVENS	1216

List of Brethren nominated for the Colonial Board:—

BRETT, JAMES	P.M.	No.	177
LEMON, WILLIAM GEORGE	"		1601
LETCHWORTH, EDWARD	"		197
MATTHEWS, JAMES HENRY	"		143
MILLER, THOMAS HASTINGS	"		907
SMITH, GRIFFITHS	"		21
STEPHENS, WILLIAM	"		1489

List of Brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons:—

BERRY, JOHN JAMES	P.M.	554
BUSH, THOMAS W. C.	"	1728
COTTEBRUNE, CHARLES A.	"	733
GOODALL, WILLIAM H.	"	1567
MCPHERSON, HENRY	"	890
MOORE, GEORGE L.	"	169
MURLIS, WILLIAM J.	"	1642
TATE, ROBERT PERRY	"	862
TATTERSHALL, ALFRED H.	"	140
WILLING, JAMES JUN.	"	1507
ATKINS, CHARLES	"	27

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 1994.—The Malwa Lodge, Mhow, Bombay.
1995.—The Rising Star Lodge, Rawul Pindee, Punjab.
1996.—The Priory Lodge of Acton, Acton.
1997.—The John Carpenter Lodge, Aldersgate Street.
1998.—The Light in Tirhoot Lodge, Somastipore, Bengal.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1883 can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

The Revised Book of Constitutions: Critically Considered, and Compared with the Old Edition. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co., 4 Stationers' Hall Court, E.C. Sent on receipt of stamps. One Shilling, by W. W. Morgan, Freemason's Chronicle Office, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.—(ADVT).

The oldest Freemason is constantly turning up, and he is each time a different person. There seems to have been some difficulty in establishing the title of the latest claimant, but still it has been done. Mr. John Armstrong, the clerk of St. James's Church, Guernsey, who is now in his ninety-third year, was made a Freemason in Guernsey in the early part of the year 1815. Somehow or other, however, his name was never registered in the Register of the Grand Lodge of England. Perhaps this arose from some confusion which existed at that time, scarcely two years after the Union of the Ancients and Moderns which made the United Grand Lodge of England. Mr. Armstrong consequently has enjoyed the privileges of local membership for nearly seventy years, without being the possessor of the customary Grand Lodge certificate. But this omission has at length been rectified through the energetic action of Mr. William De Jersey, who has had a lengthened correspondence with Grand Secretary on the subject. Clear proof of the initiation, &c., having been furnished, the certificate was granted, and was handed to Mr. Armstrong the week before last. Is there any older Freemason?—*Evening News.*

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REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me to say a few words on the above-named subject.

I see by the agenda paper for the business of Grand Lodge to be holden on the 6th June, a scheme will be presented for the rebuilding and enlargement of the Temple.

Without going fully into the question at this early stage, I can venture an opinion that no scheme will be satisfactory to members of the Craft in London, as well as in the Provinces, which does not embrace ample accommodation for those who have to transact Masonic business with the Executive of Grand Lodge, or with the Secretaries of our valued and increasing Charitable Institutions, whose offices are under the same roof, more particularly about the election times.

At present, there is not a room, not even a desk, where a Mason can write a letter, or a room in which to wait the arrival of any person you may have appointed to meet.

I will add an opinion that the so-called "strong room," in which our valuable books and documents are kept, is little better than a sham—and that everything in it would be destroyed if a serious fire occurred.

Trusting that ample opportunity will be given for the consideration of these very important matters, and necessarily large expenditure,

I am, Sir,

Yours fraternally,

HENRY SMITH P.M.

St. John's, Wakefield, 29th May 1883.

REVISION OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There appears to be a disposition in some places to run counter to the old proverb, "Leave well alone," and to revolutionise old customs. Not long since we had a new Grand Treasurer elected, as was said at the time that Grand Lodge might bestow the Purple on a worthy brother of forty year's Masonic service, and I am told that it is intended to fill this office annually in future.

Now, may I ask, is there any reason why other offices hitherto looked upon as permanent should not share the same fate if these changes be for the good of Freemasonry in general and Grand Lodge in particular? The following offices have been held by the same worthy brethren from the dates I annex to the present time—

Grand Director of Ceremonies	1860
Grand Registrar	1862
President Board of General Purposes	1874

and the two former have received the additional honour of the rank of Past Grand Warden.

Now that it is in contemplation to revise the Book of Constitutions, a fitting opportunity is afforded to lay down the law that these offices be held for a period of, say, three or five years at most.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally.

HIRAM.

ELECTION FOR COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see, by the agenda paper for the next Quarterly Communication, that an election will take place for a portion of the R.M.B.I. Committee of Management, by the nomination of a brother who, whilst a member of it, some time since, rarely attended any of its meetings, and who, being a member of the Finance Committee also, did not attend once during the year. Strange to say, the brother nominating this apathatic brother is not even a subscriber of 5s a year to the Institution. Again, the nominee is about to change his residence from London to Bournemouth; this would still further militate against his chance of attendance. Now, the brethren who have been in during the year have attended very punctually, and are nominated for re-election. May I therefore ask the Craft to vote for those nominated by Bro. Perceval, and to leave the aforesaid brother where he left the business of the R.M.B.I., when he had the honour of election,—alone.

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

30th May 1883.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MALTA.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, on the 26th ult. The Kingston Lodge, No. 222, was opened by its W.M. R.W. Bro. A. Broadley P.D.G.M.M. of the Mediterranean, with a satisfactory attendance of Officers and brethren, and two candidates were duly advanced to the M.M.M. Degree. Prov. Grand Lodge was then opened by R.W. Bro. T. F. Reade, Her Britannic Majesty's Consul General at Tunis, P.G.M. of North Africa, assisted by several of his Grand Officers and his D.P.G.M. Dr. A. Perini. The P.G.M., in a short address, congratulated the brethren on the continued and increased prosperity of the Mark Degree in North Africa. He attributed this mainly to the untiring zeal of his friend and predecessor, Bro. Broadley, who always found time amidst his private pursuits, however pressing (and they knew how hard worked he was), to fulfil his duties to the Craft. Since Provincial Grand Lodge last met Brother Broadley had twice visited Egypt, and the flourishing Lodge of Egypt, No. 311, at Cairo, was a memorial of his handiwork. The zeal of the Egyptian brethren was beyond all praise, and he was pleased that the M.W.G.M. had conferred distinguished honours on his old friend, Bro. Borg, M.W.G.M. of Egypt, and on Captain Williams-Freeman, who had worked the Lodge since its opening. He hoped soon to see a prosperous Lodge in Alexandria. He felt bound before sitting down to publicly thank Bro. Broadley for his invaluable assistance, and he trusted that when his term of office ended, that brother might be induced to succeed him and carry out in the new Province of North Africa the same work as would ever render memorable his administration as head of the old Province of Tunis and Malta.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed:—

Bro. Captain Williams-Freeman 311	Deputy G.M.
Col. Sir W. N. D. Pringle, Bart., 311	G. Senior Warden
Jules Emile Geissel 222	G. Junior Warden
E. T. Rogers Bey 311	G. Master Overseer
E. A. Perkins 254	G. Senior Overseer
J. Wilson Bey 311	G. Junior Overseer
The Hon. M. Napier 311	G. Registrar
A. Andrey 222	G. Secretary
Captain Pemmington 311	G. Asst. Secretary
Commandant Coyne 222	G. D. of C.
R. C. Waller Bey 311	G. Sup. of Works
N. D'Amico 254	G. Senior Deacon
Quartermaster H. McKinnon 311	G. Junior Deacon
Michel 222	G. Standard Bearer
Prince 311	G. Sword Bearer
Commander W. M. Bridger, R.N., 222	G. Organist
Flak 222	G. Inner Guard
Audemar, Goodall, Angelica	G. Stewards
A. Villareale 222	G. Tyler.

Bro. Broadley briefly acknowledged the complimentary remarks of Bro. Reade, who then closed the Provincial Grand Lodge, and retired. The Kingston Lodge was then closed in ancient form.

The Summer Half-Yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Tuesday next, the 5th inst., under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master.

A very satisfactory meeting of the Walpole M.M.M. Lodge, No. 92, was held at Norwich, on Monday last; twelve candidates were advanced to the degree on this occasion.

Among the brethren nominated for election to the Board of General Purposes, on Wednesday next, is Bro. G. P. Festa, W.M. No. 1900, who we trust will receive such support as will secure for him a place on the Board. During the short time the Montagu Guest Lodge (the one of which Bro. Festa is now W. Master) has been in existence, he has made for it a reputation for charitable proclivities which doubtless will continue as long as it exists. One of the youngest on the list of London Lodges, it has achieved such distinction as will justify the members of Grand Lodge in conferring the honour of membership of the Board of General Purposes on one of its number, and should Bro. Festa's candidature prove successful, it will hold out an inducement to other young Masons to endeavour to obtain similar distinction. We are among those who consider the few offices in the gift of the brethren of Grand Lodge should be conferred on those who distinguish themselves in the advancement of the Order, and under such circumstances Bro. Festa is justly entitled to some recognition at the hands of his fellows.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 2nd JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Old Ship Hotel Brighton

MONDAY, 4th JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1480—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1621—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1691—St. Ambrose Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1311—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 2—Phœnix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 5th JUNE.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1380—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
384—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1003—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 115—Redford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 6th JUNE.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 369—Limeston Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 7th JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
701—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)
M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
309—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
308—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland

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1283—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, Alfords Chambers, Widnes
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 8th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
R.A. 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
463—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harriogate
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 9th JUNE.

Provincial Grand Chapter Surrey, Sun Hotel, Kingston
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1423—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE regular convocation of this excellent working Chapter was held on the 28th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldergate-street. Companions H. P. Isaac M.E.Z., E. P. Albert as H., A. Henochsberg J., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, J. W. Dewsnap S.N., P.Z.'s M. Lasarus, L. Lazarus, W. Littaur, H. M. Levy, P. Dickinson. Visitor—B. Lyon 1055. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A letter was read from Comp. I. P. Cohen H., stating that through ill health he should not be able if elected, to fill the chair; he begged therefore most respectfully to resign it. The election for Principals then took place, and Comp. L. Lazarus P.Z. of this Chapter was elected M.E.Z., A. Henochsberg H., W. Littaur P.Z. J.; Comp. J. Lazarus P.Z. was re-elected Treasurer, Emanuel P.Z. S.E., Da Silva S.N., Dewsnap P.S., Goddard Janitor. Comp. Levy proposed, and L. Lazarus seconded, that a sum of two guineas be given from the funds of the Chapter for the purpose of presenting the retiring Z. with a testimonial for his excellent working, not only as M.E.Z., but in every office he has filled. Comp. Lazarus proposed that honorary membership be accorded to Comp. Littaur, who had on three occasions filled the chair of M.E.Z. This was seconded by Comp. L. Lazarus, and the M.E.Z. supplemented their remarks by a suggestion that this compliment should be paid Comp. Littaur so that every privilege the Chapter could confer should be given, a record of this resolution to be inscribed on vellum, and presented to him by the Chapter as a birthday gift. Comp. Levy proposed, and Comp. Albert seconded, that a letter of condolence be sent to Comp. Baum on a recent bereavement—the death of his respected father. The Chapter was then closed until the last Monday in November, and the Companions sat down to a simple and *récherché* banquet, provided by Comp. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Companion Lazarus said it was with great pleasure he had to propose the toast of the M.E.Z., whose excellent working had given them every satisfaction. The toast having been ably responded to, Comp Lyon replied as a Visitor. With the toast of the P.Z.'s was coupled the name of Comp. L. Lazarus P.Z. and M.E.Z. elect who, in response, said it was a great pleasure to him to be re-elected to the chair again. It was an honour he was unprepared for, but having done his duty in the past, he hoped to their satisfaction, he would strive to do so in the future. The toast of the H. and J. was given, and regret expressed at the resignation of Comp. I. P. Cohen H. Comp. Henochsberg responded. The Z., in proposing the toast of the Treasurer, Comp. J. Lazarus, and the S.E., Comp. M. J. Emanuel P.Z., paid a just compliment to their exertions for the Chapter; he was pleased to see the former Companion had returned to his native land. Comp. Dewsnap, in a very able speech, returned thanks for the Junior Officers. The Janitor's toast was then given. Comps. Henochsberg, Dickinson, Isaac, and Hobinstock contributed to the harmony.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—On Monday evening, 28th May, at the Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, Loughborough Junction. Present—Bros. Bellis W.M., Littlewood S.W., Westley J.W., McDiarmaid Treasurer, McKinley Secretary, Banks S.D., McKinley J.D., Johnson Preceptor, Hampton I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Stevens, Sherring, Perkins, Powell, Reid. After preliminaries, the three ceremonies were rehearsed. Bro. Littlewood was elected to the chair for Monday next. One ceremony only will be rehearsed, afterwards a general discussion will ensue on the merits of Brother Stevens's Lecture, as delivered on 30th April and 21st May. Masons are warmly invited to take part in this discussion.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro Langdale's, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., Saturday, 26th May. Bros. Dixie W.M., Gribbell S.W., Venning J.W., Weeden S.D., Wolf J.D., Jones I.G., Lorkin Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Brasted, Houghton, Manger, Lone, and Liedman. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brasted offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Brother Manger answered the questions leading to the third degree, but was not entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, with the traditional history, Bro. Lowe being the candidate. The W.M. worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Gribbell. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Liedman, of the Urban Lodge, No. 1196, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Gribbell was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned to Saturday, the 2nd of June, when the members of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction will work the Fifteen Sections. We trust that the brethren will muster numerously, so as to give the Visitors a hearty reception.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Queen's Hotel, York, when there was a very large muster, upwards of forty brethren being present. The object of the meeting was the initiation into Masonry of the Lord Mayor of York (Alderman Thomas Varry), who had been proposed in emergency by letter in view of the visit of the Grand Master to York in July, when the foundation-stone of the new Institute will be laid by him with Masonic honours. The W.M. Bro. Millington presided, and was supported by P.M.'s Bros. T. B. Whytehead, J. S. Cumberland, C. G. Padel, J. T. Seller, G. Simpson, George Balmford, J. Blenkin S.W., and most of the other Officers. Several visiting brethren were also present from 236, 1991, and from other parts of the Province. The ballot having been taken, the candidate was introduced and duly initiated, Bros. T. B. Whytehead acting as W.M. and J. S. Cumberland as conducting Deacon, and also giving the Charge. After the close of Lodge, the brethren and their guests met at supper, after which the usual toast list was duly honoured. In responding to the toast of his health the Lord Mayor said he was pleased to have become a member of an Order so ancient and of such high standing, and he should be very glad to place the Guildhall and Mansion House at the service of the Order on the occasion of the visit of the Grand Master. A most harmonious evening was spent, enlivened by songs and glees.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Canonbury Tavern, on Monday last, when the following brethren were present:—Marks W.M., Galer S.W., Brock J.W., Killick jun. Treasurer, Collingridge Sec., Dixie S.D., Jones J.D., Wolf I.G., Kidder acting Preceptor; also Bros. Osborn, Western, Bevan, Killick sen., and Clark. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Bevan acting as candidate. Bro. Clark, a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Galer will preside on Monday, 4th June.

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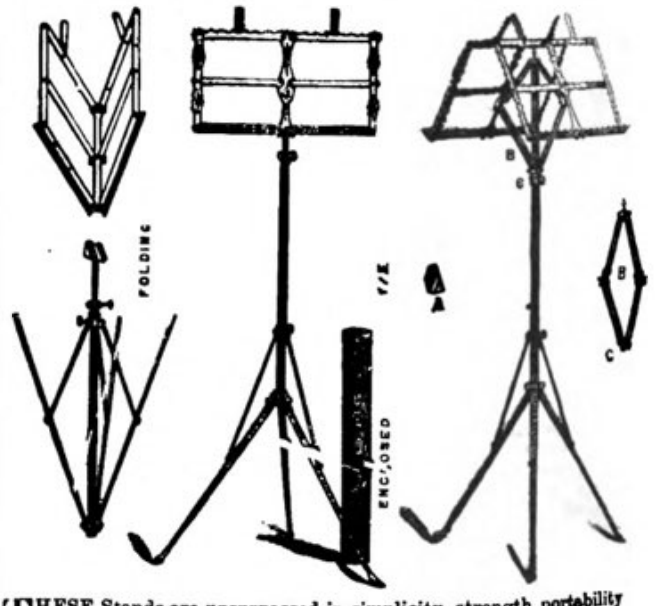

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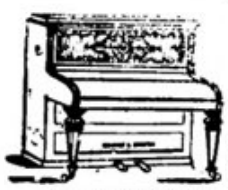

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of Wednesday last was held in the large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, who was supported by a large assembly of the Present and Past Grand Officers, and representatives of various Lodges; altogether there being nearly 700 brethren present. After Grand Lodge had been opened, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, read the minutes of last Quarterly Communication, which were confirmed. After the minutes referring to the Grand Festival of the 25th April had been read, a question was raised by Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, Past Grand Master of Bengal, as to the precedence of brethren appointed as Grand Officers on that occasion. Brother Sandeman pointed out what he conceived to be an important error in the printed Proceedings of Grand Lodge. If this error arose unintentionally, he had nothing more to say on the matter; but if otherwise, he thought an encroachment on the powers and privileges of Grand Lodge was involved. He alluded to page 37 of the printed Proceedings of United Grand Lodge, where the sequence of appointments for the year does not follow that laid down in the Book of Constitutions as regards the degree of rank. He would therefore ask that the record be so arranged as to name the Grand Officers according to the rank assigned to them under the Constitutional law, which having been passed by Grand Lodge can be modified or altered by Grand Lodge only.

Brother Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, said, that the only question before Grand Lodge was whether the printed minutes recorded accurately what took place in Grand Lodge at Grand Festival on the 25th of April, and it was perfectly clear that the minutes did correctly state what took place. The order in which the Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed the Grand Officers for the year was without doubt within the exercise of his prerogative. He could appoint his Officers, and give rank as he pleased; that had been acted upon again and again by former Grand Masters. It was acted upon before the Union; it had been acted upon since the Union; and the various positions and distinctions of Officers have varied from time to time at the will of the Grand Master for the time being; instead, therefore, of its being an encroachment upon the powers of Grand Lodge, to oppose such actions would be an attempt to encroach upon the rights, privileges, and prerogative of the Grand Master. Bro. McIntyre then gave some very lengthy illustrations in support of the views he had enunciated, and respectfully submitted to, and asked the M.W. Grand Master in the chair to rule that, inasmuch as the Grand Master, the fountain of honour, had the bestowal of the offices, and the appointment of the officers, he also had the right to put them in that position and in that rank which he thought proper. Bro. McIntyre ventured to represent that as the only question that could be raised in Grand Lodge was whether the printed report of what took place upon the last occasion represented what was done by the authority and order of the Grand Master, and that inasmuch as what was done was correctly represented by the minutes, and was within the Grand Master's province, they had no power to interfere.

These views were strongly opposed by W. Bro. H. H. Locke, who said that though his work in Masonry had been done many thousand miles away, and though he was but a stranger amongst them, he could but raise his voice, with all earnestness, in emphatic protest against the astounding doctrine just laid down by the Grand Registrar—a doctrine as he conceived not only unsound and dangerous in itself, but contrary to our Constitutions, and such as would be as distasteful to the Grand Master himself as to the brethren at large when they hear of it.

After some remarks from Bros. James Stevens and the Rev. R. J. Simpson, the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the Chair said he had purposely allowed this discussion upon a point of order to run on, being anxious that a question on which Grand Lodge felt strongly should not seem to be in any way curtailed by any act from the chair; before, however, he gave his ruling on the subject, he wished to say a word with regard to the remarks that fell from the worthy brother who spoke last but one. He always deprecated—in Grand Lodge especially—the introduction of anything like personal feeling, which diminishes from the fairness and harmony with which all their questions ought to be discussed, and which imparts a personal and acrid tone into our debates. He thought it his duty to notice that that brother went far beyond his province when he suggested there was any intention to make use of the Grand Master in order to stifle debate or to bring forward the name of the prerogative in order to diminish the just rights and liberties of Grand Lodge. Such a course of proceeding could only proceed from, or at least through, the brethren who sit in the chair which he now occupied. It had been his good fortune often during the last two years to sit in that chair, and he thought no brother in Grand Lodge could say that he had ever been guilty of wishing to curtail the liberties of Grand Lodge, or even by word, hint or innuendo to bias unfairly the course of discussion. That was a charge lightly and not very discreetly thrown out, therefore he would say no more on the subject. The question which he had to consider, or which rather he had had to consider within the last five minutes, was this—what is the question which has been raised in this way, and on which a decision is needed? The worthy brother who raised it did not justify or formulate it in any way. It was, as he gathered it, a general and uneasy feeling in G. Lodge that something had been done which in some degree militated against their ancient rights. Now, if that be so, he was the last man living who would wish to prevent the full and free discussion of it; but it must not be discussed hastily, by a side wind, in an indirect manner, and without full knowledge on the part of all who attend that discussion of what they have to discuss. Therefore, if it rested on that ground alone, he should feel it incumbent on him, not only for the sake of Grand Lodge, whose interests are as dear to him as they are to any person in the room, but for the sake of the Grand Master, whose chair he had the honour to fill, and whose position and prerogative he was bound to guard as far as they were to be guarded, he should feel it incumbent to prevent discussion arising hastily or indirectly on an important question. If there be such a feeling in Grand Lodge as that he had indicated, and if a fair case could be made out, let it be discussed fully and fairly at the first convenient opportunity. There were two questions, as he gathered. First of all the question of pre-

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cedence itself, whether the precedence adopted upon the last occasion was right or wrong? secondly, who has the right to authorise the precedence and to vary it? Those, as he understood, were the two questions which had been indirectly raised. It would be for Grand Lodge, on a future day, if it thought well, to consider them. Meanwhile, he considered it right to rule that the only question before him was whether the Proceedings of the last Grand Lodge had been correctly reported; and, believing that they were correctly reported, and, having heard nothing to the contrary, he must for the present put aside the question, leaving it to be discussed at some future day. The question, therefore, is that the minutes of the Grand Festival of the 25th April be confirmed. The motion was then carried *nem con.*

The next business, the Election of Members on the Board of General Purposes, resulted as follows:—

	No. of Votes
John Laurence Mather, 1471	294
Ralph Clutton, 631	231
Giovanni Paulo Festa, 1900	222
Albert Escott, 1593	219
Charles Atkins, 27	217
William Smallpeice, 1395	190
George Pitt-Lewis, 46	189
Alfred Meadows, M.D., 4	183
William Bristow, G.S.L.	182
Thomas Hastings Miller, 907	177
Sharon Grote Turner, 2	154
William H Dean, 417	153
George Henry Hopkinson, 14	152
Henry Richard Cooper Smith, 1731	143

The undermentioned were nominated by the G. Master: Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A., President, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Ralph Gooding, M.D., Frank Green, James E. Saunders, Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., John A. Rucker, Thomas Fenn, Robert Freke Gould, and Raymond Henry Thrupp.

The following brethren will form the Colonial Board:—James Brett P.M. 177, William George Lemon P.M. 1601, Edward Letchworth P.M. 197, James Henry Matthews P.M. 143, Thomas Hastings Miller P.M. 907, Griffiths Smith P.M. 21, William Stephens P.M. 1489.

Nominated by the Grand Master: Bros. John Anthony Rucker President, Hugh D. Sandeman, and Brackstone Baker.

148 votes were recorded for Bro. James Garner P.M. 975, but as not more than seven Past Masters could be elected, a brother on the list of Masters was returned with a less number of votes.

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	No. of Votes
Charles A. Cottebrune P.M. 783	283
Charles Atkins P.M. 27	258
Alfred H. Tattershall P.M. 143	235
James Willing jun. P.M. 1507	226
William J. Murlis P.M. 1642	206
William H. Goodall P.M. 1567	189
John James Berry P.M. 554	181
Thomas W. C. Bush P.M. 1728	176
George L. Moore P.M. 169	166
Robert Perry Tate P.M. 862	144

Nominated by the Grand Master: Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, R. H. Giraud, Jabez Hogg, Captain N. G. Philips, R. T. Ryott, D.C.L., J. S. Peirce, W. F. Nettleship, James Brett, and James Kench.

The recommendations of the Lodge of Benevolence, as regards grants, as printed by us last week, were, on the motion of Bro. James Brett P.G.P., seconded by Bro. G. P. Britten, confirmed.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes was next taken as read, received, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton then rose to move—

> That the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes with reference to the suggestion of the reconstruction and enlargement of the Premises at Freemasons' Hall be referred back to the Board for execution, under the direction of the Grand Superintendent of Works.

The particulars of the fire that took place recently in the Temple were well known to the brethren, and doubtless were lamented by them as much as by the Board of General Purposes. After referring to the various suggestions that had been made in the columns of the public press, as to the reconstruction of the Temple, he stated that the Board of General Purposes felt it their duty to lose no time in giving their close and careful attention to the whole position, in order that it might be brought preliminarily before Grand Lodge with all possible speed. He need scarcely say that having no sort of power or authority to take any actual step in the direction of reconstruction, they thought they should be bad men of business if they did not make some inquiries of a general character as to what would be for the benefit of the Craft if carried out. Those matters and the result of those inquiries are referred to in the somewhat lengthy Report now in the hands of the brethren. In briefly considering the propriety, or rather the expediency, of removing our time-honoured position to another site, we had many points before us, but more especially those affecting the personal convenience of brethren; secondly, the interests of the Craft in a pecuniary and financial sense. We recollected that our property is situated where we now stand, and we remembered that if it were thought in all other respects desirable that our Temple should be removed we should leave behind us a very important part of our property in the shape of Freemasons' Tavern and the premises adjacent to it; and it needed no skilled advice to assure us that we should very considerably have injured, and irremediably destroyed that property if such a step were recommended and afterwards taken. The only spot which has anything to recommend it other than our own location is the Thames Embankment. There is no doubt a certain amount of convenience connected with the railways on the Thames Embankment, but we found that the consideration would be attended by such enormous financial cost as to be practically impossible. It had been suggested by enthusiastic brethren that the moment a notice went out to the Craft for a whip of £1 a head it would be responded to. Of course that was hardly likely to be adopted; indeed, it would not be a dignified thing for the Craft to do under the circumstances. After giving some sound and practical reasons for the decision he and his colleagues had arrived at Bro. Monckton moved the resolution as given above.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., while agreeing with the report of the Board in many points, and lamenting the destruction of the Temple, thought they should erect in its place a building capable of meeting the wants of the brethren. They needed a Hall which would accommodate 1500 persons. What he wanted was a Committee to act with the Board of General Purposes. He therefore moved that,

> "Having regard to the recent destruction of the Temple by fire, and the great increase of Masons, that it be referred to a Committee, in conjunction with Members of the Board of General Purposes, to consider the advisability of rebuilding the Temple, or of acquiring a site to erect thereon a Hall capable of meeting the wants of the Order."

Brother Havers said that it was only the strongest sense of duty, as well as a strong love for an Institution which he had served for so many years, that had brought him there on that occasion. He felt he should be doing wrong to himself and to the brethren if he did not venture to trespass on their attention with a few remarks. When that Hall was built Grand Lodge elected him chairman of the Building Committee. He might therefore be presumed to have some knowledge of the building, what was done, and what was the best way of doing it. He had been utterly amazed with the proposal now placed before Grand Lodge. Giving credit to the Board for all good intentions, let them ask themselves what was the proposal. It was that Grand Lodge should grant a sum of £30,000 or £35,000, plus the money received on the insurance, and from Messrs. Spiers and Pond, to erect a building which was not even yet conceived. He asked himself, would they build a labourer's cottage, costing even a couple of hundred pounds, without first seeing plans of what was to be built? certainly not. He would therefore call the attention of Grand Lodge to what was done on the occasion to which he had referred. The matter was offered to public competition, and they got a number of valuable designs, which were placed in St. Martin's Hall for a month, and brethren invited to go and see them. Amongst the plans sent in was one with which they were all delighted; there was a grand middle hall, but with entrances all round it quite compatible with the purposes of such a hall. The building had to be constructed under peculiar circumstances; they were bound to consider the requirements of Grand Lodge for its Quarterly Communications, and they were bound not to stop the business of the Tavern; the Hall had, therefore, been constructed at three different periods. As erected,

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the Hall was not built from a single design, but was the combined work of several. Brother Havers earnestly asked Grand Lodge to refer the matter back to the Board of General Purposes, with instructions to them to obtain plans, and submit them to the brethren for their opinion. The building could not be completed for two years, and he thought the Board was not the right party to deal with the matter—a Committee of six or seven would be more efficient; and, for the reason that there was nothing to be gained by hurry, nothing would be lost by waiting a couple of months inviting plans for consideration. It was most desirable that the brethren who came to Grand Lodge should hear and take part in the proceedings. It would be necessary to make a building capable of containing 1500 brethren, with due regard to acoustic properties.

Bro. Beach thought the brethren might congratulate themselves upon having Bro. Havers amongst them again, to advise them on a subject upon which his information and opinion must be worthy of the greatest respect; he thought it desirable there should be no great difference of opinion, and suggested that the Board of General Purposes should endeavour to fall in with the views of the brethren.

Bro. Frank Green argued that Bro. Havers had answered Bro. Stewart's proposition. He thought it would be a great mistake to bring a large number of brethren to the consideration of the subject, and considered that the Board of General Purposes was quite competent to decide what plans should be submitted for inspection. Bro. Brackstone Baker supported Bro. Havers' motion that the Board of General Purposes should nominate a consultative Committee. Bro. R. Stewart said he did not propose to elect a large committee; he proposed a committee of six, to act with the Board of General Purposes. Bro. Henry Hacker objected to Sir J. B. Monckton's proposition, as extremely crude. Without giving details as to how the result was arrived at, he had stated generally that the expense of erecting a larger hall would only be £500 a year more than at present. Another brother said the Board had had before it fullest information, and was better able to judge than any outside person as to the removal or not from the present site. He would impress upon the Board or Committee that might be appointed to avail themselves of the opportunity of perfecting the mode of exit from the Temple. The thought had occurred to him at various times as to the terrible results that would ensue should the brethren from any cause be thrown into a state of panic. Bro. Monckton said that perhaps he might be allowed to end the discussion in a manner agreeable to all. First, the Board never had entertained the insane policy of having plans which would be adopted without being first submitted to Grand Lodge. Secondly, he had meant to say that the increase of £500 a-year in the cost was after making every allowance. He asked Grand Lodge to ignore the Board altogether; let there be a Committee of seven, ten, or any number Grand Lodge pleased, but let half be elected by Grand Lodge, and half by the Board of General Purposes. The Committee would be a permanent body, and everything would be brought before Grand Lodge. Brother Holden considered this a matter of great importance, which would be best dealt with by referring it back to the Board of General Purposes. The functions of the Board were the dealing with the working out of Masonry, but if he wanted a building erected he should not think them the most suitable body to be entrusted with the work. Bro. Havers thought the proposal of the Board a very proper one. He suggested that Grand Lodge should select four brethren, and that the Board should also select four; on this basis he recommended them to accept Brother Monckton's proposal, and withdrew his own. Brother Æneas McIntyre said, as the Board of General Purposes was a very large, as well as a changeable body, it would not be a convenient course to constitute them a Building Committee. A smaller permanent Committee would be preferable, and he proposed as an amendment, "That this matter be referred to a Committee consisting of eight members, four being nominated and appointed by Grand Lodge, and four by the Board; the Chairman to have a casting vote."

Brother Binckes suggested that Brother Havers should be asked to assist. He strongly objected to the course adopted by the Board of General Purposes as expressed in motion No. 2, which suggested that the scheme of reconstruction should be referred back to the Board "for execution under the direction of the Grand Superintendent of Works," which manifestly meant that Grand Lodge was to leave the matter entirely to the Board. He begged Grand Lodge not to give up their power altogether, but adopt Brother Havers' suggestion for the appointment of a Committee to take evidence.

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master said that the advantage of this discussion had been at least this—that it had sifted the opinion of Grand Lodge, and it gave him an opportunity of saying with how much personal gratification he had listened once more to his most excellent Bro. Havers. His voice had been very often heard in their councils, and there was no man who could give them better advice at a juncture like the present. He thought the discussion had brought matters to a harmonious point. There was now no question whatever as the proposal of the Board of General Purposes. Brother Monckton had explained that it never was the intention to act without further consulting Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge, it was clear, must be consulted, and in order that this might be done Grand Lodge must pledge its power to some one Committee. There was a concurrence of opinion that there should be a Committee, and that part of that Committee should be named by Grand Lodge. It remained to consider whether the whole or a part should be so named. They were bound to bear in mind two things—first of all, that the Board of General Purposes was selected by Grand Lodge every year, out of the best of their members, to consider and carry on many important matters that arise during the year. He was quite sure it was not the wish of Grand Lodge to cast a slight on the judgment of those whom they had placed in that important position, therefore it seemed to him to be a fair compromise between two conflicting opinions that the Grand Lodge should nominate half and the Board of General Purposes should choose the other half. All such matters were matters of compromise. It was an essential condition that there should be give and take; and he thought himself, though he did not wish to press it upon Grand Lodge for more than it was worth, that it was a fair and reasonable compromise, suggested in a conciliatory spirit. As such he should be glad to see it adopted, and what was more important, he thought Grand Lodge might adopt it with perfect safety and prudence as regarded the result. He thought it his duty not to withhold his opinion on the point; he should wish to avoid all questions of detail, because these must be considered by the Committee to be appointed, and must afterwards come back for confirmation and ratification by Grand Lodge. But he would venture to urge strongly upon those who considered the matter, that whilst they looked to increased accommodation, they must on the other hand remember that the place in which they met was for the conducting of business, and that if built too large and without reference to acoustic principles, the inconvenience they would all suffer at ninety-nine out of every hundred of their meetings would be a most serious and irremediable consideration. It would now be his duty to submit to Grand Lodge the proposal that this question be referred to a Committee of eight, of whom four are to be appointed by Grand Lodge, and four by the Board of General Purposes. For the sake of convenience the vote was put in a slightly altered form, viz., that this question be referred to a Committee of eight, of whom four are to be appointed by the Board of General Purposes. That having been carried, it was proposed that the other four should be appointed by Grand Lodge, which was also carried. The motion was then put as a whole, and carried.

Bro. Havers next proposed that the matter to be referred should next be fixed; and that the Committee is to obtain evidence. This having been seconded by Bro. Baker, the Chairman explained that such Committee was to be instructed to obtain and submit to Grand Lodge evidence and estimates for the rebuilding of Freemasons' Hall, and to deposit them in Grand Secretary's office, or in some other place, for the inspection of the Craft in general.

Several brethren were then nominated, and a show of hands taken; the acting Grand Master declaring the result to be in favour of Bros. Gibson, R. Stewart, Burt and Lewis-Thomas.

The appeal from a decision of the District Grand Lodge of New Zealand was heard and dismissed; and shortly afterwards Grand Lodge was closed.

The R.W. Sir Francis Burdett has fixed Saturday, the 30th inst., for the next meeting of his Provincial G. Lodge. The members of the Province will assemble at Hampton Court, at the New Rooms of the Mitre Hotel, at half-past two o'clock.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THERE was a meeting of the General Committee at Great Queen-street, on Saturday last, when Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, V.P., was elected Chairman. The following brethren were also present:—John L. Mather, C. F. Matier, E. B. Harding, Alfred Williams, Donald M. Dewar, C. H. Webb, Dr. Morris, E. M. Money, A. F. Edson, Charles Belton, Thomas Cubitt, Frederick Adlard, W. Maple, Dr. Ramsay, George Cooper, George P. Gillard, W. Paas, W. Mann, Raynham W. Stewart, E. C. Massey, Edgar Bowyer, W. W. Morgan, and F. Binckes Secretary.

The minutes of the last General Committee were read and verified, and those of the House Committee were read for information. Arising out of the circumstance that the death of Bro. Wordsworth was recorded on the minutes of the House Committee, Bro. Binckes said that the matter would come before the next meeting of the General Court, when he should no doubt be instructed to address a letter of condolence to Bro. Wordsworth's widow, in addition to which he had written at the instance of the House Committee.

The Chairman announced that one of the brethren nominated for election to serve on the House Committee for the coming year had withdrawn his name, and that the number of nominations for the two Committees and the number to be elected being equal, he had only to declare that the following brethren had been duly elected.—

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Edgar Bowyer V. Pat.
Henry Wallis Hunt V.P.
J. L. Mather V.P.
James Moon V.P.
A. F. Godson V.P.
J. Joyce Murray V. Pat.
William Paas V.P.
F. W. Ramsay, M.D.
W. Roebuck V. Pat.
Dudley Rolls V.P.
Charles Sanders, M.D.
R. W. Stewart V.P.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

Thomas Cubitt V.P.
H. S. Goodall.
C. F. Hogard.
W. Maple.
C. F. Matier.
W. Mann V. Pat.
Charles E. Soppet.
Henry Venn.

Four petitions were received. Three of the names were at once placed on the list, the other being accepted conditionally.

An application for an outfit vote was read from George Meacock, a former pupil, and a sum of £5 was voted to him.

Bro. Binckes reported that, acting on the qualified sanction he received on the 30th May, a further £1,000 had been invested on behalf of the building fund, which now amounted to £6,000.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey, under the presidency of the R.W. Companion General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Superintendent, will be held this day (Saturday), at the Sun Hotel, Kingston, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon precisely. Amongst other items of business before the Provincial Grand Chapter will be the consecration of the Ewell Chapter, No. 1851. Comp. Arthur Edwin Taylor P.M. 1201, 1851, P.Z. 1201, is the M.E.Z. designate, while Comps. W. Howard Paddle P.M. 1851, and George William Saul P.M. 1201, will respectively be installed into the second and third Principal's chairs.

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ROYAL ARCH.

NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, No 360.

THERE was a large attendance of Companions at the Masonic Hall, Northampton, on Thursday, 31st ult, many no doubt attending specially to take part in the presentation of a testimonial to Comp. M. Boémé P.Z., &c. Comp. H. J. Atkins M.E.Z. presided. Amongst other business Bro. H. Manfield 1764 was duly exalted, the M.E.Z. ably performing the ceremony, and being efficiently supported by Comps. Rev. S. J. W. Sanders H., John Bingley J., George Ellard Principal Sojourner. Amongst the P.Z.'s present were M. A. Boémé, Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M., John Kellett N. pro tem, George Robinson E., J. U. Stanton Treasurer, J. T. Green, Geo. Cotton, &c. At the conclusion of the Chapter proceedings, the Companions adjourned to the banquet room, which was thrown open to all Craft Masons. A most excellent repast was served by Mrs. Forth, of the Peacock Hotel. There was an unusually large muster of the brethren from the local Lodges, and other Lodges in the Province were also represented. The Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. Butler Wilkins presided. Bros. J. Kellett P.Z. and P.M. and George Cotton P.M. and P.Z. occupied the vice chairs. Bro. George Ellard P.M. Prov. G.D.C. officiated as Director of Ceremonies. The Queen and Craft, the Prince of Wales and the other Officers of Grand Lodge having been duly honoured, Bro. T. Wetherell, in an appropriate speech, gave the Prov. G.M. the Duke of Manchester, the Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. Butler Wilkins, and the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past, to which Bro. J. U. Stanton Prov. Grand Treasurer suitably responded, remarking that the brethren would be pleased to hear that the Duke of Manchester had arranged to be present at the Prov. Grand Lodge at Peterborough on Thursday next. The Dep. Prov. G.M. then proceeded to the special business of the evening, the presentation of the testimonial to Bro. Boémé. In graceful and felicitous terms, he referred to the valuable work Bro. Boémé had done for Masonry in Northampton for many years; there were few men who had separated from the scene of their labours after so many years of toil who had left behind them so many friends or fewer enemies than the distinguished friend and brother whom they had that night met to honour. The precepts of Masonry had been practised by him in his life, and had won for him not only the affectionate goodwill of all with whom he had been brought in contact, but the honour and respect of those who had worked with him in Masonry, and although in the last few years he had not taken the active part he had formerly done, his example had great influence in the working and harmony of the Lodge, being rather felt than seen. The testimonial took a twofold form—duplicate portraits in oils. The one was to remind their brother of very many happy meetings in Norths and Hunts; also to remind him and his family of the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren in Masonry. The other, suspended in their own hall, would remind them that, though he was absent in the body, his example was before them to inspire them in the cause of Masonry, and to influence them in years to come in all their work. On behalf of the brethren, he asked Brother Boémé to accept the portrait with the fervent prayer that he might enjoy many years of health and happiness in his retirement from business life. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours. The portrait, which had been painted in duplicate, is an excellent likeness. Bro. Everest, of Worthing, is the artist. Each picture has a rich massive gold frame, supplied by Bro. Atkins, of Abington-street, Northampton, and has suitable inscriptions. Bro. Boémé, in responding, said it was a moment of great gratification to him. He did not know that he deserved their kindness. It was twenty-four years last December that he received from his brethren a presentation of plate in acknowledgment of the services they were good enough to consider he had rendered Masonry. That presentation was made by the late Brother William Roberts, then Mayor of the town. He should greatly appreciate the portrait they had so kindly presented to him, and he thanked them on behalf of his family as well as for himself. Having given a brief retrospect of the past history of Masonry in Northampton, he expressed his pride and pleasure that the local Lodges had arrived at a position inferior to none in the kingdom. Bro. J. T. Green, in a practical speech, gave the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions, to which Bro. Kingston eloquently responded, giving a most interesting account of his visit to and experience of the various Masonic Institutions, and strongly urging the brethren present to assist those Institutions as far as they were able. Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, with his usual humour, proposed the Visiting Brethren, for whom Bro. Stringer 1418 replied. The concluding toast was humorously given by Bro. J. Haviland, the M.E.Z. and the P.Z.'s of the Chapter, and the W.M.'s and P.M.'s of the various Lodges, and Comp. H. J. Atkins 360, Bros. F. J. Airs 360, and Rev. S. W. Wigg 1911, severally acknowledged the toast. The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by harmony contributed by Bros. Hart, Atkins, Gough, Timson, Butcher, Emery, N. T. Hewens; Bros. Brook, Sampson, and R. Croft accompanying. In addition to those already mentioned there were also present—Bros. P.M.'s G. Robinson, John Bingley, John Watkin, N. T. Hewens, H. Brown; Bros. R. J. Johnston, F. T. Airs W.M. 360, H. Hill W.M. 1764, Rev. S. W. Wigg W.M. 1911, E. Roberts, F. J. Dufty, J. Clayson, H. W. Todd, A. Jones, W. Goldney, T. Emery, J. Jeffery, E. C. Ashford, S. S. Campion, J. Currall, T. P. Dorman, A. Cockerill, T. Franks, W. J. Howe, H. Spoor, E. James, Eli Morris, R. Taylor, G. W. Butcher, G. H. Percival, H. Manfield, and E. B. Fletcher. The room was beautifully decorated, under the superintendence of Bros. H. J. Atkins and T. Emery.

The Fifteenth Anniversary Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund is appointed to take place on Wednesday, 25th July, when the R.W. Bro. Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart. Provincial Grand Mark Master of S. Wales, has kindly consented to preside.

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LODGE DUES.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

PROBABLY there is no question involved in what may be termed the domestic or internal economy of Lodges which is more perplexing, and in its tendencies exercises a greater influence for prosperity on the one hand, and for apathy, dissatisfaction, non-affiliation or its more advanced condition, suspension, on the other, than non-payment or non-collection of dues. I use the two terms in this connection because the fact or existence of the first is largely due to the un-business-like performance of the latter. Laxity on the part of the Secretary in attending to the collection of Lodge dues, as he would do in any private business affairs, begets a corresponding looseness and carelessness on the part of the membership, who, in this respect, fail to perform their duties with the same constant regularity with which other obligations, less important, are performed.

A majority of Secretaries unfortunately conceive that they are fulfilling their duties in posting up their ledgers at the end of the year, and having their books in readiness for settlement when the brethren present themselves for payment. It is one of the peculiarities in human nature that a portion of the human family require to be reminded of pecuniary obligations before they will make any effort to discharge them, and it is also true that a large number of this class will respond when properly called upon.

With this class, therefore, the failure may be properly charged, not as non-payment of dues, but the debit should appear in the Secretary's account, as non-collection of dues, if reasonable diligence and energy is not exercised in the effort to collect them. Secretaries, as a rule, are like other men and Masons, solicitous to avoid wounding the feelings of delinquent brethren by plainly asking them to pay their dues; and, as they are held responsible only for what they receive, and, though they may realise the desirability or even necessity of securing payment, they still feel a delicacy, and in many cases a repugnance, to presenting a statement of account to delinquents. It is safe to assume that a majority of those who, under this system, settle up at intervals of two, three or more years, are brethren who are best able to meet their dues, who could pay them at any time, but who allow the debt to accumulate simply because their attention is not called to it. After a time it amounts to a sum which is not so easily paid, and, finally, the debtor will reach a mental conclusion something like this: "I justly owe the Lodge this sum of money, but just at this time I need it in my business, and can't well afford to pay it. If the Secretary had only called my attention to it annually, I could have paid it without feeling it, but just now I'll wait until I am a little easier in money matters." So it keeps accumulating, until, finally, under an order of the Lodge, for there are but few Masters who will assume the responsibility, citations or summonses are issued requiring perhaps a dozen members to appear at some fixed time, and show cause why they should not be disciplined for non-payment of dues. Minds are differently affected by this procedure. Those who have merely been careless, and have failed to pay because they have not been requested to do so, resent it as unbusiness-like, and unfraternal, and feel wounded that such extreme measures have been resorted to. As a rule, this class hasten to settle their dues before the time set, but, probably, they would have done so just as promptly and with far better grace had they been presented with a statement of account and fraternal request for payment within a month after the close of the Masonic year. There are some, too, who affect an indignance and wounded pride, who really deceive themselves into the belief that the procedure is extreme, and a breach of fraternal courtesy, and so justify a failure either to pay dues or to appear and show cause; *permit* themselves to be suspended, and then regard themselves as good Masons at heart, but the victims of unfraternal action on the part of the Lodge. These men all have personal friends in the Lodge, who greatly regret the necessity of the action which is taken, and in some instances disapprove of and condemn it; thus superadding another element of weakness or discord to the weight already existing. I might refer to many more conditions and phases of this question, and to its disastrous effects on Lodges, but every brother must have noticed them, for they exist in many Lodges; and, these premises admitted, the question naturally reverts to the remedy. I think it is easy to define; it is prophylactic, not curative. It is the "ounce of prevention, not the pound of cure."

Let the Secretary understand that it is his duty not only to receive all monies from the hands of the brethren, but to *collect* all monies due the Lodge, or to make a reasonable business effort to do so. But how and in what manner is this duty to be enjoined upon him, and how can he do so without being deemed over-zealous if not discourteous, and thus become the object of personal dislike or resentment, especially if his predecessor in office has been one of the easy-going kind?

Again, I would prescribe the ounce of preventive. Amend if necessary your bye-laws. Make it the duty of the Secretary, first to show in his annual balance sheet the amount due the Lodge, as dues, without mentioning names of debtors. If they attend the Lodge, it may serve to jog their memories. Second, let it be his duty within thirty days after the expiration of the Masonic year, to send a statement of account to every brother who is one year or more in arrears. If this be unheeded for thirty days, another statement should be sent, and in a large majority of cases the second statement will be found unnecessary. Then, thirty days after the second statement, it should be his duty to send a citation to all who are two years or more in arrears, to appear at a stated time, and show cause why charges should not be preferred for non-payment of dues; or such action had thereon as may be prescribed by the regulations of the Grand Lodge in such case.

If this be done there will be no heavy delinquent accounts, as only two years' dues will be permitted to accumulate, and the probabilities of collection will be correspondingly enhanced. There is a natural feeling of repugnance to pleading actual inability or poverty in bar of payment, but the feeling is, though natural, un-Masonic, because no brother should hesitate to avow the fact when called upon, and the Lodge generally will be able to judge intelligently as to the correctness thereof, and will take pleasure in relieving the mind of the brother by remitting his dues, and placing him in good standing in his feelings as well as in the Lodge. After an experience of over a quarter of a century, I can assert that I have never known a brother to be suspended or disciplined for non-payment of dues when it was shown that he was unable to pay.

But why incorporate these provisions in the by-laws? I might answer by asking, *why not?* But as my object is what might be termed *ex parte* argument, and not controversy, I will endeavour briefly to answer it. First, because in addition to the usual requirements, that every brother shall pay a certain amount annually, as dues, it does not leave the matter entirely at the discretion or pleasure of the member, but defines the time *when* it shall be paid, the means to be employed in collecting it, and the officer on whom the duty devolves. Second, the duty of the Secretary is not only clearly defined, but the members know what to expect, and will govern themselves accordingly. Third, it relieves the Secretary from any feeling of delicacy or embarrassment, and protects him against any dissatisfaction on the part of delinquents, who realise that he is simply obeying the bye-laws, and faithfully performing the duties of the office to which they have elected him. Thus he has no discretionary power, is above the reproach of overzeal or favouritism, and the financial machinery of the Lodge works along smoothly and satisfactorily. The different regulations of different Grand Lodges might necessitate some slight modifications of the system indicated, but the essential features can easily be incorporated into the by-laws and practice of every Lodge, and a vast amount of delinquency, with all its demoralising adjuncts, obviated or prevented. I have seen it tested in Lodges where, at its introduction, the books and finances were in a very unsatisfactory condition, and under its operation, fraternally executed, two years' experience proved the value of the system, cleared the books of delinquent accounts, and placed the finances of the Lodge in a healthy condition.

True, it may become necessary to suspend some delinquent, who may be what the world thinks a good fellow, but if such things *must* be, the sooner it is done the better for Masonry, for the example will prove a two-edged sword, removing bad examples from those who might either imitate them or plead them in bar for their own delinquencies, and, on the other edge, indicating that such things will not be tolerated, but will be regulated, when necessary. Nor will Masonry suffer from the loss of such members. Better a healthy tree, whose branches, though few, are sound, and whose fruit is vigorous, than one more lofty and wide spreading, whose half-decaying boughs draw and exhaust the sap contributed by the healthier roots, and thus rob the fruit of nourishment, and dwarf its fruition.

I might also add, that suspension in such cases is not to be regarded abstractly as a punishment for non-fulfilment of duties, because the recipient invites it and aids in accomplishing it; and can at his pleasure relieve himself from its operation and restore himself to good standing. Hence it is not punitive, but disciplinary, and, in nearly all cases, is of his own freewill and accord, by providing the means which must produce this result.

This article has been penned at the suggestion of a Worshipful Master, whose Lodge has been loaded with an incubus of unpaid dues, with all the attendant evils which that condition engenders; and, having strong faith in this preventive treatment, I offer the prescription gratuitously to the *Voice of Masonry*, for the consideration of the Craft.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE Great Western Railway Literary Society has just issued its thirty-first Annual Report, which describes the Society as having attained a very satisfactory position. This Society was instituted for the benefit of the officers and clerks of the Great Western Railway Company and its immediate connections, and possesses a well-selected library of upwards of ten thousand volumes, and the tables of the reading-room are furnished with the leading morning, evening, and weekly papers, and the principal reviews, magazines, &c. The number of members now on the Society's register is 603. During the past year 517 volumes have been added to the library for circulation, exclusive of 107 works necessarily renewed, and 74 withdrawn from circulation, making a total of 10,106 in the possession of the Society. The average monthly circulation continues at about 3,200 volumes. Extra copies of the most popular works have been purchased, and nearly 500 volumes have been rebound. A Chess Club in connection with the Society was established in 1856, and this has, to no inconsiderable extent, assisted in keeping alive among the members a deep and continued interest in the game.

The members of the City of London Orchestral Union announce a Grand Evening Concert in celebration of the Sixteenth Anniversary of their establishment, which will take place at the Albion Hall, London Wall, on Wednesday evening next, the 13th inst. Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, P.M. 177, the conductor of this popular Orchestra, will doubtless display his usual care in the selection of a programme for the occasion, and we anticipate a repetition of the many successful meetings we already have had to chronicle in respect of this prosperous society.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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CRYSTAL PALACE LODGE, No. 742.

THE twenty-fifth anniversary meeting of the Crystal Palace Lodge, held on Thursday, 7th inst., was shorn of some of the pleasures which usually attend the installation gatherings of this Lodge from the fact that the weather had changed from the bright sunshine we have been accustomed to of late, to a cold and damp atmosphere, reminding one of the return of winter. Held in one of the finest—if not the finest—of our public places of amusement, a bright sunshine adds considerably to the attractions of a Crystal Palace Lodge meeting, but as sunshine is only one of many attractions relied upon by the members, a visit to the Lodge—even in the most inclement weather—is always attended with gratification. Such was the case on Thursday, all present seemed to enjoy themselves, and the meeting may certainly be described as one of the most successful ever held. Lodge was summoned for 3 p.m., and was presided over by Bro. G. Cole, the W.M. for the past year, who was supported by the following Officers:—Edward Ayres S.W. (W.M. elect), F. A. Pullen J.W., T. Foxall P.M. Treasurer, Willam Land P.M. Secretary, J. Kay J.D., W. H. Toten I.G., B. Falwood M.C., and J. W. Lassam Steward; P.M.'s J. Blundell, Dick Radcliffe, C. Hume, H. T. Thompson, W. W. Baxter, S. P. Acton, George Weeks, Robert Roberts. Among the Visitors who attended the Lodge were Bros. W. Land 213, T. Slatter 610, W. Burgess 511, T. C. Pratt P.M. 957, John Saffery P.M. 1089, C. Donaldson 1963, W. Bidgood 700, F. G. Baker P.M. 753, F. Purkiss 720, W. C. Smith J.D. 1563, R. Blum 511, A. Symes M.C. 554, A. J. Manning P.M. 1637 P.P.G.D. Essex, H. A. Tobias P.P.G. Supt. of Works West Lancashire P.M. 1502, &c., Henry Glum 19, J. Coppen 1719, J. S. Lewis 493, C. C. Gibby 1658, Michael Levenston 27 (S.C.), C. W. Cunningham 1612, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, Charles Wolff, No. 8, New York, R. Whitley P.M. 944 P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, E. West P.M. 1327 Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon Herts, A. Simner J.D. 177, George Lewis Junior Warden Mizpah 1671. After the formal opening of the Lodge, the business of the day was proceeded with; this comprised, among other items, the raising of Bro. Adolphus Levy, the installation of W.M., the appointment and investiture of Officers, and the initiation of two gentlemen into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The installation ceremony was worked by Bro. Foxall, and right well did he perform the duty, eliciting the thanks of the new W.M., and the approval of the brethren generally. In due course the W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers, and in presenting the various collars addressed a few appropriate words to each of the brethren concerned:—Bro. Pullen S.W., Kay J.W., Toten S.D., F. Abraham J.D., F. Wright I.G., B. Fullwood P.M. M.C., Lassam Steward, J. T. Woodstock P.M. Tyler. The ceremony of installation having been completed, the new W.M. proceeded to confer the first degree on Messrs. Charles J. Grove and Oliver Barnett, working the ceremony in really first-rate form. The Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where the W.M. presided over a very pleasant assembly. At the conclusion of the banquet, the W.M. proceeded with the toasts of the evening. The first on the list was that of the Queen and the Craft. So much had been said in Masonic Lodges, and indeed in every kind of assembly among Englishmen, in praise of her Majesty, that it was difficult to say anything fresh. He felt sure all who were present would unite in drinking to the health of the Queen, and with it couple Success to the Craft. The National Anthem followed the toast, and then the W.M. gave that of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. In this case also it was impossible to say anything new, even if it were needed, in introducing the toast. It was really out of the question to show the M.W.G.M. in brighter colours than those in which he already shone. No words, the W.M. felt, could add to the lustre which was attached to the Grand Master. The W.M., in proposing the next toast, regretted the absence of Grand Officers from their meeting, but felt sure the brethren would drink to their health none the less heartily on that account. As Worshipful Master of the Crystal Palace Lodge, he should be pleased to see any of the members of Grand Lodge who might honour his Lodge with a visit. Bro. W. Morrow here gave a cornet solo, which was most enthusiastically received. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Initiates. The toast was one which he offered with a very great deal of pleasure, and with the hope that those initiated that night might become true Freemasons, and eventually rise to the proud position he then occupied. He had determined that those he might introduce to the Lodge should be good men and true, and he felt that the two just received, whom he had known for years, fully answered those requirements. Brother Grove was the first to reply. It was impossible for him to find words to express the pleasure he felt at being admitted a member of the Masonic Order. He hoped he might live long to prove himself a good Mason, and justify the confidence the brethren had placed in him that evening. Bro. Barnett endorsed the remarks of his brother initiate. He should try and deserve the eulogiums passed on him by the W.M., and become a worthy member of the Crystal Palace Lodge. He desired also to thank the brethren for the kindly reception accorded to him and his fellow initiate. The W.M. considered the next toast hardly of secondary importance to that just disposed of. It was indeed quite equal to it, even if it were not worthy of precedence. It was one particularly appreciated by the members of the Crystal Palace Lodge—it was the Visitors. The W.M. was pleased to see such a numerous array of guests around him, [numerous not only in quantity, but also in merit. With the toast the W.M. coupled the names of Bros. West, Manning, Tobias, Coppen, and Whitley. Bro. West had great pleasure in being present, as he felt sure all the other visitors had. He had known the W.M. for many years, and congratulated the Crystal Palace Lodge on having secured him as Master. He was sure they had installed a Master who would reflect credit both on the Lodge itself, and Freemasonry generally. Brother Manning was also a personal friend of the W.M. He had had the pleasure of being present at the initiation of Bro. Ayres, and had frequently attended the Lodge meetings since then. The W.M. had ever striven to attain the position he had just been appointed to, and would without doubt prove an acquisition to the Lodge. Bro. Coppen felt it very difficult to follow such brethren as had just spoken. He had been a visitor to the Crystal Palace Lodge on two or three previous occasions, and so much had he enjoyed himself, that he was desirous of offering himself as a joining member of the Lodge. He trusted the members would honour him by electing him, and thus give him an opportunity of enjoying more frequently the pleasures of the regular meetings of the Lodge. Bro. Tobias desired to raise his voice in a different style to that in which those who had preceded him had done. He was thankful, however, that an opportunity had been afforded him of saying a few words, although, like their brother initiate, he should have liked to have known beforehand what was expected of him. He was present that night as a total stranger, that was to say, he had been a stranger to all but two when he entered the Lodge, but now he felt he might really say he knew every brother present, so hearty had been the reception accorded him. It was very frequently remarked in West Lancashire that the work of Freemasonry was slurred over in the London Lodges, and that the Provincial brethren would have no pleasure in attending a London meeting. He had found the contrary to be the case. He did not believe in indiscriminate praise, but he conscientiously said that he had never seen work better done than that he had witnessed in the Crystal Palace Lodge that day. He felt very strongly on the point, as he considered that slander did much to injure Freemasonry. He did not know which was the worst, slander from inside or the slander of strangers. In the case in point he had proved the incorrectness of the opinion formed of London working, and should make it his duty to try and convince his brethren, as he felt all who had proved the fallacy of injurious statements should do. He had made these lengthy remarks more particularly for the benefit of the younger members of the Order, whom he warned not to heed too much what they heard, either in Freemasonry or the ordinary walks of life. It was always better to wait before forming an adverse opinion, and, if possible find out for oneself the correctness, or otherwise, of what was told them. Bro. Whitley followed. He hoped the present would not be his last attendance at the Crystal Palace Lodge; he had thoroughly enjoyed his visit that day. He desired particularly to compliment the Worshipful Master for the way in which he had invested and addressed his Officers, and the Treasurer for the way in which he had worked the ceremony of installation. Bro. Cole next assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of the W.M. So much had been said in praise of Bro. Ayres that he felt it only necessary to formally introduce the toast to ensure for it a most fraternal welcome. The Worshipful Master felt that when any one had to speak for himself, or to say something to ensure a proper acknowledgment of some honour conferred, a very difficult task presented itself. He did not know how to express the pleasure he felt in being placed in the honourable position of W.M. of the Lodge. He thanked the brethren most heartily, and would endeavour to show that he deserved the compliment they had paid him. It had been his desire ever since he was initiated into Freemasonry to reach the position he now filled; having attained his desire, he should endeavour to carry out the duties attached to the office in a creditable manner. He thanked the brethren for their kind assistance in the past, and hoped to enjoy their company on many future occasions. In proposing the next toast—the Immediate Past Master—the W.M. had a duty to perform, a duty which had been fulfilled in years gone by with the greatest of pleasure, and it was with such feelings that he now undertook it. It was the presentation to their Immediate Past Master of a jewel, and in placing it on the breast of Bro. Cole he hoped that brother would live to be among them on many future occasions; at all times enjoying the same hearty good will of his brother Masons as they then felt towards him. Bro. Cole tendered his thanks for the reception at all times accorded him; for the support he had received during his year of office, and for the handsome jewel presented to him. The toast of the Past Masters was next on the list. With this the W.M. coupled that of the Treasurer and Secretary, as the time at his disposal was not sufficient to do honour to them alone. The qualities possessed by the Past Masters of the Crystal Palace Lodge were such as any Lodge might be proud of. They were brethren who shone out as really true Masons, ever ready to lend themselves for the advancement of the Lodge. He was particularly grateful to Bro. Foxall, who had performed the installation ceremony on his behalf in such a manner as to make a great impression on him, and with that brother's name he desired to couple the toast. Bro. Foxall thanked those assembled on behalf of the Past Masters of the Lodge. He thanked the Worshipful Master most sincerely for the way in which the toast had been given, and for the kindly expressions which had fallen from the chair. He also considered that the Past Masters of the Crystal Palace Lodge shone far in advance of those of many other Lodges. Personally, he thanked the Master for his reference to himself as Installing Officer. As Treasurer, he considered he had two duties to perform—first his duty to the Lodge, and secondly his duties to the Charities of the Order. He thought the Crystal Palace Lodge shone out for its support of the Charities during the past ten or twelve years in a manner that must be most gratifying to all concerned. Bro. Land, the Secretary, followed. He had taken some little pains to analyse the finances of the Lodge in the past. He found that in the first ten years of its existence something like £2,500 had been received, and of this amount about £31 had been given to the Charities. The Lodge had also left off at the end of that period some £24 odd in debt. During the last ten years—the time that he and Bro. Foxall had held the offices they had again been honoured with that night—the receipts were something like £1,000 less. They had, however, given some £200 to the Charities, and could boast of a credit balance of something like £60. He considered that a Lodge which devoted a

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part of its funds to benevolence must prosper, as Masonic Charity and prosperity went hand in hand. The Officers of the Lodge were next toasted, and to the honour thus paid them the S.W., J.W., S.D., and Steward severally responded. The Tyler's toast followed, and then the proceedings terminated.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Langdale's, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., Saturday, 2nd inst. Present—Bros. Fox W.M., Larchin S.W., Cohen J.W., Lorkin S.D., Powell J.D., Gribbell I.G., Gush Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Lone, Bleakley, Fenner, Goodall, Linfield, Fitzpatrick, Ball, Venning, Killick jun., Manger, Ferrer, Wolf, Brock, Gaskin, Bullock, Appleton, Long, Killick sen., Liebman, Gellan, Payne, Morris, Ball, Brown, Moss, Wright, Hirst, Smith, Weeden, Richardson, Snook, Calmady-Richardson, Hall, Bevan, and Chipperfield. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third, and resumed to the first degree. The W.M. at once proceeded to work the Fifteen Sections, by calling upon Bro. Gush to assist him and work the first, Bro. Fitzpatrick the second, Bro. Ball the third, Bro. Fenner the fourth, Bro. Lorkin the fifth, Bro. Larchin the sixth, and Bro. Powell the seventh. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and the W.M. called upon Bro. Cohen to assist to work the first section of that lecture, Bro. Gush the second, Bro. Morris the third, Bro. Fox the fourth, and Bro. Brown the fifth. Lodge was resumed to the third degree, and the W.M. called upon Bro. Appleton to assist him to work the first section of the lecture, Bro. Gribbell the second, and Bro. Moss the third. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Smith, of the Doric Lodge, No. 938, and Bro. Calmady-Richardson, of the Crichton Lodge, No. 1641, were unanimously elected members. A cordial vote of thanks to the brethren who had assisted in working the sections, and that honorary membership of the Lodge be conferred upon Bro. Fox, was proposed by Bro. Lorkin, seconded by Bro. Killick jun., and carried unanimously. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Saturday, 9th June, at 8 o'clock.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at the Crown and Cushion, London Wall, when there were present Bros. Barrett-Kidder W.M., C. J. Scales S.W., Blake J.W., J. C. Smith Sec. (*pro tem*), Railey S.D., J. B. Smith J.D., Knight I.G., Stiles P.M. Preceptor. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of the third degree, with Bro. Fraser as candidate. Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, and the second and fourth sections of the first lecture were worked. Two new members were elected, and Bro. Scales was appointed W.M. for Monday evening next. Notwithstanding the summer weather, which offers many inducements for outdoor recreation, the attendances at this popular Lodge of Instruction are well sustained. The members offer a cordial greeting to Craftsmen who may pay them a visit.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on Monday, 4th inst. Present—Bros. Glass W.M., Phillips S.W., Oxley J.W., Clements S.D., M. Isaacs I.G., West J.D.; Bro. Stewart acting as Preceptor. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. West as candidate. Bro. West worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Phillips was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Stewart proposed, and Bro. Oxley seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner in which Bro. Glass had rehearsed the ceremony, for the first time, in this Lodge. Lodge was closed in due form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, 4th inst., at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's road, N. Bros. Crosbie W.M., Galer S.W., Brock J.W., Killick jun. Treasurer, Collingridge Sec., Western S.D., Jones J.D., Thompson I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor; also Bros. Wolf, Dixie, Goddard, Humphreys, Killick sen. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Wolf acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in third degree, and resumed to the first degree. It was proposed by Bro. Western S.D., and seconded by Bro. Dixie, that the Secretary send notice to members for a special meeting on the 25th of June (which will be Preceptor's night), to arrange for the formation of a ballot in connection with this Lodge for the various Masonic Institutions. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry, or of this Lodge in particular, it was closed in due form, and adjourned till Monday, 12th June, at 8·30 p.m., upon which occasion Bro. Galer will occupy the chair.

The installation meeting of the Sub-Urban Lodge, No. 1702, will take place at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, this day (Friday), when Bro. Charles Hawksley the W.M. will instal his successor, Bro. John Frankland Hepburn. We hope to be able to supply a full report next week.

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ELECTION MEETING OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In referring to the late meeting in your issue of Saturday last you make the remark: "The arrangements for the proper distribution of the voting papers were utterly inadequate for the occasion, although the Committee sat in the Zetland, and the papers were distributed in the ante-room."

This little escapade, if I may so term it, brings up once more the vexed question of personal voting. When there is very little opposition, the time allowed for the business to be transacted is doubtless sufficient; but when, as on the day in question, a sharp fight is made to secure the suffrages of the brethren, an hour—the time allowed—is not ample to allow of the papers being properly distributed, filled in, and deposited in the ballot box. By comparison with previous meetings, the arrangements made to compete with the demand on the 26th ult., I am assured, were of a most ample character, yet, undoubtedly, the result was far from satisfactory. Why cannot it be arranged that the voting papers should be distributed earlier, and a change made that proxy voting should be accepted? This plan of procedure has been found to work beneficially in other Institutions, and I believe I am correct in stating was adopted at the last election of Secretary for this very Institution, when Bro. Hedges was elected. Perhaps some of your correspondents may be induced to write a few words on this question, and thus be a means of bringing about a change that may be advantageous to all.

Yours faithfully,

A SUBSCRIBER.

THE RE-BUILDING OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am much pleased that our zealous Bro. Henry Smith has touched upon the questions of providing accommodation for those brethren who may have to attend the several Elections during the year. For my part, I have always received the greatest courtesy from each of the Secretaries, but I can assure you I have frequently felt that my trespassing on their time during an exceptionally heavy period of their labours was more than I could possibly expect to be allowed to do without some decided protest. Moreover, I am fully alive to the fact that up to within but a very short period of time, each of the Secretaries had but little available space for transacting their own business, much less to be able to provide accommodation for those who might have business engagements at their respective offices. Now that this question has been brought forward, I trust it will receive consideration at the hands of the powers that be, and that in future ample accommodation may be provided.

Yours fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE.

"A BEGGING MASON."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your issue of 12th May, you published a letter from Bro. Francis, of Havant, warning almoners and others against one James Donovan, representing himself to be a member of St. Patrick's Lodge, Johnstown, New York State. Donovan applied to our Lodge for assistance on 3rd May, and produced a letter purporting to come from Bro. B. E. White, Secretary of St. Patrick's Lodge. I have since communicated with Bro. White, who has replied, denouncing the letter as a forgery. Donovan appears to have obtained possession of a genuine letter from Bro. White, written on paper bearing the Lodge stamp and note heading; but the original letter has been obliterated and a forgery substituted. This document is now in our possession, but as it is possible that a similar fraud may be attempted, I am desired to warn brethren against this impostor.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. H. HAWES,
Secretary No. 38.

P.S. Bro. Francis, in his letter, gave a good description of Donovan, which it would be well to repeat: "About 5 feet 10in. in height, thick brown moustache, no whiskers or beard; looks hearty and strong, and a bit sunburnt; has a very slight impediment in his speech."

Union Lodge, Chichester, 5th June.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff de Keyser, who was initiated twenty-one years ago, a member of the Emulation Lodge, No. 21, has presented to that Lodge a magnificent set of working tools in silver and ivory, as a testimony of the good feeling of the Lodge towards him, at the same time requesting that they might be used to complete the initiation of Mr. Sheriff Savory in that Lodge.

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THE Half-yearly Communication of the members of this rapidly-increasing Order was celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday last, when there was a very fair attendance of the representative men of the Degree. The Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Most Wor. G. Master presided, and was supported by the M.W. Bros. Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., P.G.M.M.M., W. W. B. Beach, M.P. Past G.M.M.M. as D.G.M.M.M., R.W. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Prov. G.M. Bucks, R. C. Else, J.P., Prov. G.M. Somerset, Captain Charles Hunter Prov. G.M. North Wales, Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., Prov. G.M. South Wales, Rev. W. Mortimer Heath Prov. G.M. Dorset, H. Hover Locke Past Prov. G.M. Bengal, Rev. Canon Tristram Prov. G.M. Northumberland and Durham as G.S.W., Thomas Trollope, M.D., Prov. G.M. Sussex as G.J.W.; V.W. Bros. Richard Eve P.G.M.O. as G.M.O., O. H. Pearson G.S.O., Thomas Cubitt P.G.S.O. as G.J.O., J. E. Le Feuvre P.G.M.O., William Roebuck P.G.M.O., Baron de Ferrieres P.G.M.O., James Stevens P.G.J.O., H. R. Cooper-Smith P.G.J.O., Rev. William Randall Grand Chaplain, Rev. H. G. Morse, Past Grand Chaplain, Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. East Anglia P.G. Chaplain, Frederic Davison Dep. Prov. G.M. Middlesex and Surrey Grand Treasurer, H. C. Levander Grand Registrar, Frederick Binckes G. Sec., D. M. Dewar Assist. G. Sec.; W. Bros. E. Maggrett G.S.D., A. Williams P.G.S.D. as G.J.D., J. Lewis-Thomas P.G.S.D., Robert Berridge G.D. of C, T. C. Walls P.G. Sword Bearer as Grand Sword Bearer, S. J. Turquand Grand Standard Bearer, Wilhelm Ganz Grand Organist, E. M. Lott Past Grand Organist, Charles Pulman G.I.G., George Powell, J. Manwaring, M. Mildred, C. W. Hudson, Henry George, and George L. Woodley Grand Stewards, Henry Massey Past Grand Steward, John Walker D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire, A. F. Godson D.P.G.M. Warwickshire, J. S. Cumberland P.G.S.W. North and East Yorkshire, S. G. Kirchhoffer P.G.S.W. of Hants and Isle of Wight, E. Friend P.P.G.S.W. Cheshire, J. H. Banks P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, W. Morris P.G.J.W. Berks and Oxon, Charles Harding P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex and Surrey, G. B. Brodie P.G.J.W. Middlesex and Surrey, H. Ward P.G.M.O. Nottinghamshire, T. J. Ralling P.G.S.O. East Anglia, George Mickley P.G.J.O. Bucks, E. Cheshire Patchitt P.G. Registrar Nottinghamshire, George Dalrymple P.G. Secretary Cumberland and Westmoreland, H. R. Hatherley P.G. Secretary Nottinghamshire, J. P. Curtis Gloucestershire, R. J. Reed P.G.O. Sussex, J. P. Lewin G.S.D. East Anglia, T. Taylor P.G.D. of Ceremonies Bucks, H. Baldwin P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies Middlesex and Surrey, H. Faija A.P.G.D.C. Middlesex and Surrey, E. W. J. Hennah P.G.S. of Works Sussex, F. W. Driver P.G. Supt. of Works Middlesex and Surrey, John Tomkins P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works Berks and Oxon, G. J. Dunkley P.G. Organist Middlesex and Surrey, P. Wallis P.G. Steward Leicester, George Cooper P.M. Bon Accord, James Moon P.M. Old Kent, H. Venn P.M. Old Kent, H. Dicketts P.M. Old Kent, R. Harwood P.M. St. John's, Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. 145, J. D. Murray P.M. 158, G. Ker P.M. 256, W. B. Date W.M. Old Kent, B. R. Bryant W.M. 22, J. Sculley W.M. 44, E. Page W.M. 256, J. G. Chillingworth W.M. 309, E. Bowyer W.M. 315; Bros. J. L. Mather S.W. Old Kent, Col. Bignold S.W. 92, J. Boulton S.W. 173, W. Vincent J.W. 139, E. W. Whittaker M.O. 139, R. Clowes J.O. 145, W. March S.D. 173, Crossley Sec. 158, Tyler I.G. 239, Storr Old Kent, Hon. A. H. Henniker Old Kent, Money Old Kent, A. J. Hone Goldney Old Kent, Loder 145, Smith 236, and Dann 256.

Before the formal business was commenced, Lord Henniker informed the brethren that the Prince of Wales was about to join Mark Masonry, but that His Royal Highness wished it to be distinctly understood that his doing so was in no way to be construed as a desire on his part to see the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons amalgamated with the Grand Lodge of the Craft, or an argument in favour of such amalgamation. Lord Henniker added that at next meeting he should propose that the rank of a Past Grand Master of the Order be conferred on His Royal Highness, and that his name be placed at the head of the list of the Past Grand Masters.

After the minutes of Grand Mark Lodge, held on the 5th December 1882, and of Moveable Grand Mark Lodge, on 26th April 1883, had been read and confirmed, the Report of the General Board, which had been printed and circulated amongst the members of Grand Lodge, was taken as read. The Report stated:—

"The number of Certificates issued in the sixth months ending 31st March 1883 was 738, the total of registered Advancements being 17,171.

During the same period 11 Warrants for new Lodges had been granted, viz.:—

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310	South Melbourne ...	Emerald Hill, Victoria
311	Egypt	Cairo
312	Joppa	Delhi, Punjaub
313	Lawrence	Chorley, Lancashire
314	Henniker	Montreal
315	Henniker	London
316	Benevolent	Teignmouth, Devon
317	Youell	Gorleston, Suffolk
318	St. James's	Handsworth
319	Jordan	Torquay

"In the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners, 180 Certificates had been issued, making the total number of Elevations 1350, and two Warrants for new Lodges—Gosport attached to Gosport, No. 305, and Macdonald attached to Macdonald, No. 104.

"New Provinces have been constituted (1) at Montreal, Canada, under the Right Worshipful Bro. Hon. William Badgley, as Provincial Grand Master; (2) at Tasmania, with Right Worshipful Brother George Talmage as Provincial Grand Master.

"The Most Worshipful Grand Master presided at a meeting of the newly-formed Province of Warwickshire, held at Birmingham, on Wednesday, 14th March, and installed Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

"A Moveable Grand Lodge, under the Presidency of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, was held at Nottingham on Thursday, 26th of April. A Provincial Grand Lodge of Notts was formally constituted, and Right Worshipful Bro. Watson (Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Craft) was installed as Provincial Grand Master by the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master, Bro. Lord Henniker. Bro. William Newton, of Newark, receiving the appointment of Deputy. The Grand Master was accompanied from London by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Kintore, and many Grand Officers, the meeting being numerously attended by brethren from various Provincial Districts, and by members of the Newstead Lodge, T.L. Nottingham, on whom devolved the supervision of the arrangements for the day, which were carried out in a manner affording unqualified satisfaction to all."

On the recommendation of the General Board, the rank of Past Master was conferred on Bros. Raphael Borg and

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Capt. Williams-Freeman, of the Lodge of Egypt, No. 311; the rules of the Eucational Branch were amended, so as to authorise the presentation of silver medals to such boys and girls as in the discretion of the Board may be found deserving of reward for proficiency and good conduct; the appointment of two additional Grand Officers was sanctioned, viz. a second Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, and a second Grand Standard Bearer. £52 10s was voted from the General Fund on account of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' "Preparatory School Building Fund;" and £25 from the same source for the relief of sufferers by the recent fire at Jamaica.

The Report also stated that the following acknowledgment of reception of the Service of Plate presented to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Albany on the occasion of their marriage had been received :—

"Claremont, 20th December 1882.

"Dear Sir,—I beg to inform you that the Mark Masters' Presentation Plate has been safely delivered here.

"The Duke and Duchess of Albany have been inspecting it to-day, and I am desired by their Royal Highnesses to tell you that they admire the pieces exceedingly, and they form a most valuable addition to their ornamental plate.

"Fraternally yours,

"(Signed) R. H. COLLINS.

"F. Binckes, Esq."

Grants from the Fund of Benevolence were recommended for, and received confirmation by, Grand Lodge, as follow :—

£30 to a Brother of the Cheltenham and Keystone Lodge, No. 10.
£10 to the Widow of a Brother of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 262.
£10 to the Widow of a Brother of Union Lodge, No. 46.
£15 to a Brother of the Southwark Lodge, No. 22.
£20 to the Widow of a Brother of Fowke Lodge, No. 19.

The Grand Treasurer's Accounts for the six months ending 31st March 1883 show the following results :—

General Fund—Balance from 30th September 1882, £4 14s 3d; Half-year's receipts £883 7s 9d, interest on investments £47 17s; making a total of £935 19s. The disbursements for the same period were—ordinary expenditure £460 13s 5d, extraordinary expenditure £71 13s 6d, leaving a balance at bankers of £403 12s 1d.

The Benevolent Fund shewed a balance from 30th September 1882 of £199 10s 6d; the half-year's receipts were £62 1s 6d, to which must be added for interest on investments £38 18s 6d, making a total of £300 10s 6d. Against this we have grants in relief £70, and expenses £1 3s 6d, leaving a balance at bankers of £229 7s.

The balance to the Education Fund brought forward from 30th September 1882 was £93 13s 2d, while interest on investments produced £17 3s 9d, giving a total of £110 16s 11d. Against this had been paid for educational fees £28 6s, shewing a balance of £82 10s 11d.

The investments now stand at :—

General Fund	£2,200	0	0
Benevolent Fund	1,700	0	0
Educational Fund	800	0	0

The Board have directed that the following additional investments be made, viz. :—

On account of General Fund	£400	0	0
On account of Benevolent Fund	100	0	0
On account of Educational Fund	100	0	0

On the motion of the Rev. J. Randall, seconded by Sir Pryse Pyrse, the Report was adopted.

Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.M.M. on rising for the installation of Grand Master, said: Brethren, at the last meeting our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Lord Henniker, was unanimously re-elected to that office, and it is my pleasing duty on the present occasion to declare him Grand Master of Mark Master Masons for the ensuing year, but as he has been already placed in that chair it is unnecessary for me to re-instate him. I shall merely declare that he now occupies that chair for the ensuing year. And, brethren, it is also my pleasure to congratulate you and the Order generally upon the great services he has rendedred, and to say how fortunate we are in having a Grand Master who presides over the Order with such ability and zeal.

The M.W. G.M.M.M. having been saluted said: Most Worshipful Past Grand Master and Brethren,—I thank you very much for the honour you have done me once more in placing me in this chair. I can assure you that I feel it a very great honour, and I think I need hardly add that my desire is to be of service to the Order over which I have the honour to preside. You have been very kind to me during the last two years I have held office, and if the Order has been successful it has been a great deal owing to the work done before I took the position I now occupy. I also have to thank the other Officers and Past Grand Masters who have assisted me during my term of office. I assure you I feel the honour you have done me very greatly, and, brethren, if I have derived any popularity among Mark Master Masons, it is from the fact that I have come among you at a time of great prosperity, and because I had one idea before me—an idea I shall try to keep before me during my term of office, that is to do my best simply; and without more ostentation than necessary—to do my duty to the Order over which I have the honour to preside

Brother F. Davison was re-elected Grand Treasurer, and the other Grand Officers were invested as follow :—

Bro. The Earl of Kintore	Deputy G.M.
Lord Wolseley of Cairo	G. Senior Warden
Hon. Arthur H. Henniker	G. Junior Warden
Henry R. Hatherly	G. Master Overseer
Col. C. E. Bignold	G. Senior Overseer
S. G. Kirchhoffer	G. Junior Overseer
Rev. E. H. Crate, Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny	G. Chaplains
Frederic Davison	G. Treasurer
H. C. Levander	G. Registrar
Frederick Binckes	G. Secretary
Donald M. Dewar	G. Asst. Secretary
G. B. Brodie, M.D., George Cooper	G. Senior Deacons
Thomas J. Ralling, Robert Harwood	G. Junior Deacons
W. W. Edis	G. Sup. of Works
Robert Berridge	G. D. of C.
George Dalrymple, E. Friend	G. Assist. D. of C.
S. G. Baker	G. Sword Bearer
William Watkins, J. D. Murray	G. Standard Bearers
Rev. Sir F. A. Gore Ouseley, Bart.	G. Organist
J. H. Banks	G. Inner Guard
J. S. Cumberland, R. N. Howard, Thomas Taylor, John Tomkins, Cornelius Davies, John O. Marsh, George Ker, Percy Wallis, Henry Faija, William March, A. Cracknell, W. C. Gilles	G. Stewards
C. T. Speight	G. Tyler.

The following are the Members of the General Board :—

Appointed by M.W. Grand Master: M.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal President; Bros. C. H. Matier, Robt. Berridge, Thomas Cubitt, Alfred Williams, William Roebuck, O. H. Pearson.

Nominated by Bro. Henry Venn and elected by the brethren: Bros. E. C. Mather, James Moon, R. P. Spice, Charles H. Driver, Herbert Dicketts.

Bro. Binckes announced that he had received apologies for inability to attend from the following brethren :—Bros. the Earl of Kintore, Lord Egerton of Tatton, Wm. Kelly, Lieut.-Col. F. Gough, Rev. C. R. Davy, W. A. F. Powell, W. J. Hickman, Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, W. J. Hughan, G. P. Brockbank, C. F. Matier, J. Brook-Smith, Magnus Ohren, Lieut.-Col. J. C. Hay, William Roebuck, Revs. F. C. W. de Crespigny, Ambrose Hall, A. A. Bagshawe, Dr. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., R. P. Bent; Alexander Spears, E. T. Inskip, Mattison, C. S. Lane, C. H. Driver, R. W. Edis, Frederick Long, G. Ward Verry, Thomas J. Pulley, Thomas Poore, George Carter, W. T. Clarke, John Barker, F. W. Ansell, Edwin Gilbert, J. A. Glendinning, J. F. Tweedale, George Toller jun., W. T. Belcher, W. Stephens, R. J. Mure, Major Dunbar, G. J. McKay, Dr. W. Watson, Thomas Howkins, W. Watkins, and Rev. W. S. Moses.

We regret to have to announce the death of Bro. T. T. Pyecroft, which occurred at his residence, Petworth, Sussex, on the 31st ult. Brother Pyecroft was initiated in the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, on the 10th January 1881; he filled the chair in this Lodge, and was a highly esteemed member of it at the time of his death.

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MAGIC AND DIVINATION.

FROM THE FREEMASONS' REPOSITORY.

MAN is a wonder loving being. He is naturally attracted toward that which is strange and startling, and finds no small part of the zest of life in exercising his thought and imagination upon the marvels that are about him. That there is ample scope given for the use and development of the element of wonder in human nature will not be questioned. Shakespeare made Hamlet express only the truth when he said, "There are more things in Heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." It is difficult to measure or limit the wonderful. All the time revelations are being made in the various departments of natural and scientific investigation, but none the less are there hidden principles of wisdom and occult forces of nature which prompt to earnest search.

The element of wonder rightly directed leads to important results. It quickens the mental vision, and being connected with a principle of rational curiosity brings into view manifold powers, principles, and phenomena, that are of benefit to the world. It is the beginning of all philosophy and the source of all knowledge and discovery. It is the impulsion to religion itself, the thought of devotion and adoration often adapting itself to the prayer of David, "Open Thou mine eyes that I may see wonderful things out of Thy law."

Like other faculties of human nature this element of wonder may be wrongly directed, or it may be given too much influence, thus detracting from the symmetry of individual character and becoming a hindrance to the world's progress. An undue love of the marvellous, joined to a disposition to clothe common events in the garments of mystery and to ascribe them to occult agencies, is quite likely to result in that credulity which prepares the way for all sorts of foolish practices and base superstitions.

In a rudimentary state men were disposed to ascribe almost everything to supernatural forces, and to accept the most fanciful theories of nature and life. They believed that they dwelt in a world subject to no settled order of rule and procedure, but rather an enchanted earth, hence they looked for signs and omens to determine their course and gave special attention to the rites of magic. The ancients of the Orient practised many curious arts in the way of incantations, charms and divinations, and were led captive by many foolish superstitions. The sorcerers and soothsayers of Egypt constituted an important class and exercised a large control over the people of that land in the days of the Pharaohs. These Egyptian magicians are described in the book of Genesis as wise men. They were doubtless well versed in the occult arts. The Bible records show how capable they were of producing wonderful phenomena, and how profoundly they ministered to the superstitious ideas of their countrymen. It is clearly shown by documents and inscriptions recently brought to light that the magicians of Egypt were a separate class, "scribes of the sacred house," or "scribes of occult writings," and that they were held in great respect. They were associated in a council or college, where they learned the magical formulæ which they practised, and where they observed the secret rites of their profession. That they knew many curious things and exercised a marvellous art is clearly evident.

In Persia, also, a like class of wise men lived and flourished. The Magi were those who had studied the mysteries of nature and life, and who had special knowledge of the secret arts. They represent a class vastly superior to the sorcerers of Egypt, for they were philosophers rather than magicians, being able by their greater knowledge to produce effects which were accounted supernatural by the common people. We are left very much to conjecture as to what was the bond of connection between the Magi and the special work to which they applied their art and learning; but this we know, that under the Medo-Persian sway the Magi formed a sacred caste or college which had great celebrity. According to Strabo the Magi were astrologers and astronomers, while they also practised different sorts of divination, assuming to have power to forecast the future and influence the present by secret rites and agencies. If in some things they ministered to superstition and imposed upon a credulous and imaginative people, it is yet certain that they did not degrade their art into a low and deceptive magic. The Magi were more than mere jugglers and charlatans.

In Hebrew and Christian civilizations magic and divination appear only in the background. It appears, however, that magical practices of many kinds prevailed among the ancient Israelites, for the prophets are especially severe in their condemnation of such arts. Thus Isaiah rebukes the people for consulting those "that have familiar spirits, and the wizards that chirp and mutter." Israel suffered in this respect by contact with idolatrous nations, and the beliefs and practices thus derived had a prevailing force for a long period. Even in the early Christian times magic and divination had hosts of followers. Simon Magus and Elymas were famous sorcerers, and according to the New Testament record they had great influence over the people. Among both Jews and Greeks there were many who were addicted to magic, though it had fallen into disrepute among the educated classes.

In the middle ages there was what seems to have been a reviving belief in magic, or things of kindred character, and many strange and absurd practices prevailed. Then magic was studied as a science, and was advocated as a grand and mysterious art by some distinguished names. It was thought possible by magical means to discover the secrets of nature and produce the most marvellous results. The transmutation of base metals into gold, the discovery of the elixir of life and the acquiring of power over the elemental forces of nature, were some of the objects to be secured by magical agency. With this end in view, societies were formed, having peculiar rites and ceremonies, and following a ritual which was a strange mixture of legendary lore and superstition. It is often charged that Freemasonry was the outgrowth of some of these mediæval organisations, or that it was in some way connected with a system of magic practised in the dark ages. There is no ground for such an allegation. The most that can be said is, that there are resemblances between the Masonic Institution and the Hermetic Brotherhood that then existed. Some of the symbols known to Masonry were made use of in the practice of the Hermetic art, the professors of which were bound together by secret ties and solemn pledges, and divided into grades, somewhat after the plan of the Masonic system. Those who called themselves the followers of the "Thrice greatest Hermes" had fellowship in a sort of mystic union, and were given the means of ready recognition among themselves. But whatever the Hermetic Brotherhood of the early or later period may have represented in its character and purposes, it was not Masonry. Its legends and its watchwords were not those that the Craft has been instructed in from the earliest period until now, and its rites and ceremonies, together with its practical expression, were vastly different from the observances known to Masonic Lodge rooms, and the services outside to which brethren have been called.

There is little use of building upon the "Hermetic Masonry" of the Middle Ages, or of attempting to show any direct alliance between the societies of alchemists and astrologists which then sprang into existence, and that brotherhood which assumed its present organic form about the beginning of the eighteenth century. What does it matter if Masonry cannot show its descent from some fanciful system of the distant past? Something of its form and spirit was in many of the old philosophies and societies, but we may not be overanxious to trace a too close connection between those ancient systems and the present life of our great Fraternity. Masonry practises no arts of magic or divination. It deals in no wonder workings, and attempts no control over the occult forces of nature. It but speaks the words of wisdom appealing to the understanding and the heart, and makes use of symbols and rites to impress moral lessons, and to bring men into the relations of mutual helpfulness. Its mission is to communicate a larger, freer, happier life to its followers.

IMPERIAL THEATRE.

MR. CHARLES DU VAL, who has deservedly acquired a reputation as a humourist; author of "With a Show through Southern Africa," and originator of the celebrated monologue entitled "Odds and Ends," has been engaged by Mr. Edgar Bruce to give a limited number of afternoon performances at the Imperial Theatre, Westminster. Mr. Du Val brings to bear an extended experience acquired during his late tour in the South African Colonies. In September last he started for Pretoria, visiting all the towns of Natal and the Transvaal *en route*. After a difficult and often dangerous journey Mr. Du Val arrived in Pretoria just in time to enjoy the privilege of sharing the fate of its inhabitants and enduring beleaguerment of some five months' duration, where, however, he seems to have turned the occasion to material advantage as Editor of *The News of the Camp*, a tri-weekly little journal published under canvas in the military lines defending Pretoria. Mr. Du Val appears also to have seen some active service in the fighting around the town, and has been honourably mentioned in the official despatches of Lieut.-Col. Gildea, the Commandant of the garrison, for special services in the various actions, having his horse shot under him at the "Red House Kraal." The lecturer has a very happy way of recounting his adventures, and we can cordially recommend our readers to pay him a visit at the Imperial Theatre, where the entertainment is given every afternoon at Three o'clock p.m.

ANECDOTES OF ROBERT BURNS.

BURNS loved praise, and loved it not the less when it came from the lips of an accomplished lady.

"Madame," said he to Mrs. McMurdoe, "your praise has ballooned me up to Parnassus." "My merit is not all my own," he said to Robert Aiken of Ayr, "for you have *read me into reputation*."

To one who was frugal of his wine at table, and who was standing holding up a fresh bottle, saying, "Do allow me to draw this one cork more; I ask it as a favour." "Sir," said Burns, "you hold the screw over the cork like Abraham holding the knife above his son Isaac. Make the sacrifice!"

Of the farm of Ellisland, when some one said it was good ground, Burns answered, "And so it is, save what is stones. It is not land; it is the riddlings of the Creation!"

While at Moffat once with Clarke, the composer, the poet called for a bumper of brandy.

"Oh, not a bumper," said the musician; "I prefer two small glasses!"

"Two glasses!" cried Burns. "Why, you are like the lass in Kyle, who said she would rather be kissed twice bareheaded than once with her bonnet on."

Even on his last bed Burns's wit still flashed out in the face of death. When he looked up and saw Dr. Maxwell at his bedside, "Alas!" he said, "what has brought you here? I am but a poor crow, and not worth plucking." He pointed to his pistols, took them in his hand, and gave them to Maxwell, saying, they could not be in worthier keeping, and he should never more have need of them. This relieved his proud heart from a sense of obligation.

Soon afterwards he saw Gibson, one of his brother volunteers, by his bedside, with tears in his eyes. He smiled, and said, "John, do not let the awkward squad fire over me!"—*Keystone*.

Bro. Scott, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M. Sussex, was, on Saturday last, presented with a silver goblet and a purse of 700 guineas as a mark of appreciation for his Masonic services. The Provincial Grand Master for Sussex, Sir W. W. Burrell presided.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 9th JUNE.

Provincial Grand Chapter Surrey, Sun Hotel, Kingston
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1423—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Royal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon

MONDAY, 11th JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australia Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Tenbury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Grecorian Arms, Bermondsey
1608—Kilburn, 98 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1627—West Smithfield, Pontefract Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
1825—Trafalgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1861—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
R.A. 58—Felicity, Shin and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 933—Domic, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T. 140—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
214—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Mosley-street, Newcastle
589—Druids of Love and Libe[illegible], Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Mornington, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hartley, Stanley Hall, Durham
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
887—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
944—William de St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chetham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Castle-hill, Leeds
1350—Fenmor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1471—Ismiel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Hardyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

TUESDAY, 12th JUNE.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
147—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Jason Chamberlain Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powell-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1269—Stanhope, Thatched Hotel, Aberdare
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
138[illegible]—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 10 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1479—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1699—Sir Hugh Middleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street, at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Tower Tavern, Buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Leopold, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.C. 71—Layard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

91—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham and Prince of Wales, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
402—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Manors-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
492—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chipperham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wolverhampton
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Survey, Black Horse, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 205—Inden, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 13th JUNE.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crawford-place, Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
963—Whittington, Red Lion, Parson's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1415—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Standard, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1670—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1662—Beaconsfield, Cheapers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert, Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1324—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

84—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
118—Anton[illegible]y, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
197—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
205—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
227—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
257—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
287—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
668—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
857—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
859—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
884—Albert Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1091—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1099—Mark, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1107—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1203—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
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1349—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, Lodge Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brewerigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1517—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1589—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 14th JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
234—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Strange, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1568—Lee Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1956—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lodge's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
47—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
214—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
238—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Fraternity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth

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732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 206—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.

FRIDAY, 15th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 155 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
765—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, A'wyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Lewisham St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Lee-terrace, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 92—Morra, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
963—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levershulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
131 —Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 6.30
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 16th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Brighton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Great Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
M.M. 102—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

REMINISCENCES OF A SECRETARY.

IT is said of some French judge or prefect of police that when a great criminal was brought before him, or when a startling crime had been committed, that he always asked for the woman in the case. While it does not often occur that any harm comes to us through women, yet I recollect a period in the history of our Lodge when it came very near being wrecked by the indirect agency of a very interesting and bewitching "widdy." And it happened thusly:

Bro. Watson had suffered long and intensely from inflammatory rheumatism, and was sick in bed from the effects of this excruciating malady. We often called on him to console and cheer him, but this was a hard and thankless job. Whether Bro. Watson got soured and cranky from long suffering, or whether it came natural to him we could never determine, only we knew that every time any one called, no matter how much the sick brother had improved, the visitor was greeted with a volume of abuse for not calling oftener, and it got so, at last, that the members absolutely refused to visit this chronic growler at all, and it was left to the Master, Secretary and other Officers to call on him as a matter of duty, and of course *they* were obliged to listen to his growling as part of their official duty; and, besides all this, the man was never very popular in the Lodge, even when he did visit us before he was taken down, and, withal, he was a very disagreeable person; red, stubby hair, and a freckled face, raw-boned, and very "raw" otherwise—uncultured and coarse in manner and thought.

He had sailed "before the mast" at one period of his life, and had travelled a great deal, but his travels had not improved his mind as much as might have been expected. When he settled in New York he had some money saved, and with this he opened a sailors' boarding-house, and made money rapidly for some years. But misfortune overtook him; he got sick and laid up; then his wife, his mainstay, died from hard work and exhaustion, and soon after this he sold his boarding-house and lived privately on his money, and then began to look around for another wife, and we all marvelled at his success in this line, for his second "affinity" was an angel, especially as compared with her ugly and cranky husband, and not only was she very beautiful, but also very sweet-tempered, and never winced under the coarse and rude orders from her husband who was about twenty years her senior.

At first we had a standing committee to visit him; then a special committee was appointed; and lastly, as already stated, it devolved upon the Master and myself, with an occasional call from one of the Wardens or members.

The time of which I am now speaking was towards the latter end of poor decrepid old Watson, and we had to call oftener, as he was growing worse very fast, and sometimes had to sit up all night to afford his exhausted family the much-needed rest. Among those who most quietly served was a Brother Terwilliger, a widower, who said he did not mind Bro. Watson's growling, and often sat up with him nights.

In the absence of the Master, the Senior Warden attended to Lodge affairs, and among other things often waited upon old Bro. Watson; but the end was not far off, and exhausted nature came to the relief of the sufferer, who had lain on his bed of pain and torture for many weary years. We buried him with Masonic honours, and spread the broad mantle of Charity over his foibles and shortcomings, and in the sympathy with his long suffering we forgot his cross ways and growlings. After we had laid him away to his eternal rest, a Committee was appointed to look after the widow and aid her in securing her rights, and see that she obtained what was coming to her, for a hoard of hungry relatives began now to gather around the lone woman, to secure for themselves some of the wealth they supposed was left by old Bro. Watson; but this wealth had steadily decreased, until there was very little left for the poor widow.

Among the Committee so appointed were Bro. Terwilliger and the Senior Warden, both of whom were very assiduously working for the interest and welfare of the lone widow. There were some little balances left in some of the savings banks, all of which were in due time and through due process of law withdrawn and redeposited in Mrs. Watson's own name, and whenever a report was made to the Lodge it was that things were progressing nicely and Widow Watson was getting along very smoothly.

I never interested myself very much in this case, as I knew several of the brethren were attending to this matter faithfully, and I had enough to see to with other things, but gradually rumours began to be heard that Brothers Terwilliger and the acting Master were very attentive, and that a feeling was being developed which was more than ordinary Masonic interest or brotherly love; in short it was broadly intimated that both these brethren were seeking the hand of the fair Mrs. Watson, and if she showed more attention to one, the other would become jealous, and then a bitter feeling was aroused which would show itself in the Lodge by an opposition to every measure the one or the other would advocate. Slight and silly as this may seem, each of these gallant brethren had their friends and followers among the members, and all became quite interested in the vigorous courtship which was carried on by these two smitten men. Occasionally some mischievous brother would move to appoint a special Committee to visit Mrs. Watson and ascertain her wish or desire, but this was not entertained, as both the above brethren were ready to vouch that she wanted nothing from the Lodge, and was able to take care of herself, and she knew her own mind well enough, the latter usually with an emphasis which concealed some hidden meaning.

Now, Mrs. Watson was not a candidate for office in the Lodge, but the Senior Warden and Bro. Terwilliger were, and such bitter feeling existed between these two on account of this lady, that by the time we had an election, there was a very lively strife as to who should gain the ascendancy over the other. Many of the members ranged themselves on one side or the other, and the contest became very exciting, and when election came, and the ballots were counted, it was found that both the contestants were laid on the shelf.

The Senior Warden was satisfied with his first defeat (for Master), but Bro. Terwilliger insisted upon being a candidate for nearly every office in the Lodge, and was badly beaten for each. Most of the brethren were well pleased with the result, as it ended the contest between these two brethren, at least in the Lodge, and the Senior Warden soon after took his dimit. But after that the contest between these two was confined to the trial of obtaining control of Widow Watson's hand and heart, and it seemed that the election in the Lodge was a forecast of what was going to happen to these two silly knights, for Mrs. Watson slyly shelved them both, and gradually discouraged their visits. About three years after the death of her husband she married a very worthy man—a German grocer—who was not a Mason, but had a prosperous business, which he carried on at the corner of the street where Mrs. Watson lived. Bro. Terwilliger swore that he never seriously thought of marrying "that woman," only he was provoked to see our Senior Warden making a fool of himself, and especially to bring such silly things in the Lodge, and spreading foolish gossip among the brethren, then leaving the Lodge altogether, taking two or three personal friends out with him.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

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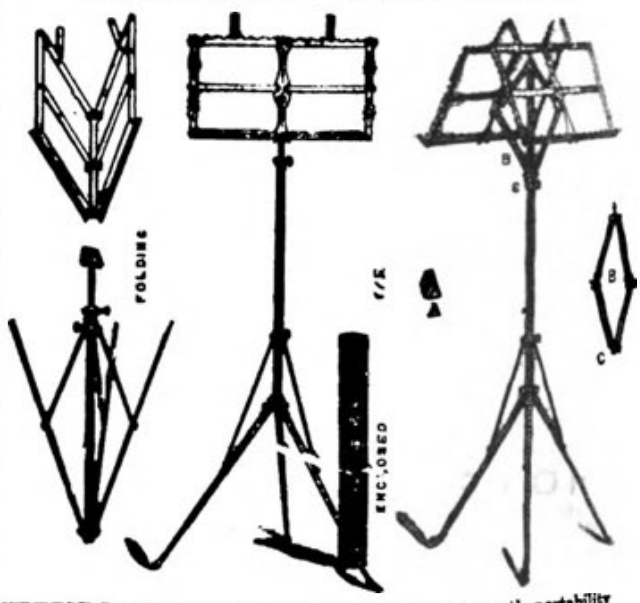

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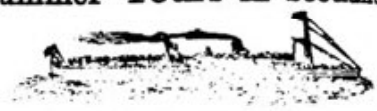

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THE COMING BOYS' FESTIVAL.

OUR readers are reminded that the Eighty-fifth Anniversary Festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, will be held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the Crystal Palace, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Holmesdale, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Kent. This will be unquestionably the Festival of the year, and consequently no apology is needed for bringing it once more under the special notice of the brethren, seeing that we are on the eve of a gathering which is looked forward to with more than ordinary interest, not merely in London, but throughout the Provinces. It will be recollected that in consequence of the great demand upon the resources of the Institution, it was decided some time ago to inaugurate a Preparatory School, and this movement has been taken up by the Craft with a spirit such as could scarcely have been anticipated. But now, as the strain upon the executive of the Festival will be exceptionally severe, and to make everything as clear as possible, we may briefly recapitulate the instructions which have been issued to those whose intention it is to be present, and which, if followed out in the spirit which invariably characterises an assemblage of Masons, cannot fail to reduce the labour and anxiety of the executive to a minimum, but will tend materially to secure the thorough and complete enjoyment of all present. We are of opinion that the Board of Stewards displayed true wisdom in selecting the Crystal Palace for the great Festival of the year, in preference to the other localities suggested. There are many obvious reasons why the gathering should not take place at the Institution, at Wood Green, itself, inasmuch as many of the brethren would have to go considerably out of their way to reach the spot, and disadvantages respecting culinary and other arrangements presented which at once induced the Board to vote almost unanimously against the proposal. A much larger number of the Stewards were in favour of Brighton, though the unwisdom of holding what has always been a moveable Festival at the same place in three successive years, was apparent, and thus that proposal was also finally abandoned. The two other localities indicated were the Crystal Palace and St. James's Hall, and it was in the choice between these places that the greatest amount of contention arose. But although there may be much to be said in favour of the luxurious establishment in Piccadilly, it must be admitted that on a hot June evening, such as we have of late experienced, the idea of a banquet indoors is rather a serious one, and one might well be pardoned for expressing a preference for such semi-open air advantages as the Palace at Sydenham affords. So the Board evidently thought, for on the final voting 114 ruled in favour of the Crystal Palace against 86 for St. James's Hall. It has been mentioned that the large saloon, with the adjacent ante-rooms and corridors, will accommodate 680 persons, and we fully anticipate that there will be very few vacant chairs on the occasion. The grand saloons and summer dining rooms situated in the railway corridor, leading from the station of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, with ladies' toilette and withdrawing rooms above, the whole overlooking the Palace grounds, will be exclusively reserved for the Festival, and every arrangement, down to the minutest detail, has been made to secure the thorough enjoyment and pleasure of those who shall be present. Ample regulations have been laid down for the guidance of Stewards and their friends, as to the tables at which they are to sit, so that there may be not the slightest chance of any hitch or confusion to mar the general comfort. The Stewards, ladies, and brethren will meet in the enclosed corridor and balcony adjoining, and on the arrival of the Chairman, he will be received by the Officers of the Board, Special Stewards, and members of the House Committee of the Institution, who will all enter the banquet room together, immediately the company have been seated by the Stewards to whom that duty has been entrusted. As this Festival is not in a strict sense a Masonic one—inasmuch as ladies and non-Masons will be privileged to attend—although ostensibly and in reality held for a Masonic purpose, it is specially commanded that no Masonic clothing nor jewel shall be worn, a regulation which will of course be rigidly obeyed. After the banquet light refreshments will be served throughout the evening, and with the attractions of the Handel Festival, combined with the ordinary means of recreation and enjoyment ever found in the Palace and its grounds, which are now in the height of their summer beauty, there will be an abundance of resources at hand for variety and spending a completely pleasant day. We need scarcely here remind our brethren of the vast claims which the Institution has upon the liberality of the Craft, for by this time a majority of the lists have been made up, and we trustfully anticipate that Brother Binckes will have the pleasurable duty of notifying the receipt of a substantial amount There are so many reasons that have been often descanted upon in these columns why a strenuous effort should be made this year to uphold the hands of the executive that we expect a wholesome spirit has been put on by the Stewards who will be in their places on Wednesday next, and we trust that in looking forward to a rich and abundant harvest of benevolence in favour of the Institution, nobody will be disappointed.

THE APPROACHING RECESS.

WHEN the "leafy month of June" sets in, and all those who have the time and means at their disposal are prone to quit for a season the oppressive City for the fresh fields and pastures new of the country, we look naturally for a corresponding cessation of the work in our Lodges, and visions rise up of summer banquets and cosy pic-nic parties in which the gentle sex are enabled to sip some of the "mysteries and privileges of the Order." Many of our Metropolitan Lodges have already been prorogued for the recess, and have thus early laid the foundation for their summer arrangements, cozened into activity, no doubt, by the brilliant weather we have experienced during the past few weeks. However assiduous and loyal to the cause upon which they have set their hearts our brethren may be, it is not in flesh and blood to submit to the oppressive and "stuffy" influences of an indoor meeting, in the tropical season of the year, when bright skies, luxuriant meadows and refreshing breezes put in their competitive charms; and it is no matter for surprise that on these delightful summer even-

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ings the brethren are to be seen scampering off with their families and friends into the suburbs, or making use of road, river, and rail, in order to get as rapidly and as far away from the scenes of their every-day drudgery as they can. Nor are they in the least degree to blame. The jaded spirit rebels at the constant monotony of workaday routine, and naturally longs for an invigorating change; and unless this is by some means secured the whole machinery is thrown out of gear. And so it is from a Masonic sense, and the operation of our Lodges. There requires the tonic of an occasional respite from labour for the refreshment of both the physical and mental faculties, and unless this is obtained the chariot wheels of work drag heavily; the whole proceedings lack tone and *verve*; and so there is a break in the continuity of that cordial and hearty co-operation which it is so desirable should be maintained. When, at this period of the year, the Tyler packs up the implements of which he is the custodian, he seems to regard the brethren whose servant he is with a degree of paternal interest, just as the old family butler contemplates the packing of luggage prior to the annual Continental trip, or as a schoolmaster watches the joy of anticipation in the faces of his boys who are about to separate for the term. By the time Lodge resumes its labours he will have furbished up the pedestals, and columns, and working tools, and made everything decent and in order for carrying on the pursuit of the mystic art, and he will welcome back the brethren who may have bronzed their visages by the "sad sea waves," or swept away all physical and mental cobwebs by journeying across country, or by voyages upon the river and sea. There is a sort of renewal of the lease of energy and vigour in this recurring break in the ordinary duties of the Lodge-room which cannot fail to be attended by the most beneficial results. We all know that one is apt to turn giddy if the body is revolved rapidly for a long period in one direction, and it is necessary to reverse the motion in order to restore the normal equanimity. At the commencement of the season the Master and his brethren meet to renew those old acquaintanceships which they have learnt to appreciate so heartily in times gone by, to make their plans for the future, and to gauge the amount of work which might be in store for them during the session upon which they have just entered. Many and various are the reminiscences related of pleasant excursions to the seaside, or amongst the quiet by-ways of the country, where healthful relaxation and refreshing calm go hand in hand. Every man who is in "populous city pent"—chained, year in, year out, to the desk, and plunged in the "dem'd horrid grind" of life, as Mr. Mantelini would put it—is certainly bound to snatch from the coils of constant labour a period of recreation. The old axiom of "all work and no play" finds kaleidoscopic variation in all that sages have written and poets sung. "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men," is accepted as a truism equally with a saying of the old prose writer, who, when over-burdened with the anxieties of his profession, burst into verse, and sighed for the hour when he could "Lie on my back on the fresh greensward; With a straw in my mouth, and an open vest." And so it is all round. The wretched and unkempt denizens of our courts and alleys, so favourite a theme with modern writers, are glad to have afforded them the opportunity of a "day in the country," where they can look over unaccustomed fields, and glory amongst the wild flowers that revel in free profusion. The singing of the birds and the pure pellucid atmosphere are to them a source of infinite delight, and it is no matter for surprise that any one who has seen the genuine mirth of such an assembly should be anxious to lend a helping hand to those who assist in arranging for so much true happiness and pleasure. But a parallel is found in other strata of society; and perhaps it applies, though certainly in a somewhat different degree, to Freemasonry. All through the autumn and winter months the brethren have been wont to meet at their own and other Lodges, and have participated in the arduous duties, as well as the pleasures, which Masonry affords. There is a common saying, which to a microscopic extent, all must admit, that the gatherings of the Craft are of a somewhat selfish character, inasmuch as the sisters and spouses of the brethren are not permitted to gratify their curiosity as to the secrets of the Order—even if any sensible woman of modern times entertains such a foible as rendered Mrs. Caudle so perpetually unhappy and irritant. But when the skies are bright, and the annual question is put to Paterfamilias as, "Where shall we go for our summer holiday?" another phase of the Masonic character becomes apparent, and then comes in the apt and apposite couplet—

> No mortals can more the ladies adore
> Than a Free and an Accepted Mason.

Then it is, with a consciousness of having well and wisely got through the labours of the session, the brethren can lay down their tools and quit the scene of their ordinary labours, and fly off to their deserved pastures of recreation, without scruple and without diffidence, well knowing they are entitled to such respite as that of which they stand in need. Some who have roaming tendencies will visit those secluded spots with which the Continent abounds, whilst others of more modest means and fancies find equal enjoyment in occasional "outings" to quite as pretty nooks and corners, near home. In each and every case the enjoyment may be as great, providing the temperaments of those who participate in the holiday are in keeping with the peculiar situation. At any rate, they will all come home with some new source of fraternal greeting and information, and when work is resumed, there will be such an interchange of congratulation as always renders the re-opening of the Masonic Parliament most enjoyable. Already, as we have said, the brethren and their fair friends are on the *qui vive* of expectation of pleasant drives to some luxuriant lawn where luncheon may be enjoyed amongst the golden cups and daisies, and under the shade of umbrageous trees, or of cool refreshing voyages down the Thames, to some sequestered spot, of which there are so many within a score of miles of London. We can only say to those expectant ones, that we wish for them all the pleasure they can possibly extract from such arrangements as may be considerately made for them by the brethren who undertake the duty, and that, having passed the period of the recess, as we are sure they will do, "within the limits of becoming mirth," they will return with mental and physical energies refreshed for the busy toil which they will find it necessary to meet in the coming session.

THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER TO YORK.

THE Masonic ceremonial of laying the memorial stone of the York Institute of Art, Science and Literature has been fixed for Wednesday, the 18th July next. York during that week will be in a condition of great excitement, for a series of events will take place of great importance. The meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society, which will be held on the Knavesmire (the race course), will be a gigantic affair, in addition to which there will be an important dog show, &c. The Grand Master of England will attend the show as the guest of Sir George Wombwell, Bart., and will stay in York for probably three days. Besides visiting the show his Royal Highness has promised to attend a gathering at the York Fine Art Exhibition, which is being prepared for his reception in the most lavish manner.

But the important day will be the one above mentioned, when the Prince has graciously consented to lay the memorial stone of the new Institute, now being erected in Clifford-street, with Masonic honours. For this event great preparations are being made. The enclosure within which the ceremony will take place will be arranged to accommodate between 2000 and 3000 persons, and will be roofed in with canvas, and the price of reserved seats for the general public will be one guinea. The temporary structure will be designed to represent a mediæval castellated building, and will present a most imposing aspect, and will be profusely garlanded and decorated.

As soon as the announcement was made of the intention of the Grand Master to lay the stone in his official Masonic capacity, the Prov. G. Master of North and East Yorkshire, and his Deputy, proceeded to nominate a Local Committee with a view to carrying out the necessary preliminary details. This Committee is as follows:—Bros. T. B. Whytehead (corresponding Chairman), M. C. Peck Prov. Grand Sec., M. T. Collingwood Prov. G.D.C., R. H. Peacock Prov. G.A.D.C., G. Kirby W.M. 236, M. Millington W.M. 1611, E. J. de Salis W.M. 1991, J. S. Rymer P.M. 236 (Sheriff of York), J. Todd P.M. 236, J. S. Cumberland P.M. 1611. The Committee has proceeded actively with its

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work, and the preparations are as forward as is possible. The York Assembly Rooms have been secured for the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, under the Earl of Zetland, and those who are acquainted with that beautiful structure, designed by the Earl of Burlington, will readily judge how admirably suited to the occasion is its classical style and elegance of adornment.

The Grand Lodge will be opened in the Guildhall, a noble old mediæval apartment, lighted through stained glass windows, and rich in historic memories. The procession will have about a quarter of a mile of streets to traverse, a distance that will be scarcely sufficient for the number of brethren whom we hear are likely to attend. The streets will be decorated in the most magnificent way, for the inhabitants of the ancient capital of the North are resolved on sparing nothing to do honour to their Royal guest.

After the ceremony and return of the procession to the Guildhall, Brother the Lord Mayor of York will give a luncheon to a hundred of the most distinguished Masons in the State Room of the Mansion House, which is now being specially redecorated for the occasion. The State Room is a very beautiful and stately apartment, and contains many portraits of Royal personages who have visited York at various times and partaken of civic hospitality. It will be as well for us to mention that no brother will under any circumstances be permitted within the enclosure to view the ceremony without a ticket. These tickets will be sold at 5/-, for the benefit of the Institution of Art, Science, and Literature, and we shall announce their issue as soon as they are offered for sale. The whole arrangements are of course in the hands of the Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Sir Albert Woods (Garter), with whom the local Committee are in correspondence.

AIMS OF FREEMASONRY.

WHAT has been done is, perhaps, of less importance than that which remains to be accomplished. It is not enough that we have wrought a task in the quarries and brought up our work for inspection, agreeably to the designs laid down for us by those whom we have succeeded in the labour of building up the walls of our Masonic Temple, for having reached a stage of Masonic preferment when it has been allotted to us to design that others may execute, the Craft have a right to demand that the plans we shall conceive shall correspond in the grandeur and breadth of their conception, with the exalted honours which we enjoy. If the high dignities and sounding titles we possess be our only qualifications to enlighten the Craft and the world in respect to the aims and objects of Freemasonry, we shall merit the denunciation so justly pronounced against those who assume duties they are not qualified to perform. It is not given unto all of us to accomplish some great work, by which our names shall be perpetuated after we are dead, but there is no man so humble or so devoid of talents, that he may not accomplish something to make the world the better for his having lived in it, and to impress

"Footprints on the sands of time,"

which even, although they may be effaced by the first rising of the tide, shall, while they remain, mark the path trod in the performance of duties rendered, not unwillingly and solely because they are duties, but because they tend to the accomplishment of a noble end, and some one, it may chance to be a stranger and an ingrate, is to be benefited thereby. It is said that a celebrated Egyptologist discovered a tomb of the god Apis which had never been opened. On entering, he says, for the first time, he beheld distinctly marked on the delicate bed of sand which covered the soil, the impression of the footprints of the workmen who, three thousand seven hundred years ago, had placed the image of the god on his couch, and then retired. As no one knows, or cares to know, the names of the workmen, who, nearly forty centuries ago, left this, the only record of their existence, so it may be that no one will know or care to know our names, but it is possible for us to accomplish, in the few years which are allotted to us to labour in the Lodge terrestrial, that which forty centuries hence, aye, for all eternity, will work for good or evil, and thus it happens that our deeds are of more importance to those who shall come after us than we ourselves are. Men seldom pause to inquire whose hand traced or whose brain inspired a statute which confers a benefit, or works an injury, but the consequences resulting from its enactment make the law itself the object of respect or denunciation. What we shall do here this year may be undone by those who shall stand in our places another year, but the consequence of our acts are for all time, and cannot be undone. Thus it becomes us to consider well the results which are to follow our acts and judgments, lest we inflict an injury where we intend conferring a benefit, or render a judgment which shall work an irreparable wrong where we design administering impartial and exact justice.

Viewed from the exterior, Freemasonry presents no marked excellencies which are not possessed in common with numerous other Associations. To the profane it is simply an organisation which proposes to practise virtues which all mankind are under like obligations to perform, but to those who have entered within the most secret apartments of the temple, and beheld the cherubim whose outstretched wings shield the ark of the covenant, and who have studied its symbols and read their hidden meaning, it exhibits peculiarities which distinguish it from all other human organisations, and to him who has been so fortunate as to receive the true spirit of the inspiration which it breathes in its every teaching, it must always remain without a peer in his affections. We speak this in no spirit of self-approbation or of vaunted superiority, for while it must ever retain to itself the peculiar field it occupies, it also imposes a greater and higher measure of duties upon its initiates. This is not an occasion which calls for an exposition of the nature or extent of those duties. You would not be here if you did not already understand and appreciate them, and you also know whether it is worth the expenditure of time and labour which is demanded by the effort, to make it the means of doing a greater and ever-increasing measure of good, not only to ourselves, but to all mankind.—*The Canadian Craftsman.*

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Colonel John Creaton presided, and the following brethren also were present:—Bros. James Brett, Frederick Adlard, G. Bolton, W. H. Goodall, Charles Belton, James Moon, Raynham W. Stewart, Edgar Bowyer, W. J. Murlis, Henry Moore, C. G. Dilley, L. Stean, W. J. Stephens, C. H. Webb, Charles Atkins, Thomas W. Bush, J. A. Farnfield, A. H. Tattershall, Charles Lacey, E. F. Dix, Julius Qnitmann, G. L. Moore, C. J. Perceval, Thomas Cubitt, Jabez Hogg, E. C. Massey, and James Terry Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, Bro. Terry reported that since the last meeting four annuitants had died, viz., Bros. Mauer, Harrex, Matthew Cooke, and Mrs. Betty Moorhouse, and, according to the practice of the Committee, the vacancies were at once filled up. Bro. Terry also reported that Bro. Wirtzfeld, a successful candidate at the election on the 18th ult., had died on the afternoon of that day. Four cheques, amounting together to £26 7s 6d, were reported as having been received from the John Hervey Memorial Fund, and distributed to the two brethren and two widows standing highest on the poll of unsuccessful candidates. Certificates were read of Brother Griggs, architect, for the payment of £250 to the contractors for work done at the Institution, and for the payment of £5 to G. R. Smith for painting. Applications from the widows of Bros. Harrex and Matthew Cooke for a moiety of their late husband's annuities were granted. Bros. John Bulmer, T. W. C. Bush, W. J. Murlis, William Stephens, and Tattershall were elected to serve on the Finance and Audit Committee; and Bros. Bowyer, Cubitt, Farnfield, Perceval, and Stewart were re-elected as the House Committee. On the motion of Brother Stewart, it was resolved to give the usual summer treat to the annuitants resident at the Institution, and the House Committee were requested to give effect to the resolution. Brother James Terry reported having written letters of condolence to the widows of Bros. Duff-Filer, Gallant and Hale, and that he had received a letter of acknowledgment, written by Bro. Buss, on behalf of Mrs. Duff-Filer, which he read to the Committee. There were four petitions, which were considered and discussed at some length, but ultimately all were received, and the names of the candidates ordered to be added to the lists. The Secretary said, in reply to an inquiry from a brother who was not present when the matter was formally reported, that the whole of the money due from the two Stewards, who were reported to the Committee some time since, had now been received. He said that there were, however, two others who had not paid in the sums they had collected, and whose names he would have to report to the next meeting if their amounts then remained unpaid. The Committee authorised the Secretary to communicate on the subject with the Grand Masters of the Provinces to which the brethren belonged. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

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PROVINCIAL G.L. OF NORTHS AND HUNTS.

THE Annual Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of the several Lodges in the Province of Northe and Hunts, was held at St. Peter's College, Peterborough, under the banner of St. Peter's Lodge, 442, on Thursday, 7th June. The Provincial Grand Master his Grace the Duke of Manchester not having attended Provincial Grand Lodge for the last six years, it was hoped that he would have been present on this occasion, but, at the last moment, to the general regret and disappointment, his Grace was unfortunately prevented attending. His place was most efficiently filled by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Brother Butler Wilkins. The Board of Benevolence and Charity Organisation Committee met at the College at 12 o'clock, where the usual business was transacted, and several grants made to the Masonic Charities and to brethren of the Province. Bro. T. M. Percival P.M. 445 was appointed Provincial Trustee in the place of Bro. R. Howes, after which Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, the acting Prov. Grand Master being supported by Bro. John Marson as acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bro. E. Vergette P.M. 442 filled the chair of S.W. temporarily, Bro. Henry Brown P.M. 1764 occupying his chair as Prov. Grand J.W. The attendance was smaller than usual (not more than eighty being present), owing no doubt in a great measure to the absence of the Prov. Grand Master. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master having expressed the regret of the Duke of Manchester at his inability to be present, the usual business of Grand Lodge was transacted, and the following brethren were duly invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. H. Pank P.M. 442	... ...	G. Senior Warden
F. Marlow W.M. 455	... ...	G. Junior Warden
Rev. A. H. Cole-Hamilton 1911	...	G. Chaplain
Rev. J. T. Hayes 607	... ...	Assist. G. Chaplain
J. U. Stanton P.M. 360	... ...	G. Treasurer
F. J. Dufty 360 ...	... ...	G. Registrar
F. G. Buckle P.M. 442	... ...	G. Secretary
J. Wood Ingram W.M. 377...	...	G. Senior Deacon
W. Howes Linnell W.M. 455	...	G. Junior Deacon
W. H. Simpson 607	... ...	G. Sup. of Works
George Ellard P.M. 360	... ...	G. Director of Cerem.
J. T. Smith 442 ...	... ...	G. Asst. Dir. of Cer.
Henry Spoor 1764	... ...	G. Sword Bearer
W. Renshaw 737	... ...	G. Pursuivant
Brook Sampson 1911	... ...	G. Organist
H. Watson 466 ...	... ...	G. Standard Bearer
H. A. Robinson 360	... ...	G. Stewards
G. Wadsley 373 ...	... ...	
G. C. Caster 442	... ...	
G. E. Moyes 466 ...	... ...	
A. E. Parsons 607	... ...	
T. P. Dorman 1764	... ...	

Various questions concerning the Craft having been dealt with, the resignation of Bro. Griffin as Director of Ceremonies was referred to. A vote of thanks was accorded him for the efficiency with which he had discharged the duties of that office for several years, and great appreciation was expressed as to his assiduity and success in working for the Masonic Benevolent Institutions. The thanks of the Lodge were also given to Bro. the Rev. C. Daymond, for the use of the Collegiate buildings for the meeting. The Rev. C. Daymond, in reply, said their thanks were due to the College Committee, who very readily acceded to the application. They had not, he said, forgotten that the foundation stone of these buildings was laid by the Provincial Grand Master for that time. Bro. H. J. Atkins P.M. 1764, who had been appointed Provincial Grand Steward for the year for the Masonic Charities, thanked the Lodge for the handsome grant made towards a nucleus for the fund of the Province—Benevolent Institution twenty guineas, Boys' School thirty guineas, Girls' five guineas. He referred to the liberal contribution given to his predecessors in their Stewardships for the Aged and Decayed Institution, and trusted the brethren would rally round him, and enable him to carry up such a list as would be a credit to the Province and substantially useful to the Institutions. He hoped to visit the various Lodges during the year and lay the claims of the Charities before them. Bro. Pank, with the permission of the Acting Provincial Grand Master, brought before Grand Lodge the Peterborough Cathedral Restoration Fund, and gave notice that at the next annual meeting he would propose a sum be voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge towards the fund. The Acting Grand Master having stated that the Grand Master had appointed the next annual meeting to be held at Northampton, under the banner of the Eleanor Cross, and other business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed in due form. Subjoined is a list of the brethren present:—St. Peter's Lodge 442 (Peterborough):—Bros. W. Dixey W.M., John Wheeler S.W., Stephen Bamber J.W., H. Pank Treasurer, Edward Crisp Secretary, Thomas Harrison S.D., John T. Smith J.D., Thomas Rutherford M.C., Samuel Willett I.G., J. W. Kirby Organist, F. G. Buckle P.M., W. J. Pilcher P.M. P.P.J.G.W., Edward Vergette sen. P.P.G.S.W., John B. Vergette, J. M. Cook, George C. Caster, John H. Green, R. Payling, H. J. Todd, Henry Kempton, A. M. Pentney, John Simpson, &c. Socrates 378 (Huntingdon): Bros. John Marson P.M. Past Prov. G.S.W., J. Wood Ingram W.M., George Hawley P.M., W. H. Smith P.M. P.P.G.R., George E. Wadsley I.G., James Hawtin Past Grand S.W., and Arthur Bunting S.W. Pomfret Lodge 360 (Northampton): Bros. Butler Wilkins P.M. D.P.G.M., J. U. Stanton P.M. Prov. Grand Treasurer, George Ellard P.M. Prov. Grand D.C. Sec. 1764, Frederick J. Airs W.M. Past Prov. G.S.B., Frederick J. Dufty J.W., John James Hart S.W. Past Prov. G.P., Alfred Cockerill Prov. Steward, A. C. Pearson, H. A. Robinson, E. Roberts, and William Kirby. Fidelity 415 (Towcester): Bros. Thomas M. Percival P.M. P. Prov. G.J.D., W. H. Linnel W.M., H. Packer Prov. G.S.B., S. Snedker. Perseverance 455 (Kettering): Bro. F. Marlow W.M. Merit 466 (Stamford): Bros. Henry Morton P.M. Past Prov. J.W., William H. Watson Prov. G.S., Horace Wright P.M. Past Prov. G.S.D., G. E. Moyes 88 and 466, W. Ward P.M. Past Prov. G.S.B., J. Bentham Past Prov. G.P., James Etchells Past Prov. G.O., and Alfred Coulson. Chichely 607 (Thrapstone): Bros. A. Eames Parsons W.M. and Treasurer, George Siddons jun. J.D., Rev. J. T. Hayes, and Henry Rose. Wentworth 737 (Wellingborough): Bros. W. Renshaw W.M., John Slinn P.M. Past Prov. G.R., and Luke Knight P.M. Past Prov. G.J.D. Eleanor Cross 1764 (Northampton): Bros. Henry Hill W.M. Past Prov. G.O., Henry J. Atkins P.M. P.P.G.D., Henry Brown I.P.M. Prov. Grand J.W., Henry Spoor S.W., T. P. Dorman, and S. S. Campion. De la Pré 1911 (Northampton): Bros. Rev. S. Wathen Wigg W.M. Past Prov. Grand Chap. of Northe and Hunts, Leicester and Rutland, Rev. A. H. Cole Hamilton Prov. A.G.C. S.D., and Brook Sampson Sec. and Organist 1764. The visitors included Speechly W.M. Hope 350 S.C., East India, Alfred Hamson 469 I.P.M. P.P.G.S.W., W. H. Sampson York 236 W.M., C. Downall Dublin, E. L. Shelton 1366 P.M. Highgate, &c. The banquet was held at the Angel Hotel, when a *récherché* repast was served by Brother J. Clifton. The room was most tastefully decorated. The D.P.G.M. (Brother Butler Wilkins) occupied the chair, and was supported on his right by Brother E. Vergette sen. P.P.S.G.W., on his left by Brother J. U. Stanton Provincial Grand Treasurer, and by the principal G. Lodge Officers. The Queen and Craft, and the M.W. the Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., were loyally honoured. The M.W. the Pro Grand Master of England (the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon), the D.G.M. (the Earl of Lathom), and the Officers of Grand Lodge, having been given from the Chair, Brother F. G. Buckle gave the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master His Grace the Duke of Manchester, and the Deputy Prov. G.M. Brother Butler Wilkins. Referring to the Duke's regrettable absence, he said a man of his position had so many calls upon his time that it was extremely difficult for him to get to Prov. G. Lodge, and no doubt his Grace felt that his presence was not so essential on account of the vitality of the Lodges and the able services of his excellent Deputy. His Grace had been most happy in his choice of a Deputy. The D. Prov. G.M., in responding, said the cause of the Grand Master's absence was a pressing business engagement, which rendered it impossible to get down, at the last moment. Had his Grace been present he should have had the pleasure of representing to him the great progress which Masonry in the Province had made since he was last amongst them—some six years ago; that two new Lodges had been founded, and that the working of the Lodges had greatly improved. At the same time, he would have had to say that faces with which they had been familiar they regretfully missed from amongst them. The Grand Lodge Officers past and present having been honoured, Bro. Pank responded, making some practical observations, and also expressing the regret of many of the brethren at the absence of the Prov. Grand Master, and that it had been so long since his Grace had been amongst them. Bro. J. U. Stanton gave the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions, viz., the Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. He knew how much they regretted that Bro. James Terry, the Secretary for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was not amongst them that day, as he had been for some years past on similar occasions, and then proceeded to give an interesting sketch of the grand work these Institutions were doing, giving instances of the practical good that had come within his own personal knowledge. The small Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire had done nobly. The good they did was beyond their conception. Two years ago, when he had the honour of representing the Province as Steward, thanks to their liberality, he was fourth highest on the list, and the present year that amount was exceeded by Bro. R. H. Griffin, who acted as their Steward. They had attained such a position that any candidate supported by them was almost sure of success the first time. Bro. H. J. Atkins, in replying, expressed the hope that the Lodges would help him as liberally as they had done his predecessors; and he would do his best to secure as large, if not a larger sum, for the noble Institutions which were the outcome of Masonic benevolence. By these Charities they helped their aged brethren, the widow, and the orphan—not by pauperising them, but by maintaining their self-respect while helping them, and, in the case of the boys and girls, preparing them, by a sound education, for an honourable and useful career. Nothing could give them greater happiness than thus to contribute to the peace and comfort of the declining years of aged brethren, or to provide for deceased brothers' widows; or to the maintenance and education of the orphans they left behind them. "The Visiting Brethren" was ably responded to by Bro. E. L. Shelton P.M. 1366, who apologised for the absence of Bro. James Terry, and stated the pleasure it gave him to belong to a Lodge with which Bro. Terry was so closely connected. The acting Prov. Grand Master gave the W.M.'s and Brethren of the various Lodges in the Province, which was severally responded to by the W.M.'s and brethren present. Bro. J. T. Smith gave the Ladies, which was responded to by E. Crisp. The Tyler's toast concluded the business of the evening. The whole meeting passed off in a most satisfactory manner, its success being in a great measure attributable to the efficient manner it which Brother George Ellard performed his duties as Director of Ceremonies, being well assisted by Bro. J. T. Smith. The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. W. J. Pilcher, H. J. Atkins, J. J. Hart, J. W. Ingram, Wheeler, J. Clifton, F. G. Buckle, George Ellard, J. U. Stanton, &c. Bros. Brook Sampson (piano), R. Croft (harmonium), J. T. Smith (cornet) accompanied, and also contributed solos.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The changes of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are most cautious of their health, and most particular in their diets. These corrective, purifying, and gentle aperient Pills are the best remedy for all defective actions of the digestive organs; they augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness, and carry off all that is noxious from the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare balsams, unmixed with baser matter, and on that account are peculiarly well adapted for the young, delicate, and aged. As this peerless medicine has gained fame in the past, so will it preserve it in the future by its renovating and invigorating qualities, and its incapacity of doing harm.

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OBSTRUCTION IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Our very worshipful and esteemed brother the Grand Registrar, M.P. for Worcester, brought with him an experience gained in the House of Commons—of which, by-the-bye, he proved himself an apt follower, by the perfunctory and deliberate manner in which he presented the appeal from a brother of New Zealand, the whole, or very nearly the whole of which case had, word for word, been before Grand Lodge a year ago. Our able and astute Registrar opened his case at 9·30, and he managed to spin the matter out for twenty-three minutes and a half. His action was then substantiated and approved by his reputed successor in office, who was stimulated without avail by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, with watch in hand, to continue speaking. The summing-up of the M.W.G.M. in the chair completed the time, viz., ten o'clock, after which no new matter can be introduced for consideration in Grand Lodge. Now, the Grand Registrar need not have given himself so much trouble, for the assembly having become smaller by degrees and beautifully less during his interesting discourse, I should never have thought for one moment of going on with my motion; but, with the permission of the chair, would have been content to defer it to the next meeting, and allow the annual motion of the Past Grand Treasurer for the winter coals for the residents at the R.M.B.I. to take precedence.

My motion, in order to make it clear to your readers, requires a concise preface. Some two years or more ago, the then Board of General Purposes undertook, unknown to the Craft generally, a very important and much required work, that of revising the Book of Constitutions, many of the laws having from time to time been changed, while others had become obsolete. In fact, an entire re-arrangement of the work had become necessary, so that a Worshipful Master might refer to the Constitutions with confidence when in doubt as to what course he ought to pursue. Between June and September of '82 the Craft were informed that they could see copies of the revision at the Grand Secretary's office in London, or at the Provincial Grand Secretaries' offices in the Provinces; this very limited and inconvenient opportunity did not suffice for the brethren, so, accordingly, when the Board of General Purposes asked Grand Lodge to accept the Revision, in September, the members very naturally declined to do so, and it was then and there decided that copies of the intended alterations should be sent to every Lodge, and any individual member might purchase a copy or copies at a cost not exceeding 2s each. Further, it was resolved, that amendments and alterations should be sent to the Grand Secretary's office not later than 31st of January 1883, and that some time in February the M.W.G.M. should be advised to summon a Special G.L. to take the matter into consideration. The fruit of the error that the Revise Committee had committed in not consulting the Craft, and asking for suggestions and amendments while they were engaged on their task, now displayed themselves, and the alterations which might have been considered during the first twelve months of the work now came in, to the number of some 800 or more. This precluded the calling of a Special Grand Lodge; and when the Quarterly Communication took place in March, the matter was referred back to the Board of General Purposes, to report upon at the meeting in June. Now, with the exception of my motion, there was not a word on the agenda paper of what progress, if any, had been made, and I have been informed that it was the intention to let the whole matter drop. I can hardly think that my informant could have been correct, or that the desire of Grand Lodge should be treated as a dead letter. At the same time, when I inquired at the Grand Secretary's office if my motion had been accepted? I was told, "Yes;—for what it was worth;" and, "Had I interest with the printers, as I wanted 800 amendments and alterations laid before Grand Lodge in September next?" which latter date must of necessity be postponed until the Quarterly Communication in December. I consider the subject, i.e. the Rules and Regulations by which our ever-increasing Order is to be governed, is of such importance that, in addition to the notice of motion now standing in my name (with the date changed), I shall move, following the example set by the Committee for the Rebuilding of the Temple, "That as the defined Rules and Regulations under which our Order is to be governed is a matter of the gravest importance to our well-being, and owing to the great delay that has hitherto taken place in bringing the matter to an issue, that a Committee should be formed, consisting of twelve members, six to be appointed by Grand Lodge, and six by the Board of General Purposes, to take in hand the reconsideration of the Revision of the Book of Constitutions, together with the suggested amendments and alterations, as soon as possible, and to lay the result thereof before Grand Lodge in December;—for acceptance." By these means both views of the case will be brought to bear; the purple and the blue; and the decision of the combined Committee should be final, only requiring the confirmation of Grand Lodge to become law.

With regard to the word confirmation; according to the ruling of the Pro G.M., the word "verification," or "that the minutes have been correctly entered," should certainly in some instances be substituted; for there can be no doubt that the feeling of Grand Lodge is very strong in the desire to know what are, and what are not, the prerogatives of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. I am entirely at issue with the Grand Registrar, that the Most Worshipful Grand Master can alter the law of precedence, or any other laws, except with the consent of Grand Lodge. He has the power of appointing whom he desires to the various offices; he can give his consent to, or place his veto on, new laws; but, *per se*, he cannot alter; and any person who has studied his Royal Highness and his actions, in or out of Freemasonry, must feel convinced in his own mind that the Grand Master is the last to suffer encroachments on his prerogative, or to infringe upon the privileges of others. The two or three cases of irregularity which the Grand Registrar brought forward, as having occurred in seventy years, only serve as exceptions to prove the rule; which not only the blue, but the purple, are called upon and are sworn to obey.

Yours fraternally,

C. J. PERCEVAL P.M. 1607,
AND V.P. OF THE THREE INSTITUTIONS.

8 Thurloe-place, S.W., 10th June 1883.

ELECTION FOR COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your issue of the 2nd inst., under the above heading, a brother signing himself "P.M." attacks me on a question of my fitness to serve on the Committee of the R.M.B.I., and speaks disparagingly of my nominator.

Permit me to say that my nominator was the respected W.M. of my mother Lodge—the Egyptian, No. 27—which is a Vice-Patron of the Institution, a position that few Lodges have attained to. It was impossible for me to have a better qualified nominator. The Egyptian Lodge has been one of the staunchest supporters of the Benevolent Institution, and "P.M.," by insulting its Master, is not, in my opinion, furthering the interests of the Institution.

When "P.M." ventured to recommend the Craft to oppose my election, he must have forgotten or been ignorant of the fact that in June last year I was at the head of the poll when Grand Lodge elected its members of the Board of General Purposes, and that I occupied the same proud position on the poll when in December there was an election in Grand Lodge of a Junior Vice President of the Lodge of Benevolence. I trust I may be pardoned for referring to these matters, but I feel proud of the honour Grand Lodge thought fit to confer on me.

Your correspondent "P.M.'s" appeal to the Craft to leave me "alone," has been answered in a way that he little expected. As regards his statement that when I had the honour of being a member of the Committee I "rarely attended," I beg to say he has been misinformed. I attended rather too often to please some brethren, and had I been less anxious to discharge my duty as one of the Representatives of Grand Lodge on that Committee, you would not have heard from "P.M.," nor have been troubled with this communication.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES ATKINS,
P.M. 27 and 1260.

Clapton, 12th June 1883.

THE LATE ELECTION OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There was a point in the Pro G.M.'s speech you have, I am sorry to say, overlooked. I allude to his strong condemnation of the system of canvassing for places by means of papers or cards. If Lord Carnarvon reprobated that course, what would he have said in reference to the scenes which occurred at the Girls' House Committee Election, where candidates, after resorting to the puff advertising method so largely circulated among the Craft generally, awaited the arrival of voters, and persuaded those who were too indolent, or too innocent, to allow them (*the candidates*) to fill up the papers for them. Talk about bribery and corruption, this leaves such practices quite in the shade. I do not know who most to condemn, those weak enough to hand over their privileges to others, or the candidates who were shameless enough to take such advantage. At the next meeting, if convenient for me to attend, I shall certainly propose an entire change, not only in the system of election, but that the polling shall take place under the supervision of Deacons specially appointed, and who should denounce any member attempting such an unfair act. I would add, in addition, that any candidate so acting should be disqualified for the place he is seeking to fill. What is the result of the Girls' Election? By set purpose an excellent, indefatigable, fearless Brother, who has worked diligently and unceasingly for over ten years, has been ousted; while, doubtless an equally worthy Brother, but one who has not attended for the last two years, and whose residence and occupation preclude him from the possibility of attending, has been retained on the Committee.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A V.P. OF THE INSTITUTION.

Brother James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has been elected by the members of the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction as Installing Master on the occasion of rehearsal of the ceremony of installation of Worshipful Master, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 22nd instant.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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SUBURBAN LODGE, No. 1702.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge took place on Friday, 8th instant, at that charming roadside hostelry, the Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, and was one of the most successful gatherings the Lodge can record. There were upwards of thirty visitors, beside whom the Lodge was honoured by the presence of the R.W.P.G.M. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., whose attendance not only gave *eclat* to the occasion, but bore testimony to the appreciation of the Lodge and its members, he having paid a similar unofficial visit during the previous year. The attendance of brethren was unusually strong, for was it not known that the retiring W.M. intended to instal his successor. Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. (Bro. Charles Hawksley), J. F. Hepburn S.W. (and W.M. elect), C. S. Buck J.D., J. Tickle P.M. P Z. P.P.G.R. Middlesex Tres., J. Hill Secretary Acting as Deacon, F. J. Tyler and G. H. Hunter, C. Winstanley I.G.; Bros. W. T. Buck P.M., R. Shutt, R. Watson, E. C. Kilsby, J. M. Draper, G. H. Carter, J. Tregaskis, W. Cropley, A. J. Oliver, Jno. Waddington jun., J. T. S. Roberts, Geo. Robinson, A. J. Hone Goldney, E. H. Southgate, William Urry, N. L. Tindell, L. M. Williams, J. Davenport, Thomas Charlton, H. S. Benison, E. Stockdale, Adolphe Sawer, Thomas Lee Roberts, J. Very Tyler. Visitors—Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M Middlesex, F. Hastings Miller P.P.G.O. Middlesex, A. Buck P.G.S.W. Essex, Fountaine 45, H. Ruff 95, H. W. Ruff P.M. 95, G. W. Tiffin 95, G. B. Cutler 217, W. H. Tiper 474, W. Moore 645, W. J. Sperring 780, H. Wilkins W.M. 902, J. J. Bell P.M. 1178, Liebman 1196, F. Eckstein P.M. 1196, G. H. Hunter P.M. 1298, G. Buckland P.M. 1319, F. Clive 1319, T. Gates W.M. 1599, S. Brookes P.M. 1608, A. H. St. Leger 1777, P. Balme 1804, E. H. Parnell 1809, C. Brown 1814, W. H. Murfitt 1861, T. Vincent P.M. 1861, T. Boyes Langton, J. Best Cripplegate. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, as well as the Auditors' account of the Lodge funds, which was received and adopted, Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Davenport and Tregaskis, who were candidates for raising, were interrogated by the Worshipful Master, and entrusted. After which, Lodge being opened in the third degree, they were raised according to ancient custom, the ceremony being rendered in a most impressive manner by the Worshipful Master. Brother W. J. Buck Past Master having presented the Worshipful Master elect, the ceremony of installation had proceeded to the stage at which all below the rank of I.M. are requested to retire, when it was announced that the R.W. P.G.M. was without. A deputation having been sent to receive him, some little delay occurred, but when his entrance to the Lodge was announced, he was received and saluted with full Masonic honours, which were briefly but heartily acknowledged. A Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, the ceremony was then proceeded with, Brother Hepburn being duly installed into the chair of K.S. by his predecessor, to the satisfaction of a critical audience, comprising some 18 Past Masters. The Installed Masters' degree being closed, and the Worshipful Master congratulated, the brethren of the different ranks were called in, to whom it was duly announced and proclaimed, after which the Worshipful Master proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, at the same time pointing out their duties in fit terms, and complimenting the Treasurer and Secretary on their reappointment. The following are the names of the brethren invested:—Bros. C. Buck S.W., G. H. Carter J.W., R. W. Shutt S.D., C. Winstanley J.D., R. Watson I.G., J. Waddington jun. Organist, W. T. Buck P.M. Wine Steward, E. C. Kilsby M.C., J. M. Draper Assistant Wine Steward, W. L. Tindell and E. Stockdale Stewards, J. Very Tyler. The Installing Master, Brother C. Hawksley, then delivered the addresses to the Master, Wardens and Brethren generally, in a masterly and impressive manner, which reflected great credit on himself and won the approbation of every one present. The usual routine business of the Lodge being despatched, it was closed in peace and harmony, and adjourned. Owing to the Lodge being held in the room in which the banquet was afterwards served, the interval during which the tables were being spread afforded the brethren an opportunity of a quiet stroll in the neighbourhood; this formed a very pleasant incident in the day's proceedings—lawn tennis, &c. being indulged in by those on "active pleasure bent." It was therefore close upon seven o'clock before the company sat down to the excellent repast provided for the occasion by the much esteemed host—Bro. C. Veal—and it goes without saying that ample justice was done to it by those present. Time, which waiteth not for a Worshipful Master, was now somewhat advanced, and after grace had been said, the W.M. proceeded to give the toasts in rapid succession—indeed, with such rapidity that it involved the curtailment to a large extent of the printed programme and book of songs which had been thoughtfully provided for the occasion. In responding to the toast of his health, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Sir Francis Burdett again expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be present, not alone for the hospitality which he had enjoyed, but the opportunity of being present during the installation of the Worshipful Master. He referred to the manner in which the I.P.M. had performed the ceremony, in the most eulogistic terms, as well as to the other working in the Lodge, which he said convinced him that every member, from the Master downwards, was determined to discharge the duties in a satisfactory manner. The I.P.M. (Bro. Hawksley) in proposing the toast of the Worshipful Master, spoke in complimentary terms of the brother whom he had placed as his successor, and trusted that he would be supported by the Officers whom he had that day appointed. The W.M., in response, expressed his gratitude to the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received, and trusted to be spared to preside over their meetings with satisfaction to all. The haste with which the toasts followed the removal of the cloth was productive of an omission, which was here sought to be remedied, viz., the passing round of the Charity box. For this occasion Bro. Hawksley had prepared for presentation to the Lodge a unique and altogether fitting receptacle for the offerings of the brethren, and which is well worthy the inspection of visitors. In form, a cube about 3½ inches square; it rests on bases of proportionate size, forming steps thereto. It was made of oak, said to be 800 years old, out of a building in which Masonry long found a home, and in which Brother Hawksley and two other founders of the Sub-Urban Lodge first saw "light." The top is mounted with the device of a square and compasses of sufficient size to allow the necessary aperture for coin. The front bears the name and number of the Lodge, with a pierced five-point star in centre, and on the reverse the following inscription:—"Presented by Bro. Charles Hawksley W.M., 8th June 1883, as a memento of the Charity Fund, established during his year of office, 1882-3." The presentation made, the box was immediately dedicated to its intended service. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Immediate Past Master, and referred in a feeling manner to his services, particularly during that day, and at the same time expressed the pleasure it afforded him to present the jewel which the Lodge had voted to him as the "fifth" Master; to which Bro. Hawksley briefly responded. Time pressing, only one of the numerous array of visitors was called upon to respond, and that devolved upon Bro. Hastings Miller, Past Prov. Grand Organist Middlesex, who expressed on their behalf the pleasure all had experienced in visiting the Lodge, and their appreciation of the manner in which the Master had been installed. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings at the table to a close, but several brethren who were not compelled by the exigencies of rail service, which demanded catching one train in order to catch another, remained until it was time to catch the last. Thus ended a thoroughly enjoyable day, which will be looked back on by those who witnessed the ceremony with pleasurable recollections for many years to come. We understand Bro. Hawksley is representing the Lodge as Steward for the Boy's Festival. We heartily wish him a success equal to that of Friday last.

United Mariners Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.—The popularity attained by this young but exceedingly vigorous Lodge of Instruction, continues to increase, and the weekly meetings, at the Lugard Tavern, Lugard-road, Peckham, are always well attended. On Wednesday last Brother Thomas filled the chair as W.M., supported by Bros. Walter Martin Preceptor, Harvey S.W., Bartlett J.W., Wimble S.D., Lean J.D., Shorter I.G., Rotheroe Secretary, Brunker P.M., Ledger W.M. 1564, Bellis W.M. 1901, Leonard, Lampen, Pusey-Eedle, Morgan, Andrews, and many others. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, after which the first section of the lecture was given by Brother Rotheroe and the second by Bro. Bellis. The working was executed in the most commendable manner, and afforded considerable pleasure and edification to the brethren present. The Lodge may be congratulated upon having secured the assistance of Bro. Martin as Preceptor, for although a young Mason, and not having yet passed the chair, he is gifted with much tact, intelligence and ability, and is perfect in the whole of the working. Thus the advance made by the regular attendants at the Lodge has been of a marked and gratifying character. The headquarters of the Lodge are very convenient of access, being within a few minutes walk of the Queens-road, Old Kent-road, and Nunhead railway stations, whilst the tramways from Blackfriars, Westminster, and other parts, almost pass the door. Every matter of detail that can in any way conduce to the comfort and convenience of the brethren has been considerately studied by Bro. Alfred Pusey, the proprietor of the hotel, and consequently the meetings are of a very enjoyable, as well as beneficial character. The Lodge meets every Wednesday evening, from 7.30 to 9.30, and visitors are always most cordially welcomed.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Langdale's, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., Saturday, 9th inst. Present—Bros. Gribbell W.M., Ferrar S.W., Dixie J.W., Forss S.D., Lone I.G., Lorkin Preceptor, Galer Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Galer offered himself as candidate, and was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Forss worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren; and the fifth, assisted by Bro. Dixie. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Brother Ferrar was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned to Saturday, 16th inst.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—At the usual meeting of this Lodge of Instruction at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, S.E., on Friday, the 8th inst., Brother E. A. Francis presided as Worshipful Master. Amongst others present were Bros. Sarjeant S.W., Johnson J.W., Jones S.D., Hooper J.D., Bate I.G., James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor, Poore Secretary, Richardson, &c. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed in Brother Francis's usual careful and efficient manner, and subsequently the second and third sections of the F.C. Lecture were worked by the brethren in good style. On the Lodge being lowered, Brother Sarjeant was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week, and his Officers were appointed in rotation. The ceremony of installation is to be rehearsed in this Lodge of Instruction on Friday, the 22nd instant, and the Preceptor, Brother James Stevens, has been elected Master and Installing Master for the occasion.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No 1949.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 12th June, at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. Present:—Bros. Francis W.M., Richardson S.W.,

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Phillips J.W., Williams Secretary, Banks S.D., Letchford J.D., Poore M.C., Jones I.G.; also Hooper, James Letchford, Routledge, Monk, Stokes, Mordey, and Stevens P.M. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second and third degrees, and the ceremony of installation (with the exception of that portion relating to the board of Installed Masters) was ably rehearsed by Brother Francis, with Brother Hooper as Worshipful Master elect. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. After the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing week, and other formal business, Lodge was closed in due form in perfect harmony. Brother George Mordey 1986 was elected a member.

SIR FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE, No. 1503.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening last, at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, when a goodly number of brethren and visitors assembled, under the presidency of Brother T. Walls P.M. P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex and Surrey, in the unavoidable absence of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Brother W. Taylor. Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, it was advanced to the third, when Brother Henry Jenkins was raised to the sublime degree by the acting Worshipful Master, whose working was, as usual, excellent. Resuming in the second, Bros. Arthur Henry Bunn, and James Pateshall Bowden were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the ceremonies being most creditably performed. During the evening Bro. Saunders, the Treasurer, submitted a report as to the financial position of the Lodge, which was accepted as eminently satisfactory, a substantial balance remaining in hand in favour of the Lodge. A grant of five guineas was voted out of the Lodge funds in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and after the transaction of some other business Lodge was closed in form. The banquet was presided over by Brother Walls, who at the conclusion of an excellent repast proposed the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, which were cordially received. Bro. Saunders P.M. gave the health of the acting W.M., with thanks to him for having officiated in the absence of Bro. Taylor. He expressed regret at the circumstances which kept their excellent Worshipful Master from his wonted position, namely, the serious indisposition of his wife, whom he trusted would soon be restored to health and strength. Bro. Walls suitably replied, and several complimentary speeches followed. Bro. Saunders, as a special toast, proposed the health of Bro. T. R. Richnell, a member of this Lodge, but who had been kept away from its duties for some time, owing to a domestic bereavement. They were all delighted to see the genial face of that brother amongst them again, and once more participating in the duties and pleasures of the Lodge. Bro. Richnell briefly responded, expressing the gratification it afforded him to meet the brethren of his mother Lodge again, after so lengthened an absence, and he tendered his sincere thanks to the brethren for their feeling and kindly reception of his name. Several other toasts were honoured, and amidst an abundance of good music and singing a pleasant evening was passed.

PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 487.

AT the last regular meeting of the members of this Lodge, Bro. H. Threadingham P.M. presented, in the name of the members, to Bro. W. E. Atkins, a Past Secretary's jewel, containing a suitable inscription, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him during the two years he filled the office of Secretary of the Lodge, and the duties of which he relinquished on election as W.M. of the United Brothers' Lodge at Southsea.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 11th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York. The W.M. Bro. M. Millington, was in his place, and was supported by his Wardens, Bros. J. Blenkin and A. T. B. Turner, and the following Past Masters, Bros. T. B. Whytehead, J. S. Cumberland, C. G. Padel, J. T. Seller, G. Balmford, and Major McGachen 1991, and by a number of brethren and visitors from the other York Lodges, and from Hull. A successful ballot was taken for a candidate. Bro. C. Tuff was passed to the second degree, and Bros. C. Stephenson and E. Thackeray were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the whole of the work being done by the W.M. with great accuracy. Bro. T. B. Whytehead next presented to the library a series of Masonic works, also a book from Bro. W. J. Hughan, and a very beautiful and perfect copy of Bro. Bartolozzi's engraving of Bro. Stothard's painting of the Masonic Girls' School Festival. Votes of thanks were accorded for these gifts. Bros. Sir Frederick G. Milner, Bart. 478, T. Horsley 1001, and Ream 566, were proposed as joining members, and the names of two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation. The W.M. announced that a summons had been issued for an emergency meeting for the following Monday, when Bro. the Lord Mayor would be passed to the second degree. Lodge having been closed, the brethren assembled for refreshment, and spent a pleasant hour.

A meeting of the Metropolitan Council, Time Immemorial, under the authority of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, will be held at the Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion Square, on this day (Saturday), the 16th inst., at three o'clock p.m. The business to be transacted will comprise the reading and confirming the minutes of last meeting; to confer the degrees of St. Laurence the Martyr, Knight of Constantinople, Red Cross of Babylon, and Grand High Priest, on approved candidates.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY, No. 101.

THE regular summer meeting of this Preceptory was held at York on Tuesday, 12th June, under the command of the E. Preceptor Sir Knight M. Millington. The business was of a formal character, there being no candidates. The Registrar, Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead P.E.P. read a letter he had received from the Commander of the Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Chicago, stating that the members of that body who purposed visiting England this summer would have pleasure in making a stay in York, and witnessing the working of the Degree as practised in England. The Registrar also announced that since their last meeting Sir Knight J. S. Cumberland P.E.P. had received an appointment as an Aide-de-Camp of the Great Priory of England, and moved, "That this Preceptory has heard with great satisfaction of the appointment to Great Priory of so worthy a member of the Order, and hereby offers its congratulations to E. Sir Knight Cumberland." This was seconded by the E.P., and carried unanimously.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW CHURCH.

ON Saturday afternoon last, 9th June, about 250 brethren assembled at Long Bolton, to take part in the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of a new church to be dedicated to S. Augustine. The stone was laid by Col. Legendre Starkie, R.W. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, and Masonic formalities were observed throughout. A period of sixty years has elapsed since similar proceedings were observed in Bolton, and the consequence was that on Saturday the vicinity of the new church building was thronged with spectators, and the greatest interest to witness what transpired prevailed. A procession was formed, of musicians, firemen, working Masons, teachers, scholars, choirs, and clergy, the Masonic brethren, in Craft costume and insignia, bringing up the rear. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master was met at Firwood Hall, the residence of Mr. F. Hardcastle, one of the donors of the site, and he, accompanied by a select party, including the Mayor and ex-Mayor of Bolton, both members of the Brotherhood, and the Rev. Canon Powell, Rural Dean, was conducted to the site of the church. Here, the service was choral, as well as Masonic in character. Col. Starkie was presented with a costly trowel, bearing a suitable inscription, and a mallet made from bog oak, dug out of the foundations, was also given to him, after which he addressed the assembly, and then laid the corner-stone of the building. In the course of a stirring address the R.W. Prov. Grand Master said that although they were not Operative Masons they had, from time immemorial, been associated with the erection of buildings to be raised for the benefit of mankind, the adornment of the world, and the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. They, Masons, had among them, unseen from the eyes of men, secrets that may not be unveiled, and which no man had discovered; but those secrets were lawful and honourable, and neither repugnant to the laws of God, nor the laws of man. They were entrusted to the Masons of ancient days, and they had been faithfully transmitted to the Masons of the present, whose duty it was to convey them to latest posterity. Unless their Order had been honourable, and their calling just, they would never have lasted all these centuries, nor would they have had, and still have, so many illustrious brothers in their Order, ready to promote their laws and further their interests. Subsequently the brethren sang "Prosper the Art," and the National Anthem (Masonic version). The brethren present, we may add, had lunched together ere they separated. All passed off with *éclat*, and the weather was glorious.

The Province of Essex will add another to its roll of Lodges on Wednesday next, when the consecration of the Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977, will be performed by the Prov. Grand Master the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, M.P. The W.M. designate, Bro. Thomas Eustace P.M. and Treasurer 697, will be installed by W. Bro. A. Lucking P.M. 160 P.G.D.C. Essex. The proceedings will take place at the Town Hall, Maldon, and will commence at Two o'clock.

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The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoum, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of **CHLORODYNE**, with which **I effected miraculous cures.**

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FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Steward, V. Patron),
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A PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the OATLANDS PARK HOTEL, WALTON on THAMES, SURREY, on Thursday, the 28th June 1883, at 1.30 p.m. precisely.

By command,
CHARLES GREENWOOD jun. P.M. P.P.G.R.
Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning dress.

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9th June 1883.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

THE Companions of the Royal Arch Degree assembled in considerable force on Saturday last, at the Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, for the double purpose of transacting the business consequent upon the Annual Meeting of their Provincial Grand Chapter, and to assist in the consecration of a new Chapter, which will raise the total on the roll of the Province to nine. The Grand Superintendent, the Right Worshipful Comp. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W., presided, and he was supported by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.G.C., who filled the chair of H., and the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., who officiated as J. Amongst those who attended were Companions C. Greenwood P.G.D. of Cer. Prov. Grand Scribe E., Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C. Prov. Grand J., H. J. P. Dumas P.G.D., Charles Greenwood jun. Provincial Grand Secretary Surrey, Leigh. Bennett Prov. 1st Assistant Sojourner, H. E. Frances Prov. 2nd Assistant Sojourner, F. A. Manning Prov. Director of Ceremonies, Comps. Vincent, Boucher, W. W. Morgan, &c. &c. After Provincial Grand Chapter had been formally opened, the consecration of the new Chapter, the Ewell, No. 1851, was proceeded with, the Grand Superintendent, Right Worshipful Companion General Brownrigg officiating as Consecrating Officer, assisted by the Revs. C. W. Arnold and J. Studholme Brownrigg. After the presiding Officer had addressed the Companions on the nature of the meeting, the acting Scribe E. explained the steps that had been taken by those interested in the formation of the Chapter. The Consecrating Officer having signified his approval, gave the necessary directions that the ceremony should proceed, and the petition and charter were formally read. After inquiry had been duly made, and assent given that the Principals named in the charter were still approved, the acting J. was called on for an oration, which was delivered in the following terms:

COMPANIONS,—Masonry is a progressive science, and it is, therefore, a matter of extreme importance when any Lodge has so far proved its past efficiency as to entitle it to a Royal Arch Chapter. It is, I think, quite right and proper that the Provincial Grand Superintendent should not recommend, and that Grand Chapter should not grant a Warrant, unless there is the evidence of at least three years' good work; that there is such a capacity of progress as to entitle the Lodge to further opportunities of searching into the great science of Masonry. And this, Companions, brings me to the single point upon which I desire to claim your attention for a very few minutes to-day. What is progress? Literally, the word means "a going forward;" a going forward to something better and a something higher; a disinclination to rest satisfied with anything that is imperfect or incomplete; a desire to remove all that is evil. And is such, Companions, our aim? I think that, both in Masonry and in the world, we should remember that there is nothing so despicable as the man who does no good. Life is active, not passive. Unless, more or less, you are, in some measure, of practical utility to your fellow men, you are a contradiction to all that is grand, or noble, or holy in life. But, Companions, I have spoken thus strongly in the encouragement of all legitimate progress, in the pursuit of the great principles of Masonry, in order that I may, with special emphasis, insist upon what I believe to be at all times a very necessary caution. There is a true progress, there is a false progress, or rather there is a hideous phantom which veils itself under the fair garb of progress, and which is in reality a serious retrogression. Strip the mask from her face, peel off the untempered mortar from the wall, and what posed as the fair work of progress is in reality only inopportune and ill-considered change. We can change for the worse as well as for the better. I am afraid I am sadly behind the time. It is the fashion to change simply for the sake of changing; to think that there can be no progress without destruction; no improvement of the building without removing the foundations. It was not thus that our ancient brethren wrought. One generation laid the foundations, another reared the fabric, a third beautified it, and so the structure grew to be the thing of beauty and of art which we find it, because our ancient brethren knew that progress did not mean change of fundamental principles; but rather an orderly, but at the same time a living and energetic advancement in the steps which were none the worse because they were those of men who had gone before. We talk a great deal about the landmarks of our Order; I sometimes think there is a danger lest our much talking should make us careless. It is, I conceive, a duty incumbent upon every Mason to encourage true progress; to fight to the bitter end against all false progress; to cut away with unsparing hand all that is evil, to change where change is needful; but ever to remember that we dare touch nothing, alter nothing, unless we have some better reason than that restless and discontented spirit of the world which is ever meddling and marring, but never improving; which is hindering all true progress by its anxiety to scrawl its own ideas upon the plans of the Master Architect, instead of carrying out what has been laid down and approved by the wisdom and experience of the past. May this Chapter be ever full of life and true progress; a bulwark against all needless and undesirable change.

The consecration ceremony was then completed with full ceremonial, and the three Principals duly installed as follows:—Comps.

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Arthur E. Taylor P.M. 1201 1851 P.Z. 1201 M.E.Z., William Howard Paddle P.M. 1851 H., George William Saul P.M. 1201 J. The Companions who had not yet attained the Principals' chairs were then re-admitted, and the remaining Officers were invested:—Comps. E. A. Baber Prov. Grand Sword Bearer S.E. and Treasurer, G. N. Pochin S.N., H. H. Room P.S., T. Bowler Janitor. After the customary recognition of the services of the consecrating Officer and his assistants had been tendered, accepted, and acknowledged, the business before Provincial Grand Chapter was proceeded with. The roll of Chapters in the Province was called, and each proved to be well represented. The report of the Finance and Audit Committee was received and adopted, and then came the election of Treasurer, this resulting in the re-appointment of the ever-popular Companion Price, who, however, was unavoidably absent. The Officers were then invested, as follow:—

Comp. Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.Z.		Prov. G.H.
H. J. P. Dumas P.Z. 410	...	Prov. G.J.
Charles Greenwood P.Z. 410		Prov. G. Scribe E.
Leigh-Bennett H. 370	...	Prov. G. Scribe N.
F. Buckland P.Z. 889	...	Prov. G. Pr. Sojourner
Rev. W. W. Martin Z. 370	...	Prov. G. 1st. A. Sojourner
D. Thompson Z. 1556	...	Prov. G. 2nd A. Sojourner
E. A. Baber P.Z. 452	...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
W. W. Paddle H. 1851	...	Prov. G. Standard Bearer
J. H. Askham Z. 1564	...	Prov. G. Dir. of Ceremonies

In addressing the Companions the Grand Superintendent expressed his intense gratification at the progress Freemasonry was making in the county of Surrey. The whole of the twenty-seven Lodges were working in a satisfactory way, and the new Chapter inaugurated that day made up the total in the Province to nine. General Brownrigg acknowledged and fully recognised the zeal displayed by his assiduous Deputy, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, who spared no time or pains in carrying out the work of the Province. The services of Companion Greenwood were also gracefully alluded to by the Grand Superintendent, who next stated that it was with extreme reluctance he had to announce that in consequence of a long-standing engagement he should be compelled to leave, much as he could have desired to join them at the banquet table. The general business was then proceeded with, completed, and Provincial Grand Chapter closed. A capital dinner was supplied by the Bros. Bond, the proprietors of this old-established hostelry, and ample justice done to the good things provided. Companion Arnold presided, and the customary toasts received full attention.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

WE supplement our last week's Report of this interesting event with the following particulars of what occurred after the banquet, which, by the way, was capitally served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), the present lessees of the Freemasons' Tavern:—

The toast list of the evening was commenced by the proposal, by the noble chairman, of The Queen, coupled with Mark Masonry. Brethren of the Mark degree were particularly noted for their loyalty, even among Freemasons. Bro. Else followed, proposing the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason. The Mark Degree had been singularly fortunate, inasmuch as it had secured for itself the services of brethren as Grand Masters who were not only of high rank in the country, but who had been most energetic in advancing the interests of the Degree. The present Grand Master had ably followed in the footsteps of those who had preceded him, and he (Bro. Else) had great pleasure in calling upon the assembled company to do honour to the toast. The Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master thanked the W. Brother on his right for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast of his health, and the brethren for their reception of it. The honour which had been paid him that night was not exceptional, but was repeated wherever he went. It fully repaid him for any little time he might devote to Mark Masonry, but at the same time he felt he was only doing what every one should do who undertook office--perform his duty. He felt that in acting up to that precept, he had gained popularity among the brethren of the Mark Degree. It had been his custom, on each succeeding Grand Festival, to give a short résumé of the previous year's work. He considered he might describe Mark Masonry as being in a flourishing condition at the present time, and he made this remark after having looked into the matter very carefully. He had visited many parts of the country during his past year of office. From his experience, and from what he had heard, he was convinced that the proper spirit of emulation was to be found among Mark Masons, and so long as that spirit was associated with the Degree, it must go on successfully. The number of new Lodges warranted during the past year was nineteen, as compared with twenty-two the previous one; this number was not quite so large as usual, but was yet very satisfactory. Others were coming forward, and generally there was an appearance of increasing strength. Large numbers of brethren were continually being advanced, indeed, the number of new members during the past two years had been larger than had ever been known in the annals of Mark Masonry, the total being upwards of 3000—an average of 1500 a-year. The most that had been received before in a single year did not exceed some 1100 or 1200. As he had already mentioned, he had paid visits to many of the counties during the past year, and had assisted at the formation of three new Mark Provinces, of which there had been six established during the year. One that he had personally attended was the East Anglian. Being at heart an East Anglian, he naturally desired that Mark Masonry should flourish there during the term of his presidency. There were now two Mark Lodges in the district, both of which were in a flourishing condition. He had recently brought himself under his own jurisdiction by accepting office as a Provincial Grand Master. He had done it with the hope of advancing the interests of Mark Masonry, and with the assistance of his able friend Bro. Martyn, he hoped the ruling of the Province of East Anglia would be properly carried on. When the time came for electing another Grand Master, he would find no more loyal subject than the Provincial Master for East Anglia. Lord Henniker then proceeded to refer to the way in which the Grand Officers had been received in the various parts of the country they had officially visited, especially mentioning the reception they had met with at Birmingham, at Nottingham, and in East Anglia. He considered it right when brethren acted as those of the districts referred to had done that some notice should be taken of them. The cordiality he had met with had given him encouragement to endeavour to further advance the interests of Mark Masonry. He assured the brethren he should strive his utmost to do his duty during the remainder of his term of office, and hoped that when the time came for him to give up his position of Grand Master, he might do so with regret. He hoped he might hand over the Order in as flourishing a condition to his successor as that he received it in from the brother who had preceded him, and that it would continue to advance in numbers and usefulness. One word more, he trusted the brethren would allow him, when he should have attained the rank of Past Grand Master, to take an active part in the management of the affairs of Grand Lodge. He next proposed the toast of the Past Grand Mark Master Masons, referring more particularly to Bros. Beach and Portal. He was pretty well acquainted with all the Past Grand Masters, and frequently talked with them about the Mark Degree. He believed they all did their best for the advancement of the Order, and hoped they might be present at its meetings from time to time; as they got older, however, it was difficult to secure their presence. It had been their fortune during his year of office to receive one member of the Royal Family as Past Grand Master, and he hoped, as he had already told them in Lodge, they would soon see another member of the Royal Family similarly invested. He regretted there was no Past Grand Master present to reply (Bro. Portal's health compelled him to leave early, and Bro. Beach was also unable to stay), but their not being then represented would not prevent the toast being honoured. The toast of the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers Present and Past was next given. Lord Henniker regretted the absence of his Deputy, as he always felt stronger when Lord Kintore was at his side. He thanked the P.G. Officers for their support, and hoped the present ones would have more work than their predecessors. He had invariably found the Grand Officers at his side wherever he had been. He specially thanked Bros. Binckes, Dewar and Davison, but must mention that all the Grand Officers had ably supported him. He could not thank the present Officers—or at least the new ones—for what they had already done, but would tell them they were expected to work hard for the benefit of the Order. Col. Bignold returned thanks. With the Grand Master, he regretted the absence of Lord Kintore, because of the loss of the admirable speech he would have been sure to have given them. He felt proud that the duty of replying to the toast had fallen to him. He loved Masonry—had always loved it, and did not love it less since he had joined the Mark Degree. The Grand Master had alluded to the Province of East Anglia; he considered the brethren thereof had acted wisely in selecting the Grand Master to rule over them. He felt that the true spirit of Freemasonry was not dead, but that the keystone of the Arch was still alive. Brother Randall, Past Grand Chaplain, proposed Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund. There was no single degree in Freemasonry into which benevolence did not enter, not a Lodge in which the principle was not received, not a brother who did not admit it as a duty. In some degrees it was inculcated upon each from the time he was admitted to diffuse the sublime principles of universal benevolence and to distribute alms to the poor, to clothe the naked, bind up the wounds of the afflicted. There was no institution in the kingdom, according to numbers, not even the Church of which he was a minister, nor any association existing, according to its numbers, that did so much in the way of benevolence as the Masonic Brotherhood. After some further remarks, he formally proposed the toast, coupling with it "the name of the man who had done more perhaps than any other to promote the success of Mark Masonry, and who, he was sure, had done more than any man to promote the success of the Mark Benevolent Fund"—Bro. Binckes. Bro. Binckes was afraid that the extreme approval his excellent friend Bro. Randall had bestowed upon him had deprived him of the power of replying to the toast. While he believed Brother Randall perfectly sincere in every word he had said, he was sure that every one present would believe him equally sincere when he said that it was enough for him to have achieved that great success which had been alluded to; he desired the glory to be shared by those with whom he had been associated in the Charities of Mark Masonry. It had been his duty for a number of years to interest brethren in the cause of charity, and to devote the best of those poor powers with which he had been gifted to that charity, which he believed to be the greatest ornament of the Order, and he thought he might say that he had not got an altogether unsuccessful answer. He believed that next year would bring his silver wedding with regard to Mark Masonry. From what a very small origin had great results been achieved. There were very few brethren who knew the difficulties Mark Masonry had had to contend with. The announcement made by the Grand Master that evening was, he thought, the crowning honour that could be conferred upon the Degree. He said this for the purpose of adding the remark, that he did not think any one better than himself could tell how much they owed to the Grand Master for the success of Mark Masonry. The Most Worshipful Grand Master would allow him to say that it was entirely attributable to his good offices that this honour had been brought to them. It gave them additional reasons for saying that

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since the formation of this Grand Lodge in 1855-56 they had never been presided over by any one who set up for himself a higher standard of duty for the advancement of the Order. In the cause of Charity, with which this toast had been associated, Lord Henniker had done all in his power. In reference to the Mark Benevolent Fund, they had always found Lord Henniker a staunch supporter. It could not fail to bring to their recollection those memorable words used by His Royal Highness when he was installed,—that the two great watchwords of Freemasonry were Loyalty and Charity. The G.M. had said that evening that no Englishmen were so loyal as Masons, and among Masons there were none so loyal as Mark Masons. He (Bro. Binckes) did not hesitate to say that they were the *crême de la crême*. He would claim for Mark Masonry that whether in reference to loyalty or charity they were always to the front. With regard to the Mark Benevolent Fund, he had to announce that the ensuing annual Festival would be presided over by Bro. Pryce Price, P.G.M. for South Wales, and might mention that at the present time ten Boys and two Girls were being educated out of its funds. Bro. Randall, in proposing this toast, had alluded to enjoyments of the table which he found prevalent; he would ask him whether his experience did not extend to this—that whenever a gathering took place in connection with the Church, to which he had referred, whether to lay a foundation stone, or to form a mission for the propagation of the gospel in foreign parts, something in the way of hospitality was always to be found. He knew that Freemasons spent an enormous amount of money on their own enjoyments, but it was through that means that their hearts were warmed to that extent to unloose the breeches pocket, or the purse within that pocket, to contribute to the Masonic Institutions. He might mention that the adhesion of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was subject to the condition that it was not to be understood for a moment as justifying any attempt on the part of the Mark Masons to seek or claim recognition in the shape of amalgamation with the Grand Lodge of England. On this subject, he might distinctly say, Mark Masters no longer thought it desirable, even if it were possible, that there should be any such amalgamation. The health of the Visitors was proposed by Baron de Ferrieres, and was responded to Bro. Dalrymple Dunbar, who referred to the position which Mark Masonry held in Scotland in reference to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Edwin M. Lott, Past Grand Mark Organist, who was assisted by Brothers Egbert Roberts, Henry Guy, E. Moss, and Ashton. We append the programme, which was capitally rendered throughout:—Grace, "Non nobis Domine," Bird; "God Save the Queen," solo, Bro. Henry Guy; Glee, "Integer Vitæ," Fleming; Song, "Jack's Return," G. Marks; Glee, "The Mighty Conqueror," S. Webbe; Song, "We sing as on we go," Fesca; Part Song, "When Evening's Twilight," Hatton.

ST. JOHN'S DAY EVE.

Hail! mystic brethren; favoured Sons of Light,
Who come together on this festive night,
To worship the GRAND ARCHITECT of Heaven,
And ask that blessing may be freely given
To all who dwell upon this fleeting earth,
Whether in hovel, or in halls of mirth.
Thrice welcome all! On this proud natal day
St. John the Baptist guides us on our way,
While forms of beauty gather here to-night,
To cheer us on with smiles and glances bright.

Religion's handmaid—glorious Masonry!
Ennobling those who truly follow thee—
What notes can chant thy praises, or declare
The joys and virtues thy true followers share?

Behold the Mason as he first explores
The hidden depths within our mystic doors;
He leaves his helpless state, and from the night
Of darkness enters on a blaze of light.
Behold him, as with firm though bated breath—
His agonies resembling those of death—
He enters boldly on the task to prove
The wondrous merits of Masonic Love.
Here first he stands with opened eyes, to be
A model of true worth and secrecy;
Here is revealed to his astonished sight
The awful grandeur of "*Let there be Light*,"
And here he learns that in the Mason's school
The *Holy Bible* is the only rule.
The Square and Compasses are held to view,
As curbing his desires and passions too.
Clothed with the Lamb-skin as his sure defence,
Emblem of purity and innocence,
He in the North-East corner takes his place,
The youngest Mason, full of new-found grace.
Perfect and upright Mason, there he stands,
The gauge and gavel in his worthy hands,
While, over all, the starry blue expanse
Spreads, the anticipation to enhance,
Of that good time for which all Masons strive,
When in the Lodge above they shall arrive,
By Jacob's ladder, whose three rounds, so fair,
Faith, Hope and Charity, shall guide them there.
He learns to meet upon the Level too—
To act upon the Plumb as brother true—
And when his Lodge from labour doth repair
He learns to part with brethren on the Square;
His guiding rules, all handed from above,
Relief and Truth joined with a brother's Love—
Temperance, Fortitude and Prudence too,
With solid Justice, form his system true!

Behold him, further on, progressing still,
And climbing slowly the Masonic hill.
The Plumb, the Square, the Level still appear
As guides upon his mystical career.
Between the brazen pillars he attends,
And with his guide the winding stairs ascends
Into the chamber where fresh light is gained,
And where the liberal arts are all explained.
Here to the heights of science he can soar—
Set forth in language never heard before—
The sheaf of wheat—the waterford are taught—
Till his dazed eyes are opened wide to see
The hidden meaning of the letter G!

But the sublime for him is yet to dawn!
Behold him as he travels further on—
Sanctum Sanctorum he has gained at last—
And through the Temple—Builders' trials passed!
Faithful and true, with firm Masonic nerve,
Death fails to force him from his vows to swerve!
Rather the torture, rather dust to dust,
Than shirk his duty or betray his trust!
Here we behold the perfect man, imbued
With all the graces of our Brotherhood,
Triumphing over death; firm fixed is he
In hopes of glorious Immortality!
Such is our noble Brotherhood—and still
The sad events near Mount Moriah's hill,
And at the Temple Gates, must e'er remain
Impressed upon our hearts while Time shall reign.

What is the Mason's mission? 'Tis no less
Than to relieve a brother in distress;
To heal the widow's woes; to soothe her sigh,
And dry the tear from the poor orphan's eye;
To keep inviolate the holy vow
Of universal friendship, and to bow
Before the shrine of Him who gives us grace
To frame our hearts fit for His dwelling-place
Who watches o'er our work and deigns to be
Our Teacher, in all acts of purity.
Brethren, it is for this we meet and part,
And serve with hand to hand and heart to heart.
The world our Lodge, we seek ourselves to raise
To that grand sphere where reigns the King of Days,
And then, through an eternity of youth,
Drink from the fountain of JEHOVAH'S Truth!

Let us our mission ever keep in sight,
And as we leave this sacred house to-night,
Let us remember that great truth we teach
That we are surely travelling on to reach
"That undiscovered country from whose bourne
No traveller is e'er permitted to return,"—
And that our loved Acacia blooms, to prove
The endless ages of Almighty Love,—
Pointing us to those glorious realms on high
Where souls redeemed can never, never die.

—*Voice of Masonry.*

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks will be holden at the Albert Institute, Sheet-street, Windsor, on Monday next, the 18th inst., when the general business of the Province will be transacted. Special arrangements (as usual) have been made by the Great Western Railway Company, by which Return Tickets at single fares will be issued on production of the summons, at the Booking Offices at the following stations:—London, Reading, Oxford, Newbury, Abingdon, Swindon, Faringdon, Aylesbury, Wycombe, Marlow Road, and Maidenhead; and at all stations on the London, Wokingham, and Reading Railway between Waterloo Bridge and Windsor.

The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution proposes to increase its benefits. At the last meeting there were eighteen applications for education and advancement, which would cost about £100 a year, and the brethren resolved to recommend the cases to the next Court of Governors. The Committee to whom the question of increasing the benefits was referrred, reported that the time had arrived when these privileges should be extended, They recommended that children who had lost both parents should be elected and sent to approved schools, to be educated, clothed, and maintained, the outlay on that account not to exceed £400 a-year. Should this outlay cause the invested capital of the Institution at any time to go below £15,000, elections for increased benefits to be deferred until the funds increased. The Committee, however, had no doubt that with increased outlay increased means would come.—*Evening News.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 16th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8.
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Metropolitan Council (T.I.) Allied Masonic Degrees, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 18th JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7.
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8.
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30
1691—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington.
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7.
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W

Prov. G. Lodge of Berks and Bucks, Albert Institute, Sheet Street, Windsor
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
406—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agricultural, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8.
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1543—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 19th JUNE.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8.
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington.
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1540—Chances, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1602—Sir Hugh Meddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In)
1605—New Finsbury Park
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8.
R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
R.A. 793—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 20th JUNE.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30.
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Honnslow
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30
1638—Brownrigg, Swan Hotel, Kingston on Thames
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30
1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8.
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W
R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
210—Duke of Atbol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Susex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1311—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
1977—Blackwater, Public Hall, Maldon (Consecration)
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 419—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 726—Royal Chartley of Fortitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford
R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

THURSDAY, 21st JUNE.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7
754—High Cross, Conch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6,
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9

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1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundele
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Chitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
533—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1592—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester—
R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 1145—Equanity, Red Lion, Accrington
R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
K.T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle

FRIDAY, 22nd JUNE.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
35—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
80—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1788—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden-square, W.
R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 23rd JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

JOPPA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 188.

THE annual dinner in connection with this young but exceedingly successful Lodge of Instruction, was held on Tuesday, 5th inst., at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, where there was a gratifying attendance, under the presidency of Bro. A. G. Dodson P.M., the esteemed Preceptor. Bro. G. P. Nightingale occupied the vice-chair, and the company included Bros. E. P. Albert P.G. Purs., J. Benjamin W.M. of the Joppa Lodge, R. J. Chillingworth P.M. Treasurer, J. Pigé P.M., Isaac Botibol, W. J. Large, A. Botibol, L. Wall, J. W. Dewsnap, H. Kemp, W. J. Dodds Secretary, J. Hughes P.M., G. C. Dunlop, W. J. Gardner, G. Midgley, J. Hicks, S. Pardoe, W. Mills Bailey, S. Botibol, J. G. Shaw, W. A. Collyer, Kleinmann, Minns, S. Pardoe sen., H. Davis, and others. A sumptuous repast was provided by Bro. Chillingworth, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the party afforded every satisfaction. At its conclusion, the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured, Bro. E. P. Albert responding for the Grand Officers present and past. In the course of his remarks he observed that within the past few weeks a new set of Grand Officers had been appointed, but they might rest assured that the lustre of Grand Lodge would not be lessened by the changes that had taken place. Bro. Dewsnap, in proposing the Mother Lodge of Joppa said, many of those present were members of that old Lodge, and were very proud of being so. Any brother who visited it was sure of meeting a cordial reception at the hands of the Lodge and of Bro. Benjamin the W.M., whose name he would associate with the toast. Bro. J. Benjamin, in responding, said he was especially thankful to the members of the Joppa Lodge for having placed him in the position he now occupied as their W.M. He felt sure the manner in which their Lodge of Instruction was conducted was such as afforded sound and useful aid to the brethren in their search after Masonic knowledge, and reflected great credit upon its founder and Preceptor, Bro. Dodson. Through his guidance he (the speaker) was enabled to take his position in the parent Lodge, and no doubt many members of this Lodge of Instruction would be able to follow in his footsteps, having received the benefit of the same able tuition. It was with great pleasure he referred to the substantial aid which this Lodge of Instruction had given to the cause of Charity. Although only about three years old, it had created four Life Governorships, which was a great credit to the members, and showed that, like the mother Lodge, they had Benevolence at heart. He concluded by congratulating the Preceptor and the members generally upon the excellent results of their work during the past year. Bro. Nightingale said it had devolved upon him to propose what he regarded as one of the most important toasts of the evening, Success to the Joppa Lodge of Instruction. He was one of its oldest members; he had spent many happy evenings there under the tuition of Bro. Dodson. He quite agreed with Bro. Benjamin in the opinion that all who attended their weekly meetings, and participated in the instruction imparted there, would certainly rise to position in the parent Lodge. Reference had been made to the exertions made by this young Lodge of Instruction in the cause of Charity, and he rejoiced to think that although established only three years ago, they already had had four ballots for Life Subscribers, which only showed what a prosperous Lodge they were. He hoped they might go on in the same manner in the future, and he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Hicks. Bro. J. Hicks did not know why he should have been selected to respond for this important toast, which had been received with so much heartiness and cordiality. He could only say he knew of no Lodge he loved so much as this, and he derived the greatest help and pleasure from the gatherings, which took place here on every Tuesday evening throughout the year. They never missed an evening, and the members were not only glad to meet each other, but also brethren from other Lodges. It was at such meetings as these that they became perfect with the ritual, and more acquainted with the work of the Craft; and, above all, they tried to cultivate the virtues of harmony and goodwill, in which they were assisted most heartily and genially by their worthy Preceptor. He trusted that those who had joined them for the first time that evening would become members, and thus share in the advantages which all must admit belonged to this excellent Lodge of Instruction. Brother J. Hughes, in proposing the health of the President, observed that ever since the formation of this Lodge of Instruction he had reason to admire the work performed by Bro. Dodson. He understood very little of the practical work of Masonry when he joined this Lodge, and it seemed such a vast amount of uphill work to learn the whole of the ceremonies that he thought he must give up the attempt. But Brother Dodson, with his kindly, genial manner, insisted on his going forward, and very soon he took the various chairs, gaining confidence and experience on each successive occasion. That was the way in which he coached up and encouraged his pupils, for which they had great reason to thank him. If they attended the meetings regularly their worthy President would put them in such a position that they would not be ashamed to present themselves before the brethren, but would be able well to perform any duties that might devolve upon them. During the whole time he had attended this Lodge of Instruction he had noticed the vast amount of attention Bro. Dodson had paid to its duties, and he felt sure, from the esteem and regard in which he was held by the brethren, the toast of his health would be most heartily received. Bro. Dodson, who rose amidst renewed applause, to respond, said he returned his grateful thanks for the pleasing acceptance which had been given to the toast, and for the many kind compliments that had been paid to himself. He could only say he felt great pleasure in attending the meetings of this Lodge of Instruction every Tuesday evening. Indeed, he made it his "night out;" if he had given any satisfaction by the way in which he had presumed to teach them, it was to him a great pleasure. He should endeavour to do in the future as he had done in the past, and trusted they might continue to meet for years, to work with that love and harmony which were always characteristic of Freemasonry. He then proposed the health of their excellent Treasurer and Secretary, in doing which he spoke in felicitous terms of the manner in which both these Officers performed their duties. Bro. Chillingworth said it was a very pleasant office to be the Treasurer of this successful Lodge of Instruction, and if he had performed his duties in any way to their satisfaction he was exceedingly pleased, and should be happy to continue in the same way. Bro. W. J. Dodds also responded, as Secretary of the Lodge. Bro. J. Hicks next proposed the Visitors, in doing which he spoke of the love of hospitality as one of the virtues of Freemasonry, and said they were always glad to see as many Visitors as they could gather aronnd them. The only way to cultivate that love and harmony of which Bro. Dodson had spoken, to spread it, and to make the principles of Freemasonry more a part of their inner lives, was to meet as many of their brethren as they could on all occasions, and thus it was that Masons were always pleased to see as many visitors at their festivities as could make it convenient to join them. The toast was cordially received, and acknowledged in suitable terms by Bros. W. Minns, J. Shaw, Bailey, S. Botibol, and W. A. Collyer. Bro. Gardner proposed the Masonic press, acknowledging the care and accuracy with which the meetings of the brethren were reported, and the valuable information the journals of the Craft afforded on matters of interest to them. The toast was duly acknowledged. Several other toasts followed, interspersed with some capital songs, valuable aid being rendered by Bro. W. J. Large as accompanyist on the pianoforte. A thoroughly happy and harmonious meeting was enjoyed.

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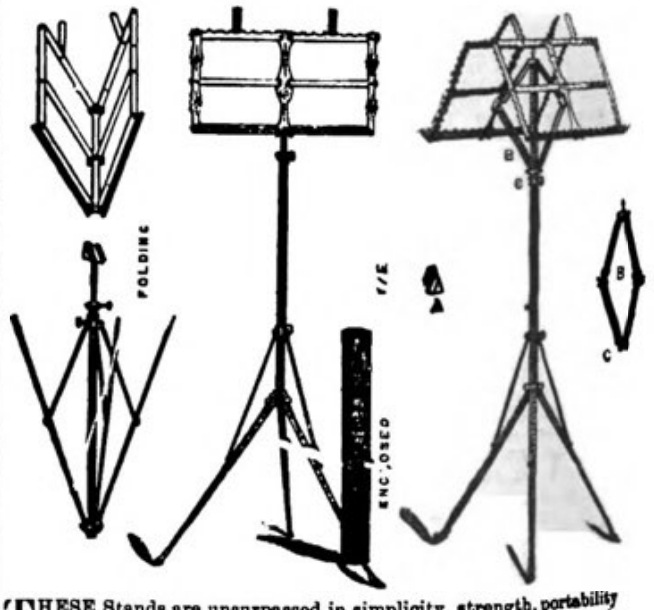

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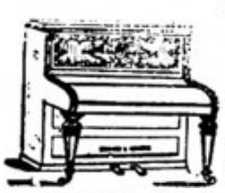

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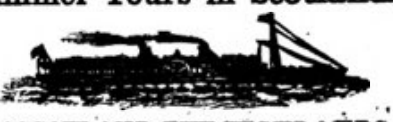

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THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Eighty-fifth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Wednesday, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Viscount Holmesdale, Prov. G.M. for Kent. The result proved in excess of what even the most sanguine friends of the Institution had hoped for, and when we tell our readers that the amount realised was £22,444, we feel sure they will agree with us that every one should be satisfied. This total exceeds by some £4,500 the largest collection hitherto announced at a charity festival, and is one of which we, as Freemasons, can indeed be proud. The total which comes nearest to that of "Our Boys" was subscribed on behalf of the Commercial Travellers' Schools, at a time when the Committee of that Institution were making a somewhat similar appeal to that which is now before the Craft on behalf of the Boys' School,—Enlargement of Premises. If we take into consideration the great number of persons to whom an appeal on behalf of the Commercial Travellers' Schools could be made, the immense amount of organisation possessed by that class, and the number of subscriptions which would be sent in from large business firms and others, outside the body itself, we may be able to judge of the work which has been accomplished by Freemasons, who have not only equalled this supreme effort of the Commercials, but exceeded it by £4,500 odd, or 25 per cent., and that, too, at a time when the cry is—"Business is very bad."

The amount announced on Wednesday represents the work of 391 Stewards, for although there were 402 on the roll, eleven of them had omitted to send in their lists at the time the figures were totalled. This gives an average of over £57 a Steward, an amount much above that usually reached in connection with our charity Festivals.

The greater part of this year's total is sent up from the Provinces, the donations from which are more than double the amount of those received from London. The actual figures being:—London £7,273, Provinces £15,171.

It appears from a rough glance at the totals that the answer to the special appeal of the Institution is pretty general throughout the country, instead of being confined, as it might have been, to one particular centre, where a more active canvass was possible. This in itself shows the popularity of the scheme which is proposed, and, coupled with the splendid result achieved, proves that the brethren of England are conscious of the good work done in the School, and are desirous of extending it. Whether we go to the extreme north, the south, the east, or the west, we find Provinces figuring for sums far in excess of their average, and all vieing with each other for the place of honour. East Lancashire heads the list with £2,100. Kent—the Province of which the noble Chairman is the Grand Master—comes next, and although occupying a secondary position does so only by a very slight difference, its total being £2,000. We suppose it is unjust to ask for more, but we should very much have liked another hundred guineas from this district, and such a donation would have placed it at the head of the Provinces. West Yorkshire follows with a total of £1,500, and then we have Northumberland, and Westmoreland and Cumberland, each with four figure totals, the former answering for £1,230, and the latter for a level £1,000. We thus have a total of £7,830 from five provinces, an amount exceeding that contributed by London by upwards of £500, and being far in excess of what a few years since would have been looked upon as a splendid total from the whole of the country, London included. We can thus judge of the great advance which has been made in the support of our Institutions. Following the Provinces we have already enumerated comes that of North and East Yorkshire, with a donation of £879. We cannot express ourselves too strongly in admiration of this amount, a few years since, North and East Yorkshire was all but unknown at our Festivals, but now, thanks to the continued exertions of a few of its members, and the liberal support they have met with, the district bids fair to rival most of its neighbours in the amount of its subscriptions. Berks and Bucks sends £591, Leicestershire £490, Oxford £459, Rutland £405, Essex £365, Devon £317, West Lancashire £292, Derbyshire £239, and Cheshire £163. We shall not here attempt any comparison of these amounts, as it is our intention, next week, to analyse the lists, as we have done in former years.

The greatest share of the honour attached to this year's result should, of course, be given to the Stewards who have collected the total amount, for it must be known that, unless good pleaders had been about, the brethren generally would have been ignorant of the wants of the Institution, or, at least, would have known very much less about them than has been the case. The Board of Stewards this year numbered over 400, and was the largest ever known in connection with the Charity, exceeding by some 170 the average number of the past ten years. In order to show the increase in this particular branch of supporters of the Boys' School we give the numbers of the Stewards who have served at the past twenty-two Festivals, together with the amount paid each year as Steward's fee. From this latter it will be seen that serving a Stewardship a few years ago was a much more expensive undertaking than it is at the present time, £4 and £5 being the regular amount during the first ten years of the period.

The actual numbers are as follows:—

Year	No. of Stewards	Amount of Steward's Fee £ s d
1862	107	4 0 0
1863	115	4 0 0
1864	89	4 0 0
1865	80	5 0 0
1866	109	4 0 0
1867	79	5 0 0
1868	110	4 0 0
1869	205	3 3 0
1870	236	4 4 0
1871	109	4 0 0
1872	126	3 10 0
1873	173	3 3 0
1874	167	3 3 0
1875	240	2 2 0
1876	282	2 2 0
1877	226	2 2 0
1878	223	2 2 0
1879	200	2 2 0
1880	319	2 2 0
1881	233	2 2 0
1882	269	2 2 0
1883	402	2 2 0

As regards the Festival itself—it was a great success;

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not a hitch occurred to mar the proceedings, not even though the number of guests was close on 700. The arrangements were as near perfection as possible and were carried out in the most satisfactory manner, leaving the impression that the Stewards did quite right in selecting the Crystal Palace as their meeting place. We can only hope that many such gatherings will be celebrated in the future, and that each may prove as satisfactory as this has done.

We append a full List of the Stewards who served on this memorable occasion, with the amounts accredited to each up to the time of our going to press.

LONDON.

	Lodge		
Grand Stewards'		Webster Glynes	26 5 0
Grand Master's	1	Ralph Gooding	36 15 0
		J G L Hemmerde	26 5 0
Antiquity	2	George Acland Ames	52 10 0
Fidelity	3	F McDougall	12 12 0
Royal Somerset House and Inverness	4	Rev. C W Weldon	10 10 0
		C B Cousens	18 18 0
St. George and Corner Stone	5	John Hallett	
Friendship	6	A E Craven	21 0 0
Royal York	7	J W Brunning	22 1 0
British	8	Joseph Russell	19 19 0
Albion	9	S Vallentine	23 12 6
Westminster and Key-Stone	10	Frederic Davison	
Tuscan	14	Edgar Firgess	13 13 0
Old Dundee	18	William Robert Freeman	52 10 0
		Captain C Probyn	31 10 0
Royal Athelstan	19	W M Bywater	37 6 0
Emulation	21	R C Grant	39 18 0
Neptune	22	G M Vane	25 0 0
Globe	23	Jermyn Boyd	21 0 0
Castle of Harmony	26	Edward Beanmont	17 17 0
Egyptian	27	Charles J Cuthbertson	72 19 6
St. Albans	29	Henry Wallis Hunt V.Pres.	32 11 0
Britannic	33	A C Tanqueray	37 16 0
Mount Moriah	34	Robert A Meyer	
Old Union	46	George Drysdale	50 8 0
Constitutional	55	James Johnston jun.	61 19 0
Royal Naval	59	H W Homann	151 4 0
Peace and Harmony	60	Alfred Layton V.Pres.	21 0 0
Prosperity	65	George Schadler	110 0 0
Mount Lebanon	73	Thomas Palmer	27 6 0
Regularity	91	Thomas Logan	29 8 0
Shakespeare	99	Edward Caffin	40 0 0
St. George's	140	George Brown	63 11 0
Faith	141	William Edward Whadcoat	32 11 6
St. Luke's	144	Richard Barham	27 6 0
Honour and Generosity	165	Charles Belton V.Pres.	42 0 0
Amity	171	Joseph Clever V.Pat.	52 10 0
Old Concord	172	R D Hilton	38 6 6
Phœnix	173	F Foxley	122 17 0
Sincerity	174	C H Webb	79 5 6
Manchester	179	W Hopekirk	96 12 0
St. James's Union	180	Charles Josiah Wade	68 5 0
Universal	181	Alfred Layton V.Pres.	15 15 0
Unity	183	Henry Charles Archer	57 15 0
Tranquillity	185	A E Staley	60 2 0
Industry	186	W Mann V.Pat.	70 7 0
		T E Tallent	10 10 0
Lion and Lamb	192	J Giesman Chillingworth	26 15 6
St. Paul's	194	T G Smith	55 0 0
Jordan	201	Thomas Wallis	24 6 0
Israel	205	Charles Fredk Hogard	68 10 0
Friendship	206	Samuel Gamman	50 0 0
St. Michael's	211	W W Morgan	82 8 6
Prince of Wales	259	Dr. F W Ramsay	85 1 0
Bank of England	263	Lt.-Col. Peters	10 10 0
Salisbury	435	W H Hooper	52 10 0
Zetland	511	A Barfield, V.Pres.	21 0 0
Polish National	534	John Lancaster	26 5 0
Fitzroy	569	S J Stohwasser	111 6 0
Canonbury	657	W Maple	34 13 0
Panmure	715	E W Richardson	12 12 0
Prince Frederick William	753	H Slyman	32 10 0
High Cross	754	Edward G Lewis	71 8 0
William Preston	766	A Le Grand	52 10 0
Victoria Rifles	822	Ernest Trower	74 11 0
Royal Oak	871	E Good	47 5 0
City of London	901	John Hughes	100 6 0
Cosmopolitan	917	F Lovell Keays	10 10 0
Maybury	969	W H Cotton	42 10 6
Capper	1076	Patrick McCarthy	126 0 0
Excelsior	1155	George Barney	
Marquis of Dalhousie	1159	H H Room	27 16 6
John Hervey	1260	John H Southwood	92 18 0
Burdett Coutts	1278	Albert Jones	40 18 6
Finsbury Park	1288	J Pigot	10 10 0
		Thomas Goode	58 18 0
Royal Standard	1298	George E Bean	29 8 0
Stockwell	1339	C Hammerton	52 10 0
Clapton	1365	Charles Steel	72 9 0
Kennington	1381	W P Webb	143 17 0
Friends in Council	1383	Hon. Col. W Le Poer Trench	120 15 0
Islington	1471	J Horace Thompson	83 9 6
St. Martins-le-Grand	1538	T J Robertson	200 0 0
Chaucer	1540	H Faija	25 0 0
Alexandra Palace	1541	W Walton Snelling	73 10 0
New Cross	1559	Thomas Grummant	75 12 0
Royal Commemoration	1585	F H Smith	108 3 0
Sir Hugh Myddelton	1602	Charles Dearing	38 6 6
Wanderers	1604	Captain F Butterworth	64 1 0
Rose	1622	W Clauson-Thue	68 5 0
United	1629	Rev. C J Martyn	
Crichton	1641	S H Goldschmidt	100 0 0
Aldersgate	1657	George Kenning V.Pat.	105 0 0
Mizpah	1671	Henry H Wells	116 11 0
		Henry Warden	10 10 0
Langton	1673	Joseph David Langton	
Rothesay	1687	E L P Valeriani	48 15 0
Kingsland	1693	James H Hawkins	24 3 0
Imperial	1694	R Bird	21 10 6
Sub-Urban	1702	Charles Hawksley	63 0 0
Anchor	1704	Thomas Wells Thorpe	49 7 0
Evening Star	1719	Ferrand Davies	150 3 0
Kaisar-I-Hind	1724	R A Bayford	21 0 0
Perseverance	1743	Louis A Leins	115 15 0
Farringdon Without	1745	James Strugnell	63 0 0
St. Leonards	1766	John Roberts	36 15 0
		E J Rose	10 10 0
Progress	1768	A W Duret	
Sir Thomas White	1820	Thomas Trollope, M.D.	43 1 0
Duke of Cornwall	1839	G F Smith jun.	31 10 0
St. Ambrose	1891	G E Pocock, M.D.	15 15 0
Montague Guest	1900	G P Festa V.Pres.	112 10 0
Earl of Lathom	1922	Robert J Taylor	28 7 0
Gallery	1928	Herbert Wright	29 8 0
Brixton	1949	H B Marshall, C.C., V.Pat.	105 0 0
Clerkenwell	1964	Edgar Bowyer, V.Pat.	100 0 0
	Chapter		
St. Mary's	63	Dr. G Mickley	36 15 0
St. Thomas's	142	C F Hogard	
Iris	255	D P Cama	
New Concord	813	J H Gabb	50 8 0

COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.

J L Mather, V.Pres.	200 0 0

UNATTACHED.

Robert Berridge	63 0 0
F. Binckes V.Pat.	10 10 0
T W C Bush	37 16 0
John Cox	
Thos. Cull	100 16 0
D A Davis	
E B Harding	10 10 0
W Lake	10 10 0
Æneas J McIntyre V.Pat.	52 10 0
C F Matier V.Pres.	115 10 0
Carter Milbourn	52 10 0
T Hastings Miller	42 0 0
The A. and A. Rite in Dorset, per J M P Montagu	63 0 0
Rev. R Morris, M.A., LL.D., V.Pres.	10 10 0
Chas. Pegler	
J Salmon	15 15 0
C Sanders, M.D.	
C E Soppet	21 0 0
John Stanley V.Pat.	52 10 0
A Torkington V.Pres.	105 0 0
A Williams V.Pat.	15 15 0
Rev. A F A Woodford V.Pres.	21 0 0

PROVINCES.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

	Lodge		
The Province		Robert Bradley	58 16 0
Etonian	209	John Wilson	36 4 6
Abbey	945	Bromley Challener jun.	42 10 0
Herschel	1894	Rev. H F Oliver	14 19 0
Wellesley	1899	S G Kirchhoffer	26 5 0

CHESHIRE.

St. John	104	Herbert Finch	52 10 0
		William Booth	
Unity	321	Maj. C J Howard, J.P.	12 12 0
		Col. G A Fernley	
Zetland	537	J Buckley Deakin	21 0 0
		A H Correlli	
Ellesmere	758	W Mellor	42 0 0
Four Cardinal Virtues	979	T E Gibson	36 15 0

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CORNWALL.

	Lodge					
One and All	330	Capt. Colvill, J.P.		107	7	0
St. Andrew's	1151	C S G Bake		21	0	0

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

The Province		G J McKay, V.Pat.		1000	0	0

DERBYSHIRE.

		J B Coulson		27	6	0
Royal Sussex	353	J R Cain		47	5	0
Repose	802	W L Ball		140	3	0
Okeover	1324	George Day		24	8	0

DEVON.

		J E Curtois V.Pat.		220	10	0
St. George's	112	Rev. P Williams				
Semper Fidelis	1254	J Sampson		80	0	0
Jordan	1402	John Lane		16	16	0

DORSET.

		R. N. Howard V. Pres.		21	0	0
		W Douglas Dugdale		58	16	0

DURHAM.

Marquess of Ripon	1379	C D Hill Drury		105	0	0
Harbour of Refuge	764	Charles S Lane V.Pat.		10	10	0

ESSEX.

Chigwell	453	J Child		33	12	0
Star-in-the-East	650	Richard Clowes		124	19	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

		J Brook-Smith V.Pres.		10	10	0
		George Norman		36	15	0
Royal Union	246	William Forth		15	15	0
		Edwin Lawrence		36	15	0
		J Thorn		10	10	0
		Thomas Steel		12	12	0
Royal Lebanon	493	Samuel Bland Henry Hunt J A Matthews	}	122	0	0
Cotteswold	592	Edward Clare Sewell		100	16	0
		Clement Tudway		10	10	0
Royal Gloucestershire	839	R V Vassar-Smith V.Pat.		37	16	0
		James Bruton		91	7	0
		Robert White		90	6	0
Tyndall	1363	R N Hooper		21	0	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

Gosport	903	Valentine Brown		44	0	0
Landport	1776	Thomas H Williams James T Blanch		330	4	6

HEREFORD.

Eastnor	751	Rev. John Buckle		53	11	0

HERTS.

Hertford	403	Lieut. Rich B Croft, R.N.		36	15	0
Berkhampstead	504	H Chas. Lambert		10	10	0
Gladsmuir	1385	James Cutbush		24	3	0
Halsey	1479	Dr. F R Webster		13	13	0
	Chapter					
Hertford	403	Henry C Heard		19	19	0

KENT.

		James Smith Eastes		542	0	0
	Lodge					
Kent L of Antiquity	20	Joseph Francis Lewis		56	14	0
Freedom	77	C P Drawbridge		31	10	0
Union	127	J G Henning		120	15	0
Harmony	133	Stapleton Payn		38	17	0
United Chatham	184	W E Riley		14	14	0
Peace and Harmony	199	F W Prescott		113	0	0
Royal Navy	429	T H Grove Snowden				
Temple	558	James Kennett		17	8	6
		O H Wagner		21	0	0
Invicta L of Ashford	709	F Hughes-Hallett		44	2	0
Wellington	784	A F S Bird, J.P.				
Holmesdale	874	C Graham		26	5	0
Pattison	913	Henry Mason		100	0	0
Gundulph	1050	E Barrell		42	0	0
Lord Warden	1096	R S Davy, M.D.				
Cornwallis	1107	J Storey		57	15	0
Cinque Ports	1206	R Harrison		43	1	0
Corinthian	1208	W A Smeeth		31	10	0
Lewisea	1209	G Page		34	13	0
Amherst	1223	J H Jewell		10	10	0
		R Durtnell		21	0	0
		Smalman Smith				
		C E Birch		10	10	0
		W Sparrowhawk		10	10	0
Acacia	1314	Henry Bond		129	17	6
Knole	1414	J P Hale		15	15	0
Brownrigg Lodge of Unity	1424	W Langshaw		10	10	0
	Lodge					
Sandgate	1436	A J Crane		21	0	0
Erasmus Wilson	1464	J A Farnfield		86	2	0
Chislehurst	1631	W Hollis		121	16	0
Medway	1678	J S Charlton		21	0	0
Hervey	1692	H Gripper		50	1	0
Eastes	1965	R C Sudlow		36	15	0
Beacon Court	1967	Capt. W J Blakey, R.N.		15	15	0
Saye and Sele	1973	J G Chillingworth		110	5	0
	Chapter					
Belvidere	503	G F Busbridge				
Wellington	784	W Mate		11	0	6
High Cross	829	A Spencer		59	12	0
Ethelbert Rose Croix	18°	R Joynes Emmerson V.Pres.		30	9	0

LANCASHIRE (East Division).

		Col Le G N Starkie, V.Pt. R H Hutchinson, V.Pres.				
Anchor and Hope	37	G P Brockbank V.Pres.				
Friendship	44	Capt. H A Bennett, J.P.		36	15	0
		James R Beard		21	0	0
		Alfred B Bennett		10	10	0
Social	62	James Heelis				
		E Ashworth, V.Pat.				
		James McLaren		120	15	0
Fortitude	64	E G Simpson				
Antiquity	146	W Nicholson				
Virtue	152	William Jaffrey				
Caledonian	204	John Roberts				
Prudence	219	S B Priestly				
St. John's	221	John Isherwood		12	12	0
		Edwin Melrose		2	2	0
Friendship	277	J F Tweedale		25	4	0
Minerva	300	H James Jackson				
Affability	317	James Wilson		10	10	0
		William Nicholl		105	0	0
		W J Cunliffe		10	10	0
		J W Edwards		10	10	0
United Brethren	346	William Lamb				
Charity	350	George Galloway		21	0	0
Tudor	467	Charles W Rye		31	10	0
Humphrey Chetham	645	J E Lees				
Blair	815	Major H L Rocca				
St. Thomas's	992	J J Meakin				
Shakespeare	1009	F A Huet, V.Pres. J L Hine, V.Pat.				
Derby	1055	Arthur B Wimpory				
Equality	1145	Richard Rushton		21	0	0
St. David's	1147	Ishmael Davies Thomas Robert Peel				
De Grey and Ripon	1161	A H Jefferies				
Starkie	1634	Henry Heys		63	0	0
St. George's	1723	Robert Lathom				
Albert Victor	1773	W Hardcastle				
Leopold	1775	Edmund Haywood				
Zion	1798	George Board		31	10	0
	Chapter					
Caledonian	204	A B Whittaker				

LANCASHIRE—West Division.

	Lodge					
Loyalty	86	Reginald Young V.Pat.		58	2	6
Ellesmere	730	J Malcolm Kerr		55	13	0
Equity	1384	W J Thomson		21	0	0
Chorlton	1387	Thomas Schofield		42	0	0
Fermor	1313	P Murray Hunter		47	5	0
Lindsay	1335	James Daniel Murray				
Emulation	1505	Robert Foote		68	5	0
Duke of Edinburgh	1182	John Williams J T Callow				

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

Albert Edward	1560	Captain J G F Richardson		405	0	0

MIDDLESEX.

Burdett	1293	Hugh M Gordon		53	11	0
Lebanon	1326	David Steinhauer James Talbot	}	21	0	0
Sunbury	1733	John Nicholas Ward		17	6	6
	Chapter					
Sir Francis Burdett	1503	D P Cama		50	0	0

NORFOLK.

	Lodge					
Faithful	85	C D Hill Drury		26	5	0

NORTHUMBERLAND.

The Province		B J Thompson		1222	13	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

Alfred	340	James Jesse Hughes		22	0	0
Apollo University	357	R E Baynes		19	11	0
Churchill	478	Dr. Reginald Croft Lever		32	6	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

Royal Cumberland	41	Thomas Payne Ashley		105	0	0
Unanimity & Sincerity	261	Frederick T Elworthy		252	10	6

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STAFFORDSHIRE.

	Lodge			
Metunria	418	J Beaumont Piercy	152	19 0
St. James'	482	J F Pepper	150	0 0
Abbey	624	Capt. J A Bindley	157	10 0
		John C Webb		
		R Roberts		

SUFFOLK.

British Union	114	William Clark		
Virtue and Silence	332	A J Grimwade	183	15 0
Perfect Friendship	376	J W B King		
Adair	936	N Inch Beale	81	18 0

SURREY.

Claremont	1861	Frederick A Manning	16	5 0
Arnold	1931	S P Catterson	52	10 0

SUSSEX.

Burrell	1829	J Harrison	222	12 0
St. Leonards	1842	Thomas Trollope	142	5 0

WARWICKSHIRE.

		J Boddington	10	10 0
Athol	74	James Moffat	63	0 0
		John Rawlins		
		William Henry Wood		
		William Henry Johnson		
		Felix Jones		
		John Stater Foster		
		Thomas Foster		
Shakespeare	284	John William Margetts	42	0 0
Guy's	395	Herbert Stanley		
		J E Stanley	10	10 0
Temperance	739	A F Warrilow	5	5 0
		H Bowley		
Grosvenor	938	Thomas Howkins	31	10 0
		W Bayley Marshall		
Israel	1474	H J Creamer		
Charity	1551	George Jenkins	52	10 0

WILTSHIRE.

Friendship and Unity	1271	James Sparks	135	9 0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

		A F Godson	223	6 0
Semper Fidelis	529	James F Roberts	78	15 0
Royd's	1204	H Wilson	26	5 0

YORKSHIRE—NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS.

		J S Cumberland	541	16 0
Humber	57	J Matthews	105	0 0
York	236	A Buckle, B.A.	86	15 0
Minerva	250	W Holder	68	5 0
Lion	312	W H Marwood	10	10 0
Kingston	1010	H Forder	36	15 0
		George Bohn, C.E.		
Anchor	1337	C Palliser		
Alexandra	1511	George L Shackles	20	15 0
Eboracum	1611	T B Whytehead		
		John Blenkin		
		John Thomas Seller		

YORKSHIRE—WEST.

Lt.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., V.Pat.
T W Tew, J.P.

Britannia	139	W D Allen
Three Grand Principles	208	R I Critchley, J.P. V.Pres.
		James France
		T Bateman Fox
		Arthur Heron
Fidelity	289	Richard Wilson
		John D Kay
		William Greaves
		Alfred Williamson
		Joseph Dobson
Huddersfield	290	W Harrop
Royal Brunswick	296	Clement C Carr
		Harold Thomas
		William Bissett
		Robert Colver
		Theodore Seitz
		James C Wing
Hope	302	Thomas Hill V.Pres.
		Henry Smith V.Pat.
		Rev. Thomas Henry Flynn
Alfred	306	Alfred Austin
Candour	337	Thomas Drake
Royal Forest	401	R Kay Shuttleworth
Scientific	439	Samuel White
De Grey and Ripon	837	Frederick Bateman
St. Oswald	910	Robert Fisher
Pentalpha	974	William Charles Lupton
		George Henry Renton
Harrogate and Claro	1001	W F Smithson
		J B Burnard
		E T Rose
		E Symmons
Goderich	1211	George Francis Crowe
		J W Fourness
		W Henry Bradford
Wentworth	1239	Joseph Pickering sen.
Friendly	1513	Thomas William Embleton
		James Henry Gration
		C W Finchen
		E J Massie
		Joseph Mitchell
Legiolium	1542	Job Harling

1500 0 0

NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

St. Oswald	1124	R George Venables	10	10 0
		F R Spaull		
Royal Leek	1849	Henry Kneeshaw		

SOUTH WALES.—East Division.

Talbot	1323	Thomas Thomas	230	0 0

SOUTH WALES.—West Division.

Aaron Stone, V.Pres.	350	0 0

JERSEY.

Col. E C Malet de Cartaret, V.Pres.	210	0 0

FOREIGN STATIONS.

A M Broadley, V.Pres.	63	10 0
Surgeon-Major Hamilton De Tatham, M.D.	10	10 0

MARK MASTERS' DEGREE.

Frederic Davison	94	10 0
Thomas Cubitt, V.Pres.	63	0 0
Bon Accord — George Cooper, V.Pat.	60	18 0

MARK MASONRY.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 238.

AMONGST the many Mark Lodges of the Metropolis there are few that present features of more solid progress and stability than that which bears the name of the youngest son of the revered Patroness of the Craft. Tuesday of last week witnessed the annual installation gathering, when there was a goodly assemblage of the brethren and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. Thomas R. Richnell P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex and Surrey, the esteemed Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bro. Sir Charles Palmer, Bart., Past Prov. G.S.O. Middlesex and Surrey S.W., J. H. Dodson J.W., and many other Officers and brethren. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient formalities, Bro. Sir Charles Palmer, who had discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair during the year with exemplary zeal, was presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and was duly installed by Bro. Colonel Wigginton P.P.G.S.O., assisted by Bros. T. Walls P.G.S.B. and Alfred Tisley P.G.S.O. The newly installed Master having been saluted with the customary honours, invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. T. R. Richnell I.P.M., J. H. Dodson S.W. and Treasurer, F. Farrington J.W., W. E. Farrington M.O., C. Brown S.O., T. O. Harding J.O., Colonel Wigginton Secretary, F. Clemow S.D., W. H. Saunders J.D., G. H. Dodd I.G., R. Clemow D.C., F. Chambers W.S. Some matters of formal business having been transacted, cordial votes of thanks were passed to the retiring Worshipful Master, for the manner in which he had studied the interests of the Lodge during the past year, and to the Installing Officer—the compliments being duly acknowledged. At the conclusion of the business the brethren and visitors partook of a sumptuous banquet, provided in a style for which Bro. Clemow's old-established hotel has ever been proverbial, and dessert having been placed before the guests, the customary Loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Richnell, in proposing the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, expressed the pleasure which the brethren must all feel in seeing the Hon. Baronet so far recovered from his recent serious illness as to be enabled to appear once more amongst the members of the Lodge. No one felt greater disappointment than he (the speaker) did at Sir Charles being in such a condition of health as prevented him from taking the honoured position of fifth Master of the Leopold Lodge at their last meeting. He trusted, however, that the Hon. Baronet might enjoy as happy and prosperous a year of office as he (Bro. Richnell) had done, and that the same good feeling might continue to exist amongst all who were in any way connected with the Lodge. Bro. Sir Charles Palmer, in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, said it was a source of genuine gratification to him to be received with such kindness and courtesy as he had been on all occasions, and he thanked them heartily for the honour they had that evening conferred upon him. He could assure them that nothing should be wanting on his part to advance the prosperity of the Leopold Lodge, and to uphold the prestige it had so deservedly enjoyed in the past. The health of the Officers of the Lodge was given from the chair, and in response Bro. J. H. Dodson, as Treasurer, congratulated the brethren upon the satisfactory condition of the finances of the Lodge, and expressed his conviction that a long career of harmony and prosperity was in store for the Leopold Lodge. Several other complimentary toasts were honoured, the proceedings being enlivened by some excellent vocal and instrumental music, to which Bros. T. Walls, A. Tisley and other brethren contributed, whilst the recitation of Hood's poem on "The Lady's Dream," by the Worshipful Master, elicited the heartiest expressions of appreciation from all present. Altogether a most harmonious and enjoyable evening was passed.

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FRENCH BRETHREN OPPOSED TO THE REVOLUTION IN THE LAST CENTURY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In a work named below, I came across the following interesting paragraph. Comment is unnecessary. It may, however, furnish an item for Brother Gould's "History of Freemasonry."

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, 1st June 1883.

"We have already noticed the protest signed by the princes of the blood in 1771, in which both the Duke of Orleans and the Duke de Chartres joined, and their subsequent retractation after the death of Count de Clermont. The Count had been the Grand Master of the Freemasons in France, and the Duke de Chartres was elected his successor; but as he had not attained the age prescribed by the statutes of the Institution, the Duke de Luxemberg was appointed administrator in the interim. Among the many absurdities propagated at a later date, was the assertion that the Freemasons had already planned the French Revolution, and that the Duke de Chartres joined in the conspiracy when he became Grand Master. It is only necessary to notice that the Duke de Luxemberg, his Deputy, was President of the Order of the Noblesse in 1789, and was the most vehement opponent of the Revolution, that nearly all the members of the Lodge to which the Duke belonged emigrated, and that only one of them ever took an active part in the Revolution, that one being the Duc de Lauzun—better known as Marshal Biron." "Memoirs of the House of Orleans." By W. Cooke Taylor, LL.D. Vol. II, p 28. London: Richard Bentley, 1850.

PREROGATIVES OF GRAND LODGE AND OF M.W. GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It would appear, from the manner in which, at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, the objection of the R.W. Past District Grand Master for China to the recent alteration of the Table of Precedence of Grand Lodge Officers was met by the Grand Registrar, that a most important question relating to prerogatives is about to be fought out between the "purple" and the "blue." Unless the discussion which will assuredly ensue on motions to be made is conducted in a fair and impartial spirit on both sides (alas! that there should be "sides" in Masonry), it is certain that much heartburning, and possibly schism, may be the result. The question of prescriptive and indefeasible rights cannot, in this instance, be debated without reference to the present illustrious occupant of the throne of the representative of the R.S., but it ought to be generally understood that the very utmost loyalty to the person may be entertained conjointly with a conviction that the privileges and powers of the office should be clearly defined. As matters now stand, the genial warmth of a devoted loyalty is "exposed" to influences which might materially lower its temperature, and that through no fault in thought or action of the distinguished ruler of the English Craft. In view of the remarks which fell from our highly respected Pro Grand Master in reference to my observations at the last Quarterly Communication, I would say that I have always, and do still, disclaim personality in my endeavours to express my sentiments on subjects of public importance; and, however much my probably too excited delivery in speech may be misconstrued, I entertain a deep, though not servile, veneration for lawfully constituted authority. That such veneration should, however, be perfect, it is necessary that no self-imposed blindness, palpable defects in motives or actions, should be permitted to interpose.

So much by way of introduction of my subject. I propose to submit, through your pages, if permitted, several points relating to the Prerogatives of the Grand Lodge, and of its Grand Master, for the consideration of the brethren interested in the question which has arisen. And, inasmuch as the Grand Lodge is the primary body from which all Masonic authority emanates, precedence in argument must be given to it.

What, then, are the prerogatives of Grand Lodge, as set forth by the Ancient Constitutions of the Order?

First—"The Grand Lodge alone has the inherent power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the Craft, and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them, always taking care that the ancient landmarks of the Order be preserved." (Cons. p 24, section 16.) Grand Lodge *alone*. That is, "the general representation of all private Lodges on record, together with the Grand Stewards of the year, and the Present and Past Grand Officers, and the Grand Master at their head," each and every member of which collective body possesses equal rights in general assembly in deliberating upon and "deciding *all matters* relative to the Craft." This, then, is the *supreme* prerogative of Grand Lodge, which all alike have not only to uphold, but, without any distinction whatever, to observe. Has this prerogative been recognised and maintained as it should have been? There is a law extant, created in 1869-70, under the terms of the eighth section of the then and still existing regulations for the government of Grand Lodge, which has been neither altered, repealed, nor abrogated, but which has been persistently obstructed, and yet remains inoperative. It may be here remarked that no reference appears to be made in the draft of the proposed revision of the Constitutions to this "landmark," which has hitherto been presumed to be authoritative in respect of Grand Lodge resolutions; and that, unless care be taken not to lose sight of so important an elision, this necessary provision may be altogether set aside.

Second—The Grand Lodge, equally with the Grand Master, can constitute brethren, under certain qualifications, members of its body, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

Third—The election of the Grand Master, and Grand Treasurer annually.

Fourth—The appointment of the Board of General Purposes (in part) and of all Committees. In reference to this prerogative it may not be altogether out of place to ask whether or not the Grand Lodge was consulted in respect of the proposed Revision of the Book of Constitutions, a work of such magnitude and great importance that rather merited the appointment of a special Committee than the spontaneous, however praiseworthy, action of the Board of General Purposes, whose special business is defined in the regulations of the Order, and does not extend to the initiatory introduction of new matters of debate.

All other minor prerogatives of Grand Lodge which are referred to in the present Book of Constitutions may be considered as embodied in the *supreme* prerogative first above mentioned.

We have now to consider the prerogatives of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, which, in so far as they are expressed by the Constitutions of the Order, appear to be—

First: The appointment of the Grand Officers for the year, excepting only the Grand Treasurer. In respect of the exercise of this prerogative, there is not any regulation which either provides for or prohibits the appointment of any one Grand Officer for a longer period than one year, and there is no record that the practice of continuing the same brethren in office for successive years is other than a modern arrangement. As to the advisability of such continued appointments, opinions may differ; but there are not wanting many members of Grand Lodge who consider that every Grand Office, except those of the Grand Secretary and his assistant, should be open year by year to brethren equally qualified with the present holders thereof for the discharge of duties appertaining to the respective dignities. It is only in the case of the Grand Secretary that provision is made for continued service, by the express regulation that after being "appointed by the Grand Master he shall continue without reappointment during the pleasure of Grand Lodge." And provision is made for past Grand rank being accorded to other Grand Officers on retirement after (presumably) one year's service. Whilst, however, the Constitutions of the Order remain as they are, and as they are likely to remain, unless the promoters of the proposed Revision are stirred to further efforts, it may well be considered that the Most Worshipful Grand Master's prerogative in this respect is full and indefeasible.

Second: The appointment of brethren of eminence to represent him in sister Grand Lodges, and the constitution of distinguished personages as members of the Grand Lodge of England.

Third: The authority to preside over the meetings of any Lodges.

Fourth: The power to summons any Lodge or brother to attend him, and produce warrant, papers and certificates; but the power to expel any member from the Order is expressly reserved to the Grand Lodge.

Fifth: The appointment of Provincial and District Grand Masters.

Sixth: The power to grant dispensations in certain cases.

Seventh: The nomination of the President and ten members of the Board of General Purposes.

The foregoing are the only prerogatives expressly reserved to the Most Worshipful Grand Master by the Constitutions, and neither directly nor by implication is there any alienation from the Grand Lodge of its "inherent power" to decide and determine *all other matters* relating to the Craft. No person whatever is delegated whereby the order of precedence in rank, "declared and pronounced" in 1813, can be disturbed, nor can the "Prerogative of the M.W.G.M." be justly advanced against the enactment, alteration, repeal, or abrogation by the Grand Lodge of any of its rules and regulations.

There has been much, of late, connected with the proceedings of Grand Lodge which has caused great dissatisfaction (I speak for others as well as for myself), and it has become, one might almost say, absolutely necessary that the Craft generally should ascertain on what principles of abstract justice they are ruled. There are none amongst us, I should hope, so obtruse as to suppose that late occurrences have been the result of the uninfluenced action of our Royal Chief, but there are a few who directly attribute them to most unwise counsel on the part of those who are, by virtue of their Offices, his immediate advisers.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. 1216, P.Z.

Clapham, 18th June 1883.

ELECTION FOR COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In answer to Bro. Atkins, permit me space in your columns to assure him that I never doubted his fitness for the office to which he has been elected; still, however fit any one may be, if he neglects to perform the duties appertaining to an office he is only uselessly keeping out others who are able, willing, and have the time at their disposal, to give their services to the business to which they have been elected. Bro. Atkins's attendances, when formerly he was a member of the Committee named in my

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previous letter, can be easily ascertained by looking at the Attendance Book. To the worthy Brother the W.M. of that ancient and honourable Lodge the Egyptian, I tender my apology for any mis-statement I made as to the benefits he has conferred upon our splendid Institutions, but if he permits other names to appear and take the credit of his good actions, he must not be surprised at such a mistake being made. Bro. Atkins's term "insult" is entirely out of place, as no insult was intended, and in that case none was given. Who the brethren were that objected to his being on the Committees, except for the reasons I have stated, must be best known to himself. I am perfectly acquainted with them, and never heard a hint or expression to that effect. My estimate of Bro. Atkins's fitness has been proved, for on former occasions I have supported, and induced others to support him, and would again on an assurance from him that he would be in his place when duty called him.

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

20th June 1883.

REVISION OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been hoping, with many other brethren, to see some notice taken in your paper as to the suggestion which appeared a short time since, signed "HIRAM," with regard to limiting the time for which certain Grand Officers should hold their appointments.

The position of Grand Secretary has been held by the same worthy brother for three years, why not limit this appointment to five years? The income, a very fair one, is paid by the Craft, and why should not the appointment be in the hands of Grand Lodge?

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master is always ready and willing to do any and everything for the good of Freemasonry, and no doubt would in this instance waive his prerogative, and as Grand Lodge, on the occasion of the election of Grand Treasurer, endorsed the views of those who hold that it is good to have at their disposal the means of rewarding "worthy brethren of long Masonic service," this would appear a fitting time to do so, now that the Book of Constitutions is to be revised.

The present Grand Secretary is a military man; he quite understands the five years' system, and would, no doubt, see the fairness of allowing other capable and worthy brethren a chance of promotion, and the service to the Craft would in no wise suffer, as there is an Assistant Grand Secretary, and ample staff for performance of the details of official duties.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

FAIR PLAY.

NATIONAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—The establishment of a National College of Music having been so universally responded to, induces me to ask, "What will ultimately be the fate of its scholars?" The College will be the means of firstly—Educating, and secondly—throwing upon the musical world a vast number of instrumentalists. The fact appears to be ignored that there is already in London alone a considerable number of talented English players who cannot obtain a living, owing to the distinguished patronage lavished on foreign artists. British musicians naturally look forward to the London season for their harvest, but as regularly as the season approaches we find two Hungarian Bands located here, advertising themselves "*under the immediate patronage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the nobility,*" engaged day and night at various garden parties, dinners, balls, &c., to the exclusion of the English musician. There is also another band here from Vienna, whose arrival has thrown an entire orchestra out of employment, as they first play at a theatre, and afterwards at an aristocratic club, recently formed.

The manifest injustice to English artists must be apparent, and I feel sure the facts need only to be brought under the notice of those who have the power of bestowing their patronage on native talent to remedy the evil.

By kindly inserting these few remarks in your influential paper, you will greatly oblige a large section of the musical profession.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

AN ENGLISH MUSICIAN.

Bro. Thomas B. Dunbar, one of the oldest Freemasons in the State, died at his residence in Columbia, on Tuesday, 5th June, in the eighty-ninth year of his age. Bro. Dunbar was made a Mason in the old Lodge known as Eastern Star, No. 196, Columbia, Pa., on the 15th of June 1823, Robert Spear was then Master, and Thomas Lloyd Secretary. After the formation of the new Lodge, some years afterwards, Columbia, No. 286, Bro. Dunbar was appointed Tyler, in which capacity he faithfully served until the day of his death.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Nervous Irritability.—No part of the human machine requires more constant supervision than the nervous system—for upon it our health—and even life—depends. These Pills strengthen the nerves, and are the safest general purifiers for the blood. Nausea, headache, giddiness, numbness, and mental apathy yield to them. They dispatch in a summary manner those distressing dyspeptic symptoms, stomachic pains, fullness at the pit of the stomach and abdominal distension, and regulate alike capricious appetites and confined bowels—the commonly accompanying signs of defective or diminished nerve tone. Holloway's Pills are particularly recommended to persons of studious and sedentary habits, who gradually fall into a nervous and irritable state, unless some such restorative be occasionally taken.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

WINDSOR, the Royal Borough, was the locality selected this year for the annual meeting of the Craftsmen of this Province, and, accordingly, on Monday last, a goodly assemblage of the brethren ranged themselves under their respective banners at the Albert Institute, Sheet-street. The Right Worshipful Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presided, and he was supported by the V.W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., and the following Prov. Grand Officers of the year:—Bros. Reginald C. Mount W.M. 414 Grand Senior Warden, Lewis Poulton W.M. 591 Grand Junior Warden, Rev. Gilbert H. Layton 591 Grand Chaplain, Rev. Arthur Fearon 1566 Grand Junior Chaplain, Charles Stevens P.M. 414 Grand Treasurer, Robert Bradley P.M. 414 Grand Secretary, John Roseby Slator W.M. 1787 Grand Senior Deacon, Edward John Blackwell W.M. 1101 Grand Junior Deacon, Robert King W.M. 840 Grand Superintendent of Works, A. McDowell P.M. 948 Grand Director of Ceremonies, Robt. Nicholson W.M. 1566 Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Francis Henry Lyon P.M. 574 Grand Sword Bearer, Edward Horne W.M. 1887 Grand Pursuivant, Charles Nowell Grand Assistant Pursuivant; Joseph Andrews 209, Andrew Pears P.M. 209, John Goddard 771, J. Ashby 771, R. E. Hannis 771, G. Stewards; William Hemmings Grand Tyler. After the Prov. Grand Lodge had been opened in due form, the roll of Lodges in the Province (to the number of twenty-one) was called, and in each case representatives were present. In response to the call for Provincial Grand Officers, as will be seen by the list we have already given, the brethren were mindful of the trust that had been reposed in them, and promptly answered the summons. It is the custom of this Province to have a record of the proceedings prepared, printed, and extensively circulated; consequently, at the annual gatherings, the labour is considerably lessened, and the mere acceptation of the details are passed without the time of the meeting being occupied by the formal reading of the previous minutes. The balance sheet of the Provincial Grand Treasurer showed an amount of £211 9s 8d in hand. The Lodges also were reported in a satisfactory condition, with an increasing membership. The Charity Account was next presented, and grants to the extent of £110 5s recommended; this amount being divided in sums of £10 10s and £5 5s respectively, the following Lodges receiving the larger sum, namely—Etonian 209, Buckingham 591, Windsor Castle 771, Scientific 840, Grey Friars 1101, Ellington 1566. The nine Lodges enumerated below were recommended the smaller sum, of five guineas, for each:—Union 414, Hope 574, Abbey 945, St. Peter and St. Paul 1410, Wycombe 1501, Watling Street 1639, Vale of White Horse 1770, Grenville 1787, and Herschel 1894. The Prov. Grand Master moved that these recommendations be adopted, and on this being seconded by the Deputy Grand Master, the resolution was unanimously agreed to. The sum of five guineas was voted in relief of the sufferers by the late fire in Jamaica, and the Prov. Grand Treasurer was then re-elected, which compliment was briefly but gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Stephens. After Bro. W. H. Belcher, 574, had been invested with the Provincial Charity jewel, the appointment and investiture of Provincial Grand Officers was proceeded with, as follows:—

Bro. R. G. Barton 771		G. Senior Warden
William Henry Bull 1639		G. Junior Warden
Rev. Arthur Fearon 1566	}	G. Chaplains
Rev. F. G. Kiddle 1787	}	
Charles Stephens 414		G. Treasurer
Major Cooper King 1899		G. Registrar
Robert Bradley 414		G. Secretary
Francis J. Ferguson 414		G. Senior Deacon
Richard Dowsett 1101		G. Junior Deacon
A. J. Coales 1410		G. Sup. of Works
W. Biggs (acting)	}	G. Directors of Cerem.
S. G. Hant 574	}	
C. A. Barrett 945		G. Asst. Dir. of Cer.
Captain Trollope 1887		G. Sword Bearer
J. C. B. Tirbutt 414		G. Organist
E. C. Knight 948		G. Pursuivant
C. H. Starr 1501	}	G. Stewards
H. R. Ruckley 1501	}	
S. J. Wheeler 414	}	
C. W. Seymour 771	}	
S. Volckman jun. 209.	}	
— Arnold 209	}	
William Hemmings		G. Tyler

In the course of his remarks, Sir Daniel Gooch said the several reports were, he thought, as satisfactory as they could wish, and fully denoted the progress Freemasonry was making in the Province. Letters of apology, for non-attendance, were read or announced; among others one from Brother Collins, Comptroller of the Household of the Duke of Albany, expressing His Royal Highness's thanks, but regretting a prior engagement prevented him from availing himself of the invitation. It was announced that the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Wycombe, under the banner of No. 1501, and shortly afterwards Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was served at the Town Hall, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, when the usual toasts were done full justice to. The tables were handsomely decorated, Bros. Ashby and Turner providing some splendid flowers for the occasion. The musical arrangements were all that could be desired, Brother Summers, to whom they were entrusted, being highly and deservedly complimented.

The meetings of the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, held at the "Cock" Tavern, Highbury, have been adjourned until Wednesday, 5th September.

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FREDERICK OF UNITY LODGE, No. 452.

THE installation of this, one of the oldest of the Lodges in the Province of Surrey, took place on Tuesday last, at the Masonic Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. C. F. W. Rogers, who was supported by Bros. Magnus Ohren P.M. Past G.A.D.C. (Treasurer), H. E. Frances P.M. Past Prov. G.S.D. (Secretary), and a fair attendance of the members. After the minutes of last meeting had been read, confirmed, and signed, several communications were referred to, and a report offered for adoption was received. The by-laws of the Lodge, which had recently undergone revision, were accepted, conditionally on their being approved by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master. The duty of installing the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Charles Magnus Ohren, was undertaken by Bro. H. E. Frances, to whose ability for the conduct of the ceremony we have on many occasions had specially to refer. Bro. Frances on this occasion well sustained his reputation. The new W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—William G. Batchelor S.W., David Snee J.W., Magnus Ohren P.M. Treasurer, H. E. Frances P.M Secretary, Charles George Scott S.D., William G. Hunter J.D., Daniel R. Wise I.G., C. T. Speight Tyler. A candidate for initiation now presented himself, in the person of Mr. William Batchelor, son of Brother W. G. Batchelor, the Senior Warden of the Lodge. This gentleman is about to leave the country, and desired to become a Mason previous to his departure. Brother Batchelor put forward the candidate, and Brother Magnus Ohren seconded the proposition. The ballot was favourable, and the fiat of the Worshipful Master having been secured previously, Mr. Batchelor now presented himself, and was initiated into the Order, the ceremony being conducted by the father of the aspirant for Masonic light. Notice of motion was given that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. J. C. F. W. Rogers, on his leaving the chair, as a mark of respect from the members; and after some routine work, Lodge was closed. After a brief interval a banquet was served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Rhodes, the proprietor of the Masonic Hall. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M., who ably fulfilled the duties of President, briefly introduced the loyal toasts. In speaking to the toast of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, Bro. Charles Ohren said the Frederick Lodge was almost invariably honoured with the presence of one Grand Officer, their Treasurer; he should therefore, on this occasion especially, commend the toast, and with it would couple the name of Bro. Magnus Ohren. Bro. Magnus Ohren, in reply, said he rose with pleasure to respond. The position of a Grand Officer was one to be envied by any man, but it must be worked for by those who aspired to the honour. He could not say that there was any royal road, but he knew that a man must make some mark in Masonry ere he arrived at that point. Many of those present were entitled to sit in Grand Lodge, and doubtless had done so, consequently they must have observed how the Grand Officers filled their positions. It was a great thing for them to know there were brethren willing and able to carry out the duties. Some of the posts invariably had been filled with great advantage to the Craft for years past. The Pro Grand Master gave satisfaction when he attended; and every one felt the work would be done in a manner worthy a Mason holding so high a position. He only felt sorry that the Grand Master was not more frequently among the brethren, but they could well understand how that was; they knew that the Prince of Wales when asked to preside at some great undertaking was able to choose his own time, and was generally punctual; but the meetings of Grand Lodge, at which they were so anxious to have him present, fell on fixed dates, which clashed with other appointments. This, he believed, was the reason why the Grand Master did not more frequently preside at Grand Lodge. After some remarks as to the recent fire at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Ohren said he had no doubt that when the new hall was completed they would more frequently see the Grand Master among them. In proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Master, the W.M. said that the Lodge was favoured by having several Provincial Grand Officers among its members; but he was sorry to say that only two were present on this occasion. He should couple the name of Bro. Jeffery with this toast. After Bro. Jeffery had acknowledged the compliment, and directed the attention of the members present to the approaching meeting (on the 28th inst.) of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, Bro. Rogers I.P.M. briefly proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office. The W.M. in reply thanked the I.P.M. heartily for his kind expressions; he should do his utmost to support the dignity of the chair during his year of office, and hoped to prove that their confidence had not been misplaced when they elected him their Master. Brother Charles Ohren, in proposing the health of the Initiate, said he hoped Brother Batchelor would follow in his father's footsteps; if he took his father for a guide he could not go wrong. After a brief reply, the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Visitors. They had five present, viz., Bros. Carmen, Hunter, Dutton, Morgan, and Massey. The brethren were indebted to Brother Carmen for the musical ability he had displayed; he should couple his and Brother Hunter's name with the toast. Bros. Carmen and Hunter having replied, the Past Masters were complimented. The W.M. had to thank Brother Rogers for the assistance he had rendered in carrying out the alterations in the bye-laws. Of the utility and advantage of these alterations there could be no doubt. Brother Rogers returned thanks. In replying for the Treasurer and Secretary, Brother Magnus Ohren said he had much pleasure in responding. The toast was usually put as the Treasurer and Secretary, on this occasion, however, the Worshipful Master had very properly put it as the Installing Master, and the Treasurer. Brother Frances was well known as an exponent of ritual; he was one who had devoted a great part of his life to Masonry, and it was highly important to the Craft at large that there should be those who, for the love of Freemasonry, were willing to devote themselves to the task of spreading a knowledge of its ceremonies. There were many men who attended Lodges of Instruction to teach young Masons, who were coming on and wanted to learn the duties of the chair. No brother could hope to be proficient in the duties of the chair unless he attended Lodges of Instruction, and unless there were men like Brother Frances to teach them. On his own behalf Brother Ohren said that looking back at an old book, that lay on the table in the Lodge room, he found that he joined this Lodge on the 2nd May 1867—just 16 years ago—and he had not been in the Lodge more than six months when he found himself assisting in the secretarial duties. Later on he was induced to become the Secretary, and for 15 years he had done the duties, he might say, to the satisfaction of the brethren, because he had had many proofs of that throughout. Through the death of their old friend Brother Robins, he thought he would give the Lodge the opportunity of appointing Brother Frances to the chair of Secretary, and knowing it was a duty Brother Frances could perform, he had thought it well to resign that position; and he trusted that for another sixteen years the brethren might see Bro. Frances in the Secretary's chair. As regarded the Treasurership, he hoped that as long as he held the office he should be able to conduct the affairs of the Lodge to the satisfaction of the brethren. The proceedings throughout were agreeably enlivened by duets, songs, and recitations. Our esteemed Bro. Ohren is decidedly musically inclined, and in this regard his sons take after him. Moreover, the visitors rendered some goodly assistance, Bros. Carmen and Dutton especially so.

The installation meeting of the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, will take place on Tuesday next, the 26th inst.

The distribution of prizes to scholars, and visit of the Stewards to the School of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will also take place on Tuesday next. It is anticipated there will be a very large attendance.

The Stewards of the year for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution paid their customary visit to the Asylum at Croydon on Tuesday last The building, which has lately been under repair, presented a very comfortable aspect, and the residents turned out in force to receive their guests. Bro. C. J. Perceval, the Chairman of the day, on behalf of the House Committee, gave a cordial welcome to the visitors, and expressed a hope that what they saw that day would incite them to further exertions. For the benefit of those not well acquainted with particulars of what work the Institution is doing, Bro. Terry recounted the advantages it dispensed. The proceedings were of a most agreeable character throughout, and all present were gratified in having assisted in this desirable result.

SWEDENBORG SOCIETY.

THE seventy-third Annual Meeting of this Society was held at 36 Bloomsbury-street, London, W.C, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., Major Bevington presiding. The report of the committee states that 1,395 volumes of the works of Swedenborg have been sold and 879 presented during the year. The free libraries of Barrow-in-Furness, Dunfermline, Hawick, High Wycombe, Stafford, Tonbridge, Twickenham, and Westminster have received 217 volumes, and the Bermondsey Working Men's Institute, Bromley (Kent) Mission, Edinburgh New Church Society, Manningham Liberal Club, Salisbury New Church Society, and Dr. Williams' Library, Grafton-street, London, have received 108 volumes. 354 copies of the True Christian Religion and the Apocalypse Revealed have been presented to clergymen and theological students in Great Britain. 67 copies of the True Christian Religion to ministers in South Africa. In Ceylon the Colombo Library has received 32 volumes, the University of Tokio in Japan 41 volumes, the Nassau Library 6 vols., the Napier Athenæum New Zealand 35 volumes, and several other places abroad have received presentations. The Society has, among others, received legacies from the late Rev. A. Clissold, of Stoke Newington, of £1,000, and £200 from the late Thomas Tapling, Esq. of Gresham-street.

The members of the Traders Society, established in 1739, had one of their Quarterly dinners at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on 15th inst., under the Presidency of Bros. G. Millis Senior Steward, G. Lambert (P.G. Sword Bearer) Junior Steward, and Bro. Dr. Barringer P.M. Secretary. The dinner was all that could be desired, as regards viands and wines. Brother Millis, in genial and eloquent terms, proposed the toasts of the Queen, the Army, Navy, and Volunteers. The toast of the Wardens was appropriately responded to. Brother Dr. Carpenter recited a poem of his own composition, and received well merited applause. Among those present were Bros. Sir John Robinson, Sir George McBean, Dr. Barringer, F. Adlard, Watts, McBean, Captain Probyn, Rev. Dr. John Rose, H. M. Levy, Dr. Cross, &c.

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A PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the OATLANDS PARK HOTEL, WALTON on THAMES, SURREY, on Thursday, the 28th June 1883, at 1.30 p.m. precisely.

By command,
CHARLES GREENWOOD jun. P.M. P.P.G.R
Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning dress.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge will be held in the New Rooms, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, 30th June, at 2.30 p.m. precisely.

By command of the Prov. G. Master,
H. C. LEVANDER, P.G.D.
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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

A SPECIAL Grand Lodge will be holden at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 29th instant, at Half past Three o'Clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving and considering the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Amendments on the proposed Revision of the Book of Constitutions referred to the Board by Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication of the 7th March last, for consideration and report. The Grand Lodge will be opened at Four o'Clock precisely.

The following is the business to be transacted :—

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON THE AMENDMENTS TO AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The proposed emendations brought under the notice of the Board are upwards of 800 in number, and it has been found impossible to distinguish in all cases between those that are intended as merely suggestions and those that are proposed to be brought before Grand Lodge as amendments. The Board have, therefore, treated them all alike, and have given them their careful consideration. Many are of the same import, and some are even identical in phraseology; they have therefore been classed accordingly.

To print them *in extenso* would be attended, in the opinion of the Board, with unnecessary expense. It is, therefore, proposed to treat them in a classified and condensed form, under the heads of the respective rules to which they refer.

The Board are able to recommend to Grand Lodge the adoption of a large number of these suggestions. Some they do not recommend, and these are left to the discretion of Grand Lodge, in case the movers desire still to bring them forward.

Of the 308 Rules, 130 are untouched by any amendments, and these the Board consider may be treated as passed by Grand Lodge, without further discussion. The other Rules will now be treated consecutively, and the following suggestions, recommended by the Board, are before Grand Lodge for adoption or otherwise.

3. 1st and 2nd line, to omit 'The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and,' 'other Officers and,' and in 8th line 'other.'

5. 7th line, to omit 'in,' and to substitute 'has' for 'resides.'

6. The Table of Precedence is altered according to the recent order of the Grand Master.
To add a foot note respecting the prefixes and abbreviations used before the names of the respective Grand Officers.

9. 6th line, to insert 'such' before 'Lodge.' 8th line, insert 'English' before 'Lodge.' 12th line to substitute 'duly served' for 'filled,' and add 'such' before 'a Lodge.'

12. 4th line, omit 'and hold.'

16. 1st line, to add 'or resign' after 'die,' and 4th line, to substitute 'summon' for 'assemble.'

18. To be altered to agree with the new Table of Precedence.

27. To add 'the Pro Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master' after 'Grand Master,' and omit 'or his Deputy.'

30. 6th line, to substitute 'elected annually in June by the Grand Lodge' for 'appointed by the Grand Master.'

35.—4th line, to substitute 'qualified' for 'members of the Grand Lodge,' and in last line to omit 'as such.'

36. 3rd line, to read 'all building plans or works projected or undertaken.'

37. To omit 'in addition to his other duties has' and substitute 'shall have the arrangement and direction of all processions and ceremonies of the Grand Lodge and.'

43. To substitute 'eligible' for 'presented.'

50. 4th line, to read 'which shall consist of the President of the Board of Benevolence who, if present, shall act as Chairman, the Present and Past Grand Officers and the Master, &c.' 'and meet, &c.'

51. 4th line, to substitute 'any' for 'some.'

52. 8th line, to add after 'Committee,' 'or by notice previously given or sent to the Grand Secretary.'

54. 3rd line, to add after 'is,' 'scandalous, improper, irregular, or.'

57. 6th line, to add after 'all,' 'Present and Past,' and after 'Officers,' 'Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, Provincial Grand Secretaries.'

60. To substitute 'eight' for 'six' throughout.

74. 3rd line, to substitute 'Wardens' for 'Officers.'

76. 6th line, to add after 'Grand Master,' 'Except in elections by ballot.' In 8th line, to substitute 'one hand' for 'one of his hands.' In 10th line to add after 'counted' 'the counting shall be conducted in the following manner,' and then to add the resolution passed in the Grand Lodge in June 1882.

78. After this rule, to introduce 104 as 79 altered as follows :—'In Colonies and foreign parts the terms District Grand Master and District Grand Lodge are used to distinguish such Officers and bodies from Provincial Grand Masters and Provincial Grand Lodges in England.'

80. In order to meet the many suggestions respecting the position of Past Masters in the Provinces, to add after the first paragraph 'Provincial and District Grand Lodges may enact by their Bye-laws that, in addition to the above, Past Masters of Lodges out of the Province or District who have joined Lodges in the Province or District shall be Members of the Provincial or District Grand Lodge.'

81. 5th line, to substitute 'whom he may think' for 'may be thought.' 9th line, substitute 'those' for 'that,' and to add at the end 'except that of summoning the Provincial or District Grand Lodge to meet for the purposes of his Installation.'

83 to 95. To alter the arrangement of these rules as follows :—90, 91, 92, 83, 84, 93, 95. 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 94, to be 83, 84, 85, 86. 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95.

83. 1st line, to substitute 'The Provincial or District Grand Master' for 'He.' To give power to appoint two Provincial or District Grand Standard Bearers. To add before the last paragraph, 'In addition to the above a District Grand Master is empowered to appoint a President of the District Board of General Purposes, who shall rank next to the District Grand Registrar.' To add after the 1st line in the last paragraph, 'except the Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master.'

84. To substitute 'Thirty' for 'forty.'

86. To substitute 'The Provincial or District Grand Master' for 'He.'

89. To substitute 'The Provincial or District Grand Master shall' for 'He is required by himself or his Deputy to.' To omit 'together with a list of such Lodges as may have been constituted since his last return, and the fees due therein to the Grand Lodge.'

90. To read, 'To ensure the regular performance of the duties of his Office and to, &c. . . . the Provincial or District Grand Master may appoint.'

92. To add 'and to be resident within the Province or District.'

93. 1st line, to add 'other' after 'The,' and 'or District' after 'Provincial.'

96. In order to meet several suggestions repecting Past Provincial or District Grand Stewards, to substitute the following rule, 'Provincial or District Grand Stewards while in Office are members of their own Provincial or District Grand Lodges. They do not take any rank out of their Provinces or Districts, and when out of Office they are no longer members of the Provincial or District Grand Lodge unless otherwise qualified. They are, however, entitled to wear their clothing as Past Provincial or District Grand Stewards in all Masonic meetings.'

101. 4th line, to substitute after 'province' 'the Provincial Grand Lodge' for 'they'; and 5th line, to omit 'their opinion.'

102. 10th line, to add 'or part of a quarter.' 12th line, to add after 'initiated' 'or who has joined from a Lodge not holding under the Grand Lodge.' 13th line, to add 'other' after 'every.'

103. 5th line, to add after 'at' 'the annual meeting of.'

105, 106, 107, 109. To add 'or Board' after 'Committee.'

115. To add before the last line 'not less than.'

119. 7th line, to add after 'registered' 'master.'

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120. 2nd line, to substitute 'shall' for 'should.' 4th line, to omit 'Deputy and.' 6th line, to omit 'who shall choose some master of a Lodge to assist him.'
124. 1st line, to read 'Every Lodge in a Province or District.'
129. 7th line, to add after 'one' 'regular.'
130. 1st line, to substitute for 'at a stated period' 'on the day named in its By-laws for that purpose.' 4th line, to omit 'duly,' and add after 'served' 'for one year,' and after 'of' 'Master or.' 5th line, to add after 'Constitution.' 'The Ballot shall be declared in favour of the Member thus qualified who obtains the largest number of the votes of the Brethren present and voting.' 23rd line, to omit 'of the Lodge.'
136. 2nd line, to add after 'appoint' 'and invest;' to substitute for 'except' 'and invest.' In 5th line, to add after 'and' 'also.'
138. To substitute for 'Master' 'Proprietor or Manager.'
140. 4th line, to add after 'Meeting' 'seven days' notice thereof in writing having been previously sent to the Brother complained of.'
141. 8th and 9th line, to substitute for 'Election of Officers' 'Installation of Master;' and in order to meet many suggestions respecting Past Masters in Lodges to add in 11th line, after 'present' 'or if no Past Master of the Lodge be present, then the senior Past Master who is a subscribing Member of the Lodge shall,' and in 12th line, to add after 'Master' 'who is a Member.'
144. 2nd line, to substitute 'any' 'for every.'
145. To add 'The Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master when visiting Lodges in his Province or District shall, in the absence of the Provincial or District Grand Master, rank for the time being as Provincial or District Grand Master and take precedence accordingly.'
146. To substitute for 'he may think proper,' 'whenever he may think fit to do so.'

To follow 146, 'The Provincial or District Grand Master may send any of his Provincial or District Grand Officers to visit any Lodge in his Province or District whenever he may think fit to do so.'

148. 2nd and 3rd line, to omit 'or recommended;' 10th line, to substitute for 'continuance' 'presence' and 11th line for 'the' 'its' and omit 'of the Lodge.'
153. 3rd line, to substitute for 'conduct itself' 'be conducted."
157. 3rd line, to omit 'shall be given'; and to add after 'district' 'shall be submitted for approval'; and 5th line for 'or' to substitute 'and.'
160. 5th line, to substitute for 'Master' 'Secretary for the approval of the Grand Master, being in the case of a Provincial or District Lodge sent through the Provincial or District Grand Master for his approval previously to transmission.' 5th line, to omit 'and'; to add after 'when' 'finally.' 9th line, to substitute for 'Master' 'Secretary.'
162. To add 'Such By-laws shall also specify the regular Meeting for the Election of the Master, Treasurer and Tyler,' and also 'Should the Meeting of the Lodge fall on Christmas Day, Good Friday, or a Public Holiday, the Meeting may be held on the day before or the day after, at the discretion of the Master.'
165. 8th and 9th lines, to omit 'to.'
168. 5th line, to substitute for 'Master' 'Proprietor or Manager.'
169. 9th line, to add 'ages,' to substitute for the latter part of the third paragraph 'with their Lodges and Masonic rank.'
170. 1st line, to add after 'shall' 'keep a register of its members and.'
172. To add, 'but when the arrears are received, the contributions to the Grand Lodge shall be duly paid.'
173. To substitute the old rule (P. 73, A. 2), altering 'country' to 'Provincial or District,' and 'Master' to 'Secretary.'
175. 12th line, to omit all after 'Grand Lodge.'
179. 3rd line, to omit 'of a Lodge.'
180. Last line, to substitute for 'particular' 'several.'
181. To add after 'name' 'age.'
182. 4th line, to add "age," and 14th line, to omit 'therefor.'
183. 1st and 2nd line, to omit, 'in any Lodge.'
186. 11th line, to add after 'the' 'clearance.'
190. 20th line, to omit 'be liable to.'
193. To substitute for 'pay' 'transmit.'
196. 4th line, to omit 'on the same day or.'
200. To omit all after 210, and add 'or a Certificate of all dues having been paid to enable him to join another Lodge for neither of which Certificates shall any charge be made.'
202 1st line, to omit 'presume to.' 6th line, to add 'or cause to be printed or published,' and 17th line to substitute for 'matter' 'such case of Masonic complaint.'
203. 4th line, to add after 'Theatre' 'public.' 8th line, to substitute for 'permission' 'a dispensation.'
206. 1st line, to add after 'in' 'Lodge in.'
212. 1st line, to add after 'against' 'Lodges or.'
218. To add after 'Warrant' 'Books and papers.'
219. To omit this rule.
221. 5th line, to add after 'Master,' 'and two Vice-Presidents to be elected,' and 9th line, to substitute for 'Board of Masters' 'General Committee.'
223. To substitute for 'Board of Masters' 'General Committee.'

After 223. To add a rule similar to 258.

225. To add after 'nominated' 'for re-election.'
230. 4th line, to add after 'related' 'nor upon the petition of a Brother or Widow of a Brother who is or was.'
231. To add at commencement 'except as hereinafter provided'; and 4th line, to substitute for 'consideration' 'initiation or joining' and in 10th line, for 'breaking or dislocating a limb' 'blindness or serious accident.'
232. Last line, to omit 'duly.'
237. 3rd line, to substitute for '[illegible]five,' and to add at the end 'and whilst such child or children is or are under age.'
244. 4th line, to substitute for 'and' 'or.'
256. 6th line, to substitute for 'these' 'the.'
267. 6th line, to add after 'of' 'receipts and.'
270. To substitute for 'It' 'The Board.'
276. 2nd line, to add after 'Lodge' 'or.'
277. To substitute for this rule 'Any special matter referred to the Board by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge shall have precedence of any other business.'
287. To add after 'plumb' 'rule.'
288. To add after 1st paragraph 'Past Provincial or District Grand Master. The Compasses and Square only.'
292. To describe the Jewels of the Chaplain, Director of Ceremonies, Organist, and Stewards; add 'rule' to 'plumb.'
304. To add 'or in their Provincial or District Grand Lodges.'
306. 2nd line, 3rd paragraph, to substitute for 'one and a half inch' 'not more than two inches.' 8th line, 4th paragraph, to add after 'one' 'inch.' 6th paragraph, to add after 'Stewards' 'present and past,' and omit 'While in Office and in their own Provinces only.'
308. To add after 'Registration of a Mason' 'including Grand Lodge Certificate,' and in next lines to alter '£1 1s' to '£1 7s 6d,' '10s 6d' to '17s,' and '10s 6d' to '17s.'

To erase 'Grand Lodge Certificate 193 6s 6d' and to add in a line after 'include certificate' 'Duplicate Grand Lodge Certificate 6s 6d.' In the 3rd line below this, to add after 'another' 'English.'

To erase after 'Joining a Colonial or Foreign Lodge' 'under the same circumstances'; and in the last paragraph to substitute for 'any' 'a London or Provincial.'

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
31*st May* 1883.

The Suggestions and Amendments comprised in the following Summary are *not* recommended by the Board for adoption. They are, however, printed for the information of Grand Lodge :—

1. Two suggestions for an alteration of the words.
2. That Rule 6 follow Rule 2.
4. 2nd line, to omit 'alone.'
9. 6th line, to replace 'rank as a Past Master.' 10th line, after 'regain,' to add, 'the privileges of a Past Master until he has.'
11. To add, 'at 5 o'clock in the afternoon;' to insert after 'London,' 'or some Provincial City or Town.'
13. To insert, 'in London or some Provincial City or Town,' and 'Master' before 'Masons.'
15. To strike out the 3rd line.
18. To add, 'no Brother under an installed Master shall hold office in the Grand Lodge except the Organist and Tyler.'
26. 7th line, after 'Grand Lodge' to add 'being or having been Master of a Lodge.'
33. To omit the Rule. 4th line, to add 'or Deputy Provincial Grand Master.'
40. To substitute 'thirty' for 'eighteen.'
41. To add, 'Certain Provincial Lodges to be red-apron Lodges,' and 'Grand Stewards must be installed Masters.'
46. To substitute 'submit' for 'transmit.'
47. 8th line, to add 'for that year' and to erase 'in future.'
49. To add 'Such Provincial or District Grand Officers, Past and Present, as are Members of the Grand Lodge shall have set apart for them two cross benches below the dais.'
54. To add 'memorial, petition, or other document,' and 'in the judgment of the General Committee.'
63. To add 'a resolution of the Grand Lodge at one Quarterly Communication, if confirmed at the next ensuing meeting of Grand Lodge, becomes law.'
65. To omit this Rule.
72. To substitute 'may' for 'shall.'
76. Provision to be made for proxy voting.
79. 7th line, to add 'or in such a remote part of the District as to render it impossible to communicate with him.'
80. To omit 'Provincial or District Grand Stewards of the year.'
81. In 5th line, to add 'who shall be acceptable to a majority of the Brethren of the Province.'
83. To read 'He shall appoint;' to add 'Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary' and 'Provincial Assistant Grand Tyler.' To give power to appoint to Past Rank.
86. 1st line, to add 'either in person or by his Deputy.' 5th line, 'until the next Quarterly Communication.'
91. To omit the latter part.
92. To add 'to serve 5 years to entitle him to Past Rank.'
93. 2nd line, to add 'or in the immediately adjoining Province.'
94. To except in the latter part 'Past Provincial or District Grand Stewards.' To add 5th line, after 'however' 'entitled to rank as Grand Officers.'
95. To alter the qualification for appointment.
101. To add 'In case of any appeal, and until same be heard by the Grand Lodge, the judgment of the Provincial Grand Master shall be considered final.'
102. To give power to make extra charges. 12th line, to add 'or joined from a Lodge not in the Province.'
108. That District Lodges at great distances shall be represented by proxy. 1st line, to substitute 'may' for 'shall.'
111. 4th line, to substitute 'must' for 'may.'

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116. 7th line, to add after 'belonged' 'together with their addresses.' 8th line, to add 'neighbouring' before 'regular.'
119. To add after [A B] 'who has served the office of Warden in a regular Lodge.'
120. 5th line, to add after 'Deputy,' 'or by the Provincial or District Grand Master or his Deputy.' 'That the Master of a new Lodge in a District may be installed in the nearest Lodge in the District.' That the District Grand Master of South Africa may consecrate the Charter and instal in Cape Town.'
126. To substitute 'or suspended by direction of the Grand Master or the Provincial Grand Master' for 'by competent Masonic authority'; to add after 'withheld,' 'or suspended'; to omit 'so withheld.'
127. To add 'within the meaning of 204.'
128. To omit in 6th line 'also that.'
129. To use the terms 'indispensable Officers,' and 'supplementary Officers,' to add 'Superintendent of Works,' to add 'except as Treasurer,' 'or except by special dispensation,' or 'except in India or the Colonies.'
130. 'To allow Wardens under the Scotch Constitution to be eligible.' 'That the election may be postponed by dispensation.' 'That a Lodge may adjourn for the purpose of election.'
132. To omit 'within his own Lodge.'
134. To add 'Province' and 'Provincial' in last line.
136. 'That the Wardens need not be invested on the day of installation.' 'That the Senior Warden be elected.' 4th line, for 'day of election' to substitute 'meeting next after the audit.' 6th line, to add after 'and,' 'either of whom.' 3rd line, to add after 'Treasurer,' 'and the Tyler;' and after 'Master,' in 5th line, 'The Tyler may at any time, &c.' To insert the N.B. in Old Book, p 62, Art. 2.
138. To add 'nor shall he, under any circumstances, be permitted to speak, or vote upon the question of removing the Lodge from his house.'
139. 7th line, to add after 'Grand Lodge' 'or a Provincial or District Grand Lodge.'
140. To commence 'Subject to an appeal to the Provincial or District Grand Master;' 7th line, to omit 'and to appoint another.'
141. 'That on the death or resignation of a Master a Lodge of Emergency may be called to elect another.' 18th line, to add after 'conferred' 'by him,' and to strike out all that follows. To add 'If the Master be present no other Brother can occupy the chair, but the Master may call upon any Brother to stand at his left hand, and confer any degree.'
142. 1st and 8th line, to add 'or Pro Grand Master.'
147. To substitute the old Rule, P. 67, A. 19.
148. To reinsert in 3rd line 'after due examination.' 'To permit the admission of shipwrecked Brethren who have lost their certificates, on taking the Tyler's O.B.'
149. To add 'or is known to be excluded from his Lodge.'
150. To make any of the further restrictions suggested. To strike out the Rule or provide a penalty.
151. To alter 'ten' to 'four.' To strike out the last line.
152. To alter 'ten' to 'four,' and 'Provincial' to 'Country.'
153. To restore Art. 1, P. 75.
156. To add after 'No' 'Permanent' or 'General.' 'That Lodges of Instruction should meet at the same house as the sanctioning Lodge.' To add 'but this rule is not intended to prevent a few brethren meeting occasionally for mutual instruction.'
158. That the Minutes of a Lodge of Instruction shall be read and confirmed at the meetings of the sanctioning Lodge.'
160. To restore the old Rule. 13th line, to substitute 'written' for 'printed.'
161. 'MS. By-laws to be signed.' 2nd line, to add after 'Lodge,' 'and a copy of the Book of Constitutions.'
163. 'That a reference should be made to the adjournment of Lodges.' To add, 4th line, after 'Junior Warden' 'or in his absence by a Past Master of the Lodge.' To add 'Except the passing and raising of any candidate entitled to be passed or raised.'
164. 3rd line, to add 'within the same town or place.' To erase 'from one house to another.'
166. 3rd line, to add 'from one town to another in the same province.' To omit in 5th and 6th lines 'Grand Master and the.' To add 'if not obtained application may be made to the Grand Master.'
168. To omit in 6th line 'Have no lien thereon nor shall he.' To add 'or interest therein.'
169. To omit the 3rd paragraph. To omit the last paragraph. To add at the end 'or at a Lodge of Emergency convened specially for the purpose.' To add after 'confirmed' 'varied or rescinded.'
170. 2nd line, to add after 'Grand Secretary' 'and Provincial Grand Secretary.' 3rd line to add 'Treasurer or.' To define the status of an honorary member.
172. To add after 'contributing' 'to Grand or Provincial Grand Lodge,' and after 'arrear' 'according to its Bye-laws.' To add after 'arrear' 'twelve months.' 'That after two years the name be omitted from the return.'
174. 'To name the Officers to audit the accounts.'
175. 4th line, to add 'or Provincial or District Grand Lodge.' 5th line, to add 'to the Grand Secretary.'
176. To alter 'immediately' to 'within one month.' To add 'a like return shall at the same time be sent to the Provincial or District Grand Secretary, as the case may be." To add 'and shall be signed by the Master and Secretary.'
177. 5th line, to omit 'Past Masters.' 6th line, after 'not' to add 'subject to Art. 175.'
179. 4th line, to add 'or Brother ruling the Lodge.'
180. That certain enquiries respecting candidates form part of this Rule.
181. That a specified time for issuing the summons shall be enforced in this Rule. To add 'except as hereinafter provided in cases of emergency.'
182. 7th line, to add 'but it shall not be considered a proper case of emergency unless the candidate be non-resident or about to leave the district.' 10th line, to omit, 'either,' and in 11th and 12th lines, 'or in a summons for a Lodge of Emergency.'
183. To define whether blind, deaf, or maimed persons may be initiated.
184. To state whether the candidate has been proposed in any other Lodge. To insert 'unless exempted by dispensation.'
185. To omit in 5th line 'military,' and add '2nd class petty officers in the navy or a corporal in the army.'
186. 3rd line, to omit 'at a regular meeting.' To add 'any Lodge failing to make enquiry about a proposed joining member shall be liable for the arrears to his former Lodge.' 'That Past Masters joining shall rank as Past Masters of the Lodge.' In 15th line, to add 'for one whole year.' In 18th line, to add 'Provincial or District Grand Secretary.'
187. To fix a time which must elapse before a re-proposition. In 6th line, to substitute 'shall' or 'must' for 'may.' To add 'no third ballot shall be taken.' To add 'a second ballot may be taken if a brother states that he has black-balled by mistake.'
188. To restore the Old Rule, with the addition of 'on or before the day.'
189. To introduce a rule respecting the conferring of degrees on a number of Candidates together. To introduce a rule for the admission of Honorary Members to be returned as such to Grand Lodge.
190. To alter the charge to £5 5s, inclusive of registration, to £6 6s inclusive, to £3 3s exclusive. That a minimum amount of subscription shall be fixed. In 7th line, to add "after being accepted.' To add 'A serving Brother joining another Lodge to pay the same fees as he would have to pay if joining the Lodge in which he was initiated.' To add 'that he must have ceased being a serving Brother for two years.' In 35th line, to substitute 'five' for 'four.'
191. To add 'or joining.'
195. 'That certificates be signed in open Lodge, or in the presence of the Master, &c.'
199. 'That report of tramps be sent to the Grand Secretary by Provincial Grand Secretaries.'
201. In 8th line, to add 'any Masonic Fund.'
202. In 3rd line, to add 'Except in a Masonic Newspaper, authorised, &c.'
203. To commence 'Except at Masonic dinners.' To omit 'Funerals.' To make it clear that no Funeral with Masonic rites shall take place.
206. In 3rd line, to add 'twice' before 'formally.' In 5th line, to add 'temporary' before 'Exclusion.'
207. In 2nd line, to add 'Either permanently or for a stated period.' After 7th line, 'arrears of subscription shall be considered a complaint.'
209. To add 'no member in arrear shall be allowed to join another Lodge until arrears are paid.' To add 'that a Lodge failing to make enquiries shall pay arrears or be fined.'
210. 'That a rule respecting resignations in accordance with recent decisions be introduced.' In 4th line, to add 'clearance' before 'Certificate.' 'That notices be given to other Lodges respecting Brethren in arrear.' 'That a Brother resigning should pay his proportion of the Lodge debts.' In 2nd line, to strike out all after 'excluded' and add 'such resignation, or exclusion, and the reason thereof, be recorded on the minutes, and the Brother be entitled to have a copy.'
215. To add 'or Provincial Grand Master' and 'or Provincial Grand Secretary.'
216. To substitute 'seven' for 'three.'
220. That 'Lodge' be substituted for 'Board,' and that consequent alterations be made in Rule 223.
227. To substitute 'conditions' for 'formalities.'
233. In 3rd line, to omit 'through the Lodge in which he was initiated.'
233, 234, 235. To substitute 'five' for 'four.'
235. 'Relief to be given to a wife or child of a living Brother.'
238, 240.—To alter 'two' to 'five' or 'four.'
240. 'That petitions from the Provinces be sent to Provincial Grand Secretaries to report.' In 7th line, to omit 'contributing.'
241. In 15th line, to add 'and other members of the same Lodge do.'
252. An alteration in the words with the same sense.
260. To substitute 'transact' for 'proceed to.'
285. To make exceptions for Foreign Visitors.
286. To omit 'or be consistent with.' To add 'under the control of.'
288. To omit 'only.'
2 9, 290. To substitute 'Elliptical' for 'oval.'
289. To substitute 'may' for 'shall.'
293. 'All presentation Jewels shall be gold or gilt.'
297. In 7th line, to add after 'Lodge' 'those below the rank of Provincial or District Grand Deacons,' and omit 'they.' To substitute 'under' for 'over.'
303. To substitute 'a silver chain,' or 'a silver chain of authorised pattern,' for 'silver chain.'
304. To add 'at a Board of Installed Members, or when visiting other Lodges.' To add 'or when visiting other Lodges in their official capacity.'
306. 8th paragraph to omit 'only.'
307. A fee of £3 3s from a Deputy Provincial Grand Master. To make the quarterage in London and the Provinces the same.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 23rd JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 25th JUNE.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australia Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
K.T. 128—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

46—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-rd., Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall

TUESDAY, 26th JUNE.

Stewards' Visit and Distribution of Prizes, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green
55—Constitutional, Radford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
259—Prince of Wales, Vine's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel Southwark
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shrewsbury Hotel, Hales Owen
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall Liverpool
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire

WEDNESDAY, 27th JUNE.

2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station [illegible] Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction [illegible] Railway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1283—Rybarn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 275—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
R.A. 1358—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 28th JUNE.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stargate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, Oatlands Park Hotel, Walton on Thames
51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborne Street Hull
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 29th JUNE.

Special Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 749—Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 223—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard

453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 212—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 30th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

Prov. G. Lodge of Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

A REGULAR meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, 13th June. Bros. Richard Dowsett W.M., E. J. Blackwell I.P.M., W. Ferguson P.M. acting S.W., J. H. Hawkes J.W., Ivey P.M. Secretary, Prickett S.D., Ravenscroft J.D., Hickie Org., Cordrey M.C., the Secretary acting as I.G., Hemmings Tyler. Bros. Slaughter, Whitfield, Sparrow, Greensway, Bennett, Brigham. Many others were expected, but just before commencing the business a heavy thunderstorm prevented several Officers, members, and visitors from attending. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. William Morris, of Barnsbury Park, London, who was declared to be approved. Mr. Oliver Egginton, approved at the last regular Lodge, was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The ceremony was admirably performed by the W.M., who also gave the charge in the first degree, *in extenso*. In the absence of the S.W., who was unavoidably abroad, on account of domestic illness, the I.P.M., in conformity with a notice of motion at the last regular Lodge, proposed, that the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge be applied to the assistance of the widow and children of a late brother, who were left in destitute circumstances; this was seconded by Bro. Ferguson, and carried unanimously. Bro. Stransom was re-nominated as Treasurer for the ensuing year. The W.M. explained the cause of his absence at the last meeting (he being Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls), and gave an interesting account of the internal working of that admirable Institution; at its close proposing that the ten guineas voted by the Lodge should be paid in the name of the Treasurer of the Lodge for the time being, and that the five guineas voted by the Prov. Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks should be paid in the name of the Secretary of the Lodge for the time being. This was agreed to. The forms of application to the Lodge of Benevolence for a grant to the widow of a brother were signed by the members present. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed according to antient form, and adjourned to the second Wednesday in October. We congratulate Bro. Dowsett upon the admirable working of the Lodge, both as regards himself and his Officers. The brethren retired for refreshment to the Ship Hotel, where an excellent cold collation was provided by Bro. Bailey, the toasts of the evening being the Initiate and the W.M., both of which were suitably responded to. The subject of a summer trip was fully discussed, and a committee formed to carry out the arrangements, there being on this occasion a desire to go to Virginia Water, but final arrangements will be made in the course of a week or ten days.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Brother Langdale's, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 16th inst.—Bros Ferrar W.M., Weeden S.W., Lone J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner acting Secretary, Lorkin S.D., Bleakley J.D., Manger I.G.; also Bros. Brasted, Marks, Crawley, &c. After all preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Brother Marks acting as candidate; the ceremony included the traditional history. Bro. Lorkin worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed to the first degree, when Bro. Lorkin worked the first section of that lecture, assisted by the brethren. Brother C. Weeden was appointed to preside at the next meeting. Brother C. Lorkin, the Treasurer of this Lodge of Instruction, will rehearse the ceremony of installation, on Saturday next, the 30th inst., that being the last meeting before the recess, which takes place during the months of July and August. Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Lodge opens at 8 punctually.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—Held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, S.E., on Friday, the 15th inst. Present—Bros. Sarjeant W.M., Johnson S.W. Jones J.W., Hooper S.D., Bate J.D., Hartley I.G., Poore Secretary, James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor; also Bros. Phillips, Bye jun., R. W. Pooler, Chapman, &c. Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, was resumed to the second, and Bro. Phillips, acting as candidate, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Bate delivering the charge of the degree. Lodge was duly closed down, and called off. Entry drill, in which the members join with much spirit, was practised, and the Lodge called on. Friday the 22nd, being the Preceptor's night, Bro. Stevens nominated Bro. Eldridge Johnson as W.M. The fifth Friday, the 29th inst., is the date appointed for rehearsal of the installation ceremony, Bro. Stevens, the Preceptor, officiates as Installing Master, and not the 22nd, as named in error in our last week's notice.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No 813.—One of the most successful meetings that has been held for some time past in connection with this Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at Bro. Langdale's, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road. Bro. P.M. Cusworth Preceptor occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Smith S.W., Western J.W., Stiles P.M. Acting Preceptor, A. Perl Treasurer, F. Perl Secretary, Delvalle S.D., Chubb J.D., Read I.G.; also Bros. Scales P.M., Barrett-Kidder P.M., E. Storr, Edmonds, Hawthorn, Wrighton, West, Sillis, Ager, Swersee, Leach, Knight, Scurrah, Ockelford, Manger, Langdale, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the previous minutes having been confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to work the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Edmonds acting as candidate. Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and afterwards resumed to the first. During the proceedings, the brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, paid a visit, and received a cordial greeting at the hands of the brethren and Preceptor of this Lodge. The sincere and kind feeling existing between the members of the two Lodges is demonstrated by the fact that several members co-operate in assisting the Secretaries to make the numbers as large as possible at these visits (this being a return visit paid by the brethren of the New Concord Lodge to the Metropolitan in April last), and by coming from distant parts, and at some personal inconvenience. Long may this brotherly love continue, and serve to strengthen that bond of affection existing in Masonry, if strength there need be. Several brethren were elected members, and Bro. Smith was appointed to fill the chair at the next meeting. Business being over, Lodge was adjourned in the customary manner until Wednesday, 27th June. The brethren afterwards spent a social hour, when well chosen recitations and songs enlivened the proceedings, Bro. P.M. Cusworth acting as President. Success to each Lodge was drank, as was also the health of the President. Bro. Barrett-Kidder, in proposing this toast, remarked, with Yankee twang, that he hoped the "Cus at the head of the table might always be a *Cus-worth* knowing." The brethren then dispersed, after a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693—On Monday, 19th inst., at the Canonbury Tavern, N. Bros. Dixie W.M., Marks S.W., Western J.W., Killick jun. Treasurer, Collingridge Sec., Brock S.D., Galer J.D., Trewinnard Preceptor, Wolf I.G. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gregory acting as candidate. Bro. Aynsley, being a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Aynsley acting as candidate. Lodge resumed to the first degree. Bro. Marks was elected W.M. for Monday next, 25th June.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL (TIME IMMEMORIAL).

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND THE COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITILH CROWN.

A MEETING of this Council was held at the Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion-square, on Saturday last, the 16th instant, when there were present Bros. Alfred Williams W.M., Robert Roy S.W., George Lambert J.W., D. M. Dewar Treasurer and Secretary, Rev. A. W. Hall Chaplain, Herbert Dicketts S.D., Robert Berridge I.G., R. L. Loveland Stewards; C. F. Matier D.G.M., James Inglis, E. Sweny, R. P. Spice, H. J. Parsons, James Pinder, F. W. Driver, A. F. Godson, W. Body Date, and others. Lodge opened in the Order of St. Laurence the Martyr, and that degree was conferred on Bros. A. Ferguson, John Livingston, M.D., Thomas Lamb Smith, W. Prince, and John Brittain. The degrees of Knight of Constantinople, Red Cross of Babylon, and High Priest, were afterwards conferred on the brethren entitled to receive them, the last degree being only granted to present and past Principals of the Holy Royal Arch. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Williams, and the brethren afterwards dined together at the Holborn Restaurant. The installation of Bro. Roy as W.M., and the Annual Festival of the Metropolitan Council, will be held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, 11th August.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS.—The impending demolition of the Charterhouse, and the laying-out of the site for building upon, was the subject of conversation at the last meeting for the season of the London and Middlesex Archæological Society, which has just been held, when Bro. George Lambert, F.S.A., read an interesting paper "On the Early History of the Founding of the Charterhouse." In the discussion which followed, in which several speakers took part, Bro. Walford, as an old Carthusian, observed that it was now in contemplation to remove the Hospital and the Poor Brethren to the same neighbourhood as the School at Godalming, and he thought he expressed the opinion of many of his old schoolfellows, who were neither Radicals nor Revolutionists, when he said that they would like to see the institution removed into the country, because, with all its associations, the Charterhouse was not the place it was a few years ago. What would be the fate of the building he did not know. The existing hall was substantially the same, under some disguise, as the hall of the monastery, and the chapel was not materially altered. The Governor's room remained just as the Norths and the Howards left it, whilst part of the old cloisters still remained, as well as the monks' kitchen. Bro. Lambert, at the close of the debate, said he had reason to believe that before long the Charterhouse would be removed, and the site, which was a very valuable one, situated in the midst of a very thickly-populated and busy neighbourhood, sold for building purposes. Report said that great alterations had of late taken place in connection with the Charterhouse, and that there were not so many Poor Brethren in residence there as formerly. If, however, the buildings were to be destroyed, he thought that the marvellous chimney-piece of the hall should at any rate be preserved. It was urged by some of the speakers that the old buildings should, if possible, be preserved, and turned to good account as they are. The annual City meeting of the society is to be held in Goldsmiths' Hall during the present month.

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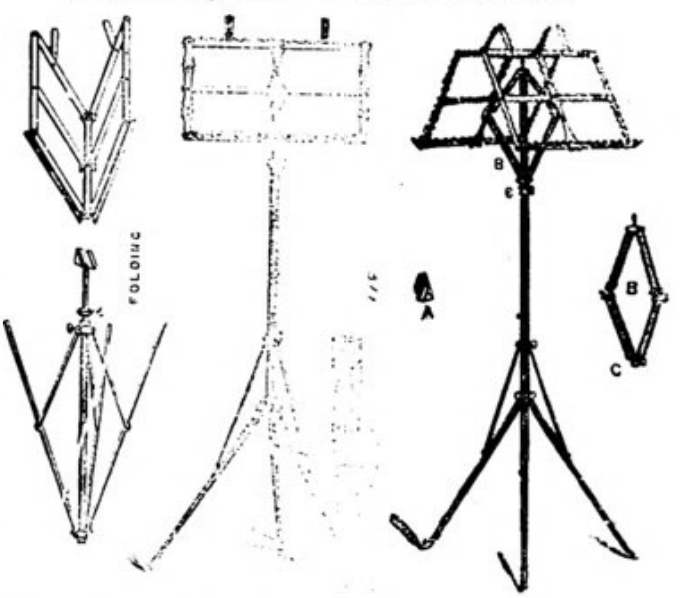

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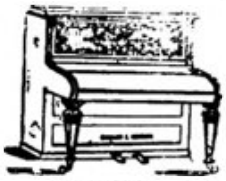

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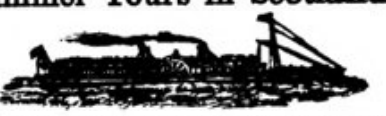

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THE RESULT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

SUCH considerable additions have been made to the total of this year's subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, since the details published in our last issue were supplied to us, that we are now able to announce that the result of the year's Festival is already within a few shillings of twenty-three thousand pounds, or, to be more exact, that the figures as given us at the Institution on Thursday afternoon total up to £22,977 13s 6d, an increase of £533 13s 6d as compared with the amount announced by the Secretary at the Festival, and this, too, with several lists yet outstanding. We shall not attempt any further laudatory remarks in reference to this grand result—the figures speak for themselves, and reflect the greatest credit on all who have contributed to this most satisfactory result.

London, which was accredited at the Festival with £7,273, does not come up to that amount. All we can make of the figures published in our last is £7,074 16s 6d, and to this only £28 9s has to be added, viz., £1 3s to the list of Bro. Charles Dearing, of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, and £27 6s as the total collected by Bro. A. W. Duret, of the Progress Lodge, No. 1768, whose list had not been received when we went to press last week. So far, then, London has contributed £7,103 5s 6d, with twelve lists to come in. This sum is less than one-third of the total subscriptions, and, we may add, includes the amounts contributed by brethren who figure under the head "unattached"—some of whom by right belong to the Provinces.

Among the Provinces, Kent is the first which deserves attention at our hands. Accredited at the Festival with donations amounting to £2,000, its total increased, according to last week's return, to £2,107 12s 6d within twenty-four hours of the announcement. Now it has still further advanced, and at the present time it is accredited with £2,305 15s 6d, a result which has been arrived at by additions to lists already announced, and by the arrival of lists which were outstanding when we wrote last week. The lists which are affected by these additions are as follow, and the figures given are those at which the totals now stand:—

	Lodge				
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Wellington	784	A F S Bird, J.P.	£	63	0 0
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Corinthian	1208	W A Smeeth	£	59	12 0
Amherst	1223	R Dartnell	£	15	15 0
		C J Craig	£	10	10 0
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Belvidere	503	G F Busbridge	£	10	10 0
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These figures are the latest totals known at the office of the Institution, but there is a doubt even now as to whether they are correct, if we may judge from a letter we have received from Bro. W. A. Smeeth, the Steward of No. 1208, and which we publish elsewhere. We last week gave Bro. Smeeth's total as £31 10s, and he states that amount "is considerably less than half the sum that he had the pleasure to announce at his Lodge meeting on the preceding Monday," so that the total now accredited to him—£59 12s—must still be short of the actual figures. We very much regret that Bro. Smeeth's collection should have been understated, and if we still give it wrong, we hope he will supply us with the proper figures before our next issue. So far we can only publish the amount as given in the official returns. These additions which have been made to the Kentish total places that Province far above any of the others at this year's Festival, the next in order of merit being East Lancashire, with its £2,100. It appears to us a great pity that the credit of heading the Provinces should have been lost to Kent by what must have been a want of care in making up the lists. In a Province like this, and especially under such circumstances as were associated with it this year, when its Grand Master took the chair, some influential brother should be appointed to keep a record of the totals of the several Stewards, and make up a final return for announcement. If such were done, it would greatly assist the Secretary of the Institution, and it would prevent errors which cannot be afterwards remedied, no matter how publicly they may be explained. The present is a case in point. East Lancashire was said to take the first place at the time of the Festival, and it was immediately announced far and wide that such was actually its position; whereas, Kent was entitled to the palm; it is now too late to alter the impression made by the first announcement, and East Lancashire will retain—at least in the minds of very many brethren—the credit of being at the top of the Provinces, so far as amount of donations is concerned.

Cheshire has added £8 8s to its last week's return, the totals from the two Stewards of Lodge No. 321 being £10 10s from each, instead of £12 12s, accredited to one of them in our last.

Cumberland and Westmoreland, at the hands of Bro. G. J. McKay, alters its £1,000 into 1,000 guineas, an increase of £50, and one which we congratulate the brethren on making.

Gloucestershire sends up a further £5 5s at the hands of Bro. J. Brook-Smith, who now figures for £15 15s, in lieu of £10 10s previously announced.

Hants and Isle of Wight total is augmented by a guinea, placed on the list of Bro. T. H. Williams, while it appears there is one of its lists yet to be accounted for.

Lancashire (West) sends up £10 10s by Bro. John Williams, and £31 10s by Bro. J. T. Callow (both of whose lists were left blank in our last), and thereby increases its total by £42.

Warwickshire—per Bro. H. Bowley, of Lodge No. 739—contributes £26 5s beyond the figures given last week, and has yet some of its Stewards whose lists are outstanding.

Yorkshire (North and East) adds £3 11s to its total, that additional sum having been collected by Bro. A. Buckle, B.A., of York Lodge, No. 236.

The above constitute the additions which have been made to the Provincial lists since the publication of our last issue, and these, together with the amounts therein given, bring up the total of Provincial subscriptions to £15,874 8s, as compared with £15,171 accredited to them at the time of the Festival—a very gratifying addition of £703 8s.

Before proceeding further, we must offer some explanation for an error which occurred in our last issue as regards our summary of the amounts of the Provincial totals. At the time we wrote the remarks we refer to we were without

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the official lists, and not wishing to trust to memory, we copied the figures from a daily contemporary whose weekly Masonic column is, we are aware, under the direction of a well-known brother. We copied the totals with the intention of verifying them before we went to press, but omitted to do so, and in the result suffered the worst penalty which can befall "copyists"—we gave incorrect information. We much regret the error, but if our readers will consider how short a time there is at disposal after the returns are made up before we have to print, they will, we are sure, excuse the mistake we were led into. The actual totals, up to the present time, are as follows:—

	£	s	d
Kent	2305	15	6
Lancashire (Eastern Division)	2100	0	0
Yorkshire (Western Division)	1500	0	0
Northumberland	1222	13	0
Cumberland and Westmoreland	1050	0	0
Yorkshire (North and East Division)	873	7	0
Gloucestershire	601	17	0
Staffordshire	460	9	0
Leicestershire and Rutland	405	0	0
Hampshire	375	5	6
Sussex	364	17	0
Somersetshire	357	10	6
South Wales (Western Division)	350	0	0
Lancashire (Western Division)	334	5	6
Worcestershire	328	6	0
Devonshire	317	6	0
Suffolk	265	13	0
Warwickshire	241	10	0
Derbyshire	238	17	0
South Wales (Eastern Division)	230	0	0
Mark Masters' Degree	218	8	0
Jersey	210	0	0
Berks and Bucks	178	14	6
Cheshire	173	5	0
Essex	158	11	0
Middlesex	141	17	6
Wiltshire	135	9	0
Cornwall	128	7	0
Durham	115	10	0
Hertfordshire	105	0	0
Dorsetshire	79	16	0
Foreign Stations	74	0	0
Oxfordshire	73	17	0
Surrey	68	15	0
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Norfolk	26	5	0
North Wales and Salop	10	10	0
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London	7,103	5	6
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We have devoted thus much of our space to a summary of last week's Festival result feeling assured that all who took a part in the raising of the money will agree with us that a correct return is desirable. We shall next week apply ourselves to the usual analysis of the several lists, and shall use these revised totals in doing so.

We have been requested to transfer from the list of "Unattached" Stewards the name of Bro. J. M. P. Montague, who represented the A. and A. Rite. His list will now be credited to the Province of Dorset.

Since the above was in type, we learn that Bro. H. J. Creamer, of Israel Lodge, No. 1474, Warwickshire, has sent up the sum of ten guineas. This also shall be taken into consideration by us.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire will be opened at York on Wednesday, 18th July, at 10 a.m., to co-operate with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the ceremony of laying the memorial stone of the new Institute, which is to be performed with Masonic honours. Bro. T. B. Whytehead is the Chairman of the Provincial Committee, and under his direction we feel sure everything possible will be done to ensure success. Brethren who propose to take part in the procession must be provided with tickets, which may be had (price 5s each) of Bro. M. E. Peck, the Provincial Grand Secretary.

Signor Ernest Palmieri announces his first Matinée Musicale (by permission of Messrs. Collard and Collard), at the Concert Rooms, 19 Grosvenor-street, Grosvenor-square, on the 5th July, when he will be assisted by some of the most eminent artistes of the day. Tickets 10s 6d each, can be obtained at 7 Uxbridge House, Notting Hill Gate, W.

A DAY AMONGST "THE BOYS."

CONTRARY to last year, when "Our Boys" were favoured with splendid weather for their annual summer Festival, Tuesday last turned out one of the most unfavourable days we have experienced in this proverbially "dripping" month of June. However, meteorological obstacles did not deter our brethren and their fair friends from attending in considerable numbers to participate in a *réunion* which has now come to be regarded as one of the most enjoyable of the season. It is then that friends meet, with a renewal of old acquaintanceships and the formation of new ones, and there is a happy sense of fraternity all round, and in every sense of the word. Stewards, who so proudly presented their lists last week, at the Crytal Palace, and helped to make up one of the most memorable years ever known in the cause of Masonic benevolence, were there in full strength, and in conscious satisfaction at having done their best. Their wives and sisters, and sweethearts—for, we presume, the rule applies in every social circle—evidently shared in the universal sense of duty, well fulfilled by the Craft in doing the boys a "good turn;" whilst Officers vied with the lads themselves in the endeavour to make the event a success, in spite of all that Jupiter Pluvius could do to mar it. As the trains arrived the Visitors filed down the somewhat muddy pathways of the village towards the School, with the skies overhead as murky and rain-laden as it is possible to conceive in mid-year; but once inside the commodious and hospitable precincts, all concern respecting the outer influences were immediately banished. The urbane and indefatigable Secretary, Brother Frederick Binckes, and the equally popular Head Master, the Rev. Dr. Morris, were here, there, and everywhere, receiving the Visitors, and assuring their personal comforts and enjoyment, in which task they were assisted by Bros. W. Raynham Stewart, J. L. Mather, and many other members of the House Committee. When the company had fully mustered, there could scarcely have been fewer than 800 ladies and gentlemen present, and a vast improvement was perceptible as a result of the determination of the executive to limit the number of invitations, as compared with previous years. Instead of issuing tickets for the admission of "bearer and friends," which often was construed in an unlimited sense, this year the invite was for one only; and the wisdom of the arrangement proved satisfactory to many who recollected the impetuosity with which those who ought to have known better made a rush for the commissariat department last year, even before the ceremony of distributing the prizes had been concluded. Instead of the Stewards and others who had borne the heat and burden of the Festival being elbowed out by the crowd, who had taken little part therein, all were able, with ease and comfort, to enjoy the hospitality of the House Committee, and in the place of hurry and confusion perfect order and convenience reigned supreme. The weather outside not being propitious, the proceedings in the gymnasium were vested with more than ordinary interest, although some little disappointment was experienced when it was announced that Viscount Holmesdale, who had so genially presided at the Festival, was unavoidably prevented from following the usual custom of the President on such occasions of distributing the prizes earned by the boys in the various educational competitions of the year. This regret was, however, in a great measure compensated for by the timely appearance of Bro. Horace B. Marshall, C.C., who, besides being a Vice Patron of the Institution, had the honour of being Hon. Treasurer of the Board of Stewards at the recent Festival. The interior of the gymnasium, when the fashionably-attired audience was seated, presented an aspect of the liveliest animation. The ceiling and pillars supporting the roof had been gaily decorated with flags and floral designs, whilst at the end of the hall a stage had been erected, with proscenium, wings and all the necessary accessories for a histrionic performance. On the platform were the most prominent members of the House Committee, with Bro. Binckes and the Head Master as central figures, surrounded by a perfect galaxy of feminine beauty. One of the lads (H. Fellowes) opened the programme with a song, "I am a Troubadour," one of C. W. Glover's happiest productions, and sang with much taste, after which the choir sang Weber's well-known glee, "The stars that above us are shining," in a manner that reflected the highest credit upon their musical instructor, Mr. C. E. Tinney, and afforded abundant evidence of the careful and efficient training imparted to them in this branch of the *curriculum* of the school. The musical arrangements were of the most complete and admirable character, and the lads acquitted themselves to the evident satisfaction of the audience. The Chairman having introduced the more "serious" business of the day with a few encouraging remarks to the boys, and congratulatory observations to the friends of the School, the happy recipients of the prizes presented by the Institution were called up by the head master, and each, as he took from the hands of Bro. Marshall his well-earned award, was also encouraged by a few kindly words to persevere in his future studies. The following was the order of merit:—

PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

First Class.—Scripture, 1st, R. W. Keddell; Latin, 1st, R. Warner; 2nd, F. Godfrey. French and German, 1st, E. Hair; 2nd A. Salter. English, 1st, E. G. Taylor. Mathematics, 1st, T. E. Hall; 2nd, W. G. Barnett. General Proficiency, 1st, W. J. Bartley; 2nd, G. Mey.

Second Class.—Latin, A. J. Laslett. French and German, R. P. Deeley. English, P. A. Gedge. Mathematics, W. H. Hothersall.

Third Class.—Latin, H. R. Hounslow. French and German, H. A. Kennedy. English, A. Haworth. Mathematics, J. C. Potts.

Fourth Class.—Latin, G. B. Brooks. French, A. G. Aspden. English, J. Langdon. Mathematics, F. R. Thomas.

Fifth Class.—Latin, F. W. Cairney and R. F. Reynolds. French, E. Lucas. English, S. D. Carey. Mathematics—W. T. Pike.

Sixth Class.—General Proficiency, G. Jones and W. J. Williams.

Seventh Class.—General Proficiency, C. P. O'Doherty, C. J. Sanderson, and J. P. Templeman.

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Following this part of the programme, the choir sang a couple of part songs, "Over the Hills we go" (Little), and "You Stole my Love" (W. Macfarren), which were admirably sustained, and all eyes were then directed to the "stage," whereon was enacted in capital style a farce by Thomas J. Williams, entitled *Tweedleton's Tail Coat*, throughout which a running fire of humour was kept up by the following cast:—

Toby Tweedleton . .	(A Poor Relation) .	F. F. Godfrey.
Blackberry Thistletop	(A Farmer's Son) .	E. Hair.
Mr. Barnaby Bracebutton	(A Retired Hosier) .	H. R. Watkins.
Mr. Pantechnicon Pantile	(Inventor of a Patent Screw Warming Pan)	R. W. Keddell.
Evelina . . .	(Bracebutton's Daughter)	H. B. Searle.
Kitty Spruce . .	(A Maid of All Work)	C. King.

The piece went with a swing and verve all through which would have done credit to more practised artistes, and testified to a considerable amount of histrionic ability in the lads who took part in the production. After a selection of music by the band, and the singing of T. Morris's Canadian boat song, and Sir A. Sullivan's, "The Chorister," by F. Cairney, Brother Binckes announced the names of the lads who had succeeded in carrying off the special prizes presented by the House Committee, who he stated were a dozen of the staunchest friends of the Institution; who were not only lavish in the amount of time and trouble in the work they devoted to the cause, but also in their pecuniary assistance when it could in any way conduce to the welfare of the Institution. This, by no means a merely complimentary allusion to the exertions of the House Committee, was received with genuine expressions of recognition, and the prizes were then awarded in accordance with the subjoined list:—

Writing, 1st, H. Nicholls; 2nd, F. Smith. Dictation, 1st, A. Salter; 2nd, J. Mackay. History, 1st, E. Hair; 2nd, T. Hall. Geography, 1st, F. W. Pow; 2nd, F. F. Godfrey. Mental Arithmetic, 1st, A. Salter; 2nd, R. Warner. Elocution, 1st, F. F. Godfrey; 2nd, R. W. Keddell. Good behaviour, 1st, H. J. Percy; 2nd, M. Thomas. Efficiency as Monitor, 1st, E. G. Taylor; 2nd, F. B. Searle. Proficiency in Drill, 1st, E. Hair; 2nd, F. W. Pow. The Band, 1st, H. N. Shrapnel and E. Jones; 2nd, A. Stevens and F. Smith.

The prizes offered by the Audit Committee, for the first time this year, were then given out, Brother Binckes intimating that they were designed to encourage the pupils in the art of music. R. Riley took the first, and E. Tibbits the second, amongst the competitors in the band, and J. Hurst the prize for excellence on the pianoforte. Then came the awards contributed by private donors, in the course of which the Secretary humorously, but truly, observed that although some amount of merriment might be occasioned by the lads coming forward in the grotesque costumes in which they had been acting, it went to prove that they were as apt in causing and enjoying amusement as in the acquirement of the more serious and useful studies of the School. The Rev. Dr. Morris, as Head Master and a Vice-President of the Institution, gave prizes for attention to studies and elocution, the former of which were taken by H. King and J. Hogg, and the latter by W. Garstin and H. R. Watkins. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, a Vice-Patron of the Institution, presented a prize for book-keeping, which H. J. Percy had the credit of securing. Bro. G. Festa, another zealous Vice-President, offered a prize for shorthand, which fell to E. Tibbits; and Bro. Mauriotti's premium for mathematical drawing was given to F. Smith. Mr. Sylvester, the Drawing Master at the Schools, gave prizes, which were awarded as follows:—Etching, H. Hamilton, F. Godfrey, and A. Gardner; freehand, C. Stone; model, H. J. Percy; and architecture, E. Tibbits. As a relief to the routine work before the meeting, the choir was then called upon for a couple of part songs, and Macfarren's "Summer Song," and "Come, Dorothy, Come" (Swabian Volkslied) were given with remarkable sweetness and precision: Candidates for the "big" prizes of the year were then called forward, and Edwin Hair was congratulated upon bearing away the silver medal for good conduct, an honour which it was intimated was founded long before the present Schools were instituted. The Canonbury Gold Medal, presented by the late Brother Edward Cox, to the boy who was most popular amongst his comrades, and by whom the fortunate possessor was elected, was this year gained by Hugh Robert Watkins, whose ears must have tingled pleasurably at the announcement by Brother Binckes that neither he nor the House Committee had ever heard a complaint about him. Next came the coveted silver watch and chain for the boy who was about to leave the Institution, and the pleasure of awarding this gift from the Supreme Council of the 33° was only marred by the unfortunate indisposition of Ernest J. W. Taylor, which prevented his personal attendance on an occasion which must have been of so much interest to him. There was a considerable amount of justifiable pride in Bro. Binckes's allusion to the results of the University Local Examinations, and although Brother Winn no longer puts in his wonted appearance at these gatherings, his name was recalled as a munificent friend of the Institution, who by the accumulation of donations, amounting in the aggregate to £525, has secured an annual sum of £23 to be divided amongst the lads most proficient in the local examinations. As a result of the efforts of the eighteen candidates who were sent up, all satisfied the examiners, and twelve passed in honours, the list being as follows:—

Honours—First Class.—£2 to each boy.—1. T. Hall (distinguished for mathematics); 2. A. Salter; 3. E. G. W. J. Taylor (distinguished for Latin); 4. R. J. Warner.

Honours—Second Class—£1 10s to each boy. 5. W. J. Bartley; 6. E. A. Browning; 7. F. F. Godfrey; 8. E. Hair; 9. J. E. Tanare; 10. H. R. Watkins.

Honours—Third Class—£1 to each boy.—11. G. R. Allison; 12. R. W. Keddell.

Certificates.—(satisfied the Examiners).—10s to each boy.—13. W. G. Barnett; 14. J. Butterworth; 15. W. P. Cooper; 16. R. Riley; 17. H. B. Searle; 18. F. Smith (distinguished for Latin).

The part songs, "Song to Spring" (Betzer), and "The Night Chimes" (C. E. Tinney) were then sung in excellent manner, after which Brother Binckes, in a few happily-chosen sentences, pointed out that the object of these annual celebrations was to enable the Festival Stewards practically to witness the advantages afforded by the Institution, and to carry away a right impression of what they had seen. By the efforts of the Stewards a large amount was annually got together for carrying on the work of the School, and he appealed to the rest of the visitors to enable those who took a useful and prominent part in the welfare of the Institution to give them precedence in the matter of refreshment, which on some previous occasions had not been observed. The Chairman next addressed the lads in his usually kind and practical way, counselling them to go "onward and upward" through life, and to those who had not succeeded this year he remarked that the race was not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong. He placed before them the fable of the tortoise and the hare, and pointed out that those who could not succeed by brilliancy might do so by toil and perseverance. The old story of Bruce and the spider was recalled, and the lads were reminded that if they had not yet commanded success they could do all they could to deserve it. To those who were about to quit the School, and who were going forth into the world big with good resolves, he said they might rise early and eat the bread of carefulness, but the workman might build the house in vain unless the Master blessed his labours. He exhorted them to honour the Lord with their substance, which they might well do by contributing half a guinea or so a year to the funds of the Institution, by which means they would in time become Vice Patrons. He was himself a poor boy forty years ago, but on the principle that he had given a proportion of that which had been entrusted to him by the Master, he now presented to them the experience of his life. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman, which Bro. Marshall duly acknowledged, and in turn asked a similar compliment for the Head Master, the Rev. Dr. Morris, and his staff of assistants. In doing so, he said the best proof of the value of the instruction imparted to the boys was the fact that eighteen of them had passed the University Local Examinations. The money liberally supplied by the Craft, and judiciously expended by the Stewards, was well applied in fitting boys for the battle of life upon which they were about to enter. Bro. Dr. Morris suitably responded, and Bro. Roebuck proposed a vote of thanks to their estimable and hard-working Secretary Bro. Binckes, whose labours had been crowned with such success that the unprecedented sum of between £22,000 and £23,000 had been raised in aid of the funds of the Boys' School. Bro. Binckes, who had been absent during the time so many deserved compliments had been showered upon him, acknowledged the assistance rendered by the brethren in achieving the result which he had the pleasure of announcing at last week's Festival, and spoke of the sense of responsibility felt by each and all of the Directors in promoting the best interests of the Institution. The successes won by the pupils were their best reward, and he believed they had not yet reached the summit of their achievements. The farce, *A Terrible Tinker*, from the pen of J. Williams, was then performed by the boys, who afforded hearty and genuine amusement by their clever and intelligent acting.

The part song "Amid the golden corn" (F. A. Hatton) was then sung, and after the National Anthem, the company adjourned to the dining-hall and school-room where a substantial collation awaited them, and to which it need hardly be added ample justice was done. Later in the evening a number of athletic sports took place in the field in rear of the School, and were witnessed with evident interest, albeit a few showers drove the visitors every now and then to the shelter of the schools and playground. Subjoined are the results:—

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—E. Tibbits 1; W. Healey 2.

100 Yards Flat Race.—E. Tibbits (scratch) 1; W. Healey (4 yards) 2. A good race, won by half a yard.

Long Jump.—H. Hamilton 1; E. Iles 2.

150 Yards, for Little Boys.—Booth 1; Marshall 2; Keighley 3. Won by two yards.

High Jump.—E. Tibbits 1; H. Hamilton 2. Height 4 ft. 2 in.

Jockey Race.—E. Hair 1; R. Keddell 2.

Quarter Mile Handicap.—H. Hamilton (4 yards) 1; W. Healey (4 yards) 2, E. Tibbits (scratch) 3. Won by a yard; half a yard between second and third.

Tug of War for Little Boys.—Unwin's team beat Blomfield's.

Tug of War for Elder Boys.—Pow's team beat Hair's; Hamilton's team beat Keddell's. Final.—Pow's team beat Hamilton's.

Half Mile Handicap.—E. Tibbits (scratch) 1, T. Allison (12 yards) 2, T. Dyer (12 yards) 3. A good race, Tibbits catching his men in the last fifty yards; two yards between second and third.

Sack Race.—Walker 1, Black 2.

Jingle Race.—Gibson 1, Symons 2.

Band Boy's Race.—Browning 1, Riley 2.

Hurdle Race.—H. Hamilton 1; W. Emmott 2; won by three yards.

Consolation Race.—Mackay 1, Stevens 2.

The prizes were afterwards distributed by Mrs. Edgar Bowyer, for whom hearty cheers were given by the lads, and repeated for the Head Master, Brother Binckes, the Chairman of the day, and other friends. It should be mentioned that Brother Festa, the present Worshipful Master of the Montague Guest Lodge, by his personal exertions succeeded in obtaining a substantial amount towards the prize fund for the sports, a kindness which met with due recognition and appreciation on the part of those who competed for the various events. As a fitting close to the entertainment there was dancing in the gymnasium, to the strains of the excellent band of the School, and the pleasures of the evening were kept up without rest until the last returning trains to town, when the guests were fain reluctantly to separate, having spent a throughly enjoyable afternoon.

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LODGE HISTORIES.

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History of the Lodge of Relief, No. 42, of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, Bury, Lancashire, warranted on the Third of July, 1733, giving a Complete List of Worshipful Masters and Roll of Members from its Formation, compiled by Bro. Edward A. Evans, J.W. of the Lodge, in Commemoration of its Sesqui-Centennial, July 3rd, 1883; together with an Introductory Notice by Bro. J. Newton P.M. 37, P. Prov. S.G. Deacon E.L. (Compiler of "History of Lodge of Antiquity, No. 146, &c."); and a List of "Moderns" Lodges in Lancashire prior to the Union in 1813, by Bro. G. P. Brockbank W.M. 37, P. Prov. S.G. Deacon E.L. (Compiler of "History of St. John's Lodge, No. 221, &c.") Bury: Printed at the Hope Office by Bro. O. C. Crompton, 1883.

The author of this Lodge History, though but a young Masoon evidently takes a deep interest in studying the earlier Masnic, Records. We arrive at the conclusion that Bro. Edward A. Evans is a young Mason from the fact that he is described as the Junior Warden of his Lodge, and we heartily congratulate him upon the interesting details he has placed before us. We have so often pressed upon Craftsmen the necessity and advantages to be gained by a careful perusal of the books in possession of many of our old Lodges, that it goes without saying we are pleased to enrol Bro. Evans amongst Masonic students, happily an energetic and increasing body. The anthor has secured the co-operation of two most enthusiastic Masons, in Bros. J. Newton, P.M. 37, and G. Parker Brockbank, W.M. of the same Lodge, both of whom have done good suit and service as Lodge Historians. Bro. Newton has written a most interesting introduction to Bro. Evans's book; we have, however, only space for a brief extract or two, but we cordially recommend our readers not to lose the opportunity thus offered them for acquiring a knowledge of the traditions of our Order. Speaking of the Bye-Lws of 1734, Bro. Newton says, "These are at once curious and interesting, it would seem that an additional fee was charged to a Brother on his being raised to the third degree. The same custom prevailed in 'The Anchor and Hope' Lodge, Bolton, and probably in other Lodges, also, at that period. The Byelaws of 1734, and subsequent Byelaws adopted by the Lodge, show that the Lodge partook of the nature of a Sick and Burial Society at the earlier portion of its existence, as evidenced by the provision made for payments of Sick and Funeral Allowances."

With regard to the present status of the Lodge, Bro. Newton says: "Relief occupies the position of *second oldest* Lodge in Lancashire, the *senior* being the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, and like that Lodge the Lodge of Relief has continued to meet in the town where it was originally constituted during the whole period of its existence, extending from 1733 to 1883, or 150 years, a fact of which its members may justly feel proud."

After referring to the establishment of a Royal Arch Chapter, by some of the members of the Lodge of Relief, in 1769, "three of whom attended the Anchor and Hope Lodge at Bolton, in January of that year, in order to have the R.A. degree conferred upon them," and recording that their Chapter is still in existence, Bro. Newton concludes his introductory remarks with the following well deserved expressions of praise:—"Bro. Evans has so carefully noted down the various points of interest worthy of being recorded, that I now leave his history to speak for itself, at the same time commending it not only to the attention of all the members of his Lodge, but also to the Craft in general, especially to the ever-increasing number of Masonic students. It is only by means of compilations of this kind that we can hope to see an authentic and complete account of our Institution."

Having thus dismissed the portion of work allotted to our respected Bro. Newton, we now come to Bro. Evans's labours. He has divided his book into six chapters, the first of which gives a copy of the Petition to the Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. Earl of Strathmore, praying that a Deputation may be granted to "our right Worshipful Bro. Mr. Edward Entwistle" for consolidating the petitioners into a regular Lodge. This document is signed by

Lau: Plant M.	Geore Leigh
John Hey S.W.	Rogr. Booth
Wm. Loe J.W.	Ed: Clark

Then follows a certificate of recommendation, which appears to have been signed by the first W.M. and Wardens of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, Bolton. This we quote in full:—"These are to Certify the Right Hon. the Earl of Strathmore Grand Master, Thos. Batson Esq. Deputy Grand, & James Smith & John Ward Esqrs. Grand Wardens, yr Brot. Lau: Plant John Hey &c. who are subscribers to the Petition are regularly made Masons thorowly as the Constitutions direct as Witness our Hands the sixth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord 1733.

Ed. Entwisle M.*
John Fishwick S.W.
Robt. Brown J.W."

In due course the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and, as a matter of course, the Warrant is fully set out in the pages of the History. It appears from a footnote that the "Warrant is 8¼ in. wide by 11½ in. long, and although it was not framed until 23rd April, 1818, is in an excellent state of preservation, the seal, although cracked, is otherwise perfect. The cost of framing the warrant was 2/3." With respect to this seal, it is stated to be "the official seal of the 'Moderns' Grand Lodge. The Shield contains the following *Emblems* or *Arms*,—a Chevron, charged with a pair of Compasses open chevronwise, between Three Towers embattled. *Crest*,—Upon the Helmet of Nobility, a Dove with wings close. *Supporters*,—Two Beavers. *Motto*,—'In the beginning was the Word,' expressed in Greek characters."

Bro. Hughan has remarked of this seal that "he never met with such an one before, and that it clearly refers to the third degree before the Royal Arch was adopted."

The Bye-laws are next dealt with by our author; those first made bear date St. John's Day 1734, and provide, in the preamble, that the brethren "meet at the House of Mr. John Hey's, being ye Sign of the Red Lyon, in Bury, in the County of Lancaster."

No. 1 stipulates that the brethren "hold a Quarterly Communication at the House of the sd John Hey's (viz.), upon the usuall Feast Days, or Times, of St. John the Evangelist, the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John Baptist, and St. Michaell the Arch Angell, by two o'clock in the afternoon of the same Days, unless any of the said Days happen to fall upon a Sunday, then upon the day following, upon pain of forfeiting twelve pence."

No. 2 provides for the holding of monthly meetings; Nos. 3 and 4 regulate the conduct of the brethren, while No. 5 provides for the enforcement of a rule which at the present day is too frequently disregarded. We quote it in full:—

"5.—That no Candidate shall be admitted a Member of this Society without giving the Notice the Constitutions direct, and at the time of admitting first pay, half a Guinea, and when he is admitted Master† pay farther the sum of Five Shillings and Three pence."

No. 6 stipulates that all the brethren present shall be consenting parties to the admission of a new member.

No. 7 regulates the fees to be paid: "Every Member of this Society at all and ev'ry the Quarterly Meetings aforenam'd shall pay the sum of twelve pence; wch said Sum of twelve pence, together with the Admissions, and Forfeitures shall be log'd in a Box for that purpose and an Acct. of 'em kept in this Book, in order to the raising a Stock for support and releive of decay'd Brothers and such other uses as the Lodge shall agree to."

No. 8 provides for the safe keeping of these forfeitures. No. 9 decides "That no Bror. be entitled to any of the aforesd Money till he has been a regular subscriber three years and paid all his forfeitures, nor even then unless he Absolutely want a weekly Allowance, which shall all ways be Appointed by a Majority of Brothers what shall be thought sufficient."

Nos. 10 and 11 provide means for the adjustment of any differences that may arise, and for the termination of the business hours of the Lodge.

Then follow the signatures of 55 brethren, a fact which clearly demonstrates that Freemasonry must have been popular in Bolton in 1734.

* We note a divergence in the spelling of this worthy brother's name; in the copy of petition there is a second "t," but in all other cases the name is spelt "Entwisle."

† This means when he was raised to the Third Degree."

(To be continued.)

THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

THE Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania opened its Thirtieth Annual Session at Foulton Opera House, on Tuesday evening, the 30th of May. The Session was opened by Grand Commander B. Frank Breneman, when the Eminent Commander of Lancaster Commandery tendered, on behalf of the Templars of Lancaster, a welcome to the members of the Grand Commandery, which was responded to by G. Senior Warden George S. Graham, in a very elegant and pleasing manner. The annual reports of the Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder were read and referred to appropriate Committees. There are fifty-six subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction, numbering at present 5,321 members; 643 were knighted during the year, while forty-five were admitted, eighty-five demitted, eighty-six died, and thirty-five rejected. The Grand Commandery consists of 754 members. The Treasurer's report exhibits the balance from 1882 as 1,302·56 dols. Receipts during the year 4,063·65 dols. The payments were 3,965·84 dols. The balance being 1,670.37 dols. and the assets of the Grand Commandery amounted to 2,270·37. Charters were granted for the establishment of Commanderies at Johnstown, Tunkhannock and New Castle. Erie was chosen for the place of meeting the Grand Commandery in 1884. The election of Officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Charles W. Batchelor, of Pittsburgh, R. E. Grand Commander, Edwin G. Martin, M.D., of Allentown, R.E. Deputy Grand Commander, Joseph Alexander jun. E.G. Generalissimo, G. S. Graham, of Philadelphia, E. Grand Captain General, John Hewitt, of Philadelphia, Grand Prelate, Lee S. Smith, of Allegheny City, Grand Senior Warden, W. W. Allen, of Philadelphia, Grand Junior Warden, Mark Richards Muckle, of Philadelphia, Grand Treasurer, Charles E. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, Grand Recorder. The following have been appointed subordinate Officers of the Grand Commandery:—W. C. Mellert, Pittsburgh, E.G. Standard Bearer, Frank Mills, Philadelphia, E.G. Sword Bearer, Benjamin Kauffman, Lebanon, E.G. Capt. of G., Edw. Masson, Philadelphia, E. Grand Marshal. The parade on Wednesday afternoon was one of the largest that has taken place in the State for many years. In the evening a reception and promenade concert took place in Fulton Opera House, which was a brilliant affair. An exhibition drill was given by St. Alban Commandery, No. 47, of Philadelphia, under the direction of Joseph S. Wright. It was a very creditable affair, highly complimentary to the Sir Knights of St. Alban.—*Columbia Weekly Courier.*

Holloway's Pills.—Health or Wealth. No sane person would hesitate an instant in the choice between these two conditions. Now is the season to secure the former either by restoring or confirming it. These Pills expel all impurities from the system which foul vapour and variable temperatures engender during summer; this medicine also acts most wholesomely upon the skin by disgorging the liver of its accumulated bile, and exciting the kidneys to more energetic action; it increases the appetite for food and strengthens the digestive process. The stomach and liver, with which most disorders originate, are fully under the control of these regenerative Pills, which act very kindly yet most efficiently on the tenderest bowels.

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CONSECRATION OF THE BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

ON the 20th instant, the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, M.P., paid his first official visit into the Masonic Province of Essex, since his installation by His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany at Colchester, in February last, the occasion being the Consecration of a new Lodge at Maldon, to be called the Blackwater, after the river upon which the borough stands, and numbered 1977 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England. As might naturally be supposed the event awakened a good deal of interest among the Masons of the Province, and there was a large gathering both of present and past Provincial Grand Officers and members of the Lodges. The Public Hall was set out as a Lodge-room, and, being decorated with flowers and bunting, had a very pretty appearance. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master arrived at Maldon by train at 1·33, and proceeded at once, in an open carriage, to the Public Hall, where Lodge was shortly afterwards opened by his lordship, the following brethren acting as Officers pro tem:—Bros. A. Buck I.P.M. 453 P.G.S.W. as S.W., Fred. Wood P.M. and Treasurer 1000 P.P.G.S.W. as J.W., Thomas J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 P.G. Sec. as Secretary, A. Lucking P.M. and Secretary 1000 P.G.D.C. as D.C., and J. F. Barratt I.P.M. 1000 P.G. Reg. as I.G. His lordship then proceeded to consecrate the Lodge in due Masonic form. In the course of the proceedings, the following Oration, on "The nature and principles of Freemasonry," was delivered by the acting Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. 697 P.P.G. Chaplain. The rev. Brother said:—

To do anything like justice to so copious a subject as that on which I have been requested to address you, viz., "The nature and principles of Freemasonry," would require a far longer time than the few minutes allotted to this oration. I will, therefore, only attempt to say a word or two concerning those three great principles on which our Order is founded, viz., Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. By the first we are reminded of that close and intimate relationship which subsists between us. There are various bonds of fraternal union existing in the world, but to us who are banded together by the mystic tye, those words of Moses, "Sirs, ye are brethren," seem to apply with especial force. And why so? Because we are brethren by bonds never to be broken—bonds into which we were not born; bonds into which we were neither entrapped, enticed, nor compelled to enter; bonds from which we might, even to the last moment before we entered, have easily escaped. If, therefore, as Masons, we do not act as brethren, we are surely amongst the worst of men. The relation, then, which we bear to one another, suggests to us the first great principle of our Order, and the duty it lays upon us, viz., that of Love—"Love as brethren." And how shall this love be shown? By gentle reproof in error by instruction of our Brother when he is in ignorance or difficulty; and by tender sympathy in sorrow and distress. In these particularly, amongst many other ways, may our love of the brethren be manifested. Prove yourselves, then, to be Masons in the best sense of Masonry, by the constant exercise of this exalted principle of humanity, this highly-finished jewel of Masonry—Brotherly Love. To the brother who is thoroughly imbued with this first great principle of Masonry, the practice of the second, viz., Relief, will have become a necessity of its existence. If he is rich, he will 'give plenteously"; if he has "little, he will do his diligence gladly to give of that little"; in either case regarding himself but as a steward, with a Master over him who will surely hereafter call upon him for an account of his stewardship. In short, he will ever bear in mind, and strive to act in accordance with, those words which are addressed to every Master when placed in the Chair of a Lodge—"So that when any one is said to be a Mason, the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrows, the distressed prefer their suit, whose heart is guided by justice, and whose hand is extended by benevolence." It may, perhaps, seem almost superfluous to add that if we, as Masons, are careful not to neglect the duties of Brotherly Love and Relief, we shall no less scrupulously endeavour to carry out the third great principle of our Order, *i.e.*, Truth. "Speak every man truth with his neighbour" ("or brother") will be our motto; and we shall not be content with a mere literal interpretation of the injunction, but shall strive to show our loyalty to the brethren, individually and collectively, by the straightforwardness of our conduct, as well as by the truthfulness of our words, remembering that "Actions speak louder than words." But, above all, we shall strive to act up to those five points of fellowship which we have solemnly sworn to observe. Now, to the members of this newly-constituted Lodge I would say—Suffer me to express the hope and belief that Wisdom has here builded her house. May all the choicest blessings of the G.A.O.T.U. rest upon you; with corn, and wine, and oil may He continually sustain you. May your Lodge ever stand firmly supported on the three great pillars of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. May every member of it, present and future, mount steadily upwards on the three grand rounds of our Masonic ladder—Faith, Hope, and Charity—ever practising here the noble principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, that so, when hereafter summoned from this sublunary sphere, they may ascend to that Grand Lodge above where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore.

At the conclusion of the Consecration, the installation of the first W.M., Bro. Thomas Eustace P.M. and Treasurer 697 P.P.G.S.B., took place, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. A. Lucking P.M. and Secretary 1000 P.G.D.C. The following were appointed and invested as the first Officers:—Bros. Thomas Rix P.M. and Sec. 697 P.P.G.S.B. acting I.P.M., Alfred Richardson S.W., Robert Smith J.W., Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. 697 P.P.G.C. Chaplain, J. H. Alliston Treasurer, George A. Eustace W.M. 697 Secretary, Samuel H. Ellis S.D., Samuel Shawyer J.D., R. Clowes W.M. 650 M.C., Edmund Gowers Organist 1024 P.P.G.O. Organist, William Strutt I.G., Edward Pairman Tyler, D. J. Wright I.P.M. 1024 P.G.P. and Hodson Stewards. The business of the day being over, the newly-installed W.M. proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, M.P., for his kindness in attending to-day and performing the ceremony of consecration. Bro. Eustace remarked that the brethren of the new Lodge esteemed it a very high honour that his lordship had come amongst them, more especially as it was his lordship's first visit to the Province since his Installation. The brethren trusted that his Lordship would allow them to enrol his name as an hon. member of the Lodge. The motion was seconded by Bro. Richardson S.W., and carried by acclamation. The R.W. P.G.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception they had given him. Having been appointed to preside over the Province, he felt it a duty to be present on so important and interesting an occasion, and at the same time it had been a great pleasure. They were good enough, a short time ago, to assemble in such large numbers, and to give him such a cordial welcome on his introduction to the Province at Colchester, some time back—and he recognised many faces around him which he saw on that occasion—that he felt that any little inconvenience to which he might be put in endeavouring to carry out his duties was but a small return for the great kindness he had received. His Lordship congratulated the brethren of the new Lodge upon the auspicious inauguration they had had, and also the W.M. upon being placed in the high position of first W. Master. He understood that this was not the first time that Bro Eustace had presided over a Lodge, and he (Lord Brooke) trusted that under his rule, and those who might succeed him, the Blackwater Lodge would become one of the most influential in the Province. His Lordship then remarked that he thought this would be an opportune time for him to announce that he proposed to hold a Provincial Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 1st of August, and carrying out the intentions of their late respected P.G.M., it would be held in the Borough of Harwich. His Lordship concluded by again thanking the brethren for the cordial welcome they had given him, and resumed his seat amid much applause. Votes of thanks were then passed to the P.G. Officers who had assisted in carrying out the arrangements of the day; to Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate, for his excellent oration, and to Bro. Clowes for his handsome present of the Lodge banner. This banner, it should be stated, is a most beautiful specimen of needlework. It is of sky-blue silk, and in the centre is the arms of the Borough in heraldic colours, with the name and number of the Lodge worked beneath; while at the four corners are various Masonic emblems in silver thread, the whole being edged with fringe and mounted on a handsome stand. The banner, which was greatly admired, is the work of Miss Florence Chaplain Hast, Bro. Clowes's sister-in-law. The musical portions of the ceremony were ably rendered by Bros. John J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., C. Osmond W.M. elect 51 P.P.G.O., Edmund Gowers J.W. designate and Org. 1024 P.P.G.O., and A. B. Sparling J.D. 697. The same brethren also kindly sang various selections between the toasts at the festive board, in which they were assisted by Bros. J. P. Lewin, F. Bird and A. F. Amos. At 4.30 between 90 and 100 brethren dined at the Blue Boar Hotel, a very excellent repast being served by Mrs. Hickford, the hostess. The usual Masonic toasts were given on removal of the cloth. In responding for the toast of his health, the R.W. P.G.M. repeated that he was most gratified with the kind reception they had given him, and expressed a hope that he should be able to come often amongst the brethren of his Province. His Lordship spoke highly of the work which had been done in the Lodge by the various brethren who had taken part in it, and said he certainly had never seen better performed anywhere. His Lordship proposed the health of the new W.M., and wished him a prosperous and happy year of office, and again expressed a hope that the Lodge would become an influential one in the Province. His Lordship and most of the Visitors left Maldon by the 6.57 train. The whole proceedings passed off most successfully, and all concerned are to be congratulated upon the happy inauguration of the Blackwater Lodge. Among the brethren present during the day, besides those already mentioned, were:—Bros. J. Nunn P.G.S.B. England, Andrew Durrant P.M. and Treasurer 276 P.G. Treasurer, the Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. 276 P.P.G.C., H E. Dehane W.M. 1543 P.G S.D., George Corble P.M. and Secretary 453 P.P.G.J.W., Frederick Wood P.M. and Treasurer 1000 P.P.G.S.W., F. George Green P.M. and Secretary 1024 P.P.G.S.W., W. Humphreys P.M. 1024 P.P.G.S.W., Edward Humphreys P.M. 1024 P.P. Grand Registrar, H. J. Sansom P.P.G.J.D., D. M. B. Wheeler P.M. 275 P.P.G.J.W., J. P. Lewin P.M. 276 P.P.G.S. of Works, J. F. Barrett P.M. 1000 P.G. Registrar, D. J. Wright P.M. 1024 P.G.P., E. Shedd I.P.M. 276 P.G.S., W. Bloom W.M. 1799, F. Bird W.M. 1024, J. J. Cavill W.M. 1312, A. Pertwee W.M. 433, C. Floyd W.M. 1867, W. C. Bell P.M. 1024, H. Darken P.M. 51, F. Quilter 51, Morgan Jones 697, H. J. Everett 697, W. G. Siggers 697, L. F. Manley 697, J. T. Bailey 697, A. F. Amos 697, J. G. Renshaw 697, Clarke Abbott 697, A. Ward 697, C. Frost 697, J. Howe 697, R. Helsham, M.D., S.W. 1813, A. O. Stopes 51, T. Elsey Bland 1024, J. Taylor jun. J.W. 1817, C. S Blyth 1024, R. A. Francis 1024, E. J. Barstall 697, F. C. B. Christie 1024, W. H. de Cean 1024, F. D. Grayson W.M. Elect 160, C. H. Parker 1024, John Huntley 1312, J. R. Jarvis 276, H. Harper P.M. and Sec. 160, &c., &c. Letters of apology for their inability to attend were received from the W.D.P.G.M. (Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.), W. Bro. Colonel Somerville Burney P.M. 697 P.G.D., V.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke G. Sec., W. Bro. E. B. Florence P.M. 214 P.G.J.W., W. Bro. J. C. Earle W.M. 214, &c., &c.—*Essex Standard.*

We are told that during the four days of the Handel Festival there were over 80,000 persons present at the Crystal Palace. The police arrangements were under the direction of Brother Superintendent Butt, who had an efficient body of men under him. Every thing went off satisfactorily, and Brother Butt was deservedly complimented by the chairman of the company, Mr. Mc'George.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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EVENING STAR LODGE, No. 1719.

THE installation meeting of this successful Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 26th inst., when the brethren were presided over Brother James Glaisher W.M., Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C. S.W., Arthur Mead S.D. as J.W., J. Manwaring J.D., Edward Hide as I.G. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. John Sampson Peirce P.G.D. No. 2, S. Spencer late 662, C. W. Davis 1216, H. A. Dixie 1216, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211, F. J. Cisneros Lodge of Light, Cuba, H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, J. L. Anderson 206 and 554, D. W. Pentecost P.M. 231, H. J. Levett 452, Aubrey M. Ohren 452, E. W. Linging 1563, T. M. Paget P.M. 829, H. B. Chamberlain 1364, F. H. Duffield 619, A. W. Cooper 619, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, A. Richards P.M. 216, Cranch 1669, Robert Harris 25, C. M. Ohren W.M. 452, Henry J. Datton 1706, &c. Lodge was formally opened at 4.30 o'clock, when the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Several communications were noted, one from Mrs. J. W. Sugg, wife of the J.W., who stated that though her husband's state of health had improved, he was yet unable to be present at Lodge, and intimating that for a few weeks, at least, Brother Sugg would continue to reside at Brighton. The W.M. having expressed a fervent hope that their esteemed brother would be able to attend at the next meeting, a letter was announced from Mrs. Duff-Filer, in reply to the letter of condolence sent by the Lodge on the death of her husband, who was the first W.M. of the Evening Star Lodge. The report of the Standing Committee was received and adopted. This showed a balance in favour of the Lodge of £110 14s 5d. It was stated that the Lodge property was fully insured, and that a balance stood to the credit of Benevolent Fund of £12 11s 4d. The proposed new Bye-Laws, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge, were agreed to; and reference was made to the munificent contributions to the lists of the Stewards representing the Lodge at the respective Festivals of the Girls' and Boys' Schools, by Bro. W. Winn, who had given 100 guineas to each of the scholastic Institutions. This enabled Brother Dr. Porter, who acted for the Girls, to take up a list of £146 odd, while Brother Ferrand Davies, who served for the Boys, took up a little over £150. Brother Glaisher explained the reason why the Lodge thought it advisable to change the date of its meetings, which in future will be held in the months of February, May, October, and November, instead of the four consecutive months hitherto the rule. The installation of Brother Magnus Ohren Past Grand A.D.C. as Worshipful Master was then proceeded with, Brother Glaisher ably conducting the ceremony. The Officers were appointed as follows:—Bros. J. W. Sugg S.W., Arthur Mead J.W., James Glaisher P.M. Treasurer, W. Sugg P.M. Secretary, Joseph Manwaring S.D., E. Hide J.D., Joseph Francis Porter I.G., Ferraud Davies and T. H. Martin Stewards, and C. T. Speight Tyler. On the motion of Brother Thomas A. Greene P.M., a P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. James Glaisher, as a mark of respect from the members. At the same time Bro. Glaisher was complimented for the zeal he had displayed in his conduct of Lodge business. This having been suitably acknowledged, a proposition for a joining member was handed in, and shortly afterwards Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in the Crown Room of Freemasons' Tavern, and in due course the toast list was proceeded with. In proposing the health of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past, the W.M. said that the Craft at large were indebted both to the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom, who took a lively interest in Masonic affairs. Most particularly were they indebted to Lord Carnarvon, who frequently presided in Grand Lodge, and on these occasions the business was disposed of with the least delay. Lord Lathom was not so frequently seen in Grand Lodge, but he came whenever his engagements would permit of his so doing; he also took a great interest in Masonry. Of the other Grand Officers he would not speak. Those who went to Grand Lodge knew that only capable men were appointed to office, and that all of them endeavoured to perform their duties with zeal and regularity. Bro J. Sampson Peirce, in replying, referred to the fact that both the W.M. and Bro. Glaisher were Grand Officers, as well as himself, and regretted that Bro. Glaisher's name had not been associated with the toast. It was well known that the M.W. the Grand Master exercised the greatest care in the selection of Officers, so much so that the honour attaching to the holding of Grand Office had been greatly enhanced under his wise rule. He (Bro. Peirce) fully appreciated the honour of having to respond for Grand Officers. It gave the Pro Grand Master a great amount of pleasure to associate himself with the affairs of the Craft. He was frequently at Grand Lodge, and it must be very gratifying to him to be always accorded, as he was, such a hearty reception. With respect to the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, he, too, was immensely popular, not only with Master Masons, but with the more advanced Degrees with which he most zealously associated himself. As regards the rest of the Grand Officers, they were well known and earnest Masons, who all endeavoured to do their duty, to the best of their ability; they were at all times very happy to come amongst the brethren, and watched with pleasure the progress of the various Lodges. In conclusion, he assured his audience that the Grand Officers might be relied upon to do their best in discharging their duties; he thanked the brethren very heartily for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. Brother Glaisher I.P.M. said that there was a very pleasant duty which he had to perform, the privilege of performing which attached to the honourable position of I.P.M., which he, for the first time in that Lodge, held that evening. The toast he had to propose was the health of the W.M., whom he had known for a quarter of a century. He had always found Brother Magnus Ohren a sterling man, in every sense of the word; he asked them, therefore, with pleasure and confidence to drink a bumper to the good health of their newly-installed W.M. Brother Ohren in replying said, that to a man who was not a trained orator it was one of the most difficult tasks he could be called upon to perform to reply to a toast personal to himself. Bro. Glaisher had referred to the length of their acquaintance; he took to himself the credit of being the Masonic father of Brother Glaisher. Some twenty-five years since they were up in a balloon together, and Bro. Glaisher while in the clouds expressed his desire to know more of Freemasonry, stating he was well inclined towards the Order. He (Brother Ohren) seized the opportunity, and was eventually induced to propose him as a member of the Craft. It came about, in due course, that both were in office in the same Lodge, Bro. Glaisher, however, showed superiority in regard to memory. He (Brother Ohren) felt some diffidence in going forward, and urged on Brother Glaisher to precede him; it was ultimately agreed that he should follow Brother Glaisher, and in these relative positions he and his friend Brother Glaisher had passed the chairs of three Lodges together, and this was the third time that Brother Glaisher had installed him. He returned them his best thanks for the kind and cordial manner in which they had received the toast. The next toast was the Past Masters of the Evening Star Lodge. Brother Glaisher was not in good health and had been obliged to leave early; indeed, he would not have been present at all if it had not been for the purpose of placing his successor in the chair that day. Bro. Greene had been kind enough to undertake the Senior Warden's duty in the absence of Bro. J. W. Sugg who was unfortunately confined to the house by illness. The P.M.'s of the Lodge had always shown themselves willing to assist the W.M. in his work, and he was sure that those who were absent would have been present if circumstances had not prevented them; in fact letters had been received to that effect. The brethren present would agree that no man should neglect his official duties to attend to Masonry. He would say no more upon this toast, but would ask Brother Greene to respond. Bro. Greene thanked the W.M. and brethren. He considered that every Past Master ought to be able and willing to accept any office, from Inner Guard to Installing Officer. If every Officer and member of the Lodge would lay it to heart that he ought to do his duty in every branch of Masonry, then the Evening Star Lodge would be second to none in the working of the Ritual. They had begun upon a good model—that of the Emulation Lodge. If the Ritual was as well carried out in the Evening Star Lodge as it was in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement it would be second to none. With the toast of the Visitors was coupled the names of Bros. Alfred Richards and Cisneros, who acknowledged the compliment, and assured the W.M. and brethren the visitors fully appreciated the hospitality shown them. Bro. Meade replied for the Wardens and other Officers, and Prosperity to the Masonic Charities gave an opportunity to Bros. Dr. Porter and Ferraud Davies to say a word or two. The Lodge on every occasion had sent up a Steward. It was the ambition of the Evening Star Lodge to be a V.P. of all the Charities, and, so long as there was a willing brother found to come forward to assist them with a Stewardship, he hoped they would always be able to send something from the funds of the Lodge. Bros. Dr. Porter and Ferrand Davies replied; each spoke of the great sympathy they had with the Charities. Both of them stated that upon taking Stewardships they had applied to Brother Winn, who was so liberal a supporter of the Charities. Brother Winn generously and at once promised one hundred guineas to each of them. The Tyler shortly afterwards gave the closing toast. This enabled those brethren who had trains to catch to get away at an early hour. Those, however, who could spare time, were well repaid for staying. The musical ability of those present was much exercised; and good songs and recitations followed in quick succession. Bros. Charles and Aubrey Ohren, sons of the W.M., exerted themselves most satisfactorily; while two recitations, given by Bro. Harold J. Levett, were most artistically rendered. Brother Henry J. Datton was a ready accompanyist at the pianoforte. Bros. R. A. Cranch and Linging also were successful in their efforts to entertain. Taken altogether, we scarcely recollect spending a more pleasant evening. The menu card was enriched by a splendid photograph of the W.M. by Fradelle, of 216 Regent-street.

ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE, No. 1541.

THIS Lodge met on Saturday last, at its new home, the Imperial, Holborn Viaduct. The business of the evening being the installing of Bro. H. Gush as W.M. for the ensuing year; the work was most ably performed by the retiring Master Brother W. Denison. The newly installed W.M. then invested his Officers—Bros. R. J. Ward S.W., J. Ward J.W., W. Denison I.P.M., Larchin Treasurer, J. R. Stacey P.M. Secretary, Fitch S.D., Manton J.D., Kearney I.G. A splendid Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. The brethren, after labour, partook of a most recherché banquet, which had been provided by Brother Begbie, the indefatigable manager of the Imperial Hotel.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 22nd inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., H. E. Tucker S.W., Gomm J.W., F. Botley S.D., A. Turner J.D., Sperring I.G., Andrews P.M. Preceptor, Maton, Blasby, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation and calling the Lodge off and on. After routine work Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY.

FREEMASONS punctuate the Masonic year by the observance of two Festivals—St. John the Baptist's and St. John the Evangelist's Days. We are upon the eve of the former, and many bodies of the Craft are preparing to celebrate it with becoming spirit. In Pennsylvania we shall witness nothing akin to the great gathering of one year ago, when all of the Lodges of Pennsylvania united in commemorating, in Philadelphia, the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary of the first meeting of the Grand Lodge, and first election of a Grand Master and other Grand Officers in this jurisdiction. The rejoicings of that day may not be duplicated in their enthusiastic character for a number of years to come, but the brethren will always keep in memory the first St. John, and in spirit, if not by formal act, evince the power of the virtues he exemplified over their lives.

The Grand Lodge of England was "revived" on St. John the Baptist's Day, 1717, just one hundred and sixty-six years ago. Prior to that, for an unknown period, the subordinate Lodges of England and Scotland—such as the Lodge of Antiquity (St. Paul's Lodge), in London, and the Lodge of Edinburgh, and Mother Lodge Kilwinning, Scotland, each was sovereign and independent; but in 1717, in England, and a little later in Scotland, the individual Lodges respectively united in forming a Grand Lodge, yielding their sovereignty, and reviving the annual assemblies or communications of the Craft. That the brethren in the early part of the seventeenth century highly esteemed St. John the Baptist's Day, is proved by the fact of the famous gathering on that Festival of the Fraternity at the Apple Tree Tavern, London; and we cannot do better than imitate their example by frequently, if not statedly, holding a proper Masonic celebration on this natal day of the revived Grand Lodge.

Among our country Lodges, and especially in the South and West, this St. John's Day is the most popular festival of the year. It occurs at such a charming season, when the air is redolent with the aroma of flowers, the days are longest, the sun shines brightest, all nature is freshest and fairest, and human nature is readiest to join in a festal celebration. The Grand Architect of the Universe Himself has indicated this season, and especially St. John's Day, when the season is at its height, as the time of times for holding a festal celebration. Masonry could possibly select no better one.

We are not among those who deduce the genealogy of the Craft directly, by lineal descent, from the Baptist. He may have been a Mason. We cannot say. Certainly the "voice of one crying in the wilderness" was a "voice of Masonry," and for aught we know, the Baptist may have frequented "a Lodge in some vast wilderness." Right well we know he was a Standard Bearer of Truth, and that his brotherly love knew no bounds. If he was not a Mason, he ought to have been one. He was a Mason at heart and in life, and by observing his "day" we may pay a tribute to the general Masonic character of his life. At all events he was a pleasing type of Masonry, which exists in the wilderness of the world as the depository of truths which the world must accept and practise, before it can be what the Grand Architect of the Universe designed it to be.

Ancient Craft Masonry has often been called "St. John's Masonry." It is a name we may be proud of, for St. John's is as good, if not as ancient a name as King Solomon's. Both of these ancients were good men and true in fact, if not in Masonry.

John signifies *God-sent*. Is it too much to say that Masonry is God-sent, and basks under the smile of the Almighty? Does He not approve our heaven-born Charity, our open Bible, our holy Altar, our stately Masonic Temples dedicated to His Name, and our public Masonic Homes for the aged, the indigent and the orphan? Are not Faith, Hope, and Charity, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, God-sent?

Let us never yield to the zealotry of brethren of one idea. In France they have emasculated the Faith of Masonry by cutting off from it an acknowledgment of the existence and beneficence of the Grand Architect of the Universe, the "I am that I am," the Great First Cause; and they have in like manner emasculated the constitution of the Craft by cutting off from its faculty of power the head—the Grand Master, and substituting a fractional President. Some also would have us drop both the St. Johns. Never, while Masonry is Masonry. Rather let us drop the brother or brethren who insanely strike at the landmarks of the Craft, the usages and customs of Freemasonry. Freemasonry above all is cosmopolitan. It cannot be sectarian. It would be sectarian if it should drop the St. Johns, just as it would be atheistic to ignore the great "I am." Oh! the littleness of little men, who would level a great Fraternity to the deep, low, dark valley of their own puny understandings. Let us land rather that comprehensive catholicity which embraces the higher and better thoughts of all the higher and better thinkers; that knows no religious creed in Masonry; that loves it for its elastic character; that exemplifies in practice as well as teaches its virtues; and that upholds it in its purity, its simplicity, and its integrity.—*Keystone.*

Two Provincial Grand Lodge Meetings of the Mark degree are appointed for next week, that of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight taking place at Sandown (Isle of Wight) on Monday, and that of Middlesex and Surrey at Richmond on Saturday. The former will take place at 4 o'clock, previous to which the William Hickman Lodge will be consecrated, and we hope several additions made to the role of Mark Masters. The latter, that of Middlesex and Surrey, will commence at 5 o'clock. The work to be transacted in both is that usual at these annual gatherings. A banquet will follow in each case.

RETURNED PRODIGALS.

ONE of the healthiest of Masonic signs in the State of New York, we hold, is the return of the wanderer. From an examination of the record, we are informed by the Grand Secretary that the number of affiliates through the State has been large and increasing. The story of the Prodigal Son and his return come to mind. Non-affiliation is the bane of Freemasonry, and we believe this to be admitted by all the Masonic press, and its cause and effect have been discussed and dwelt upon without stint. Its causes have been numerous, and its effect quite disastrous. By some excellent judges it has been calculated that New York State has within its territorial limits 120,000 Masons; on its rolls less than 80,000, and the balance one-third of the entire number, floating, drifting here and there, without any interest in the Fraternity on the part of many of them, yet only needing direction and the kindly influences of our Institution to again bring them within the fold.

We believe the past Masonic year will be found to have been one of great prosperity; that Masonic thought has been diffused more widely and intelligently among available material for the Temple; that this awakening has naturally reached those who once were with the Brotherhood, hastily and from causes just or imagined, allowed themselves to drop away from our registry, and that as well it has reached those who having had but an indifferent Masonic education (in reality, those who never saw the true light) listlessly, as the Hibernian would say, "dropped that which they never had." These men, our Grand Secretary says, are beginning to awake and to realise their position and surroundings, and to knock at our doors for re-enrollment.

So important do we look upon this matter that we would be gratified to see the price of affiliation in all our Lodges fixed at some nominal sum; then let the members exercise their best judgment in proposing applicants for affiliation and in the use of the ballot in staying undesirable or inharmonious elements from becoming members of the Lodge family.

Now, anent this subject, and relative to the practice of Lodges in different States, the *Dispatch* has an article, from which we extract as follows:—

"It will be remembered that our statutes allow a Lodge, by adopting a Bye-law to that effect, to provide a penalty for non-payment of dues, 'which penalty *shall* be unaffiliation.' Now, it happened that a member of a Lodge in New York was disciplined in the way and manner 'herein provided,' and after a time removed permanently to another jurisdiction, where he affiliated. When the Lodge at this end of the line heard of the fact, it made a vigorous attempt to apply our local laws, and demanded reparation. The jurisdiction at the other end calmly replied, 'You have declared this brother unaffiliated, and when he removed his residence to another place your jurisdiction over him ceased. If he owes you anything, you have a right to collect it; but we, finding him worthy, have exercised our right by making him a member of our Lodge.'

"This transaction illustrates in an eminent degree the fallacy of the general supposition that our laws apply in other places beyond the State of New York. Of course, a brother disciplined in a Lodge in this State could not join any other in this jurisdiction until he had cleared the old score; but when he passes the border of our State lines his admission or refusal must depend on other conditions than our local regulations, and it will be well for us when we come to understand that our laws have no general acceptation, the exceptions—which only prove the rule—being in States where laws similar to our own prevail. * * * * In some States consent to receive the petition of a rejected candidate can only be given to another Lodge by a unanimous vote. New York, fortunately, is on the right side of this question, because only requiring a majority, and this, we take it, that in the experience of the brethren, it is generally, or at least in the majority of cases, found that the rejection is due to some personal reason apart from the governing principles of the Fraternity, and that such feeling should not be allowed a wider range than is to be found in one Lodge, or, in other words, that allowing one man to follow another with his vindictiveness around the world is neither just nor Masonic. Please consider."

We have no reason to believe that our States have a less number of non-affiliates in proportion to those of New York. Counting our strength at a close calculation of 600,000 men in the States there would be proportionately an army of 200,000 wanderers or negative Masons. There is no just reason why that number should be 100,000. The admitted main cause is the non-payment of dues, while another is the lack of a proper discharge of the duties of the Officers of Lodges.

There should be more rejoicing over one affiliate returning to the household than over three initiates, one of whom, in carrying out the proposition, is bound to become a non-affiliate.—*Hebrew Leader.*

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held to-day, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, under the presidency of R.W. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G. Master. Lodge will be opened at 3 p.m., and after the transaction of formal business, the election of Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the appointment of other Officers, will take place. Notice of motion has been given by the Provincial Grand Master, that he will propose the granting of ten guineas to each of the three Masonic Institutions, and we doubt not the proposal will be agreed to. A banquet follows, at 5 o'clock, tickets for which (one guinea each) may be obtained of the Provincial Grand Stewards.

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GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS
OF
THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

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At Four o'Clock p.m.

On MONDAY, the 2nd day of JULY 1883,

For the transaction of Provincial business.

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The attendance of Visiting Brethren is particularly invited.

By command of the M.W. Grand Mark Master,

GEO. J. TILLING P.M. 63,
Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

Southampton, 11th June 1883.

N.B.—The William Hickman Lodge will be constituted at St. George's Hall, Sandown, immediately before the holding of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The ceremony will commence at three o'clock precisely.

PROVINCIAL
GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS
OF
MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The R.W. Bro. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Prov. G. Master.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey, will be holden at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Saturday, 7th July 1883, when all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Acting Wardens of Lodges in the Province, are hereby *summoned* to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock.

By command of the R.W. P.G.M.M.,
Wm. G. BRIGHTEN P.M. &c.
Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

4 Bishopsgate Street Without, E.C.
13th June 1883.

Banquet at 6.30 o'clock. Tickets One Pound each, including Wine.

Brethren intending to be present should notify their intention to the Provincial Grand Mark Secretary on or before Tuesday, the 3rd July.

THE VISIT OF THE GRAND MASTER TO YORK.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES will lay the Memorial Stone of the New Institute, with Masonic honours, at York, on Wednesday morning, 18th July.

Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire will be opened at 10 a.m.

All Masons who propose taking part in the procession **must be provided with tickets, as otherwise they cannot be admitted into the enclosure,** and no exception can be made.

Tickets, 5s each. Applications for tickets must be made to M. C. PECK, 2 Albany Terrace, Hull, (Provincial Grand Secretary), and be accompanied with remittance.

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Patroness:
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 14th day of July 1883, at Twelve o'Clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the List for the Election in October next, to declare the number of Girls then to be elected, to receive the following report of General Committee, and to consider Notice of Motion as under.

REPORT OF GENERAL COMMITTEE.

"The General Committee reports to the Quarterly General Court that, in consequence of an intimation conveyed to the House Committee from the owner of the freehold land adjacent to the Institution—that he was about to offer for sale nine acres, or thereabouts, bounding two sides of its grounds, and that the lowest sum he would take for the whole, which he declined to divide, was at the rate of £4,000 per acre—Col. Creaton, with the concurrence of his colleagues, had obtained from him a promise that such land should not be sold until the views and opinion of the General Court as to the advisability of acquiring the property for the Institution could be obtained.

"That taking into consideration the facts that the land, if sold to a third party, might be dealt with in a manner most prejudicial to the School, and that if purchased by the Institution a very considerable and valuable portion of it could be re-sold, this Committee consider the subject is one which should receive the fullest consideration at the hands of the governing body of the Institution."

NOTICE OF MOTION BY BRO. ROBERT GREY P.G.D. Vice-Patron.

"That the Report of the General Committee with reference to the land offered for sale be received and considered, and such action taken thereon as shall be deemed advisable by the General Court."

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

THIS Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th inst., at the Oatlands Park Hotel, Walton-on-Thames, the brethren assembling under the banner of the Friendship and Harmony Lodge, No. 1616. There was a very fair attendance of members of the different Lodges in the Province, and the Past Provincial Grand Officers were well represented. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., presided, and was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master the Rev. C. W. Arnold Past Grand Chaplain, and the following Officers of the year:—Bros. Chas. Greenwood P.G.S.B. S.W., James E. Barton J.W., Rev. R. Milner Chaplain, W. A. Barrett Registrar, G. Price Treasurer, C. Greenwood jun. Secretary, J. B. Boucher S.D., A. E. Taylor Superintendent of Works, H. E. Frances Director of Ceremonies, J. H. Askham Assist. D.C., F. A. Manning Standard Bearer, &c. Amongst others present were, Rev. Ambrose Hall Past Grand Chaplain, Chevalier Desanges, Rev. — Watson, Vicar of St. Mary's Church, Oatlands, &c., &c. After Lodge had been formally opened, the roll of the Province was called over, and representatives from 24 out of the 25 Lodges which comprise the Province of Surrey answered the call. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Woking in July last year were read and confirmed unanimously, as also were the minutes of a special Provincial Grand Lodge held at Freemasons' Tavern, on 21st November 1882. The minutes of the Special Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Bagshot, on the 9th April 1883, were likewise confirmed. This was the occasion when the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey assisted His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., Past G. Senior Warden, to lay the foundation stone of St. Anne's Church. The Report of the Finance and Audit Committee was received. This showed a balance in hand of £71 2s 2d. A sum of £5 5s was voted to the Oatlands Working Men's Club Building Fund; while a suggestion from Bro. Dr. Strong as to the returns from the Lodges being made at an earlier date than hitherto, received approval from the Provincial Grand Master, and it was understood that a rule to this effect should be framed, and brought forward for consideration at next Prov. G. Lodge. The Prov. G.M. then referred to the occasion, in February last, when he took the chair at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It had afforded him immense satisfaction to realise how well the brethren of his Province had supported him on that occasion; 22 of the Lodges sent up Stewards, and amongst them they raised nearly £1000. The total amount realised for the Institution at this Festival considerably exceeded £13,000. A provisional grant of £63 had been passed by Provincial Grand Lodge, and the Provincial Grand Master now called on the members to formally sanction this grant. He also reminded the brethren that Provincial Grand Lodge had voted ten guineas to the St. Anne's Church, Bagshot, Building Fund; this, however, also required the formal approval of Prov. Grand Lodge now assembled. These grants were agreed to, and General Brownrigg again rose, this time to propose the re-election of Brother George Price as Provincial Grand Treasurer. The heavy strain on their funds made by these extraordinary demands had somewhat impoverished their exchequer, and their esteemed Brother Price had always laid it down as a rule that a balance of £100 should stand to the credit of Provincial Grand Lodge. In spite of a full realisation of the fact that they had encroached upon this balance, he would propose the re-election of Brother Price, and trusted that under the exceptional circumstances narrated he would not insist on the very letter of his contract being carried out. This proposition was duly seconded, and the ballot was unanimous in favour of Brother Price's re-election. The honour was briefly acknowledged. The Officers for the year were then invested, as follows:—

Bro. W. R. G. Farmer W.M. 1616	G. Senior Warden
Colonel Dundas	G. Junior Warden
Rev. A. Hurt Sitwell, M.A., P.M. 1826	G. Chaplain
G. F. Romian	G. Registrar
Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B.	G. Secretary
T. Franklyn Lloyd P.M. 416	G. Senior Deacon
Charles Belton P.M. 777	G. Junior Deacon
G. D. Lister W.M. 410	G. Sup. of Works
John G. Horsey P.M. 1892	G. D. of C.
Thomas Vincent P.M. 1861	G. Sword Bearer
B. H. Ridge P.M. 463	G. Assist. D. of C.
H. J. Lardner 1929	G. Organist
G. Payne P.M. 1564	G. Pursuivant
W. P. Catterson	G. Stewards
T. T. Phillips	G. Stewards
Charles Ledger	G. Stewards
W. G. Batchelor S.W. 452	G. Stewards
C. T. Speight	G. Tyler

For the Audit Committee, the same brethren as last year fulfilled the duties were reappointed.

In addressing the brethren General Brownrigg urged on the new Officers the necessity of attending any meetings they may be summoned for. The state of Freemasonry in the Province was most satisfactory. The Lodges were progressing, and a spirit of unanimity prevailed that was most cheering. With respect to the selection of Grand Officers, he desired it to be remembered that there were not many offices at his disposal, and where there were so many aspirants it was a difficult task to select the most deserving. However, he desired to be impartial, and he took counsel with his Deputy, who rendered him valuable service in arriving at his decisions in this respect.

Shortly afterwards Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned for Divine Service at St. Mary's Church, Oatlands, where a sermon was preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Our rev. brother's discourse was as follows:—

"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you."—1 Peter v 7.

The love of God to us, and the confidence and strength which it affords to all who have realised it, in whose hearts it has been shed abroad by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, is forcibly impressed upon us in the text you have heard read. We are urged by it in times of sorrow and anxiety to put our whole trust and confidence in God, for we know and believe the love which He hath to us. When we recall the past, when we look back upon our lives, we are apt to dwell too much upon those events which have given us happiness, and to overlook the trials and difficulties which have met us from time to time, when our faith in the Divine love has been really put to the test. For it is in the time of pain and weariness and sorrow, far more than in happy and prosperous days, that the strength and the reality of faith is proved. My dear Brethren, we may be perfectly acquainted with the statements contained in the Bible respecting the character of Almighty God, and admit readily that His nature and His attribute is love, and that He has proved it and commended it to us by sending His only and most dearly beloved Son to redeem us, and the Holy Ghost the comforter to abide with us. Now let us ask ourselves this question,—Do we really believe this? Can we, under all circumstances, however painful and mysterious, cast our burden upon the Lord, and feel assured that He careth for us? Do we then—in moments of pain and sharp distress—know and believe the love which God hath to us? The Holy Scriptures, or as we term it, "The Volume of the Sacred Law," tell us of the omniscience and the omnipresence of the G.A.O.T.U. He, as David testifies, is about our path and about our bed, and He spieth out all our ways. In Him we live and move and have our being. Wherever we are, or whatever we do, He is ever with us, and His all-seeing eye beholds us, and one day we shall have to render to Him an undisguised account of our life and actions.

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This, my brethren, we all believe, but do we realise the blessed truth that God careth for His people, and that His ears are always open unto their prayers.

Our Faith is not tried, mark you, in times of prosperity; when the sun is shining brightly and life is full of hope, and the voice of health is heard in our dwellings, but in the days of sorrow and adversity, when the sky is black with clouds, and the rain descends, and the winds blow, and the floods come and beat upon our house. It may be easy for some of us now to talk of the love of God, and of Christ. When life is hopeful and unruffled by care to believe in it, or think that we believe in it. But should we have boldness in the day of judgment? Should we believe it were God to visit and to judge us by some new and greater calamity than any which we have experienced heretofore? For example, suppose He were suddenly to take away one who was most near and dear to our hearts, leaving us desolate and alone, and bowed down under the burden of an intolerable anguish; or if some grievous bodily infirmity or some cruel dishonour were to visit us—what should we do then?

Should we, after the first throes of grief, relapse into a dull despairing bitter submission to our hard fate? or should we be able to plant our feet upon the everlasting rock, which is Christ, and say: We know and believe the love that God hath to us. "I will cast all my care upon Him, for He careth for me. Though He slay me, yet will I put my trust in Him."

It may appear strange, and yet it is most true, that men are taught chiefly by adversity the love which God hath toward them. The history of the Saints of God afford us abundant proof of this. David, who was sorely tried, confessed that it was good for him to have been in trouble. Hezekiah, likewise, when he was sick unto death, found out the truth about these dark hours of trial, and confessed it, saying: "O Lord, by *these* things men live, and in *them* is the life of the Spirit. Behold, for peace I had great bitterness, but Thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption, for Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back." This, too, was Jacob's experience on that most fearful night of his whole life, when he waited by the ford of Jabbok, expecting that with the morning light the punishment of his past sins would come upon him, and not on him only, but on all his family, and his innocent children. When he stood there alone by the dark river, not knowing whether Esau and his wild followers would not sweep off the earth all he had and all he loved, and knowing too, ah! most bitter thought, that he had brought it all upon them by his own deceit and treachery. Then, when his sins stared him in the face, and God rose up in judgment against him, he learned to cast his care upon God, and to pray, as he had never prayed before—a prayer too deep for words.

And Jacob was left alone, and there wrestled a man with him till the breaking of the day, and when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh, and the hollow of his thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said: Let me go, for the day breaketh, and he said, I will *not* let thee go till thou bless me, and he blessed him then, and Jacob called the name of that place Peniel, for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

So let it be with us, my brethren, when we are sorely tried, and find it hard to realise the care which God hath for us. Like Jacob, let us plead His gracious promises, and acknowledge the good gifts and blessings which we have already received, saying: I am not worthy of the least of all *Thy* mercies which Thou hast shewn to Thy servant. Ask for His help and plead His promises, even as Jacob did, according to his light, saying: Thou saidst I will surely do thee good, and you shall find, with him, that, as a Prince, you have power with God and man, and have prevailed. You will know and believe in the love of Him who careth for us, and perfect love will drive out all partial fear.

The love of God shed abroad in your hearts will sustain you under the sorrows and anxieties of this mortal life, and enable you to look forward and hasten to the coming of the day of God and the glorious appearing of the bright morning star, whose rising will bring peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient.

May it be so with us, dear brethren, that when this life comes to an end we may, by God's infinite love and mercy, be admitted into those immortal mansions whence all good emanates. So mote it be.

The arrangements for the banquet—in fact for the day's proceedings—reflected the greatest credit on the entertaining Lodge, Friendship and Harmony, No. 1616. A most bountiful repast was provided, and it is scarcely necessary to say justice was done to it. The room where the banquet was served was most suitable for the purpose, and the scenery around added a charm to the meeting. The Prov. Grand Master presided, and briefly introduced the customary toasts; in speaking to that of the Queen and the Craft, General Brownrigg called attention to the fact that this was the 45th anniversary of Her Majesty's Coronation. In introducing the second—the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, the R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Present and Past, General Brownrigg said he approached this toast with some amount of diffidence. He had always conceived the duties of the Past Grand Officers to be to watch over the best interests of the Craft, and to uphold and give the Grand Master strength. He was, however, somewhat afraid there was a probability of the good feeling that had hitherto existed being disturbed. In the few hurried remarks he had addressed to the members of the Province in the Lodge-room, he had called their attention to the necessity of attending the approaching Communication of Grand Lodge, which was to be held on the day following their present meeting. Matters that demanded the gravest consideration would be discussed at this gathering. He would venture to remind the brethren that at the meeting in April last, when the Grand Officers for the year were appointed, the table of precedence had been materially altered, without notice, and without any explanation being vouchsafed. It had since been urged, that the Grand Master, being the Fountain of all Masonic honour, was acting within his prerogative when he took upon himself the responsibility of altering the table of precedence which had hitherto been carefully adhered to. For himself, he (General Brownrigg) could not think the Most Worshipful Grand Master was acting entirely on his own behalf in this regard. The Prince of Wales, though giving every attention to the business of the Craft, relied on his advisers for matters of detail, and in this respect he ventured to assert that the Grand Master had been badly advised. However, should the projected change be persisted in, he would suggest that the brethren respectfully and humbly make their protest, when doubtless their complaints would receive attention. By the projected changes, Grand Chaplains were removed to a position below Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, and Grand Director of Ceremonies; consequently were much lowered in the scale of precedence that had hitherto prevailed. Now, taking into consideration the position of Grand Chaplains, as scholars, to say nothing of their sacred calling, he could see no reason for these alterations. He had spoken somewhat at length on this matter because he felt strongly on it. After reference to other changes that were projected, the Prov. Grand Master urged on all of those present who could make it convenient to attend Grand Lodge, and take part in the consideration of the several questions affected by the projected revision of the Constitutions. He then formally offered the toast for the acceptance of the brethren, and called on the Rev. Ambrose Hall Past Grand Chaplain to respond. Brother Hall in reply said that to all Grand Officers, whether present or past, it was ever a pleasing duty to acknowledge this toast. He could endorse the opinions expressed by the Prov. Grand Master, but he trusted the cloud which seemed to be at the present time overshading them would pass away, and that they should be, as hitherto, one body, one phalanx, united indissolubly together. When he looked around he say many who had our good cause so much at heart, that he felt assured wiser counsels would prevail. Brother Hall concluded by returning his sincere thanks for the reception given to the toast. The Rev. C. W. Arnold proposed the health of Brother General Brownrigg. The Provincial Grand Master, it might well be said, lived in the hearts of the members of his Province. This was exemplified in an eminent degree in February last, when he presided at the Festival of the R.M.B.I., on which occasion the members of the Province most loyally supported their chief. In acknowledging the compliment, the Prov. G. Master said he had only the same old, old story to recount. He never experienced anything but kindness and consideration at the hands of the members of the Province; while as to the zeal of his Deputy he felt unequal to the task of expressing his recognition of it. It was an astonishing thing to him to note how well the Lodges of Surrey got on together. Whenever a dark cloud arose, a little calm reflection soon dispelled it; and he ventured to assert there was not a happier or more united Province in the kingdom than the one he had the honour to preside over. For the toast of the Prov. Grand Officers Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold replied. Several other toasts were given, and the enjoyment of the day was well sustained. In the course of the proceedings it was announced that the offertory at church, together with the amount voted by Prov. Grand Lodge for the Oatlands Working Men's Church Building Fund, realised £9 3s.

During the evening, a capital selection of music, under the direction of Bro. Edwin M. Lott P.P.G.O. Surrey, was performed by the following members of the Mozart Lodge, who kindly gave their services:—Bros. E. Moss W.M. 1929, H. Ashton, J. Kift, and T. Tremere J.W. 1929. The following is the programme:—Grace, "Deum Laudate," Dr. J. Smith; National Anthem; Madrigal, "This pleasant month of May," Beale; Song, "I seek for thee," Ganz—Bro. E. Moss; Part Song, "Summer Eve," Hatton; Song, "True to the last," Adams—Bro. T. Tremere; Ballad, "Far on the deep blue sea," Thomas—Bro. Henry Ashton.

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LEBANON CHAPTER, 1326.

A REGULAR convocation of this Capter was held at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, Middlesex, on Thursday, 21st June. Ex-Comp. J. Stevens P.Z., 720, 771, acting M.E.Z., in the absence of the M.E. Comp. John Carther Woodrow. There were also present Ex-Comps. C. W. Fox H., John Hammond P.Z. J., W. Hammond P.Z. P. Prov. 1st A.S. Middlesex S.E., Edward Hopwood P.Z. acting S.N., H. J. Lardner M.E.Z. 1823 acting P.S., Comps. W. C. Davey and Thomas Errington Assistant Sojourners, Ex-Comp. J. W. Casson H. 1615 acting Organist, Ex-Comp. J. T. Briggs P.Z. 177, and others, Comp. Gilbert attending as Janitor. The Chapter having been opened, and the minutes of previous convocation confirmed, Ex-Comp. Briggs was elected a joining member, and ballots were taken for three candidates for exaltation, which were found clear. Bro. William Francis Webb, being in attendance, was duly exalted, with full musical ceremony, and the explanations from the principals were ably delivered by Ex-Comps. Casson as J., Briggs as H., and James Stevens as M.E.Z. At the conclusion of the ceremony the thanks of the Chapter were accorded to Comps. Stevens, Lardner, and, Casson for attendance and assistance, and after some other routine business the Chapter was closed. Subsequently the members of the Chapter and their visitors partook of an excellent cold collation, and under the presidency of Comp. Stevens, enjoyed a social hour or two before separation.

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GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

THE 102nd Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 5th and 6th instant, Bro Benjamin Flagler, M.W. Grand Master, presiding. There were over eight hundred representatives of Lodges present.

Grand Master's Address.—After congratulating the assembled representatives upon the close of a year of general prosperity to the Craft throughout the jurisdiction, Grand Master Flagler reviewed the official work of his year, and recommended the recognition of the new Grand Lodges of Arizona and Peru. In relation to the penalty attaching to the non-payment of dues, a subject which interests every member of the Fraternity, he said:

In 1873 new regulations were adopted by the Grand Lodge, providing a penalty for the non-payment of dues. I am forced to the conclusion that these regulations do not properly protect the interests of the subordinate Lodges. So long as the Grand Lodge requires payment of a stated sum from the subordinate bodies, it must of necessity permit those Lodges to collect dues from members, and as their existence depends entirely upon their ability to pay to the Grand Lodge each year the moneys demanded, they should have the authority to compel payment of the dues provided for by their Bye-laws. Every Mason, when he becomes a member of a Lodge, signs his name to the Bye-laws, and by his own act enters into a contract to pay into that Lodge each year the amount therein stated as dues. Any failure on his part to do this indicates a want of integrity, and is a clear violation of a solemn compact. And as the Lodge enters into obligations based upon the agreement of each member to pay a certain sum each year, the neglect or failure to pay often proves a source of embarrassment to the Lodge and brings scandal upon the Fraternity.

The Penalty for Non-payment of Dues.—There has been in my opinion a great deal of mistaken sentiment brought into the discussions of this subject heretofore. If the neglect or refusal to pay was confined to our indigent Brethren, all this might do, but experience demonstrates that it is not. The representatives of Lodges here present will, I think, bear me out in the assertion that at least three-fourths of those unaffiliated by Lodges for non-payment of dues are those who could well afford to pay if they chose so to do. Therefore my opinion is, the neglect or refusal to pay by members who can do so without injury to their families, should subject the delinquent to a loss of his Masonic privileges, and that the penalty should be suspension from all the rights and privileges of Masonry until payment be made of the amount due at the time of such suspension. There is another consideration that has arisen out of my experience during the year, namely, that the penalty of unaffiliation for non-payment of dues fixed by our regulations, leaves the particular brother free, except that he owes his Lodge a certain amount whatsoever that may be, and we have a clear right to provide that he shall not affiliate in any other Lodge in this jurisdiction until he has satisfied that claim. But we cannot enforce our laws on other jurisdictions, nor make them the collectors of money due us; hence, when one declared to be an unaffiliate in this jurisdiction seeks affiliation in another, they are only bound in considering his petition to ascertain whether he is really an unaffiliate, and not whether he owes us any dues. I commend this whole matter to the careful consideration of this Grand Lodge.

What Constitutes a Summons.—Referring to the question of what constitutes a summons—another matter of general interest to the Fraternity at large—he said:—

The question has often been asked, "What is a legal summons?" I have replied:—A summons, to be legal and of effect, must be issued by the Master, over his own signature or by the order of the Master, and be attested by the Secretary under the seal of the Lodge; that it must be addressed to the brother summoned, and either be handed to him or sent through the post office to his last known address. As there seems to be considerable diversity of opinion in this matter it should be settled by this Grand Body, and I recommend forms for summons to be decided upon and printed in the transactions or with the constitution and statutes as a guide. The practice of using the word "summoned" in simple notices and of publishing in newspapers so-called summons is a grave mistake, and has led to the general impression that a summons is no more than a notice, and therefore but little attention is paid thereto, and our Lodges seem to have discontinued almost entirely to discipline members for refusing or neglecting to obey. A summons should not be lightly used, or when the purpose to be accomplished may be attained as well as by notice. I have given the generally accepted definition, but respectfully urge that there be a legal definition, that a mere notice or newspaper advertisement may not be mistaken for so important a document.

The Illustrious Dead.—The Grand Master next delivered eulogies on the illustrious dead of the year. The mortuary list contained the names of the Right Worshipful John M. Reilly, Charles E. Young, Henry W. Turner, James W. Simonton, Thomas H. Landon, Joseph B. Chaffee, Dr. C. Henry King, Levi H. Willard, Charles Craig, and Worshipful Brother Ezra Graves.

Annual Report of Officers.—After the reading of the Grand Master's address, which was received with approval, the Grand Treas., Bro. John Boyd, presented his report, which showed the receipts for the year from all sources to be 85,092·15 dols. The report of Bro. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, showed that the number of initiations and restorations during the year was largely in excess of the unaffiliations and deaths. The report of the Grand Librarian, Bro. H. G. Carter, showed that that important department had been administered with a degree of success unknown in former times. The librarian suggested many important improvements, which will no doubt be made, as their introduction will have the effect of increasing the revenues of the Fraternity. The report of the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, who have charge of the Temple, showed that the building had been kept in excellent repair and beautified to a considerable extent. The receipts from all sources were 97,143·78, of which nearly 33,000 dols. has been devoted to a reduction of the debt of the Temple. The Trustees give notice that after the 1st prox. they will be prepared to purchase income bonds to the amount of 25,000 dols.

On Wednesday the Finance Committee reported in favour of fixing the salary of the Grand Secretary at 3,500 dols., with an allowance of 1500 dols. for clerk hire, the salary of the Grand Lecturer at 1000 dols., with an allowance not exceeding 400 dols. for travelling expenses, the Grand Pursuivant and the Grand Tyler to receive 200 dols. each.

The following brethren were elected Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, and installed into their respective stations:—Bros. J. Edward Simmons, of New York City, M.W. (Grand Master Bro. Benjamin Flagler declining a re-election), William A. Brodie, of Genesee R.W. Deputy Grand Master, John W. Vrooman, of Herkimer, R.W. Grand Senior Warden, John Ten Eyck, of Albany, R.W. Junior Grand Warden, John Boyd, of New York, R.W. Grand Treasurer, and E. L. M. Ehlers R.W. Grand Secretary. R.W. Bro. Theophilus Pratt, President of the Masonic Veteran's Association, was chosen one of the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund.

The newly elected Grand Master, Bro. J. Edward Simmons, was born in Troy, 19th September 1841. He was educated at Williams College, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1862. He studied law in the Albany Law School, and was admitted to the Bar in 1863. Returning to Troy, he practised law there for two years, and then abandoned the practise of his profession. In 1865 he removed to New York city and became a member of the Stock Exchange, and has retained his membership in that institution through a successful business career. He was initiated in Mount Zion Lodge, No. 311, in 1864, and ten years later affiliated with Kane Lodge, No. 454, of New York. He was Master of Kane Lodge in 1877 and 1878. During the administration of Grand Master Couch he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth District, and was Grand Marshal under Grand Master Roome. He was elected Deputy Grand Master last year, and is the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Missouri near the Grand Lodge of New York. Bro. Simmons is a member of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, R.A.M., and of Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 6, K.T., of which he is a Past Eminent Commander. He is also a member of the Board of Education.

We congratulate our brethren of New York upon the harmonious and gratifying result of their Annual Grand Communication.

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We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me space to express my astonishment with the want of experience displayed by several writers in your paper on the subject of usual or frequent changes in Grand Officers. I will admit the duties of the Grand Treasurer are, of necessity, mainly discharged by the Grand Secretary and his assistants; and, therefore, the fortunate holder of the office requires no special qualification beyond the esteem and confidence of the Craft. It is, however, very different in the case of the Grand Registrar, Secretary, the Director of Ceremonies, each of whose duties can only be usefully and satisfactorily performed by an experienced Brother possessing special aptitude and ability.

I sincerely wish brethren would fully consider every side of the question before venturing to publish their opinions to the Craft at large.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

25th June 1883. HENRY SMITH P.M. 387.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My attention has been directed to a very great inaccuracy in your published statement of the amount of my list, as Steward representing the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208, on the occasion of the late Festival of the R.M.I.B. I am credited with £31 10s only, which is *considerably less than half* the sum that I had the pleasure to announce at our Lodge meeting on the preceding Monday, as the total amount of subscriptions and donations paid and promised by the Lodge and its members. If similar errors are made in the lists of other Stewards of Lodges in Kent, the £130 required to bring the contribution of our Province up to the magnificent one of East Lancashire would have been forthcoming.

To those who have made this error I leave the duty of correcting it, although fully persuaded that the correction will not meet the eyes of numbers who have read the first statement, and this fact causes me some natural annoyance, as I consider that the brethren of my Lodge very generously answered the appeal made to them.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

W. A. SHEETH, P.M. 1208, P.P.G.A.P. Kent.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 30th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

Prov. G. Lodge of Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 2nd JULY.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
1966—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
R.A. 23—Old King's Arms, Freemasons Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W

Prov. Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, George Street Hall, Sandown, Isle of Wight
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
822—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1788—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 3rd JULY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgrumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In)
1625—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
154—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
674—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 4th JULY.

15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden Square, W.

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruct.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 200—Old Globe, Londesborough Rooms, Scarborough
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashn-under-Lytone
R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 5th JULY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
934—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
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1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction
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1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1724—Knisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich

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1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 1074—Bective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 6th JULY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 7th JULY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
Prov. Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of Middlesex and Surrey, Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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HERVEY LODGE, No. 1692.

THE sixth anniversary of the Hervey Lodge, held on Wednesday, 20th inst., at the George Hotel, Hayes, Kent, was one of the most successful meetings ever held since the establishment of this rising Lodge. The members were summoned for 4 p.m.; the brethren met punctually, and were presided over by Bro. Harold Gripper, the W.M. for the past year, who was supported by Bros. D. Grinsted S.W. (W.M. elect), R. L. Gore J.W., H. Balding S.D., J. W. Baldwin J.D., J. King I.G.; also P.M.'s J. J. Hamilton G.S.W. and T. C. Newsome. Among the Visitors who attended the Lodge were Bros. W. W. Baxter P.M. 742, John Coe P.M. 1339, F. West P.M. 1815, A. Bishop S.D. 1892, G. J. Goodhart J.D. 1506, W. Elcombe 31, J. H. Francis 1815, H. Robertson 534, J. C. Gowdey 365 Scotia, Barbadoes. After the usual opening, the very interesting business of the evening was proceeded with; first, the passing of Bros. M. J. Dickins, J. Howard, and J. Sanders; the initiation of Mr. A. J. Beesley, and the reading of the Report of the permanent Committee, which was a very satisfactory one. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. D. Grinsted, was worked in a most able and praiseworthy manner by Bro. Harold Gripper, who, indeed, has conducted the working of his year of office in an eminently satisfactory manner. The new W.M. then proceeded to appoint his Officers, the addresses being impressively delivered to each on investiture—Bros. R. L. Gore S.W., R. V. Harman J.W., J. J. Hamilton P.M. G.S.W. Treasurer, H. Balding Secretary, J. W. Baldwin S.D., John King J.D., W. J. Gore I.G., A. H. Brett Steward, J. Bavin Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered the addresses, and the usual routine business being completed, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where the W.M. ably presided, over a most pleasant and social gathering. Bro. D. Grinsted, in proposing the health of the Queen and the Craft, said that no words of his were necessary to add to the enthusiasm with which this toast was always received at Masonic meetings. He would ask the brethren on this occasion, the 46th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne—that her health might be drunk with all earnestness, as that of one who had excelled in all the duties of a Queen, a wife, and a mother. The other routine toasts were proposed in due form, and were heartily received. The W.M. then proposed the M.W. Viscount Holmesdale Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, coupling with the toast the name of our worthy and excellent Treasurer, Bro. J. J. Hamilton, P.M. G.S.W. This toast was most enthusiastically received and ably responded to. Song—"The Old Brigade"—Bro. J. King. The toast of the evening, the Worshipful Master, was proposed by the I.P.M. Harold Gripper, who felt assured, from the working displayed by his successor in the several offices in the Lodge which he had so ably filled, that the work now before him would be equally well done. He knew the brethren would unite with him in wishing that Bro. Grinsted might have plenty of work to do. Song—"Welcome, Friends." Bro. R. L. Gore The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour they had unanimously done him in placing him in the proud position he now occupied. He assured them that nothing on his part should be wanting to make his year of office a successful one. He had no doubt as to the immediate future, supported, as he truly hoped to be, by the Immediate Past Master. Song—"Et cetera"—Bro. Goodhart. The health of the Initiate was next proposed, and was responded to in a few appropriate words, the "Entered Apprentice" song being given with great gusto. The Visitors were then complimented; each responding to the toast. For the Past Masters Bro. Newsome first replied, and then the I.P.M., who complimented the Lodge on the large subscription, amounting to no less a sum than £50, that he had had the honour to forward to the Boys' Festival. Bro. Grinsted thanked them for this appointment, and regretted that their installation gathering should have taken place on the same day. Song—"The Village Blacksmith"—Bro. West. The Officer's toast was well received, and replied to by each in due order. The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most agreeable meetings that the Lodge has ever held.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held its usual meeting at Bro. Langdale's, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., on Saturday last, 23rd instant. Present—Bros. Gribbell W.M., Marks S.W., Lone J.W., C. Lorkin acting Preceptor, Fenner acting Secretary, Ferrar S.D., Rhodes J.D., Manger I.G.; also Bros. Payne, Langdale, &c. Lodge was opened with all formalities, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Payne, after the Lodge had been advanced, answered the usual questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, including the traditional history, Bro. Payne acting as candidate. Lodge was called off and on. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Fenner worked the second section of the first lecture, being assisted by the brethren. Bro. Marks was unanimously elected W.M. for next week. After which Lodge was closed, and adjourned. Bro. Lorkin, W.M. Duke of Connaught 1524, will rehearse the ceremony of installation this (Saturday) evening. Brethren are fraternally invited to attend. Time of meeting 8 o'clock punctually.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—At the usual weekly meeting held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, S.E., on Friday evening, the 22nd instant. Bro. Eldridge Johnson presided as W.M. Bros. Alfred Jones officiated as S.W., J. N. Bate J.W., Stokes S.D., Sarjeant J.D., G. H. Chapman I.G., Poore Secretary, Stevens P.M., and Preceptor. There were also present Bros. Wilmot, Pool, &c. The first section having been worked by the brethren, the ceremony of initiation was well rehearsed for the first time by Bro. Johnson, who received the thanks of the Lodge for the proficiency he displayed. Bro. Bate delivered the charge in good style, and the Preceptor then lectured on the first tracing board. Lodge was called off for entry drill, and called on. Bro. Chapman was elected a member. Bro. James Stevens having been elected W.M. and Installing Master for the rehearsal of the installation ceremony on Friday, the 29th instant, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 25th June, at Canonbury Tavern, N. Bros. Marks W.M., Brock S.W., Rose J.W., Killick Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, Osborne S.D., Pummell I.G.; and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Bagnall acting as candidate. Bro. Brock was appointed W.M. for Monday, 2nd July. Lodge was closed in due form.

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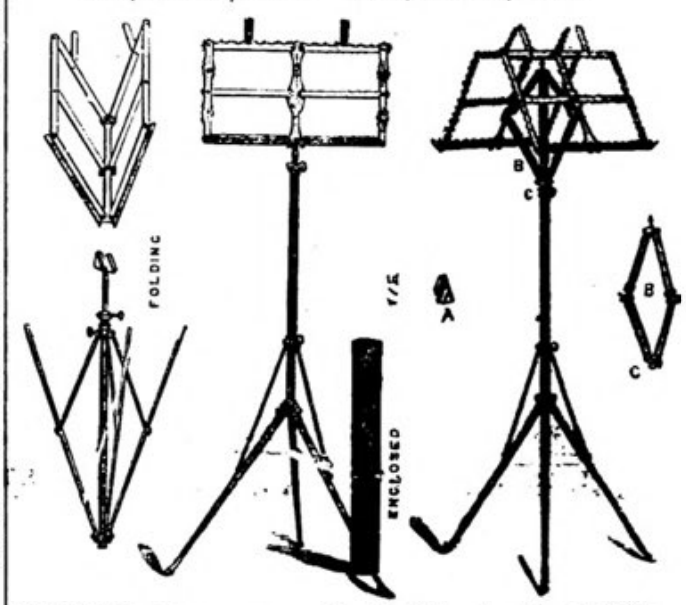

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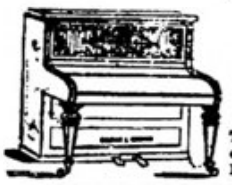

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