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OUR NINETEENTH VOLUME.

A PLEASANT duty once more devolves upon us;—that of tendering to our friends a New Year's Greeting, and announcing the commencement of a New Volume. The FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE this day enters upon the Tenth Year of its existence, and we venture to express the hope our readers have realised that the promise made when we issued our prospectus has been fully carried out. The FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE has been conducted hitherto on purely independent principles; it is not the organ of any section of the Craft, and its columns are always open for free discussion. The course adopted in the past will be continued in the future, and we trust the amount of support we have already had accorded us will be further increased during the year we now enter upon.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE difficulty has at length been solved, and Brother Terry, having in vain cast about in many different directions for a Chairman for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, has at length, we rejoice to say, had his patience rewarded, and secured the services of the Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, who has very kindly consented to preside on the eventful occasion. It is no light task that Bro. Allcroft has undertaken. It may seem easy enough to the uninitiated to take the post of honour at a festive gathering, even though that gathering may be held in behalf of a Masonic Charitable Institution. It is not every one who possesses the gift of speech-making, and few are given to criticising our after-dinner oratory with anything approaching to severity; but the delivery of certain speeches is but a small portion of the duty which devolves on the president of a Festival. What is most expected of him is, that he shall exercise such influence as he may happen to possess in order to benefit the Institution for which he is acting to the greatest possible degree. It is anticipated that he will gather about him as many of his personal friends as possible, and that he will induce them, by the magic of his name, or the weight of his authority, to back him up in his endeavours to render a most material service to a worthy cause. Hence it is always desirable to obtain a chairman from the foremost ranks of our fraternity, not because he personally, perhaps, can do more than others to strengthen the funds of the Charity, but because, in this as in other matters, the more prominent the leader, the more numerous is the following likely to be. The Grand Treasurer of the United Grand Lodge of England necessarily occupies a position in the Craft, if not of very serious responsibility, at least of dignity. He must always command the respect of his brethren both on the daïs and in the general circle; he would not have been chosen to fill such a position were he not, in all respects, worthy of it. It is from no desire to flatter that we say Bro. Allcroft is eminently fitted for the duty he has undertaken. We do not sympathise with him in his desire to retain his office for another year, or rather, we should say, with the desire of his friends, that he should be re-elected. But whatever the March Communication of Grand Lodge may have in store for him, he is the Grand Treasurer of the day. He is, too, a prominent man in his individual capacity. He plays a conspicuous part in the government of many among our most considerable public institutions. He has long since evinced the deep interest he takes in Masonry by constituting himself a Vice-Patron of all our Charities. His crowning work in respect of one of them will be accomplished on the 26th February next, when, as Chairman of the day, he will appear as the central figure at the first of our three great Festival gatherings of the year 1884,—with what success it is impossible to foresee; but, for his sake, and for the sake of Bro. Terry, the indefatigable Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; but, above all, for the sake of that noble Institution, the extent of whose benefits is well-nigh incalculable, we trust it may be at least equal to, if not in excess of, that achieved in the most brilliant of past years.

Passing from the Chairman to the Board of Stewards, on whose efforts so much of the day's success must depend, we are glad to find that, up to the present time, in spite of Bro. Terry's previous efforts to secure the services of a Chairman having proved unavailing, there is a goodly array of them entered for the occasion, considerably over 200 brethren having undertaken the not particularly enviable task of canvassing for the Charity. This, perhaps, if we take the experience of more recent years as our guide, is not an overwhelming number, but there is ample time between now and the day itself for the receipt of the names of brethren willing to act in this capacity, so that, on the score of numerical strength, the Board of Stewards for the current year will, no doubt, compare with that of the 1883 and previous Festivals. It is even possible that the one drawback noticeable when a brother happens to preside who is not the Grand Master of a Province may not be quite so conspicuous in this instance. Bro. Allcroft is a Worcestershire man and was returned as member for Worcester City in the last House of Commons, so that our Worcesstershire brethren may very possibly feel it incumbent upon them to use their best efforts in support of his Chairmanship. It is not a large Province, but it has displayed a very considerable amount of activity on behalf of our Institutions during the past few years, and if the favour of its countenance is not already directed towards other objects, Bro. Allcroft may succeed in arraying its Lodges under his banner just as Provincial Grand Masters obtain the help of their Lodges whenever they preside as Chairmen. At all events, let us hope we may not prove to have been very seriously ill-advised in reckoning on such a possibility, and that Worcestershire will send up a goodly crate of its acceptable ware to make glad the hearts of our Old Folk in the day of their necessity. Then, as he is connected with several of our London Institutions,

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we are justified in presuming that Brother Allcroft's influence will command a numerous following among London brethren. They invariably respond liberally to the appeals made to them in support of our Charities, whether the Chairman is, as it were, one of them or not; but Bro. Allcroft's Masonic *habitat* is conspicuously London, so that here again we have before us a fair field from which Bro. Terry may not unreasonably look to reap an even more abundant harvest than usual. The purple brethren, they too constitute a strong phalanx of zealous workers, from whom much on these occasions is expected, and but seldom, if ever, expected in vain. Lastly, there is the general body of brethren, who go on canvassing and contributing with commendable regularity, whether the Chairman hails from London or the Provinces, whether he is an experienced President or one entirely new to the work, whether he is, personally, a man of much or comparatively little influence, These are the brethren who put down their names as Stewards months and months before the day for a particular Festival has been fixed. The amount raised on one occasion is hardly known with accuracy before they set about busying themselves for another. They could not feel they were quite happy if they allowed an appreciable length of time to elapse without doing a little Festival work, just to keep their hands in. They are not the men to do anything by halves, nor are they in the habit of working only by fits and starts. The consequence is, they constitute a most valuable force, on whose efforts the Chairman, be he who he may, may always rely with confidence.

Perhaps a few words in respect of the Institution for which these efforts are about to be made will not be out of place. That there is need for an Annual Festival will be at once apparent when we state that close on £13,000 is required for annuities alone, to say nothing of what is needed for expenses of management, &c. This, it will be allowed, is a heavy responsibility which the Craft has taken upon itself. The permanent income may be set down, as, in round figures, about £4,000, or less than one-third of what has to be found for the annuitants, so that over £10,000 must be raised annually in order to make the two ends meet. Indeed, as regards expenditure, which must be provided for, the Benevolent, though the youngest of our three Institutions, is the most exigent. It receives a much larger grant from Grand Lodge, and its funded property is more considerable than that of either of the Schools, but as far as total outlay is concerned, we repeat it is the most exigent of the three. Then, though not differing in this respect from the Boys' School, the number of applicants for its bounty is generally out of all proportion to the number that can be benefited. And these applicants, they are all long past the meridian of life. They have once, perhaps, been in affluent, all must have been in comfortable, circumstances. They are men of tried worth, or the widows of such. Their relatives, if they have any, are unable to contribute to their support, and but for the help which the Benevolent Institution is able to render them, they would be compelled to spend the closing years of life in a condition of abject poverty. The maintenance of such an Institution in its integrity is a duty which the brethren owe to the principles of Freemasonry. It is a duty which we allow is fulfilled very conscientiously by a numerous section of the Craft, but there are brethren whose memory requires jogging. They are kindly disposed enough, but the business of life is very exacting, and in their eagerness to attend to it, they are occasionally apt to lose sight of the very pressing necessities of their fellows. Perhaps, if the requirements of our Institutions were brought more prominently before the mass of the brethren, the demands made annually for their support would be less severe. There is an old Scotch proverb to the effect that "many a mickle makes a muckle," and it is astonishing how true it is when applied to our Charities. There are perhaps some 50,000 subscribing Masons in England and Wales. If each of these 50,000 gave no more than five shillings to each Institution, they would raise amongst them sufficient to maintain them in their present state of efficiency, with a slight margin over to meet the excessive pressure which is occasionally made upon their resources. It is well to bear this in mind for two reasons. It is a severe tax on the generous that they should be constantly applied to for contributions, when they have perhaps already subscribed most liberally; and again, the more general is the support which our Institutions receive among the members of our Fraternity, the more worthily representative are they of the principles we profess. However, in saying this, we are but travelling over well-known ground. Suffice it, therefore, to add, that if the Craft does its duty towards the Benevolent Institution in February next, there will be no need to fear for its exchequer at least for the current year.

MASONRY AND BENEVOLENCE.

WE are amazed when we consider the vast sums that are annually raised in behalf of our Masonic Charities, and wonder whether the funds will be kept up, and even grow larger. Mr. Gladstone once remarked, we believe with regard to the revenue of the country, that it grew by leaps and bounds. There was great rejoicing then, but lean years followed, and no one will contend that the elasticity of former times exists now. We should deeply regret if a reaction were to take place in the finances of our Institutions. They are such glorious monuments of Masonic faith, of noble devotion and generosity, that to stand still would seem a reproach to those who can show so bright a record. If we allude to this matter now, it is only to call attention to possibilities, in order that what is feared shall not become a probability, much less a reality. We are reminded of the trite though apposite saying, "Doubt, of whatever kind, can be ended by Action alone," and as we know what has been done, so may we hope to do again, by Work, which was a gospel to the late Thomas Carlyle. How he revelled in work himself, and prescribed it for others. He says, "There is a perennial nobleness, and even sacredness, in Work." Truly, that is so, and that which sanctifies it most is the unselfish labour of those who toil in the cause of charity. There are those who revile Masonry, some who ridicule it. The *Times*, a short while ago, said Freemasonry had raised dining "to the rank of a religious function," implying that eating and drinking were among the main features of the Order. The ignorance displayed by the assertion is on a par with the want of charity. We need only point to the fact, that the total income of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, the outcome of voluntary subscriptions, for the year ended the 31st ult., was £55,994 14s 3d, to show how absurd it is to charge the Craft with a tendency to bibulous and gastronomic excesses. Freemasonry, as a moral science, is totally distinct from the pleasures of the table, and the Charities in connection with it are not more affected by the custom of dining than are other institutions of a benevolent character, which find it necessary sometimes to get at men's pockets through their stomachs. Out of the vast sum we have mentioned, £56,000 in round figures, by far the greater part is raised by individual effort, altogether apart from the social habits of the brethren. No body in the world can show a higher motive for their charity than Freemasons—that is religious to all intents and purposes, and because it is so, the Craft is rooted deep in the foundations of society. The moral and spiritual truths of the Order are the first care of every true brother; social enjoyment is the natural result of labour and union; and the Charities are the children of both. The mainspring of the whole is the teaching inculcated in the ceremonies and obligations.

Looking back upon the benevolent work of the past year it is with pride and pleasure that we notice the details. We have already mentioned the gross total of money received. This was divided somewhat unequally, owing to various circumstances, which we need not now pause to consider. Foremost in the list stand the contributions to the Boys' School, which reached the formidable sum of £24,895 7s 1d. This amount, broadly speaking, is divided thus: two-thirds of the amount to go to the existing School, and one-third to the formation of a Preparatory School. We shall shortly hear of this new movement taking practical shape. The Old Foundation, as by and bye we may have to call it, at the present time is boarding, housing, clothing, and educating 221 boys. The next on the list of successful efforts of the year is the Benevolent Institution, which received £18,449 6s 0d, and is granting annuities of £40 each to 172 men, and £32 each to 167 widows. The Girls' School, although it only received £12,650 1s 2d, is not less worthy than the other Institutions. It houses, boards, clothes, and educates 239 Girls between the ages of seven and sixteen. The boys it should

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be stated, leave the School when they are fifteen years of age. Each Charity has its own building, with separate staff and surroundings. The figures and facts we have recorded will give some idea of the greatness of our Masonic Charities, but in addition to all that has gone before, there is the Fund of Benevolence, made up of contributions from every member of the Craft at the rate of 4s annually from those who belong to London Lodges, and 2s from country members. Out of this fund the sum of £8,675 was disbursed last year, to 334 cases. The amounts varied according to circumstances, in some cases being substantial, and in all very acceptable. Large as are the sums recorded in the instances of the three Charities first named, they will doubtless be increased to some extent. It was necessary, however, to close the books at the end of the year, for reasons that every man of business will understand.

Let cowans cavil, bigots rave, and newspaper writers sneer, with such a record as we have given above, the Craft should heed them not. But, as we said at the beginning of this article, the past creates responsibilities for the future, and to maintain the position we have acquired will need all the self-sacrifice and labour which faith in principles can suggest, and loyalty and devotion carry into effect. There must be no laggards in the onward march, no halting counsels. The past has left its mark in large proportions, and the future must not mar the noble figure that has been raised. Works of art are subject to the decaying touch of time; charity, like an ever-rolling stream, renews itself continually, and gathers strength as it goes. There are no bounds to it, save those we are taught to respect in the beautiful language of our ceremonies, and if each brother acts up to the teaching he professes to admire, which he has promised to practise, Freemasonry in the time to come will be a not less blessed inheritance than it is now.

THE EVERGREEN CRAFT.

WE that live in the latitude of Philadelphia are painfully conscious that "leaves have their time to fall.' Ours is no evergreen climate; but we have an evergreen Fraternity, one that, whatever be the season of the year, deposits in the graves of its departed Brethren the emblematic "Sprig of Acacia;"—a Fraternity, too, that after death holds the virtues of its members ever green in memory.

Naturalists tell us, that up to a comparatively recent geological period the entire earth, from pole to pole, enjoyed a genial climate. The floral of the tropics was the floral of the poles. The ivy and the laurel, the pine and the fir, the rhododendron and the yew, were not the only evergreens, but all those trees which now are deciduous were as lasting as the conifers. Then the north-west passage was not the cemetery of seamen, but everywhere nature wore a livery of green. The "great Ice Age" changed all this, and we are now suffering from its chill embrace. Yet, a slight amelioration of the climate has been perceptible within the historic period, which may presage a return to the good old times of yore.

What nature once did for the ancient world, and is weakly striving to do again, Freemasonry always has done, and now is doing, for humanity. It warms the affections of its initiates, brightens the atmosphere in which they live, and finally inters with their mortal bodies the immortal Acacia or Evergreen.

On going out into the fields one of these cold December days, how cheery it is to look up at the pines and down at the laurels! How we admire the holly at this holiday season! Christmas would not be Christmas without the accompanying greens. They are reminders of a past age and a lost happiness, and symbols of the good time coming; for there approaches an era when there shall be no boundary of death to hedge in this little life of ours. In the life elysian, in reserve for those found worthy of it, immortality shall be revealed, so that then man himself shall be evergreen.

Nothing causes us to estimate our blessings so highly as their loss. Contrast marks their value. When we had them they were cheap to us; now that they are gone we deem them invaluable. It is mainly on this account that in the midwinter we are saddened by the melancholy days that have stripped the vast majority of trees of their foliage, and made them so many gaunt, unbeautiful skeletons, and that the pine and the yew, the fir and the laurel, ever green and ever lovely, now that the winding sheet of snow mantles the ground, and death apparently has claimed nearly all nature for its own, are looked upon with feelings almost akin to worship. We wonder not that the Scandinavians bowed in the presence of Ygdrasil, the ash-tree of existence, the symbol of the universe, and of its Grand Architect. No more sublime *human* conception of cosmogony has ever been framed. According to the great northern myth, Ygdrasil is the tree of life; men were made from its branches, while its roots strike through all worlds. It is a triad, too, representing the past, the present and the future; or, as Thomas Carlyle has poetically and forcibly said: "What was done what is doing, what is to be done—the infinite conjugation of the verb to do." There is wisdom, strength and beauty in this conception. We feel this with treble force now that the leaves are fallen, now that the earth is bare, now that the winter of death triumphs over nature, and the only trees of existence are the evergreens.

Freemasonry is an evergreen Fraternity. Through the ages past, while thrones have tottered and fallen, when nations even have merged and been lost, the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons has maintained a continuous existence, and during periods when it has left no literary memorials of its presence, because these were lost amid the confusion of the times, the handmarks of Hiram's Builders are apparent on Abbey and Castle walls, and on many a noble Cathedral—all so substantially built that they seem to have been erected for eternity. Lodge Minutes may be lost or destroyed (although some of these we have that are now three hundred years old), but Lodge work on durable stone is an enduring memorial. Well may the Freemasons say, in view of the Craft's long and honourable history,

> "The thought of our past years in me doth breed
> Perpetual benediction."

As we recede in time our history vanishes into tradition, and tradition itself is finally lost in oblivion. The received myth of the origin of the Fraternity at the building of Solomon's Temple is but the outgrowth of a prior myth, now lost to memory. Freemasonry is the Acacian Fraternity, the Evergreen Craft, co-existent with the ages, bright and beautiful through all time. It has overspread the world, and whenever it opens its Lodges it flourishes like a green bay-tree. In our "operative" days, when labour was not symbolically, but actually performed; when with Compasses and Square, Rule and Gavel, our predecessors wrought on material Temples, they were no

> "Mechanic slaves,
> With greasy apron, rules and hammers."

They were a chosen people, a select Craft, all free and all accepted, and they did not deign to perform any except honourable work. They were, as they are still, a law unto themselves. Kings might ask, and they might refuse. Their skill was so unique, their control of the united Craft so absolute, their work so highly esteemed, that they commanded their own patrons and prices. They always preferred to labour upon edifices built to honour the Grand Architect of the Universe. There never was a period when they sought not to honour God and advantage man. Such a Fraternity is entitled to perpetuation. It is known by its fruits. It is ever green because ever noble and ever pure.—*Keystone.*

We have received several acceptable remembrancers from Masters and Secretaries of our various Lodges. We do not join with those who are of opinion that these seasonable greetings are becoming a nuisance. We look upon these little tokens as an intimation that our labours are recognised, and it is a source of infinite gratification to us to know that we, in our official capacity, are not forgotten by those who send forth these tokens of regard. We have pleasure in publishing the following:—

Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174.

A NEW YEAR'S GREETING FROM THE SECRETARY.

"The *Old Year* now has pass'd away,
But not its Memories dear;
May these remain, with pleasant thoughts,
Throughout the *Coming Year.*

"May you have health, may you have wealth,
And all things that will cheer,
Yourself, your Friend, and others too,
Throughout the *Coming Year.*"

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No. 79 WAS UNDOUBTEDLY A LODGE IN PHILADELPHIA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have altered the heading to Bro. Norton's letter so as to make it accord with my views of the subject. I, however, quite believe that No. 79 was undoubtedly an English Lodge," as my friend Norton states, the fact being that, according to my reading of the evidence, *both* statements are correct, the occupant of 79 of Philadelphia (America) being the *first*, closely followed by the London successor. We have not much fresh evidence to submit as to this question, hence I should have kept silence, awaiting more light, had not some of my friends wished me to reply to the communication of Bro. Jacob Norton (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, 1st Nov. 1883), and "INQUIRER'S" friendly notice deserves attention (29th Dec. 1883).

Although that doughty champion pitches into me and others so unmercifully, it must not be supposed that we are in any way unfriendly, for we are the best of friends, only we cannot see "eye to eye" on this and some other matters.

I have a copy of the List of Lodges Bro. Norton refers to of 1730, which, though so-called, as Bro. Gould points out in his invaluable "Four Old Lodges," was really for 1730-2. No. 79 at the "Highgate," London, was *not* on the list, as such, prior to 1731, was not constituted until that year (*i.e.* 1731), and the payment of £2 2s for the Warrant was not made until 21st November 1732.

Now we have to do with the period *before* that time, for there is the possibility that a Lodge granted for Philadelphia in 1730 did not get on the Roll until after all the English Lodges of that year; just as the Lodge at Boston (America) comes after all the 1733 English Lodges, and immediately before those of 1734, or as No. 213, Carolina of 1755, *follows* English Lodges of 1756.

I say *possibility*, but may add *probability*, because there is the reference in the "Pocket Companion" of 1735 to a Lodge in Philadelphia as No. 79 on the English Register, which was held at the "*Hoop in Water St.*" It seems to me much more likely that the compiler of this List had seen a Roll of Lodges with the Philadelphia Lodge inserted, than that he wrongly filled up the blank with such particulars, for why should he give such information as to Philadelphia, if there were no grounds for the statement?

Then, again, we *know* that Bro. Cox was appointed Prov. G.M. for "*New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania*," by the Duke of Norfolk G.M., 5th June 1730, in response to an application made by Bro. Cox, "and *by several other brethren, free and accepted Masons, residing or about to reside in the said Provinces*," so that some think there is reason to suppose that No. 79 was the result of Bro. Cox's exertions on behalf of one part of his District, he probably having got the Warrant granted. The letter of 17th November 1754 (which Brother Norton says is "*an imposition*"), written by Dr. Thomas Cadwallader of Philadelphia, to my mind gives the explanation of the appearance, and almost sudden disappearance, of this Lodge for the "City of Brotherly Love"—"Once, in the fall of 1730, we formed a design of obtaining a charter for a regular Lodge, *and made application to the* Grand Lodge of England for one, but before receiving it, we heard that Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, had been appointed by that Grand Lodge as Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. We therefore made application to him, and our request was granted."*

That there were many Freemasons in Philadelphia 1730-2, and a Prov. Grand Master elected by the brethren in 1732 (according to the requirements of the Patent of 1730), is evident, and has been made quite clear by my friends, C. E. Meyer in the *Grand Memorial Volume of the Masonic Temple*, the Reprint of the Grand Lodge Proceedings 1779, &c.; and Clifford P. MacCalla, M.A., in his most interesting little volume, entitled "Philadelphia the Mother City of Freemasonry in America."

I know that all I have said is but "Historical Thread," and requires careful attention to all the details, to carefully follow, &c. The matter is not yet ripe for settlement, but only for inferential arguments, based upon what appears to be solid fact. There is no room for dogmatism on either side, for as it is now, neither can boast of the monopoly of the evidence, for it is not absolutely clear in my favour, and certainly it is not in Bro. Norton's.

A Lodge warranted by a Prov. G. Master would, of course, be legal, of which there were many during the last century, several of which never paid for their Constitutions!

Our lamented Bro. John Hervey (G. Sec.), in August 1870, in a letter to Bro. Jacob Norton, declared that the "*First Money received from a lodge in America* was on the 8th of March 1754; Royal Exchange, Borough of Norfolk, Virginia Constitution, £2 2s." It is clear, therefore, that if Lodges in Philadelphia were warranted by the Prov. G.M., and never paid any fees to the parent Grand Lodge, *other Lodges acted in like manner elsewhere*, only in some instances the latter managed to get and to keep on the Roll for many years. The Lodge chartered for London as No. 79 is omitted on the engraved list of 1734 (reprinted by me since I wrote the article on No. 79, Philadelphia), and though it was filled in again subsequently, the date ascribed to it in the Calendars generally to the "Union" was A.D. 1730! It was erased early this century. This is my last on the subject until more evidence is procurable and meanwhile I feel bound to congratulate Massachussetts on having such an able champion.

Fraternally yours,

W. J. HUGHAN.

Torquay, 2nd Jan. 1884.

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THE SECRETARY OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASONS' CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I know it is an invidious, and I feel that it is an almost useless, task for an individual to question the wisdom of a body corporate. I am also sensible that, as a result of the remarks I purpose making, I shall probably succeed in bringing a hornet's nest about my devoted ears. But it seems to me that one part of the proceedings of the recent General Committee of the Girls' School, as reported in your last week's issue, is a fair subject for public comment. We all know how much time and labour are spent in collecting subscriptions for our Institutions, and we are all, to a great extent, interested in the economical disbursement of the proceeds of such labour. I will, therefore, ask this one plain question—Is it consistent with a truly economical administration of the funds of any charity, which is mainly supported by voluntary contributions, that any one of its officers, except under very special circumstances, should, for the second time within less than six years from his appointment, be awarded a substantial addition to his salary? Yet this was done last week in the case of the Secretary of the Girls' School, and no doubt every one who took part in the proceedings is perfectly convinced in his own mind that he did a wise and prudent thing when he recorded his vote in favour of the increase.

There are many who think it is impossible for any one to criticise a course of policy without having some ulterior object of their own to serve. For the benefit of all such I will state that I have no such object. Again, there are those who will insist that any one writing as I do now, must have some personal feeling against Bro. Hedges. So far is this from being the case, that I will venture to say no one entertains for him a greater sense of esteem and respect than I do. I believe he has done his duty thoroughly and conscientiously, and if praise of mine could do him any service, I would seek every possible opportunity of proclaiming his worth. My objection to the Committee's vote of Thursday last is made entirely apart from personal considerations of any kind. I leave Bro. Hedges out of the question when I say, that to raise an officer's salary from £350, which I believe was the amount at first awarded, to £500, after a no more than five and a half years' service, is impolitic, because, in the first place, it is uncalled for, and in the second place, because it is likely to create the impression that the same ratio of increase will be maintained in future years. I say it is uncalled for, because the duties of the office have not appreciably increased, either in extent or responsibility, since the appointment was made. They are now substantially what they were in 1878, not lighter, but certainly not heavier; while as regards the greater experience acquired by the officer, that had been recognised already once, and, in my humble judgment, very handsomely, before the farther recognition was voted last week. It must be remembered that this officer's salary, as now increased, will absorb one-third of the permanent income of the Institution; and if the same degree of liberality is to be observed in the future as in the past, it will very speedily trench upon this source of income to the extent of one-half. Does the financial state of the School justify this, when some four-fifths of its income are raised by the Voluntary Subscriptions of the Craft?

I have no intention of venturing into the field of comparisons, for I know in what bad odour they are held everywhere, but it will occur to most people to inquire why, if this policy of rapidly advancing the Secretary's salary is adopted in the case of one of our Institutions, it should not be applied with equal effect, by which I mean proportionately, to the same officers of our other Institutions.

As I am calling in question the conduct of an impersonal body, I have a right to maintain my own impersonality, and remain,

Discreetly and fraternally yours,

NEGOTII NON INEXPERS.

HOW THE MONEY GOES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

MR. EDITOR,—I am a strong advocate for paying a man well for his services. I do not approve of the system so much in vogue of abusing those who are better off than myself. I have no such envious feeling. I cannot help saying, however, that I think the General Committee of the Girls' School are a little bit too lavish in their favours. I was not in favour of the course they took with regard to Miss Davis, and I am strongly inclined to think that they have gone to the extreme of generosity in the case of Bro. Hedges, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. His salary was £450 a-year, and is now £500. When this jump of £50 per annum was made a regret was expressed that the salary of Bro. Hedges was not made equal to the salaries of the Secretaries of the other two Institutions. Judging from a remark made thereupon, the time is not far distant when that happy time will arrive for Brother Hedges. With all the merits of the latter, he would be a bold man who would compare them with those possessed by Bros. Binckes and Terry. Apart from this question of merit, there is that of length of service, and this should be taken into consideration in adjusting salaries. Indeed it is one of the main factors in the total of estimation. That being so, I cannot see upon what grounds regret can be urged for the difference in salaries where the circumstances are dis-

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similar. I shall not enter into the question of efficiency. I have no reason to believe that Bro. Hedges is not equal to his post. He evidently has the fullest confidence of the General Committee, and it is a significant fact that not only did Bro. Col. Creaton put himself to some inconvenience in order to vote for the increase of salary, but the proposition was carried unanimously, and amid expressions of warm congratulations.

There is another view of the matter which has been lost sight of. It is true our Charities are flourishing, but it cannot be said that the general prosperity of the country is at all what it ought to be, and the fear is that Charities will suffer as well as trade. It is not less true that the competition for situations is exceedingly keen at the present time, that wages and salaries show a downward tendency, and that good men, fully able to fill almost any position, are unable to find employment. With these facts ever present, it does seem to me that the General Committee of the Girls' School have been rather too eager to spend money, and to be needlessly generous.

Yours fraternally,

I.P.M.

GRAND MASTER SAYER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am obliged to Bro. H. Sadler P.M. for his letter in your impression of the 29th instant, but I certainly read the minute to signify that Sayer was reprimanded for attending what Grand Lodge would call a "clandestine or irregular" Lodge; and if Bro. Sadler would produce a copy of the paper signed by the therein-mentioned Master and Wardens, it would settle the question whether that or some other reason was the cause of the minute. My statement was made from memory, and if that serves me rightly, my authority would be Dr. Oliver, but I do not see what other interpretation Bro. Sadler can put upon the minute than that which I have given.

I might have strengthened my last letter by referring to the 1765 list of Lodges of the "Ancient" Masons. These may be found printed in the "Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror," 19th of June 1869. In it there are two Lodges dating prior to 1721, as follows:—

"1. Queens Arms, St. Pauls Churchyard, Second Wednesday. Constituted Time Immemorial. Every fourth Wednesday there is a Masters' Lodge. It is also the West India and American Lodge."

"2. Horn, Westminster, second Thursday."

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN YARKER P.M. &c.

P.S. In my Lecture I only said—"Even their Grand Master was prohibited from visiting these Lodges," as I considered the matter to be of very small importance at the time; now, however, it is as well to ascertain all the facts if we can get at them. J. Y.

THE GREAT HALL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is, perhaps, idle to discuss the practicability or otherwise of an enlarged Temple in the face of the decision of Grand Lodge, and yet the time is comparatively short—a little over five years—when this and other matters connected with Freemasons' Hall will come up for consideration again; that is, if it is to be taken for granted that those brethren who resist any change remain of the same mind as at present. I have great respect for the opinion of Bro. Havers; his experience and his practical knowledge entitle him to speak with authority, but I confess I cannot altogether follow him with regard to this subject of a great Hall. No doubt it would be difficult to construct a building capable of seating 1500 persons in which all could hear and be heard, but would not the same difficulty arise in the Albert Hall, which he recommends should be hired on special occasions? It is better to hear as well as to see, but there is an advantage in seeing without hearing even. Few go to Grand Lodge to speak, and surely those who do might be placed in a favourable position, and the acoustic properties of the building so ordered as to enable them to be heard. I do not expect to often see such an assemblage of the brethren as met on the occasion of the last Quarterly Communication, but I do anticipate that the Craft will meet in sufficient numbers as to demonstrate the fact that the Temple is not large enough to carry on the business of Grand Lodge with the comfort and dignity which are demanded. It should be remembered that the Craft is growing; it is also important to bear in mind that building operations are always more expensive when carried out piecemeal than as a whole. I know there is the difficulty with regard to the cost in connection with the leaseholders, and so far as they are concerned, I am glad that Grand Lodge refused the terms that were laid before them. Bro. Havers killed that project outright, in an able and vigorous speech. But what does he mean when he says: "There is time to consider, before the leases expire, what further extension or alteration may be desirable, and when that is to be determined on I would hope that the first consideration will be how we can so add to our building as to promote the greater convenience and comfort of the Craft?" He speaks of "leases." There are only two—that of Brother Bacon, now nearly within five years of its termination, and that of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, which has something like twenty-eight years to run. Are we, then, to wait for nearly a quarter of a century after the expiration of Bro. Bacon's lease before providing for the enlargement of the Temple? If not, how is the monetary and other difficulties to be overcome with Messrs. Spiers and Pond? I fear G. Lodge are shelving a difficult matter. They do not seem to recognise the possibilities of the near future, and I doubt very much whether they altogether realise the position. Grand Lodge having determined to rebuild the old Temple, there is nothing now to be done but to submit. As, however, the future has been referred to, and as there is evidently a feeling that something will have to be done at some time or other, it is just as well to know what is meant. I should like Bro. Havers, or some other brother, who can speak with authority, to formulate their views. For example. Is anything to be done?—if so, what?—when Bro. Bacon's lease falls in? Are the premises in his occupation to be re-leased for similar purposes for a time co-ordinate with the lease of Messrs. Spiers and Pond? If the latter course is to be followed, then there is an end to the matter, for a quarter of a century is too far to look ahead. If something is to be done five or six years hence, then it is desirable that some inkling should be given of what that something is to be, and not, Micawber-like, wait for something to turn up.

I am not anxious to thrust American institutions before English Freemasons, but sometimes a lesson can be learned from our brethren on the other side of the Atlantic. Bro. Elliott, No. 188, a few months ago, wrote to your contemporary, and in his letter was the following paragraph:—"In New York there is a Masonic Temple, spacious and symbolical, comfortably seating in the Grand Lodge room over 1000 persons." He does not say whether the brethren there can hear and be heard, but as he wrote in favour of an enlarged Temple for ourselves, he doubtless was of opinion that the accommodation was complete in that respect. In conclusion, I may say that we have not yet reached finality with regard to the science of sound.

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

GETTING MIXED.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—That was a happy hit on the part of Bro. Binckes when he secured the Marquis of Londonderry to preside at the Boys' Festival in 1882, and the trip to Brighton, where the gathering took place, is still fresh in the memory of many who were present. Your contemporary must be among this number, or he never would have confounded the noble Marquis of Londonderry with the Right Hon. Viscount Holmesdale, Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of Kent, who really did preside at the Boys' Festival, held at the Crystal Palace on the 20th June last. This confusion of names and dates would be almost unpardonable at any other time; as it is we must attribute the blunder to Old Father Christmas, who if he does help to make people a little "fou," has to bear the sins, faults, and failings that follow. No doubt the writer had the Brighton gathering before his mind; perhaps he was indulging in a day dream; or, more likely still, his digestion was out of order, and with it his memory for the time being, so he wrote down Londonderry for Holmesdale. Having accounted for the writer, may I ask, how came the reader and the rest of the staff of the *Freemason* to pass so absurd a blunder? I must answer for them, as for the writer—all were a little "fou," and all the fault of that hoary old sinner Father Christmas. Yours, &c.

FACTS.

MUNICIPAL LONDON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Nothing is more marvellous in these times than the rapidity with which great public questions become ripe for legislation. When a year ago the City was startled by some portentous announcement of the probable elements of the coming measure for a London municipality, our fears were quieted by the assurance that it was nothing but a weak invention of the enemy. The City always had been a match for any attempts to give London the power of self-government. Since then a year has passed. The subject has been thoroughly discussed, till resolutions have been carried everywhere, showing that the nation has made up its mind upon the matter. The public demand that a complete measure shall next session be put on the statute book. To be or not to be is no longer the question. Our business is now to determine the form it shall take. In all the recent wardmotes the City Fathers have objected to the magnitude of one great solid Corporation. They declare that no men could work it successfully. Now we have an alternative in the Municipality of Paris. Instead of going from the centre of our four millions of people through Committees to the circumference, Paris begins from the circumference founded upon universal suffrage under the ballot, and cuts the city into twenty arrondissements of about one hundred thousand each. For these divisions separate bodies control all the local public interests of its own section, and send up a grand council to the centre, who discharge the higher functions of regulating and carrying out all measures common to the whole of the metropolis. They control, for instance, the supply of water, the lighting, the markets, and even the fêtes and festivals. And well they do their noble work. They take in hand all we do and a great deal more. For they regulate and manage all the parks and gardens, and every year or two they invite the world to some great international exhibition conducted in a masterly style, concluded with éclat, and usually crowned with a handsome surplus. To this the Paris artizans have free access without charge, at convenient times of an evening, or on the Sunday afternoons. Last year the municipality voted nineteen millions and a half of francs for the elementary education of Paris, which is by law universal, compulsory, and gratuitous. In addition to which for higher educational purposes they voted about ten millions of francs for the encouragement of a diffusion of knowledge in the natural sciences, the fine arts, and technical instruction for every branch of

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Paris manufacture. Now the same system could be well applied here with our great city of twice their population. We possess all the elements of the most complete success. With wealth, energy, and knowledge of public affairs, whatever they do well we might confidently hope to do better. At our disposal in every quarter we enjoy the powers of an able press, a free platform, and an enlightened public spirit, which should give us the most efficient machinery for self-government, devoted to the health, prosperity, and happiness of a community that would constitute a well-ordered nation. We in the City would take our proper place, and, rejoicing in the advantages of our corporate government for centuries, would cordially welcome the exercise of similar rights and privileges in every other section of our mighty metropolis. Any jealous feelings in which the City Corporation may now indulge would soon vanish before the growing powers of a beneficent institution that shall give the means of satisfying the material and intellectual wants of possibly the noblest city the world has ever seen. The change would be apparent in this—that whereas now our corporate government stands on its apex in the City, a complete municipality would be based on the broad foundation of household suffrage, when every man in the enjoyment of civic rights would feel the responsibilities and take an interest in the welfare of the whole of his fellow-citizens.

I am, &c.

Cheapside, New Year's Day, 1884. JOHN BENNETT.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ALBANY LODGE, No. 151.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge took place on the 27th ult., when Bro. S. Wheeler was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being impressively performed by Bro. Kentfield jun. P.M. The newly-appointed W.M. then nominated his Officers as follow:—Bros. W. T. Way Buckell S.W., T. W. B. Waterworth J.W., C. Lock I.P.M., Rev. E. W. Watts, M.A., P.P.G.C. Chaplain, D. S. Pring P.M. Treasurer, G. Wyatt P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Registrar, C. T. Allée P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Secretary, B. W. Tilley P.M. Master of Ceremonies, J. G. Garnham S.D., G. R. King J.D., E. H. Fradd I.G., J. G. Jones P.P.G.O. Organist, C. Knell Tyler. Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. Major Walsh, Horton P.M. of the New Forest Lodge, Weeks P.M. of the Hundred of Bosmere Lodge, Havant, Beal Cowes, Mursell P.M. of the Medina Lodge, No. 35. The usual banquet followed at the Bugle Hotel, the W.M. presiding, and the S.W. in the vice-chair, when the customary Masonic and other toasts were given and responded to.

PHŒNIX LODGE, No. 257.

ON the evening of Thursday (St. John's Day), 27th ult., the annual meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Lodge-room, Portsmouth, when Bro. Gordon Miller was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed in an admirable style by Bro. Ernest Hall, retiring W.M., and at its conclusion the new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. E. Hall I.P.M., Arthur Jolliffe S.W., Col. Crease, C.B., J.W., Rev. G. H. De Fraine Chaplain, Dr. J. R. O'Connor Treasurer, W. G. P. Gilbert Secretary, Drummond S.D., Major Campbell J.D., S. B. Darwin I.G., J. F. Lovegrove Organist, T. R. Wilkins M.C., J. S. Hall and Captain Kennedy Stewards. The ordinary business being over, Bro. Ernest Hall, in the name of the Lodge, presented a handsome testimonial to Bro. J. R. Hayman, on his leaving the town, as a mark of the regard entertained for him by brethren of the Lodge. Brother Hayman for some years filled the post of Secretary to the Lodge, and he has also passed the chair. Brother Hall, in making the presentation, referred to the services rendered by Brother Hayman not only to the Phœnix Lodge, in connection with the redecorating of the Lodge premises, and in other matters, but also to the Craft generally. The presentation consisted of a handsome silver jug and twelve silver eggcups of unique filagree pattern. Bro. Hayman acknowledged the compliment in appropriate terms. Subsequently the brethren adjourned to a banquet, at which the new W.M. presided, and there was a large attendance of members of the Craft. The visitors included Lord John Taylour G.S.W. of South Australia, Bros. M. E. Frost P.G.S.W., R. J. Rastrick P.G.T., W. D. King P.M., E. Goldsmith W.M. 309, Outridge W.M. 487, Brunwin W.M. 903, the Rev Dr. Ring W.M. 1705, Travess W.M. 1428, T. Page W.M. 1903, J. G. Niven W.M. 1776, T. A. Bramsdon, Emanuel Hyams P.M. 278 P.P.G.D.C. Norfolk, &c. The members of the Lodge present included Bros. Captain W. H. St. Clair, R.N., Captain A. F. St. Clair, R.N., the Rev. Dr. White, G. Rake, J. Bonham Carter, T. R. Williams, Dr. O'Connor, J. R. Hayman, J. Griffin, J. S. Hall, Rule, G. E. Kent jun., A. Addison, Wadsworth, &c.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, will resume its weekly meetings at the Prince Regent's Hotel (Bro. Monk's), Dulwich-road-east, on Tuesday evening next, 8th January, at 8 p.m. the Preceptor, Bro. E. A. Francis, in the chair. After the closing of the Lodge, the monthly meeting of the Benevolent Association will be held, and two or three ballots in connection with the Charities will be taken. The Second Annual Festival will be held on the 4th Tuesday in the month, the 22nd inst., at the above address. As the accommodation is limited, early application is necessary for tickets.

BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

A REGULAR meeting was held on Monday, 17th ult., at the Blue Boar Hotel. Bro. Eustace W.M. presided, and he was supported by Bros. A. Richardson S.W., Robert Smith J.W., T. Rix P.M., G. A. Eustace Secretary, S. H. Ellis S.D., S. Shawyer J.D., W. Strutt I.G., and a large muster of members, with several visitors. The W.M. raised Bros. W. Rudrum and W. M. Mead, passed Bro. G. Cooket, and afterwards initiated Bros. T. Willis and J. Turner. The next business was the presentation of a gold locket, bearing the Lodge arms and the monogram of Miss Hast, attached to a blue ribbon of Masonic blue. In making the presentation in the name of the Lodge the W.M. said he had a pleasant duty to perform, viz., to present the Secretary, on behalf of Miss Hast, a gold locket, as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of her kindness in working the very handsome banner for the Lodge, and trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would spare her life to wear it for many years to come. The Secretary acknowledged the same in a few well-chosen and appropriate remarks. The Lodge was closed in due form, when the visitors were entertained by the W.M. and members, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close by some capital songs.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1981.

THIS Lodge, which takes its name from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. W. C. Arnold, Past Grand Chaplain, held its installation meeting at the Bell Hotel, East Moulsey, on Tuesday, 1st instant, on which occasion the Deputy Provincial Grand Master was present and installed Brother William Prince Catterson Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. Thirteen months ago the D.P.G.M. consecrated the Arnold Lodge, its first Master being Bro. Youldon, who, during his short existence, initiated as many as fourteen candidates, and was on Tuesday awarded a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services. Brother Catterson sen., the Treasurer during the past year, presented to the Lodge a handsome banner emblazoned with the arms of the Rev. Brother Arnold, and inscribed with his motto "*Vixit qui bene vixit.*" A handsome bible, bearing a suitable inscription, was presented by Bro. Arnold; the new Master made the Lodge a gift of a handsome set of Masonic tools; while one of the members, Bro. Croker, presented them with the Lodge furniture.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Langdale's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on the 29th December. Present—Bros. Ashton W.M., Gribbell S.W., Cross J.W., Liebman S.D., Gellen J.D., O'Donnell I.G., Cohen acting Preceptor, Galer Secretary; also Bros. Turner, Glass, Brasted, Prager, Houghton, Ricknall, Parkes, Lone, Woolveridge, Payne, Dixie, Weeden and Oldis. Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Lowe offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Cohen worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Woolveridge of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, who was afterwards elected a member, and Bro. Gribbell W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned to Saturday, 5th January. Lodge was closed early on account of this date being fixed for the second monthly meeting of the Masonic Association in connection with the Percy Lodge of Instruction. Sufficient subscriptions having been paid in two Life Governorships were balloted for. Any Craftsman desiring further information as regards this Association should address Bro. R. W. Galer, the Secretary, 12 Green Lanes, N.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—At the meeting on Thursday, 3rd January, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. J. W. Freeman W.M., Banks S.W., Stringer J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Pitt S.D., Beckett J.D., W. E. Dilley I.G.; Past Master Bro. Hutchings Preceptor, and Bros. Good, Catt, J. Bedford Williams, W. T. Hunt jun., Dale, and H. C. Freeman. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the third, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Brother Dale personating the candidate. Lodge was then called off, and on resuming the ceremony of installation was practised in a very able manner by Brother J. W. Freeman, who will instal his successor, Bro. B. R. Banks, in the Lodge of Justice, on Wednesday, the 9th instant. Lodge was then closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. W. T. Hunt jun., of the Pythagorean Lodge, and Bro. J. G. Dale, of the Temperance Lodge, were unanimously elected members. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. J. W. Freeman, for the efficient manner in which he rendered the installation ceremony. After this Lodge was closed in due form.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 1st inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Jenkins W.M., T. Clark S.W., Wardell J.W., Darnell S.D., Watkinson J.D., Smith I.G., Wallington P.M. Preceptor, F. Carr Secretary; also Bros. Geller, Harrison, Capero, East, Banister, Lorkin. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Banister candidate. Lodge was called off, and on resuming Bro. Clark worked the first, and Bro. C. Lorkin the second sections of the lecture. Bro. Harrison, of Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607, was elected a member. Bro. T. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his Officers in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony, this being the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

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Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 902.—Held at Bro. A. F. Austin's, 25 Charterhouse-street, on the 2nd inst., being the first meeting of the year. There were present Bros. Salter W.M., Williams S.W., Cross J.W., Fidler S.D., Venning J.D., Melbourne I.G., Field I.P.M., and other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Williams, of the Mother Lodge, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the brethren attending will be sure of witnessing some good Masonic work.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., Monday, 31st December, 1883. Bros. Clements W.M., Galer S.W., Weeden J.W., Brock S.D., Treadwell J.D., Turner I.G., Isaac P.M. Assistant Preceptor; also Past Masters Cusworth, Forge, and other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bagnall candidate. The same brother afterwards answered the questions previous to passing. Lodge opened in second, and ceremony of this degree was rehearsed. Lodge closed in due form, and adjourned till Monday, 7th January, when Bro. Galer will fill the chair.

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A MASONIC INCIDENT OF THE LATE WAR.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

THOUGH you are always welcomed as a "bright light and leader" in your weekly visitations to the Craft, you will not, I think, take it amiss in me to send you an incident of the benign and universal worth of Masonry, which I was induced to write up "from the narrative given me by the principal actor," after I had read those two remarkable incidents given under the head "Masonic Reminiscences," in your issue of 27th October.

It was during the autumn of 1862, when the western division of the great Union army was pressing forward to save their country, a portion aiding in opening and controlling the Mississippi, Vicksburgh, Port Hudson, and other great fortified points still a-head. The Government had not yet got afloat, to any large extent, those able allies of the army, the gun-boats, to demolish the enemy's shore fortifications and guard the transports coming on with troops, provisions, paymasters, &c.

An old-time resident of this city was at that time captain of a transport, on the way down the river from St. Louis to Memphis, with, "among other things," two paymasters and a large amount of money to pay the troops. Upon the boat stopping about 135 miles below Cairo, at a place in the possession of Union forces, a prominent general from Iowa—still prominent in this State—came to the captain, and saying that a nephew of his had been killed in a skirmish the day before at Randolph, Tenn., asked him if he would land at that point for a few minutes, and get what clue he could as to where the body of his relative was, and what the prospects were for its recovery. The captain replied that it would please him very much to do such a favour for the general, but he was afraid that he dare not land at Randolph. Guerilla bands were dashing in to the river shores and out again continually, and that he, with all other officers of boats had lately received strict orders from the commodore in charge of the Mississippi above Memphis, to never land a transport at any point not designated by him. General ——— was so anxious, pleading so hard, that the captain told him, if permission could be obtained from the commodore, he would risk landing. The general managed to get the permit, and when the boat approached Randolph, about 5 a.m., two blasts from the whistle were sounded, and hearing or seeing no response, four more signals were given, and the bow of the boat was pushed up to the shore, no line taken off, the boat being kept in place by the slow revolution of the wheels. No one was visible on shore at this time, but in a few minutes a shabby, dirty looking individual, with one leg bent up and wrapped in splints, came hobbling out from a small shanty at the top of the bank, an old cotton warehouse being located a few yards beyond. He simply yelled out, "What in ——— do you want?" The captain replied, "That he wanted him to come down to the boat, as he wished to see him on business, and that he could not stop the boat long." The next from shore was, with violent expletives, "How do you expect me to come with such a leg, shot through and through?" The captain then determined to go up to the shanty and try to comply with the general's request. After all the whistling by the boat and yelling, there seemed only the one man on the levee. So giving a few directions to those he left on the boat, he stepped ashore, and as he came up to the apparent watchman, he was saluted with such a volume of anathemas and abuse, that though they could be told by the captain in relating to the writer his experience, they could not appear in print. Every few sentences ended with, Yankee Whelps. The captain knew that there must be other Rebs near, or the man that he was now with would not dare to use such language. So, keeping cool, he merely explained what induced him to land, asking for the body of the man so recently killed in the late skirmish. "D—n any Yankee body." was the reply. The captain coolly asked him what he meant by such foul talk and actions, adding, "Now, where I came from, we generally knock a man down before he says half of what you have said." "It means," said the guard, at the same time clapping his hand on our Brother's shoulder, "that you are my prisoner. Now, tell that pilot to leave his wheel, and, with the other men, to come a-shore and tie the boat up. I want that boat, and am going to have it." This he demanded twice, and then drawing an old-fashioned horse-pistol from his belt, he yelled: "Die, or do as I tell you." The captain, knowing that the guerilla's character was to kill and destroy all that he could not use, no matter what he had promised, said: "Well, I can only die once, and if the time has got to come to-day it don't make any difference as regards a few minutes; but you shan't have the boat if I can stop you;" and, turning to the pilot, he screamed: "Back her out, Joe, quick, and start down stream." The wounded Reb then gave a vigorous kick with the splint-bound leg, throwing everything that restrained it flying in every direction. Then placing two of his fingers, bent, into his mouth, he sent forth a loud, shrill whistle, and in a moment there came bounding out from the old cotton warehouse two hundred and twenty-five active guerillas, very ragged and dirty, and armed with shot guns. "There, boys, take this d——d Yank, and hang him to that big tree yonder," shouted the now very active guard, with his two *unwounded* legs, kicking up wild antics. The leader of the gang, who was a lieutenant in rank, first ordered his men to fire a volley at the pilot-house of the steamer, then working out into the stream, and it rang forth irregularly, but did not hurt the pilot—as all who saw any Mississippi steamers who ran below St. Louis to any extent in those days, or even to the close of the Rebellion, will remember how in the inside of every pilot house was placed nearly a perfect cylinder of boiler iron, being only open a little in the front and rear to enable the pilot to govern the boat, and extending from the floor nearly to the ceiling. After the transport got away, the lieutenant set men to work cutting the smaller branches of the tree away so as to leave a large limb pointing out at a right angle from the trunk, as a good place to hang the captain, now a prisoner, and pretty sure of a speedy death, because he would risk death rather than surrender human lives and property of great value, entrusted to him, to a rebel enemy. When everything was ready at the tree, and a large mule had been led under the projecting limb, the captain was ordered to mount and stand upon a padded saddle, he having the rope already round his neck—the plan being to make the mule spring from under him, while men held the other end of the rope passed over the limb. Just then, a little fellow, who had not taken as lively an interest in the arrangement as the others, shouted:

"I say, boys, let's take him up to our camp and hang him there, where *thars* more of us."

After some loud disputing, the lieutenant ordered that plan to be adopted. So mounting the respited prisoner on the mule, with his hands tied above and his feet beneath the animal, the party started on an irregular march over the hills for their camp, the apparent lieutenant choosing to ride beside the doomed man, probably for the greater glory of being the first to lead into camp their captive. After about a mile had been passed over, the captain, knowing that everything was arranged fearfully in earnest, bethought himself of trying what nothing has equalled in allaying the passions engendered by war, or breaking the indifference so often seen when appeals are made to mankind for assistance—the reminding signal, which never goes unheeded when recognised by one who understands its worth. The Masonic token did not go unheeded. In a moment, the leader at his side, after a few questions, said: "Why didn't you tell me this before?" Then, to his followers, "Here, boys, I've changed my mind. I will go back to the river with this man, some of you come along." The captain was relieved from the cords, and he rode back to the river, where a skiff was hunted up for him, and he was set afloat down the Mississippi. He kept away from the shores and was finally taken aboard a Government transport, which landed him at Memphis.

LONDON COTTAGE MISSION.—The new Hall has been opened most auspiciously for the friends of the London Cottage Mission, 67 Salmon's-lane, Limehouse, they having been successful in scoring a "double event" of a most decided character. In addition to providing a substantial dinner of roast beef and plum pudding, followed by an ample tea, to upwards of 200 of the aged poor of both sexes, attending the Mission Services, and whose ages ranged from 60 to 90 years, the opportunity was seized by Mr. Walter Austin, 44 Finsbury Pavement, who thirteen years ago founded the Mission to inaugurate the new Hall, which has been erected at a cost of £2000, of which sum unfortunately £380 still remains unpaid. The building had been decorated in a most tasteful manner by Messrs. Defries and Son, of Houndsditch. Shortly after seven o'clock, Mr. Walter Austin, accompanied by Lady Colin Campbell, with whom was the Hon. Miss Gordon, formally declared the Hall opened, and in a short speech described the rise, work, and progress of the Mission, directing particular attention to the Irish Stew Dinners, which on each Wednesday during the winter months are supplied to the destitute children, and the aged and sick poor of the district; and instanced the fact that since the introduction of these dinners in 1879, upwards of 250,000 poor children had partaken of these wholesome meals, whilst at the same time the wants of the sick and needy adults had not been overlooked. Other speakers followed, and the proceedings terminated shortly after ten o'clock by the singing of "God Save the Queen," Lady Campbell singing the solo parts. On Wednesday, the usual Irish Stew Dinner was provided, of which about 800 children partook, in addition to which 100 dinners were sent out to the sick and bedridden, who were unable to attend.

DEATH.

GRABHAM.—On the 21st December 1883, at Stoke Newington, Bro. EDWARD BARTLETT GRABHAM, P.P.S.G.W. Middlesex, in the 42nd year of his age.

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NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Bro. W. J. MURLIS.

"That the whole of the business in conducting the Election of the House and Audit Committees and other kindred Elections be carried out in the same Room as that in which the presiding Officer is sitting, and that it be referred to the General Committee to consider and report on the best means for conducting such Elections."

By Bro. ROBERT MARTIN.

To add to Law 63 after the word "thereof" in fifth line.

"Or by an annual payment, under similar conditions, of Fifty pounds, provided that any person nominating a girl under this latter clause shall give such guarantee for the continuous annual payment during the time such girl remains in the Institution that the General Committee may require."

By Bro. C. F. MATIER.

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"A Lodge, Chapter, or Society shall enjoy the like privilege on completion of the payment, under similar conditions, of Four Hundred guineas.

"That H.R.H. the Prince of Wales be constituted the Grand Patron.

"That H.R.H. the Princess of Wales be constituted the Grand Patroness."

By Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., Vice-Pat.

"That in consideration of the special services rendered by Mr. PRENTICE, he be elected an Honorary Life Governor with 8 Votes.

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RANDOM NOTES AND REFLECTIONS.

ALTHOUGH not an old Lodge, the Duke of Clarence has its home in the ancient and picturesque little town of Clare. Last week we announced, upon the authority of a Suffolk paper, that H.R.H. the Duke of Albany had been elected to, and had accepted, the post of Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the ensuing year. There is a fitness in the choice, and there is graciousness in the acceptance of the office of W.M. by our Royal brother. Clare was a borough as early as 1088, but before the Conquest there was a fortress there, and in it a chapel, dedicated to St. John the Baptist. The town takes its name from the Clare family, and the title of Duke of Clarence and the name County Clare, Ireland, are derived from this House. Strongbow, the conqueror of Ireland, was the grandson of the first Gilbert de Clare. Edmund Mortimer, another historic character, was buried in Clare Church, a quaint looking edifice. Another fact in connection with this pretty little place is worth recording. When excavating for the railway in 1866, a small gold crucifix and chain were found within the precincts of the ancient bailey. The plate, which can be removed, bears the figure of the Saviour, and inside the cross are two minute fragments of wood and one of stone, supposed to be relics. This interesting memento of centuries ago is in the possession of Her Majesty. There are few places in the Kingdom that can boast of such associations as surround Clare. It is worth a visit for the sake of the remains that still exist of where the old Castle stood, and of those that are standing of the old Priory in the valley of the Stour. These are within sight and an easy distance of the keep, which rises to the height of a hundred feet, on the summit of which is the remnant of an old wall, circular within and buttressed without. The mound is covered with brushwood, and from the top a charming view can be had of the undulating country around. We find that H.R.H. the Duke of Albany has appointed Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives, of Moyns Park, as his Deputy. Moyns Park is in Essex; it is a fine old Tudor mansion, and Murray says the property has been in the family of the Gents for 800 years.

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Various causes have contributed to the development of a spirit of inquiry which now, more that ever, seems to prevail; one of them is undoubtedly the Masonic Press. In America the Craft and cognate literature has grown to an enormous extent in comparison with our own; even the Colonies outstrip us in some particulars. But, while admitting this to be true, it should be borne in mind that the Order is more conservative in England than elsewhere, and that what we have done in the way of disseminating Masonic news, stimulating inquiry, and contributing to the solution of occult matters has met with the respect, if not always with the sanction and acquiescence, of the best members of the Craft in this and other countries. The Grand Lodge of England, notwithstanding the contention of Bro. Neilson, is the premier Masonic body of the world, not only in point of age and standing, but also in point of authority. Its members are among the foremost contributors to Masonic science and history, and through them a very wholesome spirit of inquiry has been kept alive and stimulated. Without going into details of the various subjects that have been discussed, we may mention the issue of a portion of Bro. Gould's book as one of the most memorable events of the year. In connection with, and apart from this work, questions of a most important esoteric character have arisen, and the learning and research that have been displayed augur well for the future of Masonic progress and historical truth. There has been a "sifting of Masonic documents" hitherto, perhaps, unexampled, and if the result appears at present rather chaotic, materials have been and are being got together out of which may, most probably will, arise canons that shall be future and unquestioned guides. One of the most wonderful features in Freemasonry is that it is ever developing some new fact, upsetting shibboleths of the past, but all leading to a higher and a nobler conception of the Craft. We trust this desire to look deep into the mysteries of the Fraternity will not only continue but increase, and that in order to cultivate inquiry facilities will be granted by Grand Lodge for the study of the library they have already collected, for its growth, and the perfecting of a museum worthy of its position and the traditions of the Craft in England. We believe the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, has done something in this direction, but his efforts need the active support of the brethren, so that a library and museum at Great Queen Street shall be an honour to the Order and a grand means of education to the brethren generally. No more appropriate time than the the present for carrying on the good work begun by the Grand Secretary could be possible. The minds of Masonic students are now active, and no effort should be spared to secure accommodation for library and museum, and for those who wish to study both.

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Philadelphia is called the "City of Brotherly Love." How far it is worthy of the name, we do not pretend to judge. So far as the Craft is concerned, anything but a brotherly spirit is very often manifested. The Anti-Masons of America are a noisy, if not a formidable, body, and they sometimes indulge in charges the grotesqueness of which is amusing, although not creditable to their intelligence and love of truth. One of the charges, made by a so-called "Head Centre" of this very curious body of Anti-Masons, was that the Craft were the cause of Garfield's death. As far as we have been able to gather the facts, Bro. Garfield loved the Order, and was beloved too well in return by the brethren for them to harbour the slightest design against his person or family. They might have killed him by kindness; that is the only weapon they would be likely to have used against one they esteemed so highly.

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This "Head Centre" went on to say that the 542,072 members of the Masonic Lodges in the United States were more powerful than the Christian Church. This is praise indeed. We trust the Christian Church in America will take this fact to heart, and learn of the Freemasons how they accomplish the maximum of good which this enemy says they effect.

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We think it is recorded of Tom Hood that he asked for bread and was given a stone. The opponents of Freemasonry in America have for many years been asking for the remains of the notorious William Morgan, but, as in the case of the humourist, they have to be content with a stone. The story goes that one Peter Tower, before he died, four years ago, stated that he had dragged the bottom of the Niagara river (he did not go near the spot where poor Webb was drowned, that is certain) for the alleged remains of William Morgan. He was unsuccessful, but he found a stone, which he said he was satisfied was fastened to the body of Morgan. The age of credulity never seems to end, but we should say that among the most benighted of our peasants it would be difficult to find one who would believe such a tale, and ashamed to be seen going to a show where this said stone has been exhibited. Why, Joe Smith's story of the origin of Mormonism is gospel compared with this ludicrous display of silly spite.

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There is nothing in Freemasonry that is incompatible with the discharge of civil, moral or religious duties; in all these it is universal. It has nothing to do with creeds or parties, and has no political signification whatever. Bro. Sir John Bennett has sent us a letter entitled "Municipal London." He asks to be heard through us, and we readily comply with his request. Alluding to the "rapidity with which great public questions become ripe for legislation" in these days, he says the time has come when the business of deciding what form a great Municipality for London shall take must be taken in hand. As a contribution to the solution of the question, he points to Paris where he says:

"Instead of going from the centre of our four millions of people through committees to the circumference, Paris begins from the circumference, founded upon universal suffrage under the ballot, and cuts the city into twenty arrondissements of about one hundred thousand each. For these divisions separate bodies control all the

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local public interests of its own section, and send up a grand council to the centre, who discharge the higher functions of regulating and carrying out all measures common to the whole of the metropolis."

This council control the supply of water, the lighting, the markets, fêtes and festivals, regulate and manage all the parks and gardens, and "every year or two they invite the world to some great international exhibition," to which the Paris artizans have free access "of an evening or on Sunday afternoons." Sir John goes on to say that vast sums are voted by the Municipality for the elementary education of Paris, "which is by law universal, compulsory, and gratuitous." Money is also voted for higher educational purposes, for the diffusion of knowledge in the natural sciences, fine arts, and technical instruction. He contends that what is done well in Paris, we in London, who are blessed with "an able press, a free platform and an enlightened public spirit," could do better. He thinks the City would take its proper place, and that the City Fathers ought to put from them any jealous feelings of other bodies growing up beside them. Our readers, however, will be able to study Sir John's letter for themselves, as it appears in another column of this issue.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

GRANTING INDULGENCES.

THE Order's bounds are becoming so widespread, and the circumstances surrounding it so various, that many objects are continually arising in the different jurisdictions that demand deliberate consideration, and a more extended discussion than they are likely to obtain upon the floor of any of our Grand Chapters. And it is an unfortunate fact that such discussions in a Grand Body, whether it be an Eastern Star organisation, or one of some other society, are apt to take on, to a greater or less degree, a personal nature, so that often the real merits of a question are lost sight of, in the regard of the members for some individual. Among the questions that demand attention at this time, and a speedy settlement, that the actions of the different Grand Bodies may be in a certain degree uniform, is that of the granting of Dispensations by executive officers, to subordinate Chapters, for various purposes. That the title might foreshadow to a degree the view of the question I propose to present, I have chosen the word "Indulgences," as more nearly expressing that which is frequently done by Grand Officers, when they profess to issue "Dispensations."

The tendency of mankind is toward assumption of power. The history of both Church and State fully demonstrates this fact. He who is clothed with authority, often without a consciousness of it, is apt, by assuming doubtful prerogatives, to magnify his office. And, handed down from one to another, that which was at first assumed as a doubtful prerogative comes to be regarded as an undoubted right, and the encroachments go on until the people by a revolution, peaceable or otherwise, by one fell swoop, do away with them.

I have in my mind's eye a Grand Chapter governed by a Constitution in which the word "Dispensation" does not occur, and there does not seem to be the least necessity for the issuance of any, as the regulations state that the Grand Officers may grant charters for new chapters, and constitutional provision is made for the election and appointment of officers to fill vacancies. The Grand Officers are charged to see that the laws of the Order are strictly enforced, and yet both the Grand Matron and Grand Patron issued dispensations pretending to authorize subordinate chapters to violate written law! The law required that officers to fill vacancies must be elected at a stated meeting, the members being summoned for that purpose. The "prerogatives (?)" of the Grand Officer were exercised, authorizing the election of an officer at a special meeting. Another dispensation authorized a chapter to hold a special meeting and legalized any business that should be done thereat, which should have been done at a stated meeting. A third authorized individual members of the Order, acting under a dispensation unauthorized by law, to receive petitions ballot and confer degrees. Two chapters were authorized to suspend their Bye-Laws, but in what particular is not stated. The ritual says imperatively that the charter or dispensation and seven members, including one of the first three Officers, must be present in order to open a chapter, and this requirement is specifically reiterated in the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and yet a dispensation was issued authorizing a chapter to hold a regular meeting in the absence of the first three officers. Another chapter was authorized to receive and ballot upon applications at a special meeting although the Constitution requires that applications shall only be balloted on at regular meetings, and another chapter was empowered to meet without a charter So we are to conclude that if the above dispensations were rightfully issued, a Grand Officer can authorize a chapter to hold a "regular" meeting, in the absence of its charter or either of its three principal officers, on a day other than that authorized by the bye-laws, and thereat it may elect officers, receive and ballot on petitions. The only thing necessary seems to be a dispensation and seven members, but we can well imagine circumstances which, under such a system, would seem to justify the issuance of a dispensation authorizing a chapter to meet in the absence of a quorum. When that halcyon day arrives a dispensation will be a chapter fully authorized and equipped.

The *Voice of Masonry* has contained profound and learned disquisitions on the prerogatives of Grand Masters, successors to our first Most Eminent Grand Masters, who ruled the Craft with despotic sway, and yet we do not remember that any writer has laid claim to such unrestricted prerogatives as those with which some Eastern Star Officers vest themselves, without remonstrance from Grand Chapters. It would appear that the only solid ground on which to stand, on this subject, as well as all others, is that of written law and, in these days, when we are building near the foundations, the cry of "halt" should be made upon all encroaching movements; that future ills may be warded off.

In the Masonic Institution the powers of presiding officers are being more and more brought within the limits of specific laws, and in our Order they should be kept there.—*Voice of Masonry.*

Obituary.

BRO. EDWARD BARTLETT GRABHAM, P.P.S.G.W. MIDDLESEX.

With the close of the year, there passed from amongst us a well-known brother, whose Masonic attainments and ardent labours in aid of our Charities will cause his name to be long remembered by those with whom he was associated in the work of Masonry.

Brother Grabham was initiated in the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, in December 1871, and he passed the chair in 1876. He was a Founder and first Master of the Felix Lodge, No. 1494, and filled the chair a second time in 1878. In recognition of his services as Master and Secretary, the members of the Felix Lodge presented him with a handsome gold watch. For many years he discharged the duties of Preceptor in the City Masonic Club, his great delight having been to give encouragement to his younger brethren, and where his great patience and urbanity won for him the esteem and regard of all its members. He was a P.Z. of the Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 191, and for some years he acted as Scribe E. He was also a P.M.W.S. of the Invicta Chapter Rose Croix, No. 10. He was a Life Governor of all the Charities, and had served as Steward on many occasions. The Provincial rank of Senior Grand Warden Middlesex was conferred on him in 1875. On the 21st ult., at the age of forty-two years, he succumbed to the disease which had prostrated him for many months. He was interred at Abney Park Cemetery on the 27th ult., surrounded by a numerous concourse of sorrowing friends and brethren, desirous of paying a last tribute of respect to departed merit. The funeral service was most impressively rendered by the Reverend H. C. J. Bevan.

The *Portsmouth Times* announces the death, which occurred on Christmas Day, of Mr. John Lillywhite, formerly clerk of works, H.M. Dockyard Deceased, who was in his 45th year, had been laid aside by severe illness for some years. He was an active Freemason, and a P.M. of the Phœnix Lodge He had held a commission as lieutenant in the Hants Artillery Volunteers and was much respected by a large circle of friends.

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FESTIVITIES AT CROYDON.

THE New Year's Entertainment to the "Old Folks" at Croydon took place on Wednesday, in the handsome Hall at the Institution. Amongst those present were Bros. Dr. Strong and party, Bro. Thomas Cubitt, Mrs. John Constable and Mrs. Culmer, Bro. Edgar and Mrs. Bowyer, Bro. Robert and Mrs. Halford, Bro. John and Mrs. Newton, Bro. G. S. and Mrs. Graham, Bro. and Mrs. Daniel, Bro. W. H. and Mrs. Wallington, Bro. C. and Mrs. Smyth, Bro. H. and Mrs. and Miss Massey, Bro. G. P. and Mrs. Festa; Bros. John Mason (Collector), R. P. Forge, W. W. Morgan, James Terry (Secretary), James Terry jun., Mrs. and the Misses Terry, and Bro. T. Hastings Miller and Miss Miller. It is now some ten years since these Half-yearly Entertainments were inaugurated, and judging by the success attending the one now under notice the promoters have every reason to be satisfied with the result achieved. Dr. Strong, the honorary surgeon of the Institution, whose daily attendance on the old people for several years and anxiety on their behalf have received several tokens of acknowledgment from the Committee, presided at the dinner, and afterwards proposed three toasts, one of which, "The Founders of the Feast," was responded to by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, who stated that the founders of the feast considered it their duty to follow the precept, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." A dramatic entertainment, in the evening, was given by members of the Pickwick Histrionic Club, who played Craven's "Chimney Corner" and the comedietta, "A Cup of Tea." The performers were Messrs. E. Johnson, Dupree, C. F. Cowell, Upton, W. S. Turner, Miss Isabel Mart, and Miss Lizzie Henderson. The performances were admirable. Bro. G. S. Graham also took a conspicuous place in providing the entertainment of the evening, which taken in its entirety gave every satisfaction and much enjoyment. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the entertainers, and gracefully acknowledged by Mr. E. Johnson, and after other compliments had been paid, the party returned to town.

There was a goodly assemblage of the brethren on the occasion of the first meeting of the Board of Stewards in connection with the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held on Thursday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Among those present were Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C., Edgar Bowyer Grand Standard Bearer, Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., W. Clarke P.G.P., Wm. Stevens G.A.P., Horace B. Marshall W.M. 1949, Charles S. Lane P.P.G.D. Durham, George Kenning P.G.D. Middlesex 1657, H. E. Dehane P.P.G.D. Essex, C. F. Matier P.G.W. Greece, E. E. Barrett Kidder I.P.M. 12, H. H. Wells W.M. 1671, S. Richardson, C. Volckman, C. Challen, R. J. Taylor W.M. 1922, G. S. Brandon, G. P. Festa P.M. 1900, W. H. Chalfont W.M. 1425, M. Graham W.M. 975, C. W. Reynolds P.M. 1479, E. W. E. Wilde, H. Faija P.M. 1540, John Hallett I.G. 5, C. E. Keyser, S. Nowakowski P.M. 534, Richard Barham, and A. White P.M. 1437. The announcement having been made that Brother J. D. Allcroft, Grand Treasurer, would preside at the Festival, Brother H. B. Marshall was elected President of the Board of Stewards, Brother E. Bowyer G.S.B. Treasurer, and Brother James Terry Secretary. All Vice-Patrons and Present and Past Grand Officers were appointed Vice-Presidents of the Board of Stewards. The Stewards fee is fixed at £2 2s, brethren's tickets £1 1s, and ladies tickets 10s 6d. Messrs. Spiers and Pond's tender for the dinner was accepted, and a Musical Committee having been appointed, comprising Bros. Horace B. Marshall, Edgar Bowyer, C. F. Matier, Charles Challen, William Clarke, Thomas Cubitt, G. P. Festa, R. Barham, and R. J. Taylor, the Committee adjourned until Friday, 15th February.

On the books of the Masonic Benevolent Institution there are 339 annuitants—167 men and 172 women. Of these London has 109. West Yorkshire has the next largest number, viz., 34. East Lancashire and Kent are next, the former with 19, the latter 17. Devon has 16. Other provinces vary from 10 to 1. Hereford, Herts, Leicester, and North Wales and Shropshire have none. On the books of the Girls' School there are 239 girls, 79 of whom are from London and 2 from Berks and Bucks. Bristol has 1, Cheshire 4, Cumberland and Westmoreland 1, Devon 7, Durham 4, Essex 2, Gloucestershire 3, Hants and Isle of Wight 12, Herts 2, Kent 12, East Lancashire 9, West Lancashire 6, Leicester and Rutland 1, Lincolnshire 6, Middlesex 3, Monmouthshire 2, Norfolk 2, Northamptonshire and Hunts 1, Northumberland 1, Notts 2, Somersetshire 8, Staffordshire 3, Suffolk 7, Sussex 4, Warwickshire 6, Wilts 8, Worcestershire 2, North and East Yorks 5, West Yorks 21, North Wales and Salop 1, South Wales (Eastern division) 2, ditto (Western division) 2, and Foreign Stations 10. Beds, Cambs, Cornwall, Derbyshire, Dorsetshire, Herefordshire, Oxfordshire, and Surrey have no girls in the institution.—*Evening News.*

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.

The installation meeting of the Priory Lodge, No. 1000, will be held on Thursday next, the 10th inst., at the Middleton Hall, Southend, Essex. Lodge will be opened at the early hour of 11·30, and the ceremony of the day will be performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. W. D. Merritt. Bro. W. G. Brighten P.M. 72 and 569, Provincial Grand Organist Essex, is the Worshipful Master elect.

Bro. Lord Headley who has been elected the next representative Peer for Ireland, will, on the Assembly of the House of Lords, take his seat in the room of the late Earl of Mountcashel.

According to the *Keystone* Brother W. J. Hughan is probably an honorary member of a greater number of Masonic bodies than any other brother in the world. In 1874, when he published his "Memorials of the Masonic Union of A.D. 1813," he dedicated that work to thirteen Lodges and six Chapters, in England, Scotland, and America, which had previously honoured him with membership. One of these was Jerusalem R.A. Chapter, No. 3, of Philadelphia. A number of others have since added his name to their roll.

Bro. H. Baldwin P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex and Surrey, P.M., &c., of the Panmure M.M.M.'s Lodge, 139, asks us to notify that this Mark Lodge will hold an "emergency" meeting at the head-quarters of Grand Mark Lodge, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C., on Monday next, the 7th inst., at five p.m. There are some ten candidates on the agenda for "advancement." Bro. Thomas Poore P.G.I.G., P.M., &c., the veteran exponent of this honourable degree, will assume the chair of A., and with the assistance of the W.M., Bro. John Walmsley Prov. G.J.D., and officers, will perform the ceremonies.

Brother the Lord Mayor will be present at the annual ball of the Cripplegate Pension Society at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., and will take the chair at the supper.

The personal property of the late Mr. Thomas Holloway will, it is stated, probably be sworn under £1,000,000. His will, which is of the simplest possible character, can be summarised in a very few words. Contrary to general expectation, the testator has made no specific charitable bequests. The executors, Mr. George Martin and Mr. Driver, who are also the trustees of the fund (£300,000) with which Mr. Holloway endowed his college for the education of women in August last, are entrusted with the task of carrying out the testator's wishes in respect to the whole of his benevolent schemes. It is understood that although the completion of the college and sanitarium will be the first care of the executors, their charitable disbursements are by no means limited to the furtherance of the objects these institutions have in view. During his lifetime Mr. Holloway gave large sums of money for benevolent purposes on the condition that the name of the donor should not be discovered, and the executors are given a wide discretion in the continuance of such subscriptions. Mr. Driver will continue to carry on the business of the deceased. The whole of the testator's property, with the exception of that set apart for charitable purposes, is bequeathed to a near relative.

ENCYCLOPEDIA.—We learn with great pleasure that our illustrious brother, Charles T. McClenachan, is preparing for the press a revised and greatly enlarged edition of Mackey's Cyclopedia, his most famous work. The new edition will contain about one hundred pages of new matter, besides various additions to that already published, and will appear early this year. The well-known ability and careful research of Bro. M. gives full warrant that the work will be well done and the book make a library in itself.—*N.Y. Dispatch.*

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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 JANUARY.

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)
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)
Rimai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 7th JANUARY.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet 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)
188—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1316—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1427—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, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 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. 21—Old King's Arms, Freemasons Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moor
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
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
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Checquers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Potty Curry, Cambridge
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (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—Walton, 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, St. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1284—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1306—De Warenne, 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
1542—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1573—Corndoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester
R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 8th JANUARY.

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, Horseshoe Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
111—Fait., Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Cheshunt Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turret, 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, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Doric, Sisters' Tavern, Powmall-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.
1321—Emblematic, Rose, Jermyn Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
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, Champion, Aldersgate Street, 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
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8.30 (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)
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
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

33—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, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
987—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
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. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Call-on-hill, Leeds
R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Duke Street, Bodmin
R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Ashton Road Street, Cheetham, Lancashire
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity Road, Sheerness
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Bandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

WEDNESDAY, 9th JANUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Trafalgar-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, Kennington 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 of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Popnin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
902—Burgoyne, 25 Charterhouse Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—Lodge of St. John, City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 548 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1682—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.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
1968—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
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. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden Square, W.

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
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
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Oldskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
606—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
940—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1067—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1084—Borough, Ball Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1208—Lewisca, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel Mossley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle

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1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1434—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Royal Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1787—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llandiloes, Trewythen Arms, Llandiloes
1688—Brownrigg, Sun Hote, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 40—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 806—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
R.A. 1177—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles
M.M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester

THURSDAY, 10th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
87—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Le[illegible]-st., E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
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435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
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704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
750—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)
1076—Chaperer, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
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1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
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1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Ta[illegible]., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
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R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George. Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
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283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
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991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
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1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
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1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1201—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
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
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1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
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1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
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1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
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FRIDAY, 11th 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)
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, 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)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
129[illegible]—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.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harriogate
1031—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1299—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. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 601—Eyton St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
K.T. 126—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 12th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Tavern, at 12
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)
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-street, W. at 8.
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street W, Hammersmith

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

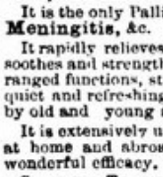
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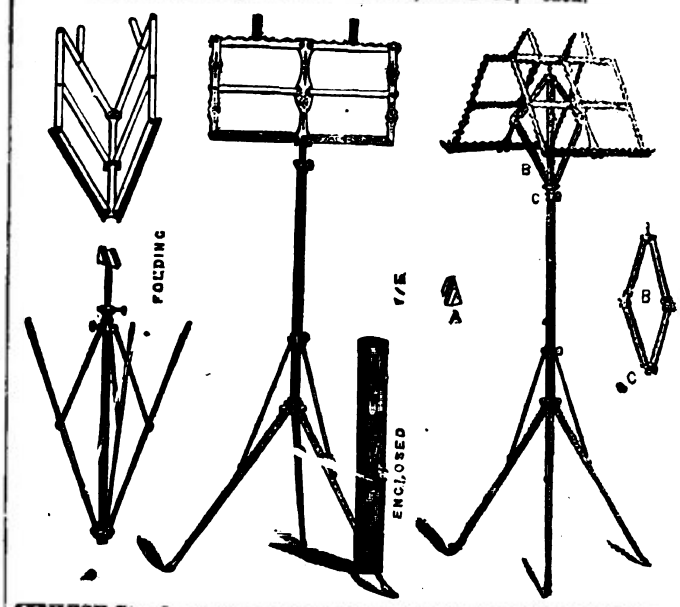
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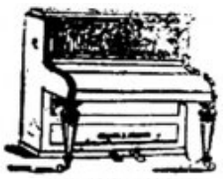
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ARITIES AND CANDIDATES.

me to time we have discussed various matters nnection with the election of candidates to our ritable Institutions. We have not hesitated to own views, and we have sought to evoke the others. Hitherto little earnestness on the part ren has been manifested. It cannot be from rest that so few take an open part in a subject l moment; perhaps the secret lies in the fact estion is too intricate, and involves issues so s to dismay many. It, nevertheless, ought to ed in a generous, manly spirit, in order that n may be established which shall lead to the the fittest objects for relief. Brother C. H. aised the question in a definite shape; at least nd him to mean that something like a *quid pro* e given to those who have subscribed to the His motion, laid before the monthly meeting of ee of the Royal Benevolent Institution, held ult, proposes that the Board should take into n what measures (if any) could be adopted to d candidates for election, according to the oney and length of time they had contributed of the Institution. In a speech he made on casion, briefly and, perhaps, imperfectly re- pears to suggest that the plan adopted by the nevolent Institution, of giving ten votes to a every guinea he subscribed, should be followed. ro. Webb subsequently wrote to our contempo- that he hoped to obtain a favourable result to ie had taken "without resorting to bogus nmittee of selection, or ten votes for each ribed, to all or either of which propositions" ly opposed. It is difficult to reconcile this h the terms of his motion, as far as they have ed in print. It is evident that the brethren rt in the discussion were of opinion that a ie of the kind implied by Bro. Webb's motion l to be proposed. Bro. Charles Lacey is saying, that "the number of candidates was d something should be done to inquire what had rendered." Then Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg illustration the case of the Royal Medical nstitution. There it was found that the andidates had never assisted it at all. He is ave added: "and what was more, it was ie fathers of the candidates, although they rosperous circumstances, had not subscribed. f the Institution passed a rule establishing a Examiners, who carefully examined every ording to their report the votes were given." se quotations as showing what was in the peakers at the time, and although Bro. Webb rd the idea of a committee of selection, or of tes for each guinea subscribed, he does not motion, nor does he say what he really does oubt, upon the ground of abstract justice, it ose who have subscribed to a charity should claim upon its funds. There is an initial difficulty, however, to be got over, and it must be met before any absolute rule can be adopted. What is meant by contributing to the funds? Are the contributions to come direct from the father of the candidate, or from relatives and friends? If from the former, it would be comparatively easy to formulate a scheme that should be approximately complete. If the latter are to count, then we should like to know how the facts are to be discovered.

Are services rendered to Freemasonry to be taken into account? and are cumulative subscriptions of small amounts to figure in the entire estimate? If not, how is it possible to arrange such a system as shall be uniformly, or in the main, just? We confess we see insuperable difficulties to any plan that shall secure anything like the principle of reciprocity between donors and receivers. We have before pointed out that subscriptions do virtually determine elections now, to a larger extent than, perhaps, is desirable. The richer and the more generous are the friends of a candidate, so, in proportion, are his chances increased, and to such an extent is this system carried out, that we fear many poor and deserving cases are disregarded. If the theory of reciprocity is to be established, it should be adopted in the selection of candidates; but here again we are met with insurmountable difficulties. It would be almost impossible to form a scheme which should determine the selection of candidates for the reasons that we have already advanced, for the facts necessary upon which to base a rule could not be ascertained, and if they could the question of proportion would be as difficult to solve as a Chinese puzzle. Were it possible to arrive at a conclusion, we should not like to be the assessors, and it would not be fair to cast upon any body of men such an onerous and invidious task.

While it may be advanced that the Masonic Charities are subject to the rules that govern all other charities, it should not be forgotten that Freemasonry is based upon the principle of equality. The prince and the beggar, if worthy, stand in the same rank of Brotherhood. Our ritual inculcates the habits of prudence and providence, but it nowhere prescribes a distinction when help is needed. No scrutiny is suggested in the time of adversity except that which is laid down by the laws of the Order and custom. It is enough to know that a brother, or one of his family, is in distress, to engage the active sympathy of those who can help, and the more this leading principle is kept in view the better will it be for the true interests of the Craft. It cannot be intended to visit the sins of the fathers upon the children; such would be the case were the plan established of giving a premium to subscribers. We do not believe that either Bro. Webb or those who agree with him, whatever may be their views, desire to set up any unjust distinction. We are ready to admit that their first wish is to be just to all; at the same time we cannot conceal from ourselves the conclusion that what they suggest, as far as we understand it, would lead to greater evils than now prevail. We fear that many deserving cases are now but imperfectly considered, and sometimes rejected; we do not doubt that there are many anomalies in the present system. In attempting to correct these, however, there would be danger of introducing others of a worse kind. What is needed is a better mode of securing help for those

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most in need of it, the better distribution of voting power, so that the really poor shall be selected, and not, as in the case of the boy Herring, for example, whose friends hold a very respectable sum of money in hand belonging to him, and which should be used for his education and support. It cannot for a moment be contended that this boy stands in the same position as one who has no means, even if the father of the former did subscribe to our Charities, and the father of the latter did not. We hold that necessity should be the first test of claim to help. We know that no system would secure perfect justice in that respect, but those who are responsible for the selection of candidates and the method of election, are bound to seek such a result, and to secure the nearest approach to it they can find. We would lessen the difficulties of poor candidates as much as possible, and although wealth must always be a great power in all mundane matters, we would not handicap poverty more than is inevitable, but rather lighten the weight it has to carry in the weary race of life.

LET THE MILL GRIND.

From the Voice of Masonry.

THE report of the Judiciary Committee of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as published in the *Voice of Masonry* for September, under the caption "The Mill is Grinding," is itself a profound review of the principal question therein discussed, and opens to the reflective and philosophical mind a wide field of thought as connected with the natural or inherent right as well as imperative duty of Grand Lodges as concerns the welfare and perpetuity of the Craft as an organized, self-sustaining, and self-protecting body.

That the conclusions therein reached will be approved by a large majority of Masons, admits of but little doubt, and that the time has arrived when all Grand Lodges should define clearly what shall be recognized as legitimately pertaining to Masonry, and the extent and limit of such pretensions and practices, is equally patent and necessary. To those minds who have become reasonably proficient in the knowledge of Craft Masonry, its teachings, purposes and spirit, there is serious cause of apprehension in the accretions which year by year are being superimposed upon the foundations and body of our temple, without either our authority or consent, self-styled *higher* degrees, that overshadow and obscure the beautiful and symmetrical proportions of the structure, flimsy Mansard roofs, fanciful frescoes, and superficial decorations intended to dazzle the eye, captivate the fancy, and gratify personal vanity and the taste for display and parade, rather than in any manner to aid in or elaborate the simple and sterling objects, ends and aims of purely Masonic ideas. The professions of loyalty to Masonic principles always enunciated by these toptoftical builders, their pretensions as decorators of the temple, and elaborators of Masonic principles, their recognition of Craft Masonry as the true foundation of the entire superstructure, has in the past been the quieting anodyne which has lulled the Craft into passive or tacit acquiescence in the appropriation of its name and fame as a secure patent and foundation on which to erect and sustain their pretentious chimeras and parasitic inventions. Yet withal, their only actual relationship to Masonry has consisted in the assumption of its name, and in making Masonic membership a prerequisite to admission to its high-toned and multifarious circles, rings and branches. This has been tacitly permitted by Craft Masonry, until to-day it would be far easier to understand thoroughly all the secrets of the Cretan Labyrinth, or the tortuous pathways and concealed recesses of the Roman catacombs than the knowledge to the full extent of the more labyrinthine mazes and lofty pretensions of all that is denominated and claimed as Masonry.

While there is, doubtless, much that may captivate the fancy, dazzle the imagination and gratify vanity in these modern creations of inventive genius, the question presents itself squarely for our consideration, in what respect are they *necessary* as auxiliaries to Masonry? To what if any degree are they elaborative of its designs? Are they a natural and legitimate outgrowth of Masonry on a continually progressive plane, or are they parasites that cling to our Institution as a means of support, and, by their exacting demands upon their membership, and their *higher* attractiveness, seduce them from the active discharge of their duties to the Craft, which, otherwise would be zealously performed, and, as a natural result, cause them to remember Symbolic Masonry only as the rough, unhewn foundation on which *their* department of the Temple is erected, and the *Sanctum Sanctorum* as only a preparation room in which to receive the finishing touches which qualify them for ascending into the more refined atmosphere of mystic, ineffable and transcendental shadows.

The wisdom of the report before alluded to, and the necessity for it, as well as the subsequent action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, seems clearly conclusive; yet the fifty-two votes that were recorded against the Welch amendment indicate the strength which the heresy had attained, and the necessity for the prompt heroic treatment which it received. It would indeed be a self-evident corollary that, if the membership in all so-called Masonic rites and degrees is limited to Masons; if to be a Symbolic Mason is a prerequisite, then Symbolic Masonry, as represented in Grand Lodges, should have the indefeasible right, and it should also be their sacred duty to define what should and what should not be permitted as Masonic, and to prohibit everything not so permitted under adequate penalties.

The so-called Masonic Rite of Memphis, which was invented in France about the year 1839, by Marconis, who, aided by Moullet, established Lodges at Paris, Marseilles and Brussels. Rite of Memphis, consisting of ninety-one degrees, ever gained a recognised foothold in America, wo numbered a hundred, as Yankees would soon have flo The rite according to the authority of Ragon, and othe was, for the first thirty-three degrees, pirated almost the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and, whatever else it m was a Frenchified travesty upon the now extinct Eg Misraim. The Grand Orient of France refused to rite as being legitimate, though with the French love and scenic effect it is somewhat singular that it w as a *grande* improvement. A failure on the part o secure the approval and endorsement of the Grand Orie recognised as the sovereign Masonic power of the civ led to the suppression of his Lodges in 1852, by the civil law. By a persistence worthy of a better cause in 1862 secured from the Grand Orient a recognition or rite, as legitimate, but in order to effect it had t title of Grand Hierophant, and to surrender to the the sole right to confer his rite, he and all other r Lodges to renounce all degrees above or beyond t Mason, and to be recognised as such and such only, Orient, which thus became the owner, so to speak, o immediately pigeon-holed it, and thus as was suppose out of existence. It will thus be seen that, if it e recognition of legitimacy it was done simply to strang even if thus rendered legitimate by a recognised M it could never be revivified without the consent and that power, which has never been given, so that even it ever had a legal Masonic existence, it is, and has be defunct.

It is not the purpose of this paper, however, to make particular rite or heresy, but to arouse thought upon th ers and duties of Grand Lodges, as to defining what s nized as entitled to wear the name and garb of Masonry the lines sharply as to what may or shall be tolerated so-called Masonic bodies, which have either constitution been recognized as such.

While the argument is apparently a fair one that can take no cognizance over any organization which is n to or more properly coordinately of them; cannot, in legal knowledge of their existence, and therefore have n ever to assume or exercise any control over them, the fac that, as the recognized sovereign powers in all th Symbolic Masonry, they may determine what shall and be recognized as Masonic, not only as to so-called degr the Ancient Constitutions, and their own several organ termine what rites shall be considered Masonic, and, i jurisdictions, what form or system of ritual shall be pr last power, however, is an unquestioned one to-day, a years since, from 1862 to 1864, it was an open question which those who, from the result we may assume were sought by surreptitious means to subvert the Consti substitute the Conservators' ritual for the lawful work th if indeed it went no further than this, which was claim lowers, though distrusted by nearly all others. The w members the advent of a very distinguished brother Lodge of Illinois, and the motion which followed, that h to exemplify the work of the Third degree before the The Grand Master, Dr. Buck, ruled the motion out of ferred to the Constitution, which in express terms prohi fication of work by any others than the Grand Lecture

The proposition was renewed in another form, th *mitted* to do so informally. To this the Grand Master r should obey not only the letter but the spirit of the and that the motion would not be entertained. But th sown took root, and for two or three years the battl *Trowel*, then published by Bro. Reynolds, became sword, dealing sturdy blows for the integrity of the resuming its office of "spreading the cement of brotl affection" only when Conservatism had been openly those who had attempted to ingraft it upon the old stock.

If at that time the Grand Lodge of Illinois had determine what was Masonic and what was not, a obedience to its decision, it surely follows that it, a Grand Lodge, possesses that power, and with it th duty to exercise it whenever innovation is attempte interests of the Craft are menaced. The extremely ground taken by the Editor of the *Voice of Masonry*, up of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, is well calcul the most impulsive mind pause and reflect well befo decision on the question at issue. But, when we go and find the Royal Arch as a complement to the Master when also at the union of the two Grand Lodges of En we find a clear definition of Masonry as being the degr Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, including t Arch, we may safely assume that we have all of Ma recognized, under the control of the Grand Lodge of Constitutions of which, adopted about 1723, with thei cessive amendments, are still regarded as the general o Masonry in America.

If, then, the Grand Lodge of England, at the tim held and exercised supreme control over everything to Masonry; if, as a part of Symbolic Masonry, the G England sanctioned and adopted the fabrication of th Degree by Dunckerly as borrowed from Dermott and elaborated and remodeled by himself; if, indeed, tha the whole of Masonry in that epoch, by what right or Masonry been used as a god-mother and sponsor for th degrees and rites which are now claimed and popularise And if the Grand Lodge of England had then, in the

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he Ancient Landmarks and Constitutions. And, if they his right, does it not logically follow that all so-called degrees not thus recognised, stand as impostors and clan- rganisations, having no claim to Masonic relationship save t that their membership is limited to Masons? The converse propositions would seem to be that Grand Lodges should onstant vigilance in repressing and branding as clandestine asonic whatever may come into conflict with pre-existing , or in any manner weaken or diminish the vigour, har- sefulness of the Fraternity.

ion of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is not a new It is but a repetition of what Illinois has done, and is a ign that the great body of the Craft are loyal to old land- principles.

time that a halt should be called, and the overshadowing flnous tinsel decorations stripped from our temple and the Masonic potters' field. The Craft have slumbered ore in the consciousness of strength, while these en- s have been going on, tamely submitting to see the sub- al ritual appropriated almost literally by one of the so- er bodies, and it is indeed time that the Craft should ts rights and protect them. If those who claim to be so wedded to their idols that they prefer the Golden Calf ig Word, they must, like the children of Israel, suffer the es. There should be in Masonry no "Let Ephraim alone, to his idols," but the Masonic Ephraim should be made to he must get out of his father's house, and move into one bearing a different name, if he will not be governed by d regulations of his forefathers."

s running after strange gods the only evil to be feared. ve of the sensational, of scenic decoration and dramatic s gradually working its way, like leaven in a loaf, into asonry; and in the home of the *Voice of Masonry*, and rs of our large cities, rich costumes and dramatic acces- ions kinds are becoming fashionable, and it is not impos- this straining after sensational effect be tolerated, that, time, we may find our country Lodges, who cannot afford ive outfits, under the necessity of keeping up with the ploying some Star performer, who has provided himself essary paraphernalia, to visit them and confer the sub- n modern theatrical style.

ides of these practices was tersely expressed by Past r Josiah H. Drummond, who, being asked for his views ot, replied that he "hoped never to see Masons in any e or costume than that of *gentlemen*."

orial comment of the *Voice of Masonry* on the Massa- tion, Bro. Brown says: "We think it forbodes a com- ship over all degrees (Masonic), by Grand Lodges, and e, the abolition of all other Grand Bodies," &c. This rather a far-fetched conclusion. Grand Lodges, as a ugh of their own business to attend to, and, being com- one and sinew of the Craft, are possessed of the charity ubdue and keep in check all selfishness or desire for nt at the expense of the rights of others. Symbolic gh not quite Quakerism, is never aggressive, seeks only ne, and to protect itself in its legitimate and time- ts, but not to build itself or strengthen itself by the or interference with, any other association of men. g thought, however, may be construed as a virtual ad- inherent power of G. Lodges to do what is thus vaguely a remote possibility. There is, however, no desire on Symbolic Masons to abridge the ambitions of the , from whatever cause, may desire to "jine" all the existence, and though it may sometimes sound rather hear the remark, "Oh, he's *only* a Royal Arch," or Mason," as the case may chance to be, by those who more, to their autographs, yet they can well afford to ing that they are *only* such from their own choice, and it on their part.

ossible contingencies suggested in the Massachusetts a conflicting allegiance, is hardly probable by any ing itself Masonic, and the true Mason would hesitate efuse to take upon himself any obligation which might ramount or rather pre-existing duties. It is no war- ic principles, but it is an affirmation of Masonic er Masonry; of its power for self protection, and as the mother Grand Lodge of America, is opportune olesale example, to crush effectually those mercenary o, like Ramsay, Cagliostro, and Maroonis, are pros- me of Masonry, as a means of personal gain; free ooters who, though perhaps skilful in the use of their them not from principle but for lucre. There can be he good result. The voice of the Craft, and probably *sonry*, will in due time proclaim, Well done, old Bay ill grind.

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ion of the North London Chapter of Improve- d on the 10th inst., at the Alwyne Castle Paul's Road, Canonbury, N. Companions Gregory H., Strugnell J., Radcliffe S.N., It was resolved, at a late Convocation of this nprovement, that a complimentary banquet n on Thursday, the 7th February next, to receptor T. C. Edmonds. This will take olborn Restaurant, at seven o'clock punctu- panion desirous of being present will please with Comp. J. E. Sheffield, 67 Grosvenor- y New-park, N. Tickets 4s 6d each.

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Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket-Book for the year 1884. Published for the benefit of the Charity Fund under the sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England, and by command of the M.W. Grand Master. London: Spencer's Masonic Depôt, 23A Great Queen-street, W.C.

THE Calendar Committee of the Board of General Purposes are to be congratulated on the progress they are making in the work of compilation. The roll of Grand Officers since 1814 has been extended in the present issue by the addition of the Pro Grand and Deputy Grand Masters, while that portion of the Calendar which is devoted to the Provinces has been strengthened by the insertion of the list of brethren who since 1717 have held the supreme direction of affairs in the Provinces into which the country is sub-divided. Another improvement is the omission of the magical letters "T.I." from Lodges Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13, to which they had no claim whatever. Perhaps, in a year or two more the Committee will have mustered up courage enough to insert the dates of constitution, which cannot be very much earlier than 1751, instead of leaving them without dates altogether. The dates in the "Cosmo," as supplied, we believe, by Bro. Hughan, are No. 3—"1755-84," No. 5—"1752," No. 7—"1751," No. 9—"1751," No. 11—"1751," and No. 13—"1761-85." We know there is a difficulty in fixing the dates of constitution of the so-called "Ancient" Lodges, but, according to Bro. Gould, on the 17th July 1751, the Masters of Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7—present Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13—"were authorised to grant dispensations and warrants, and to act as Grand Master." Though, therefore, the constitutions of these Lodges may, for the sake of convenience, be deemed to "range beyond historical investigation," still, as the Schism did not begin till about the year 1738, and as the genuine "T.I." Lodges, Nos. 2 and 4, are the only ones which work without warrants, further investigations on the part of the Calendar Committee may some day enable them to decide for themselves, if only approximately, when these said Lodges came into being. One other matter deserves to be mentioned. The Committee persist in setting down the days when Lodges meet as "2nd Thursday," "1st Monday," &c., when, as they cannot fail to know, a vast number of Lodges meet only six or seven times in the course of the year; at all events, not regularly every month, as is implied by the entries as now worded. We lay some stress on this point, as brethren rightly look to the Grand Lodge Calendar for accurate information, and, in this particular, it is not forthcoming.

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The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1884. Fourteenth year of publication: Second Edition. London: George Kenning, 16 and 16A Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields; 1, 2, 3 and 4 Little Britain; 195, 196 and 197 Aldersgate-street, &c., &c., &c.

THE appearance of a fresh issue of this useful, we may venture to correct ourselves and say indispensable, Masonic publication is always most welcome. The information it contains as to the different Masonic bodies at home and abroad is very nearly as complete as it can be made, and, what is of still greater significance, it is surprisingly accurate, considering the great difficulties there are in the way of obtaining accurate returns about Lodges, Chapters, Conclaves, and the like. No new feature has been introduced this year, because so many have been introduced in previous issues that the list of new features must have been pretty well exhausted by this time. But endeavours have been successfully made to strengthen, as far as possible, the value of the "Cosmo" in its character of a guide as to the days and places of meeting of the different Masonic bodies, supreme and subordinate; while, as far as we have had an opportunity of judging, the matter relating to Masonry abroad is, if anything, rather more comprehensive than it was last year. In short, the "Cosmo," retains all its old points of excellence, while it does not materially differ from what it was in 1883, only because there was little, if any, room left for the introduction of material changes, at least in the way of improvement.

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Irish Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the year 1884. Published under the sanction of the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Dublin: Printed by S. Underwood, for the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and to be had at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street.

THE Irish Masonic Calendar is a model of neatness and conciseness as regards the arrangement of its contents and their sub-division among the different bodies which flourish in Ireland in spite of the antagonism with which they are unceasingly confronted. As to the accuracy of the information furnished we are not in a position to say more than that almost every page affords evidence of the care bestowed on the compilation. There appears to be a great amount of unwillingness on the part of Irish Lodges and brethren to allow any of their doings to appear in the Masonic journals of this country. Why this should be the case is an enigma we shall make no attempt to solve. But in the absence of such occasional intelligence, we have no means of testing the value of the particulars stated as to dates, places of meeting, &c. All we can say on this head is, that the details given have every appearance of being trustworthy, while the manner in which they are put together is well worthy of commendation.

Several Lodge reports are unavoidably held over.

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FREEMASONRY AND THE SAINTS JOHN.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We in England should absolutely know nothing of the Craft literature of America were it not for your excellent paper. No doubt some brethren on this side of the Atlantic take in the American Masonic publications, but they are kept for private use, and but for the quotations you give now and again they would be caviare to the Fraternity at large. I confess to a liking for the *Keystone*, not because I endorse altogether what it says, but because of the evident earnestness that characterises all its Masonic productions. Take the article on "St. John's Day," printed in your issue of the 29th ult., for example. A proper distinction is there drawn between fact and tradition, and while fact alone is held up as determining matters of history and practice, an affection is nevertheless displayed for tradition. The editor seems that he would fain cling to the belief that both St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist were Freemasons. If it is not so, why does he refer to Masonic symbolism and the sun, to the zodiacal connection between "Cancer" and St. John the Baptist, and "Capricorn" and St. John the Evangelist? He appears to me to wish that the reasons given why the Craft should honour both Saints' days were true; it is quite certain that the editor of the *Keystone*, if called upon to judge of the sanity of any one who should boldly assert as fact what tradition affirms, he would either observe that excellent motto—"Silence," or very mildly rebuke the enthusiast.

In dealing with facts, the editor in question is loyal to the patron saints. In that respect America generally is with him, at least so far as one of them is concerned—St. John the Evangelist. He rebukes the English and Scotch brethren for deserting the Saints John for St. George and St. Andrew, preferring, as he says, "patriotism" to "primitive practice." If I might venture into the realm of speculation, I would suggest that it is just possible that patriotism had little, if anything, to do with the change. We are reminded in the article I am quoting from that "the Grand Lodge of England was revived on St. John the Baptist's Day, 24th June 1717," afterwards changed to "St. John the Evangelist's Day, 27th December." When the transfer of allegiance to St. George took place, we are not informed, but with regard to St. Andrew, we are told that "The Festival of St. John the Baptist was kept by the Grand Lodge of Scotland until 1737, when the annual election was changed to St. Andrew's Day." I am not at present concerned with Scotland, but with England, and it does appear that those who contend for the specific and dogmatic character of Freemasonry, prior to the Constitutions of Anderson, may have better grounds for their belief than many writers on Masonic history yield to them. Nothing would be more natural—having changed the religious character of the body—than to obliterate the names which personified the old faith. Bro. Hughan, in his "Memorials of the Masonic Union," says, "The precise origin of the secession of 1730-52 has not yet been exactly ascertained, but we may safely assume that the disagreement which arose was mainly fostered by the Operatives, in whose practical minds the institution of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons on a cosmopolitan basis was evidently regarded as directly opposed to their ancient customs and privileges." I gather from this that the Operatives objected to being absorbed into the more Speculative body, and thus lose their identity. But in the next sentence Bro. Hughan seems to furnish the key by which the conduct of the Operatives is to be explained. He says: "The struggle for supremacy commenced in earnest on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, 1723, when the election of the learned natural philosopher, Dr. Desaguliers, as Deputy Grand Master, met with opposition, forty-two adverse votes being registered out of a total of eighty-five." The authority to Anderson to revise and complete the history and regulations of the existing old Constitutions was granted by Grand Lodge on the 29th September 1721, and he finished his work in 1723, just about the time, as Bro. Hughan says, "the struggle for supremacy commenced in earnest." It is a fact beyond dispute that men cling to faith in religion long after they have sacrificed everything else; it is the last stronghold to yield, and I am inclined to think that the change made by Anderson in the religious basis of the Order had more than anything else to do with the struggle that culminated finally in 1813. It is significant also to notice that another edition of the Constitutions appeared in 1738, when the Schism, which began nearly twenty years before, took a more active and defiant form, and resulted in the establishment of another Grand Lodge a few years later.

Although the fundamental principles of Craft Masonry are the same all over the world, it is quite clear that the American brethren attach a Christian character to it, such as does not exist in England. They adhere to St. John's Day, and their Masonic literature abounds in allusions to Christ and the religious faith of Christianity. On the occasion of the Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, held on St. John's Day, 27th December 1882, a poem was recited, entitled, "Through Death to Life," in which occurs the following verse:—

"You have heard these tales, shall I tell you one—
A greater and better than all?—
Have you heard of Him whom the heavens adore;
Before whom the hosts of them fall?
How He left the choirs and anthems ab
For earth in its wailings and woes,
To suffer the shame and pain of the Cro
And die for the life of his foes?
O Prince of the noble! O Sufferer divi
What sorrow and sacrifice equal to thi

Such an incident would be almost impossible i it to happen, no doubt it would give rise to much of the essential Theistic character of the Craft, served in letter as well as in spirit.

While speaking of St. John's Day and Americ tion a very interesting ceremony that took place i No. 1, Providence, on the occasion of their 125th a the 27th December 1882. To celebrate the event been struck, and, judging from the engravings I must be a very elegant memento. On one side faces of the two Saints John, and inscribed round words—"Saint John's Lodge, Number One, Provi the other side are the arms of the Lodge, be "*Suivez raison*," with the inscription around—" Twenty-fifth Anniversary, 1882." On this occasi altar was erected, the brethren also returned to wearing silver chain collars, to which were atta their several offices. I have referred to these mat what reverence our brethren in America venerate two Saints John. From what I have said in a pr letter, I infer that the religious character of the C considerable changes, and that it is quite possib bable, that, owing to those changes, much of the d in the revival period from 1717 onwards is to be s the foregoing scattered thoughts for what they observing that I approach the subject with an ope I trust, that respect which is due to those of my entitled to speak with authority on all matters Craft.

Yours humbly and fraterna

BRO. YARKER'S HISTOR

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRO

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Considering that Bro. Y self as an authority in Masonic History, it is astoni and inexcusable are the mistakes into which he fall stating that Grand Master Payne was censured by attending Schismatic Lodges. It turned out that Payne, but Bro. Sayer, whom he intended. Th pointed out that Bro. Sayer was not guilty of the c ing such Lodges, and now—that is, in his letter last week in your columns—he writes: "I might h my last letter by referring to the 1765 List of Lodges Lodges. These may be found printed in the 'Freem and Masonic Mirror,' 19th June 1886. In it there dating prior to 1721, as follows;—

"'1. Queens Arms, St. Pauls Churchyard, Secon Constituted Time Immemorial. Every fourth Wedn Masters' Lodge. It is also the West India and Amer

"'2. Horn, Westminster, second Thursday.'"

It is a great pity that Bro. Yarker does not carry l little below the surface. Had he done so in this ins hardly have failed to discover, and that without the culty, that though the list he refers to is certainly he Lodges," it refers to the "regular" Lodges holding Grand Lodge, not to the "Schismatic" Lodges. If t sufficiently clear by the explanatory note which imm the title—"A New and Correct List of all the E Lodges in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, acc seniority and constitution. By order of the Grand M down to April 19th, 1765"—it is so by the internal ev by the List itself, as well as by a few other circu which an exponent of Masonic History may reasonably be acquainted. For instance, the 98 Lodges of the lished on 19th June 1869, as aforesaid, and the No. 119 inclusive—which appear in the "Freemasons' Masonic Mirror" for the week following—are dated Immemorial" down to October 1740, while, according ment made by Bro. Gould in his "Atholl Lodges"— his work under Lodge No. 8, now No. 15—"the No. 8 seems to have been the *first* issued by the '. was signed by the Masters of Nos. 3, 4, 5, and At all events, as the date commonly assigned f mencement of the Schism is about the year clear that by far the greatest number of these having been warranted before that year, cannot poss longed to the "Schismatic" or so-called "Ancient" Then it does not need a pair of spectacles to discover tha Nos. 1 and 2, noted by Bro. Yarker, are present Nos. 2 Time Immemorial, and the survivors of the "Four which founded the Grand Lodge of 1717. Again, if it there could be any doubts as to this list being one of Lodges, as it is described, and not a list of "Schismatic" names of very many of the places at which they met would they are to be found in other "Regular" Lodge lists in one or two instances it may have happened that a "R a "Schismatic" Lodge met at one and the same plac improbable that this should have been the case in dozens Moreover, according to Gould, the so-called "Ancien publish a list of Lodges till 1807, while the "Regulars annual lists from an early date—some time before there Master to order the publication of a list of "Schismati

xarker might have avoided this further error into which he

long letter which Bro. Yarker sent you after I had reviewed e, he was pleased to ridicule a statement of mine that the " Masons were really "Modern," and the "Moderns" s." As the term "Ancient" appears to have been again Brother Yarker to indicate what he supposes to be the ıtic" Lodges, let me fortify myself by the following om the preface to Bro. Gould's "Atholl Lodges":—"The hese two bodies"—that is, "the Grand Lodges established ly in 1717 and 1753 '—"originated in the secession of brethren about 1738, from the *parent* Grand Lodge of asonry, which they averred had adopted *new* plans and from the *old* landmarks. The Schismatics, therefore, in (as they alleged) to the 'old forms,' arrogated to them- title of 'Ancient' Masons, bestowing upon their rivals appellation of 'Moderns,' and by those distinctive epithets since been generally described." I must apologise for nuch stress on what is in fact part of the A B C of Masonic ut though I have declined to enter into any controversy Yarker, I could not stand idly by while he was floundering sea of difficulties, although they were mostly of his own ithout lending him a helping hand. So you must accept ature as my apology for again troubling you.

Fraternally,

REVIEWER OF BRO. YARKER'S LECTURE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

AND BROTHER,—The very friendly spirit in which Bro. ied to my former communication with reference to Anthony nduced me to ask permission to trespass still further on le space. I presume that, like myself, Bro. Yarker is a Masonic light and truth, if so he will doubtless see the e following remarks.

ır history of Speculative Masonry is obscured by many nbt and uncertainty. I consider it, therefore, a duty we other to endeavour to contribute a ray of light, however de making clear that which has been for years, and still source of contention amongst certain members of our it behoves us to act with great caution, to be certain of and not to publish to the world as positive facts be merely expressions of opinion, lest by repeating and agating the errors of former writers, we add to the ıstead of throwing light on, some of the most interesting ıe history of our grand old Craft. I have no doubt it ch thoughts as are expressed in the foregoing sentences d me to seek for further information as to our old Grand nce, for, from the confidence with which Bro. Yarker ertions, I had a hope, a faint one I admit, that he was in important information not known to the generality of rians. I very much regret that it is not in my power n with a copy of the document referred to in the Grand s of 1730, and quite agree with him that its production he question, but I fear there is no such paper now in I am inclined to think it was destroyed, if not at the plaint was disposed of, very shortly afterwards. I will y as possible, inform Bro. Yarker what other interpre- put upon the minute besides that given by himself. into consideration the wording of the complaint as well ı of the Grand Lodge, and the surrounding circum- inclined to think that the offence was committed had some reference to his own *Lodge*, for you that the complaint was made by the then Master , and why the word *irregularities?* I should o attend a spurious or unrecognised Lodge would have f as an irregularity. Again, had that been the offence, ould have been mentioned in plain terms, for irregular entioned in the Grand Lodge Proceedings about that ı at least petitioned to be received, and was received, of the regular Lodges. Why, then, this mystery? ure of the charge not entered in the Grand Lodge book? d how scrupulous our old brethren were in all matters ıe ritual, I can come to no other conclusion than that the ıe relation to the ceremonies; hence the objection to he Grand Lodge book. However, the offence could a very serious one, or the result would have been ourse, all this is mere conjecture, and must be taken worth. Now for a few facts! Bro. Yarker says, trengthened my last letter by referring to the 1765 List e '*Ancient*' *Masons.*" But why the inverted commas? the devil (of course I mean the "printer's devil"), s own doing? I find, on referring to the magazine he the List is simply *headed* "Ancient Lodges,"* and is or less than a list of the regular Lodges under the ntion, probably taken from Cole's engraved List for nd has nothing whatever to do with the self-styled asons. How referring to this List could possibly Yarker's last letter is a perfect puzzle to me, so I " and wait for "more light;" but as Bro. Yarker odges, I presume he wishes us to understand that of the oldest so-called "Ancient" Lodges. If so, ention a fact which I imagine was well known to the smallest pretensions to an acquaintance with Nos. 1 and 2 of 1765 are now No. 2 (Lodge of An- . 4 Royal Somerset Lodge, neither of which has "List of 'Ancient' Lodges." Fearing to trespass interesting subject, and beg to subscribe myself,

Yours fraternally,

H. SADLER.

* I append a copy of the heading referred to, which I have extracted from the Magazine itself.—H. S.

ANCIENT LODGES.

A New and Correct List of all the English Regular Lodges in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, according to their seniority and constitution. By order of the Grand Master. Brought down to April 19*th*, 1765.

THE SECRETARY OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As I had no wish to trespass too much on your valuable space, there were one or two points connected with the increased salary of the Secretary of the Girls' School which I thought might safely be held over, at all events for the present. However, I find "I.P.M." has referred to them more or less directly, and perhaps, therefore, you will kindly allow me to complete my say.

In your contemporary's account of the Committee meeting, Bro. Massey is reported to have expressed regret that Bro. Hedges's salary "had not been made the same as the salaries of the Secretaries of the other Institutions." Now, Bro. Massey is one of those men whom, as a rule, I should be inclined to hold up as models of sound common sense, and in order to account for this passing eccentricity of speech, I have no alternative but to suppose either that he has been misreported, or that, this being the season for paying people compliments, he employed this style of language for the purpose of paying Bro. Secretary a greater compliment than usual. The known accuracy of your contemporary forbids the former, while, as to the latter, Brother Richardson, who was present, "took the remark" quite seriously, and "hoped it would be so shortly." I am glad that "I.P.M." has noted this, and still more glad that he and I are pretty much of the same mind as to the groundlessness of Bro. Massey's regret. I believe Bro. Terry has been Secretary of the Benevolent Institution about twice as long a time as Bro. Hedges has of the Girls' School, and that Bro. Binckes's service as Secretary of the Boys' School is about double that of Bro. Terry's in respect of the R.M.B.I. Yet Bro. Massey regrets they are not all three in receipt of the same amount of salary, and Bro. Richardson hopes the time is not for distant when they will be. Now, as "I.P.M." points out, there is, quite apart from the question of merit, the question of length of service, and this latter he considers "should be taken into consideration in adjusting salaries." To this, as a bare proposition, no reasonable objection can be taken, and it follows, therefore, that if Bro. Hedges, with five and a half years' service, is worth £500 a year, Bro. Terry, with eleven years', must be worth £1,000, and Bro. Binckes, with twice eleven years', £2,000. On the other hand, if Bros. Binckes and Terry, with their respective years of service, are not assigned the salaries I have stated, it follows that the proposal to give Bro. Hedges £500 at present must be—to put it very gently—just a little premature. But perhaps I ought to apologise to the Girls' School Committee for thinking the vulgar "Cocker" of my youthful days is an arithmetical authority worth following.

As to the question of relative merit, it is admitted by every one to be a most delicate one to discuss, and I have already stated my reasons for not touching upon it. But perhaps I may be permitted to point out, as a not unreasonable argument, that, if the merits of all three Secretaries are equal—which, *qud* merit at least, is the only ground for fixing their salaries at the same figure—then Bro. Hedges has achieved as great distinction in five years and a half as Bro. Terry has in eleven, and Bro. Binckes in twice eleven years. But if A achieves in one year what it takes B and C two and four years respectively to achieve, he must be the best man of the three. Therefore, their merits are not all equal, and they do not deserve equal salaries. But by the proposition they are all equal, so that it follows they must be both equal and not equal, which is absurd. I shall no doubt be told this is very silly, and I dare say it seems so, but the silliness is not of my fashioning; it results from the suggestions of others who would pay all three Secretaries equally, without giving a thought to the questions of merit and length of service.

There is only one other matter that need be considered. The members of a body corporate are responsible collectively, but not individually or personally, for its actions. May I venture to ask if it is at all likely there would be the same liberal disbursement of the moneys entrusted to its care, if a means could be contrived by which each member of the said body should be held responsible for his individual acts?

Fraternally yours,

NEGOTII NON INEXPERS.

The following is the list of dinners that have been held at Freemasons' Tavern during the week:—

7th January—Lodge of Joppa, Old Kings' Arm Chapter, Robert Burns Lodge, Grand Master's Lodge. 8th—St. James's Union Lodge, Urban Lodge, Cadogan Lodge, Philanthropic Ball; 9th—Enoch Lodge, Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society; 10th—Kilburn Lodge Ball, Caledonian Society, Lodge of Regularity, Polish Lodge, Pilgrims Lodge, St. George's (Royal Arch) Chapter; 11th—London Caithness Ball, Bedford Lodge, Britannic Chapter, Eclectic Lodge; 12th—Metropolitan Rate Collectors.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

THIS Lodge held its installation meeting on Monday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. I. Benjamin, who was supported by P.M.'s Bros. L. Alexander, M. L. Alexander, H. M. Levy, A. J. Dodson, L. M. Myers, R. Baker, S. Hickman, L. Lazarus, E. P. Albert (Secretary), Obed Roberts, &c., and a large number of the members of the Lodge, whilst amongst those who signed the book as Visitors were the following:—Bros. L. M. Lazarus P.G.W. Wilts, W. H. Welshman 599, B. Kauffmann J.D. 1732, W. H. Baker P.M. 180, John Mason 1567 P.P.S.G.D. Middlesex, H. M. Harris P.M. 205, John Maclean P.M. 1319, M. Hart P.M. and Tr. 1502, A. E. Slatterly W.M. 185, A. Endean 9, H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, N. Valentine 1017, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211, H. Aarons P.M. 1668, G. A. Fletcher P.M. 180, I. P. Cohen P.M. 205, W. J. Blunt 1100, Beer 180, &c. After the formal reading and confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, the ballot was taken and declared clear for Mr. Meyer Frank, who had for his sponsors Bros. P. Isaac and J. Davis. The candidate was then introduced, and Bro. Benjamin initiated him into the mysteries of the first degree in an eminently satisfactory manner. The J.W. of the past year, Bro. George Bean, was then presented as the W.M. elect, and Bro. M. Alexander P.M., who had taken the chair for the purpose, conducted the installation ceremony. On the return of the Board of Installed Masters, the new W.M. appointed and invested the Officers, as follow:—Bros. Martin S.W., Dewsnap J.W., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.M. Secretary, Walls S.D., J. Lion J.D., Hicks I.G., Dodson P.M. M.C., Van Noorden Organist, Goddard P.M. Tyler. Brother M. Alexander then delivered the several addresses, and in a manner that reflected much credit upon him. Several matters were then discussed, and after routine work Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was provided by the lessees of the Tavern, it was served by Bros. Dawkins and M. Silver, and gave general satisfaction. On the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were briefly introduced by the W.M. Bro. E. P. Albert responded for the Grand Officers, and Brother L. Alexander gave his usual financial statement as to what was being done to maintain the Benevolent Fund, which is so interesting a feature in connection with the Joppa Lodge. Brother L. Alexander announced that the Initiate had subscribed 21s, and Bro. Lyon, the Junior Deacon, had also signified his intention to present a similar amount. Then came the toast of the Initiate, and this compliment having been acknowledged, Brother Benjamin proposed the health of the W.M. He felt he was justified in calling this the toast of the evening. He had had the honour of being initiated with Bro. Bean, and he felt the new W.M. of the Lodge of Joppa would fully uphold the prestige it had been credited with for so many years. The brethren would look forward to each coming meeting with pleasure, and might feel assured the proceedings would be conducted with satisfaction to one and all. In replying the W.M. thanked Brother Benjamin and the brethren. He could hardly find words to express himself. He could, however, assure them he would strive to the best of his ability, and trusted he might receive at the end of his year of office the same hearty acknowledgments from the brethren. In speaking to the toast of the I.P.M., the W.M. said Bro. Benjamin, by his courtesy and attention to duty, had won the goodwill and respect of the Lodge. He (Bro. Bean) had great pleasure in placing on his breast the Past Master's jewel, which he trusted he might live long to wear. Bro. John Maclean here favoured the company with a capital recitation, and then Bro. Benjamin acknowledged the honour done him, assuring the brethren he should ever prize the jewel they had presented him with. For the Visitors Bros. Staley of the Tranquillity, Harris of the Israel, Aarons of the Samson, and M. Hart P.M. and Treasurer of 1502 replied; the latter brother stating that the members of his Lodge, the Israel, of Liverpool, were endeavouring to follow in the footsteps of the Joppa brethren as regards their Benevolent Fund. He was proud to say they already had a sum of about £400 to its credit. Several other toasts followed, and in each case suitable response was made. It was a late hour before the Tyler gave the parting toast and the brethren separated. The following selection of music, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden (Organist of the Lodge), was performed:—"God Save the Queen;" "God bless the Prince of Wales;" Song, "The Sailor's Story," Henry Smart—Miss Clara Myers; Song, "An Evening Song," Blumenthal—Mr. Charles Murton; Song, "When the heart is young," Buck—Miss Effie Chapuy, R.A.M.; Song, "Hybrias the Cretan," Elliott—Bro. Henry Prenton; Quartette, "Auld lang syne;" Duet, Violin and Piano, "7th concerto," De Beriot—Mr. Basil Althaus and Mr. Walter Van Noorden; Song, "The mower and the lass," M. Wellings—Miss Clara Myers; Song, "Let me like a soldier fall," Wallace—Mr. Charles Murton; Song, "Esmeralda, Leoy"—Miss Effie Chapuy; New Song, "The Sergeant's Wife," Behrend—Bro. Henry Prenton, The entire arrangements reflected great credit on Bro. Van Noorden.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, when there was a very large attendance of the members. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Fred. J. Hentsch, who was supported by Bros. W. W. Morgan S.W., T. H. Peirce J.W., W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, H. Martin S.D., E. Thring J.D., Thomas Crapper I.G., Alfred Withers P.M. M.C., A. Green P.M. W.S.; Past Masters Usher Bach, Dr. John Waters, &c. Visitors—Bros. Martin W.M. 1320 S.W. 188, Stunt J.W. 1320, and Lister 1320. After the minutes of last meeting had been read, confirmed, and signed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Philip James King, who was proposed by Bro. Martin S.D., seconded by Bro. Aires; the result in each of the candidate. Bro. Hartley, who was initiating, was then examined as to the proficiency he fully sustained his claim for advancement, was course, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Hart and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge first degree, and Bro. Charles Greenwood Prov. Grand Registrar, and Past Prov. Grand was elected a joining member. The two candi Messrs. King and Parsons, were then introd initiated by the W.M., who conducted each of careful and perfect manner. The choice of a W the year resulted in favour of Bro. W. W. Mo unanimously elected to fill that office amid the h of those present. Bro. Charles Greenwood P.M Bearer was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. After routine work, Lodge was closed, and the Visitors partook of refreshments.

WELLINGTON LODGE, No.

ON Tuesday evening there was a large muster the above Lodge and visitors on the occasion of Bro. A. Holmes, the W.M. elect, which took Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. Bro. W retiring W.M., occupied the Master's chair, and h the following Officers and brethren: A. Holm J.W., J. J. West Treasurer, E. J. Bumstead Sec terson S.D., H. Carman J.D., G. Kitson I.G., Hurdle A.D.C., J. Youlden W.S.; P.M.'s Wakefie W. E. Brooks, Magee, S. P. Catterson, W. Field W. J. Barnes, Lepper, J. W. Cox, J. Hugo, F. Ha Geo. and T. E. Musto, J. Moore, C. J. Shepp Tappenden, A. J. Brown, B. Avery, P. Ravensh Collett, B. T. Arlidge, J. Simmonds, G. B. Robl H. Mills. The visitors included Bros. Ralph Good G. Young 28, R. P. Aitkin 55 P.P.G.R. Kent, F. Couldery P.M. 79, H. Wintle and George H Strickland 169, B. P. Holditch 172, Herbage W. man P.M. 515, Morton Graham W.M. and E. A Massey P.M. 1279, H. Russell Wakefield 1301, H C. Ledger P.M. 1564, G. S. Gardner 1607, J. W. M O. Finch 1641, E. Booth 1695, C. Atkins 1790, Dennant P.M. 1924, W. Youlden P.M. 1638 and 177 and J.W. 2012. After the minutes of the pre been confirmed, the auditors' report and balance and adopted. They showed that the Lodge was condition, owing, in a great measure, to the exce of the Secretary, Bro. Bumstead. Bros. J. H. denheede were then raised to the third degree afterwards proceeded to instal his successor. regular custom with this Lodge for the retiring W interesting ceremony, which is only departed fr stances prevent a brother from qualifying himself duty. The result hitherto has been most satisf more so than on Tuesday evening. Bro. Batch surprise, and he ended with one. He opened and of Installed Masters, we presume according to an as we have never seen it done before, nor had any more experienced brethren around us, we cannot sp The ceremony, brief as it was, certainly added spir and gave no little pleasure to the large body of Pas the Board. Departing from the regular order in r ceedings, we may say that the W.M. installed Bro. skilful manner, and subsequently he surprised his by the delivery of the addresses. They were give and merited and obtained high encomiums from m His colleagues and the whole of the brethren of th shared in the testimony of praise. Bro. Batchelor c acquaintance with the ritual, which he delivere dignity. A very handsome Past Master's jewel wa retiring W.M. after he had completed his duties The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: B W. P. Catterson J.W., Carman S.D., G. Kitson Hurdle M.C., J. Youlden A.M.C., Hancock W.S. B duly reappointed Treasurer, and Bro. Bumstead Goddard was again elected Tyler. After the Lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet prepared and served in his well-known style. The W.M. too host very kindly, and proposed the several toasts in terms. The Queen and the Craft was followed b shipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of observing that the Craft had flourished under H.R.H he was the best Grand Master the Fraternity ever Worshipful the Pro Grand Master's (Earl of Carna heartily drunk, and in reply to the next toast—the the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl the rest of the Grand Officers present and past—Bro G.S.D. expressed the pleasure it gave him to respond a toast. Of the Grand Master he would not say mu and the lustre he had shed over the Craft were wel who had had the distinguished honour of attendi must have observed the able, courteous, and gentlem of the Pro Grand Master. His experience and t Grand Lodge to pass through various phases of dif the grandest meetings that ever took place in Grand held on the occasion of the last Quarterly Communi Earl of Carnarvon presided, the business of which co better done had the W.M. been in the chair. After

...ed to the labours of the Grand Registrar, the Grand ...ry, and Sir John Monckton. As for himself and the other ..., they felt proud of the able way in which they had been led, ...spoke for all when he said they were prepared to sacrifice all ...ation for the welfare of the Craft. He looked back to the ...hen he was an ardent student in the local Lodges of Instruc... was proud of being their representative, if they would allow ...ay so, at Grand Lodge. Bro. Gooding concluded by express... delight he felt at witnessing the work in the Lodge, and ... brethren had got an able Worshipful Master and an ex...ed and skilled Immediate Past Master. In response to the ... his health, the Worshipful Master said that he had always ...ored to carry out the duties of the respective offices he had ...he Lodge. From the night of initiation he had taken a warm ... in Lodges of Instruction. To them he owed much, and he ... all the brethren, especially those who desired office, to ...hem. Bro. Batchelor had been the means of introducing more ...s into the Lodge during his year of office than had been known ...s, and as these brethren were fresh to Masonry, now was a ...portunity for them to join Lodges of Instruction, a very ex...ne being held in connection with the Lodge and under its ... that very room. After alluding to the casual visits of some ..., which the W. Master desired should be more frequent, he ... the toast of the Visitors, coupling therewith the names of ...echelman (who had rendered such efficient service as Organist ...mpanyist during the evening), Herbage, Ayling, and Wake... he replies were complimentary to the I.P.M. and to the ...ty of the W.M. and the Lodge. Rev. Bro. Wakefield was ...rly happy in his remarks. Bro. W. Youlden, a P.M. of the ...on Lodge, but who resigned owing to the inconvenience of ..., also responded to the toast. The other toasts were the ... Master, the Past Masters, the Officers of the Lodge, con... with the Tyler. Bros. W. Kitson, Carman, Dowsett, ...nd Bumstead contributed to the pleasure of the brethren ...and recitations.

CARNARVON LODGE, No. 804.

...eeting of the above, held at Havant, on the 1st inst., interest... presentations were made to two well-known and zealous ...ns, Bros. Hillman and Francis, Past Masters, the gift to the ...onsisting of a massive spirit-stand with handsome cut glass ...nd the latter receiving two valuable jewels, subscribed for ...se by the members of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master ... the presentation remarked that the Lodge had now entered ...5th year of existence, having been consecrated in 1859, and ... present occasion, therefore, seemed fitting for the recogni... the Lodge of the great merits and high Masonic qualities of ...rethren above alluded to. Bro. Hillman, now a P.P.G.S.B. ...d I.W., was the third member initiated in the Lodge, and ...s later he filled the chair. His zeal and ability had always ...en appreciated, and his good counsel was always at the ... the brethren. Brother Francis, who had greatly dis... himself in a neighbouring Province as well, being ... Senior Grand Deacon of Sussex, joined the Carnarvon ...ne years after Brother Hillman, and was installed its ...n years ago. He had been Secretary for many years, and ...rs performed the duties of that office in a thoroughly ...anner, besides rendering most valuable assistance to the ...other ways. The two recipients feelingly responded, in ...rms, and Lodge was closed. Amongst the members pre...les Bros. Hillman and Francis, were Bros. T. D. Askew ...ollings S.W., H. Smith-Parsons J.W., H. T. Kimber Imme..., Elverston P.M., Dart P.M., Martin-Green P.M. Prov. ...nts and Isle of Wight; also Bros. Bascombe, Watson, Hill, ...igings, Coldrey, Jones, Langford, Pannell, Whiteman, ...rtier, and others. The Visitors were Bros. Mark E. Frost ... G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, H. W. Townsend P.M. ...fants and Isle of Wight, Eugene E. Street P.M. 56, A. R. ...P.M. 809, W. M. Outridge W.M. 487, C. Travess W.M. 1428, ... W.M. 1776, Cunningham, Buck, P. H. Emanuel, Naylor, ...oleman, Arlidge, Westaway, and others. All were sub...ioepitably entertained by the Lodge.

...L OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

...EROUSLY attended meeting of this Lodge was held on ...sday evening, at Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke-grove, Notting ... the gavel of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Frederick ... Frye. He was supported by Bros. J. Bartle S.W., J. ... J.W., W. J. Murlis P.M. Secretary, S. J. Parkhouse P.M. ...W. W. Bucklnnd S.D., J. H. Wood J.D., H. Hart I.G., F. ...Organist, W. F. Heck Steward; S. Smout I.P.M., P.M.'s ...n, E. M. Lander, C. D. Reade. The members in attend...Bros. E. Rogers, F. E. Pocock, M.D., J. S. Adkins, R. D. ...insdell, S. K. Bennett, J. French, H. Foskett, H. Holmes, ...n, W. Binns, W. H. Wadham, G. W. Wilkinson, P. Taylor, ... J. Green, J. Flood, C. Ransoms, G. A. Williams, C. D. ...Whittlesea. The Visitors who responded to the numerous ...were Bros. H. A. and J. Blyth 25, G. Davis P.M. 167, ... P.J.W. 195, P. W. Runtz P.S.W. 230, J. E. C. Bodley ... Oxon. 10 357, W. Fieldson P.M. 548, R. H. Jackson ... Humfress I.G. and T. Fisher 733, J. J. Thomas I.G. 753, ...Dilke, M.P., 834, A. N. Gilbey 859, R. Fletcher 901, ...Organist 1223, J. Gillingham S.W. 1238, J. Cooper 1475, ...Verney (Mayor of Wycombe) 1501, H. Gold and W. B. ...P.M. 1615, W. R. Stephens 1897. The pedestals were ...h candles, emblematically and handsomely painted by ...t of the W.M. By a simple arrangement these candles ...anted by others for use, thus leaving the painted ones ... ornaments of the Lodge. Bro. Richard Truine was raised ... Gilbey were impressively initiated by the W.M. Fifty guineas was voted to be placed on the Steward's list representing the Lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. S. Smout jun. I.P.M. had undertaken the office of Steward, and during the evening he announced that his list had already reached the total of one hundred guineas. A banquet followed the completion of business, succeeded by toasts and an excellent programme of music arranged by Bro. Delevante the Organist in which Miss Delevante, and Bros. H. Parkin and James Budd, took part. Although the brethren were somewhat late in sitting down to the banquet, the business was got through in a very pleasant way and at a reasonable hour. The toasts of Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., were respectively honoured. In proposing the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the W.M. observed that they always made this a special toast, as the Lodge was named after his Lordship, and he asked for it a special fire, which was given right heartily. Having drank to the health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past, the I.P.M., Bro. Smout, proposed the Worshipful Master, and in doing so, he referred to the quiet way in which the W.M. discharged his duties, which was alike pleasurable and satisfactory. After thanking the brethren for the warmth of their recognition, the W.M. proposed the Initiates. He said both of them were intimate friends of his, and he believed their fathers were members of the Craft. It had given him great pleasure to introduce them, and trusted that they would see no reason to regret the step they had taken. Bro. Gilbey, in reply, alluded to his connection with a firm, several members of which were Freemasons, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to be found numbered among so great an Order. Bro. Ellis also replied. The W.M. then proposed the Visitors, and said he was specially honoured with the presence of several distinguished brethren. He was sure all would be glad to see Bro. Sir C. Dilke among them, and he took it as a great compliment to himself to see him there. Then there were Sir A. Verney, Bro. Lethbridge, and Bro. Bodley, whose names he (the W.M.) desired to couple with the toast. It was received with enthusiasm, and in reply Bro. Sir C. Dilke said he had to thank the brethren of the Lodge for several opportunities they had afforded him of being present. That was the fourth time he had been entertained by them, and he had come back from his short holiday a day earlier in order to accept their invitation. The Lodge ought to congratulate itself upon having such a succession of excellent Masters, among whom he was glad to number his friend the present W.M. After remarking upon the "metal" of the initiates, and humorously referring especially to Bro. A. Gilbey, Bro. Sir C. Dilke concluded by again thanking the brethren for the warm and kind reception they had given him. Bro. Sir Arthur Verney, in his reply, alluded to the excellent qualities of the Lodge, and Bro. Lethbride spoke of the rapid progress of the Lodge and of the noble work it had done in the cause of the Charities. Bro. Bodley elected to reply in a song, entitled "That first found out a Mason's heart," the words of which and the manner in which it was rendered gave great pleasure to the brethren. The concluding toasts were the Treasurer, Secretary, and Past Masters, the Masonic Charities, the Officers, and the Tyler's. Bro. Murlis, the Secretary, who had been most assiduous throughout the evening, gave some very interesting particulars with regard to the work done on behalf of the Charities, and said the Lodge were Vice-Presidents of the several Institutions in connection with the Order. Bro. Smout I.P.M. alluded to the Girl's School, which he said was doing excellent work. The money collected for that Institution was well spent, and he felt it a great honour in having been selected to represent the Lodge on the occasion of the next Festival. All the money that could be collected together was needed. The brethren had already given to such an extent that it seemed almost too much to ask for more. He should not press them, but content himself with stating the facts.

ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1780.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on the 1st instant. The brethren present were W. Berry P.M., T. Walton S.W., I. Ireland J.W., J. Stevens Treasurer, A. Algar Sec., A. Bailey S.D., G. Heathcote J.D., W. Foster I.G., &c. Visitors—W. Hickman Deputy Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, W. Vincent P.M. Prov. Grand Sd. Bearer Middlesex, J. S. Pierce P.M. Prov. G.D.C. Hants, J. Harle P.M. Prov. G.O. Hants, Rev. A. L. Argent Bell Prov. G. Chap. Hants, D. O. Hobbs W.M. 1461, W. F. Mayoss 1112, Rev. S. Scott, S. S. Pearce P. Prov. G.D.C. Hants, H. P. Aslatt P.M. 394 P.P.G. Deacon Hants, J. Robertson W.M. 130, J. Patstone W.M. 359, H. Lashmore W.M. 394, A. Brown S.W. 1461, J. Parkinson P.M. 1112, &c. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Berry I.P.M. opened the Lodge, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, proceeded in his usual careful manner to initiate two brethren, and pass a third to the second degree. The chair of K.S. was then assumed by Worshipful Bro. Hickman Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Hants, who proceeded at once to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. T. Walton (one of the first initiates of the Lodge), in the presence of a Board of nearly twenty Past Masters, &c., by whom this ceremony was much appreciated, it being rendered in the impressive and dignified manner for which Bro. Hickman is so justly celebrated. After the admission of the brethren, and they had saluted the W.M., Bro. Walton gave a specimen of his ability and knowledge of the work of the Craft by investing his Officers, and explaining their duties in a manner seldom heard. The customary addresses were then delivered by Bro. Hickman, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where, after dinner, the usual Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, thus pleasantly finishing an evening thoroughly enjoyable to all, and auguring well for the future prosperity of this flourishing young Lodge.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Gov scribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 14th day of January 1884, of the ordinary business of the Institution; to receive the of the General Committee for the adoption of a list of Fift from which Twenty-three Boys shall be elected at the Court, to be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, 21st of

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

By Brother C. H. WEBB, L.G., &c.,

1st. "That the resolution of the Quarterly Court, in April so far as it relates to the candidate F. A. Herring."

2nd. "That F. A. Herring be ineligible for the benefits (except by purchase), and that his election in Octobe void."

3rd. Subject to the above being carried, "That the hig Candidate at the election in October last, be declared

4th. "That the General Committee have power to plac every accepted Fatherless Candidate, at each electio votes, not exceeding the number the father was entitl of his death, multiplied by the number of years he had

By Brother C. F. MATIER, V.P.:—

To add to the Law adopted at the Quarterly Court in Octob the new qualification of 'Patron,'—"a Lady—or a Le —contributing one hundred guineas, in one or more less than five guineas each, shall be a Patron with Ei Elections of Boys."

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By Brother R. W. STEWART, V.P.:—

"That the word Friday be substituted in the second line word 'Saturday.'"

The chair will be taken at Four o'clock p.m. precisely.

By order,
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RANDOM NOTES AND REFLECTIONS.

AN elaborate account was given in the *Times* on the 13th November last of the new ball room at Sandringham, the Norfolk residence of our Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which was opened for the first time on the preceding Friday night. We cannot describe the beauty and richness of this new addition to the Hall, and if we could find space for it the news would now be out of date in these times of rapid history making. There are one or two features, however, connected with the room that are worthy of notice. According to the *Times*, the floor is of oak, with a simple parquet bordering. Writing to that journal, Mr. Charles Steinitz, of the London Parquetry Works, Camberwell, pointed out, that the whole of the floor, although having the appearance of simple oak, "is in reality a parquetry floor, especially made for dancing," and was supplied by him, as well as other work of the same kind used in the building. It is satisfactory to notice that several local firms were engaged in the erection of the new wing, among them being that old and highly respected firm Messrs. Barnard, Bishops and Barnard, who are celebrated for their artistic productions in metals. We know that some of the members of the firm are the brothers of Tubal Cain and belong to the Craft, as doubtless do others who were concerned in the erection and decoration of the new ball room.

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It is pleasant to record the doings of our Grand Master apart from his labours as the great ruler of the Craft. We know the value of his services to the Order, and they are apparent in other departments of life. No reasonable person begrudges the Prince of Wales those enjoyments which to a few narrow minds appear unworthy of one occupying his high station, and by a still more diminished number as immoral. He is the arbiter of his own tastes, and the fact that he is the idol of all classes, proves how well he orders his pleasures and his work. Few men work harder than the Prince of Wales, and none are better disposed in favour of encouraging trade, especially among local firms and persons. We do not say that the same feeling that actuates him with regard to these operates in all cases of those who are Freemasons, but it is not unfair to assume that he favours such whenever he can.

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It is only a few years since that the Prince of Wales barely escaped from the jaws of death, owing to the attack of a disease contracted at Sandringham, occasioned, it was believed, by bad drainage. Never was the loyalty of the people more deeply or painfully stirred than during the period when the Prince hovered between life and death. The bulletins were awaited with anxious hearts, and when the welcome news came that the crisis had passed, there was relief throughout the land, and general rejoicing marked the day set apart for thanksgiving. We are not surprised, therefore, to find, that when H.R.H. resolved to build a new wing at Sandringham, his first care should be as to drainage and ventilation. It is only a fortnight ago that we recorded the high praise bestowed by Col. Leach, R.E., upon Bro. Thomas Crapper, of the firm of Crapper and Co., of Chelsea, for the excellent way in which he had carried out certain drainage works at the Royal Masonic School for Girls, Battersea. The testimony of Col. Leach, under whose superintendence the works had been carried out, was complete and emphatic, and was cordially accepted by the General Committee. It is not, perhaps, generally known that Messrs. Crapper carried out the lighting, heating, ventilating, and sanitary arrangements recently at Sandringham. It is, nevertheless, true, and worthy of record, for it shows that the firm have made a high reputation in these most essential departments of a building. We congratulate Bro. Crapper upon the success he has attained, and trust that the reputation already earned as a sanitary engineer may not only be maintained but strengthened in the future.

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Complaints are often made to us of what is termed injustice on the part of Masters of Lodges in passing over the claims of candidates for office. A case is before us in which a brother, holding a minor office, has been denied promotion, while one below him has been advanced over his head. If the facts as stated be true, and we have no reason to doubt them, then evidently an injustice has been done. We repeat, however, what we have before stated, that the Master of a Lodge is all-powerful. He is often placed in a most difficult position, and can only decide rival claims according to the facts before him. Where he honestly weighs these, and acts in conformity therewith, no fault can be found with him. Even if he does not do so, obedience or retirement are the only courses open to an objector. No Master, who values the peace and prosperity of his Lodge, would pursue an irregular course. If he is led to commit an act of injustice, disputes and rancour are sure to follow, and we need not say what the end will be. A Master, with all his privileges and authority, should never forget his representative moral character, and if he hopes to gain the lasting esteem of the brethren, he must act with courtesy and justice. His personal likes and dislikes must be subject to the demands of right, and, in obedience to his oath, he must discharge the duties of his office impartially. If he does not, the praise of his flatterers will soon be turned into contempt, and the just and injured will despise him. In Masonry, as in everything else, there is only one way—to do right and fear not.

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We have several Lodges that owe their origin to the Volunteer movement, and most likely the number will grow. They cannot boast the age of Lodge No. 620, Ireland, said to be the first Volunteer Lodge, whose warrant bears date 4th September 1783, and the centenary of which was celebrated at Dublin last year. The brethren used to attend in full uniform up to 1844, to the beating of the drums and the music of the regimental march. Some of the original regalia are still in possession of the Lodge and used on certain occasions. The drums are beaten when the W.M. elect is installed, and when the W.M.'s health is proposed the regimental march is played. It is a matter of interest to notice that the shamrock is absent from the decorations on colours and drums, which are otherwise ornamented with roses, oak leaves, and thistles.

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Although the Volunteer Lodges of this country have not yet attained any great age, they are nevertheless a useful and powerful section of the Brotherhood. They are growing, too. A short time ago we chronicled the consecration of the Queen's, and we believe the time is not far distant when the Artists' Corps will ask to have a Lodge associated with it. We should say that a capital Lodge might be formed out of the material this body affords. Rich in talent, and holding social positions of no mean order, they would assemble around them many who would do honour to the higher and deeper meanings of the Order, while at the same time they would strengthen and develop all those social and charitable ties which belong to the Craft in general. We should be glad to welcome the news that a warrant had been applied for and granted, and be pleased to chronicle the advent of the Artists' Lodge.

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A new Lodge, of a distinctive city character, under the title of St. Bololph, and numbered 2020 on the roll, was consecrated on the 4th instant, at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate Street, by Brother Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Registrar as S.W., Sir John B. Monckton P.G.D. President of the Board of General Purposes as J.W., Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C. Deputy Prov. Grand Master Surrey as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as Director of Ceremonies, Edgar Bowyer G. Std. Bearer as I.G. Some distinguished guests were present, including Bros the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor Alderman R. N. Fowler G.S.W. Wilts, Sir Francis Truscott P.G.W., Rev. Canon Townshend Grand Chaplain Nova Scotia, F. Crockford P.M. 515 P.P.G.R. Malta, &c. Brother Arnold delivered a brief oration, in which he dealt with the origin of guilds, their influence, and the charitable work they accomplished. He alluded particularly to the City Guilds, which were originally founded in the interests of trade, and had since become "great centres of union to the citizens." The City was an appropriate home for Masonry, for what citizen was not proud of Wren, the great architect? whose was the great principle of relief better u the City, "whose chief rulers take the distress of any kind throughout the conclusion of the ceremony of consecrat Clerke installed Brother Alderman John of the Lodge. The following brethren invested:—P. F. R. Saillard S.W., Thom H. S. Legg Treasurer, W. Lake Secreta S.D., B. Norman J.D., the other appoi over until the next meeting. A banquet gave great satisfaction to all present. Th the usual character, but some of the speec to matters other than those that can cribed as Masonic. The gathering was l and the work, thus happily begun, bids fa

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Brother Col. Shadwell Clerke's service requisition, on the 8th inst., when he Haven College, at the Lyric Hall, Ealing sion he was assisted by Bros. E. E. Wendt Secretary for German Correspondence S.V P.G.A.D.C. J.W., Rev. J. S. Studholme Chaplain Deputy Prov. G.M. Berks and Frank Richardson P.G.D. Director of Ce Riach P.M. 1118. A goodly number o present, and after completing the conse Lodge, Bro. Clerke installed Bro. James F 540 Worshipful Master, who then investe follow:—Bros. P. A. Latham P. Prov. G P.Z. 1118 S.W., A. Strong P.M. 1118 J.W man Secretary, C. O. Barker S.D., Von Nelson I.G. A banquet succeeded, with t and fraternal exchanges of greeting.

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There was a full attendance of the Commi ment of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Wednesday afternoon, at the Freemason Bro. Col. Creaton P.G. Treasurer presided. three male and three female annuitants v The Warden's report recorded the recei that had been received for the New Year's and votes of thanks were voted to the donors. motion for considering what could be done dates for the Institution who had at o subscribers, was referred to a committee a question put by Bro. Moore, Bro. Terry said ary to invite those to be present who contribu other good things towards the New Year's The brethren who attended helped to wait people, and when they had finished it was servers to have a cut off a joint and a glass o old people lost nothing by the arrangement. was satisfied, and said it was as well to ha cleared up. Nine male and five female ca placed on the list for May next, one was def refused. At present there are 82 widows a election, and only 17 vacancies. After th statement, the proceedings were brought to a

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The "Old Folks" in connection with the Ea Systematic Education and Benevolent Insi entertained at a dinner, given in the Freen Manchester, on the 2nd inst. Many well-knc with their wives and daughters, were pre occasion, whose efforts to please the old m Craft and widows were highly appreciated. partook of a capital dinner, during which a received from Bro. James Terry, Secretary Masonic Benevolent Institution, stating that time a number of the inmates and annuitants tution at Croydon were being entertained wit who desired to send their hearty good wishes tants of East Lancashire. A reply was teleg ance, reciprocating the kind feeling. After were songs and recitations, and the evening alt a great success.

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INSTRUCTIONS OF MASONIC LAW IN ARKANSAS.

the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, held in November last, several decisions ›y Grand Master Logan H. Roots were reported by Grand Lodge. These decisions would be good law ›achusetts, except that the latter does not require a residence, as in Decision 15. In the case of demit, n 20, the vote of the Lodge severs membership in husetts; the certificate is only evidence of it. With ›mments, we present the decisions as reported :—

r the past year there has devolved upon me the rendering of s decisions, a very large portion of which have, however, ural deductions from existing approved edicts of this juris- or the announcement of ancient landmarks, so well under- to be unworthy of the time which it would require for the dge to consider the same. And in selecting these decisions, seems to me as proper to present to be either "affirmed or " they do not as a rule appear to me as matters involving ch great questions of morality or other principles of momen- portance, so much as that they were decisions rendered in hich, at the same time, seemed to be of very considerable ce. Those reported for your consideration are as follows :

re is no change of venue in Masonic trials.

ispended Mason may be tried for a new offence.

Tyler is the proper officer to serve all Masonic notices.

Worshipful Master cannot, for the conduct of a trial, appoint tor from another Lodge.

onsidering the question of residence, the father's residence ie residence of the minor sons, absent at school.

domicile of a Lodge, when changed by the authority of the dge, changes the territorial jurisdiction.

Seal of the Lodge should be used only by the Secretary, im only under the direction of the Lodge, or for attesting proceedings.

dge can, at a regular meeting, change the time for installa- e officers from one St. John's day to the other St. John's

ndidate is always the material of the Lodge to which he es, and by which he is first elected, if at the time of his resides in its jurisdiction.

lications for affiliation, as well as initiation, should be re- a committee who has the matter under investigation, from r meeting to another.

person can be made a Mason, nor a brother advanced, member of the Lodge, or any considerable number of f any other Lodge interpose objection.

ss jurisdiction has been waived, the balloting for a candi- odge, in whose jurisdiction the candidate does not reside, considered of any valid force in any direction whatso-

orshipful Master is not required to take more than three t it is proper to understand that beneficial lessons taught Masters' Degree may aid in properly governing a Lodge.

proficiency of an applicant for advancement should be n by open inquiry made by the Worshipful Master, and ie Lodge be accepted as satisfactory before balloting for it.

a report of a committee that an applicant for Masonry ided within the State for one year, further proceedings delayed, and no ballot undertaken until the full accom- f one year's residence within the jurisdiction.

pplicant, a resident of the State for more than one year, ve resided within the jurisdiction of the Lodge twelve e is well recommended by the Fraternity where he has

ublic Grand honours (not funeral honours), should be raising of the hands above and a little in front of the apping them three times together, and then letting them de—repeating this action twice, that is, in all, bringing gether three times. (!!! !!! !!!).

on and a worthy man who had been a member of a ge, who was and persistently had been without delay, sible to affiliate at the time of his death, should not be onic burial, merely because the failure of others to do layed his affiliation.

ll payment of dues restores without any further action is under suspension simply for non-payment of dues; storation of a Mason who has been indefinitely suspended ic conduct, the Lodge should definitely state whether or e incumbent upon him to pay dues for the period of his

authorising the granting of a dimit does not constitute ff, therefore, a brother who has been voted a dimit, main a member of the same Lodge, the Lodge at any to the actual issuance of the dimit, can by a simple the brother a member. But after the dimit has been ated and delivered, the brother cannot become a member without a regular application and affiliation.—*Liberal*

tion for Boys met on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, G. Standard Bearer. Amongst those who attended were Bros. Adlard, Matier, J. L. Mather, Massey, Belton, Marshall, C.C., Williams, Tyrrell, Dr. Morris (Head Master), Gladwell, Moon, Dewar, Gillard, Webb, Lane, Saunders, Venn, F. Binckes (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, and of the House Committee of the 21st ult. for information, Bro. Binckes reported the purchase of £1000 Four per Cent. India Stock on 28th ult. for £1033 15s. It was thereupon resolved to purchase a further £1500 Stock, making a total of £13,500 invested on account of the Preparatory School Special Building Fund. It was also resolved to purchase £520 Stock for the General Fund. Five petitions were examined, and the candidates placed on the list for the election next April. Grants of £5 each were made for outfits to two former pupils of the Institution. The number of candidates for next election was declared to be 54, and the vacancies 23. Notices of motion for the Quarterly Court next Monday were then received. These will be found fully detailed in another column. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The members of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, held their annual ball at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. The arrangements, which were complete in every particular, were carried out by the W.M., Bro. George Schadler, who was assisted by a very able committee, consisting of Bros. Ruse, Edridge, Buggins, Mattin, Stafford, and Dinbleman. During supper, which was served in the Pillar Room, the usual loyal toasts were proposed. The W.M., in speaking to the Visitors, hoped they had all enjoyed themselves; a friend of the W.M.'s replied, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of the Ladies, which was received with acclamation. The name of Bro. J. Wood was associated with the toast, and he responded in a very neat and appropriate speech, after which the company adjourned to the ball room to complete the programme of twenty-six dances. The music was admirably rendered by Bro. Sibold's Mansion House Band. Bro. Bentley Haynes kindly acted as M.C. for the occasion; he was assisted by Bros. Richard Ruse, Walker, and Dyson.

The Great Northern Lodge of Instruction is held at the Berwick Arms, Berwick Street, W., every Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock. Brother W. Cleghorn P.M. 1287 is the Preceptor.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Langdale's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on the 5th inst., Bros. Gribbell W.M., Dixie S.W., Gellen J.W., Weeden S.D., Ashton J.D., Turner I.G., Pearcy Preceptor, and Galer Sec.; also Bros. Bullock, Ferrar, O'Donnell, Love, Harding, Mackay, Gildersleve, Woolveridge, and Langdale. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Woolveridge offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Dixie was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—The next meeting of this Lodge of Instruction will take place on Monday 14th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at 8 o'clock p.m. Brother H. E. Tucker P.M. 1612 has kindly promised to preside, and will rehearse the ceremonies of the three degrees. Brother W. Coombes is the Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 4th inst., at Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., A. Turner S.W., J. L. Sherring J.W., J. J. Gunner S.D., F. Botley I.G., P.M. Andrews Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gunner candidate. Bro. Turner was elected W.M. for next meeting, and Lodge was closed in harmony, and adjourned till Friday, the 11th instant, at 8 p.m.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at Brother Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present—Bros. Treadwell W.M., Western S.W., Godolphin J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Bagnall S.D., Powell J.D., Forge acting Preceptor, Turner I.G., and other brethren. After the customary formalities, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Collingridge candidate. Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Western was elected to fill the chair on Monday, the 14th inst. A vote of thanks was acorded to Brother Treadwell, and Lodge was closed in due form.

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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 JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
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)
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-street, W. at 8.
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street W, Hammersmith

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 64th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-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.)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
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, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
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
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
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
731—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furnes
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
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1861—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 370—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M. 8—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 15th 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, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, 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)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powball-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst).
1321—Emblematic, Rose, Jermyn Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rook 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 (I
1471—Islington, Chamoin, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Ins
1479—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruct
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park,
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (In
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N
1695—New Finsbury Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch S
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsb
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverp
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixto
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee
R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Reger
R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8.
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-stree

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norv
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Ha
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zou
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cor
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
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Nort
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard S
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 16th JANUA

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
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (I
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causew
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.
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Ca
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford
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. (I
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (I
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street,
902—Burgoyne, 25 Charterhouse Street, E.C., at 7. (Instru
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instru
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, a
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hack
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westmi
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, a
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.3
R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at
R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1593—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at
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
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
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolto
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manch
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfiel
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Susex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, L
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
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)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmou
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckhea
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

…ble, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
…wenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
…n and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
…Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
…cerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
…ces, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
…non, Strelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
…Cross, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
…Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
…que Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
…te, Holte Hotel, Aston
…house, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
…oor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
…e of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
…Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst)
…t Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
…m, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
…tandra, Masonic Hall, Horncs, Hull.
…ted Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
…ke, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
…Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester
…Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
…St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
…Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
…Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe
…Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford
…Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
…Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
…Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
…Harmony, Trowbridge
…Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
…Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
…Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
…Fernor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
…Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 17th JANUARY.

…ity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
…, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
…tian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
…tutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
…ary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
…rian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
…e, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
…erance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
…hester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
…real, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
…ury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
…on, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
…Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
…Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
…f London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
…Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
…ern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
…Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
…Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
…tt Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
…Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
…matic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
…ell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction
…n, White Hart, Clapton
…eat City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
…gate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
…Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
…Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
…Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
…n, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
…ers, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
…borough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct).
…Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
…, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
…ate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
…f Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
…ability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
…stbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
…nce Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
…Brew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
…cdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
…orth London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
…ke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)

…Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
…, High-street, Arundel
…tin, Town Hall, Burslem
…hip, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
…Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
…ce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
…Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
…, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
…rance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
…and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
…Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
…Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
…y, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
…nere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
…r, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
…d, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
…r, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
…Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
…e, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
…asonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
…, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
…g, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
…l, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
…ne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
…aret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
…on, Public Hall, Carshalton
…, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
…Ionian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
…ners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
…om, Swan Inn, Haslingden
…Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
…ohn's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
…Inirity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith
…ican, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
…ison, Lord Ralgan Tavern, Plumstead
…over, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
…es, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 18th JANUARY.

…tee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
…ge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
…up, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
…urns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.
…ex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
…, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
…Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
…Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
…Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
…lfrod, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
…h, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)

933—Doric, Duke's Head, [illegible]
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. [illegible]
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.)
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)
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.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 17 6—Era, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T. 48—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
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
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—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
R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 822—St. Cuthbergn, Masonic Hall, Winborne
R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 19th JANUARY.

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)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
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-st., W., at 8
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
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.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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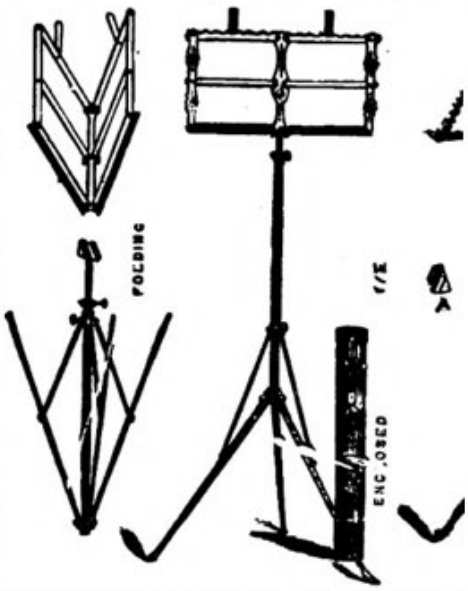
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: aspect of two very important matters that have roused considerable interest among the Fraternity terially changed within the last few days. The case boy Herring, which is familiar to those who have d the proceedings of the General Committees and ly Courts of the Royal Masonic Institution for practically settled. Brother C. H. Webb deserves or having raised the question. Like many others, gnises the futility of further opposition, and has wn from the contest. A time arrives when con- becomes little less than persecution, and although t with fairness be said that Bro. Webb, even if he evered with his motion, would have laid himself that charge, yet he appears to have acted prudently ng to the evident feeling of the Committee, of e is a member, and to the Quarterly General hich had endorsed that feeling. Bro. Webb gave at he would move at the Quarterly Court, held on last, that the resolution of the Court, held in t, affecting the boy Herring, should be rescinded, e declared to be ineligible for the Institution, y purchase, and that the highest unsuccessful at the October election be declared duly elected tead. These resolutions have been withdrawn, ring is to remain in the School, to be educated, nd fed at the expense of the Institution, while a ble sum of money belonging to him is left to so that by the time he arrives at man's estate, ave received all the advantages the Institution e him, and with a considerable sum of money with start in life. The motives which have weighed se who have determined in favour of the boy are entitled to respect, and to many they will tisfactory. It is urged that Bro. Herring acted of the cardinal virtues of the Craft when he made for his children, and that it would be unjust to em of the benefits of those Institutions which ed by the Order, and which he supported. The f Bro. Herring, it is contended, ought to be held ulation, and not be made the reason for denying bring that assistance which the Institutions were o give. There is a feeling also that it is not o lower the standard of the School to the level r establishment; that as it is presumed most f the Order not only join at a time when they eans but also the desire to help others, and not rovision for themselves or families, therefore the the Craft are intended for a different class to e poorest, who, perhaps, are but little removed erism. We do not desire to overstate this part ject; we only wish to represent the facts fairly. t for a moment believe that any brother would very poor, or close his ears to their cries; some, ake different views of their duty, according to and the standpoint they occupy. A strong ts, and it appears to be growing, that many e admitted into the Fraternity who are unable to meet the necessary social requirements, and who are too apt to regard it as a superior kind of Friendly Society. It is nothing of the kind, nor is it a merely benevolent society, although Charity is the brightest jewel in its well-studded diadem. The genius of the Craft is unique; its ritual demands a superior intelligence for its comprehension and interpretation, and all its associations belong to a higher type of social life. Notwithstanding the spirit of equality which breathes throughout the whole of the ceremonies, it needs no Solon to discover that Freemasonry flourishes best in a rich and cultivated soil. Under these considerations, it is not to be wondered at that the benefits of the Institutions should not only be carried out on a different scale to that adopted in ordinary charitable undertakings, but that the recipients should be of a class which best accords with the whole spirit of the Craft. Then there is the other point, and it must be admitted to be a strong one, that Herring was elected by the votes alone recorded in his favour. As none but subscribers could vote, it is quite clear that the suffrages he obtained represented a considerable sum of money. Those who voted for Herring undoubtedly had the facts before them, and as they elected him of their own choice, the Committee felt that they ought not to disregard their judgment. We have dealt with most of these arguments already, and shall not now revive them. Like Bro. Webb, we accept the situation. We do not approve of the decision arrived at, but we respect the opinions of those who are appointed to govern. Althought silent now, we reserve the right of placing all the facts before our readers should a similar case to that of Herring's again occur.

Much that we have already said applies to the question of giving votes to the representatives of deceased subscribers. This subject formed a topic for treatment in our last issue on the supposition that the scheme was to take far more important proportions than we now find to be the case. Bro. Webb, who seems fully alive to these matters affecting our Institutions, gave notice that he would, at the Quarterly Court already referred to, move as follows: "That the General Committee have power to place to the credit of every fatherless Candidate, at each election, any number of votes, not exceeding the number the father was entitled to at the time of his death, multiplied by the number of years he had been so qualified." This motion has been referred to a Committee, and at present remains *sub judice*. We are not, however, precluded from discussing it, as we should be were it a case pending decision in a Court of Law. The proposition is a mild one in its official form, and if there is something like finality in it, it will be powerless for evil. Whatever good there may be in it must be left for the future to determine. We write as if the question had already been settled, and we think not unreasonably, judging by present appearances. Apart from the principle of abstract justice, which asserts that those who subscribe to a Charity have the first claim upon its funds, there are other reasons, more or less expedient, why such an experiment as the proposition provides, should be tried. The votes obtained by its operation cannot be so numerous as virtually to amount to a purchase of a right by the use of free votes. While they will help, in some measure, the success of a candidate, and satisfy a high

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sense of justice, they will not overwhelm the chances of other and less favoured candidates. The principle will not be largely called into exercise, and only in necessitous cases. There will be no temptation for persons to join the ranks of the Craft, or even to subscribe to the Charities, because one day he or his family may need their help. We are not unmindful of the selfish tendency of the time, but the prize in this instance involves so many considerations, that few would be found to contribute money upon so doubtful a contingency of, in the first place, needing assistance, and in the second place, of being sure of obtaining it should they need it. The moral influence of the teaching of the Craft must still be the sheet-anchor of our noble Institutions, the spirit of Charity must come from the source whence emanate all other blessings, and so long as Freemasons are true to the faith that is in them, there will be no lack of means to support benevolent purposes, and no act of any committee for long can pervert the principles upon which the Order is founded, and upon which it must for ever stand. We look upon the proposal of Bro. Webb, as we should look upon any other motion on the subject that may be adopted, as an experiment. Having discussed the matter freely on several occasions, we leave it now in the hands of our readers.

The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Colonel Creaton Past Grand Treasurer in the chair. Amongst those present were Bros. Matthews, Martin, Matier, Letchworth, Saunders, Edgar Bowyer, Gladwell, Belton, James Terry, Rucker, H. Massey, Webb, Peter de Lande Long, and Hedges Secretary. After the reading of minutes the number of candidates for the election in April was declared to be thirty-five, and the vacancies twenty-three. Brother W. J. Murlis had given notice of motion

> "That the whole of the business in conducting the Election of the House and Audit Committees be carried out in the same Room as that in which the presiding Officer is sitting, and that it be referred to the General Committee to consider and report on the best means for conducting such Elections;"

but a letter was read from him stating he was unable to be present, and expressing a wish some other brother would move in his stead. This request not being responded to, the motion fell to the ground. Brother Robert Martin (West Lancashire) then moved to add to Law 63 after the word "thereof" in fifth line:

> "Or by an annual payment, under similar conditions, of Fifty pounds, provided that any person nominating a girl under this latter clause shall give such guarantee for the continuous annual payment during the time such girl remains in the Institution that the General Committee may require."

The words of Law 63, which this addition was to follow, are "Any person may place a properly qualified girl in the Institution, provided that the girl can be conveniently admitted, upon payment of 170 guineas in one sum, without voting in respect of any part thereof." Brother Martin said he was the representative of 4000 Masons of West Lancashire, for whom he was making this motion by their special request and with the approval of the Earl of Lathom, the Provincial Grand Master, whose letter he had in his pocket. He explained that they collected very large sums in Lancashire for the Charities, and had their own schemes under which they educated and clothed local Freemasons' children. They had not, however, a building, and thinking that the brethren in Lancashire should have the claims of the Institution constantly brought before them, they proposed to amend the law as expressed in his motion. They had means at their command to make purchase nominations; but they thought it not desirable. The first children they should propose to send would be those who had lost both parents, and they felt that in placing the children in the Girls' School they knew in whose hands they were placed. With close on £18,000 invested capital the guarantee would be a good one. Bro. A. E. Gladwell seconded the motion. On the suggestion of Brother Charles Belton, Brother Martin altered his motion by inserting the words "Lodge or Masonic body," instead of "person," after "provided that any." Brother Matier thought that there would be an injustice to such candidates as depended on votes, if there were a long list of candidates and only eight vacancies, and a province should present eight children. That was his only objection. The Chairman said the Quarterly Court would have the power to say they would receive one or two nominations.

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replied there was much to be said in fa
position, although he thought it was tend
School a proprietary school. A personal
not be of much value; but in the case o
guarantee would be good. There might
there should not be more than two girl
vince. After a few other observations
carried unanimously. The following mo
carried. By C. F. Matier:—

> "Every individual donor of Two Hundred guineas
> sums of not less than Five guineas each shall
> have Eighty Votes at all Elections of Girls.
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> "A Lady or a Lewis being a minor—contributing On
> one or more payments of not less than Five gu
> Patron with Eighty Votes at all Elections of Girls
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> "A Lodge, Chapter, or Society shall enjoy the like pr
> of the payment, under similar conditions, of Four
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By Bro. J. H. Matthews, for Bro. Robert
Vice-Pat., seconded by Bro. W. H. Saunde

> "That in consideration of the special services rende
> by Mr. Prestige, he be elected an Honorary
> 8 Votes."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman termi
ceedings.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers
of the Royal Masonic Institution for Bo
Monday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall,
Past Grand Treasurer in the chair. There
sent Bros. L. Ruf, Joseph Storey, Rev.
ford, Raynham W. Stewart, William R
Matier, John L. Mather, Thomas W. Ben
Arthur E. Gladwell, C. H. Webb, W. W.
Penn, Fred. Adlard, R. J. Taylor, Henry L
Belton, W. H. Main, Don. M. Dewar, Sa
house, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., William Mars
and F. Binckes (Secretary). Fifty-four ca
declared to be on the list for next electio
three vacancies were also declared. A letter
Lord Holmesdale, acknowledging the lette
written by order of the Committee on the
Holmesdale; and the letter was ordered to
the minutes. Brother C. H. Webb, L.G., &c
on the following motion:—

> "That the resolution of the Quarterly Court, in April
> so far as it relates to the candidate F. A. Herring."

Bro. R. J. Taylor seconded the motion, w
Bro. C. H. Webb then moved:—

> "That the General Committee have power to place
> every accepted Fatherless Candidate, at each electi
> votes, not exceeding the number the father was entit
> of his death, multiplied by the number of years he ha

Bro. Parkhouse seconded the motion. Bro.
prosed as an amendment that the matter be
Committee of this Institution. After some
cussion this latter course was adopted. Bro.
V.P., moved:—

> To add to the Law adopted at the Quarterly Court in Octo
> the new qualification of 'Patron,'—"a Lady—or a Le
> —contributing one hundred guineas, in one or more
> less than five guineas each, shall be a Patron with E
> Elections of Boys."
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> "A Lodge, Chapter, or Society shall enjoy the like privile
> of the payment, under similar conditions, of four hund

This was carried. Bro. R. W. Stewart P
moved:—

> "That the word Friday be substituted in the second line
> word 'Saturday.'"

He explained that the motion was meant to
of meeting of the General Committee from
Friday. A general feeling against the motion
expressed, it was withdrawn, and a vote of
passed to the Chairman the meeting separated

THE FIFTEEN SECTION

WILL BE WORKED

By the brethren of the Great Northern Lodge of I
invitation of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruct
at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury
25th inst., at 7 p.m. precisely. Bros. W. Cleghorn P.
J. Hemming I.G. 1287 S.W., S. Webb P.M. 1287
Lecture—Bros. Cane, Bleakley, Flint, Edgar, Stan
Read. Second Lecture—Bros. Kompton, Hemming, P
Edwards. Third Lecture—Bros. Webb, Moore, Lanca
Cull P.M. 1446 is Preceptor, and Bro. G. Hunter the S.
interesting feature in connection with this announcem
that the whole of the sections will be worked by m

CORRESPONDENCE.

lo not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Cor-pondents.

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

annot undertake to return rejected communications.

CHARITIES AND CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

R SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to your leader of the 12th , respecting candidates for the benefits of the Royal Masonic tions, I am credited with saying that the number of candidates ry large, and that something should be done to inquire what s they had rendered. Permit me to say that observation did or was it intended to apply to the 126 candidates then on the annuities. Although the Committee of Management should e fullest information as to the circumstances of all applicants e benefits of the Institution—seeing the *small* number of ies, namely, seventeen only at the next election in May—will leave unsuccessful upwards of one hundred poor old can-, to go away with sorrow and grief, only to linger on for twelve months to meet with a similar disappointment future. This is a state of things that must cause some amount ty to the Board of Management, who are at all times actuated ings of sympathy in the discharge of the important duties e called upon to perform. Therefore, your fears that many ng cases are now but imperfectly considered does not apply to evolent Institution. With regard to what may have been aid of the funds of the Institution by those brethren who are forward to seek its benefit; would it not be an improper to submit—knowing that some of the applicants are only ible, by the fact of their being ten years a subscribing mem- Lodge, without having contributed to the funds of this ion, although they may have been in a good social position, and led by friends, while other applicants who have contributed for many years, and outlived their circle of acquaintances, ently are placed in a less favourable position with regard rogress of their candidature? Therefore, upon these grounds it deemed advisable to ventilate the question, and to ascertain ions of the subscribers. You also state, if the theory of ty is to be established, it should be adopted in the selection lates. In reply I would say, should the increase in the of applicants continue at the same rate it will be absolutely to make some alteration, both as regards the qualification ibility of applicants, with the view of extending to the number that help which their necessities require, and the the Institution is enabled to sustain. Brother Terry, the of the Benevolent Institution, has stated on several occa- provided the majority of the members of the Craft con- the small sum of *five* shillings per annum to the Institution ld be ample funds to meet the wants of every distressed widow. This proposition is a grand one, not difficult to and I do most sincerely hope, for the sake of our aged and brethren or their widows, it will be liberally responded to thcoming Festival.

Believe me, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

CHARLES LACEY P.M. 174, &c.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

K AND BROTHER,—I readily admit that the question how et the increasing demands made upon our Charities by the ever-increasing number of candidates is a perplexing one. are, I will suppose, some forty or fifty candidates at two ccessive elections to the Boys' School, and the number of at each election averages about eight or, at the most, ten. noting carefully these untoward circumstances, makes a fort at one of the Boys' Festivals. An additional £2,000 s subscribed, and the number of pupils is forthwith in- some ten or fifteen. This momentarily relieves the pres- resources of the Charity, but two or three years elapse ne state of things is again found to prevail. There are or fifty candidates to fill only eight or ten vacancies, and again to be lightened momentarily, there seems to be no e possible but to repeat the previous policy of increasing Then, as to the Benevolent Institution. Notwithstand- the last ten or twelve years the number of annuitants has sed by some 70 or 75 per cent., the cry is, still the candi- on increasing, and in May next, according to present , there will be less than twenty vacancies, but over 130 So is it with the remaining Institution—the Girls' matter what may be done in the way of extending its perations, fresh candidates are always forthcoming, and e increase, first in the number of pupils, and then in the candidates, apparently stands a fair chance of being con- ss resolute measures are taken to establish something libriam between the vacancies to be filled and the appli- them. But will this result be accomplished by giving s to brethren or the widows or children of brethren who nted to the funds of our Institutions? I for one am in- hink not; but rather, that instead of having fewer, we ore candidates offering themselves for acceptance, and on. If once the idea is accepted that benefits conferred utions must be reciprocated, we shall have ostensibly nt really needy brethren, giving donations and subscrip- benefit our Charities, but ultimately to prove of service s and their families. Even people in indifferent circum- contrive to scrape together £50 or £100, and present it securing a pension for life, after a certain age, to themselves, and it may be afterwards to their widows, or maintainment and education for one or more of their children for a term of years. In fact, Freemasonry will descend to the level of a benefit society, and a large number of its members will give of their substance, not so much to meet the wants of others, as to lay up a pension for themselves and their widows in their declining years, or for their children in the event of such pension becoming necessary. If we would reduce the claims that are being made on our Charities, we had better say as little as possible about holding out additional inducements to brethren to support them. I think we are far more likely to succeed in our object if we follow the advice of the late Bro. John Hervey, and that is, to exercise additional caution whenever people offer themselves as candidates to be received into Freemasonry. So long as it is apparently a matter of indifference who become Masons, so long shall we find the applicants for admission into our different Institutions steadily increasing in numbers.

Fraternally yours,

M.M.

BRO. YARKER'S HISTORY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your issue of Saturday, the 12th instant, I find three shafts directed against me, of which two are somewhat envenomed. All this correspondence has come upon me at a time when I am worked almost beyond my strength, but, nevertheless, I must ask you to oblige me with space for a few lines on these three articles.

The article, "Let the Mill Grind," is forwarded to you doubtless with the intention of damaging our A. and P. Rite, and no doubt would do so with those who are ignorant of its details. I would, therefore, inform your readers that in the United States there is a spurious and irregular Rite of Memphis, with which we have neither relation or sympathy. There is only one regular Sovereign Sanctuary of the A. and P. Rite in America, viz., that presided over by Professor Alexander B. Mott 33-95°, and it is the only body with which we have established representatives; Dr. Mott is an honourable gentleman, but indolent in Masonic matters, and it is against the spurious Egyptian Rite of Memphis that certain State Grand Lodges have adopted certain regulations which, in effect, recognises the A. and A. Scottish Rite, and makes the spurious Rite of Memphis penal. This want of toleration has already produced its natural effect in the organisation of spurious Craft Lodges; and whilst I, for one, regret the existence of this spurious Rite of Memphis, I cannot blame them for adopting one un-Masonic course wherewith to meet another. Let the sly fox form himself a lair in the den of the stupid ass; the noble band of brothers will scarcely find imitators in this country, unless it may be in Ireland, where the *Masonic World* for December alleges that the spurious Rite of Memphis has already established a branch, as well as in Glasgow. The Mill of God grinds slowly, but it grinds surely. Let it grind to dust all intolerance, whether in Masonry or out of it.

I certainly deserve all the censure that your reviewer has heaped upon me for my carelessness in accepting the accuracy of the list headed "Ancients" without examination. I ought to have remembered that it was shown at the time to be a list of the present Grand Lodge, and the description of No. 1 Lodge alone ought to have put me right. For a dozen years I have paid very slight attention to these matters, as they are a species of inquiry which, however necessary for the Masonic historian, do not pay intellectually the great trouble and loss of time which they involve. I hit upon the list accidentally, and accepted it hastily: it is an error into which even the best may fall.

The letter of Bro. P.M. H. Sadler commends itself, and I think he has made good his claim for supposing that Bro. Sayer's reprimand was for circumstances occurring within his own Lodge, whatever those may have been. I am at the present moment preparing a lecture upon the Old Craft Constitutions, and it strikes me that it is not unlikely that the thin end of the wedge of this dispute between the "Ancients" and "Moderns" was introduced early in the 17th century. I may here give my views upon these Constitutions shortly, as follows, and will forward you a more lengthy paper when it appears. If your reviewer desires to have another fling at me, he may.

1. 1350 MS. This informs us that the first part of the document was the original (or Euclid) Charges of the Masons of Athelstan; the second part being a commentary. Here I may observe that this Egyptian tradition is taken from Herodotus, who carried it back to Sesostris; Euclid's name was attached from his having amended Greek Geometry.

2. 1500. This Constitution gives a lengthy introduction to what, we are told, are the actual Charges of Euclid. As the writer gives his authorities, he was evidently the first to embody the introductory matter.

3. 1532-1583. Grand Lodge MS. This follows the last-mentioned Constitution. With the exception of two other MSS. it is the parent of all the others, and goes to prove that, as alleged in Masonic histories, the Craft was actually under one G.M. at York.

4. Lansdown Constitution. This omits the Euclid Charges in order to develop those of Solomon, and makes Edwin to have been made a Mason at Windsor. It was copied in 1686 by the Lodge of Antiquity. It tends to confirm the statement that at this time North and South were divided.

Bro. P.M. Sadler seems well informed on these questions, and I shall be glad to hear what date he gives Nos. 3 and 4. I feel sure the last, as published by Bro. Hughan, is later even than 1600. It is very important that the dates of Nos. 3 and 4 should be accurately determined.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN YARKER.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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PRIORY LODGE, No. 1000.

THE installation meeting of this prosperous Lodge, one of the most popular in the Province of Essex, took place at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, on Thursday, the 10th instant. The W.M., Bro. A. D. Merritt Prov. Grand A.D.C. Essex, summoned the brethren to attend at the unusually early hour of 11·30, but this had its advantages, as many of those who attended the meeting had an excellent opportunity of renewing acquaintanceships formed in past years, and, favoured by splendid weather, considering the time of year, the "outing" was voted a grand success. Punctually to the time named, Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. There were two candidates for the third degree, viz., Bros. H. Hall and T. A. R. Whistler, and they having passed a satisfactory examination as to proficiency, were in due course raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. A. M. Gerussi was next passed to the degree of F.C. At this stage of the proceedings, a "call-off" took place. On resuming Lodge work, the Auditors presented a very satisfactory report, which was unanimously adopted. Bro. Merritt, who had so far ably conducted the proceedings, now announced his intention of commencing the installation ceremony. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Green Brighten, P.M. 72 and 569, Prov. Grand Organist Essex, was introduced by Bro. Albert Lucking Prov. G.D.C., and the obligation was administered. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and after its labours were completed, the brethren who had not as yet qualified themselves to mount the levels were re-admitted, and the new Master saluted. The Officers were appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. F. Dorrell Grayson W.M. 160 S.W., G. R. Dawson J.W., F. Wood P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Treasurer, A. Lucking P.M. Prov. G.D.C. Secretary, Rev. H. J. Hatch P.M. 160 P.P.G. Chaplain Chaplain, J. F. Harrington P.M. 160 P.P.G.P. S.D., C. Floyd I.P.M. 1817 Provincial G.S. J.D., L. Warren junior I.G., J. C. Johnstone P.M. P.P.G.D. M.C., E. E. Phillips P.M. P.P.G.D. Org., S. Penny and C. F. Woosnam Stewards, A. W. Martin Tyler. Bro. Merritt then gave the charges, and thus fully completed the work of his year. The first duty of the new Master was to propose a vote of thanks to his predecessor, for the ability he had displayed. This was gracefully but briefly acknowledged by Bro. Merritt, and then Bro. F. Wood was re-appointed Representative on the Charity Committee of the Province, and eulogistic reference made to services he had already given in that capacity. Bro. Wood having recognised the honour done him by the reference to his efforts, Bro. Lucking brought forward his proposition, briefly stating that the motion could speak for itself, and calling attention to the satisfactory financial condition of the Lodge, as disclosed by the Auditors' Report. The motion read as follows: — "That the sum of ten guineas be voted out of the funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, and placed on the list of Worshipful Brother W. G. Brighten, who will represent the Lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival." This motion having been seconded, was put to the meeting, and carried with acclamation. A letter from the widow of a deceased member was read, in reference to the probability of one of her sons being elected into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. This communication was fully considered, but it was shown that the lad in question would be debarred by the age limit from receiving any of the advantages of education at the Institution. This announcement elicited a general feeling of regret, as the deceased brother referred to, while associated with the Lodge, had secured the esteem of his fellow members. Bro. Secretary was requested to forward a letter condoling with the widow in her affliction. The names of three candidates for initiation at the next meeting having been handed in, together with the proposition of a member for joining, hearty good wishes were tendered and Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was afterwards partaken of, and many of the guests accepted the hospitality so readily proffered by the members of the "Round Thousand." An important engagement, however, compelled us to leave by the last train. The after proceeding were of a truly harmonious character, and the services of the outgoing Master were recognised by the presentation of a Past Master's jewel. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. H. Sims J.W. 160, J. G. Sims 1343, J. Ayling I.G. 160, H. Kerridge 1536, W. Bridgland J.W. 933, J. Terry P.M. 228, &c., Secretary R.M.B.I., A. Moore 167, James Kising 781, A. Withers P.M. 211, W. W. Morgan W.M. elect 211, &c.

'MEDINA LODGE, No. 35.

BRO. the Rev. G. Pickering was, on Thursday, the 10th inst., installed W.M. of this Lodge for the ensuing year. The W.M. invested his Officers as under:—Bros. J. C. Airs P.M. I.P.M., Roberton S.W., Manners J.W., Faulkner P.M. Treas., Mursell P.M. Secretary, Cust S.D., Rutland J.D., Leftwich I.G., Ransome Organist, Hunter M.C., Mursell and Leftwich Stewards. The installation banquet was admirably served at the Marine Hotel by Mr. J. Drover.

UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

ON Wednesday, 9th inst., the members of this Lodge held their monthly meeting at the George Hotel, Colchester, and being the first of the new year, the occasion was availed of for a "guest night." Between 60 and 70 brethren attended, quite one-third of whom were visitors. These included several present and past Provincial Grand Officers; the Visiting Lodges represented were Nos. 51, 225, 1977, &c. After Lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the festive board, and a very pleasant evening was spent, under

THE GREAT CITY LODGE,

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge w afternoon, 12th Jan., at the Cannon-street Keeble W.M. presiding. He was supported b Fendick J.W., N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, G. tary, Potter S.D., Skinner J.D., J. Jenkins Or Hudd Stewards, R. Potter Tyler; P.M.'s Kib Freeman, Hamer, H. Thompson. The visitors Smith 1326, H. A. Reeves W.M. 807, E. A. Smitl 807, E. J. Carson 1158, Lea 398 Scotch Constit South Africa, Crombie 1623, W. J. Johnson 140, Perceval P.M. 1607, A. E. Staley W.M. 185, T. J. Morris 72, Huckvale 1635, Medusin P.M. 16 Binckes Grand Stewards' Lodge, Cozens 907. A and reading and confirming the minutes of the ballot was taken for the following candidates: M John Kinnersley Hooper, Edwin Wasley, and Star which was unanimous in their favour. Being pr the candidates were initiated in a very impress W.M., admirably aided by his Officers, the wor praise from the visitors. Pursuant to notice, Bro moved "That the sum of twenty-five guineas be v of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution fo on the W. Master's list on his serving as Ste Festival;" this was agreed to. The Lodge was th brethren adjourned to the banquet table. At th was said, followed by the toast of the Queen and th The formal toasts were honoured, Bro. Binckes re the Grand Officers. Bro. Kibble I.P.M., in propo the Worshipful Master, said that the manner in through his duties that evening in initiating four Order left the brethren nothing to wish for. To he need say nothing; their hope was that the W.M and strength to continue the performance of his d of the year, and he took the opportunity of tha friendly notes he had sent to them, with his kin prosperity in the new year, proving to them that welfare of The Great City Lodge was never abse The toast was drunk most heartily, and, in respo the manner in which the toast had been proposed which it had been received, had afforded him a gre It was a source of gratification to him to know tha the approbation of those who had placed him in hi he would use his best endeavours to meet their wis approbation, and when he retired and took his plac band of Past Masters, he hoped to be deserving o was nine years from his initiation in the Lodge unt in the chair, and that ought to afford encouragem members to look forward, for their time would c waited long enough. When he entered the Lodge but his proposer and seconder, and he repeated that come to those who waited a little longer; they wou the proud position he then occupied. He wished to of the brethren who had that night joined them distinguishing features of Freemasonry was charit see by the summons that he was about to act as Festival of the Boys' School. When he looked at he saw a number who would become, when men, t Craft in years to come, and, therefore, they ought Institution, especially so as the Duke of Albany preside on that occasion. He would suggest a plan of office might be distinguished, and make it a red- history of the Institution. He had been a life gove Benevolent Institution for some time, and as a r benefitting the Institution, he made his wife a life g she had become a good Mason ever since. Now, hi that they should each make his lady a life-governor, do for five guineas, being half the amount for w become life governors themselves. He asked them to the Masonic Charities, coupling with the toast th Binckes. In his reply, Bro. Binckes said he was ta at the kindness of the Worshipful Master, for in most it was in town or country, the toast he had just give to a late period of the evening, when the tables were members. He was happy to be present that evenin The Great City Lodge had year after year liberally sup Institutions, and he believed that the support of one o was the best course to be pursued, for it was very one were called upon twice or thrice in one year to suppo Institutions. If they, on the other hand, took them would not feel the tax upon them, and he wished tha The Great City Lodge could be adopted by other Lod was probably the last time any of the Royal Family their Festivals, and he hoped that the Duke of Alban supported. During last year the different Festivals r and of that £25,000 fell to the Boys' School, but £12,000 was to be devoted to a Preparatory School, a for the purpose. That £12,000 would be spent in the for a Preparatory School, and it would require £300 maintain the additional number of boys. He was re the support the Boys' School had received for the l years; the number of boys in the School had been ra 250, and he felt a deep debt of gratitude to his good f they had done. He was sure that they would go o work, and he appealed to the Craft for extended suppo stone of the new School would be laid in August next; The Great City was a representative Lodge of the C Freemasonry, under the rule of H.R.H. the Prince taken enormous strides, and it had been going on fr progress, and from success to success; but it was p

bring with it a reaction, and what, then, would be their ? He could not shut his eyes to the responsibilities the ad imposed on him ; as he was going on in life he faced those ed responsibilities with failing powers. The boys of the would be the men of the future generation ; they were objects r sympathy, and to his dying day he should continue to advo- principles of Masonic charity. He had a humble notion that, y God's providence they possessed means for their own nt, their hearts and sympathies should be extended towards ho were not so fortunate as themselves. It was here men- y the W.M. that one of the members had made an offer of neteen others would do the same, to be devoted to his list; ter going round several brethren gave in their names for a mount, and it is believed that the list will be fully made up ext meeting of the Lodge. The toast of the Initiates having y honoured, and severally responded to, the W.M. proposed ors. and remarked that, from the time of the foundation of at City Lodge, they had always a goodly number of visitors ; e them a hearty welcome, and hoped they would come again. the visitors returned thanks, expressing their pleasure at llent working of the Lodge, and the bountiful hospitality d been extended towards them. The W.M. next gave the ters, extolled their good qualities, and their readiness at all render any services required of them. After a few words . Kibble I.P.M., Bro. N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer said, y felt in a predicament when it came to his turn to speak, as ons speakers had exhausted the subject. He was sorry that ens was not with them that night in his usual position, as a severe accident had kept him indoors for a month, likely to keep him at home for some weeks longer. The ers had endeavoured to do their duty, and he believed they eded. It was most gratifying to them to find so many qualified to undertake any duties that might be cast upon ie Great City Lodge had taken to heart the question a new Gr nd Treasurer should be elected year by year. es Marshall had been nominated for that office ; he was a on, and he (Bro. Headon) hoped they would support his n when the time for action arrived. Bros. Blackie and o returned thanks. The health of the Secretary was pro- he W.M., to this due justice was done, and Bro. Blackie in suitable terms. Some other toasts were given, and the is spent most harmoniously. Bro. Cozens presided at the and sang some choice songs. Bro. Wasley, one of the lso contributed to the pleasures of the evening.

OVENT GARDEN LODGE, No. 1614.

stallation Meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, under the Presidency of Bro. W. H. Gulliford ; Bros. G. Coleman S.W., J. Jacobs acobs P.M. Treas., W. Bourne P.M. Sec., H. W. Kedgley man J.D., Solomon I.G., Stacey P.G.O. Middlesex, .P.M., and Kedgeley P.M. Visitors—F. Harrison P.M. h 1348, J. Reilly 511, R. Ralph 1348, J. Britton 188, H. 1 1732, W. Roots 1273, E. Storr S.W. 167, Robinson P.M. n P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, J. Turle 261, Mordecai 1348, H. , E. Swanborough P.M. 1319, G. Hawkes P.M. 1071. Groves 901, A. Abrahams 205, Miller 231, H. Robins 860, G. N. Watts P.M. 194, Shand 1563, H. Marks 1349, , H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. Lodge was opened and the e confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of lward and Snow, who were afterwards duly initiated into the W.M. who conducted the ceremonies with much rd of Installed Masters was opened, Bros. Mason P.P.G.S.D. d H. M. Levy P.M. 188 occupying the Wardens' chairs. man S.W. and W.M. elect was presented, and he was by the retiring W.M., whose rendering of the ceremony warmest marks of approbation. Brother E. Jacobs ed as M.C. On the re-admission of the brethren, the ated according to ancient custom, and he, in appropriate d his Officers: Bros. W. H. Gulliford I.P.M., J. Jacobs Kedgley J.W., E. Jacobs P.M. Treasurer, W. Bourne y, Rev. P. M. Holden Chaplain, Dixon S.D., B. Solomon .P.G.O. Middlesex Organist, Bassett M.C., Figgis I.G., M. Wine Steward, G. Reynolds A.W.S., Potter P.M. use followed the investiture of each officer, shewing made a suitable selection. The auditors' report was ted ; it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing condi- ities had been discharged, and there was £55 12s 8d nd. After relieving a distressed brother from the nd, the W.M., in eloquent terms, said he had now to er W. H. Gulliford with a Past Master's jewel, as a spect in which he is held; and as a recognition for the rge of his duties as W.M. Bro. Gulliford, in suitable Hearty good wishes were then given by the Visitors, s closed. The brethren, about eighty in number, sat sumptuous banquet and dessert, superintended by The tables were artistically decorated, and button- for all. The W.M., in appropriate language, nual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. W. H. Gulliford ; he had great pleasure in proposing the health of ed not dilate on Bro. Coleman's excellencies ; he should incense of flattery, but all the brethren knew the alities ; he would therefore ask them to drink the at initiate of the Lodge, now its W.M. The brethren e him in the chair, and all hoped his year of office erous one. The W.M. in reply said the assistance he m the P.M.'s and the brethren had enabled him with dertake the duties of the chair, and when the day rement, he hoped to hear the same good wishes ; it would be his aim to carry out every duty required of him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates, Bros. Woodward and Snow. They had each brought good introductions, and their attention to the ceremony warranted the hope that the Lodge had initiated two brethren who would be a credit to it. Brother Bourne P.M. then sang the E.A. song, and Bros. Woodward and Snow briefly responded. The W.M. next proposed the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Gulliford. The brethren had seen what he had done that night, when, on his retirement from the chair, he had so ably installed him. Again, in the Lodge of Instruction, he had strived to make the Lodge perfect ; in fact, Bro. Gulliford deserves their warmest respect ; he hoped the brethren would cordially drink to the toast. Bro. Gulliford, in response, thanked the W.M. for proposing the toast, and the brethren for their kind expressions. As Immediate Past Master his aim would be their welfare. If he had done well in the past, so he hoped to do in the future, while he had health and strength. For the Visitors, who were 33 in number, Bros. Robins, Hawkes, Swanborough, H. M. Levy, and Higgins responded ; all complimented the W.M. on his able presidency, and referred to the excellent manner in which the I.P.M. had rendered the ceremony of installation. After the Past Masters' toast had been responded to, Bro. Kedgeley said he was about to act as Steward for the R.M.B.I. ; he had on his list to-night the sum of £61 8s 6d, which he hoped to make larger yet. The toast of the Officers was next given, the W.M. mentioning their names seriatim. Bro. Kedgeley responded, and then the Tyler's toast was given. The singing throughout the evening was a treat to listen to, Bros. Frank Gulliford and Charles Solomons especially distinguishing themselves. Bros. Simon Jacobs and George Reynolds looked after the comforts of the brethren.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, No. 146.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th January, at the Bull's Head, Bolton. Amongst those present were Bros. R. Duxbury W.M., George Taylor I.P.M., H. Broughton S.W., J. F. Skelton J.W., W. Nicholson P. Prov. G.S.B. Treasurer, W. Cooper P.M. Secretary, J. Galloway S.D., W. Heywood Organist, E. Hird I.G., W. Carter Steward, T. Higson Tyler ; J. Morris P.M., P. Prov. G. Steward, H. Ainsworth P.M., J. Dooley P.M., R. Herridge P.M. P. Prov. G. Steward ; N. Tyldesley, T. Nightingale, J. Barrett, J. Eddevane, J. Kennedy, W. Downs, T. Rimmer. Visitors—Bros. G. P. Brookbank P.M. 37 P. Prov. S.G.D. Grand Steward Scotland, G. Ferguson Prov. G. Supt. of Works, H. Greenwood P. Prov. G. Pursuivant, J. Booth W.M. 37, J. Kenyon W.M. 348, G. Nabb W.M. 678, R. Latham 1723, J. Wolstenholme P.M. 348, C. H. Smith P.M., 1053, J. Sutton 484, H. J. Briscoe 221, W. Siddorn 221, N. Nicholson P.M. and Secretary 1723, J. W. Almond S.W. 1773, A. Patrie J.D. 495, H. Hardman 495, P. Morris I.P.M. 678, J. G. Carter, and Johnson Martin 678. The Lodge was opened at half past 3 o'clock p.m. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. In due course Bro. Henry Broughton W.M. elect was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, under the presidency of the W.M., and duly obligated ; after which the Lodge was further advanced, and Brother Broughton installed Worshipful Master in ancient form. Brother W. Nicholson P. Prov. G.S.B. was elected Treasurer, and Brother John Wild appointed as Charity Representative of the Lodge. The following Brethren were invested as Officers for the year, Brother John Wild P.M. addressing them as to the nature of their respective duties :—Bros. J. F. Skelton S.W., J. Galloway J.W., W. Nicholson P.M. Treasurer, W. Cooper P.M. Secretary, W. Heywood S.D., E. Hird J.D. J. Wild P.M. M. of C., J. G. Carter Organist, W. Carter I.G., T. Nightingale and J. T. Vose Stewards, T. Higson Tyler. The final admonitions to the W.M., Wardens and Brethren were delivered by Brother W. Cooper P.M. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, Brother Duxbury. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, after which the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to banquet.

CAMALODUNUM LODGE, No. 660, MALTON.

THE brethren of the above Lodge celebrated their annual festival on Tuesday, when Bro. J. D. Dodsworth S.W. was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. S. King P.P.G.J.W. N. and E. Yorkshire and P.M. The ceremony was impressively performed, in the presence of a large gathering of the Craft. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested his Officers for the year ensuing as follows :—Bros. R. J. Smithson I.P.M., T. M. Goldie S.W., J. B. Nicholls J.W., Rev. E. A. B. Pitman Chaplain, R. H. Bower P.M. Treasurer, W. R. Metcalfe Secretary, M. F. W. Williamson S.D., R. G. Lucas J.D., A. W. Walker P.M. M.C., W. J. Marshall Organist, C. H. Channon I.G., E. K. Spiegelhalter and T. C. Clough Stewards, Kirton Wandby Tyler. The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Talbot Hotel, Bro. Fitchett catering in his usual bountiful way. Bro. Dodsworth W.M. presided, and was supported by a large number of Past and Present Provincial Officers, Past Masters, and brethren, including also a few visitors. The usual toast list was gone through, and the proceedings were conducted with the greatest harmony throughout.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, the 11th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. Turner W.M., Gunner S.W., F. Botley J.W., C. E. Botley Sec., Sperring S.D, Sherring J.D., Blasby P.M. I.G., Goss P.M. After all formalities had been observed, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. W. Goss P.M. candidate. Lodge was called off and on. After other business, Bro. Gunner was elected W.M. for the 18th inst.

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LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 174.

ON Wednesday evening the installation meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-street, City, Bro. James S. Fraser the retiring W.M. in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. Haig-Brown S.W. (W.M. elect), T. F. Harvey J.W., Charles Lacey P.M. Treasurer, J. Newton P.M. Secretary, G. T. H. Seddon P.M. Organist, F. J. Dellow J.D., H. J. Cant I.G., Charles Blain M.C., J. Miller W.S., P.M.'s Geo. Jones, W. C. Barlow, C. H. Webb, G. J. Hilliard, J. Bulmer; J. S. Bailey, F. Dovey, J. Thomas, W. Richardson, J. Brooksbank, H. M. Hobbs, H. Magee, G. Larcombe, J. W. B. Wilson, J. A. Keable, S. Hill, J. G. Golls, J. Gawrond, J. J. Trustant, J. Ellis, F. Hall, H. J. Ayre, F. G. Norman, J. Whiteing, J. W. D. Mumford, Dr. W. Wiles, J. Bailey, E. J. Moore P.M., T. Burchell, H. R. Gates, F. A. Nailor, G. Bashford, W. H. Cane, J. G. Smith, S. Frost, W. A. Bennett, D. C. Haley, C. J. Brown, T. Scott, H. Nicholls, W. Taylor, J. T. Ballard. The Visitors were numerous, and included Bros. James Terry P.M. Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, J. P. Driscoll 30 P.M. 1579, J. Night, J. M. Jutsum 95, C. W. Bowbey 248, R. J. Lapham 1431 398, W. M. Mead 504, W. Fieldson P.M. 548, W. March 504, T. S. Taylor P.M. 554 1421, R. N. Fenwick 820, G. Hollington P.M. 953 1421, C. J. D. Mears, A. Langley P.M. 1076, F. Smith 1185, R. H. Blatchford P.M. 1196, G. R. Gilroy 1259, J. Salmon 1339, R. G. Ford, J. H. Taylor P.M., G. F. Dix P.M. 1421, J. A. Hunt 1607, R. B. Brinkley 1805. Bro. Ford was admitted a joining member of the Lodge, and Mr. R. W. Holloway was balloted for, and initiated by the W.M. Bro. A. Haig-Brown was then duly installed into the chair of King Solomon by the W.M. Bro. James Fraser, and the following Officers invested, each one receiving from the new W.M. not only the emblems of his office, but instruction in his duties:—Bros. T. Harvey S.W., F. G. Dellow J.W., C. Lacey P.M. Treasurer, J. Newton P.M. Secretary, H. J. Cant S.D., C. Blain J.D., G. T. H. Seddon P.M. Organist, W. Wiles I.G., J. A. Keable M.C., J. Miller W.S., Very Tyler. All the appointments seemed to give satisfaction to the brethren, but those of Bros. Lacey, Newton, Dellow, and Miller were particularly welcomed. Bro. Fraser, now the I.P.M., delivered the several addresses, but it was not until just upon the close of his labours that he seemed to warm to his work, when he showed that not only did he know the language of the ritual, but was capable of giving to it both force and grace. He received a P.M.'s jewel, and in presenting it, the W.M. observed that it had been merited, and he hoped Bro. Fraser would long be spared to wear the jewel and to give his able services to the Lodge. It should be stated that Bros. Lacey and C. H. Webb ably assisted the retiring W.M. in the onerous duties of his office. The balance-sheet was duly received; while it showed a balance due to the Treasurer of £14 12s 7d, it also showed that £27 1s 8d had been transferred from the General Account to the Lodge Benevolent Fund, which, we are happy to record, has £50 11s 3d invested and £20 6s 10d in the Treasurer's hands. Grants had been made during the year of £14 14s, to which may be added a grant of £5 made on Wednesday in the case of a distressed brother. After the closing of the Lodge the brethren sat down to a banquet, admirably served, supplemented with a generous and varied supply of wines. The toasts that followed were of the usual kind, including the Queen and the Craft, the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers present and past. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., observing that they had travelled through Freemasonry together, and from what had been done in the past, he was sure the future was full of promise. The toast having been warmly drank, the W.M., in reply, said that he appreciated the responsibility of his position, and hoped with their co-operation to go on as in the past year in joy and happiness together. He had always endeavoured to do his duty in the several offices he had held, and he trusted he should be able to fill his present position with dignity and to the satisfaction of the brethren. The health of the Initiate having been proposed, honoured, and responded to, the W.M. proposed the Masonic Institutions, conpling with the toast the name of Bro. Terry. He stated that he had undertaken to serve as Steward at the forthcoming Festival on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, and hoped for that support which had hitherto been so freely given by the Sincerity Lodge. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and in reply, Bro. Terry made a vigorous and stirring speech. He said there never was a time when help was more needed than at present; there were 126 candidates and only 17 vacancies. Unless, therefore, the success was greater than in the past, it would be impossible to increase the number of annuitants. Last year £56,000 was received on behalf of the Masonic Charities, a sum that it was almost in vain to hope would be realised this year. It became them all to use their best efforts in behalf of the Institution he represented. It seemed hard to send away all over a very small number indeed—men in all cases over 60 years of age, some over 70, and yet that is what they must do. It was a filial duty to support their aged participators in Freemasonry, a lesson that was taught in the Lectures. He appealed to a Lodge that had never failed to send a Steward to the Benevolent Institution Festival, and if it were possible to get at the amount they had subscribed it would be found to exceed that of any other Lodge in London. The annuitants were 367 in number, were spread all over England, and entailed an annual charge of £12,800. What, asked Brother Terry, were they to do if they did not get the necessary help? Many spoke of "Our Charities," but they were only "ours" when we supported them, and if each one contributed something according to his means there would be good hope for the future. Bro. Terry's speech was received with loud cheers, and no doubt the Worshipful Master's list was substantially aided thereby. The W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M. in flattering terms, and the way in which the toast and reply was received showed that Brother Fraser is held in high estimation by the brethren of the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors followed, to which Bros. Salmon and Knight responded. This was followed by the toasts of the Past Masters and the Officers. Brother Seddon, in his reply for the former, alluded to his enfo Lodge owing to his professional engagement interests of the Lodge warmly at heart. Dur Knight, Nailor, Brinkley, Wiles, Dellow, an songs, and very much contributed to the ple The Tyler's toast brought the proceeding t add that Bro. J. Very discharged the dut efficient manner.

ANCHOR AND HOPE LODG

THE installation meeting of this Lodge wa 7th inst., at the Swan Hotel, Bolton, bank W.M. Prov. G.S.D. Grand Steward Sco I.P.M., John Booth S.W., F. W. Pacey J.W., J Jas. Newton Secretary, Jno. Poyntz S.D., Harry Lomax I.G., Jas. Naylor Senior Stewar Junior Steward, J. W. Roiley Tyler, Thos. Hi also Bros. R. Mitchell P.M. P. Prov. G.S.B., Jas. Walker P.M., R. K. Freeman P.M., Joh Robinson, J. Ridyard, M. Gillibrand. Visitors- P.M. Prov. G. Supt. of Works, Robert Lathan Duxbury W.M. 146, John Isherwood W.M. 221, R. H. Hutchinson P. Prov. G.S.W., Wm. For P.M. P. Prov. G.S.B. West Lancashire. Lodge first degree, at four o'clock p.m. The minutes meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was second degree, when Bro. John Booth W.M. ele Board of Installed Masters, under the presider duly obligated as regards the government of t Lodge was opened in the third degree and Bro. claimed, and saluted as Worshipful Master in John Morris was duly elected Charity Represe The following brethren were invested Officers for Bro. Newton P. Prov. G.S.D.:—Bros. F. W Poyntz J.W., G. P. Brockbank Secretary, Jas John Hardcastle S.D., W. H. Lomax J.D., J. Johnson Mills M. of Cer., Jas. Naylor I.G., R. Golding Stewards, J. W. Roiley and T. Higson Wardens, and Brethren were severally addressed, custom, by Bro. Mills P.M. Bro. Brockbank rec the W.M. a Past Master's jewel, voted at the Hearty good wishes were expressed by the Vis closed in peace and harmony at six o'clock p. adjourned to banquet.

LODGE OF HARMONY, N

THE Annual Meeting of the members of the al at the Red Lion Hotel on Thursday the 3rd the Rev. A. C. Hervey, of Portchester, was insta the year. The impressive ceremony was con ability by Bro. Edward Goldsmith (Hambledon), to whom a special vote of thanks was awarded, to jewel, in appreciation of the efficiency with whic the Lodge business during the year. After the invested his Officers in the following order:— I.P.M., J. W. Gieve S.W., D. J. Gilmour J.W., P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, J. B. Goldsmith P.M Goble P.P.G.R. Secretary, W. A. Hill S.D., Henry T. Crouch I.G., George Harry D.C., Rev. F. J. Love Stewards, W. Lee Organist, R. Eames Tyler was passed to Bro. C. H. Liddle P.M. on relinc Organist, and it was agreed to present him with tion of his services. A very satisfactory balance by the Treasurer (Bro. J. B. Goldsmith), to wh was carried by acclamation. After the cerem adjourned to the large hall, where a récherché ba in excellent style, reflecting the highest credit on Mr. G. Bond, the proprietor of the Hotel. In already mentioned, the members of the Lodge p W. Johnstone P.M., A. R. Holbrook P.M., T. Ernest Hall P.M., George Bond P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Burt, C. O. Smith, T. W. Haydon and A. W. Lea included Bros. the Rev. — Hebb P.G.C. Devonshi P.M. P.P.G.C., Gordon Miller W.M. 257, W. M. C W. Brunwin W.M. 903, C. Travess W.M. 1428, 1776, and T. A. Bramsdon 1776.

HARMONY AND INDUSTRY LODG DARWEN.

ON Thursday, the 10th inst., the brethren of 381 Festival of St. John the Evangelist, install investiture of Officers in the extensive and beautif (the Masonic Hall) over the Manchester an The installation ceremony was ably performed b Thomas P.M. P.P.G.R. Oxon P.P.G.J.D. East La Wardley P.M. Darwen; the investiture of Officers and E. Halliwell P.M. P.P.G.O. East Lancashire. vested were—Bros. B. Lloyd W.M., Thackeray I.P S.W., W. Grimshaw J.W., Roberts P.M. Secretary, W. Hodgson J.D., P. Lowe Steward, C. H. Wood O.G., Jno. McAdam Organist. The banquet was rooms, which were most tastefully decorated for was of a first-class quality, and supplied by Mrs. keeper. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts wer the proceedings closed about twelve o'clock.

ROTHERLY LOVE LODGE, No. 229, YEOVIL.

IE installation of Bro. W. J. Nosworthy S.W. P.M. P.P.G.O. Somerset, as Worshipful Master, took place at the Chonghs l, on Wednesday, when there was a large attendance, including ren from the adjoining Provinces of Dorset and Devon. Among present, in addition to those belonging to the Lodge, were Bros. es, Hunt, Coombs, Gillard, Good, Rugg, Masters, Todd Naylor, rts, Stuart Boyd, Harrold, Green, Butler, Targett, Phillips, tley, Summers, Tompsett, &c. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Else P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master. the Worshipful Master had been placed in the chair, he proi to appoint his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Cobb I.P.M., Milbourne S.W., Croaker J.W., Cox Treasurer, n Secretary, Baskett S.D., Rodber J.D., Edgar M.C., Harwood ist, Raymond I.G., Denman Steward, Watts Tyler. At the r of the Lodge, the brethren partook of a banquet, when the Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ST. PETER'S LODGE, MALDON.

members of the above Lodge held their annual widgeon supper n Tuesday, after Lodge. At Lodge the W.M., Bro. Cramphorn, d by the Wardens Bros. John Hutley and Edmund Gowers, Bro. Arthur Barritt. The supper, held at the Blue Boar did not possess a strictly wild fowl character in consequence impossibility of procuring a good supply of birds, which tated the introduction, for the first time, of joints. The W.M. d and was supported by his Wardens, Past Masters and the ig Visitors:—Bros. Osmond 51, Bryant 1329, Jarvis, and is 276, &c. A pleasant evening was spent.

NCESS CHARLOTTE OF WALES LODGE, No. 570 I.C.

nstallation meeting of this Lodge, which is attached to the 1 Regiment of Dragoon Guards, now stationed at the York Barracks, was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the

There was a large gathering of members and their friends, ge being presided over by Brother J. A. Banks, in the of Brother V. S. Cheeseman, on duty at Aldershot. The ving been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the is assumed by Brother J. Todd P.M. Treasurer 236 (in whose Lodge ho'ds its meetings); and the Worshipful Master other Serjt.-Major W. Knights, was presented for installa. Bros. A. J. Banks and Captain Gifford. In due course a Installed Masters was opened, Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M. acting as S.W., and G. Kirby P.M. as J.W.; and the W.M. een invested and installed, was salnted. The following ere appointed:—Bros. Captain A. Baldrey S.W., T. Howard ptain Banks Treasurer and Secretary, Serjt.-Major Kendall jt.-Major W. Langford J.D., Serjt.-Major Saul I.G., W. G. 'yler. After the ceremony the members entertained their an excellent banquet, provided by Brother J. Toes, of the Rooms, the Worshipful Master presiding. The toast list and to the point, and the evening was enlivened by a series nt songs by the members of the Military Lodge and their he pianoforte accompaniments being tastefully performed r Garland, of York Minster.

cum Lodge, No. 1611.—An unusually large assemrethren attended the regular meeting of this Lodge on ening, the 14th inst., at York. Bro. J. Blenkin, the W.M., rted by Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Balmford P.M., P.M., M. Millington P.M., G. Simpson P.M., W. Knights (I.C.), as well as by between thirty and forty other A successful ballot was taken for two candidates, after Percival Holmes was raised to the third degree. Bro. T. B. presented to the Lodge library a copy of "Mackey's and Bro. B. L. Mills, of the Canongate Kilwinning 2 (S.C.), was proposed as a joining member. A telegram om Sir J. C. Milner, Bart., M.P., Senior Warden, stating the illness of Lady Milner he was unable to leave home his place in the Lodge as he had intended. Brother announced that he had received a letter from the Rev. an, an eminent American Mason, who had been making our in the Holy Land and the East, and who purposed k, and he hoped that it would be possible to make ar. to give their travelling brother a Masonic reception. ose of the Lodge, the brethren met at refreshment, and a t evening was passed, the numerous visitors expressing ation at the warmth of feeling exhibited.

e the meetings of the Prince Leopold Lodge of will be held at the Printing Works, 202 Whited, E., on Monday evenings, at the hour of 7 p.m.

sday, 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, in Albion. T. P. Payne, J.P., was duly installed as W.M. of ster Lodge, by P.M. G. Dunlop, J.P. There erous representative gathering of local members ft, and Bro. Payne subsequently entertained a er of Masonic friends at dinner.

held on Thursday, at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford. Present,—Bros. Good W.M., Banks S.W., Hunt J.W., Hutchings P.M. Preceptor, Speight P.M. Secretary, Dixon S.D., Williams J.D., Greener I.G. Past Masters Bros. Freeman and Ingram, and Bros. Penrose and Catt. Lodge was opened and after the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Catt personating the candidate. Lodge was then advanced to the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Penrose personating the candidate. Lodge was closed to the first degree, and Bro. Banks elected W.M. for the first Thursday in the ensuing month, after which Lodge was closed in due form. Brethren residing in the neighbourhood are cordially invited to attend this Lodge of Instruction.

Euphrates Lodge of Instruction, No. 212.—Held at the Mother Red Cap, High-street, Camden Town, N.W., Monday, 14th instant. Bros. R. W. Galer W.M., Halsey S.W., Gittens J.W., Shepherd J.D., Boyden I.G., and P.M. Dean Preceptor. After preliminaries, Bro. Boyden offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Halsey was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. This being the annual meeting for the election of Officers, the W.M. read a letter from the Preceptor, Bro. J. D. Collier, tendering his resignation of that office, owing to extreme pressure of business. The resignation was accepted, with regret, Bro. Collier having occupied the position very ably for a considerable time. Bro. R. W. Galer, of the Highgate Lodge, 1366, was unanimously elected Preceptor, Bro. P. Reckoall, of the mother Lodge, Treasurer, and Bro. Sheppard 1366 Secretary. Under the guidance of these Officers we trust this Lodge will have a prosperous year. Brethren residing in the North-Western District are cordially invited to attend. Lodge opens at eight o'clock every Monday evening.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The usual weekly meeting was held at Bro. Langdale's, Jolly Farmers' Southgate-road, on Wednesday, 10th instant, Bro. Trick presiding, supported by Bros. Galer S.W., Thompson J.W., P.M. Cusworth Preceptor, F. Perl Secretary, Ferrar S.D., O'Donnell J.D., Lone I.G.; also Bros. Turner, Ockelford, P.M. Brain, and others. Lodge was duly opened; all preliminaries having been gone through, the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the initiation ceremony, Bro. Turner acting as candidate. Before the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, this brother answered the necessary questions, but was not entrusted, he only being an E.A. The Lodge was opened to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. O'Donnell acting as candidate. Bro. Galer was appointed to occupy the position of W.M. at the ensuing meeting. Nothing further having been offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was harmoniously closed and adjourned until Wednesday, 15th January.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 15th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Christian W.M., Smyth S.W., Watkinson J.W., Robinson S.D., Jenkins J.D., Baker I.G., F. Carr Secretary, and Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Allen, T. Clark, Catling, Capero and East. The work comprised the rehearsal of the third ceremony, Bro. Catling candidate. The W.M. worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed, and Bros. Capero and East answered the questions leading to the second degree. The W.M. worked the second section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the installation ceremony will be rehearsed by Bro. Wallington P.M., Preceptor of the Lodge. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 902.—Held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Austin's, Victoria Hotel, 25 Charterhouse-street, E.C., on Wednesday, 16th January. Present—Bros. Williams W.M., Jefferys S.W., Salter J.W., Cross S.D., Cooper J.D., W. Bean I.G., Frost P.M. Preceptor, and other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were most ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Jefferys P.M. 902 was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Wednesday, 23rd inst., when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed. The Brethren of the Mother Lodge are earnestly requested to attend, and it is to be hoped that the Installing Master will be well supported.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Western W.M., Clark S.W., Rhodes J.W., Collingridge Sec., Collingridge S.D., O'Donnell J.D., Forge acting Preceptor, Turner I.G.; and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ware candidate. Bro. Simons, a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bros. Turner and Simons answered questions leading to third degree. Bros. O'Donnell, Simons, and W. H. Read were elected members. Bro. Clark, S.W. Faith Lodge, No. 141, was elected W.M. for Monday, 27th inst.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—At the meeting held on the 8th inst., at the Hornsey Wood Tavern. Bros. Morris W.M., Gush Preceptor, Fitch S.W., Scott J.W., Giller S.D., Haynes J.D., Berry Secretary, Aldis I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second degree, and the first section of the second lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Jenkins candidate. The second and third sections of the second lecture were worked by Bros. Larchin and Fenner. Lodge resumed in the first degree, and hearty good wishes having been voted to Bro. Morris, who was about to leave England for Australia, Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Tuesday next.

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THE Prov. Grand Master delivered the fol at Halifax, on Wednesday, the 15

Officers and Brethren of the Provincial Grand Lod shire,—I thank you heartily for the very cordial re given to me. It is a peculiar pleasure to meet you under the Banner of my own Lodge, which has years. In this Lodge I was initiated 1st Octob years later I filled the chair, and in 1875 I was ins Grand Master. That I am able to be amongst y preside at your first Assembly in 1884, is an occa ness on my part to the G.A.O.T.U.

Probity Lodge met a few days ago to celebrate th John the Evangelist. The Craft sets a special value observances of St. John's Day, a custom which h 300 years past. There are two St. John's Festivals, the Baptist, June 24th, and St. John the Evangelist, Freemasonry being so full of symbolical allusions, that its Installation Festivals should be observed at periods. We keep these Festivals from a profound r characters of these divine men, and because the England was revived on St. John the Baptist's Day, and continued to celebrate this day until 1727, whe for it St. John the Evangelist's Day, the 27th of De hope the Craft will never cease to remember and hon by their Festivals in commemeration of our Patro teachings of these Evangelists have again prepared u

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ymbolical ritual, and aptly rendered in our Masonic principles, itherly love, relief and truth.

ristmas week and New Year's week are recognised annual ds of re-union amongst families and their friends whose avoca- have kept them apart during the autumn months. Old friends again, and the spirit of happiness reigns supreme in our midst, happy and prosperous New Year is, therefore, the heartiest I can address to all of you, and that the Lodges and yourselves dually may enjoy it in the fullest sense of its interpretation.

is agreeable to look back upon the year now gone and to feel the Craft has done good work, as well as complimentary work, he results shew how our efforts have tended to strengthen the and consolidate its laws. The work of confirming the revision new Book of Constitutions is a labour not unworthy of our l congratulations; this was done at the meeting of Grand on 5th December, at which our well beloved Deputy, Brother and many of you were present, under the able and patient ion of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon. Our acknow- ents are due to this most able Master in the Craft, who gh many weary hours did wisely, laboriously and judici usly s deliberations.

y of us may regret some changes which have been made in d Book of Constitutions, and there are others who would have ned modifications which have not been accepted. It however s to me that the characteristic features of our ancient Consti- s have not been materially modified. I thank the Advice ittee of this Province, for their spirited assistance, and doubt- hey will, if necessary, continue their labours should it be ite to amend our own Provincial Grand Lodge Bye-laws in thy with the new Book of Constitutions.

G. E. Webster, of Sheffield, Prov. Grand Register, will shortly to us the proceedings in Grand Lodge, in reference to the ling scheme of Freemasons' Hall. The opinions of West York- Masons on this proposal of the London Building Committee generously supported by my gallant Bro. Colonel Le Gendre , Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, in Grand Lodge, as s in his own large Province, and by contingents of brethren he two Provinces of Lancashire, as well as from Northumber- Cheshire, Cumberland, Westmoreland, North and East York- and many more I am unable to catalogue. West Yorkshire ed nearly 100 brethren, and I do thank each and all of you, l other Masons there present, for the ready help displayed on emorable occasion, and the sacrifice you all made of valuable or the best part of three days to the consideration of the scheme; neither must I omit the help given by some of our brethren, and the able and valuable suppport accorded to our by the distinguished Bro. John Havers, a P.G. Warden of d.

London Special Committee had doubtless acted in good faith pounding, after the fire which injured Freemasons' Hall, their nction scheme, which had one great object in view, and that to be to build a large hall at an immense cost, some £40,000, up worn-out leases, and then virtually to hand over the l premises, the property of the Craft, to a firm of refreshment tors, by granting them a lease for 50 years.

mercial principles were apparently hardly thought of. But t disappointing aspect of the proposal of the London Com- when it came before Grand Lodge, was to find them adhering scheme after this Province had, by calling attention to their roused a feeling of protest in the minds of a large majority of ndon Masons and the whole of the Provincial brethren. The ions of the London Special Building Committee were not ed on the 5th December last, and the resolution so ably d by Bro. Webster P.M. No. 139, seconded by Bro. Heelis . Registrar of East Lancashire, was carried almost unani-

Three names were then added to the Special Committee, Beswick Royds, Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., M.P., and our gable Bro. Thomas William Tew, the Deputy of this Province, ior Grand Deacon of England. The Re-building Committee constituted have since met twice in London, on the 14th Dec- 1883, and the 10th inst., and I hope the conclusions which ultimately arrived at may be in strict accordance with the on of the 5th December.

omplimentary retrospect of this Province has been the part in the reception of the Prince of Wales at York, on the 18th t; the Musical Festival at Leeds, which was honoured by sence of the Duke and Duchess of Albany; and the Special al Grand Lodge of this Province at Huddersfield, on the 15th when I had the honour of presenting in the name of West re an Address of Welcome to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany arden of England and R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Oxford- It will be long before the greetings offered to His Royal s and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany are , for I say with confidence, "There is no more loyal set of n earth than the Freemasons of West Yorkshire."

en, once more I thank you all and the then Mayor of Hud- , for the splendid manner in which the various arrangements ried out for the success of that, the first Royal Masonic visit orsfield.

e little more to add on this occasion, but to refer with satis- to the generous subscription lists announced for last year, lf of our three great Masonic Charities, which were as

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It is unnecessary for me to dwell on figures of such magnitude as these. They tell their own tale. My desire is that our West Yorkshire Subscription List may be as good this year as in previous years, and that I may rely upon the influence of each W.M. and Charity Member to induce the brethren to "give not grudgingly nor of necessity."

Let me congratulate the brethren of the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, Goole, on the acquisition of suitable rooms, which were dedicated to Freemasonry on the 14th December by my Deputy, and on the remarkable progress Freemasonry has made in that inland maritime town of this Riding. Masonry, however, depends upon its high standing with the outside world, very much upon the Past Masters and Masters, rulers and leaders of the various Lodges, and the government of these Lodges internally depends upon the moderation, fortitude, prudence, and justice exercised by them upon the brethren and initiates in the Craft.

And, lastly, on the Secretary's table you will find a number of copies of Liber Musicus. Worshipful Masters wishing to possess a copy for the use of their Lodges can now take one. It is the production of a brother of commanding musical genius, and the accomplishment of an effort on his part to promote appropriate harmony in our symbolical ritual, and has the support of my Deputy.

I also desire to compliment the Leeds brethren on the success of their ball, for the benefit of their local Masonic Charities. I am assured it was a most brilliant gathering, under the auspices of the seven Leeds Lodges.

Brethren, I thank you for your salutation, and for the reception you have accorded to me as your Provincial Grand Master to-day, and I fervently wish you, each and all, prosperity in your several avocations, and a much happier new year than the last was to many of us so far as regards exemption from domestic sickness, and I pray that you may, each in your respective spheres, exercise a beneficial influence on the future progress of Freemasonry or whatever charitable and loyal undertaking gives lustre to our Antient and time-honoured Fraternity. I feel sure you will all reciprocate this sentiment. God speed it well in all its benevolent undertakings, and make it a means of shedding blessings around it.

MASONIC BALL IN WEST LANCASHIRE

ON Wednesday, last week, the brilliant suite of rooms at the Town-hall disclosed an absorbing scene of animation, when the Freemasons and their lady friends once more assembled to partake of the pleasures associated with the thirty-fifth annual ball in aid of the funds of the Wese Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. This is one of the most popular dances of the year, and the public ball season could not have been more happily inaugurated than it was by the gay throng which flitted through the splendid apartments of the civic mansion from nine o'clock to an early hour in the morning, "chasing the glowing hours with flying feet." The brethren assembled in large numbers, attired for the most part in the picturesque garb of the Craft, and many of the Officers were resplendent with jewels and insignia. The effect of their gaily-hued costumes was heightened by the elegant dresses of the "Lancashire witches;" and at midnight, when the scene was at its height, the gigantic mirrors reflected an interesting and piquant *coup d'œil*. The noble Charity, which receives substantial support from the annual ball, is in a flourishing condition, and at the present moment there are on the foundation of the Institution 166 children (an increase of one as compared with the previous year), whose education and advancement in life has cost £1,166. It is satisfactory to state that the present invested capital is no less than £17,000. The various Lodges show a keen spirit of emulation in contributing to the funds, which are now in such a state as to enable the committee to extend the benefits so that the orphans of Freemasons will not only be educated but entirely clothed and maintained. The committee continue to work with unabated energy, and their labours are crowned with success. The ball was under the patronage of the Mayor and Mayoress of Liverpool, the Countesses of Carnarvon, Derby, Lathom, Dalhousie, and Bective, Lady Claud John Hamilton, Lady Greenall, Lady Constance Stanley; the Earls of Carnarvon, Derby, Lathom, Bective and Dalhousie, Lord de Tabley, Mr. Edward Whitley, M.P., Lord Claud J. Hamilton, M.P., Mr. S. Smith, M.P., Mr. W. Rathbone, M.P, Councillor James Poole P.G.S.W., and Sir A. B. Walker. The ball committee consisted of Bros. H. S. Alpass (Chairman), T. H. Sheen (Vice), T. Whitehead (Treasurer), J. C. Robinson (Secretary), and H. M. Molyneux (Master of the Ceremonies). The following is a list of the Stewards, who carried out the arrangements in an admirable manner.—Bros. Captain J. W. Ballard, J. Atkinson, Major Bulmer, G. Broadbridge, W. E. Coxon, J. Croxton, T. L. Duncan, Dewyer, T. Evans P.P.G.S.D., H. Firth, R. Foote, G. Godfrey, E. George, E. Grindley, E. Graham, J. Jessop, J. Kitchenman, Longbotham, R. Martin, H. M'Guire, J. B. Mackenzie, S. Mattinson, J. M'Gardner, H. Mercer, J. Pendleton, H. Robinson, S. Roberts, T. Salter, Dr. A. Soldat, H. H. Smith, J. H. Stillings, T. H. Sheen, P. Thomas, H. A. Tobias, S. Wright S. Whitehead, J. Jenaway, J. R. Wood, L. Peake, J. Knapman, T. Hanmer, T. W. Oakshott, and W. Parker. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and the music was supplied by Mr. J. W. Collinson's band. A brilliant appearance was imparted to the front of the Town Hall by the electric light, which was fitted up under the superintendence of Brother E. A. Thomson.—*Liverpool Courier.*

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A Lexicon of Freemasonry. Containing a Definition of all its Communicable Terms, Notices of its History, Traditions, and Antiquities, and an Account of the Notes and Mysteries of the Ancient World. By Albert G. Mackey, M.D., Secretary General of the Supreme Council, Thirty-third Degree, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, &c. &c. Seventh Edition, Revised. With Appendix, containing an Account of the Degrees Revived, or more recently added to the Craft, and a Series of Articles especially adapted to English Freemasonry, compiled by M. C. Peck P.M., P.Z., 30°, &c. &c., Provincial Grand Secretary and Scribe E. of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire. London: Charles Griffin and Company, Exeter Street, Strand.

THE late Bro. Mackey's "Lexicon of Freemasonry" is undoubtedly a useful work. It contains a mass of valuable information, which it must have involved great labour to collate. Indeed, the mere fact of its having reached a seventh edition shows the appreciation in which it is held by Masonic students. Nevertheless, there is also much in it which will not bear strict historical investigation, and Bro. Peck has no doubt acted very wisely in reproducing the original work separately, while his own portion of the new edition is kept apart, and takes the form of an Appendix. In our opinion, however, Bro. Peck would have acted still more wisely had he furnished footnotes, where desirable, in explanation or correction of Bro. Mackey's articles. By way of illustrating our meaning we will take Mackey's article on the History of Grand Lodges, so far as it relates to England. In this are frequent references to the "Ancient York Rite," "Ancient York Masons," "Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons," and we think it ought to have been explained that the notion of there having been a York Rite and York Masons has long since been exploded. Then as to the alleged interruptions to the harmony which at first existed between the Grand Lodges in York and London, they rest on evidence which is of very little value, while the Schism which began about 1738, and resulted some years later in the establishment of a second Grand Lodge, had nothing whatever to do with the then alleged dissensions. Again, this second Grand Lodge was not established till about 1751, when the duties of Grand Master were exercised by the Worshipful Masters of certain Lodges constituted by or composed of Seceders or Schismatics. It is hardly wise, we think, on the part of Bro. Peck to have ignored the labours of Bro. Hughan and others, but especially Bro. Hughan, in connection with these matters. Then the first paragraph in the same article relating to France looks very apocryphal—"In the beginning of the eighteenth century Freemasonry in France was in a state of great disorder. Every Lodge acted independently of all others; the Masters were elected for life, and exercised the privileges and powers which are now confined to Grand Lodges;" there was no Masonic centre, and consequently "no Masonic union." So, too, is the next paragraph beginning, "In 1735 there were six Lodges in Paris, and several others in the Provincial towns." Is it well to pass loose writing of this character without appending some notes, so that the reader may be in a position to estimate it at its true value? Freemasonry owes a great deal to Bro. Mackey, but it is unwise to perpetuate or be a party towards perpetuating even his erroneous or unsupported statements.

Again, as to the articles on "Grand Lodges," in which their "jurisdiction" and "organisation" are dealt with, no doubt these are covered by the general explanation in the Preface, that "in the Department of Masonry *proper*, the Work is based on the American system, which, in many of its working details, is very different from that practised in this country." So far as Mackey is concerned we have no objection to his account being reproduced, but there might and, in our opinion, should have been something stated in the Appendix on this subject, especially on the question of "jurisdiction," which, as elaborated by the Grand Lodges on the American Continent, is almost wholly of United States origin. Moreover, in the other article on "Organisation," we, in this country, must take exception to the following passage: "The Lodges within its jurisdiction"—that is, in the jurisdiction of the newly-formed Grand Lodge—"then surrender their Warrants of Constitution to the Grand Lodges from which they respectively had received them, and accept others from the newly-organised Grand Lodge, which thenceforward exercises all Masonic jurisdiction over the State in which it has been organised." Here it is set forth that the Lodges in a new district "then surrender," as though it were a matter of course that they should surrender their old warrants. But it is on record that when the Grand Lodge of England agreed to recognise the Grand Lodge of Canada, it did so conditionally that such of the existing Lodges in that Colony as elected to remain in their allegiance, should have their wishes respected, and they were respected. Again, when the Grand Lodge of Quebec constituted itself, the G. Lodge agreed to recognise it on the same condition as was stipulated for in the case of Canada, but the condition was not accepted. There are still three English Lodges in Montreal, which are constituted into a District Grand Lodge, under the Grand Lodge of England; and, according to our English ideas, there is no power, except that of their own will, which can dissever them from their present connection, it being the connection of their deliberate choice. A few lines to make clear the difference between English and American ideas on these points might well have found a place in the volume, either as a footnote to Bro. Mackey's articles, or in the Appendix. We lay greater stress on the absence of any such remarks, because an attempt has been made to start a spurious Grand Lodge in New South Wales, and the so-called Grand Lodge in this Colony has even obtained recognition from some of the American Grand Lodges, though, it is probable, if the latter were fully possessed of all the circu withdraw their recognition, and betake themsel of wondering how they had ever come to comm One other omission may be noticed, as it will one of our English brethren. We can find "Antient and Primitive Rite," for the existence in England we can vouch. Perhaps Bro. Peck, Norton might say, an "A. and A. Riter," has n "A. and P. Rite," in which case we advise h spirit to be circumspect.

Having pointed out what we conceive to be the part of the Editor, we have less hesitation in we consider Bro. Peck has otherwise fulfilled his Appendix is a highly creditable addition to Maso Notes are lucidly written, and will prove a grea in search of Masonic light. Perhaps Bro. Peck m on making it more complete by inserting addi matters as we have specified.

The Masonic Guide for the County of Yorkshire, an Calendar for 1884. Eighth year of Publicati *Gazette* Office, York.

OTHER local calendars may be on a more comp none with which we have any acquaintance have greater attention to accuracy in necessary detail t of Bro. Whytehead's. It contains all the informa for local purposes, and is quite a model as regard of its matter. We hope its publication will be c years.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Never at fault.—I skin, sores, ulcers, burns, and scrofulous enlargements way's Ointment presents a ready and easy means of c appoints the most favourable expectations. It manifests power in restraining inflammation, removing stagnatio blood, and checking all acrimonious or unhealthy disc acting locally, the Pills are no less remarkable for their the general condition and habit of body, which renders t permanent. Under the general power of these potent rem becomes the robust child, the pale and emaciated regain the dyspeptic eat freely and without fear.

It is possible to over legislate in Mas matters, but few Masons, we think, will q priety of endeavouring to put down the so-called literature of the Craft which so publishers have thrust upon the world. Th of Maine have made it a standing regulatio

That no Mason shall sell, offer for sale, buy, or in in circulating any printed document or cypher, part of symbolic Masonry, under penalty of any may be imposed under the constitution of the Gran un-Masonic conduct.

We should have thought the obligation in t was sufficient to ensure obedience to a principle of the Craft. Such a resolution as strikes us as being unnecessary, for the reas There are other reasons, however, which s in mind. It says little for the impression m didates at their initiation, to require the supp a resolution; and it augurs ill for the disc masonry when another penalty is needed which should be considered a sacred duty.

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We have heard it said of a brother that he little of Lodges of Instruction, and he was t he did not owe his Masonic knowledge t brother is the Master of his Lodge, and as fa he is equal to the duties of his office. gained his knowledge by private means. Lodges of Instruction as the nursing mothe of the Craft, as the best protection agains seek after spurious and clandestine guides. authoritative colleges of the Order, wherei may learn and graduate, where professors tea their knowledge, and where all may strengt of, and respect for, the Fraternity. The br alluded to is happily a rare exception; there the other hand, who neglect Lodges of Instru different reasons. We wish we could induce to avail themselves of the services of Lodges Where they to do so there would be less s entering Lodges, a higher conception of th constantly decreasing desire to seek knowl means.

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BEADON CHAPTER, No. 689.

installatiou meeting of this Chapter was held on Thursday vening, 10th January, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-, Coleman-street, City. Comps. F. Sharratt M.E.Z., Carring-, H. Thompson P.Z. J. The Convocation having been duly , and the minutes of the last Convocation read and confirmed, E. H. Frances (Surrey) took the chair, when Comps. Carrington re, and Bond were severally presented and installed into the of M.E.Z., H., and J., the whole of these long and interesting nies being performed with an impressiveness and care rarely, surpassed. Comp. Frances was ably assisted by Comp. Vin- the Eccleston Chapter. The following were the appointments -Comps. Carrington M.E.Z., Pridmore H., Bond J., Leaman harratt Treasurer, Green S.E., Gordon S.N., Bavin Janitor. some jewel was presented to Comp. Sharratt, he having occu- position of M.E.Z. for two years. A cordial vote of thanks nanimously passed to Comps. Frances and Vincent for the e services they had rendered in the ceremonies of installation. tions for joining and exaltation at the next Convocation were nd the Chapter was closed in due form, and adjourned until ext. The Companions then retired to the banquet room for nent, and on the withdrawal of the cloth the usual Royal asts were given and responded to. The entire proceedings qualified satisfaction.

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WANDERERS' CHAPTER, No. 1604.

ordinary convocation was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at reemasons' Hall. The Chapter was opened by the principals, G. Boulton Z., W. Vincent H., F. Wray J., assisted by Comp. h P.Z., and the Companions were admitted. After the minutes last convocation had been read and confirmed, a ballot was r Brother Gilbert, of the Caxton Lodge, 1853, which proving ns in his favour, he was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. tion for Officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, lted in the election of Comps. W. Vincent as Z., F. Wray as le as J., Baker S.E., Butterworth S.N., Fuller Treasurer, S. (who nominated W. Brindley and A. Woods as his Assist- Schartau Organist, and Lackland Janitor. Comps. Horace nd G. Hamilton were elected Auditors. All Masonic busi- ing over the Chapter was closed and the convocation d till the 3rd Tuesday in April.

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Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement held its meeting on Tuesday, 15th inst. Comps. Lilley Z., H., Webb J., Bell S.N., E. C. Beedell P.S. The of the last Convocation were read and confirmed. emony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Powell as te. The following Companions were elected as for the ensuing fortnight—Comps. Maidwell Z., H., J. S. Nosse J., Langdon S.N., Powell P.S. Brown undertook to rehearse the ceremony of tion of Principals on the first Tuesday in March. hapter was then closed, and the Convocation ed until Tuesday 22nd inst.

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CLESTON LODGE AND CHAPTER BALL, No. 1624.

ixth annual ball of the above Lodge, in conjunction with its pter, was held on the 11th inst., at the Westminster Town ton-street, under the presidency of the W.M. of the Lodge, ayler, who was supported by the following Stewards:— W. Bockham Secretary, R. Bottle Junior Warden, W. H. Chilcott, J. C. Flattely P.M., J. Galt Fisher Past Master, P.M., H. J. Johnson S.W., C. James, A. A. Johnston, J.D., d P.M., E. Powell P.M., E. Peacock P.M., J. Purnell, W. .M., W. Weston W.S. There was a numerous attendance n, ladies, and friends. The new hall is commodious, in every itable for such a purpose, and, as a dispensation had been he brethren wore Masonic clothing, consequently the room an animated appearance, the elegant dresses of the ladies pleasing contrast. A very excellent supper was provided aven, of the Windsor Castle, Victoria Station. Three rooms apart for the supper arrangements. The usual toasts—the e W.M., and the Ladies—were given and responded to. was then resumed to the strains of an excellent band pro- Bro. Seaton. Bro. Serjt.-Major Mackenzie, of the Wan- dge, and Piper of the Scots Guards, discoursed most on the bagpipes, his accompaniment of the Highland e being especially relished. Dancing was kept up with it till early morn. The result may be recorded as an access, and all engaged in the management must be con-

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erence to the North London Masonic Benevolent account of which we gave last week, we omitted to hat Mr. Dey, of 37 Offord Road, Barnsbury, kindly of his upright vertical grand pianos for the

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT TILBURY.

ON Wednesday a new Masonic Lodge for the Province of Essex was consecrated at the contractors' offices on the works at the site of the New Tilbury Docks. The ceremony was to have been performed by Lord Brooke, M.P., the Grand Master of the Province of Essex, but as his lordship had received the Prince of Wales's commands to be elsewhere, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., acted in his stead. In this duty he was assisted by Bros. Clowes Prov. G.S.W. as Senior Warden, Sowman Prov. G.J.W. as Junior Warden, Rev. C. H. Roberts, of Chigwell, Prov. Grand Chaplain as Chaplain, Ralling Prov. Grand Secretary as Secretary, Lucking Prov. Grand D.C. as Director of Ceremonies, and T. F. Barrett Past Prov. Grand Registrar as Inner Guard. After the Lodge had been formally opened Bro. Philbrick explained the cause of the absence of Lord Brooke. Bro. the Rev. C. H. Roberts then delivered an oration, in which he stated the principles of Masonry, and said that the Institution was not a thing of word, but a thing of the heart, and any one entering into it in a proper and true spirit must be a better man in life. He then exhorted the brethren to show the outer world by their acts and deeds that Masonic secrets were brotherly love, relief, and truth. The ceremony of consecration was afterwards proceeded with and completed, and on the presentation of Bro. James Lewis Thomas, Bro. Philbrick installed Bro. Donald S. Baynes as Master of the Lodge. The brethren invested as Officers of the Lodge were Bros. Manning Senior Warden, Dudgeon Junior Warden, Kirk Past Master 1328 Treasurer, Randall Secretary, Ross Senior Deacon, Porter Inner Guard, Hamilton Past Master Director of Ceremonies, Rowe Tyler. A vote of thanks was afterwards accorded to the Consecrating Officer and those who assisted him, and they were all elected honorary members of the Lodge. A banquet, which was splendidly prepared and served, was subsequently partaken of at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, and the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, the heartiest congratulations on the formation of the Lodge and the sincerest wishes for its success being expressed.

A large number of Craftsmen assembled at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, under the banner of the Universal Lodge, No. 181. Brother W. R. Norris was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by the outgoing Master Brother Thomas C. Fryer. A full report shall appear in our next issue.

The following dinners were held at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 19th January:—

14th January—London Society Ball, St. George and Corner Stone Lodge; 15th—Salisbury Lodge, Cadogan Lodge; 16th—Grand Stewards' Lodge, Oak Lodge, Novo Magus, Messrs. Sprockley, White and Lewis; 17th—Universal Lodge, Great Northern Lodge, St. Mary's Lodge, Globe Lodge, Lionnoan Club; 18th—Helens Club Ball, Metropolitan Dairymen, Jordan Lodge, University Lodge, Serjeants' E Division.

MARK MASONRY.

CONSTANTINE LODGE, No. 145.

THE Quarterly Meeting of this flourishing Mark Lodge was held at the George Hotel, Colchester, on 10th inst., under the presidency of the popular W.M., Bro. J. P. Lewin, Prov. G.S.D. East Anglia. Four new members having been admitted, the annual election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, when the brethren unanimously re-elected Bro. Lewin for a further term of twelve months. Bro. F. A. Cole was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Munson Tyler. Eight new candidates having been proposed, it was decided to hold a Lodge of Emergency, previous to the next regular meeting. It was also arranged that the Secretary should communicate with the Provincial Grand Secretary for East Anglia, with a view of inviting the R.W. P.G.M. to hold his first Provincial Grand Lodge at Colchester, during the ensuing summer. After Lodge the brethren spent a pleasant hour in social intercourse.

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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, 19th JANUARY.

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)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
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-st., W., at 8
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
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.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 21st JANUARY.

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, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
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.
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)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2012—Chiswick, Bolton Hotel, Chiswick
R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1583—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich

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
822—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
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, King's Arms Hotel, 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. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 951—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston
K.T. 39—Pearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

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, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, 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.
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
531—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instructi n)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Peowall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst).
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1321—Emblematic, Rose, Jermyn Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor P
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Ro
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, F
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Li
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Br
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Cof
R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresha
R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainge
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instructi
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingl
1609—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 Stree
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Br
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Do
R.A. 510—St Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 23rd JAN

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30.
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Cau
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street,
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basir
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd.,
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberw
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxf
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruct
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, T
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-stre
902—Burgoyne, 25 Charterhouse Street, E.C., at 7. (In
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Roa
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (In
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-roa
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, H
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Wes
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Nott
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Ro
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st.,
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street,

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruc
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1284—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury,
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8.
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton,
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 24th JANUAR

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., a
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at
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
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Inst
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W.,
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, a
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street,
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 4.30.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instructi
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Inst
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell.
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 8,
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerken
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair,
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Inst
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 W
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Ro
at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.

48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lanc
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
348—St. John, Ball's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
504—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
965—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
1323—Stanley, 214 St. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruct
1429—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, n
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
880—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts at 8. (Instr

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—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
24—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
32—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
937—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
988—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 25th JANUARY.

ion Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
obert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.
eace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
t. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
erusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
ined Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
itzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
illiam Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
oyal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
anelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
oric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
etropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
elgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
oyal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
ington, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
avensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
ir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
bique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
elwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

ortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
ingwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
aven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
ham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
assemuir, Red Lion, Barnet
ommercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
ixer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
astle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
ingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon
—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne

SATURDAY, 26th JANUARY.

cy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
r, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
l of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
leston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
nry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
oheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
stling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
apter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

ollett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
arnecliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone
yal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
enwood, Public Hall, Epsom

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

nual meeting of the above Lodge took place on Thursday, h instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, e presidency of Bro. Lancaster I.P.M., who acted as W.M. he unavoidable absence of Bro. E. T. Smith (through ill- ntz S.W., Bieling J.W., Bryant S.D., Tongue J.D., Banks The principal business consisted in passing Bro. Potts, as performed in a most perfect manner by the W.M. pro tem. nanimously agreed that the sum of ten guineas should be a the list of the worthy Treasurer, Bro. Nowakowski, who ointed to represent the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival for People. This was proposed by Bro. Paas Sec., and seconded ipsey. It was also agreed to place Bro. St. Nowakowski on as a country member of the Lodge, he having removed on. Bye-law No. 9 was altered; this change will make the fee for the installation banquet 15s instead of 10s 6d as All other business being ended, Lodge was closed in the nner, and the brethren adjourned to partake of a modest After the usual Loyal toasts had been responded to, the .M. proposed the health of the absent W.M., and hoped night soon be restored to health, and be again amongst his was most heartily received. The W.M. proposed the the Visitor, Bro. W. Little, Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, onded, and thanked the brethren for the entertainment him. The following P.M.'s were present—Bros. Lancaster, e Jackson, Dr. Victor Jagaelski, Rath, Paas Secretary, ski Treasurer. The members likewise had to regret the f their Oganist, Bro. Bell, through illness.

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

ULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the inst., at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak, when the W.M., er Hopekirk P.M., was supported by the following Officers ren :—Bros. Col. M. Ramsay P.D.G.M. Punjaub I.P.M., mond P.P.G.D. Middlesex S.W., C. H. Phillips J.W., E. Treasurer, H. Maunder Williams Secretary, Jos. W. Hartley Hooper I.G., G. W. Knight W.S., Aug. Darch P.M. Asst. t. Johnston Organist; also Bros. A. F. Croft jun., F. France, W. H. Simons, F. Wootton, J. A. Gilbert, T. W. Ald- in due form, and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly confirmed. The ballot was taken for three candidates; it proved unanimous, and the W.M. initiated these gentlemen (Messrs. James Fuller, Thomas Letchford and Robert Neilans) into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Gilbert proved his qualifications, and was entrusted. Lodge was further advanced, and Bro. Gilbert was raised by the W.M. to the sublime degree of Master Mason. This meeting being the last of the current year, the elections for W.M., Treasurer and Tyler were made according to the Bye-laws of the Lodge. Bro. John Hammond S.W. expressed his desire to waive any claim he might have upon the brethren for promotion to the chair in favour of Bro. Phillips, so that the Junior Officers to himself might the sooner be able to obtain the chair of K.S., which he had already filled several times. Other brethren who were similarly eligible also withdrew their names, and the ballot proved unanimous in favour of Bro. C. H. Phillips J.W. The W.M. elect acknowledged, in a few earnest words, the honour done him by the brethren, and trusted he might be able to emulate (he could not hope to equal) the excellent work of their present W.M. (Bro. Hopekirk). He (Bro. Phillips) as well as those who would follow him in after years were indebted to Bro. Hammond for his self-denial in giving them the opportunity of advancing at least one year earlier than they could have expected, and he trusted the Lodge would recognise this and Bro. Hammond's other valuable services in some suitable manner, at an early date. Bro. Hopekirk W.M. was then elected Treasurer of the Lodge. Bro. C. Thomas P.G. Tyler Herts was re-elected Tyler. It was proposed by Bro. Darch P.M. Asst. W.S., and seconded by Bro. John Hammond S.W., and resolved unanimously, that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Walter Hopekirk W.M. on the completion of his year of office as a mark of esteem of the brethren, and in appreciation of his valued services to the Lodge. Firstly, as a Founder, and secondly, as its first W.M. Bros. Bartlett and Cullen were proposed as joining members. After routine business had been transacted, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned in perfect harmony. An excellent repast was afterwards partaken of, supplied by the worthy host, Bro. Bye. Time did not admit of many speeches, but the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were received most heartily. Bros. Crofts and Simons, with others, favoured the brethren with several songs and pieces of much beauty. Bro. Williams, the Secretary, officiated as pianist, and Bro. R. Ralli Johnston proved a most efficient Director of Music.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., on the 12th inst. Bros. Ferrar W.M., Harding S.W., Liebman J.W., Ashton S.D., Rhodes J.D., O'Donnell I.G., Pearcy Preceptor, Galer Secretary; also Bros Mullord, Richardson, Gribbell, Gilderseleve, Bleakley, Turner, Woolveridge, Ockelford, Fenner and Weedon. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Turner offered himself as a candidate, was examined, and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Woolveridge candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the first and second sections of the lecture. Bro. Harding was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A Committee was appointed to make arrangements for the annual supper. Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Saturday, 19th inst.

At the last monthly meeting of the Friendship Lodge, No. 928, Petersfield, Bro. J. Swan was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and will be duly installed at the next regular Lodge, to be held on the first Monday in February.

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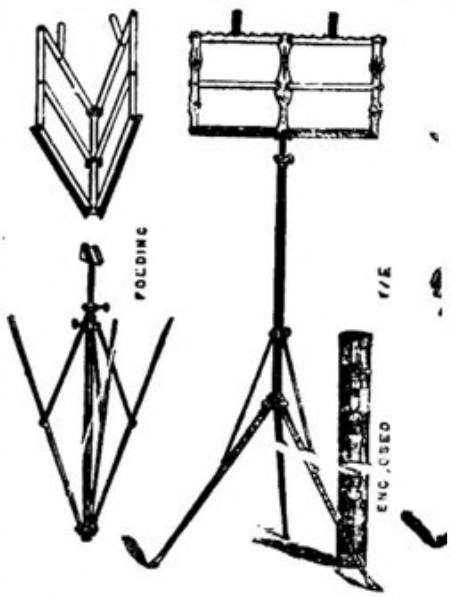
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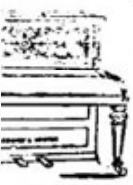
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CASTE.

ICIALISM is, unfortunately, but too often another ame for cliqueism, and we strongly suspect that ion taken by certain brethren with regard to the ion of Brother J. D. Allcroft as Treasurer will still tend to prove the identity of the two terms. A has been issued from 28 Golden-square, to which hed a formidable array of signatures. Many who rmitted their names to be appended to this document l in the highest esteem by the Craft; their motives be questioned, and their characters cannot be ed. It is this factor in the subject that makes the criticism not only difficult, but painful. We h the matter, therefore, with regret, but with no ıgs as to the justice of our position. On reading of names, which fills a considerable space in the of our contemporary, it cannot fail to be observed large proportion of them are of those who hold, or ve held, official positions in Grand Lodge, or in ial Grand Lodges. Sympathy prevails in official ivate life, and we are doing no injustice to the sig- in saying that most of them would append their any document that was not harmful on the face ut forward in high quarters, and with the sanction who form a section of Grand Lodge, always, of xcepting those of the very highest grade. Many ıe assurance of brethren in authority for argument, eady to back them up without pausing to inquire ly into the object in view. We believe this course followed in the case before us, hence we find the brethren attached to a circular, the contents of e strangely illogical, and, by inference, offensive. ook at this strange document, which contains an e of arrogance and humility. At the beginning croft is described as "a man of good means," a pporter of our Charities, and as having the incli- ıd leisure to assist in their working. No one question this description; we have never disputed ent qualities of Bro. Allcroft, if he had not pos- em, he would not have been elected, and no ould stand any chance of succeeding him unless similarly endowed. This obtrusion of character nal fitness, then, is beside the question, and is o create a favourable prejudice in the outset. . Frank Richardson and those who are actively g him have to do is to disprove the assertion that oft was elected for one year only, and to prove Craft would suffer were he displaced. There is o do something of the kind, with what effect we ır readers to determine. As a specimen of reason- llowing is, to say the least, rather peculiar. We at the Grand Treasurer "is *ex officio* a Trustee, ich a member of all our Charity Committees. It would be most unwise to remove a brother fice just at the time when he has made himself qualified to perform its duties." Surely this is gainst any change whatever, and in favour of e office of Grand Treasurer perpetual in the Bro. Allcroft. This intention is disclaimed in another part of the circular, which says, "We by no means desire to keep any such Officers in place for a long series of years, because"—mark the phrase—"we believe that it is good to have fresh blood, which is always to be found when the necessity arises." Put it in the form of a syllogism, it comes to this: Experience is necessary to discharge the duties associated with the office of Grand Treasurer, Bro. Allcroft has gained that experience, therefore he ought to be continued in that office. So far so good; but then there is the fatal admission that it is desirable to have "fresh blood" occasionally, so that the experience theory is abandoned for expediency. A few questions are here suggested. For instance: What is the determining cause of the necessity? Who are to estimate its value, and fix the time for its operation? Had the necessity arisen when Bro. Colonel Creaton was superseded; if so, what was its nature? The answer to this latter question is to be found in the fact that the majority of Grand Lodge felt that the office of Grand Treasurer was purely an honorary office, that belonging to it was the only collar it was in their power to bestow, and that they were determined to choose the brother yearly upon whom they wished to confer honour. This principle was shadowed forth when Bro. Col. Creaton was elected, and it was put into practice last year when Bro. Allcroft succeeded him. We pass by, as puerile, the argument of experience. There are no duties attached to the office of Grand Treasurer. The brother appointed has nothing whatever to do with either money or accounts, and, so far as they are concerned, he might be an automaton. His connection with the Charities is no closer than that of any other member of the several Boards; he cannot influence them by virtue of his office. His power would come in consequence of the interest he took in the Institutions as a generous member of the Craft We venture to say that no one would be elected to the office of Grand Treasurer who had not like sympathies. Nay, it is because we have so many brethren who take a deep and abiding interest in the welfare of the Charities that the Craft desire to pay the only tribute to worth it is in their power to give. They know all about the office, and they are as good judges of the fitness of men as are these self-elected guides, who, to be logical, should advocate the perpetuity of the office, or, to be thoroughly ingenuous, should state that their desire is to make it a terminable sinecure, the time of change to be determined by the official voice, and not by the votes of the Craft.

The promoters of the circular deprecate the idea of a yearly canvass, the division of the brethren into parties, and the splitting up of the Craft. They think it "impolitic for any section of Grand Lodge to call upon any brother to pledge himself that, if elected, he will only serve for one year." Then we are treated to a charming specimen of simplicity. "It is clearly to be understood that we have no party motive." Oh dear no! that is all on the other side. We, say these would-be dictators, scorn to canvass, we would not split up the brethren, we would not exact a pledge, we are of no party. All these sins belong to those who differ from us. Was there ever a clearer case of Phariseeism? How has the list of names attached to the circular been obtained? Have not the

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signatories pledged themselves to a given course? And is not that party warfare which seeks to upset the deliberate resolve of Grand Lodge when it asserted the right of appointing a Grand Treasurer yearly? The begetters of strife are the first to condemn its existence; by this means they hope to cover motives they are afraid to disclose, because they know full well that their occupation would soon vanish were the real truth realised. Near to the close of this curious manifesto "all those who have the interests of the Craft *solely* at heart" are exhorted to give their support to the fighting movement. The italics are ours, and we emphasize the word because of the imputation it implies. Such language is the justification for the boldness of our position, and accounts for the plainness of our speech. It ought to nerve every independent member of Grand Lodge to action, in order to uphold a principle already unmistakably affirmed, and to maintain that right of judgment which rests in majorities, against the influence of cliques and the exclusiveness of officials.

IMMORALITY AND MASONRY.

OUR attention has of late been called to the matter of immorality as practised by certain brethren of the Fraternity, and especially the open boastfulness of several as to their deeds, which should be concealed with shame.

We would not take up the pen to note so glaring an outrage on decency and society were it not that the ribald parties glaringly wear Masonic jewels, a slipper, Square and Compasses, and Keystone, and when remonstrated with, and advised if their course was to continue to remove the symbols of our Fraternity, that it might not be disgraced, the friend and counsellor was informed in reply, they had a right to wear such jewelry, that in addition to their being ornaments, they were found to be a source of protection in emergency, and finally that their objectionable course in Society had nothing to do with the Institution of Freemasonry, which had no control over their social life so long as the law of the land was not violated nor revelation of the hidden secrets of ancient Freemasonry made by them. In brief that their morals were not subject to review by the Fraternity, much less to a trial and upon conviction punishment.

Discussion led to inquiry, and so our attention has been attracted thereto more especially when, in looking for others' thoughts expressed in print, we turned up a fragment of a number of the Masonic Review published by Cornelius Moore, in 1849, and of which we will avail ourself of extracts herein. Brother Moore says, he heard it asserted by a Mason in Open Grand Lodge, that, as an organised association, the Lodge had no jurisdiction over the moral character and conduct of its members. A Mason had been charged with a breach of the moral law, which was also a violation of the laws of the land. In defence of proceedings instituted against him, it was said by his friends that he was not guilty, and, "if he was, it was no violation of Masonic law, and he could not be dealt with for it by the Craft." This is a case in print, and worthy of thorough understanding. Moore says, "If this be correct doctrine, the sooner it is known the better; and if the Craft has no right to exercise a wholesome discipline over the moral conduct of its members, the sooner the organisation is dissolved the better. But Masonry does recognise, and require an observance of the moral code as taught in the Holy Scriptures: and Lodges have not only the right, but it is their duty, to enforce that observance and inflict Masonic punishment for disobedience.

We can depend upon the argument of Bro. Moore, and will proceed to quote in part. "Every man gives his solemn pledge that he will 'conform to all the ancient established usages and customs of the Fraternity.' Now, is the observance of the moral code an 'established usage or custom of the Fraternity?' Why, what are the facts? Masonry is founded upon the Bible, and connected in its origin with one of the most interesting and important facts recorded in the Bible, . . . and to inculcate by symbolic teaching the great moral precepts contained in the Bible. The ancient charges and regulations, which have come down to us from antiquity, require as follows: 'A Mason must observe the moral law.' It is not a mere recommendation, it is an absolute command. It is hardly necessary to ask the question, are drunkenness, profanity, law? Every man who takes the Sacr
rule and guide of his conduct and p
are, and it were an insult to common se
a question. A Mason, then, who is gu
offences against the moral law viola
Masonic Institution, and is answerable
that violation.

Let us consider further, every inte
bear out the assertion that a violation
as much a transgression of the rules and
as it would be to reveal the secrets
A Mason is under no greater obligation
he is in the other. In violating th
Masonry the individual sins only again
association of his fellow men; though
solemn rites of his degrees this were a
turpitude. But in the commission o
kindred crimes he violates the laws, no
ternal association to which he belongs, b
his country, and the laws of God.

Let there be no divided opinion upon
one who loves and venerates our An
watch against the introduction of such
Lodges. As to the wearing of Masonic
matter of taste, but certainly vulgar as
ill taste when worn in certain places ar
sions. The blatant bravado needs no rep
has jurisdiction and the right of discipl
morality.—*Hebrew Leader.*

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AMONG the symbols of Freemasonry
holds a prominent position. It is
first degree, and its use is there expla
Master workman to draw his designs upo
Masonry it is thus made the medium o
between those who lay out plans for th
who are to execute it. It was thus used
of King Solomon's Temple, and in this
mense number of Craftsmen employed re
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were the designs placed on the trestle-b
skilled were the workmen in following
completed it is said the Temple had mo
of being the handiwork of the Supreme
Universe than that of human hands.

It must be evident to every one that
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the Craft. Of this Masonic tradition fur
illustration in connection with the buildi
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trestle-board at the proper time produced
among the workmen, and for a time th
The trestle-board was there in its place, bu
idle, and must remain so until new desi
upon it.

In Speculative Freemasonry there is in
Lodge a representation of King Solomon's
Mason is a builder. As at the building o
at the present time there are Entered App
Crafts and Master Masons. Now, as then,
workmen, and those who need instructio
There must be a trestle-board in every Lo
designs upon it, for the Craft to pursu
otherwise there will be confusion and idlene
This is as true Speculative Masonry now
the stones were hewed, squared and numb
totype on Mount Moriah six thousand years

In the government of Masonic Lodges th
passed for the annual election of officers.
have been made in those who hold officia
many brethren for the first time hold
authority in their hands. They have been
high and responsible position, and each
solemn obligation to discharge the duties of
best of his ability. Every Worshipful Maste
a Master workman, or Overseer of the worl
Upon his ability and skill will largely de
perity and happiness of his Lodge during

ongingly toward the East, and nervously awaited the
: of the ballot that placed you at the head of your
e? Did you note particularly the ancient charges and
ations to which you were required to give assent
ons to your investure with the insignia of your office?
ou give that assent honestly and truthfully, or simply
orm that was required by the established ceremony of
lation? Did you then resolve that your Lodge should
ne the less honoured by the preferment given than
were in receiving it? If so we may safely congratu-
our Lodge as well as you upon your promotion to the
An honest effort on your part to perform all you
promised, in the end will be crowned with success.
s no easy thing, however, to discharge the various
incumbent upon a Worshipful Master. They require
part hard study and patient, perseverant labour. It
im that the members will look for instruction and
nce. He must place such designs upon the trestle-
as will produce perfect work, and give such instruc-
s will enable each one to perform the part assigned
Let each newly installed Master look well to his
s, and may the trestle-boards in all Lodges for 1884
e work that shall have more the appearance of being
ndiwork of the Supreme Architect of the Universe
hat of human hands.—*Masonic Advocate.*

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common saying, some years ago, that "no Irish need
" was a pet theme for writers in the comic papers
usic hall singers. Mr. J. Kermack Ford, late a
r at Portsmouth, has enlarged the list of the pro-
l. This shrewd limb of the law has gone the way
lesh: he has left behind him, we believe, a consider-
nount of property. To most people it will appear
e has made one very peculiar bequest. He has
,000 to the Portsmouth Grammar School for the
hment of a scholarship, with the conditions that
nd the sons of Freemasons are to be excluded from
npetitors, unless they happen to have fathers who
rved in the Army and Navy. The Governors of
nool are anxious to accept the gift, conditions and
there is some doubt as to their powers under the
nent scheme, and until that point is settled, the
remains in abeyance.

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tever else Mr. Ford may have been, he was patriotic.
ne poor Jew would be eligible for the scholarship
s father a soldier or a sailor. We believe such a
tion of affairs has not happened, nor is likely to
in the case of the Jew, so he is completely ostra-
With Freemasons it is different, and the ban will
ly with the same force. We will not pause to
to discover the hidden motives that swayed Mr.
ose on the surface are sufficient for our purpose.
tless knew that the Jews take particular care of
n poor; they are as exclusive in this matter as in
ligion, and need none of Mr. Ford's help. The
herto have managed to maintain their own Insti-
nd can afford to laugh at the petty spite this
h solicitor could indulge in, even in the face of
Should the Governors of the Portsmouth Grammar
e able to accept this gift, we hope the circumstance
ommemorated. We would suggest that "Charity"
rm one of the subjects of the competition, taking
l's gift as the text. We should say that the
ould afford curious examples of moral science,
d be fit company for some of those productions so
illustrated in that excellent journal, the *Civil
ndidate.*

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s has stimulated enterprise. The Fisheries Exhi-
last year was a great triumph; it opened up
stions of a social character, and if not out of it,
in connection with the inquiry it provoked,
hibition has been arranged to be held in the
ling. No one can doubt the value of fish as food,
on the importance of the fishing industry; but
; and moment the proposed International Health
of the present year will exceed it. The Queen
nterest in the movement, as she does in all things
he comfort and progress of her subjects, and
Brother the Prince of Wales is the President
v undertaking. The Exhibition will open in
South Kensington, and will continue for six
It will be divided into two main sections, repre-
senting Health and Education, and these will be sub-divided into six principal groups. These groups will embrace the food resources of the world, and dress, in which illustrations of the clothing of the chief peoples of all nations may be expected, thus combining the picturesque with the practical. Then there will be exhibits pertaining to the healthful construction and fitting of the dwelling, the school, and the workshop, also all that relates to art education. Such an exhibition ought, and doubtless will, command the sympathy of all who desire free intercourse between nations, the development of the resources of the world, and the progress of humanity. Those who desire specific information can write to the Secretary, Mr. J. R. S. Vine, at the Offices, Exhibition-road, S.W., or at 27 Great Winchester-street, E.C.

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The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held, on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Bros. Joshua Nunn, President, James Brett, Senior Vice President, and C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice President. The number of cases on the list for relief was small, there being only twenty petitioners. This latter circumstance arose from the fact that the new rules requiring provinces to enquire into the cases of petitioners coming from them had caused several petitions to be sent back. Grand Secretary informed the Board that the new Constitutions would be ready in three or four weeks' time. The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the amount of £475 made at the December meeting. Out of the new list two cases were deferred, and one case was dismissed. The remaining petitioners were relieved with amounts as follow:—One £150, one £75, one £50, two £25 each, eight £20 each, two £15 each, and two £10 each, making a total of £535.

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W. Hughes, 54 Huddleston Road, N.
A. Hughes, 52 Acton Street, W.C.
F. Hughes, 5 Moore Terrace, Highgate, N.
R. Hughes, 18 Millman Street, W.C.
W. T. Day, 47 Bloomsbury Square, W.C.
H. Brinkmann, 253 Oxford Street, W.
J. Ford, 31 Endymion Road, Brixton Rise, S.W.
J. W. Cain, 36 Drury Lane, W.C.
L. Benét, 19 Langham Street, W.
J. H. Kew, 42 St. John's Villas, Upper Holloway, N.
W. Hopekirk, Crystal Palace, Upper Norwood, S.E.

Gentleman's Single Ticket 12/6, Lady's Single Ticket 8/6, Double Ticket (to admit Lady and Gentleman) 21/-. The charge for tickets will include Supper and Light Refreshments during the evening.

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At the North London Chapter of Improvement, at 8 o'clock, on the 24th inst., at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Pauls Road, Canonbury, Comp. Gregory filled the chair of Z., Comps. Dean H., Knight J., Strugnell S.N., Radcliffe P.S. After the Chapter was closed Companion Meekham the host entertained the Comps. of the Chapter; the evening was spent very pleasantly Comp. T. Meekham as usual doing all in his power to make his guests comfortable. There were several good songs sung throughout the evening.

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Bro. James Terry P.P.G.W. Norths and Hunts, &c., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will be present at the regular meeting of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, on Tuesday evening next, the 29th inst., at the Prince Regent Hotel, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, and will rehearse the ceremony of installation. Lodge will be opened at 8 p.m. prompt, and the early attendance of brethren is solicited.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—During every break of wintry weather strenuous exertions should be made by the afflicted to recover health before unremitting cold and trying storms set in. Throat ailments, coughs, wheezings, asthmatical affections, shortness of breath, morning nausea, and accumulations of phlegm can readily be removed by rubbing this fine derivative Ointment twice a day upon the chest and neck. Holloway's treatment is strongly recommended with the view of giving immediate ease, preventing prospective danger, and effecting permanent relief. These all-important ends his Ointment and Pills can accomplish, and will surely prevent insidious diseases from fastening on the constitution, to display themselves afterwards in those disastrous forms that will probably embitter life till death itself is almost prayed for.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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GRAND MASTER'S LODGE.

AT the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, Brother the Right Hon. Robert Nicholas Fowler, M.A., M.P., P.S.G.W. Wilts, P.M., the Lord Mayor, was duly installed as Worshipful Master of the highest English Lodge on the list, numerically speaking; this is styled the Grand Master's Lodge, deriving its title not simply from the fact that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is a member of it, but for other reasons. There was a numerous assemblage of the Craft, there being present, besides the Officers of the Lodge, nearly all of whom have attained high rank in the Order, Brothers Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, Colonel Philips, Hall and Clark Past Grand Chaplains. The ceremony was performed by the out-going Master Bro. Bradshaw Brown. Upon the Lord Mayor taking the chair of K.S. he invested the following brethren as his Officers for the following year: G. Martin P.G.S. as Senior Warden, Ralph Mowland Bishop P.G.S. Junior Warden, R. Herve Giraud P.G.D. P.G.S. P.M. Treasurer, Ralph Gooding, M.D., B.A., S.G.D. P.G.S. P.M. Secretary, James W. Fullar G.S. Senior Deacon, James Holar Junior Deacon, G. R. Steel I.G. At a banquet which followed the Lord Mayor, in felicitous terms, returned thanks for the honour which had been paid to him, and the kindly and fraternal feeling evinced. The health of the Prince of Wales and the Earl of Carnarvon was given and honoured, and the proceedings were closed with the Tyler's toast.

UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30.

THE installation meeting took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Tuesday, 15th instant. After the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising had been worked in favour of the respective candidates, the W.M. invited Bro. Charles Davey P.M. to instal his son, Bro. Thomas Edward Davey (who we believe to be one of the youngest Masters of the present day). Bro. P.M. Davey said it gave him great pleasure, under the circumstances to instal the Master. The ceremony was performed in the most able manner, and Bro. Davey was highly complimented by the many distinguished visitors. The following were appointed Officers:—Bros. Joshua Shipley I.P.M., James Linscott S.W., L. Steingraber J.W., J. Harling P.M. Treasurer, J. Driscoll P.M. Secretary, A. Couldrey S.D., C. Fassheber J.D., S. Lampen I.G., W. Boyce M.C., C. Davey P.M. W.S., H. Meyer A.W.S., L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. The after proceedings were of a most harmonious character, and the evening was enlivened by a capitally-arranged programme, which was well carried out.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

THIS exceedingly prosperous Lodge which, although almost too rapidly increasing in numbers, is yet careful to maintain the select quality of its members, met at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Monday, the 21st inst. There were about seventy brethren present. Bro. A. Staley W.M. presided, very ably assisted by the I.P.M. Bro. T. W. C. Bush, as well as by the S.W. Bro. S. Barnett, and the rest of the Officers, who in this Lodge are prompt in their attendance and apt in their work. The business of the evening necessitated the working of the whole of the Craft ceremonies, as there were candidates for the three degrees. This somewhat difficult, and certainly onerous, task being completed by the W.M. in his quiet yet efficient manner. Bro. W. D. Bayley P.M. and Treasurer, in pursuance of a previous notice of motion, proposed "that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to present a testimonial to the Worshipful Master upon his retirement from the chair." This was carried with acclamation. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler resulted as follows: Bros. S. Barnett S.W. as W.M., W. D. Bayley Treasurer, and J. Potter P.M. Tyler. The Worshipful Master, addressing Bro. Phil Levy, late Secretary of the Lodge, said that he felt very much pleasure in presenting him, in the name of the Lodge, with a slight testimonial of their esteem and regard. For more than a quarter of a century Bro. Levy had performed the duties of his office with intelligence and assiduity, to the most complete satisfaction of the Lodge, and by his genial kindness and readiness to oblige, had secured for himself the sincere regard and fraternal affection of all its members. The reason for the step Bro. Levy had thought proper to take was, of course, best known to himself, and was accepted by the Lodge with the profoundest regret. The testimonial consisted of an address elegantly illuminated on vellum, suitably placed in a richly-gilt frame, which was decorated with appropriate Masonic emblems. The W.M. then added that, by a unanimous vote of the Lodge, Bro. Levy had been elected honorary member, with the full powers and privileges of a subscribing member. The late Secretary, in feeling and eloquent terms, declared his appreciation of the kindness which prompted the brethren to overwhelm him, for which he could scarcely find words to express his gratitude. The Lodge then adjourned to refreshment, which was most creditably served by Bro. Silver. After grace, the W.M. said: The proceedings in the Lodge having necessarily been prolonged, and the hour being late, he would, in giving the toasts, be as brief as possible. The first would be a comprehensive one, including the Loyal and Masonic, namely, Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the best interests and prosperity of the Craft. This was received with enthusiastic cheers. After giving the health of the Initiate, the W.M. proposed the toast of the evening, namely, the W.M. elect, whose popularity was indicated by the warmth, and, as the W.M. described it, boisterous manner in which it was received. The [illegible]

performed his duties in the various stage
towards his present position, was a sufficient g
occupy the Master's chair, which he was sure
satisfaction of the brethren. The W.M. elec
could not fail to be extremely gratified at the h
manner in which his name had been received.
with the kindness bestowed upon him ever sin
of being a member. He felt proud of being
Lodge, and could assure them that his best
would be exerted to further the prosperity and
the Lodge. He was not unmindful of the sup
received during his occupancy of the minor of
that the same would be extended to him durin
office. It would be his business and pleasure
and happiness of the brethren, who, he had n
and make allowance for any shortcomings that
performance of his duties. Bro. Bush I.P.
health of the W.M., whom he described as on
and distinguished abilities, as a worthy succes
brethren who had preceded him. The W.M.,
Bush too partial in his laudations, and that
chair had given satisfaction, the brethren of
difficult to please. The Visitors', P.M.'s, and
speedily disposed of, and the Tyler's toast br
to a close. Bros. John Ross, Bayley, Tipper, a
to the entertainment of the evening by their
by Bro. J. D. Barnett, who presided at the pia
Bros. Thomas I.G. 753, J. Staley 1597, Riddle
Isaacson 188, James Hartley 1426, Julian Har
1306, Phillips 471, Hewlett 193. The P.M.'
Bush, J. Croaker, John Ross, J. D. Barnett, S. M
Z. Bloomfield, Bayley, N. Gluckstein, E. Gotth

MANCHESTER LODGE, N

THE installation meeting of this ancient a
was held on the 17th instant, at Ander
numerously attended by the members and vis
occupied by the W.M. Bro. Dettmer; Bros. W
Hughes J.W., Hopekirk P.M. Treasurer, Kew
man S.D., Ellwood J.D., Hearne I.G.; P.M.'s
&c. Visitors—Bros. Stuart P.M. 141, Grabs
Large 1984, Weston P.M. 1602, Smith 1744, L
1585, Potter P.M. 11, Quitman I.P.M 1969, M
511, Woodruff J.W. 957, Binney 1305, Blundell
1744, Smith, Botting P.P.G.R. Berks and Buck
Edwards 766, Murdoch 6, Alderman Floyd
Norwood Lodge 1546, Ross 1744, Blunt
744, Dingle, J. H. Johnson, H. M. Lev
Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last
firmed. Bro. Holah was passed to the second de
successfully taken for the admission of Mr. T.
Kew P.M. and Secretary, who afterwards init
into the Order, performing the ceremony with
E. J. Gittins, De Shurland Lodge, No. 1089, w
member. In due course, a Board of Installed
and Bro. Dickenson S.W. and W.M. elect wa
Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by Bro.
warmly congratulated by the brethren and Visito
of the ceremony. There were nineteen Worshipf
Masters present. On the re-admission of the
shipful Master was saluted according to ancien
appropriate terms appointed and invested h
Dettmer I.P.M., Hughes S.W., Ellwood J.W.,
Eastman S.D., R. Webb J.D., Hearne I.G., Hog
A. Hughes M.C., Parsons W.S., T. Webb Assis
Musical Director, Koester P.M. Tyler. W. Stuar
M.C. The applause that followed the investitu
showed the W.M. had made a selection in every
the Lodge. The newly-installed W.M. exhibit
work by very ably initiating Mr. H. Ludwig int
very rarely we see the ceremony so well rende
Mason. The Audit Committee was next appoi
W.M., in a very excellent speech, in the name of t
Bro. Dettmer with a very elegant and artisti
jewel, with suitable inscription. He had great p
it on Bro. Dettmer's breast; the able manner in
charged the duties of the chair gave every satisfa
bers. He hoped he might live long to wear
suitably acknowledged the valuable gift. Heart
given, and Lodge was closed. The brethren, eig
sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert,
Clemow. Great satisfaction was expressed with t
was served. The W.M., who genially presided, b
usual Loyal toasts. Bro. Dettmer rose; he ha
pleasure to propose the health of the W.M., who
duties in the various offices he had held in such a w
his being elected to the chair. The brethren had
since he had occupied that position; the ceremo
perfectly and impressively, and was a credit to th
Dickenson also, in investing his Officers and as Pre
capacity, and he (Bro. Dettmer) was sure that a
perous year would be the result. It might be urge
inherited his good qualities from his respected fa
tised those duties out of the Lodge that he propos
result would be beneficial to all. He hoped the bre
a hearty response to the toast. The W.M., in rep
ing the position of W.M., he felt he had realised
Those nearest and dearest to him had occupied th

...ast of this old Lodge nothing would arise to mar the success ...lways enjoyed; the Lodge had been a subscribing one to ...odge for one hundred and twenty years; this was a proof of ...quity. He hoped it might long continue its career. He ... them heartily for the reception they had given the toast. ...d. then proposed the health of the Initiates. The first of the ...three they had initiated that evening he had known for many ...ad had looked upon him as a rising man. His father, Bro. ...as their Secretary, and he (the Worshipful Master) was in... to him for installing him into the chair that day. It must ...n gratifying to Bro. Kew to have to perform the initiation ...y in favour of his son. Bro. Ludwig also was one from whom ...ings might be expected. The brethren had doubtless noticed ...ation he had paid to the ceremony, and would agree he ...very calculated to be a credit to the Lodge. Bro. Kew said ...mind to have his respected parent to initiate him; the cere... would never be forgotten by him. The W.M. had been his ...om childhood, and he trusted he might long continue so; he ... them for their kind reception of the toast. Bro. Ludwig ...; he thanked Bro. Brinkman for proposing, and the Lodge ...oting him; he was pleased to have been the first Initiate of ... The toast of the Visitors came next. The W.M. said ... they had both quantity and quality; he would mention the ...eriatim. Bros. Reynolds, Pratt, Evans, and H. M. Levy ...d to the toast. The toast of the Installing Master and the ...as next on the list—viz. Bros. Dettmer, Hopekirk, Lovett, ...st. Bro. Dettmer responded. He should never forget the ... he had met with from the Lodge. The jewel presented to ...should always wear with pleasure and pride. Bros. Hope... Kew also replied. The latter said he had to thank the ... the honour and privilege of initiating his son. He was also ... having had to instal the son of a very old friend into the ...rom his knowledge of the capacity of the W.M., this old ...uld not lose its prestige while he occupied the chair; he was ... were proud of. After a few words from Bro. Benet, the ...posed the toast of the Officers. He might say no better ...d be found than Bros. Ellwood, Eastman, Webb—the latter ...d valued friend. They had also Bros. Hearne, Parsons, and ... The toast was ably responded to by Bros. Hughes, Ellwood, ..., Hearne, Parsons, &c. All promised their energies should ...ed to work for the benefit of the Lodge, and to support the ...he members all respected the memory of the late Bro. ...n; yet it was a proud thing to say they had a worthy ... in the person of his son, now the W.M. The Tyler's toast ... given, and the brethren separated after a very agreeable ...nious evening. Some excellent songs were given by Bros. ...earne, Monkhouse, and Blundell.

ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

...ellent muster of the brethren of this Lodge took place on ...sday evening, at the Cannon Street Hotel, City, to dis...rtain business that comes but once a year, and to instal ... Gartley W.M. elect. The Visitors were numerous, and ... them had received high Masonic honours. Bro. H. M. ...e retiring W.M. presided, and having submitted several ...tters to the brethren for their approval, he proceeded to ... successor. He performed his duties well, and now awaits ...r which the Lodge proposes to confer upon him. This is ... time he has filled the chair in the Lodge, and a special ... of his services will be made at the next meeting. Bro. ...ving taken charge of the Lodge, he proceeded to invest ..., as follow: Bros. E. H. Norden S.W., Alf. J. Henochsberg ... J.W., A. M. Cohen Treasurer, C. F. Hogard Secretary, ...cobs S.D., R. J. Paton J.D., A. L. Gartley I.G., I. P. Cohen ...les Tyler. The W.M. then installed the Rev. Marcus ... Mr. Joseph Lichtenfeld in an efficient manner. The sum ...as was voted by Lodge to the Benevolent Institution, to ... Bro. Hogard's list. The latter brother returned thanks, ...iently he read letters of apology for non-attendance from ...lbert Wood, Col. Clerke G. Secretary, Fenn, and others. ...d wishes having been given by the Visitors, the Lodge ...n due form. Those present included P.M.'s A. H. Bass... ... Emanuel, P. Williams, H. G. Phillips, L. Norden, I. P. ...a Silva (the recent I.P.M.); Members—L. Nathan, J. B. ..., G. Saling, W. Hunter, J. Jacobs, E. J. Hart, W. Fischer, ...Thos. Houghton, T. Schmerl, H. G. Lonsdale, E. Schu... Loewe, B. Hyams, Henry Hart, E. J. Ehrenberg, T. Hart, ...Sam. Samson, Chas. Lazarus, A. Abrahams, W. Biggs, ...Salaz, B. M. Nathan. Visitors—Edgar Bowyer G.S.B., ...P.S.W. Wilts, G. F. Busbridge P.P.G.A.S. Kent P.M. ...Cottebrune P.G.P., J. Lewis Thomas P.A.G.D.C., H. ... J. Vanderhamfe 162, W. H. Causton 162 S.W. 1726, ...ns 169, C. H. Webb P.M. 174, Geo. Bean W.M., C. W. ...Hunt P.M. 194, J. Lazarus P.M. 205 1007, H. J. Garry ...dson P.M. 548, H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, J. Skeff. ...H. H. Myers, J. Gaunham, D. M. Davis 1017, J. Gaskell ...A. Smith 1275, F. Delevante W.M. 1319, G. F. Meads ... Frame 1348, H. Cohen 1658, J. W. Baker P.M. 1767, ... P.M. 1839, Rev. Dr. Maguire 1964. A banquet suc...ork of the Lodge, which was given in the Pillar Room of ...The menu had been well chosen, and several courses ...with a due regard to time and comfort. The hotel ...were really perfect, and reflect great credit upon the ...Grace before and after meat was said in Hebrew and ...after the removal of the cloth, the toasts of the Queen, ...Prince of Wales the M.W. Grand Master, the Earl of ...Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand ...e rest of the Grand Officers present and past, followed ...nd were right loyally received. Bro. Edgar Bowyer ...the Grand Officers. The printed programme, if not a novelty altogether, was at least interesting. Quotations from Shakespeare were placed round the borders of the pages and between each toast. Of the suitability of some of these there can be no doubt. What could be more beautiful and appropriate than the following just after the toast of the Queen? "God and His angels guard your sacred throne, and make you long become it." Here is another that will suggest thoughts anent the mixing up of business and music as to make the latter all-important and the former of no account: "I pray you sit down, for now we sit to chat as well as eat." Some arrangements make a chat impossible; this was not so in the Israel Lodge, where the art of social enjoyment seems to be thoroughly understood. There was music, and good music, too, but it was subordinate to the toasts of honour and courtesy. Bro. Harris I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., and alluded to the way in which he had discharged the duties of the several offices he had filled, and to the example of his powers he had shown that evening in the initiation ceremony. The toast was welcomed with applause, and in reply the W.M. observed that he had been spoken of in too flattering terms. He would do his best, and he felt sure he should receive that support from the Past Masters which made the work of the Lodge an agreeable duty. He had worked in various positions in the Craft, by which he was reminded that Masonry was like a diamond, the more it was worked upon, the more polished it became. This illustration would apply to those who were aspiring to office; the more they knew of Freemasonry the better they would like it, and the higher they would hold it in estimation. The health of the Initiates having been proposed and honoured, Bro. the Rev. Marcus Haines replied in a long and eloquent speech. He recognised the warmth of feeling that had been shown, and expressed the diffidence he felt in responding. He asked the indulgence of the brethren if he used any term that was not in accordance with the Craft, and promised that his sincerity would fully compensate for any slip of the tongue. He looked upon that day as one of the most important of his life, and the remembrance of what he had heard would never be effaced from his memory. His knowledge of Freemasonry was limited; for five or six weeks he had endured much anxiety before he could gather up courage to join the Order. The suspense between the time of his proposition and initiation was very great, and he prayed that some one would give the requisite number of black balls to exclude him. His friends made many inquiries after his health; he never had so many friends before. They asked if he was going abroad, and he replied, very much abroad; but now he felt quite at home—much more so than he had done a few hours before. After referring to certain contrasts which he understood occasionally prevailed between the exercise of courtesies in and out of the Lodge, Bro. Haines said he believed that Freemasonry meant peace and goodwill to all men, a drawing closer of the bond of brotherhood, so that they should approach nearer to the Divine likeness. It was usual to close a speech with a quotation, and his would be from a very old book and by an old writer, who has written—"Keep well thy mouth, for out of it cometh the issues of life." He felt assured that the Lodge had secured a W.M. who would act up to that advice. After further remarks of a complimentary kind, Bro. Haines resumed his seat amid applause. Bro. Lichtenfeld also briefly replied. The toast of the Visitors brought forth several responses. Bro. Thomas was happy in having his name associated with many "other illustrious brethren;" Bro. Cottebrune referred to the interest the Jews took in Masonic and other Charities, and alluded especially to the venerable Brother Sir Moses Montefiore. Bro. Bean having also acknowledged the compliment, the replies were brought to a close by a very happy speech by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Maguire. He said he had received many invitations, more than he could accept, but there were special reasons why he was present there that night. Jews and Christians were separated by certain divisions, but there was much common ground they could occupy together. The Jews held two Sabbaths, while many did not hold one; and if they were not agreed upon the time, they were upon the fact, of the Messiah coming. He was but a novice in Freemasonry; he had, however, gone through all the stages, and he reminded Bro. Haines that he had little idea of what he had yet to endure. He had better retain his anxieties, for he was only now being fattened up for the slaughter. Bro. Maguire then alluded to some Jewish neighbours, with whom he had been on terms of amity for years. Only a middle wall of partition separated one of them from himself, but it was not so lofty as to prevent them shaking hands and conversing together. Another neighbour made a tabernacle at the bottom of his garden, and at the close of the feast he would send him (Bro. Maguire) some of the choicest fruits. The speaker then dwelt upon the character of the Great Architect of the Universe, urging that he was the author of the moral as well as the material world, and that all his teachings inculcated the lesson of charity. Bro. Maguire concluded an eloquent speech, which was much cheered during its delivery, by thanking the brethren for the kindness and hospitality they had extended towards him. The W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Harris, saying that it would be impossible to describe his many good qualities. It was sufficient, however, to state that he had been made Master of the Lodge a second time. The I.P.M. having replied in a short and pithy speech, Bro. A. M. Cohen Treasurer proposed success to the Masonic Charities and the Lodge Benevolent Fund. The result of Bro. Cohen's remarks was a liberal subscription in the room. The other toasts were the Past Masters, the Officers of the Lodge, closing with that of the Tyler. Bro. Delevante acted as Organist in the Lodge, and during the banquet Bros. Zucker, D. M. Davis, H. Cohen, and H. G. Lonsdale favoured the company with some instrumental music, recitations, and songs.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

THE members of this Lodge held a regular meeting at the Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, Reading, on 15th inst., for the purpose, amongst other matters, of installing Bro. Samuel Wheeler as W.M.

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of the Lodge for the ensuing year, and the investiture of the other Officers of the Lodge. There was a very large number of brethren present, including many distinguished Visitors from long distances, as the following list of names will show :—Bros. Francis J. Ferguson W.M. 414 and other Officers of the same Lodge, namely, Bros. Samuel Wheeler S.W. the W.M. elect, M. J. Withers J.W., A. W. Parry Secretary, D. H. Witherington S.D., E. Blackwell J.D., J. W. Martin M.C., J. C. B. Tirbutt Organist, C. G. Butler I.G., G. W. Webb, and G. G. Hawkes Stewards; P.M.'s C. Stephens, R. Bradley, C. Oades, J. T. Blowers, W. W. Moxhay (the Installing Master), J. W. Hounslow, Edward Baker, and Samuel Bradley; Bros. T. J. E. Howlett, G. H. Stabington, F. J. Wellman, Cyril B. Tubbs, H. Higgs, George S. Galt, H. P. Knill, F. H. Furnival, C. T. Rayner, J. Hopkins Walters, J. E. Sydenham, &c. Visitors—J. Studholme Brownigg D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, the following Officers and members of the sister Lodge of Greyfriars 1131, namely :—Bros. W. W. Ridley W.M., J. H. Hawkes S.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, T. J. Pulley 340 and 1101, Arthur Welch P.M., Edward Margrett P.M., J. T. Brown P.M., and Bros. Oliver, Egginton, C. Slaughter, &c. Among the other Visitors were Bros. W. Morris 1566, R. Nicholson 1566, W. Wells 777, T. Lawler 1297, Rev. Dr. Leighton Coleman, of the Carbon Lodge 242 U.S.A., R. Payne 1328, A. Mount 1328, F. A. Jones 1566, Albert R. Pritchard Chaplain Thames Lodge, H. W. Pritchett 1261, C. Franklin Simmons 694, Thomas Cooke jun. 1060, H. W. Marshall 303, W. Brown 597, G. R. Faulkner 592, C. A. B. Bignold 52, W. Heath 1767, J. Ashby 771, J. Goddard 771, E. Dalzell 1549, A. Brakspear 1895, &c. &c. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. W. Moxhay in a most able and impressive manner, and the investiture of the Officers followed. The following are the names of the Officers for the ensuing year :—Bros. Samuel Wheeler W.M., F. J. Ferguson I.P.M., M. J. Withers S.W., D. H. Witherington J.W., Rev. N. T. Garry Chaplain, R. C. Mount Treasurer, A. W. Parry Secretary, F. Blackwell S.D., C. G. Butler J.D., J. C. B. Tirbutt Organist, J. W. Martin I.G., G. W. Webb M.C., C. H. Hawkes, J. E. Sydenham and J. H. Walters Stewards. The banquet took place at the Queen's Hotel, Reading, and was a most brilliant and successful gathering. About seventy-three brethren were present, and the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with the usual honours. Bro. R. Bradley responded to the toast of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past, and remarked that although no new Lodges had been added to the roll, still the affairs of the Province were in a satisfactory condition. He considered the multiplication of Lodges was not an unmitigated good, but would rather see the Lodges already in existence maintained in a high degree of efficiency. The last year had been an exceptional one as regarded the special Masonic Charitable Institutions, the greatest amount ever known having been given in their support. The last Provincial Grand Lodge held in Windsor was, he was glad to say, a very successful one, and he hoped the next Lodge, which would be held in High Wycombe, would be equally successful. He concluded by wishing the Officers of the Lodge of Union a very prosperous year of office. The toast of the I.P.M. Bro. F. J. Ferguson was received with exceptional cordiality, and mention was made of the valuable services rendered by him in connection with the additions recently made, and the increased accommodation thus provided in the reception rooms at the Masonic Hall. Bro. C. Stephens, as Prov. Grand Treasurer, in acknowledging the toast of his health, which was most cordially received, spoke of the satisfactory condition of the funds of the Province, and said that speaking generally the Province of Berks and Bucks stood very well in comparison with the other Provinces. A party of musical brethren attended, and gave a capital selection of songs, &c., under the direction of Bro. J. C. B. Tirbutt.

UNIVERSAL LODGE, No. 181.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons Hall on the 17th inst., when Bro. W. R. Norris was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by the retiring Master, Bro. T. C. Fryer, in a masterly manner. His eloquent and impressive delivery of the various addresses being universally approved. There were present at the ceremony Bros. P.M.'s Moring 9, W. Batchelor 548, E. Bolton 862, W. G. Lemon 1601, G. A. Taylor 217, J. Hillhouse 228, J. C. Parkinson 181 P.G.J.D., R. G. Glover 181 P.G.S., Rev. W. T. Jones 181, A. T. Layton 181, H. A. Reed 181, E. W. Stanton, H. D. Wood, W. B. Roberts, and numerous other brethren. At the conclusion of the installation the brethren were re-admitted, and the W.M. proceeded with appropriate addresses to invest his Officers as follow :—T. C. Fryer I.P.M., F. Low S.W., E. J. S. Layton J.W., Rev. W. T. Jones Chaplain, A. T. Layton P.M. Treasurer, H. A. Reed P.M. Secretary, T. J. Hanley S.D., E. B. B. Reed J.D., T. Adams I.G., P. N. Harrower and W. R. Davidson Stewards, G. J. Dunkley Organist, J. Daly Tyler. The Officers having been appointed, the W.M. rose and said: Brethren, before we adjourn from labour to refreshment, I have one other and a very pleasing duty to perform. It will be in your recollection that at our last Lodge meeting a sum of money was unanimously voted to purchase a P.M.'s jewel for the out-going Master, now our I.P.M., Bro. T. C. Fryer. Brethren, that jewel has been purchased, and it now falls to my lot to make the presentation, and in doing so I feel the greatest satisfaction, for I am convinced that no Master of the Lodge ever deserved such a recognition of services more than does Bro. Fryer. Throughout his year of office he has worked both hard and conscientiously. Speaking for his Officers, and more particularly for himself, he would say it had been both a pleasure and an honour to work with such a Master. The brethren had evinced their appreciation of his great abilities by voting the magnificent jewel he was about to pin on his breast. The inscription ran thus :—

Presented to
Brother T. C. FRYER Past Master,
By the brethren of the Universal Lodge, No. 181, as a mark of their

He (the W.M.) would only add, the fervent h might be long spared to wear the jewel, and tha it, not merely as an article of intrinsic valu souvenir of the year he spent among the breth Lodge. Bro. Fryer I.P.M. responded, in suitab thanking the brethren for the great kindness he hands, added, he should never forget the happ passed away. The brethren then adjourned banquet in the adjoining hall. After the clo grace was sung. In speaking to the first to the Craft, the Worshipful Master said during th Her Majesty had ruled the English nation she h the dignity of her station. Had Her Majesty bel sex doubtless she would have been more ol Freemasonry. This might be testified to by the her marriage she expressed a wish that her husb Consort, should join the Order. The late Duke who at that time occupied the Grand Master' wish, on the ground that the husband of the Que have no secrets that he could not disclose to his on Her Majesty being told this, she rejoined, th advisable Prince Albert should not become a Fr that if she had any sons the same objection migh bear on them, as she should like them to follow her father, the late Duke of Kent. The toast received, and the National Anthem was sung second toast, the W.M. said, where we to search it would be impossible to find a man more pe Worshipful the Grand Master. He is ever ready to any movement that will tend to the advanc and he enters upon his public duties in no pe with a firm desire to carry them out successfu exemplified in the case of the Royal College of Fisheries Exhibition. Without further preface the brethren to drink to the continued health of of England. On rising to propose the third Honourable the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Ca Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master the Earl rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present—Bro proached this toast with some amount of temerity ; two members of Grand Lodge, and he might perhap much. Yet on the Pro Grand Master too much bestowed. In the absence of the Most Worshipfu it would indeed be difficult to find a more com one who displayed more courtesy. The interest Quarterly Communication fully evidenced this, a the efforts he made to provide accommodation want of space, were shut out from the sacred prec In all the Earl of Carnarvon did for Freema seconded by the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of all the Grand Officers testified, by the zeal they best interests of the Order were ever foremost This had been proved by the two brethren—B Glover—with whom he would more immediately The Worshipful Master then made reference to Brother Parkinson had rendered the Lodge, and had taken in the establishment of the Universal cluded by calling on the brethren to do full h Brother J. S. Parkinson Past Grand Deacon respo and well-considered speech. After thanking th hearty reception they had given the toast, and to t guished noblemen who are at the head of affairs, h Officers prided themselves upon being the represent and in being able to further the interests of the gr masonry. He could not, after a period of six association with this Lodge, but be satisfied wit strength and stability it now showed. The Offic appointed that night were connections of, and wou worthy successors to, the long line of Past Master had good reason to be so proud. Personally he co interest he took in sustaining the prestige the enjoyed ; he then made reference to the blood re between several of the Officers and old members called attention to the fact, as evidencing the maintained by those long connected with it, an introduce those members of their families who Order. Brother Parkinson next touched upon th Freemasonry to which the Worshipful Master had establishment of a Royal Arch Chapter in con Lodge. He had spoken of shoals and difficulties encounter ; these, he was pleased to say, had all Universal Chapter was now in sound working order in most eulogistic terms of the qualities and ability Worshipful Master, Brother Parkinson indulged i reminiscences and compared the present with the pe ago the members had to join other Chapters, entir this Lodge ; this happily was not the case now, remarking that it needed no spirit of prophesy continued prosperity under the rule of the present W The Masonic Charities was the next toast brought u W.M., who stated that though the amount of £56.00 collected during the past year was a large one, it w in comparison with what might be raised did all ent spirit of what they professed. Brother Norris urg is nothing if not charitable, and made an urgent ap the Institutions. At this stage of the proceedings th passed round, and on the completion of its peregri announced that the sum of £8 3s 6d had been collec proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. B his working that night, had testified his desire and to uphold the traditions the Universal Lodge could

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ffered the toast. In replying Brother Norris said, on f the lateness of the hour he should be very brief in his He felt the honour that had been conferred upon him. honestly state he yielded to no one present in his love for He would strive to do in the future, as he had in the past, power to advance the interests of the Lodge. The next ught under notice was the health of the Immediate Past Brother Fryer. Any doubts as to the ability he possessed dispelled by the way in which he had carried out the work dge. His had not been an idle year; he frequently had ork the three ceremonies, and in all cases he had ably himself. He (the Worshipful Master) felt he might assert tter Master had filled the chair of the Universal Lodge. t having been acknowledged, the other toasts on the list fly introduced, but with pertinent comments on the merits rethren extolled. Bros. Batchelor 548 and Bolton 862 r the Visitors. Bros. Glover, Roberts, and Reid for the ers, while Brother Senior Warden did duty for the Officers. cal arrangements of the evening were entrusted to Bro. Henry, who gave the greatest satisfaction by the way in conducted and carried out the following programme:—Deum Laudate," Dr. John Smith; National Anthem; "Ou voules-vous aller," Gounod, Miss Phillippine Siedle, olin Obligato, Miss Marie Schumann; New Song, ice more," F. L. Moir, Bro. Sidney Tower; Part Song, evening's twilight," Hatton; New Song, "Pierrot," tchinson, Miss Lena Law; Ballad, "Cherry Ripe," Horn, rank Charlton; Song (with a burden) "Love ye one H. Fase, Bro. Montem Smith; Solo Violin, Fantasia "La egiment," Sainton, Miss Marie Schumann; Song, "That's for me," Hobson, Bro. Chaplin Henry; Glee, "It is our ay," Sir H. R. Bishop; Provincial Ditty, "A diss, a diss grass," Beaumont, Miss Phillippine Siedle; New Song, den," Diehl, Miss Lena Law; Irish Song, "The birth of k," Lover, Bro. Lester; Duet, "Excelsior," Balfe, Bros. wer and Chaplin Henry; Glee, "Here in cool grot," Lord n; Humorous Song, "The intoxicated fly," H. Leigh, Bro. e, "Life's a bumper," Wainwright. In addition to those med there were present as Visitors—Bros. Dunbar J.D. y 180, Hillhouse P.M. 228, Runtz 534, Ward 796, Bond I.P.M. 862, Williams P.M. 905, Trick 1306, &c.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 221.

tallation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the inst., at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at four o'clock in oon. There were present Bros. John Isherwood W.M., rose S.W., Peter Bradburn J.W., G. P. Brockbank Treas., ompton S.D., James Walker J.D., J. W. Taylor M. of Cer., nbers I.G., H. J. Briscoe Organist, William Siddon and nerden Stewards, Thomas Higson Tyler; P.M.'s Jabez Thomas Morris, George Ferguson Prov. G. Supt. of Wks., r P. Prov. G. Steward, Thomas Whitaker; M.M.'s R. J. ohn Swarbrick, J. R. Haslam, J. F. Elliston, H. B. Truman, her, William Forrest; F.C.—Wm. Crompton. Visitors—Booth W.M. 37, Henry Broughton W.M. 146, J. F. Skelton Thos. Nightingale 146, R. H. Swindlehurst P.M. 320, bers I.G. 430, Ebenezer Melrose S.W. 1144, Robt. Latham John Barrett S.W. 1723, E. G. Harwood J.W. 1723, icholson P.M. Secretary 1723, Alex. Cosgrove S.D. 1723, inson 1723. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of meeting were read and confirmed. On Lodge being the second degree, Bro. G. P. Brockbank Senior Past the chair, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed. ect (Bro. Edwin Melrose) was presented by Bro. Ishertiring Master, and forthwith installed, proclaimed and cient form as Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Thos. was re-appointed Charity Representative and Bro. Thos. ected Tyler. Bro. Boothroyd P.M. invested, for the W.M., brethren as the Officers for 1884, and instructed them to the nature of their duties:—Bros. Peter Bradburn s Crompton J.W., G. P. Brockbank Treasurer, Thomas etary, James Walker S.D., W. F. Chambers J.D., Wm. J. W. Taylor P.M. M. of Cer., J. H. Haslam Organist, nd H. C. Briscoe Stewards. The final addresses to the ns and brethren were delivered by Bro. Brockbank. wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren. The ortion of the ancient Charges, after which Lodge was e and harmony.

BRECKNOCK LODGE, No. 651.

Festival of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, when Bro. H. O. Aveline was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. ou ceremony was performed by Bro. J. A. Whittle lowing Officers were appointed:—Bros. T. L. Lewis Price S.W., E. A. Wright J.W., M. Powell Williams id Evans Treasurer, J. A. Whittle P.M. Secretary, S.D., J. P. Lidstone J.D., Rees T. Heins M.C., John t, Lewis Williams I.G., John Meredith and H. W. s, and John Evans Tyler. Bro. Webb P.M. was aper of the Lodge. After the ceremony of installation, Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Thomas is, as a small acknowledgment of the valuable services d the Lodge for several years. The banquet was held otel, the W.M. being supported on his right by Bro. nnant, the able and popular Deputy Provincial Grand Eastern Division of South Wales, who, in responding to the toast of his health, stated that it was his intention to recommend to the Province a scheme by which children of deceased brethren could be educated easily. A pleasant evening was spent.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE, No. 1321.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington Park, when there were present Bros. Forrest W.M., who presided, supported by the following brethren:—Bros. Fendick S.W. and W.M. elect, Hunter J.W., Willson P.M. (the newly-elected Treasurer), Swan P.M. Secretary, Meads S.D., Englefield J.D., Kirkaldy I.G., Boyell Stwd., Ealing M.C.; Bros. Breary, Edington, Barrow, Monks, May, Palmer, Newas, Edwards, Bannell, Salisbury, Parker, Busch, Monks; also the following Visitors:—Bros. Rogers 1670, Dixon 209, Thiellay, Cooper 507, Conlson 27, Large, Kellaway 957, Room 1159, Harrington 1563, Mace 45, Ponicelet 957, Buxton 1831, Powell 1558, Wyld 72. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the W.M. Bro. Forrest initiated two candidates, viz., Mr. Millar and Mr. Price. Bro. G. Willson then very ably installed Bro. Fendick S.W. and W.M. elect into the chair of K.S. The report of the Audit Committee having been distributed amongst the members, was ordered to be placed on the minutes. The newly-installed Master having appointed and invested his Officers, with a few appropriate remarks, presented the Immediate Past Master Bro. Forrest with a Past Master's jewel voted by the Lodge. After which Bro. Fendick Worshipful Master in addressing Bro. Breary Past Master (the late Treasurer), said he now had a very great pleasure in presenting him with a testimonial, unanimously voted by the Lodge. From the remarks made by the brethren at the last meeting, he (Bro. Brearey) could not be insensible to the very general feeling of regret expressed by the members; how sorry they one and all were at the thought of losing him as their Treasurer, an office which he had held from the formation of the Lodge to the present time, the duties of which he had so efficiently and satisfactorily carried out. He sincerely trusted that Bro. Brearey would still remain with them, in fact he might say the Lodge would appear quite lost without the familiar face of Bro. Brearey. The address, which was beautifully inscribed on vellum, was to the following effect:—Emblematic Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, England, No. 1321. This testimonial was presented to Bro. Plummer Thomas Brearey Past Master, No. 26, Past Grand Steward, Treasurer and Founder of the above Lodge, on the 17th January 1884, on his retirement from the office of Treasurer, 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 the long and valuable services he has rendered to the Emblematic Lodge.

Walter John Forrest W.M.
William Barnes Fendick S.W.
Henry Samuel Hunter J.W.

When the applause of the brethren had subsided, Bro. Brearey rose to acknowledge the testimonial. He thanked the Worshipful Master for his too flattering remarks, and the brethren for their very handsome testimonial. His labour had been a labour of love; he had constantly been assisted by the Officers, especially the worthy Secretary; it was not without a pang he relinquished his official duties, but a time must come when he would have to sever himself from the office. He thought that a Treasurer ranked as a sort of permanent Cabinet Minister, and that in advising the Past Masters and brethren, he ought always to be one actively and sincerely interested in the welfare of the Lodge. The testimonial he should always prize, and leave it as an heirloom to his children as a record of acknowledgment that he had tried to do his duty. The Lodge was then closed. The brethren afterwards sat down to a very excellent banquet, served by Bro. Buxton, the worthy host, in a very satisfactory style. Thus ended one of the most successful and pleasant meetings this Lodge has ever held.

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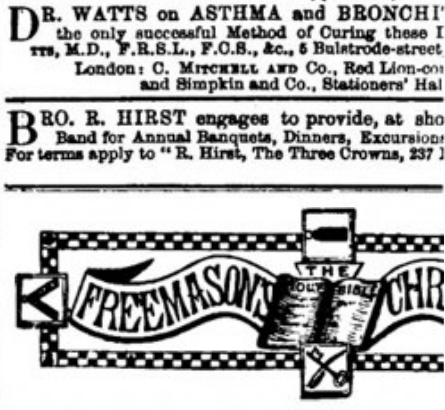
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THE members of the Royal Clarence Lodge be congratulated upon the distinguished H.R.H. the Duke of Albany to preside over them, having graciously signified his acceptance of the Master, and appointed Bro. Major-General Cec the Lodge, to act as his Deputy. The Royal C tively a new Lodge, being numbered 1823 on t Lodge of England; but it has upon its books m members of the Craft who have done good service Lodge, but also for the Province of Suffolk, and general. Amongst these we trust we shall not name Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, the highly este Grand Master of Suffolk, Bro. the Rev. J. Sedgwi England, Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives P. Prov Oxon, and many other prominent Masons. Th name from the Earl of Clarence, a title which derives from the Clare family, from which hou interesting town of Clare, obtains its name, and seen that there was a fitness in the choice which well as a graciousness in the acceptance of the His Royal Highness. The installation of Bro. M Ives as Deputy Master took place on the 8th inst. held at the Masonic Hall, Clare, and was Lodge was opened in ancient form, after which proceeded with. At its conclusion the retiring Henry Vincent, thanked the Officers and members which they had supported him during the past y Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to instal Br

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stallation was performed with marked and characteristic ability. Deputy Master having been duly installed and saluted, pro-ed in the name of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany to invest the ers, as follow :—Bros. J. E. Barnes S.W., Rev. B. B. Syer J.W., J. Sedgwick, D.D., P.G.Chap. Eng. Prov. G. Chap. Oxon. Chap., Vincent I.P.M. Secretary, Thomas Stokoe M.C., C. S. Good-S.D., W. L. Fenner J.D., A. Bos I.G., F. C. Wayman and Rev. Syer Stewards, D. F. Glazin Tyler. Bros. C. Goodchild and uckney were elected Auditors. The Deputy Master then said id been instructed to convey to the I.P.M. Bro. C. H. Vincent hanks of the Lodge for the manner in which he had presided it during the past year, and to present him with the Lodge , as some small recognition of the admirable way in which he had ucted the business during that period. Bro. C. H. Vincent I.P.M. ed the brethren very heartily for the presentation, which he red most gratefully. The Installing Master said he had been sted by Bro. Fisher, one of the original members of the old e formerly held at Clare, to present to the W.M., in trust for the e, two jewels which had come into his possession. They were e that belonged to a Clare Lodge of the olden days—one of them uld not make out at all, but from the appearance of it it would that their ancient brethren used to wear scarves or belts, or some-of that kind. The other jewel he was much more clear about. only fault he had to find with the investment of the Officers that as that one of the collars of the Deacons had no jewel attached to at omission could now happily be supplied. This old jewel was a sentation of Mercury, who it was well known used to assist the by carrying their messages for them; therefore the jewel could appropriately be attached to the collar of the Senior or Junior on. In the name of Bro. Fisher he presented the jewels to the . The Deputy W.M. proposed that the jewels be accepted, hat a resolution conveying the thanks of the Lodge to Brother r be drawn up and entered upon the minutes. Bro. the Rev. J. vick seconded the proposition, which was carried. A letter ead from the P.G.M., Lord Waveney, expressing his regret at ability to be present, and similar communications were received numerous Worshipful Masters in the province. The Deputy received hearty good wishes from the Grand Lodge of England, rovince of Suffolk, the Province of Oxon, Stour Valley, Perfect ship, Westminster and other Lodges, and, in acknowledging said he felt the proud position he then occupied was due not y merit of his own, but to the kindness of the members of the . He had taken upon himself, thinking it would be as agree-o the Lodge as it was to him, to suggest to His Royal Highness Worshipful Master that it would be a very acceptable and rable favour if His Royal Highness would present his portrait Lodge, and he was happy to tell them that he had promised to . He was in hopes he should have received it that evening, e had a letter in his hand to say that it would be sent as soon could be conveniently despatched. It was resolved that the s of the Lodge be presented to his Royal Highness, not only great favour he had done them in presenting his portrait, but or having graciously accepted the office of Worshipful Master Royal Clarence Lodge. The Deputy W.M. expressed the hat in the course of the summer his Royal Highness would be d to visit the Lodge, and in that event he was sure he would a hearty welcome, not only from the Royal Clarence, but he whole Province of Suffolk. The Lodge was then closed in t form, a hymn commencing—

Now the evening shadows closing,
Warn from toil to peaceful rest;
Mystic arts and rights reposing,
Sacred in each faithful breast.

sung with organ accompaniment. After Lodge the brethren ded from labour to refreshment, which was provided in the of a splendid banquet, admirably served by Mrs. Fish, the of the Half Moon hotel. The Deputy Master (Bro. Major-l Ives) presided, and was supported on the right by the Prov. Grand Master Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Bro. C. H. t I.P.M., and many other brethren. The Chairman then pro-he Queen and the Craft, which was drunk with the customary s. The Chairman next proposed the Grand Master of England the Prince of Wales, and subsequently that of the Most pful the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right pful Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest Grand Officers present and past. He coupled with the latter ie name of his dear friend Bro. Dr. Sedgwick P.G. Chaplain of d, and also that of his dearest and oldest friend he had in the Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn Deputy Prov. Grand Master of and P.G. Chaplain of England. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, onding, said, like their Worshipful Master and the Deputy Grand Master, he had been connected with the Pro Grand of England and other Officers of Grand Lodge for many years, could speak of their high qualities as Masons. No one could e interests of Masonry more deeply at heart than they had, he said this with a little diffidence in the presence of the Prov. Grand Master, than whom no better Freemason ever

He was delighted to welcome their Worshipful Master in Leopold's chair, and thanked him for the kind way in which coupled his name with the toast. The D.P.G.M. the Rev. artyn also responded. The Chairman proposed the Right pful Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, Bro. Lord Waveney. aveney was one of the best Prov. Grand Masters in England. a most conscientious worker, and in all matters relating to sonry in the county of Suffolk he took a deep personal in-In all his dealings he was most courteous and gentlemanlike, at all times willing to entertain any suggestions which ap-to him reasonable, and for the good of the Craft. He had al pleasure in proposing the toast on that occasion, because aveney was an honorary member of that Lodge. He had sorry he was that he could not be with them. The toast was honoured with enthusiasm. The Chairman next proposed the health of the D.P.G.M. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and in felicitous terms spoke of their early association at college, remarking that all the honours he had attained in connection with Freemasonry, from the time when he was led round as an Entered Apprentice, had been conferred upon him by his dear, good friend, Charles Martyn—he begged pardon, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, and the Installing Master. The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours. The D.P.G.M. Bro. C. J. Martyn in response said it had been an immense pleasure to him to be present that evening to instal his old friend General Ives to the chair of that Lodge. They had been associated for many years. They went up to Christ Church as freshmen in the same term—they were in rooms quite close together; they joined the Apollo Lodge within two months of one another—ever since that time the very closest friendship had existed between them, and he hoped it would continue to the end of the chapter. He was exceedingly pleased with the way in which he had presided over the Lodge, and was quite sure that in having General Ives as their Deputy Worshipful Master, they had the right man in the right place. It was not every man who could have done for the Lodge what their friend and brother had done. The great honour that had been conferred upon the Lodge that year was entirely due to the exertions of General Ives, who had placed the Lodge in a position of which no other Lodge in the Province could boast,—of having a Royal personage to preside over it. He need not ask the Lodge to render every help and assistance they could to General Ives during his Deputy Mastership, because he believed that in doing so they would feel they were doing their duty, and in discharging their Masonic duty they would have the great advantage of getting a closer personal acquaintance with him. He hoped frequently during the Mastership of General Ives to have the pleasure of attending the Lodge. He again thanked them for the very kind way in which they had received the mention of his name, and said wherever he went throughout the Province of Suffolk he always met with the very kind and hearty welcome which they had extended to him that evening. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Sedgwick proposed the Officers past and present of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and spoke of the gratification he experienced in meeting the Officers at the Prov. Grand Lodge Ipswich. Bro. J. F. Hills P.P.G.J.W., whose name was coupled with the toast, responded, and having referred in eulogistic terms to the Prov. Grand Master, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the other Officers, said it was a matter of congratulation that one of the Lodges in the Province had the honour of having a member of the Royal Family to preside over it. Bro. W. Wheeler P.P.G.R. also responded. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn said he felt it a great honour to be asked to propose the health of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. He had had the pleasure of knowing His Royal Highness for several years—he had met him many times, and on every occasion had received from him the greatest amount of kindness and courtesy. He considered it was a very distinguished honour for the Royal Clarence Lodge to be able to say that the Duke of Albany was their Worshipful Master, and, as he had tried to explain to them, it was entirely due to their Deputy W.M. Having expressed the hope that during the coming summer His Royal Highness would be able to visit the Lodge, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master said he was quite sure, if he did come, not only would the Royal Clarence Lodge give him the warmest welcome in their power, but the whole Province of Suffolk would try to show how much they appreciated his kindness in having consented to preside over one of their Lodges. They all knew what a lively interest His Royal Highness took in everything that was for the advancement and intellectual welfare of the people of England. He hoped it would please the Great Architect of the Universe to spare him for many years, and that he would never regret having accepted the post of Worshipful Master of the Royal Clarence Lodge. The toast was drunk with the greatest possible enthusiasm. The Chairman said it would be his pleasing duty to convey to His Royal Highness not only the substance of the remarks of the D.P.G.M., but also to tell him of the exceedingly cordial way in which they had received the mention of his name. Bro. C. H. Vincent I.P.M., proposed the health of the Deputy Worshipful Master, Major-General Cecil Ives, and having spoken of his long connection with Masonry, said the Royal Clarence Lodge was never Royal until now, but it was now Royal indeed. Their Worshipful Deputy Master had the good of the Lodge thoroughly at heart, and they all knew what he had done for the good of that Lodge in particular and Freemasonry in general. He gave them, with all honours, the health of the Deputy Worshipful Master, Major-General Cecil Ives. The Chairman in response said, he felt the kind words and the reception they had given him were quite unmerited, but he assured them that whenever he could do anything for the good of Freemasonry he should be most happy to do it. He acknowledged the great kindness he had received from every member of the Lodge, and trusted he should be able in some degree to merit it during the coming year. Bro. Charles Cooke P.M. proposed the Visitors, coupled with the names of Bro. Elwes, who had come all the way from Lowestoft in order to be with them, and Bro. Jennings of Sudbury. Bro. Elwes, in response, said he felt it a great honour that his name should have been coupled with the toast of the Visitors. He considered it his duty as Master of one of the Lodges in the Province, as soon as he heard that His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany had consented to become the W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge, to be present at the installation of General Ives, who represented His Royal Highness. He should always remember the kind reception he had met with, and if it should be proposed to hold the Prov. Grand Lodge at Clare, although he felt Lowestoft had a prior claim, he would willingly forego that, and do his utmost to secure the holding of the Lodge at Clare. Bro. Jennings also responded. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn proposed, in eulogistic terms, the health of Bro. C. H. Vincent I.P.M., and expressed the hope that the jewel with which he had been presented would remind him of

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the happy days he had spent in the Royal Clarence Lodge. Brother Vincent I.P.M., in response, thanked the Lodge most heartily for the kind manner in which they had acknowledged his humble services during the past year. He was one of the founders of the Lodge, and he felt in attaining the position he had, he was greatly indebted to the Stour Valley Lodge, who kindly initiated him in order that he might take part in the consecration of that Lodge. They would be very pleased indeed if it fell to their lot to entertain Prov. Grand Lodge, and their Worshipful Master the Duke of Albany, who would be sure to receive a right loyal reception. The health of the Officers of the Royal Clarence Lodge having been drunk, Bro. the Rev. B. B. Syer and Bro. Stokoe M.C. responded. The other toasts were hearty good wishes to the Stour Valley Lodge, and the Masonic Charities. The brethren separated at midnight, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

SPHINX LODGE, No. 1329.

ON Saturday, the 19th inst., the brethren of the above Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, for the purpose of considering sundry matters, and to hear read, and if expedient, alter and amend the Bye-Laws as at present constituted. Punctually at the time named the Lodge was opened in due form. There were present Bros. Middlemas, Reynolds, Brinton, Willarsden, Forbes, Hernaman, Reynolds, Wilson, Mansell, Sugden, Bryant, &c. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, a protracted discussion arose, the result being that Brother Brinton proposed and Brother Dr. Gross seconded the motion that the consideration of the Bye-Laws be referred to a committee consisting of the Officers and Past Masters of the Lodge, to report thereon previous to the next meeting. After this had for the time been so far settled, sums of money were voted in aid of the Masonic Charities, and to assist a distressed brother who had met with an accident at the installation meeting in the Hall, which had eventuated in the loss of a finger. At rather a late hour the Lodge closed in perfect harmony, and an adjournment was made to an adjoining room, in which Bro. Slawson, of 736 Old Kent Road, had in readiness a most excellent substantial repast, which was more than usually appreciated. On the removal of the cloth the toasts were given. These included the Queen and the Craft, the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers present and past; all of which were loyally pledged. The I.P.M. Bro. Mansell then proposed the health of the W.M., who responded in a forcible and eloquent speech, and concluded by proposing the Visitors, alluding more particularly to Brother Grummant who had just gone through his year of office with success. Bro. Grummant, acknowledged the compliment, and expressed the pleasure he had in being present. He knew that the Officers of the Sphinx Lodge were conversant with their duties, and therefore he should have liked to have seen more work done in the temple that evening. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, and most feelingly alluded to the fact that his only son, who had been out of health for a considerable time, acting under medical advice, was at that moment in New Zealand. When the fact of his intended and enforced voyage was bruited abroad, several brethren consulted him in reference thereto, among whom was their respected P.M. Sugden, who has friends residing in that Colony. He (the W.M.) knew no one there, and therefore was delighted to learn that on the landing of his son he would be received by friends. This was a fact, inasmuch as his son found himself among those who treated him as a relative in every respect. He read a letter received that day from New Zealand, which expressed the unreserved kindness his son had received on all sides from brethren. This, added the W.M., was one of the outcomes of Freemasonry, and had made an impression on his mind which would remain indelibly written for all time. After alluding to other matters, the toast was pledged, and P.M.'s Mansell, Sydney, and Bryant responded. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Officers of the Lodge, whom he eulogised in warm terms for the manner in which they discharged their respective duties. Bros. Reynolds, Forbes, and Wilson responded. At intervals several of the brethren gave some excellent songs and recitations. Altogether a most agreeable evening was spent. The proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast, at a late hour.

UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 1428.

THE annual installation meeting of the second oldest Lodge in this borough was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, on 16th inst., when there was present a large gathering of the members of the Craft. The outgoing W.M. (Councillor H. Croucher), in an admirable manner, installed his successor, Mr. John Buck, and was greeted with hearty applause by the members on the completion of his term of office. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested the following members as his Officers:—Bros. Henry Croucher I.P.M., F. Sanders S.W., W. Gunnell J.W., J. T. Craven Treasurer, C. W. Rand Secretary, J. S. Dyer M.C., Wm. Bentell S.D., A. W. Hewett J.D., J. H. Bracey I.G., Thomas J. Faber Organist, W. E. Leamy and J. Hewitson Stewards. The brethren then adjourned to a récherché banquet in the spacious banqueting hall of the premises, when the customary toasts were given, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Amongst interesting events that have been celebrated during the week are the installation meetings of the Industry, No. 186; the Prudent Brethren, No. 145; the Gladsmuir, No. 1385. We will give reports next week.

Prosperity Lodge of Instructio

Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenh last. Bro. Sainte W.M., Walker J.W. an Rich S.D., Valentine J.D., Bourne I.G., Mos Roberts, Daniel, Goodman, Marshall, Gree minutes of previous meeting having been re ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. G Moss worked the first and second sections, as Bros. Greenhut 27, Goodman late 211, Hag members. Bro. Haynes was appointed W.M.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, 1

weekly meeting was held at the Brown Bear, on Thursday. Bros. G. Bolton W.M., J. B Greener J.W., J. J. Hutchings Preceptor, S. H tary, Penrose S.D., Catt J.D., Ingram I.G., and After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiati Penrose candidate. Lodge was then advanced and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, wit Lodge was closed to the first degree, and afte closed in due form.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruct

Friday, 18th inst., at the Star and Garter Hot sent—Bros. Gunner W.M., F. Botley S.W., Treasurer, Cammell S.D., C. Botley J.D., Snee Wing, Turner, Strong and Sperring. The w hearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. T that of raising, Bro. Sperring candidate. Bro. a member. Bro. F. Botley was appointed W 25th January.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, N

day, 22nd inst., at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall sent—Bros. Smyth W.M., Robinson S.W., Je S.D., Baker J.D., Clark I.G., Carr Secretary, Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, Macklin, Watki son, East, Caperce, Dignam, Banister, Polak, naries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearse didate. Bros. Caperce and East answered the the second degree and retired from the Lodge. in the second and third degrees, and resumed Wardell, in the absence of the Preceptor, rehea installation, installing Bro. Murphy into the cha wards invested his Officers. Bro. Wardell the in a most perfect manner. Bro. Robinson wa Master for the ensuing week.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, N

Austin's, Victoria Hotel, 25 Charterhouse-street, Bros. Jefferys W.M., Bundy S.W., Cross J.W., W J.D., Bean I.G., Frost Preceptor, Field M.C., Ba several other brethren. After all formalities, the tion was rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the se candidate as W.M. elect was presented and duly was opened in the third degree, and the installa rehearsed. The W.M. invested his officers in u the addresses were well delivered by the Install vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes for t which Bro. Jefferys had performed the ceremony.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No

day last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbu Bros. Clark W.M., Rhodes S.W., Brock J.W., Coll Dixie S.D., Western J.D., Trendwell I.G., &c. Th the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing, Simons Turner, Simons, and Younghusband answered the to the third degree. Lodge was called off and on, second degree. Bro. Rhodes S.W. was unanimou for Monday, 4th February. Bro. Garrud, No. 16 member. On Monday next, 28th January, Bro. Hu Lodge, No. 1348, will rehearse the ceremony of in assemblage of the brethren is invited on that c Brother Hurdell.

Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction, 1

at Bro. Walter Smith's, George Inn, Lewish 22nd instant. Bros. Walter Smith W.M., Cha Hughes J.W., Williams S.D., Robson J.D., Atkins and Preceptor, Batty Secretary, and other breth opened, and the minutes of previous meeting rea Later on, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour whom the ceremony of raising was ably rehea closed the Lodge in the third and second degrees. thanks was accorded to the following brethren fo presents made to the Lodge:—Bros. Wadswort Boards; Bonner 1601, Warden's Columns; Ore and Rough and Perfect Ashlar; Smith 902, G Officers' Collars; Lucroft 871, Pedestals; Wright 1 S.W. 1601, Officers' Jewels; West 548, Sounding 1790, Ancient Dirk; Tuck 834, Plated Square an V.S.L.; Batty 902, V.S.L.; Broadbridge 1790, 24 Compasses. The above articles are of superior quali ship, nearly all having been made specially for t labours of the evening having been ended, Lodge w form.

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

ARCHIITECTURAL.

HE mentally cultured Freemason, of any degree, whether or not in religious faith or opinion a Chris-, finds food for thought in the contemplation of Temple Church structure. The analogies that symbolically or draw parallel with material and spiritual, or cha-ɔr building, are so plain, if apprehended, so significant instructive, that one of the undisguised, although ded, purposes of the noble Order and Brotherhood, is to ɔld a banner of progress on which, if lettered or not, be read, *The Master Builder Works for Eternity.*

'esumably, the Mason, who, on occasion, wears a orial plume of a modern knight, feels a peculiar, bly a poetic, interest in architecture as an art of arts, h, almost equally with printing, is a "preservative of

general terms, architecture is superstructure of what-form or "style." It must rest on a foundation or base, ber upon rocks of the Cyclades as nature laid them, on ɔressed sands of Tadmor, or on artificial and mechani-ıasonry, deep and firm. It may have been sculptured e marble of Paros, with its exquisite waxy granulation, ɜt imperishable in texture, or of classic Pentelic, ɔr and firmer still; it may be modernly constructed of ıra, or of American Berkshire stone; it may be granite, rishable sandstone.

finitively the design and the result of material con-tion, architecture is also, in completion, a triumph of ght and strength. One of the necessary phases and ssions of civilisation, it also is the one art that, both ɔtail and perfection symbolizes the templed universe ll its features. The humblest human builder symbol-he Almighty Architect and Worker.

e monosyllable arc, with or without the third conso-*arc* or *arch*, suggest many images. The archons, of e, were chief magistrates; the high priest of the Per-fire worshippers was an archmagus; historic records tions and the repositories for them are archives; ry is the use of the bow and arrow; a chimney ıtel piece" is, as well as that section of an entabla-hat rests on the columns, an architrave.

ɔ pensive imagination may invest the rudest arch of with eloquent grace. In Grecian fable, the Cyclopean of unhewn and uncemented stones was religiously ɜed.

ɔ derivation of *arch* seems long to have been accepted nifying beginning, or chief. Its use to designate ıg, as in Italian phrase, is a singular contradistinc-

in, the use of the prefix in *architecture* appears to be ıry although dignified. The foundation of an edifice *nning* and *chief*, literally, if not visually. Herein we reason by an inversion of ideas, or a metaphysical lity which concludes that an architectural accomplish-ɔf a design, a superstructure upon a foundation, is an of the beginning, the *chief* above the base.

rew and Christian have believed that church and architecture was primitively of divine origin and ion. To the chosen people the Temple was built by h. No cabalist of the Jews would have dared other ation of its mystery.

earnest and scholarly critic has said: "Gothic ctnre is emphatically Christian Architecture, either historic or a symbolic point of view." Acceding statement, the student may recognise positive dis-ns or differences between temple and church build-their earliest and not heathen expression.

beauty and the awful grandeur of divine thought aching manifested in the Temple of Solomon and is, after intervening ages, more inconceivable to the ation than was the typical scope of its truth to the and trusting Levite priests, the wise king and the architect. Pagans, in time, attempted to copy its ıd proportions—its spirit they knew not. Even the built at Samaria, a supposed imitiation of Solomon's , was heathen and Christian, to use the most term for the one true religion.

" heaven-descended temple," as Templar Knights was God's perpetuation of types expressive of truths, thus given in substantial form to man. It ɔ a prefiguration and an educator.

alm, colossal repose of the Athenian Parthenon has rhaps, as incomprehensible to multitudes of would-was a thought and right centre of its own proud nationality in the early scale of civilisation. Although now, to the Christian mind, the origin and significance of one structure seems to have been more mystical than the other, both were mighty expressions of immortal life.

The peripteral masses of the Parthenon, ante-dating Masonic history, made a *square* chamber in architecture for ever magnificent—super-grand. Those Doric columns have inspired artists and poets of all ages since the Grecian "Golden," when statues of mythological deities and heroes were enshrined in hollow trees, or under canopies of verdure, when trees were God's first temples on earth.

The Majesty of Solomon's Temple has been called overwhelming by art scholars. "It exerted that power of subduing and winning, which all true beauty," and all beautiful truth exert, whether the force and the influence be by the individual recognised or not.

A competent judge has declared that only the purely Doric *style*, which admitted inner Ionic columns, ought to be called Grecian Architecture—the Order of Greece. "The real Greek never thought of building a large temple in other than the Doric." A single instance is mentioned of a Grecian consecrated (heathen) edifice wherein windows were constructed; namely the triple temple on the Acropolis, "in itself a piece of sacred symbolism," built with three windows.

Egyptian scholars have found the Doric prototype in an earlier civilisation than the Hellenic; and the Ionic seems to have originated in the Assyrian. The Corinthian, later, chiefly resulting from the two first named, is poetically styled "the dream of Calimachus." The pathetic picture from which a sculptor of this name invented the acanthus-twined capital is well known.

Only one temple with exterior Ionic columns is mentioned as having been erected by the real Greeks. This exception is peculiarly interesting to intelligent Masons. It stood on the island of Teos, consecrated to heathen religious rites. "Though very beautiful, it was not large."

At some period, unknown to the writer, this edifice was employed by Freemasons for Lodge purposes. "Its style and porches were similar to the triple-temple at Athens, with variety of detail."

"The porticoes of the Literary Halls of the College of New Jersey represent the two ends of that architectural gem of Teos, so far as it could be shown under the circumstances."

An anonymous writer, evidently not a Mason, said, twenty years ago: "If the society (Order) of Freemasons should desire a place of common gathering to hold their great conclaves, a peripteral like Diana of the Ephesians might not be much out of place, but even that would excite the pity of a real, cultivated Greek."

It appears that this pleasantry alludes to the supposed inconsistency of classing that "world's wonder," the Temple of Diana at Ephesus, in the Ionic Order of Architecture.—*Masonic Review.*

Bro. Charles Greenwood jun., Past Prov. G. Registrar Surrey, was, on the 18th inst., elected, by a large majority, Vestry Clerk of the parish of St. Saviour's, Southwark. Some nine months since our esteemed Bro. was elected Vestry Clerk of the adjoining parish of Christ Church, and it may be remarked here that these are the only parishes where the office of Vestry Clerk is kept up in the Borough of Southwark. We congratulate Bro. Greenwood on his appointment.

The Province of Surrey is much to be congratulated on the celebration which occurred at Reigate last Saturday. Perhaps such incidents have never before concurred as the fiftieth anniversary of a Lodge and the fiftieth year of the initiation in the same Lodge of its Worshipful Master. But such was the case last Saturday; the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall Past Grand Chaplain and Master of the Surrey Lodge, No. 416, enters on the fifty-first year of Masonry next June. The late Lord Monson initiated him, and the brethren elected him in 1875, and again last year, as their Master. There was a grand gathering at the festival of Saturday, and the work of the Lodge was spendidly done. Brother Lees, the Secretary, initiated his nephew, and Brother Lloyd, the Immediate Past Master, delivered the "antient charge" and the lecture of the tracing board in exceptionable style. The Master presented the Lodge with a silver loving cup; Brother Thompson gave eight chairs to match the Master's and Wardens' chairs given by the late Lord Monson; and Brother Lees, the Secretary, presented a history of the Lodge. A more delightful meeting could not have been held, and all the brethren thoroughly appreciated the efforts of the Past Masters and Officers whose exertions had made it a great success.—*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, 26th JANUARY.

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)
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-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1268—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1962—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MONDAY, 28th JANUARY.

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, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
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).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1480—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1609—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 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. 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)
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1237—Enfield, Court House, Enfield
M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
990—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—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. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 29th JANUARY.

Audit Committee Girls' School, 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, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St James's Park Station, 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)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Prowall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1041—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst).
1321—Emblematic, Rose, Jermyn Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Live..pool 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, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., 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
1936—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley

WEDNESDAY, 30th JANUARY.

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)
198—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-s
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crownd
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Stree
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (In
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-ro
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-ro
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fle
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, P
902—Burgoyne, 25 Charterhouse Street, E.C., at
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechap
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old K
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-st
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer S
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walth
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-te
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Hollo
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Reg
R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leade
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street,
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
851—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
996—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfol
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, ne
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, De
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways,
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-stree
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard,
R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street,
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birminghа
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Ro
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THURSDAY, 31st JAN

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Ha
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzro
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall,
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street,
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-str
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Ho
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenha
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminste
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (I
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoredi
1839—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.3
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue,
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-str
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Par
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Cam
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate,
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, Ma
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.3
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St.
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. I
at 8. (Instruction)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, D
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instru
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.
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
R.A. 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heyw
R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manc
K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochd

FRIDAY, 1st FEBRUAI

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, a
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwel
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Stree
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St.,
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Inst
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (I
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Ca
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Inst
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum,
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (I
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckin
S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instru
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Ta
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Gre
R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C.
M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manche
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
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Inst
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Hudder
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbur
607—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
702—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
817—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
1006—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal

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-Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
-Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
-Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
-Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
-Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
-Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
-Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
-Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
al Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
-General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. Jonh's Place, Halifax
170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
71—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
38—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
-Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

al Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
73—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
7—Stuuholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
Nova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
31—Yarborough, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MARK MASONRY.

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PORCHESTER LODGE, No. 27.

the quarterly meeting of the members of this Lodge of Mark Master Masons, held at the Temperance Hall, Newbury, on afternoon, the 18th inst., Bro. Edmund S. Mackrill, of the at Lodge, Warminster, was advanced to the Mark degree, the ony being performed by Bro. John Bance P.M. The Senior n of the Lodge (Bro. Geo. J. Cosburn) was then installed as ipful Master for the ensuing twelvemonths by the V.W. the y Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Charles Stephens, of Reading, Sheriff of Berks for 1884), after which the W.M. appointed and ed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. F. H. Lyon, M.D., I.P.M., S.W., Plenty J.W., Stephen Knight M.O., Montagu Palmer S.O., Boyer J.O., Head Treasurer, Marychurch Secretary, Walter n Registrar of Marks, E. S. Mackrill Organist, W. T. Toms S. G. Hunt J.D., Bance M.C., Hamlen I.G., Dodd Tyler. The of the brethren were presented to the Deputy Provincial Master for having visited the Lodge and installed the W.M., so to Bros. E. Margrett and S. Bradley, of Reading, for the nce they had rendered in carrying out the ceremonies. The pful Master read letters he had received from a number of uished Mark Masons, expressing their regret that previous ments prevented their attendance, and wishing the Worshipful and the Lodge a happy and prosperous year of office, the included the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon and the Rev. Portal Past Grand Masters, the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey cial Grand Master, Bros. Donald M. Dewar Assistant Grand ry, T. J. Pulley Provincial Grand Secretary, the Worshipful of other Mark Lodges in the Province, and other brethren. dge business, which occupied upwards of two hours, having ated, the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel and par- a banquet served in a most satisfactory style by Bro. Hamlen. bles were adorned with a profuse display of the choicest and the room had been tastefully decorated with evergreens, and Masonic emblems by Mr. S. Knight jun., of Cheap-street. were present in addition to the brethren named, Bro. F. G. ho has been a member of the Porchester Lodge since the date nsecration in 1858, and whose health was drank in connection e toast of the Founders of the Lodge), Bro. G. M. Knight c. The toasts of the Grand Officers and also the Provincial Officers past and present were duly proposed by the W.M. and ed, and the health of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master was drank ach enthusiasm, Bro. Stephens being warmly thanked for his e services as Installing Master. Bro. Stephens assured the n that it had afforded him great pleasure to re-visit the Por- Lodge and instal as W.M. Bro. Cosburn, whom he had known ny years. He felt quite satisfied from his knowledge of sburn that whatever duty he undertook he would endeavour rm to the best of his ability, and that under his presidency chester Lodge would enjoy a pleasant and prosperous year. lth of the I.P.M. (Bro. Lyon) and the W.M. (Bro. Cosburn) spectively proposed in complimentary terms, and suitably edged. Bro. Margrett Past Grand Deacon of England ably d the Mark Benevolent Fund, to which Bro. Bance P.M. To the roast of the Visitors, Bro. Bradley W.M. Leopold esponded. The health of the newly-advanced candidate ackrill) was cordially drank; as was also that of the War- n Officers of the Lodge, who severally returned thanks. Some songs were well rendered, and the company separated shortly leven o'clock, having spent a most pleasant evening.

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eral Lord Wolseley has been offered, and has d, the Senior Wardenship of the Wolseley Lodge chester, which was consecrated on 28th March last Lord Wolseley will visit the city during the spring, nvested.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., on the 19th inst. Bros. A. Ferrar W.M., Ashton S.W., Sheppard J.W., G. Ferrar S.D., Parkes J.D., Turner I.G., Pearoy Preceptor, Galer Secretary; also Bros. Fenner, Woolveridge, Payne, Weeden, Dixie, Recknell, Williams, Cross and Powell. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cross offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Dixie, as candidate, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Dixie worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ashton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Sheppard, of the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, was elected a member. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Saturday, 26th inst., at 8 o'clock, when the Lodge will close at 9.15, and the Masonic Association in connection will hold its third monthly meeting. Any brother wishing to join is invited to attend, or to communicate with the Secretary, Bro. R. Galer, 12 Green Lanes, N.

Euphrates Lodge of Instruction, No. 212.—Held at the Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, Monday, 21st inst. Bros. Trick W.M., Underwood S.W., Wilson J.W., Recknell S.D., Chamberlaine J.D., Besley I.G., Galer Preceptor; also Bros. Gregory P.M., May P.M., Wood, O'Donnell, Boyden and Finch. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was very efficiently rehearsed, Bro. Bowden candidate. Lodge resumed to the first degree, and was called off and on. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, Bro. O'Donnell candidate. Bro. Gregory P.M. of St. Martin's Le Grand Lodge 1538 and Bro. Besley of the Emulation Lodge 1505 were elected members. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Monday, the 18th inst. at 8 p.m.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—A meeting of this Lodge of Instruction will be held in Bro. Myers's Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel-road, on Monday evening, the 28th of January, at seven p.m. punctually, on which occasion the Fifteen Sections will be worked by the following brethren:—Bros. W. Musto P.M. 1349 W.M., B. Cundick P.M. 1421 S.W., W. McDonald W.M. 1445 J.W., W. H. Myers P.M. 1445 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Seymour-Clarke, Kimbell, Hirst, C. Robson, West, Pavitt, McDonald. Second Lecture—Dale, B. Cundick, Musto jun., Richardson, Myers. Third Lecture—Bros. Hopkins, Job, Stephens. Those brethren who are opposed to Lodges being held at publichouses, should avail themselves of this opportunity. Bro. Myers deserves, and doubtless will receive, the thanks of the brethren for the opportunity he affords the brethren of attaining proficiency in Masonic knowledge.

Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, No. 1922.—At the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road. The above Lodge, which was started last winter by several members of the mother Lodge, re-opened their session on Wednesday, the 16th inst., when the W.M., Bro. J. S. Eidmans, was supported by Bros. J. D. Johnson I.P.M., Smith S.W., Thompson J.W., R. J. Paton Secretary, E. H. Norden S.D., C. Sims I.G.; also Bros. Johnson P.M., Forster P.M., Gardner, Treacher and Temple. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Johnson worked the second and third sections of the lecture. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Temple acting as candidate. Seven brethren were proposed as members of the Lodge, and elected. The brethren returned thanks. Lodge was then closed.

The following Festivals were held at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 26th January:—

21st January—Rose Lodge Ball, Grand Master's Lodge, Royal Albert Lodge, Caledonian Society (Stewards), Mount Moriah Lodge Audit, Furniture Brokers; 22nd—Royal Savoy Lodge, Tuscan Lodge, Lodge of Industry, Lodge of Prudent Brethren, Urban Lodge Audit; 23rd—Lodge of Antiquity; 24th—London Ross-shire Ball, St. George's Chapter, Grenadiers' Lodge, Mount Moriah Lodge, Polish Chapter; 25th—Caledonian Society Festival, Jerusalem Lodge, Peace and Harmony Lodge; 26—Stella Cricket Club Ball; London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Employés.

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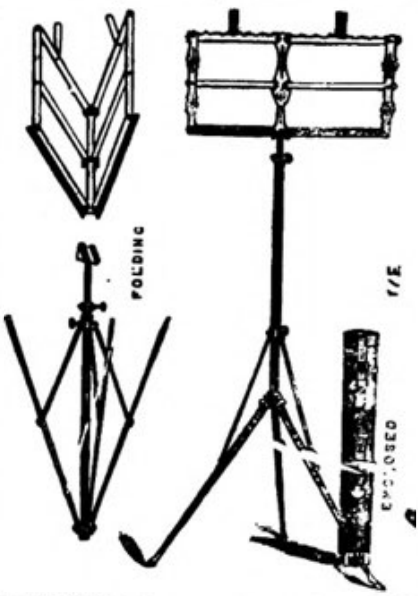
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NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

WE have received copy of the Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Assembly of the National Great Priory of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, Ottawa, on the 9th July last. There was a strong muster of Sir Knights present, and the throne was occupied by the Great Prior Sir Knight Col. W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, whose allocution appears to have been most eloquent, as well as full of much interesting matter on the connection between Templarism and Masonry. In the earlier portion of this address great sorrow is expressed at the death of Frater W. B. Simpson, Sir Knight Cross, Past Great Sub-Prior of Canada, and representative of the Great Priory of England near that of Canada. Frater Moore next referred to the failure of the attempt to bring about the amalgamation of the Scottish Right Templar Encampment in New Brunswick with the Great Priory of Canada. The negotiations had been conducted by the Provincial Prior of St. Johns, N.B., in every possible concession that could be thought of had been made with a view to securing so desirable a consummation, but, to the regret of the Great Prior, the attempt has failed. The Scottish Fratres did not consider themselves justified in throwing off their allegiance to the Master General of Scotland, from which they had derived their Charter in 1857, or long before the foundation of the Great Priory. They had never had any cause to be dissatisfied with the authority to which they owed their existence, and declined to accept the proposed amalgamation unless so directed by the Chapter General of Scotland. Under these circumstances it would be for the Great Priory to determine what further course should be pursued, but, for himself, Sir Knight Moore, was averse from adopting any coercive measures, more especially as circumstances might hereafter occur to induce the Scottish Knights Templar to alter their decision.

Knight Moore then proceeded to explain the statements contained in his address of the previous year, to the effect that the "Ancient Builders" or "Masons," who devoted their exclusive attention to the erection of sacred edifices, and the confraternities of "Military Monks," such as the "Hospitallers of St. John" and the "Templars," had the same origin, namely, in the "Benedictine" order of Monks. He pointed out that the Divine Mysteries on which the Benedictines based their religious doctrines were entirely distinct from everything else that has at the present day the name of Masonry. They are the root out of which has sprung much of what is seen, but the meaning of which is perverted and lost." To understand the Templar system, as connected with Masonry, in the British Dominions, it must be looked at from quite another standpoint than that of "Free and *Accepted* Masonry" of the present day, the real or true meaning of "Spiritual" or "Operative" Masonry being widely different from what is popularly intended by such term. According to a correct interpretation placed upon the word "Mason," the Freemason must be regarded as "an aspirant after immortality and a devout worshipper of the Triune God," unlike the Masonry of to-day, called since the revival and revision of 1717 'Free and Accepted,' is a totally distinct matter, with which the simple and beautiful religious early symbol teaching has nothing to do." During the dark ages the Benedictine Order of Monks were the repository of every branch of science and education, and "to them we are indebted for the preservation of the Sacred Mysteries which existed and flourished centuries before the Christian era, and whose symbols and ceremonies taught the doctrines of time, death, immortality, and redemption, containing the knowledge of the undivided personality of the Holy Trinity, the manifestation of the redeemer God Man, the Atonement, the Resurrection of the Body, and man's responsibility."

The Benedictines, and later still the Cistercians, exclusively employed themselves in architecture, "many extensive buildings being erected by the monks, assisted by the lay brothers and servants." The plans for the churches, convents, and monasteries were designed by the abbots, and in time the lay brothers, who dwelt within the circle of these associations, and assisted the monks in their building operations, formed similar associations among themselves, from which sprang the independent order of German Stone Masons of the twelfth and fourteenth centuries. When the Christian Reformation set in, the taste for Church building began to pass away, and the Ecclesiastical orders to abandon their zeal for architecture. The architects or builders who had been trained by the Benedictines began to withdraw from the Monastic communities, their technology became obsolete, and their whole attention was turned to architecture. Then after the Reformation the Stone Masons "degenerated to the level of ordinary Craftsmen." Their ceremonial forms and usages gradually lost their peculiar significance, and "in many places the builders abandoned their Lodges and affiliated with the 'Guilds' of ordinary Masons." But some of their ancient ceremonies were preserved, and consequently when the present Masonic system was established, "their customs and usages were still in existence, and only required a new and different explanation."

Until this period, Masonry had been purely Christian, and essentially Trinitarian, but though many who were in partial possession of the old doctrines, taught them in contradistinction from the new ones, and so caused some disturbance for a time, the latter, that is, the system of "Hiram," or "Free and Accepted Masonry" prevailed.

As to the Knights Templar, "which was another branch from the Benedictines," they were "in possession of the mysteries as far as each was entitled to receive them," and they "undoubtedly had another ritual of reception, or initiation into the usages and customs of chivalry, which was an outside matter, although in some measure retaining its symbolic teaching, based upon what they had received, but not the same as the mysteries." The basis of this Order was "kept always most sacred, and only imparted to a select few in their secret conclaves. The secret ritual of these doctrines, I have *every reason* to believe, is still in existence, sacredly preserved and most securely kept." However, the Templars and Builders have their origin "from a common source, carrying with them the *same* doctrines. The former were suppressed as an Order five centuries since, but some of the members united

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with that of St. John of Jerusalem, so that "their secret doctrines were preserved and introduced into various countries of Europe."

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After showing how different is the Templar system as pursued in the United States, Sir Knight Moore goes on to deprecate any radical change in the present organisation. The American Templars may regard the Canadian as inferior in respect to their nationality, and because the latter form only a branch of the Cosmopolitan Order which boasts of the Prince of Wales as its Grand Master; but this is the very point on which they, as Canadian Templars, should pride themselves, and any separation on their part from the Order would degrade them into "a mere adjunct to the Craft," so that they would become a kind of "Police" guard for public display and demonstrations of Craft Masonry. Convent General "may have proved a mistake, a mere illusion, and Great Priory should no doubt be self-contained, but it is in reality independent, and it would be uncourteous to think of severing our connection with the Grand Master to whom we have sworn fealty, and who moreover belongs to Canada as well as to England and Ireland."

Other matters are also touched upon, of which the following, relating to the sacredness of the ballot, and being universally applicable, is worth quoting: "It is with pain I feel called upon to notice reports and complaints made to me during the past year of practices utterly at variance with all the principles of honour and teachings of Masonry, which I did not think it possible could exist. I refer to personal disputes and ill-feeling prevailing in some Preceptories, which has led to the underhand and most dishonourable action of taking advantage of the 'Secret Ballot' to blackball all candidates brought forward, not from any fault as to their character or merits, but from personal dislike and spite towards the rules of the Preceptory, or the individual member who proposed the candidate. Such acts are most base and unmanly, and if substantiated that individuals have boasted that they did so, or intended to do so, should subject the offenders to be ignominiously expelled and not tolerated in any society." We agree with every word of this strong condemnation of so base a practice.

The further proceedings are principally of local interest, but the question of absolute and complete independence of Convent General having been referred to a Special Committee, that body, of which Sir Knight J. H. Graham was Chairman, reported in favour of the proposition, and the Great Prior, though retaining his own personal views on the question, consented, in deference to the wishes of the general body, to take the necessary steps to bring about the Separation from the Templar system as presided over by the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. Sir Knight Graham is entitled to his own opinions, and to exercise in support of them such influence as he may happen to possess, but, in our view, Colonel Moore is a far better and more prudent counsellor, and it is to be regretted that Sir Knight Graham did not time his arrival on the scene so as to have been too late, as owing to his absence, and that of

part of the proceedings, no report wa
been resolved that the question shou
annual assembly. But Sir Graham
and, as might have been foreseen, t
was taken up and settled. But no o
been anticipated when it is rememb
same brother who, as Grand Master
contemplation to anathematise all
His Royal Highness downwards, be
in Montreal will not place themselves
the Grand Lodge of Quebec; and wh
tinguished himself by addressing a
letter to the Grand Master of the M
England, and having it printed, and
before it could possibly have reached
it was addressed. We say again,
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was not preferred to that of Frater Gr

MASONRY AND CHRIS

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THE secret, quiet, and yet potent infl
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mental principles of Freemasonry are
helpful, but the simple fact that the Fra
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seem to forget that for several centuries
was a secret society—more purely so th
now, in that all of its principles were se
ings were all held in secret, and at ni
but Christians were permitted to be pre
Lodge is more jealously tyled now than
blage was then. More than this: The sec
were communicated only to initiates, a
were first *made* Christians, then *advance*
and finally *raised* to a knowledge of a
Christianity. There were three degree
Its religious system was known as
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and an esoteric doctrine. The three cla
the three degrees of the Primitive Churc
chumens, the Competentes, and the Illu
In the first degree of Christianity the ca
tized—Baptism introduced the believer
Mystery. The secret doctrines taught
degrees were those of the Trinity in unity
of the Logos, or Son of God, the Crucif
rection and the secret of the Liturgy.
the candidate, while a participation in th
or Eucharist, marked the *raising* of the
highest degree of Christian light and doct
will observe the remarkable analogy be
character of primitive Christianity, and
degrees, and Freemasonry. But this a
even further. The meetings of the early
held exclusively at night. Indeed, the
Founder of Christianity took place at
Supper was instituted at night, and t
occurred at night. In the time of Justi
170) Christianity was positively a secret so
years later it became, if possible, still mo
time of Pope Innocent I. (A.D. 402-417)
consulted the Pope upon the subject of t
Rites, when he was told, "That instead o
planations in writing about the *secret things*
contented himself with observing what to
celebration of the Mysteries, at which he ha
assisted." And, after giving some sage adv
cent I. concluded: "As to the other things
are *not permitted to write*, you will ask us w
here, and we will be able to answer. A wri
cation would *betray the secret*" (Migne's Pat
p 51).

Twenty-eight times in the New Testam

eak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden sdom" (1 Corinthians, ii. 7). Again, "Behold, I show u a mystery" (1 Corinthians, xv. 51) "the fellowship of e mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath en hid in God" (Ephesians iii. 9). The Rev. Dr. Lundy ls us: "The grand secret was that of the mysterious inity, whispered in the ear, like the mystic and awful m of the Hindus, indicative of their Triune god." roughout, candidates were instructed both orally and symbol. All through the writings of the Fathers of Church may be found references to this Christian stery, especially in St. Irenæus, Clement of Alexandria, Basil the Great, and St. Cyril of Jerusalem. The last med says:—"The fulness of the glory belongs to those o are already illuminated; the blindness is that of unievers. These mysteries the Church communitates to n who is going out of the class of catechumens. Nor is ustomary to reveal them to the heathen, for we do not to any heathen the secret mysteries concerning the ther, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Neither do we nly and plainly speak of them among the catechumens, only in a covert and secret manner, so that the faithwho know them may not be injured."

n the Catacombs of Rome, which furnished the secret ce of meeting of the primitive Christians, are many criptions, but none that, if discovered, as they afterds were, could betray any of the secrets of Christianity. initiates were strictly forbidden to paint, cut or carve reference to its mysteries. The secrets of initiation, he Liturgy, and the doctrines of the Trinity and the charist, cannot be found traced among the multitudinous wings on those walls. As the French writer Migne s: "The rule of the Secret Discipline applied as well he monuments as to the catechumens, i.e., the law of dence and reserve, not to divulge the secrets of istianity. Epitaphs, sculptures, and paintings had to qually reserved as to these mysteries as oral teaching, ance the rule was established when the Christian mblies took refuge in the Catacombs." This reads Freemasonry, but it is only Christianity.

Such was early Christianity. It affords a most striking allel to Freemasonry. Have Roman Catholics and atical Protestants forgotten this, or did they never w it? Freemasonry to-day is far less a secret society Christianity was for three or four centuries. Our prines are avowed. Our faith is avowed. Our places of ting are avowed. Our Masonic Temples are landmarks. y should Masonry have any enemies?—*Keystone.*

THE AGE OF MASONRY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

HE following are interesting and historical facts embraced in the address of R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, G. Sec. of the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of , delivered at the celebration of the 150th Anniversary t. John's Lodge in Boston, Mass., 1st October 1883.

Most Worshipful Grand Master,—The present meeting is held for purpose of celebrating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary organization of the first Masonic Lodge in Boston, which was first regularly warranted Lodge established on the continent of America, so far as any authentic and reliable evidence now rs. The occasion was regarded even at the time as of great st and importance, inasmuch as it was participated in by many emen of distinction in civil and military life in the province of achusetts Bay, then the most prosperous of the colonies. The l Lodge records that about that time Masonry excited a great of speculation, but the significance of the event might be appre- with distinctness and force when was considered the ious growth of Masonry in this country from that small ning to the great power for good which it has exerted during st century and a half, and which bids fair to extend into still and more widening circles.

e origin of Masonry was lost in the obscurity of antiquity, the er said, and we have now to do only with the period which has ed since the Revival in England in 1717. It was then the custom brethren to gather in chance meetings, and these meetings were r held in taverns, for their sociability and the cultivation of good ship. The first record of the Masonic meeting in America was date of Wednesday, 27th December 1733, and the speaker read l of the subsequent Lodge records in the quaint old language of ate-revolutionary period. It has been said that a new Masonic ization was arranged in Boston in 1720, three years after the h Revival in 1717, but the most authentic information was that ng the organization on 17th July 1733, when ten members ed on the corner of State and Kilby streets, on the spot where tands the New England Band. After an earnest petition to the Grand Lodge in London the brethren in Boston, eighteen in number, were given authority to form a regular Lodge with Brother Henry Price as Grand Master. The meetings were held later in the Royal Exchange, which was situated on the spot on State Street now covered by the Merchants' Bank. The speaker passed on to consider in a most interesting manner the history of the Lodges in Boston prior to and during the revolutionary period. The flight from Boston of Grand Secretary Thomas Brown, of St. John's Lodge, to Halifax, with other Tories, was related with many odd incidents by the speaker, and he read the report of the meeting of the Grand Lodge held 17th February 1787, to make arrangements for the funeral of Grand Master Rowe, and the speaker said that it was probable that after a lapse of eleven or twelve years the precious property carried off to Halifax by Grand Secretary Brown was restored to its rightful owners. There was no record in existence showing that any meeting of St. John's Lodge had been held between January 1775 and the year 1787. The complete records from the year 1783 to the present time were fully preserved, and they show that at the Lodge meetings the hat was generally passed round and usually came back quite full. In 1783 it was voted to limit the number of members in a Lodge to forty, and members paid three shillings on each visit, except the first. At a meeting in 1795, Josiah Quincy, afterwards Mayor of Boston, was made a Mason, and, the speaker added, "his son-in-law informed me some years ago that the old gentleman told him that he took the first degree of Masonry and no more." His memory failed him in that year. It seems he was made a Master Mason, and there is in the possession of the officers a Harris Constitution of 1798 bearing his autograph signature.

At a meeting of the Lodge in 1799 Bro. Geo. Blake delivered his famous eulogy on George Washington, and at a meeting on 26th March 1800 it was voted that a handsomely bound copy of the eulogy, with a gold medal, be transmitted to the Grand Lodge of England. The eulogy was one of the best of the many pronounced on Washington in the year 1800. The medal was probably that bearing the head of Washington, and underneath were the letters G.W., G.G.M.—General Grand Master. It was struck in 1797. It was proposed by some of the Lodges of the country in 1798 to organize a Grand Lodge and make Washington Grand Master, but nothing ever came of the suggestion. A few years later the limit of Lodge Membership was raised to sixty. In 1814 the Grand Lodge of England first appointed chaplains.

"There is one fact," said the speaker, "I have not touched upon. I have stated that St. John's Lodge is the successor of the first regularly appointed Lodge established on this continent so far as any authentic and reliable evidence now exists. This is the opinion of the Fraternity in Massachusetts, and I suppose the opinion of most well-informed brethren throughout the country, but our brethren in Pennsylvania have recently resented the claim, and asserted the claim to having established the first Lodge and first Grand Lodge throughout the country. The only question between us is whether these organizations were duly warranted—whether they had any authority whatever. The Pennsylvania brethren assumed that they had the requisite authority, while we claim there is no evidence of that fact. They found their claim first upon two paragraphs found in the Pennsylvania Gazette, published by Benjamin Franklin in 1730 and 1732. It was known for many years—forty or fifty years ago—and it was repeated in Masonic journals, that evidence existed in the newspapers of Philadelphia that Lodges were instituted there as early as 1730 and a Grand Lodge in 1732. Notwithstanding that the claim of Massachusetts has been generally admitted until within the last ten years. In 1874, at the suggestion of some of the brethren in Massachusetts the brethren in Philadelphia searched the Pennsylvania papers, and they found certain paragraphs which afforded them great satisfaction. The Pennsylvania Gazette of 8th December 1730 said there were several Lodges of Freemasons in the province, and then the paper gives an account from London of what Masonry was. That showed that Franklin was not then a Mason. Then there was further evidence that these were not authoritative organizations, for on 24th June 1734 Benjamin Franklin sent a letter to Grand Master Price regarding Masonry, and the first Lodge formed in Pennsylvania, properly chartered, was formed by Franklin and others at Philadelphia under a charter from St. John's Lodge at Massachusetts."

In concluding the interesting sketch, Mr. Nickerson suggested the appointment of a historian for the Lodge.

The pleasant task of presenting the new charter was assigned to Samuel C. Lawrence, Grand Master, and he discharged the duty in a neat speech. He briefly reviewed the history of the Lodge, beginning in 1733, coming down to the consolidation in 1783. Its birth was coeval with organized Masonry in this State, and it was the stay and support of the Grand Lodge at a time when Masonry had few adherents in this sparsely settled country. In concluding he invoked the blessing of Heaven upon all the efforts of the Lodge to promote the honour and prosperity, and to increase the usefulness of St. John's Lodge."—*Hebrew Leader.*

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 2nd February 1884:—

January 28th—Old King's Arms Lodge, Robert Burns Chapter, Royal Somerset House Lodge, De Grey and Ripon Lodge, National Peristeronic Society; 29th—St. George and Cornerstone Lodge Audit; 30th—Fore Street Ball, Smeatonian Society; 31st—Covent Garden Life Boat Ball; February 1st—Eskdale and Liddesdale Ball, Royal Kensington Lodge, Odd Volumes, Thistle Lodge of Mark Masters; 2nd—Phœnix Chapter, City and West End Soirée, Bachelors' Quadrille Party.

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ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR AND BROTHER,—It seems impossible to touch on the question affecting the office of Grand Treasurer without mentioning names, and yet you appear to have scrupulously avoided pitting one candidate against another. I quite agree with you, that the matter in dispute is not one of persons, but of principle, and what the friends of Bro. Allcroft have to do is to show that there was no agreement, stated or implied, at the last election, by which it was understood that the present Grand Treasurer was elected for one year only. Unless they can prove that to demonstration, they labour in vain. If it were a question of persons there is no reason in the world why Bro. Colonel Creaton should have been displaced, the new blood theory notwithstanding. It cannot be conceived that Bro. Allcroft has equal claims to the gallant Colonel, whose services in the cause of Masonry are far too great to be questioned, and to be placed in juxtaposition with those of Bro. Allcroft. If experience, active and unselfish labour are to be weighed in the scale of judgment, there cannot be a doubt as to the side in whose favour the balance would incline. I may however, dismiss these comparisons in the face of the fact that Bro. Allcroft was chosen Grand Treasurer in preference to Bro. Colonel Creaton, not because the latter was in the slightest degree ineligible, but because the former represented a principle which Grand Lodge were determined to establish—the yearly bestowal of the only collar in their hands. They felt that others were entitled to a distinguished honorary sinecure which it was in their power to bestow, and that the time had arrived for decisively proclaiming that the Grand Treasurer's collar should have a yearly value, and be transferred to worthy shoulders according to the will of Grand Lodge.

There is no reason why I should be altogether reticent with regard to Bro. Horace B. Marshall; the attitude assumed by the friends of Bro. Allcroft has made reserve impossible, and silence little less than cowardice. I am not going to advocate the cause of Bro. Marshall. Fortunately in this matter, but unfortunately in other respects, I do not know him, except by common report. The testimony, however, is good, and those who desire to know the facts with regard to him will not have far to seek. I only speak here of his Masonic career, and from what I can gather, there is little to choose between him and Bro. Allcroft, so far as the Craft is concerned. Bro. Allcroft is an old Mason, I learn, but he was virtually dead to it for many years. His resuscitation began about the time of the birth of Bro. Marshall into Masonry. I do not pretend to datal accuracy, but I believe I am putting the case fairly when I say that when Bro. Allcroft was awakening from his Rip Van Winkle sleep, Bro. Marshall was just beginning his Masonic career, which ever since has been marked by such zeal and generosity as to command the very highest regard. He has won his way to the front by the exercise of those qualities which commend themselves to the true Mason's heart, and he has done in a very brief period of time what few accomplish in a lifetime, and what many, equally as well circumstanced, never have the nobleness of heart to attempt. If it be true, then, and I have no doubt about the fact, that Grand Lodge mean the office of Grand Treasurer to be a yearly office, and to be given as a matter of honour, then I think that Bro. Marshall is as well fitted as any other brother to receive it. As Bro. Allcroft has had his turn, and as Bro. Marshall is the only other candidate in the field, I cannot see how Grand Lodge can do otherwise than elect him, that is, if they were in earnest last year, and are not swayed by every wind of doctrine just because it hails from official quarters.

In that unfortunate circular issued by the friends of Bro. Allcroft, particular stress is laid upon the experience he has gained during his year of office. If experience is really considered of such moment, how is it that Bro. Col. Creaton was superseded by Bro. Allcroft? One had had more experience than falls to the lot of most brethren, the other was positively untried. I might ask here, has the office suffered in consequence of the inexperience of Bro. Allcroft? I do not think the boldest of his advocates would venture to affirm anything of the kind. They know, as well as I do, that the office is entirely devoid of duties, it is purely honorary. As for the Charities, if it is considered that any brother possesses special knowledge, obtained by experience, it would be easy to find means for its exercise, by electing him on the several committees. It is simple nonsense to talk about duties and experience. The office of Grand Treasurer is honorary in every sense of the term; its possession implies rank and honour, it is the gift of Grand Lodge, and it should be bestowed as a mark of recognition of excellent qualities, by whomsoever displayed. There is no fear of an unworthy object being selected, but there is danger lest a caucus should be formed among officials, who may aim at usurping rights that alone are vested in Grand Lodge as a whole. I, therefore, call upon the brethren to confirm the principle established last year, and to resist the attempt at dictation which is being made.

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

OUR LATE GRAND MASTER SAYER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall be obliged if you will permit me, through the medium of your Journal, to tender an apology to Bro.

the 19th ult., to which I should have at once any opinion I might have expressed as to refers to would have been of no service wh much regret that my acquaintance with tho is, at present, but of a superficial character, hope that a little delay would have given m personal inspection of the originals. Howe pressing, have so closely occupied my attent as to prevent the possibility of my bestowing on the subject which its importance dema reasonable prospect of being able to do so for Doubtless Bro. Yarker is aware that Bro. G into the question of the MS. Charges, &c, in New History of Freemasonry.

It cannot be otherwise than highly gratifyi in Masonic research, to find that Bro. Yarker take as to the nature of the offence suppos mitted by our old, if not our first, Grand Mas been still more pleased had he omitted the w his last letter. I trust the word was used occasion. My contention is, that we have Sayer was censured, *or reprimanded*, although evidence that he was *acquitted of the charge b*

In my opinion there is a wide difference manded and being recommended, or advised, taking up this matter is one which I am gl itself to Bro. Yarker, I make no doubt he will importance of preventing a further propagatio avoiding the use of the word "reprimand" disposed to refer to the subject.

I am, Dear Sir and Bro

Your

THE GREAT PRIOR'S REPLY TO *FREEMASON.*

We have been requested to insert th munication :—

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *London Fr*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I trust you will p some little space in the columns of the *Freem* very cutting criticism on my last allocution, Great Priory of Canada, which appeared in yo August 1883, and only very lately seen by me.

The writer has thought proper to indulge in assertions and has severely taken me to task ideas on what I consider the origin of Freemaso with the Templar Order. Now, if I recollec Student" was quite as fierce and dictatoria advanced by our esteemed and talented Brother York, England, when he first began to write on but as lived to see his error and change his mind.

The history of Masonry is necessarily hard to fin having obliterated the foot-prints of our ancient b chance we have of recovering the "back-track" and co-operation in suggestive thoughts. This, Student" does not appear to consider at all nece his own deductions is all that is required, and thing not in accord with them, quite ignoring th the German, French, and even English schools a some of them have been engaged during a fair l vestigation and research, and have given the res long years ago in voluminous works. Yet all th his eyes, having fully convinced himself that hi pages of the *Freemason* will make complete revol history. Surely this dictatorial and one-sided vie bring to light the hidden secrets of the past. Wit to his opinions, and being fully aware that we liv where nothing speculative is "historically" admis that it is right to push forward speculations and possible direction. It is only by doing this that chance of hitting the right track, now nearly total

The theories of Bro. Carson, of Ohio, U.S.A., ap mend themselves very closely indeed to my mind, ing reasons, viz.: "The earliest published records Christian Masons, &c., are in A.D. 1400. Those in [See Steinbrenner's history, page 84, published Macoy and Sickles in 1864], and in Scotland in 1- leaf's lecture on Masonry, page 14, published in N At this time Masonry was strictly Christian and Tr to be so, and continued between that date and 172 from the hands of Anderson and Desaguliers anothe Its Trinitarian character abolished, and in its pla nature is substituted.

As early as the year 600, Masonry was known as throughout, although it is an established fact, th the course of time, had been forgotten, and that it but one degree, and that was the apprentice. Yet afterwards, it is presented to us as having two Master's part, or that which pertains to the chair.

It comes from the hands of Anderson and Des Christian character destroyed, and in its place the the world, or Deism. The degree of Master was added to it in 1725.

Now, it would be very strange if there were any

rpetuate all the ancient ritual among themselves. That there brethren professing these Christian doctrines among them at period, I think will not admit of a doubt, inasmuch as the ges of the Christian Order of the Templars are found frequently e cemeteries, the graves—the symbols on the monuments, the naries, &c. The fact of discovering the "Small White Stone" d Templar graves beside the skeletons, is enough in itself to lish this assertion.

e quotation by me, concerning the "Cross-legged Masons," is , as far as I can recollect, from Addison's early history of the hts Templar, and from Lawrie's history of Freemasonry, last on, but from the loss last year by the fire which destroyed my nce, and nearly all my valuable Masonic books of reference and us manuscript notes, I am now frequently at a loss and cannot positively.

lesauranco" was the word intended. The clerical error in the letters arose (with many others) from the printer not sending in time for correction before the meeting of Great Priory. this word, hence the term "Masonry," the very name of our ntion, appears to have been a source of error as extensive as the sh language. Why? it has been asked, are we styled "Mason" Builders," if architecture was not at least our principal employ- ? We answer that the word "Mason" and "Masonry" are but ptions of other words having no relation to edifices. [See a's Ahiman Rezon, page 143.]

Mason" is by some derived from the Greek words *mai* and *isan*, *y saloum, iamire*—life and salvation], and is supposed to allude situation of the candidate during some part of the ancient onies. The term "Masonry" seems but a slight variation of reek "Messouraneo" [*esse in medio coli*—to be in the midst of n.] There are others, however, who derive the modern term on" from the ancient *May-son*, a devotee of the goddess of e, or of the creative power. With the Greeks *Maio*, was the of perfect rectitude and eternal wisdom of that "Wisdom" resided in the creation of the universe. It is probable that it France that the term *Mayson* was applied to the worshippers io, the first cause. In view of either of these derivations, a may be regarded as an aspirant after immortality, and a d worshipper of the God of Wisdom and of Truth, whose is in the centre of heaven. [See Greenleaf's Lectures on ry, 1820; Hutchinson's Spirit of Masonry, page 15; Rees' edia Art Mayo and the German work, "Usder die Free an ord," 1700, or thereabouts.

enleaf observes at page 17, "That there is nothing to be found ient Masonry that has any relation to Monkish legends, nor to y, nor to crusading. It teaches another spirit. Its traditions o exclusive and necessary reference to war nor to the second g of Thomas' Temple. They are more easily and naturally d to the religious ceremonies of earlier ages."

anleaf was of Danish connections and a highly cultivated man. ld the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the State of chusetts in 1815 to 1820, when he published his lectures to the which were at that time esteemed the best that had been de- in the United States of America.

asonic Student" has taken a great liberty with the character rhly cultivated scholar, the late Bishop Muriter of Copenhagen, s the spiritual director of a large and numerous religious d was esteemed to be among the most learned men of that n. He was intimately associated with the reigning King and rofessor Phingor, Prince Karl, of Philipstodh, and many others character and attainments, and most highly honoured by all re acquainted with him. His work upon the Templar Order nounced to be a very able one. He is long since dead, as well r others who were associated with him in the earlier period of sent century. Who the learned German editor "Masonic ." speaks of is I do not know, but presume him to be of a like istic nature with himself, "who believe in just what they with their eyes and handle with their hands." His strictures aluable work of Bishop Muriter, as a literary fabrication, are ically sound or historically correct.

not help remarking the general features of the review on my n by "Masonic Student," is, in its tone, unkind and dicta- the extreme, underlying far too much in the "knock down" argument. With all due respect for the antiquarian re- and Masonic knowledge evinced by "Masonic Student," which he has so frequently and profitably enlightened the s readers of the *Freemason*, I think they would be far more sp- if less of the attempts at ridicule, for the opinions of others, ly slang expressions, were indulged in; the terms "fads," the wisp," applied to the views brought forward in an desire to court inquiry by fraternal co-operation and sug- houghts, are quite unworthy of one whose zeal and historical attainments are fully acknowledged, and by none more than

am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

W. J. B. McL. Moore,

ns, 11th Oct. 1883. Great Prior of Canada.

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time is drawing near for the election of Grand Treasurer, orters of Mr. Allcroft and the supporters of Mr. Horace Marshall are exerting themselves to draw all their forces Whether their zeal is guided by discretion it may, perhaps, orth while to discuss, but no doubt there will be a sharp etween the two contending parties, and the sympathies of rity will most likely go with the new candidate. The seem resolved to adhere to the principle of having a new reasurer every year, and the principle appears to be a e one.—*Evening News.*

REVIEWS.

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Thoughts on the Threshold. Being an attempt to trace the Landmarks of Masonic History. Addressed to the Brethren of No. 425, the Cestrian Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, by Charles William Duncan, now Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Chester: Printed by Edward Thomas, Pepper Street, 1883.

It may be taken as the sign of an unusually healthy vitality when a Lodge is at the pains of encouraging the study of some branch or portion of Masonic History. There are few Lodges which, if they were so minded, could not easily find an hour or so for the consideration of matters outside the ordinary range of Masonic labour. Unfortunately there are, likewise, very few Lodges which seem to concern themselves about much else than the transaction of their regular business. They take kindly enough to the working of the various ceremonies. They are not unmindful of the necessity for studying the Lectures. But as to anything outside the sacred limits we have indicated, they appear to exhibit a certain langour which it is somewhat difficult to account for when we remember that Masonry is held to be a progressive science, and that even members of our Mystic Craft cannot be expected to make any appreciable amount of progress unless they occasionally devote some part of their leisure time to study. It is difficult to say if the experiment which Bro. Duncan, of the Cestrian Lodge, has attempted is likely to endure much beyond the term of his Mastership, but it may with safety be affirmed that it is an experiment which deserves to become an established practice. We may or may not agree with his theories, but it is impossible to question the wisdom of a policy which would devote the time that might otherwise be used unprofitably to the discussion of subjects which ought to awaken interest in the mind of every Craftsman. We are not going to lose sight of the fact that our Lodge Meetings are intended as a means to promote social enjoyment, but this is not their sole aim and purpose. It is no doubt true enough that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," but the converse proposition is not equally true that all play and no work makes a bright fellow of him. We have no wish to see the social element struck out of the programme of our usual Masonic gatherings, but it occurs to us that, in the absence of work that is imperative, our social enjoyment will be increased rather than diminished if the way is prepared for it by the delivery of a well-considered lecture on some question of general or special interest. Thus, in our humble opinion at all events, Bro. Duncan has done wisely by introducing an occasional lecture on some Masonic subject into the programme of his Lodge business, when it may be done without inconvenience to the brethren and without trenching on the regular labour of the Lodge.

But if it is wise to have these occasional lectures, it does not follow in all cases that the subjects may be wisely chosen, and still less that they should be wisely dealt with. Bro. Duncan, however, is certainly to be congratulated on the wisdom of his choice, and if he is not quite as successful in his attempt to trace the landmarks of our history as might have been wished, his achievement, if only a partial success, must be ascribed to the inherent difficulty of his subject. No one can read his lecture, and we feel sure none of the members of his Lodge can have listened to it without deriving from it both pleasure and profit. The manner in which he handles his subject is worthy of all praise, but to some of the opinions to which he gives expression not a few will take exception. As regards his style, the following may be given as a fair specimen. His point is that it would be wrong "to maintain that because you cannot give evidence of the existence of a fact, therefore it is no fact at all;" and, to pass from the argument in general terms to a particular application, that because "hardly even the name of a single ancient Architect is preserved to us," therefore no ancient Architect ever existed. On this he says: "In all other arts and sciences, in all other pursuits which noble minds can follow, we have a deathless roll of genius and success. In Music, in Painting, in Sculpture, in the various branches of Philosophy, we can recall name after name of the mighty ones of yore. But the designers of these marvellous temples and palaces and tombs, which were and are the wonder of the whole earth—who were they? Who erected the giant cities of Bashan? Who planned the pyramids of Egypt? Who traced the foundations of the Great Wall of China? Who designed the temples of Nineveh and Babylon? Who drew the plans for those noble palaces of Tadmor, whose columns still stand, lone and beautiful in the wilderness? Who laid the lines and superintended the building of the four thousand palaces of Alexandria—of the Parthenon of Athens—of the Porticoes of Corinth—of the Capitol of Rome? Nay, in quite recent times, who designed those mighty monuments of mediæval art, the Cathedrals which adorn our own and other Christian lands? We cannot tell!" The point is a good one and admirably put, but his attempt to trace Masonry back through the ages is not as successful, and, as in the case of his attempt to connect it with Templary, will not always bear strict investigation. But though this may be so, and his lecture, therefore, as an attempt to make clear the more obscure portions of our history in this respect is not a complete success, it possesses merits which place it above the class of historical disquisitions with which we are favoured from time to time. At all events, it is better the members of our Lodges should have occasional opportunities of hearing the opinions of well-read brethren on difficult questions, even though such opinions may not be unassailable, than that even the existence of such questions should be ignored altogether. If a few more Lodges were to follow the example set them by the Cestrian it would be well. A spirit of enquiry, once aroused amongst us, would lead to discussion, and in time discussion might bring us some steps nearer the settlement of matters respecting which it is no heresy to say we should be all the better for some further illumination. We thank Bro. Duncan for having afforded us an hour's very agreeable reading, and we trust it will not be the last time we shall have an opportunity of studying his opinions on moot points in Masonic history.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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PRUDENT BRETHREN LODGE, No. 145.

THE Installation Meeting of this excellent working Lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. A pleasing incident of the evening was the attendance of the W.M. elect, who met with a severe accident some short time since, and had since been compelled to have his arm amputated. All the brethren congratulated him on his being sufficiently well to attend the meeting. W. D. Kerrell W.M., J. Reid S.W., H. Brooks J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treas., D. Haslett Sec. G. Banks S.D., W. Masters J.D., Detraz I.G., H. Cox M.C., Doyle W.S., Pills, W. Lister, C. A. Wood, G. Parkess, E. H. Thiellay P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, G. S. States P.G.S. Visitors—E. Lloyd 1287, W. Robertson 1167, J. Green P.M. 1668, G. Tribbel P.M. 1227, Isaac 87, T. Distin 113, G. Carter P.M. Royal Union, W. Robinson, J. Easton 27, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report was unanimously adopted. Bro. G. A. Lacy, No. 1903, was elected a joining member, and Mr. R. G. Freeborn was duly initiated into the Order in an excellent manner by the W.M. Bro. G. B. Davies was raised to the third degree by Bro. T. Bull P.M. (by the courtesy of the W.M.) and that in a most careful and impressive manner. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. J. Reid S.W. and W. elect was presented to the Lodge, and regularly installed in the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. Kerrell. On the readmission of the brethren the W.M. was saluted in ancient form, and then he appointed and invested his Officers: W. D. Kerrell I.P.M., H. C. Brocks S.W., G. Banks J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treas., D. Hastlett P.M. Sec., Masters S.D., Detraz J.D.. Cox I.G., C. A. Wood P.M. M.C., Doyle A.C., Hampton and Lloyd Stewards, Reinhardt Tyler. Bro. Kerrell efficiently acted as M.C., and materially assisted the W.M., who was scarcely equal to much exertion. Applause followed the conclusion of the ceremony. The sum of two pounds was given to a distressed brother. The W.M. then stated that he regretted not being able to stay to preside over the brethren at the banquet table, but he felt assured all would excuse him. Before leaving the chair, however, he had great pleasure in placing on the breast of Bro. Kerrell I.P.M. a jewel, worthy of him, for the able manner in which he had conducted the duties of the Lodge during his year of office. He trusted Bro. Kerrell might live long to wear it. Hearty good wishes were then given—not only by the visitors, but also by the brethren—for the speedy restoration of the W.M. to health and strength, to preside over them during his year of office. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very sumptuous and récherché banquet and dessert, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, Limited, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. Bro. Kerrell I.P.M., with his usual ability, presided. Grace—For these and all Thy mercies—having been sung, the W.M. proposed the Loyal and Craft Toast, and the National Anthem was sung, After the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., Miss C. Maude West sang, "Tell me, my Heart." The Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England was the next toast. The acting Worshipful Master then rose to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. All know the cause of Bro. Reid's absence. He (Bro. Kerrall) could scarcely find words to express his pleasure at their Worshipful Master being able to come amongst them again, to be installed that night. All know what his sufferings must have been, and with what fortitude he had borne them. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Initiate who, he believed, would be a credit to the Prudent Brethren Lodge. Bro. Freeborn in a very able speech responded. The toast of the Visitors was next on the list, and Bros. Rudderforth, Lloyd and Robinson severally responded. The P.M.'s were next complimented. This toast was essentially one that should be introduced by the W.M., but unhappily he was not present. He (Bro. Tyrrell) could fearlessly say no Lodge could boast of better Past Masters. Their ability as workers was thoroughly appreciated, and to-night a proof of this was given by Bro. Bull. He would call on the oldest P.M.'s, Bros. G. S. States and E. H. Thiellay, to respond to the toast. Miss C. Maude West here delighted the brethren with a serenade, by Braga, with violin obligato by Bro. T. Distin, that received well-merited applause. Bro. Thiellay P.M., in replying, was pleased to say, in reference to what the acting W.M. had stated, that he agreed no better Past Masters could be found than Bros. Bull, Haslett and C. A. Woods; they were perfect in every respect, and ever ready to exercise their ability in the cause of the Lodge. Bro. C. A. Woods next proposed the health of the acting W.M., Bro. Kerrall. Bro. Kerrall had won the good opinion of the members during the year he filled the chair, and as a worker he had been fully exercised that night: the way in which he had installed his successor left nothing to be desired. After a song by Bro. Carter, the acting W.M. thanked Bro. Woods for his kind expressions. He felt it a great pleasure to have his name so prominently brought forward. In the absence of the W.M. his services would always be at their command. The Treasurer and Secretary were next complimented, and Bros. Bell and Haslett suitably replied. Bros. Brock, Banks, Cox, Hampton, and Lloyd replied for the Officers, and then the Tyler gave his toast. The selection of music, provided by Bro. Theodore Distin, was fully appreciated. The artistes engaged were Madame Leonard, Miss C. Maude West, Bros. G. T. Carter, and Theodore Distin. The latter acted as accompanyist.

LODGE OF INDUSTRY, No. 186.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., when there was a very large attendance to assist in the

of the day was admirably conducted by th
J. J. Taffs, who received the congratulation
for the ability he displayed. The following
Officers:—G. W. Hook S.W., W. S. Pa
Treasurer, John Seex P.M. Secretary. W
Sherring J. D., F. T. Hollands I.G., R. Allis
1st Steward, R. C. Powell 2nd Steward. T
a most bountiful and récherché style by M
Limited, Bro. E. Dawkins superintending, a
cloth the W.M. introduced the toasts wit
"The Queen and the Craft" was followed b
In giving the second, the health of the Mos
Master, Bro. Horsey said this toast, like the
needed no words of his to recommend it. W
the Prince of Wales takes the gavel in hand
to do the work. After a song by Miss Mand
proposed the Right Worshipful Pro Grand M
narvon, the Right Worshipful Deputy Gra
Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Office
called upon Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B
wood, in the course of his remarks, referred
which this toast is invariably received. Per
pleasure in being called upon to respond on
he had made the acquaintance of the Worsh
and had always found him a persevering an
From this experience he ventured to expres
Lodge had made a wise choice in electing Br
After the ever popular "Meeting of the Wate
by Bro. Wakefield Reed, Bro. Taffs, in highly
proposed the health of the Worshipful Mas
Horsey was an enthusiastic Mason; he had
that was to advance the interests of any Lodg
be associated. He had great pleasure in offe
acceptance of the brethren. Bro. Horsey,
cordial greeting, said he rose with a vast dea
his sincere thanks for the heartiness with whi
received. The remarks of Bro. Taffs had ma
on him. He might say, however, that he h
had worked up for, the position of Master of
The duties of ruler of a Lodge were respon
Lodge might be conducted dissensions sometim
acts he felt he ought to be prompted by but
sustain the prestige of his Lodge. He thanke
for the reception they had given him. The W
toast brought under notice, and Bros. Langto
replied. The Immediate Past Master's service
and the jewel of the Lodge presented to him.
gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Taffs, who
that there should be no falling away as regard
in the Lodge. The Past Masters of the Lodge
and the zeal displayed by both Treasurer
acknowledged. The Charities of the Order
and we are pleased to be able to record that B
act as Steward at the Benevolent Institution
Tallent will place his services at the disposal o
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Indus
consistently supported the Charities, and doubt
these two energetic brethren will still further r
of the Lodge with which they are associated.
were given, and the musical arrangements of t
sustained throughout. Mr. T. Ward made an e
Amongst the visitors present were Bros. C.
Past Grand Sword Bearer, J. T. McCraith P.M.
P.M. 176, C. W. Peters P.M. 507, G. F.
R. J. Taylor W.M. 1922, R. Barham P.
1986, W. T. Tyrrell 1471, N. B. Headon P
1426, H. Lambert 1475, G. C. May 1321, C. Gr
Registrar Surrey, E. Eagle 1901, M. H. Ric
Edwards 1892, W. Pile W.M. 1892, J. Howma
Perkins J.W. 199, W. Poupart 9, J. Cocklan W.
990, F. T. C. Keeble W.M. 1426, John Maclea
Skelton P.M. 1056, W. W. Morgan 211, J. L
H. Wright 1965, E. Hentley 1949.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODG

THE first regular meeting of this Lodge was
Hall, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C., on 2
Worshipful Master, Bro. G. Lambert P.G.S.B.,
punctually at five p.m., assisted by his Offi
Bros. Captain Probyn S.W., Lieut. R. Payne J.
Treasurer, G. Coop Secretary, Lieut. H. C. Lamb
S.D., Lieut. Wilkinson Jones J.D., A. Jones I.G.,
Watkin Brown Steward, Staff Sergeant T. Br
Visitors were Bros. Lieut. Lidett P.M. 1351, S. G
nell P.M. 1745, Lee 198, McElwee 26 Irish Co
P.M. 1839, Kerr Mother Kilwinning Scotland,
198, W. J. Forscutt 144, F. Smith 1305. The min
cration meeting were read, confirmed, and duly si
The ballot was taken for Captain Canning, Lie
Payne, Quartermaster W. Hunt, and Sergeant Me
tiates of the Lodge; it proved unanimous. The be
Bros. Lieut. Livett, Brotheridge, C. Kempton W.M.
1489 as joining members, which also proved u
brethren having entered the Lodge, and saluted
Canning, Hunt, and Merryweather were duly initi
ancient form. The W.M. then vacated the chair
R. Payne J.W., P.M. of the Granite, who had exp
initiate his son, Mr. A. J. Payne, into the Order.
and Payne were then duly received. Both the Mast

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rdlestone, Sergeant Major Fowler, Sergeants Godfrey and and Mr. E. Russell would be duly initiated at the emergency of the Lodge on Monday, 28th January. A vote of thanks posed by Bro. Probyn S.W., seconded by Bro. Payne J.W., to M., for the great interest and zeal he had shown in ing relating to the formation of the Lodge, and also splendid banner he had so kindly presented to the Lodge. M. thanked the brethren and stated that nothing should be on his part, and he was sure he would be supported by his to make this Lodge one of the best in the Craft. A vote of was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge on position of Bro. H. C. Lambert, seconded by Bro. R. Payne Bro. Captain Probyn S.W., for the excellent box of working had generously presented to the Lodge. Bro. Probyn thanked hren in a few well-chosen words. The W.M. having intimated ntion of serving as Steward for the Boys the Lodge was closed th January at 5 p.m. The brethren then adjourned to the Restaurant where Bro. Hamp superintended the banquet, as served in the manner for which the Holborn is so justly ed. The usual toasts were proposed and duly responded to. loney P.M., of Lodge 1839, in proposing the toast of the ew special attention to the truly Masonic qualities of the nd the earnest zeal always displayed by him in everything rtook, and wished the Queen's Westminster Lodge continued ty. The W.M. thanked Bro. P.M. Maloney and the brethren nanner in which the toast had been proposed and received, sure that with the Officers he had surrounded himself with, the manner he had been supported, that the Lodge was be a success; at all events he could assure them no pains spared by him to secure that happy result. The health of ates was then proposed by the W.M., who addressed them in ndly words, and facetiously mentioned that he hoped and they would be able to Hunt with Canning and Kingdon, giving Paine, and in Merryweather. The Initiates suitably The visitors' toast was responded to by Bros. Smith and Kerr. I. in proposing the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary con- d the Lodge in having in Bro. Bellerby one who would look r and carefully husband their resources, and in Bro. Coop one ng the lengthened period he had been in the Corps had proved olunteer and had spared no pains to perfect himself in the This was certain to be of great use to the Lodge, and to him p) in carrying out the important duty of Secretary. These having replied, the W.M. gave the next toast. He was t having so able a body of Officers, all of whom had given proficiency; while the Lodge had Officers so able, willing ne, it was impossible for it to do otherwise than succeed. byn and Jones responded. The Tyler's toast brought the gs to a close, the brethren separating, well satisfied with noon's work. A Lodge of Emergency was held at the Hall, on Monday, 28th ult., all the Officers being present. vante presided at the organ. Messrs. Girdlestone, Fowler, Currie and Russell having been duly balloted for, were in- embers of the Order. Lodge was adjourned until Monday, when the first five initiates will be duly passed, and other introduced into the Order. The brethren afterwards ad- to the Holborn.

OMPLIMENTARY BANQUET TO BRO. H. W. TOWNSEND.

esday, a complimentary banquet to Bro. H. W. Townsend, n his relinquishing the occupancy of the Naval Hotel, vas given in the billiard room of that hotel. Mr. T. Page and Mr. H. J. Long filled the vice-chair, the company, mbered between forty and fifty, being representative and . The dinner was of a récherché character, the viands and ng unqualified satisfaction, while the table was decorated lsome silver ware and choice foliage and flowering plants. loyal toasts had been enthusiastically drunk, the Chairman oast of the evening, health and success to Mr. Townsend. gretted that that duty had not fallen into abler hands, for ossible to speak in too high terms of the personal qualities teemed friend. He was a worthy townsman, and during years he had known him he had never heard anying in o him which did not entitle him to their warmest regard. characteristics were appreciated by all, and he had that irit which all admired, so that from the highest to the were all anxious to recognise his kindly acts and agreeable . After ten years' creditable connection with the Naval y regretted that circumstances necessitated the termina- t connection, and sincerely hoped that in years to come he bundantly successful in his business pursuits, and enjoy health. The toast was drunk with musical honours, and end, in reply, returned his hearty thanks for the flattering hich the toast had been proposed, and the equally gratifying ich it had been received. He had not taken the step ed that gratifying compliment without careful considera- e he took these premises, ten years ago, times had very ged. He had been justified from time to time in making rations, and there was every prospect of their proving a ccess, but, unfortunately, changes had taken place at the which had put quite a different complexion upon his It had not, of course, proved a commercial failure, but ttending the direction of such a large establishment did his continuing in that occupation, the remuneration for o or three years not being a sufficient recompense for the involved. He had intended leaving on the 16th February, emplated forming a proprietary club, many of his friends ited him to undertake that task. His intentions had crept which had resulted in an unexpected advantage, for it had sing promised very material help in connection with a flourishing club! Since he received the invitation to attend that banquet circumstances had changed, and the ultimate result might be that he would remain in that hotel, not as a tenant, but as proprietor. Nothing, he explained, in conclusion, could be more gratifying to a man than to receive such a high compliment at that banquet at the hands of so many friends, whom he had known for very many years, and be assured them that, whether he remained there or went elsewhere, he should always retain the most grateful recollections of that interesting occasion, and the flattering way in which his health had been drunk. The Chairman then, on behalf of numerous friends, presented a handsomely framed address, illuminated by Mr. J. Robertson, and running as follows:—

"To Mr. Henry Townsend.—Your many friends in Portsmouth, on learning that you are about to leave the Naval Hotel, desire to express their high appreciation of the manner in which you have conducted that establishment, and also to testify their sincere respect for you as a townsman, and to offer their best wishes for your future prosperity and happiness. Portsea, 29th January 1884."

The Chairman remarked that that little gift was intended as a lasting memento of their high regard for him, and as an expression of their earnest desire that he might have a long and prosperous life. Mr. Townsend, in acknowledging the testimonial, said that it was quite unexpected, but it, nevertheless, would be regarded as the highest compliment which had ever been paid to him, and he would always treasure it as a proof of the good feeling entertained for him by, he was happy to know, a very large circle of sincere friends. The health of the Chairman and other toasts was drunk with acclamation, and during the evening some excellent harmony was contributed by the company. Mr. G. Sylvester, R.N., singing and accompanying with his usual skill.—*Portsmouth Times.*

Euphrates Lodge of Instruction, No. 212.—Held at the Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., on 28th ult. Bros. Gidding W.M., Halsey S.W., Finch J.W., Recknell S.D., Dean J.D., Boyden I.G., Wenst acting Preceptor; also Bro. May P.M. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Boyden candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Halsey was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Colonel Creaton Past Grand Treasurer in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. Letchworth, Grey, Matthews, Gladwell, Webb, E. Bowyer, Massey, Richardson, Major Finney, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed, and the other minutes (Quarterly Court, House, and Audit Committees) read for information, authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques in payment of accounts, &c. The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from Dr. Corfield, thanking the brethren for their kind recognition of his services in connection with the late drainage operations at the School. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Royal Ear Hospital, Frith Street, Soho.—This useful charity held its annual general meeting in the rooms of the institution on Tuesday, the 22nd ult. It is one of the oldest and most deserving of special hospitals; and during the 68 years it has been established, over 100,000 patients have been treated for various ear diseases within its walls. The report of the surgeons, Dr. Urban Pritchard, F.R.C.S., and Dr. F. Matheson, C.M., was read. From it we learn that during 1883 there were 8,000 attendances, at which nearly 2,500 separate cases received careful treatment. Of these, a large proportion was reported as practically cured, and many more alleviated. During 1883, a new in-patient department was opened, consisting of three wards, one for male patients, another for females, and a third for children. This addition to the charity has already proved of great value, in the treatment of the more severe forms of ear disease; but it has entailed a considerable increase in the annual expenditure, which the committee trust will be met by additional subscriptions and donations from the benevolent public. The accounts of 1883 were audited and passed. The financial condition of the hospital was shown to be more flourishing and the revenue larger than in any previous year. A vote of thanks to the surgeons, treasurer, and secretary, for their zeal and energy during the past year, brought the proceedings to a close.

A handsome white marble headstone has just been erected in Nunhead Cemetery over the grave of the late Mr. John Allen, who for many years was principal sub-editor of the *Morning Post*. Mr. Allen was a gentleman who was very highly respected and dearly loved in all his relations in life, and in Freemasonry he obtained the sincerest affections of his brethren. It is by his brother Freemasons that the headstone has been erected. On the stone is an inscription, surmounted by a circle wreathed with acacia sprigs, and bearing the square and compasses. The inscription is as follows: "In Memoriam. John Allen, many years sub-editor of the *Morning Post*. Departed this life on the 4th January 1883, in his 60th year. This stone was erected as a token of the high esteem in which he was held by his brother Freemasons, members of the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1928. He was one of the founders of the former, and first I.P.M. of the latter.

"The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish when he sleeps in dust."

Evening News.

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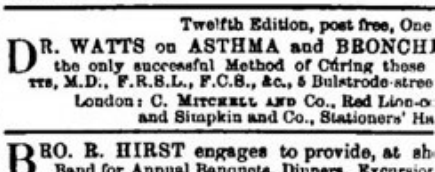
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A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Chapter will be held at Freemaso on Wednesday, the 6th day of Febru o'clock in the evening.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocat confirmation.

The report of the Committee of General Pu will be submitted to the Supreme Grand Cha Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to rep examined the accounts from the 18th October 188 ary 1884, both inclusive, which they find to be as

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he Committee have likewise to report that they have received Following Petitions :—

t. From Companions Horace Brooks Marshall as Z., James Har- Hawkins as H., George Clarke junior as J., and eight others for a ter to be attached to the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, kenham, to be called the Royal Hanover Chapter, and to meet e Albany Hotel, Twickenham, in the county of Middlesex.

d. From Companions Walter Bowyer as Z., Geo. John Tilling as Richard Robert Loane Rosoman as J., and six others for a Chapter attached to the Clausentum Lodge, No. 1461, Woolston, to be d the Ancaster Chapter, and to meet at the Woolston Inn, Wool- Hampshire.

d. From Companions George Graveley as Z., Benjamin Carter as oseph Ross Waller as J., and six others for a Chapter to be ed to the Lodge of Temperance in the East, No. 898, Poplar, called the Chapter of Temperance in the East, and to meet at Assembly Rooms, No. 6 Newby-place, Poplar.

. From Companions William Bennett as Z., Charles William nett as H., Robert Witham Inglis as J., and seven others for a ter to be attached to the Anerley Lodge, No. 1397, Anerley, to alled the Anerley Chapter, and to meet at the Thicket Hotel, ley, Surrey.

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

e Committee have likewise to report that they have received a or.al from the Companions of the Chapter of Nativity, No. 126, ley, Lancashire, praying for a Charter authorising them to wear tenary Jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the me Grand Chapter on the 1st February 1882.

s Memorial being in form and the Chapter having proved its errupted existence of one hundred years, the Committee recom- that the prayer thereof be granted.

e Chapter of Harmony, 632, heretofore meeting at Trowbridge, g memorialised for permission to remove to the Freemasons' Devizes, and such memorial having been approved by the Superintendent for Wiltshire, the Committee recommend that ssion to remove the Chapter to Devizes be granted.

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

REEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
16th January 1884.

POLISH NATIONAL CHAPTER, No. 534.

E ordinary convocation of this old-established, rapidly improv- ing Chapter was held on Thursday, 24th January, at Freemasons' Great Queen-street. The Chapter was opened by the first pal Comp. Paas M.E.Z.; the Companions were then admitted, ter the minutes of the last convocation had been read and ned, a ballot was taken for Brow. J. O. Bieling, Jonah Nowa- i, and E. F. Day, all of the Polish National Lodge. This proving nanimously in their favour, they were exalted to the rank of Arch Masons. It was proposed by P.Z. Nowakowski, and ed by Comp. Dr. Corrie Jackson P.S., that a P.Z.'s jewel should sented by the Comps. to Comp. Paas. This was unanimously l, but the M.E.Z. stated that he had already a P.Z. jewel, at he would prefer to have a clasp added to the one he ed; the money could then be placed to the credit of the funds Chapter. After some demur on the part of the Companions, as allowed, and the M.E.Z. thanked for his thoughtful con- ion. After other business, the Chapter was closed in the nanner, and the Companions retired to the banquet room to ment. After the good things that had been provided were dis- and the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts having been disposed mp. J. Palmer proposed the health of Comp. Paas. He that the M.E.Z. had been the means of bringing many Com- s to join the Chapter; he also alluded to his modesty in having d the P.Z.'s jewel, to which he had every right. Comp. Paas, in ling, said that he had been very unwell lately; fortunately, r, he was able to be among them that evening. He was very bliged to them for wishing him to accept another jewel, but ld not put the Chapter to the expense, and should prefer to ut the suggestion of Comp. Jackson, and add a clasp to the already had. He then said it afforded him great pleasure to the health of the three Exaltees, who, he was happy to say, l members of the Mother Lodge. This was responded to by Companions in turn. Next on the toast list came the names P.Z.'s Comps. J. Palmer, Hyde Clarke, Warner, Nowakowski er, and Paas S.E. Comp. Hyde Clarke P.Z. responded; he they ought to congratulate themselves on what had occurred ening—the exaltation of three candidates, all of whom were s of the Lodge to which they were attached. Such a fact should e them to future exertions. The next toast was the Visitors.— Baker P.Z. Marylebone Chapter 1305, and Robert E. H. Goffin narvon Chapter 1572. Comp. Baker, in response, thanked panions for having allowed him to be present, not only to the admirable manner in which the work of the Chapter had rformed, but also for the very pleasant way in which the ions had entertained him. It was always a pleasure to mix npanions who knew their work so well; he hoped he should opportunity of visiting the Chapter on a future occa- mp. Goffin in response said, that after the remarks of his sitor there was little for him to offer, except to thank the for allowing him to be present to witness the excellent work- M.E.Z.; that he could not fail to pay attention to; also to that of the P.S., Dr. Corrie Jackson (who had kindly invited him to be present that evening), as he was P.S. in his own Chapter. He also alluded to the spirit of love and harmony which prevailed in the Chapter. He believed that in Royal Arch we get the *summum bonum* of Masonry; we get that grasp of the hand which proves us all to be one. He urged that our aspirations in life should only be limited by the aspirations of Masonry, and that if these were fully and truly realised, we should be almost perfect, and as it were almost a closed circle. He felt he could always place the firmest trust in a Brother or Companion who agreed with him in fully and truly trying to carry out the beautiful principles inculcated by Freemasonry. Next came the toast of the Officers—Comps. Jackson P.S., Jagielski S.N., Kelsy Assistant Sojourner. This compliment having been responded to, the Companions separated, after having passed a very pleasant evening.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The usual meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday evening, 29th ult., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, when the ceremony of exaltation was most ably rehearsed. Present—Comps. Maidwell Z., Webb H., J. S. Fraser J., Bell S.N., Brown S.E. Preceptor, Powell P.S., Child Candidate; also Comps. Roberts, Smart, H. Thompson, Catterson, Lilley, Daniel, Allen, Abel, Levy. The different Officers were well up to their work, and the way in which the whole ceremony was gone through left little to be desired. The following were elected for the next two meetings:—Comps. Webb Z., Fraser H., Smart J., Powell S.N., Bell P.S. On the first Tuesday in March, at half-past five o'clock, Comp. Brown will rehearse the ceremony of installation of Principals, when it is hoped that a goodly number of installed Principals will be present. It will also announced that on the first Tuesday the then appointed Principals will each rehearse the installation ceremony of their respective offices. Newly-exalted Royal Arch Masons desirous of making progress in this supreme degree, cannot do better than attend the meetings of this Chapter of Improvement, as a talented Preceptor is always in attendance to render them every assistance and instruction.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—The regular convocation of this excellent working Chapter was held on the 28th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, Comps. L. Lazarus P.Z. M.E.Z., A. Henochsberg H., W. Littaur P.Z. J., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, J. W. Dewsnap P.S., De Silva S.N.; P.Z.'s H. P. Isaac, H. M. Levy, P. Dickinson; Visitors, Gaskell 13, A. Elwin 36. After preliminaries, Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z. proposed, and Comp. J. Davis seconded, that in future the exaltation fee be £3 3s. The M.E.Z. then presented Comp. H. P. Isaac I.P.Z. with a very elegant jewel for services he had efficiently rendered to the Chapter. Comp. Isaac appropriately responded for the valuable gift. There was no banquet.

The annual Prov. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was fixed to take place at the Phœnix Lodge room, in High Street, Portsmouth, yesterday, Friday.

MARK MASONRY.

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YORK LODGE (T.I.)

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 15th ultimo, when in spite of several other local events of importance, including the first State Banquet at the Mansion House, there was a goodly muster of members. Bro. Cumberland P.M. P.P.G.S.W. and Grand Steward, presided in the unavoidable absence of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Padel, and was supported by Bros. Rev. W. C. Lukis P.M. D.P.G.M. West Yorks, Millington J.W., Smith, Seller, Turner, White, Ware, Pickersgill, Captain Banks, Lackenby, Captain Baldrey, Simpson, Barnes, Lamb, Jones 112, and others. A successful ballot was taken for Bro. W. H. Attlay 312, who was duly advanced. The Worshipful Master elect, Bro. M. Millington, was then presented for installation, and the ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. Cumberland, after which Bro. Millington appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Padel I.P.M., Seller S.W., Turner J.W., Lukis Chap., Whytehead P.M. Treas. and Sec., Banks Reg. of Marks, Smith M.O., Simpson S.O., Dyson J.O., Lackenby S.D., Pickersgill J.D., Lamb I.G., Balmford P.M. Org., Pearson Tyler. The report of the auditors was adopted; it showed a balance in hand of £14 3s. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from Bros. Padel, Whytehead, Woodall, Todd and Bryan. Bros. Mills and Brown were proposed as joining members, and Bros. Blenkin, Major MacGachen, Dalton and Stephenson were proposed as candidates. After the close of the Lodge, the brethren supped together at the Exhibition Hotel, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—The sudden changes, frequent gales, and pervading dampness sorely impede the vital functions and conduce to ill-health. The remedy for these disasters lies in some purifying medicine, like these Pills, which is competent to grapple with the mischief at its source, and stamp it out without fretting the nerves or weakening the system. Holloway's Pills extract from the blood all noxious matters, regulate the action of every disordered organ, stimulate the liver and kidneys, and relax the bowels. In curing chest complaints the Pills are remarkably effective, especially when aided by friction of the Ointment on its walls. This double treatment will ensure a certain, steady, and beneficent progress, and sound health will soon be re-established.

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RANDOM NOTES AND REFLECTIONS.

THERE used to be a Lodge at the old historic town of Clare, in Suffolk—village now—but it died out. The spirit of the Craft, however, was only moribund, the ashes of the departed retained some sparks of life, and they have now been fanned into a bright flame. A new birth has come forth, and the Royal Clarence Lodge is the lusty son of an almost forgotten progenitor. Not quite forgotten, it seems, for Bro. Fisher is a link connecting the past with the present. He was in possession of two jewels belonging to the old Lodge, one of which he was unable to describe. The other was clear enough both in form and purpose. At the installation ceremony held on the 8th ult., Bro. Fisher presented these two jewels to the new Royal Clarence, and one of them will be attached to either the Senior or Junior Deacon's collar.

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This jewel is a representation of the heathen deity Mercury, and is considered a fit pendant to the collar of the messenger in the Lodge, Mercury having been the prince of messengers. One of his duties was to conduct the souls of the dead to the infernal regions, with which he seemed to have a particular acquaintance, for it was here he tied Ixion to his wheel. The comparison between Mercury and the Senior Deacon is rather remote; it begins with being a messenger in common, and ends with being conductors, with a very great difference indeed. The brethren will understand the allusion, and will not think the worse of the office of the Senior Deacon because his evil architype had such sulphurous connections.

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Mercury was called Hermes by the Greeks. The FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE is printed on Hermes Hill, and from hence issue those messages to the Craft which we trust add to their pleasure and edification. But, then, Mercury was the god of thieves, and well he deserved the title. He began his depredations very early; for before he had seen mortal light for twenty-four hours he was guilty of several petty larcenies. He stole the oxen that Apollo tended, and subsequently he robbed Neptune of his trident, Venus of her girdle, Mars of his sword, Jupiter of his sceptre, and Vulcan of many of his mechanical instruments. These marvellous specimens of the art of thieving were looked upon as claims to honour instead of leading to the hulks or to the gallows, and Mercury was presented by the King of Heaven with a winged cap and with wings for his feet. His figure is thus represented with these attributes. He generally held in his hand what is termed the caduces, a rod entwined with two serpents, which he received in exchange from Apollo to whom he gave the lyre with seven strings, said to have been his own invention. The stories about Mercury are both mysterious and wonderful; fabulous to the last degree, and yet, with others, they form a never-ending source of amusement. Whatever connection there may be between Mercury and Masonry has nothing to do with the baser qualities of the former; only so far as they are in accord with the higher instincts of morality and reason can there be said to be any real association.

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In speaking of dictionaries it may not be generally known that the Chinese had a standard work of their language as early as 1100 B.C. There were Greek and Latin dictionaries a century or more before the Christian era, but it was not until the 16th century that any work of a polyglot character was produced. Since that time the art of dictionary-making has progressed with rapid strides. Dr. Johnson laid a very solid foundation more than a century ago, and many have followed his example. Of late years efforts of a more ambitious character have been made, most of which have been welcome additions to the libraries of English writers and students. With all this activity, we are still behind some Continental nations, notably Germany and France, in the scope and completeness of our lexicons. In 1857 the Philological Society propounded a scheme for a new work which should bear comparison with the "Wöterbuch" of Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, which was then in progress, and not even now completed. Since then M. Littré has brought out his great French Dictionary without which no scholar's library is complete.

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The work begun more than a quarter of a century ago by the Philological Society, is now co
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BRIXTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1949.

THE second annual Festival of this Lodge of Instruction, was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Prince Regent Hotel, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when the following brethren were present:—E. A. Francis (Preceptor) W.M., Hooper and Richardson Wardens; also Bros. Williams P.M., Poore P.M., Phillips Treasurer, Williams Secretary, Farrington, Brotheridge, Hudepohl, Danks, Boucher, Knight, Plummer, Poore, Wicks, Martin, Albert, Jones, Hanson, Bye sen., Taylor, Johnston, Goldney, Hookley, Letchford, Clare, &c. An excellent dinner was provided by the host (Bro. Hanck), after which the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received most heartily. Bro. Williams (Secretary) then assumed the gavel. He had undertaken, he said, what was a most pleasant duty, though a very onerous one, namely, to give the toast of the Preceptor of the Lodge (Bro. Francis). It would, he was sure, be considered the toast of the evening, and would be received with the utmost cordiality. It was superfluous for him to refer to the Masonic knowledge of their Preceptor—they all knew it well; and endeared himself to the Lodge by his geniality and courtesy, their attendance on that occasion was a token of his value to them as a Preceptor. The continued prosperity of the Lodge was known by the regular attendances of the brethren, and ever increasing number of its members. He (Bro. Williams) had now, in the name of the brethren, to ask Bro. Francis's acceptance of a clock, a tangible token of their esteem and brotherly love, which was offered with their best wishes for him in all his undertakings. The inscription on the clock, which was a handsome one, of marble, and of truly Masonic design, read as follows:—

Presented to
Bro. E. A. FRANCIS, by a number of the Brethren of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1994, as a token of their high esteem and brotherly love, while acting as Preceptor.

Accompanying the testimonial was a handsomely framed address with the names of the donors. Bro. Francis, in reply, said he could scarcely find his voice (let alone words) to express his gratitude for such a handsome present, and for the many kind things said to him. He could not yet realise that he merited them. What he had done for the Lodge as their Preceptor had been a source of great delight to him. He always received support by their regular attendance, which encouraged and fully rewarded him. They had almost overpowered him with such a testimonial. He would only say, that he thanked them most sincerely; he knew there was a great pleasure in store for him when he arrived at home, in showing his wife and family such a token of their appreciation. He trusted he might be spared to do his utmost for the Lodge and the Craft. Bro. W. H. Williams P.M. said he had been entrusted with a toast—namely, the health of Bro. W. E. Farrington, W.M. elect of the Brixton Lodge, No. 1949, and Bro. C. H. Phillips, W.M. elect of the Victor Oak Lodge, No. 1986. He believed these Lodges largely supported this Lodge of Instruction, and it was extremely gratifying to him as an old Past Master, to know that among their members there were brethren so well qualified as to be able to undertake the important and honourable post of W.M., and who had gained their knowledge in so satisfactory a way, by attendance at such a Lodge of instruction. All naturally hoped some day to attain the highest post in their respective Lodges; it therefore behoved them to attend regularly, and make themselves fully conversant with the beautiful ritual of the Craft, not, however, forgetting the three great principles—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The toast was received with great cordiality, and the brethren referred to duly responded, and expressed their thanks for the honour done them. Bro. Phillips, Treasurer of the Lodge, proposed the Masonic Charities. The toast was one especially dear to him, and he trusted to the brethren. Indeed they had shown this by supporting the Benevolent Association in connection with the Lodge, which had sent £20 in less than twelve months. He would couple with the toast the names of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Benevolent Association—Bros. S. Richardson and H. Hooper. These brethren, in acknowledging the toast, referred to the hearty support of the members, and thanked them for the assistance they had rendered. The remaining toasts were the Secretary and Treasurer; the Neighbouring Lodges of Instruction, responded to by Bro. Thomas Poore P.M. Preceptor of Canonbury, and Bro. J. R. Johnson Preceptor of the Cambria. The Visitors and Brethren, responded to by Bro. A. W. S. Hoare, Trinity Lodge, and Bro. R. Ralli Johnston Org. Honor Oak 1986. The vocal portion of the entertainment was supported by Bros. H. J. Brother-G. W. Knight, H. Taylor, G. Monk, R. R. Johnston, J. S. Hooper, J. R. Johnson, and H. M. Williams. Bro. Hoare efficiently filled the post as accompanyist. Bro. Poore proposed the health of the Host and Hostess, conveying the thanks of the Lodge for their kindness on many times. Bro. Monk acknowledged the toast; he would continue to do all in his power to provide for the convenience of the members. The Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable and successful meeting.

PRESENTATION TO A NORTHAMPTON BROTHER.

Bro. Hamilton W. Parker, Past Prov. Grand Deacon of Northants and Hunts, Past Master of the Pomfret Lodge 360, and Past Treasurer of the Eleanor Cross Lodge 1764, of Freemasons, having recently left Northampton to take up his residence at Lowestoft, some of the local brethren felt that his services to Masonry in this district had been so valuable that he ought not to be allowed to leave the neighbourhood without some tangible token of the regard in which he is generally held. A Committee was formed, and it was decided that the testimonial should take the form of a Past Master's jewel, accompanied by a suitable address. Bro. George Kingsley kindly undertook the duties of Secretary to the Committee; the necessary funds were speedily obtained. The presentation jewel, an exquisite work of art, bears on the cross bar the words "Eleanor Cross," and on the face of the ribbon the Lodge's emblem—a beautifully enamelled duplicate of the Eleanor Cross itself, one of the finest architectural and historical memorials of the county. At the foot is the Masonic motto, "Amor, Constantia, Fides;" and depending from it is the jewel, a golden symbol of the Treasurer's office, which Bro. Parker filled so worthily in connection with the Eleanor Cross Lodge. It has also a Past Master's emblem appended, the whole forming, in design and execution, a beautifully artistic expression of Masonic regard. At the back there is the following inscription:—

The Brethren, to
BRO. HAMILTON W. PARKER P.P.G.D. P.M. 360,
in grateful recognition of his services as first Treasurer of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, 1764.

The jewel was accompanied by the following address, bearing the signatures of the Committee:—

"To Hamilton W. Parker, Esq., P. Prov. G.D. Northts and Hunts, P.M. Pomfret Lodge, 360, Treasurer Eleanor Cross Lodge, 1764. We, the undersigned, on behalf of your Masonic Brethren in Northampton, beg your acceptance of the accompanying Treasurer's jewel as a small token of the great regard we have, not only for yourself as a man, but also of our appreciation of your great services to Freemasonry generally in the Province of Northts and Hunts. We sincerely trust that your life in your new home may be both prosperous and happy, and that after a long life well spent in acts of piety and virtue you may hereafter be found worthy to receive the mark of the Great Architect of the Universe, as being fit to form part of that Spiritual Mansion not built by hands, Eternal in the Heavens. Henry Brown P.P.G.W. P.M. 1764, George Ellard Prov. G.D.C. P.M. 360, Henry Spoor Prov. G.S.B. W.M. 1764, John James Hart P.P.G.P. W.M. 360, Eli Morris S.W. 1764, Sam. S. Campion 1764.—Northampton, Jan. 10, 1884."

The address was beautifully written on vellum, and most tastefully illuminated by Mr. H. Harris Brown, son of Mr. Hy. Brown, of Goldstreet, in this town, and is altogether, artistically, an admirable piece of work. The wording of the address is set in a unique border of blue, and the four corners are adorned by skilfully executed emblems, as follow: (1) the Founders' jewel of Eleanor's Cross, 1764; (2) the Royal Arch jewel; (3) the Past Treasurer's jewel; and (4) the Provincial Grand Deacon's jewel. At the head of the address, in heraldic colouring, and enclosed in a circlet of blue are the Pomfret Arms—the arms of the Lodge of which Bro. Parker is a P.M.—and from this design depends the Past Master's jewel. Owing to the distance which separates Lowestoft from Northampton, and the circuitous character of the railway communication, it was felt it would be too much to ask Bro. Parker to come to Northampton to receive the grateful tokens of his Bro. Masons' regard. Bro. Hodgson, the W.M. of the Lodge of Unity, Lowestoft, kindly consented to make the presentation on behalf of the Northampton brethren, and he very gracefully performed this duty at the last Lodge meeting. It was, he said, a source of great pleasure to him to be entrusted with such a duty on behalf of the Eleanor Cross, and he discharged it with the utmost satisfaction. The incident formed a most agreeable and interesting break in the ordinary business of the last Unity Lodge meeting. Both jewel and address were greatly admired by the brethren. Bro. Parker very heartily expressed his acknowledgments, and has sent his warm thanks to the Northampton brethren for their generous appreciation of his services to Masonry.

York Lodge, No. 236.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York. Bro. Garbutt the W.M. presided, and was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Foster J.W., Todd P.M. Treasurer, Smith Secretary, Border J.D., Garland, Mus. Bac., Org., Davis I.G., Sampson M.C., Hopton Steward. There were also present Bros. Major McGachen P.M., Capt. Clifford P.M., Buckle P.M., Kirby I.P.M., Lee P.M. and Rymer P.M. Amongst the visitors were Bro. Hewson P.M. 349, 409 and 1293, who in the course of the after-business gave some interesting particulars of the mode of working in the Malta and other Lodges with which he had been associated. The business of the evening was light, and included a short discussion as to the desirability of providing a better organ, the result of which was that a Committee was appointed to consider the matter and report thereon. Votes of condolence were passed with the widow and family of Brother Francis Rawling, who expired in his fifty-sixth year early that morning; also with the relatives of Brother W. Whitehead, who died a few days ago at his residence, Holgate, near York. In consequence of these losses the Lodge will remain in mourning three months.

At the last meeting of the Masonic Lodge, Hundred of Bosmere, held at Havant, a vote of condolence was carried to Mrs. King, widow of a deceased member, and the relatives, in their sad and sudden bereavement. During the evening Mr. H. S. Young recited some very pathetic lines in reference to the sad event.

The members of the Antiente Fraternitie of Ye Rahere Almoners held a Smoking Concert on Monday, 28th ult., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C.

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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 FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
143—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)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1573—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1948—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 139 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, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
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)
190—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
196—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).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (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.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1683—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
R.A. 983—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moor
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
507—St. Cybi, Town Hal, Holyhead
522—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
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
1419—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
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York (Emergency.)
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1796—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

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, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, 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, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst).

1361—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street,
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Isli
1321—Emblematic, Rose, Jermyn Street, W., at
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town,
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Pa
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street,
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Esse
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tave
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-building
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Ea
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaic
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, De
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapto
R.C. 73—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-s

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymo
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
134—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Ol
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Tr
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Inst
246—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, E
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berw
483—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westga
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gl
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
904—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
947—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashir
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Lei
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Card
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cocke
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyn
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexh
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Esse
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instr
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sus
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Li
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-stree
R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall,
R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street,
R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Bir
R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Ne
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, York
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Bromp
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kir

WEDNESDAY, 6th FEB

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C.,
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington C
198—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-stree
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-r
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, C
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instr
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road,
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road,
962—Whittington, Red Lion, Popnin's-court, Fleet-s
902—Burgoyne, 25 Charterhouse Street, E.C., at 7.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel R
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-stree
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St.,
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Waltham
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's I
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., N
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent
R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Stre

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birminghar
96—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Old
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdal
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street,
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-stre
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newpor
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instr
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-s
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruc
674—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnwor
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instr
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.)
1061—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Ermo, Ermo House, Ivybridge, Devon

—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst)
—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
—St. Leonards, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction
—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct).
—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
53—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8, 30 (Inst.)
—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
—Zapthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
—Lombermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
—Mandour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
—Lomert, Abington Street, Northampton.
—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
—Restrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
—Rees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
—Agle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
—Hagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
—Mattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
—Anderley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
—Davile, Royal Hotel, Elland
—Lincholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
—Trent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
—Five Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
—Use, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
—Wanbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
—Royal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
—Farrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

—Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.
—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, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
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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)
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1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1389—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. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
196—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)
1436—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House 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-street, W. at 8.
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, 28th inst., at Bro. McDiarmaid's, Cambria Tavern, Loughborough Junction, when there were present Bros. Banks W.M., Perkins S.W., Warren J.W., Hook S.D., Cornock J.D., Matthias I.G., and Bros. Johnson (Preceptor), Paton, Westley, Smith, Bellis, Leonard, Buckley, McDiarmaid Treasurer, and Dickson Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The following sections of the lecture were worked: 1st by Bro. Westley, 2nd by Bro. Bellis, and 3rd by Bro. Westley. The W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, with Bro. Westley as candidate. Brother Perkins was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Audit Committee presented their report, which was unanimously adopted. There had been an addition of over 50 members to the Lodge of Instruction during the past 12 months. £10 10s had been voted to the Masonic Charities, and there is a balance of £6 3s 4d in the Treasurer's hands. Bros. Johnson and McDiarmaid were re-elected Preceptor and Treasurer respectively, and Bro. Dickson was appointed Secretary. After "Hearty Good Wishes," the Lodge was closed and adjourned till Monday, 4th February, at 7.30 p.m.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—At a meeting held at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, on the 31st. ult. Bros. Banks W.M., J. Bedford Williams S.W., Greener J.W., Hutchings P.M. Preceptor, S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, W. E. Dilley S.D., Fisher J.D., Penrose I.G.; also Bros. Ingram P.M., J.W. Freeman P.M., Penney, J. J. Pitt. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Ingram candidate. Lodge was then called off, and on resuming was closed to the first degree, when Bro. Fisher J.D. 871 was unanimously elected a member; and after collection of dues, the Lodge was closed in due form. Brethren residing in the neighbourhood are most cordially invited to attend this Lodge of Instruction.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on the 25th ult., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. F. Botley W.M., Weeden S.W., Cammell J.W., C. E. Botley S.D., Sugg J.D., Gunner I.G., W. Goss P.M., B. Blasby P.M., S. Blasby, King, Mahon, Sherrin. After preliminaries, the ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. C. E. Botley candidate. Lodge was opened in the third degree and resumed to first, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. S. Blasby candidate. Bro. Weeden was elected the W.M. for 1st February. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

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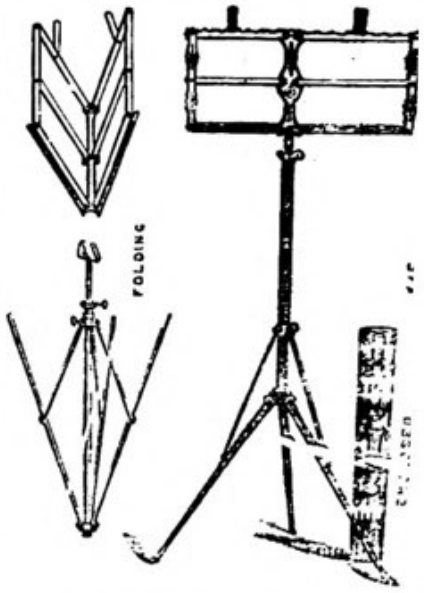
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ESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

VE need make no apology for reminding our readers that the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic nevolent Institution is very close at hand, and that if wish it to be on a level with the requirements of this portant Charity we have no time to lose in girding our-ves up for the occasion. Unfortunately, as we hear, the ard of Stewards is far from being as strong as could be ired, and many even of those who put down their names serve on it are repenting of their courage and with-wing. Both these circumstances are greatly to be retted. A Board that is strong in numbers may be koned on securing at least a good average return per ward, even if there happen to be few or no individual lections which would deserve attention for the liberality their amounts in the most successful of Bro. Terry's rs; while it must disturb all calculations as to the lt when brethren send in their names to serve, only at last moment to withdraw them. Again, it must be nembered on previous occasions Bro. Terry's Chairman had a Province at his back, but the Grand Treasurer, o will preside on the 26th instant, is a London brother, the amount of support he personally may be able to mand must, in the order of things, be very limited. t year, for instance, when General Brownrigg was in chair, his Province of Surrey, though by no means a nerically strong one, gave him support to the extent of £900. On the other hand, even the prestige attaching he name and rank of the Duke of Connaught, who is a Prov. G.M., was not sufficient to raise the product of Boys' School Festival, at which His Royal Highness pre-d, to the average of Bro. Binckes's achievements during past eight or ten years. There is, therefore, all the ter reason why, in this particular instance, as the irman has no special support in the shape of a Province ly upon, the Board of Stewards, instead of being ex-ionally weak, should be exceptionally strong. By way limax to the foregoing arguments, we must take leave mind our readers and the Craft at large, that the ands annually made upon the funds of the Royal onic Benevolent Institution are extraordinarily heavy. equires considerably more than £12,000 to pay the nitants. The Craft has so willed it, by regularly in-ing the number of Old People on the two Funds of Institution, and the Craft, therefore, owes it as a duty nly to their decayed brethren and the widows of such, ikewise to itself, to religiously provide the wherewithal eet these liabilities. And, as in the literature of the matic world, there is not only an ultimatum, but an natissimum likewise, we must point out that the number or old applicants who need the help of this splendid tution is considerably greater than usual. We believe re correct in saying that, while there are something 26 candidates on the two lists together for the election ay next, there are only about 17 vacancies to be filled, t depends on the result obtained at the annual celebra-on next Tuesday fortnight whether the Executive must nt themselves with merely replacing the annuitants who have passed away, or replace them, and at the same time still further reduce the array of the disappointed ones. Much may be done in the fortnight that yet remains, and we hope it will be done, so that if the Benevolent Festival of 1884 is no better than its predecessors of the last few years, it, at all events, may turn out to be no worse.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.*

IN continuing his researches into the History of our Craft, Bro. Gould exhibits the same thoroughness and furnishes the same ample details as in his opening volume. If the same charisteristics prevail in the volumes which remain to be written, the work will unquestionably be the most voluminous as well as the most complete that has appeared on Masonic History. Moreover, there are good reasons for believing that not only will it be complete, but likewise that it will put an entirely different complexion on the subject from that which previous writers have favoured us with. Bro. Gould may be an enthusiast, but, with the well-balanced mind of a lawyer, he never allows his enthusiasm to obtain the mastery over him. He goes on pursuing his investigations as calmly and methodically as if he were studying a brief in some lawsuit about a right of way, or the boundary lines of two neighbouring properties. He marshals his authorities before us, examines them, criticises them, sums them up, and then draws up the result of his studies in plain sober English. Here and there, of course, he favours his readers with some theories of his own, but he is always careful to delineate the bases on which he founds them, so that if they feel justified in disagreeing with the conclusions he arrives at, it is not because he has withheld from them any important evidence which is calculated to affect their judgment, or that he has supplied them with evidence derived principally from his own imagination, but because they view not the evidence that is obtainable as sanctioning the conclusions he draws. Indeed, if there is a fault about Bro. Gould's work, it is that he has over-elaborated it, and consequently those who have a mind to examine for themselves the materials he has collated, and work out their own conclusions instead of accepting his unchallenged, will find it no easy task to wade through the formidable array of excerpts and references he lays before them. Perhaps this is a fault on the right side. It is certainly better to have too much than too little to work upon, but it does not make the task of following him or analysing the result of his labours the more easy of accomplishment.

The first chapter of the second volume—that on "Mediæval Operative Masonry"—will suffice to illustrate our meaning. It is clearly most desirable we

* *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 II. London: Thos. C. Jack, 45 Ludgate Hill. 1883.

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should obtain all the information that is possible about "Gothic" architecture. Hence, it is quite right that Bro. Gould should have collated whatever evidence connected with the subject he could lay his hands upon; but we fail to see how an elaborate description of the principal Gothic buildings in different countries is calculated to facilitate our comprehension of Mediæval Operative Masonry and its connection with the Speculative system. That it is desirable a connection between the two should be shown to exist or not to exist is undoubted, but these ornate accounts of buildings will not help us materially. They are, no doubt, necessary to a certain extent, because Bro. Gould has made a point of appealing to the buildings themselves in evidence of his propositions, that, as there has always been "a certain similarity between the fashions and institutions of the different nations" of Western Europe, "to which architecture has proved no exception," each nation, when a new fashion arose in architecture "pursued its own individuality, untrammelled by that of its neighbours"; and consequently that "as no spontaneous movement was possible, so the over-spreading of Europe by one Germanic fashion is equally mythical." But it strikes us that in in order to establish these propositions, a very considerable multiplication of examples was unnecessary. However, there is no denying that the different studies of architectural works which are brought together are very interesting, though it must be a matter of opinion if, being so numerous, they afford us a much clearer insight into the question of the connection between our Freemasonry and the Operative Masonry of the Middle Ages.

Having taken us through different countries, and shown and commented on the principal structures they can severally boast, Bro. Gould proceeds to inquire who were the men who built these edifices in England,—the cathedrals, abbeys, &c.,—of which we are all so proud? The idea of the Roman Collegia, after careful examination, he dismisses, though he acknowledges they were introduced into this country. In the first place, he says, "it is very doubtful how far the British element, which is supposed to have carried on the Collegia until they reappeared in the Saxon form of Guilds, survived the Saxon Conquest." Works of great research have been written with the single result of showing how great is the divergence of the learned on the subject. Moreover, even though the Collegia "may be the parents of the subsequent Guilds," there is no evidence that "any such Collegia belonged to the building trades, but a good deal of negative evidence to the contrary." The Celts were not builders, and the Anglo-Saxons, when they began building, "were obliged to import workmen, and they also sent abroad when they commenced to restore." Hence the author regards it as "tolerably certain that all knowledge of the art of Roman building, and with it the Roman building corporations—although they still had Roman buildings in their midst—have long been lost, and had never been handed down to the Saxons;" and for these and other reasons he feels constrained to decide "against the high antiquity of the Masonic bodies in the British islands." It is also his opinion—on the evidence we possess—that organised bodies of Masons did not arise "until long after the appearance of Guilds among other trades."

But if it is difficult to decide when the Masonic bodies first took form, it is clearly the opinion of the author that "the ceremonies and customs by which they were distinguished are at least of much earlier origin than our oldest constitutions." Thus, according to the fabric rolls of the York Minster, "Orders for the Masons and Workmen" were issued in 1355. From these rolls, which have been published by Canon Raine for the Surtees Society, we have the following, quoted by Bro. Gould:—"The first and second masons who are called masters of the same, and the carpenters, shall make oath that they cause the ancient customs underwritten to be faithfully observed. In summer they are to begin to work immediately after sunrise until the ringing of the bell of the Virgin Mary, then to breakfast in the fabric lodge, then one of the masters shall knock upon the door of the lodge, and forthwith all are to return to work until noon. Between April and August, after dinner they shall sleep in the lodge, then work until the first bell for vespers, then sit to drink to the end of the third bell, and return to work so long as they can see by daylight. It was usual for this church to find tunics (probably gowns), aprons, gloves, and clogs, and to give occasional potations and remuneration for extra work. Gloves were also given to the carpenters." Other instances

that one of the earliest intimations
"when a *tabulatum domicialem* wa
front of St. Albans Abbey," and in
2s 6d for straw to cover the maso
Castle." Also, "at the Chapel o
minster, a man was paid in 1320,
amongst other work. In 1399, th
list of the stores at the 'loge' in t
at the additions to Westminster Hall
find 'herbergage' (harbourage) for
companions (journeymen); and, in
ticed the fact of two carpenters w
house for the masons of Westminste
house in Tothill-street; and of 15s
'dauber' for the lodge for the mas
that street. The earliest of the Ma
or 'Charges,' the Halliwell, *circa*
in the logge the apprentice were take

'The prevystye of the chamber te
Ny yn the *logge* whatever they d

which is styled by Mr. Papworth 'a
of the attempt at concealment of trad
at Catterick Church, a 'luge' of fou
having to be made for the masons.
engaged to build Walberswick steeple
with a 'hows,' to eat, drink, work,
'make mete in,' *i.e.* fitting or convenie

Having referred to the "origin of
the grips and signs *attributed* to the
"the symbols, lewd, profane, or mere
Gould settles himself to consider "
architects and designers of the med
were they operative Masons, or at lea
that body?" This question is, as he sa
one, and various theories respecting it
but before entering upon it, he consi
note "the various designations used
Middle Ages," and to this end h
Mr. Papworth, to whose inquiries we s
following. "Cæmentarius," he says, "is
1077, and is the term most constantly
were collected at Canterbury to a cons
William of Sens came out the 'Mag
applied to his successor—William the
is not clear whether 'master of the
mason' is to be applied to these two.
educational writer noted the word 'ce
with the old French synonym 'maszun,
tation for our accepting the one for the
'Assize' of 1212, besides 'cementari
lapidum liberorum,' words of very excep
end of the thirteenth and beginning
centuries, the terms 'magister cementar
or fellows, are obtained. 'Marmorarius
also a new word 'latomus,' which is,
found written in all manner of spellin
in old French, is to erect a house 'de pe
of somewhat later date is found a 'mestr
pere;' while, still later, 1360, a Mason 'd
de grosse pere' appears in the statutes.
are the words 'petras vocatas ragge calce
During the fourteenth century 'lathom
found, and it would appear to be applie
Mason who was to execute cut-work, as
was required for rougher work, or to lab
Under the date of 1396, the contractors
Westminster Hall were 'citiens et ma
and of the same year, is the passage '*l*
Maceons,' and '*lathomos vocatos ligiers*,'
translate the words, masons called free (s
masons (the same term is used for both
setters." He then proceeds to apply the
and others—in the first place to English
men engaged in England, with the result
of those enumerated he succeeds in obtai
"seven *cementarii*, who evidently were
workmen, or even master masons, in o
term," and "thirteen clerics, including
(Arnold, of Croyland), who are suppose
less appearance of truth, to have been,
least, who certainly *were*—architects."
"We should also have seen, had the
that the *cementarii* were of all rank

such a building as St. Albans, or even design-
it—such as William of Sens, *English* William,
perhaps Farleigh at Salisbury—to the humble
ividual who undertook a tomb, a portion of a dormitory
at Durham), or a village spire." Then from the clerics,
e have the great clerical trio (I omit Gundulph)
ham, Wykeham, Walsingham, more especially the latter,
e the account of his work is so clear and ample. It is
e evident from these three, backed and confirmed as
are by the positive accounts in the 'Historia Eliensis,'
there existed, at least here and there, ecclesiastics who
e quite capable of taking the superintendence, perhaps
the execution, of a building into their own hands,
vided they had competent workmen under them."
tly, there was yet another mode of proceeding, adopted
York and probably elsewhere, where there was main-
ed a school of competent workmen, which in time of
d could be augmented from outside sources. In consider-
what share each of these classes had in the erection of
iæval architecture, Bro. Gould comes to the conclusion
"in England, the masonic body may very fairly be
dited with a very large portion of mediæval, not to say
er, church architecture, and must have very materially
tributed to that in which the clerics had really the
f share."

'urning to ecclesiastical edifices abroad, Bro. Gould
ks they were, "like those in England, the product partly
ay, and partly of clerical architects." It is his opinion,
ever, that "the laymen" would "seem to predominate,"
whether this is so "from the fact of the art being more
usively in the hands of laymen, or because it has merely
pened that more of their names have been preserved,
be doubtful." As to the class which is known in the
ent day as architects he considers that "out of Italy,
during the Middle Ages" they did not exist, and "that
he buildings we so much admire were the combined
k of certain priests and monks educated specially for the
k, in conjunction with their master mason, usually
ched to the building, as at York, and more often by
master mason alone; but that when the latter was the
, the master mason was an independent individual."
h the author's further remarks as to how the class of
itects came into existence, &c., we need not concern
elves. Let it suffice, therefore, if, in concluding our
rvations on the opening chapter of Bro. Gould's second
me we express our belief that, over-elaboration not-
standing, he has succeeded in showing "that the opera-
Masons had a much larger share in the construction
mediæval "buildings than is usually supposed, inas-
h as they were to a very large extent the actual
ners of the edifices on which they worked, and not the
servants of the ecclesiastics."

(To be continued.)

HE ALBERT EDWARD LIFEBOAT.

ENEROSITY is never utterly thrown away. Like
bread cast upon the waters, it returns after many
In some cases results follow with pleasing rapidity,
sometimes in a form that is peculiarly gratifying.
ered all round as this country is with rugged and
erous coasts, upon which the ever restless and ofttimes
y waves dash with relentless force, the necessity of
ution against shipwrecks is particularly urgent. For
years the National Lifeboat Institution has performed
valuable duty in this respect, and now our coasts are
l over with buildings containing boats and life-saving
under the charge of brave and gallant seamen. Many of
oats and gear are the gifts of persons or institutions,
ne of these Lifeboats owes its existence and usefulness
members of the Craft. The boat is very properly
l after our Royal Grand Master, and is called the
rt Edward." It is stationed at Clacton-on-Sea, where
done good service. On several occasions during the
ear it was instrumental in rescuing many persons
peril and even from death. A misfortune, however,
this noble little vessel on the 23rd ult., which unfor-
ly resulted in the loss of two of the brave crew. The
ing account of the event, the accuracy of which we
uch for, will tell its own tale of manly daring and
nce :—

bout 10 p.m. on the 23rd January, the Albert Edward Lifeboat
mptly launched in reply to signals of distress, during a gale
e W.N.W. The boat proceeded under closed reefed canvas
across the Swin, and when about mid-channel, the coxswain
ordered the second coxswain to burn a blue light, so that a reply might
be obtained from the vessel in distress, no signals having been seen
from her for some time. While the blue light in question was being
held, two or three very heavy seas, in quick succession, struck the
boat, one of them breaking into the sails. The coxswain immediately
put the helm down, but the boat, instead of answering it, heeled over,
and then turned over to port, the coxswain calling on the crew to
"hold on." The boat came up on her starboard broadside and there
remained. The coxswain managed to pull himself up to the port side
from under the ropes and there found one of the crew. He at once
endeavoured to free the sheets, which were foul, but being unable
to do so, he, with great presence of mind, pulled out his knife and
cut them. The boat's head, which had been checked by the anchor
falling overboard, now came round, head to sea, and she immediately
righted. This was at about 11·30 p.m. The coxswain having called
over the crew, found two missing, viz., Cross, the second coxswain
and T. Cattermole. He can only account for their loss by their being
down on the lee side and being hampered by the ropes and oars. The
boat then laid-to at anchor until daylight, but nothing could be seen
of the missing men or the wreck. Sail was then set, and Clacton
was reached at 11·30 the following day. All the men were thoroughly
exhausted with the immersion and the cold wind. Cross, the second
coxswain, leaves a wife and six children under 14 years of age, and
Cattermole a wife and 3 children under four years of age. Captain
Carter, R.N., the District Inspector of Lifeboats, at once proceeded
to Clacton, and made inquiries into the circumstances of the case.
After full consideration, he is of opinion that the accident was occa-
sioned, in great measure, if not entirely, by the foresheet getting
foul. Great praise is due to the coxswain, who, when the boat was
capsizing, urgently impressed on his men the importance of holding on.

A local subscription is being made for the relief of the widows and children of the two men, towards which his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has contributed £5. The National Lifeboat Institution has subscribed the sum of £450 towards the fund—£250 for the widow with six children, and £200 for the widow with three children. The noblest fact of all in connection with this melancholy disaster remains to be recorded. The men who endured so much on the occasion referred to received from the Institution a money payment for their services, but, like generous-hearted fellows as they are, they handed over the whole of the amount to the widows of their unfortunate colleagues. One who knows these men, and who speaks with authority, writes:—"The Lifeboat men there (Clacton-on-Sea) are splendid fellows, and are daunted by nothing." That they are as generous as they are brave we have proved. Freemasons ought to feel proud that the boat was provided by the Craft, and is manned by such a crew, and now is the time and the opportunity for showing that bravery and generosity are attributes of the English character as highly prized as ever they were. The Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, has set a good example. They have subscribed £5 towards the local fund, and we believe nothing would gratify the crew of the Albert Edward more than by knowing that many other Lodges and Chapters had done the same. We hope the act of the Pythagorean Lodge will be felt as a challenge to a noble contest in the cause of charity, the guerdon being a satisfied conscience.

There seems to be a happy combination of amusement with work at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green, as we are reminded by the recurrence of little entertainments and concerts that are given there now and again. One of these pleasant gatherings took place on Wednesday evening, when the Carolina (Original) Minstrels—very original, we should state—carried out a very interesting programme. There were sentimental and comic songs, instrumental music, two Ethiopian trifles entitled, "The Pilgrim Fathers" and "A Photographer's Difficulties." The fare was varied and sufficient to satisfy all reasonable demands. Bones and tambourines figured among the instruments called into use, but we missed the tinkle of the banjo, without which the negro element of the entertainment could hardly be said to be complete. The very nature of the performance and the performers themselves render criticism unnecessary, but we may say that all who took part in the amusements on Wednesday night acquitted themselves well. We are often told that the English are not a musical people; perhaps not, in some senses, but if our City establishments—from one of which the entertainers in question hail—can produce so efficient a set of performers, able to please and even satisfy a moderately critical standard, we think the slur is fast being wiped out, if it ever existed. The School Boys' Band played during the evening, under the baton of their Master, Mr. Whare. Several visitors were present, and the whole proceedings were pleasurable and satisfactory.

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A REPLY TO MASSACHUSETTS.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

NO one dislikes controversy more than we do. We greatly prefer to have every one agree with us. It is painful for us to have a difference with any one, much more with a Brother Mason. Besides, we never possessed the faculty to make the worse appear the better reason. When the facts are with us we can express them with some degree of clearness, and arrange them in some sort of consecutive order, but more than this we cannot do. We would not manufacture facts, and we cannot torture arguments. We are no advocate. But we are always willing to labour for Freemasonry, and our purpose ever is first to discover the truth, and then to propagate it.

As many as nine years ago, we thought that we had discovered certain Masonic truth. Our discovery was afterwards corroborated by the independent investigations of other brethren, brethren, too, on both sides of the ocean. This fortified us in our opinion. It led us to believe that we had not erred. But now, alas, we have had a sort of wooden nutmeg cast at us from New England—in the shape of a five-page article in the (Providence, R. I.) *Freemasons' Repository*, and we are pleasantly asked either to have our metaphorical head broken by it, or else to admit, in a manly manner, that we have "ducked" to avoid it. The same article has appeared, in substance, in the London *Freemason's Chronicle*. Between the two, *our* favourite "opinion" is to be decently laid out, and Masonically interred, and we are asked to appear among the mourners. We cannot do it. We are entirely too cheerful to join the proposed funeral throng. Besides, we do not think the *corpus delicti* has been proven. There is no body to bury. It would be a sham funeral. We have always been opposed to shams. No, Bro. "Undertaker" Norton, it is your funeral, not ours. At all events, it is Massachusetts' funeral, not Pennsylvania's, and non-affiliate Bro. Jacob Norton is the self-appointed principal conductor of ceremonies to the late lamented Boston "notion," that Freemasonry on this continent had its origin in Massachusetts—to the quiet shades of the cemetery of oblivion.

We cannot quote our brother's article entire, but we will give its caption and close. It is entitled (Yankee fashion) "Was Lodge No. 79, of 1730, a Philadelphia Lodge?" and it concludes: I now respectfully request of my friend, Bro. MacCalla, either to disprove the facts and inferences given in this paper, or to confess, fair and square, that the English Lodge, No. 79, was not located in Philadelphia, either in 1736, or in any subsequent year."

We cannot honestly "confess," Bro. N., so we must try to "disprove." And yet, why should our brother ask *us* to disprove this Lodge 79 theory? We were not the discoverer of the fact that Lodge 79 and "The Hoop," in Water Street, in Philadelphia, were identical. A far more learned, and a much better known brother, has that honour, one whose fame as a careful Masonic student and noted Masonic author is co-extensive with the prevalence of the English language, and indeed with universal Freemasonry around the globe. Bro. Wm. James Hughan was the discoverer of the printed Lodge list of 1735, which states that Lodge 79 was our first Philadelphia Lodge,—"The Hoop." He says it is worth all it states, and that it affords impartial contemporaneous evidence in favour of Philadelphia's primacy in Masonry on this continent. Now, although Bro. Norton ought to have aimed his article at Bro. Hughan, since he has seen fit to aim at us we will try to show him how little there is in it.

First we will fairly epitomise Bro. Norton's arguments:

Rawlinson's List of Lodges (of A.D. 1733) from No. 1 to No. 116, has Lodge No. 79 *blank*.

Pine's List, of 1784, also has Lodge No. 79 *blank*.

"Smith's Pocket Companion" (London 1735) also has Lodge No. 79 *blank*.

"Here then (says Bro. N.,) we have three London brethren of 1733 and 1734 testifying that Lodge No. 79 was erased from the English register in the years of 1733 and 1734."

"Smith's Pocket Companion" (Dublin, 1735) has Lodge No. 116 (equivalent to Lodge No. 79 in the three preceding lists, the thirty-seven Irish Lodges being enumerated first in order in the Dublin list) as follows:

"116, The Hoop, in Water Street, in Philadelphia, 1st and 3rd Thursday."

Bro. Norton remarks upon this HARD FACT in favour of Philadelphia:

"As No. 79 was the only erased Lodge on the list, and as the Dublin reporter was probably puzzled as to why and wherefore that number was not filled up; and probably HAVING HEARD ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF A LODGE IN PHILADELPHIA, he therefore jumped to the conclusion that the Philadelphia Lodge was No. 79, and so he filled the blank."

Bro. Norton has conceded too much. He could not help it, we know, and it is highly creditable to him. The Dublin reporter had heard "about the existence of a Lodge in Philadelphia," No. 79, of date 1730-1. Indeed! Dublin and Philadelphia were as far apart, then, as the Poles are now. Depend upon it he never learned of this Philadelphia Lodge from a mere rumour that straggled across the Atlantic. No, he could not have learned of it in that way. It is far more reasonable to suppose that he received his intelligence from London, rather than from Philadelphia, and from official sources, rather than from rumour.

But we will quote again from Bro. N.

A Pine's list of Lodges of A.D. 1786 gives Lodge No. 79 as *alive*, meeting at "The Two Angels and Crown, London."

Bro. Gould's list of A.D. 1730-32 gives "No. 79, Castle, in Highgate."

And then Bro. N. asks, "in the name of common sense how can any one pretend to believe that Lodge No. 79 was located at Philadelphia in 1730?"

We wish Bro. Norton had asked us a harder question. We can answer him out of his own mouth, with his own words, and those of

the number of a Lodge signified nothing.
to one Lodge, and the next to another.
sold. Numbers were exchanged. Numb
Gould corroborates Bro. Norton, or Bro. N
he chooses. We do not desire to impeach
original discoverer, particularly when he
difficulties. We believe an English list
will yet be discovered, with the Philade
Bro. Hughan favours this expectation.
of Bro. Norton's difficulty is, that our
received no returns (as was the custom of
Philadelphia Lodge, warranted in 1730-1,
for several years, and finally gave that
This is all there is in it. We have the H
the Dublin "Freemason's Pocket Compan
set down *between* Lodges admittedly warr
the Lodge at "The Hoop, in Water Street
own table, in the article we now criticise,
of 1730, afterwards became, in succession,
45! In 1832 this Lodge disappeared entir

The value of this Lodge 79 testimony is
documentary, contemporaneous, official
proves that Philadelphia is the Mother-cit
or, as Bro. Hughan has phrased it, the *pr*
on this continent. We re-stated, in brief,
THE KEYSTONE of last week. We will on
that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
following States of the United States: Ne
land, Virginia, North Carolina, South Ca
Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, North-West Terri
—leaving only the New England State
immediately adjacent to Massachusetts, to
that jurisdiction (see THE KEYSTONE for 2
abundantly proves Pennsylvania's title to
jurisdiction of Masonry in America. Pri
have been positively proven.

Such is Pennsylvania's position, with
Charter granted by the Grand Master of
and *duly recorded* in England at that tim
cial Grand Lodge, organised under and
provisions of said original Charter, at Ph
1732; with a regular annual election of
tively thereafter; with a record of its firs
Water-street, in Philadelphia," in the Dub
Companion" of A.D. 1735, and with the t
letter of 17th November 1754, all in its fav

Now, on the other hand, what is Massa
dislike to state it, but the unjustifiable
on Pennsylvania compels us to do so. There
ful character whatever about early Mas
claims a Deputation from the Grand Mast
Price, of date 30th April 1733. There is
Deputation on the books of the Grand Lo
Price *was* appointed Prov. Grand Master in 17
his alleged first Deputation of 1733, and h
had been appointed in 1733. The only ev
ing, is a Boston record, *not made up unti*
purports to be a copy of it. In other words
in a copy of a paper of which there is no ev
ever existed. We have Brother Jacob Nor
statements. We have his articles on the
write. He says, this Henry Price was "an
the first Lodge (St. John's in Boston "never
received one from the United Grand Lod
1792" (and yet this *very regular* Lodge ju
anniversary, and our esteemed Brother Sere
Secretary, delivered the laudatory historic
however be entirely failed to notice the m
this first Boston Lodge.) Brother Norton fu

"In 1734 Price pretended to have received
ford, Grand Master of England, an extens
Grand Master of all North America, and by vi
claims that Price chartered Lodges at Phil
S.C., at Annapolis, at Halifax, Nova Scotia, a
Now all these statements I have elsewhere
Price did not receive anything from the Earl
grant charters to Philadelphia, Charleston,
mouth. * * When we find so many missta
record, we may be allowed to doubt the
appointment in 1733."

Further on, speaking of the Provincial Gran
setts, Bro. Norton says:

"The Grand Lodge kept no record whate
so-called original record of Massachusetts, fro
to have been manufactured by Charles Pelham
The Boston Provincial Grand Lodge held no
tions before 1750, it made no annual statement
of England, and it paid no two guineas for its
In 1857, Moore, in his life of Price, said that
without a charter till 1792."

It is very pleasant to be able to answer our
quoting to him so acceptable and unimpeachabl
as Bro. Norton! And all this is not "only asse
There are many hard facts presented. Wi
brethren fraternally clear up their own record,
attack Pensylvania? We have no *manufact*
Lodge minutes, written up eighteen years after t
be narrated, and containing statements that ar
corroborative evi ence whatever. No, we h
lawful, duly registered in England, deputatio
Coxe; a duly organised Provincial Grand Lodg

erred to above, that we need not recapitulate here. Will our eemed Bro. Nickerson, and our critical Bro. Norton, permit us to ; that all of the "assertion and assumption" in this matter must attributed solely to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and to achusetts brethren? As we said at the beginning, we dislike troversy, but when truth is attacked, and it is attempted to throne error in its place, we cast aside all of our "City of Brotherly e" proclivities for peace, and tell the truth, at the expense of ning—our Boston Brethren.

CORRESPONDENCE.

do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Cor- spondents.
Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not essarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.
annot undertake to return rejected communications.

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Ttemplary and Freemasonry.

To the Edior of the Freemason's Chronicle.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If Freemasonry were an exact science, e would be no room for speculation, and one of its fundamental soteristics would be destroyed. It is because it is speculative that ach interest is aroused, and so wide a field left for the human erstanding to explore, both as to its origin and practice. The ing of Freemasonry, so far as it goes, is real and definite enough, ng can be clearer and more beautiful than its code of morals; ual is grand and impressive, but there is a blank so far as re- s creeds are concerned. The distinctive feature of the Craft is . Some contend that this is a departure from the origin of the n, from primitive use, and even the practice that prevailed prior beginning of the eighteenth century. It is also alleged that son and Desaguliers eliminated the doctrine of the Trinity the revival of 1717, and thus destroyed one of the chief bases of der which was said to owe its existence to Christianity, using the n its widest signification, because there was no time when Christ ot. I do not desire, nor am I competent, to venture upon all the that have arisen with regard to the origin and early practice emasonry. The subject, however, to my mind, is too thoroughly ative to warrant dogmatic assertions on the part of any one, this—that it must have had a close and inseparable connec- ith religion in either its esoteric or exoteric form. Believing cannot go with those that seem to think that Freemasonry ot of the secular guilds of Masons or builders, and was after- clothed with religious or moral garments. They assert that t of building is old, and that the speculative character of aft *is* modern. I take that to be their meaning; if I am wrong, stand corrected. On the other hand, it is affirmed that Free- y originated out of religious mysteries, the exercise and of which led to the creation and development of the various building. How it became corrupted no one can tell, nor is ny evidence beyond that which is self-contained to show the oteric character of the Craft. Just as the Christianity of differs from that of the time of its foundation, so may Free- y have changed its character, nay, even have lost its deriva- Happily, for Christianity the record is too clear and full for but in the case of Freemasonry it is otherwise, hence the nity for the exercise of that spirit of speculation which ap- grow as the Order flourishes and multiplies.

there is such scope for divergence of opinion, it does seem that brethren should indulge in strong and offensive epithets. ot surprised, therefore, that Bro. Moore, Great Prior of takes exception to the language used by your contemporary ling with his allocution delivered in 1883, a summary of ppeared in your last issue. I have read the allocution itself, ot see anything in it to warrant the application of such "fads" and "will-o'-the-wisp." It may be admitted that Masonic history is comparatively modern, but then what is ust have had a source. What was that source? In answer- nquiry, one fad is as good as another, and the whole series tions may be so many will-o'-the-wisps. If there are no ecords there are traditions and speculations to fall back taking the traditions of Craft Masonry as they are known is everything in favour of the Christian origin of the breathes the spirit of Christianity throughout, and the spirit is recognised and made the motive of action, the l it be for the Fraternity in particular and mankind in There is a sceptical feeling abroad, which seeks a natural for all things, which destroys faith and the strength it en hunger after wealth, not because of the good it will n to do, but because of the position it will give them in the means it will afford them for self-indulgence. Men red by the depth of their pockets, and not by the capacity ins and the purity of their lives. Masonry shares in the he age, the greatest, because the most dangerous, being . It is wise to be historically correct where possible; it seek after truth. But faith has accomplished more for han science, and sympathetic charity is far nobler than rfect mathematical problem. If one were to apply the f scientific inquiry to much that is accepted by the world be little left worth having; all would be resolved into which could never again be animated except by the hid- ch feeds faith and inspires men to the noblest actions. become of our ritual, for instance, were it judged by the spirit abroad? What has become of it in France? Is with that reverence that is its due even in England? nd much of the carelessness and indifference with which the ceremonies are performed and witnessed is due to the [illegible] spirit of utilitarianism that prevails.

I am afraid I have trespassed too much upon your space, but as one who reveres the Order of which he is but a humble member, whose wish is father to the thought of its divine origin, I could not let the subject pass without saying a word in favour of that courtesy which becometh all men, especially Freemasons, and in deference of the spirituality of the Order, without which it would be like salt that had lost its savour.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.

INQUIRER.

ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"WATCHMAN" has done good service by drawing attention to two points which deserve to be especially noticed in connection with the discussion on this subject. The first is that "if experience is really considered of such moment," then the claims of Bro. Creaton to be re-elected Grand Treasurer far surpass those of Bro. Allcroft. The second is—though I put it before your readers as an absolute statement, while "WATCHMAN" put it suggestively—that the office has not suffered by Bro. Allcroft's inexperience of its duties. Thus, the supporters of Bro. Allcroft, if they have any sense of argument in them, should find themselves—to use a very ordinary phrase—between the horns of a dilemma. If experience *is* of moment, then they are bound to re-elect Bro. Creaton; if experience goes for nothing, then, provided the brother be worthy of the honour—and nobody has yet ventured to deny this in the case of Bro. Marshall—it matters little who is nominated for the office. However, after your able article and WATCHMAN'S letter, I need not pursue the subject further. I quite agree with what he says; "The office of Grand Treasurer is honorary in every sense of the term; its possession implies rank and honour, it is the gift of Grand Lodge, and it should be bestowed as a mark of recognition of excellent qualities by whomsoever displayed." The authors or issuers of the Circular, in support of Bro. Allcroft's candidature, will have some difficulty in disposing in any way effectually of this argument.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

R. L. S.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The firm and courteous tone taken throughout this controversy by yourself and your correspondents has done much to make the course of those who are free to act easy, while it has seriously embarrassed others who have given a blind assent to the demands of a few leading spirits, who have put forth a circular with a strong array of names. I think you have acted very prudently in discussing the question upon its merits. Perhaps "WATCHMAN," last week, transgressed slightly, but only very slightly, in dealing with persons. Upon the whole, I believe you have done good patriotic work, and whatever the issue may be, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you fought for principle and not for party.

Personally, I was indifferent about who should be Treasurer. I was inclined to let things go on just as circumstances ordered, but, I confess, your spirited conduct has aroused within me a very different feeling. I have come to the conclusion that unless some very much better reasons are advanced for retaining Bro. Allcroft in the office of Grand Treasurer than have already appeared, his re-election would be a breach of faith. He was elected upon the principle of a yearly change. This has been proved beyond a doubt, although I was not aware of the fact until I read what you had to say on the subject. It was not necessary, as some contend, to take a pledge from Bro. Allcroft, written or otherwise, that he would only serve for one year. Such a practice would have been undignified and offensive. It is infinitely worse, however, to seek to escape from a moral obligation because a discourteous exaction had not been enforced.

The office of Grand Treasurer might very well be abolished altogether for any duties that pertain to it. It merely gives a name to an honour which is in the gift of Grand Lodge, and being so, it should be left entirely to Grand Lodge when and to whom that honour should be given. The principle of a yearly gift has been established beyond doubt, and if it were loyally recognised, there would be no difficulty in making a suitable choice, without any fear of raising partizan controversies which some brethren profess to abhor, but which they are doing their best to provoke. I sincerely hope that the manly spirit you have exhibited in this matter may find a corresponding response on the part of the large majority of Grand Lodge. Whatever may be the result, I am sure you will gain the respect of your opponents and enhance the confidence that is already felt in your thoroughly independent journal.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A QUIET OBSERVER.

MASSACHUSETTS MASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your reprint from the *Hebrew Leader* of Bro. Nickerson's interesting address on Massachusetts Masonry, that brother is represented as having said: "In 1814 the Grand Lodge of England first appointed Chaplains."

Is not this a slight error on the part of your contemporary?

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I hardly think the Grand Secretary of Massachusetts could have made such a mistake.

In order to prevent any misconception on this point, perhaps it would be as well to inform your readers that Grand Chaplains were appointed first by the "Ancients" in 1771 and by the "Moderns" in 1775, when, as I thought was pretty generally known, the gifted and ill-fated Dr. Dodd was appointed to that office, and in the following year he delivered his celebrated Oration at the dedication of Freemasons' Hall.

Yours fraternally,

H. SADLER.

P.S.—I append a list of Grand Chaplains appointed by the two Grand Lodges prior to 1814:—

"Atholls."

Rev. Jas. Grant 1771.
Parker Rowland 1775.
Dr. Wm. Parry 1778.
Colin Milne, D.D. 1781.
Edward Barry, A.M. and M.D. 1791.

"Moderns."

Rev. Wm. Dodd, LL.D. 1775.
A. H. Eccles, A.M. 1785.
Lucius Coghlan, D.D. 1802. H. S.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37.

THE monthly meeting was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Swan Hotel, Bolton, at six o'clock in the evening. Present—Bros. John Booth W.M., F. W. Pacey, Mus. Bac., S.W., J. W. Poyntz J.W., G. P. Brockbank I.P.M. Secretary, John Hardcastle S.D., W. H. Lomax J.D., Johnson Mills P.M. Master of Cers., Jas. Naylor I.G., Rob. Nightingale Steward, Roiley and Higson Tylers; P.M.'s R. K. Freeman, John Morris, Edwd. Garstang; Bros. Robinson, Gillibrand. Visitors—Bros. J. Lee Wood W.M. 350, Thos. Drew P.M. 143 Irish Constitution. Lodge was opened in form and with prayer, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. J. W. Mather, of Bolton, solicitor, who was elected in December last, was initiated in the first degree of Masonry by the W.M., the working tools were explained by the J.W., and the charge to the candidate delivered by Bro. G. P. Brockbank Grand Steward Scotland I.P.M. and Secretary of the Lodge. Bro. John Morris, Charity Representative, reported that he had attended the annual meeting of the East Lancashire Masonic Institution, and detailed the opinions then expressed by the Prov. Grand Master as to the method to be adopted to expand and enlarge the usefulness of the Institution. Bros. Brockbank and Freeman, Life Governors of the Charity, advocated the claims of the Institution upon the brethren of this and other Lodges, especially enlarging upon the fact that the Premier Lodge of the Province should show an example and encourage the Prov. Grand Master. Bros. Booth W.M., Mills P.M., Hardcastle S.D. and Morris P.M. gave in their names to the Secretary as Life Governors of the Charity. A portion of the ancient rules and charges were read by the S.W., and the Lodge closed in peace and harmony at 7.30.

PYTHAGOREAN LODGE, No. 79.

THE annual installation meeting of the members of this Lodge took place on the 28th ult., at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, when the W.M. Bro. W. A. Dupere was very ably installed by the retiring Master Bro. Jas. Dawkins, in the presence of a strong muster of its members, and some thirteen visitors. In the course of the evening, after the Charity Box had been subscribed to, Bro. H. Roberts P.M. and Secretary appealed to the brethren assembled on behalf of the widows and children who were left destitute by the loss of their brave fathers who risked their lives on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., in the Masonic Life Boat "Albert Edward," which is stationed at Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. The poor fellows he referred to, with others, put to sea in the furious gale which then prevailed in the hope of rescuing the crew of a vessel that was showing signals of distress. The names of the two men who were lost are Cross and Cattermole. Cross had assisted in saving the lives of 116 persons, while Cattermole had been engaged in the rescue of thirty-three. The one leaves a widow and six children, the other a widow and three children. In answer to this appeal, the members present, assisted by the visitors, subscribed the sum of £5, this will be sent to Bro. W. Wrench Towse, Clacton-on-Sea, who is trying to collect subscriptions for this very deserving object, and which we trust will elsewhere in our Lodges be as generously responded to.

WILTSHIRE LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 663.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Friday, the 18th ult., the ceremony, at the request of the W.M., Bro. G. S. A. Waylen, being performed by Bro. W. Nott P.M. 663, P.P.J.G.W. Wilts. The newly installed Master was the S.W. for the past year, Bro. S. M. Badham, and he appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—G. S. A. Waylen I.P.M., W. H. Bush S.W., F. S. Hancock J.W., D. A. Gibbs P.M. Treasurer, W. Nott P.M. Sec., T. C. Hopkins S.D., H. A. Canning J.D., W. L. Tuckey I.G., W. H. Burt P.M. M.C., H. Howse, W. B. Bouverie, and W. H. Lush Stewards, H. J. Johnson Org., and C. R. Barnes Tyler. Amongst the ... G. F. Tuckey P.M. 326 (Bristol) P.P.G.D. Brereton J.D. 1271. After the conclus... closing of the Lodge the brethren dined ... Brother S. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke ... liberality, provided a supply of venison ...

CITY OF LONDON LOI...

THE Sixth Annual Ball was held on t... masons' Tavern, under the preside... W.M., the Honorary Secretary; Bro. Pitt... Treasurer, with an efficient body of Stewa... direction of Bro. H. Tinney, was all th... Jarvis acted as M.C. There were over l... supper was provided by Messrs. Spiers and ... superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The ... Her Majesty the Queen; and then the toa... to the Annual Ball of the City of London ... was one of the select balls of the seasor... which it had been conducted, would redo... and the Stewards, who had so ably ... he would call on Bro. Stevens to respond t... in reply, said he was pleased to have his ... toast. He hoped on a future occasion ... assemblage, but could not anticipate a ... Bro. Hughes proposed the health of the ... W.M. was gratified at the successful resul... the Lodge all respected him; he would ... the toast a hearty reception. Bro. Davi... sponded. Mr. Martin Williams acknowl... the Visitors, and Bro. Thomas returned ... Ladies. Dancing was then resumed. E... the W.M. for the enjoyable evening they h...

KENNINGTON LODGE ...

A MEETING was held on Tuesday, 5th i... Kennington Park. Present—J. Cockb... S.W., H. G. Stranger J.W., J. La Feuillade ... Treas., W. Stuart P.M. Sec., J. Plowman ac... J.D., H. J. Foalé M.C., W. Collett I.G., ... P.M.'s Bros. G. Everett, W. P. Webb, ... Koch and C. H. Kohler; also 28 brethren ... comprised the installation of Bro. Henry M... This brother will serve (on behalf of the L... Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The ... Officers:—Bros H. G. Stranger S.W., J. P... burn I.P.M., W. Mann P.M. Treasurer, W... W. Collett S.D., R. Le Feuillade J.D., R. ... lade Organist, H. F. Foalé M.C., J. Collins ...

GLADSMUIR LODGE, ...

THE installation meeting of this Lodge w... Barnet, on Friday, the 25th ult. Bro. ... G.A.D.C. Herts presided, and there was, not ... through illness and other unavoidable caus... members of the Lodge, a very fair atte... visitors. The minutes of the last regular ... of an emergency meeting on the 4th Janua... confirmed, Messrs. William Veale, Ralph J. ... Veale, and William Frederick Chifferiel, we... into the mysteries of the first degree. Bro. A... for the purpose of receiving at the hands of ... benefit of installation, and once again Bro. All... rial that was in him by most carefully and a... into the chair of K.S. The new W.M. havin... the following as his Officers for the year, n... S.W., W. H. Hopkins J.W., J. Lowthin P... R. Fisher Young P.M. Secretary, D. Sch... Durham I.G. and Organist, Watson M.C. ... Martin W.S. The Report of the Auditors was ... and Bro. Lowthin appointed to serve as rep... on the Provincial Audit Committee, while ... elected for the current as for the past year ... of the Gladsmuir Benevolent Fund. Bro. ... sented with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of ... the chair, suitably acknowledged the kind... ness having been disposed of, Lodge ... brethren sat down to a banquet, under the g... new chief. The customary toasts followed t... special honour being, as a matter of cours... W.M., the P.M.'s, the Visitors, and the ... named, Bro. Past Master Yolland replied, ... remarks, mentioned that they had received ... Lamb, who regretted his health did not per... ance on this occasion, but forwarded a che... amount to be placed on the list of the bro... to take upon himself the duties of Steward ... Festivals, and Bro. Brittain S.W. shortly af... intention of acting in that capacity at the con... School. It may be mentioned incidentally th... taken the deepest interest in this Lodge. ... he connected himself with it, and both his ad... ever been most liberally at its command. It ... that the health of Bro. Grey P.M. was drank ... health prevented him being present; indeed ... some time since, that, acting under medical ...

time hence he may be able to resume his duties at the Lodge. was, as usual, in the intervals between the speeches some ent singing, and regret was generally felt when the hour for ation arrived. We append the names of some of the Visitors:— P. W. Danville 1479, S. Tryon 1950, C. Miskin W.M. 1479 .D. Herts, O. R. Holt S.W. 1479, G. W. Brunnell P.M. 1507, Dunsford 186, W. C. Child 1298, W. P. Willson P.M. 403, W. C. nont P.M. 26 P.G.S. P.G.S.W. Surrey, James Kay 1708, C. P.M. 194, E. R. Crawford 1708.

)UKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

an acknowledged axiom that all work and no play makes Jack dull boy, and it has been as frequently urged that hard work kills. We are not, however, called upon on the present n to discuss these knotty points, but to record the doings of the n of this popular Lodge at its anniversary meeting, which was Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on 31st ult. For those who d of work, there was an abundance. The agenda contained nes of four candidates for initiation, three for passing, and two ing. In addition, there was the incoming Master to be in- Lodge was opened soon after half-past two, by the W.M., arles Lorkin, who was supported during the day by his Past s, Officers, and several well-known and influential Visitors. he minutes of the last regular meeting had been read and put firmation, the Report of the Audit Committee was received. llot was next taken for the following candidates for ini- :—Mr. Frank Smith and Mr. Philip Webb Rogers, who were d by Bro. Smyth W.M. elect, seconded by Bro. Lorkin W.M.; Esmond John Turnbull, proposed by Bro. Munro, seconded by and P.M. Treasurer; for Mr. William Milford, proposed by e P.M. Secretary, seconded by Bro. Brand P.M. Treasurer; Mr. William Parsons, proposed by Bro. Dallas, seconded by nyth W.M. elect. The result was in favour of each of these tes. Bros. Dodd and Stokes were then raised by the W.M., terwards passed Bros. Caperoe and East to the degree of Craft. The W.M. elect, Bro. Charles W. Smyth, was then ed, and regularly installed in the chair of King Solomon. owing were the Officers invested:—Bros. J. L. Payne S.W., ar J.W., W. H. Brand P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Lee P.M. y, R. Polak S.D., G. Ferrar J.D., A. R. Olley I.G., W. Beasley .. Leoffler and J. H. Rich Stewards, J. Marsh Tyler. business was to initiate the four candidates named above. y devolved upon the new Master, who proved himself an erforming the ceremony in a careful and impressive manner. work next received attention, and after hearty good wishes n tendered, Lodge was closed. After a liberally-supplied the W.M. proceeded to give the toast list consideration. It ng one, liberally interspersed with songs, duets, ballads, and te solos. The usual toasts were severally and worthily pro- nd received, Bros. F. Wood, Alfred Alderton, and Miss M. appily filling up the intervals between with songs and The same may be said of Miss L. Smyth, who favoured iren with a couple of ballads. Master Snow also assisted and make the proceedings enjoyable by his sing- musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. '. Haskins, who proved his fitness for the task he had n. The health of the Worshipful Master was drank with rtiness, as was that of the Installing Master, Bro. Charles P.M. The W.M. had given evidence of his qualifications work of the Lodge, and the brethren felt that in Brother y had got a worthy successor to Bro. Lorkin. The latter as presented with a Past Master's jewel, proof sufficient d discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the Lodge. carcely have been otherwise, for Bro. Lorkin is a good nd he gave a further proof of his skill by the admirable ich he installed his successor. Several other toasts fol- luding that of the Visitors, which was duly honoured and to. The proceedings were brought to a conclusion with toast, but not until all the necessary and usual courtesies hown.

)LD LODGE, No. 1775, CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

nesday, 30th January, the installation of W.M. and Fes- of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated in the Lodge- the Commercial Hotel, Church. A goodly muster of sembled from Accrington, Darwen, Clayton-le-Moors, and n. Bros. Grime and Almond, P.P.G. Officers, were pre- Darwen. The ceremony of Installation was ably per- Bro. J. Wardley P.M. 381, Darwen, while the W.M. showed in the investiture of Officers. The following were the pointed:—Bros. Rd. Anderton W.M., Jas. Grime I.P.M., W., W. Lloyd J.W., J. Pickles Secretary, T. Briggs S.D., h J.D., J. Brown Org., R. Gastall I.G., J. Bullock O.G. W. H. Gastall and Wm. Bury Stewards. The final address y Bro. E. Knowles of Lodge 145, Accrington. After the the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was held in the most sumptuous dinner was served up by Bro. Kitchen, or, the proceedings were conducted in a quiet unostenta- r, and closed a little before eleven o'clock.

PILLS.—The changes of temperature and weather frequently who are most cautious of their health, and most particular in these corrective, purifying, and gentle aperient Pills are the best ll defective actions of the digestive organs; they augment the rgthen the stomach, correct biliousness, and carry off all that is the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare balsams, laser matter, and on that account are peculiarly well adapted delicate, and aged. As this peerless medicine has gained fame will it preserve it in the future by its renovating and invigorating es incapacity of doing harm.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—A meet- was held on Tuesday, 5th instant, at Brother Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. Present—Bros. Walker (Secretary) W.M., Rich S.W., Sainte J.W., Valentine S.D., Haynes J.D., Buggins I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Roberts, Schadler, Weil, Pascoe, Bourne. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Brother Schadler candidate in the first, and Bro. Weil in the latter. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Entry drill was rehearsed. Bro. Moss worked the third section in the first degree, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Rich was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.—The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th instant. Lodge was opened by Bro. Eastgate W.M., assisted by Bros. Masefield S.W., Mount J.W., Tonkin S.D., Lovegrove J.D., Chapman I.G., Bassington Treasurer, Cross Secretary, Hunt, Cobham, Skinner, Collens, Dairy, Bottle, Goffin, Von Joel, G. F. Edwards, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Orpe being candidate. Bro. James Chapman then took the chair of W.M., and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Mason candidate. Bro. Eastgate resumed his position, and opened the Lodge in the third degree. Bro. Goffin was unanimously elected a member. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M., for the able manner in which he had carried out his duties for the first time in the Lodge. The Preceptor, Bro. Cottebrune, was unable to be present through illness. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed.

At a meeting of the Masonic Charities' Association, held immediately afterwards, a ballot was taken for a Life Subscribership in one of the Masonic Charities. Bro. Chapman was the successful member.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., on 26th ult. Bros. Liebman W.M., Gellen S.W., Cross J.W., Woolveridge S.D., Payne J.D., Turner I.G., Powell acting Preceptor, Galer Secretary; also Bros. Ashton, O'Donnell, Weeden, Leber, Hitterich and Jones. Lodge was opened in due form, and, all formalities observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Asher candidate. Bro. Powell worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Gellen was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Saturday, 2nd February. Lodge was closed earlier than usual on account of its being the monthly meeting night of the Masonic Association.

On Saturday, 2nd inst. Present—Bros. Gillen W.M., Gribbell S.W., Bullock J.W., O'Donnell S.D., Turner J.D., Woolveridge I.G., Fenner Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Payne, Ashton, Musto, Christmas, Mackay, Ferrar, and Powell. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ashton candidate. Bro. Gillen worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Woolveridge answered the questions leading to the second, but was not entrusted. Lodge resumed to the first degree. Bro. Christmas, of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, was elected a member. Bro. Gribbell was unanimously appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. A letter was ordered to be sent to Bro. R. Pearcy, sympathising with him in his illness. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Saturday, 9th February.

Euphrates Lodge of Instruction, No. 212.—Held at the "Mother Red Cap," High Street, Camden Town, N., on Monday, 4th inst. Bros. Finch W.M., Ricknell S.W., May J.W., Collier S.D., Halsey J.D., Boyden I.G., Galer Preceptor, Shepperd Sec., also Bros. Gregory P.M., and Carter. This Lodge of Instruction meets every Monday at 8 o'clock, and, being centrally situated, offers good opportunities to brethren who are anxious to learn the ritual of Freemasonry.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—At the weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 29th ult., there were present Bros. Larchin W.M., Davies Preceptor, Chorley S.W., Russell J.W., Berry Secretary, Jennings S.D., Haynes J.D., Bolt I.G.; Knight, Hubbard, Eldridge, Shackell, Hale, Fenner, A. Good, Oldis, Moon, and Oxley. After the opening of the Lodge and the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the first section of the third lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner. Bro. Moon, a candidate for raising, answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The second and third sections of the third lecture were worked by Bro. Fenner. Lodge resumed in the first degree, and Bro. Shackell having been elected a member, and Bro. Chorley appointed W.M. for next meeting, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

On Tuesday, the 5th instant, Bros. Chorley W.M., Gush as Preceptor, Russell S.W., Mercer J.W., Berry Secretary, Hildreth S.D., Haynes J.D., Moon I.G.; also Bros. Oldis, Hall, Larchin, Giller, Snelling, Webb, Thompson, and Frampton. After preliminaries, the first and second sections of the first lecture were worked by Bros. Larchin and Snelling. Bro. Oldis offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The third and fourth sections of the first lecture were then worked by Bros. Larchin and Gush. Bro. Webb was elected a member, and Bro. Russell appointed W.M. for the next meeting. All business being ended, Lodge was closed and adjourned to Tuesday evening next.

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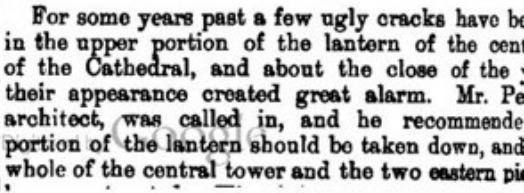
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RANDOM NOTES AND REFLECT

WE have a great deal of "jerry" building days, but who would have thought of striking example of the scamping process as fa the 14th century? and yet the fact is beyond the authority of a London daily newspaper can upon. Some strange revelations have been mad Peterborough Cathedral, where the work of dem been going on for some time. The matter has interest for Freemasons, especially for those together the Guilds of workmen of early times Craft of the present day. If the connection be some contend it is, the disclosures made duri operations within the walls of that picturesque at the Northamptonshire city, will tend to admiration for the ancient builders, who are cred being our Masonic progenitors.

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For some years past a few ugly cracks have be in the upper portion of the lantern of the cen of the Cathedral, and about the close of the their appearance created great alarm. Mr. Pe architect, was called in, and he recommende portion of the lantern should be taken down, and whole of the central tower and the two eastern pi

e following April. The results have been not a ng. A terrible catastrophe has probably been l far more extended works are now found to be ıan were at first contemplated. The lantern ere of the most wretched construction, the former being mainly composed of rubble and r." The piers had been crushed by the heavy ıe massive Norman tower, and their cores were dust. Strong as these piers appeared to be, on a base of small stones and loose sand; and, re remarkable, only three feet lower down a ight have been found. The works rendered these discoveries are of a most expensive kind, h the subscriptions already amount to nearly ery much larger sum will be required in order structure safe and comely. Beyond this outlay e necessary for the restoration of the choir, for adornment, and other important matters that tailed.

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med brother, Bishop Magee, is now scarcely , after an alarming attack of illness, and no ogress of the movement of restoration has ıat checked in consequence. Now that he is ırn to his episcopal labours, a more energetic made to raise money enough to complete the in a satisfactory manner. May we venture to our rich brethren, and those who can spare of ce, that they might aid in a movement conlosely as it is with some of the grandest of the Craft. Our Grand Master, the Prince d promised to lay the first stone of the new his engagements are so numerous that he Peterborough for the purpose until June. presence of His Royal Highness is desired, not be delayed for so long a period. The erefore, will take place at an earlier date, and obability, be performed by Earl Fitzwilliam, subscriber to the movement.

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must look to their laurels. A rival has mongst them, and has actually invaded the f the Craft in London. Perhaps this rival is dable as it looks, although it is extremely select. It is a small assembly of men, eminent of life, who have adopted a quaint name and titles, some of which are, to say the least, They call themselves a "Sette of Odd ery odd in name, if in nothing else. They l twenty-one, each with a distinctive title. Librarian, the Master of the Rolls, the Histoe Alchymist, the Publisher, the Xylographer, e Necromancer, the Auditor, the Attorney-Organist, the Artificer, the Armourer, the d the Herald. It only requires the Priest to ingular admixture. Art, trade, law, physic, , mysticism, war, and blazonry are all mixed dmirable confusion, the outcome of which an occasional meeting, when His Oddity, the alled upon "to honour the old-fashioned laws during his year of office." The society afford the motive for eating and drinking, ation of kindred spirits who unbend under f the pleasures of the table. It is something members are men who have made some ection with books and printing. On the e meeting of the "Sette," on the 1st inst., at s' Tavern, Mr. Bernard Quaritch, the Lired an address on China, in the presence of Secretary of the Chinese Legation, and ncluding Mr. Simpson, artist, traveller, and The gathering was a pleasant one, in which cer, the Armourer, the Alchymist, and the no opportunity for the exercise of their

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occasion was hardly one upon which the uld be displayed, but the presence of profesm and diablerie suggest terrible suspicions, l to the revival of some of those obsolete upposed Satanic arts and devices. It may cret arts and hidden mysteries are only are few in number, they are safe within their limited circle. It is in contemplation, however, to enlarge the membership, and then the danger of exposure will increase. Whatever this small conclave may be, we are convinced that such a clever set of bodies are not likely to be mixed up with dark divinations, and if they are, they cannot expect to rival the Craft, who have no connection whatever with his sable majesty.

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Bro. Norris, the venerable Warden of the Institution at Croydon, recently attained the ripe old age of 94, and to celebrate the event Bro. Dr. Strong gave an entertainment to the "Old Folks," on the 24th ult., when a very pleasing selection of vocal and instrumental music was provided. The programme, given below, speaks for itself, but it is right to say that the whole performance was successful, and that the concertina solo (Mr. Drummond), and the violin solo (Miss Strong), were encored. Bro. Terry, the Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was present, together with his two daughters, who rendered very efficient help and contributed much to the pleasure of the guests. It was very thoughtful and kind on the part of Bro. Dr. Strong to provide amusement for the "Old Folks," and very generous on the part of those who so ably assisted him; and in order to give honour to whom honour is due, we reproduce the programme, with the names of those who took part in its execution. Any excuse is sufficient for a good action, but in the present case the motive was a particularly genial one. Bro. Norris may be regarded as a patriarch, his years are being fast exhausted, but while he lives he is made to feel that age rather increases than diminishes the respect and affection felt for him. His path is made all the smoother by such a recognition as that we have recorded, which served the double purpose of paying a tribute to old age and service, and of affording a real treat to the inmates generally. The following was the programme:

Overture, "Le Diadème," Hermann; Song, "Golden Days," Sullivan—Mrs. Dubois; Quintet in F major, Reissiger; Concertina Solo, "Lucrezia Borgia," Blagrove—Mr. A. Drummond; Song, "Close to the Threshold," H. Parker—Miss Owen; Violoncello obligato—Mr. Wildman; Quadrilles, "Semiramide," Julien; Song—Miss Jessie Terry; Valse, "Auf Wiedersehen," C. Lowthian; Song, "Swinging"—Miss Terry; Serio-Comic Fantasia, Reviere; Violin Solo, "Fantasie Pastorale," Singalée—Miss Strong; Musical Reading—Mr. Oliver; Song, "Kit the Cobbler," J. L. Hatton—Mr. W. Owen; Quadrilles, "United Service"; "God Save the Queen." First Violins—Mr. Beckwith and Dr. Strong; Second Violins—Mr. Everist and Miss Strong; Violas—Mr. Oliver and Mr. R. Owen; Violoncello—Mr. Wildman; Contra Bass—Mr. W. Owen; Piano—Mrs. Strong; Concertina—Mr. A. Drummond. Conductor—Mr. Beckwith.

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There can be no question as to the value of harbours of refuge for the storm-overtaken fishermen and sailors on our coasts, but hitherto comparatively little has been done to remedy a grievous want. There is a National Refuge Harbours Society, with offices at 17 Parliament Street, whose efforts have done much to arouse public interest on this matter. They have held meetings in various parts of the country, and would have held more if the funds placed at their disposal had been larger. They have framed a petition to Parliament, which has been numerously signed, and on the 15th inst. a meeting of the society will be held at the Mansion House, London, over which the Lord Mayor, Bro. R. N. Fowler, will preside, in order to invite the citizens to take part in the movement. The necessity of something being done is proved by the fact that in one year, taking the last official record, over one thousand persons, chiefly our own countrymen, were drowned on our coasts. Many of these lives might have been saved, to say nothing of the property, if there had been anything like the requisite number of harbours provided.

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It is suggested that convict labour might be utilised for making harbours, instead of entering into competition with the labour market, now so much depressed. While agreeing with this suggestion, it must be remembered that such labour cannot always be used. Then there is the resource of grants and loans, but these have not hitherto led to any great results. Other countries seem to be more alive to the necessity of providing harbours along their coasts, and what is hoped is that our own Government may be stirred up to greater efforts in the same direction. The object is a good one, and those who desire information should write to the

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

A MEETING of this Chapter was held on Friday afternoon of the 1st instant. The Chapter was called for the Phœnix Lodge room, but this being of insufficient capacity, it was held under the banner of that Chapter at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, which has recently been thoroughly renovated. The Officers present were the M.E. Companion W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand Superintendent, Henry Cawte 2nd G.P., the Rev. J. N. Palmer P.G.S., J. E. Le Feuvre P.G.S.E., M. Emanuel 1st P.G.A.S., R. Loveland Loveland P.G. Treas., J. Brickwood P.G.A.S., Good P.G.S.B., Elverston P.G. Sword Bearer, Lind P.D.C., Pearman P.G.O. The Companions in attendance included the following:—Lord J. Taylour, the Rev. Dr. Ring, Rev. Dr. White, Rev. A. A. Headley, Major Douglas, Dr. C. Knott, M. E. Frost, G. Pack, R. J. Rastrick, J. Wallingford, W. M. Outridge, J. Friedeberg, W. Miller, G. P. Arnold, G. A. Mursell, G. Bond, J. Westaway, E. Goble, G. F. Lancaster, A. Cudlipp W. A. Marshallsay, C. Francis, R. W. Mitchell, W. Maybour, G. B. Irons, F. Newman, W. Brunwin, W. H. Jacob, J. W. Gieve, J. W. Willmott, James Johns, T. Francis, E. C. Arlige, W. Dart, R. W. Downing, W. D. Parkhouse, J. Brickwood, C. G. Adames, James Gieve, J. P. Palsgrave, F. Powell, R. W. Beale, P. H. Emanuel, Arthur Jolliffe, J. Jenkins, &c. The Prov. Grand Treasurer (Comp. Loveland) submitted his accounts, which were passed. The Prov. Grand Superintendent afterwards invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Comps. Hickman 2nd Principal, G. F. Lancaster 3rd Principal, J. E. Le Feuvre S.E., Rev. Dr. White S.N. Faulkner Principal Sojourner, A. Portsmouth 1st Assistant Sojourner, Passenger 2nd Assistant Sojourner, Loveland Treasurer, Johns Registrar, Ernest Hall Standard Bearer, Marshallsay Sword Bearer, R. W. Beale D.C., and Miles Organist.

EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1611.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at York, when there was a good attendance of members. The Chapter having been opened, Comp. T. B. Whytehead P.Z. proceeded to instal Comps. J. T. Seller as Z. and Geo. Simpson as H. Comp. J. S. Cumberland P.Z. then installed Comp. M. Millington as J., after which the Companions were admitted, and the Officers invested as follows:—Comps. J. Kay S.E., A. T. B. Turner S.N., J. S. Cumberland P.Z., Treasurer, W. B. Dyson P.S., S. J. Dalton and W. Lackenby Asst. Sojs., P. Pearson Janitor. A successful ballot was taken for Bro. George Lamb 1611, and that brother was thereafter exalted by the late Z. (Com. C. G. Padel), the mystical letter being given by T. B. Whytehead. Comp. W. Brown Philanthropic Chapter 304 was elected a joining member, and Comps. J. Blenkin W.M. 1611 Zetland Chapter 236 and B. L. Mills Canongate Kilwinning Chapter 56 (S.C.) were proposed as joining members. The Chapter voted a guinea to the Hughan Testimonial Fund, and the Auditors' report was read, showing a balance in the Treasurer's hands. After the close of the Chapter, the members met at supper, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., and spent a pleasant evening.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT, No. 1471.

A VERY pleasant gathering of the members and friends of the above excellent Chapter of Improvement was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Thursday night,—Comp. W.M. Stiles P.Z. in the chair. He was supported by many other Companions and members of the Craft, all of whom had met to do honour to Comp. T. C. Edmonds, the Preceptor of the Chapter of Improvement. The banquet was of the usual excellence, and afforded every satisfaction to the guests, who mustered in strong force. After grace had been said, the toast list was proceeded with, the first being Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft. This was followed by the North London Chapter of Improvement and the Preceptor. Comp. Stiles in proposing the toast took occasion to dwell upon the value of Chapters of Improvement, and in referring to the North London in particular he complimented Comp. Edmonds upon the good work he had done. To show that his labours were appreciated, he (the President) had been requested by the members of the North London Chapter of Improvement to present Comp. Edmonds with a handsome gold watch. He hoped he would long be spared to wear it and retain the esteem that was felt for him. Comp. Edmonds having replied, the toasts of the President, the Visitors, and the Secretary, brought the proceedings to a close. Comp. Stiles makes an excellent chairman, and has the happy faculty of putting people together and of infusing geniality throughout. Of course there were songs and music; a very pleasant evening was spent.

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SAMUEL M. HENDERSO

Whereas, during the late pilgrimage of Apollo Comm Knights Templar, to Europe and return they were re city of York, England, by the Ancient Ebor Preceptor knightly and generous manner; and

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Resolved, that the thanks of Apollo Commandery are d Ebor Preceptory and to E. Sir T. B. Whytehead, who m possible, and to Eminent Sirs J. S. Cumberland and S. M exerted themselves to make our visit pleasurable, with th of a hope that we may have the pleasure of meeting th time at our home in Chicago, U.S. of A., and be it furth

Resolved that Apollo Commandery hereby asks Ebor convey to V.E. Provincial Prior and V.E. Sir T. W. Tev sented him when the Provincial Priory opened in th Ebor Preceptory in the city of York, their cordial th distinguished courtesies received at their hands.

MARK MASONRY.

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Panmure Lodge, No. 139.—An emergency held on the 4th instant at the Masonic Hall, No. 8 Square, Holborn. Bros. Walmsley W.M., W. Vin Mitchell P.M. as J.W., Hawkins M.O., Allen S.(J.O., Tayler S.D., Bond as J.D., Phillips Guardian. was opened in due form, and the summons convening gency meeting read. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. P.Z. 18 been previously ballotted for, and unanimously acc advanced by Bro. P.M. Poore to the honourable M.M.M. A ballot was taken for Bro. D. Stroud, of Th Lodge, as a joining member; for Bros. Tyer W.M. 1306, N as candidates for the degree. Both being in attendance exalted by Bro. Poore.

Panmure Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge, N A meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Masonic H Lion-square, W.C., on Monday, the 4th of February 18 the presidency of Bro. James H. Hawkins W.C.N. L opened in due form by the W.C.N., and minutes of last me and confirmed; a ballot was taken for Bros. John Wheat Hugh Marcus Hobbs, Thomas C. Edmunds, Henry Jenner J. Hamp, George Gregory, Charles Lee, David Stroud, Tho Tyer, Harry Hollands, Edward Felix Duffin, Oscar Col Edwin Newby, James Carter; all proposed by Bro. Palma seconded by Bro. Vincent P.C.N. The result being unani chair was assumed by Bro. Vincent Past C.N., who elev above brethren into Royal Ark Masonry. Lodge was ther and adjourned till first Monday in March.

A Performance will be given by the "Momus" Amateur I Club, at the International Theatre (late Connaught), High in aid of the Irish Stew Dinners of the London Cottage Mis Saturday, 1st March. The performance will commence o'clock precisely with a Domestic Sketch, by John Holli Esq., entitled, "The Birthplace of Podgers," and will conclu H. J. Byron's Drama, in a Prologue and three acts, "Blow for Doors open at 7·30 p.m. Tickets can be obtained at Wh Westbourne Grove, W.; Williams' Library, Hereford Ro Plummer's Library, Norfolk Terrace, W.; of Walter Austi Secretary to the Mission, 44 Finsbury Pavement, E.C.; Dickson, Esq., 9 Courtnell Street, Bayswater, Stage M Momus A.D.C.; C. E. Skead, Esq., 14 Sutherland Place, W Secretary Momus A.D.C. We may state here that 800 rag starving children are fed by this Mission every week. We t friends of the Club will exert themselves to make the result cessful one.

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considerable of a breeze floating through the corridors Masonic Temple, the upper portion of which monument newhat in the dilapitated condition of its Solomonic en first exposed to the inquisitive inspection of a etrating Rose Croix elucidation. The origin of the e traced to a prevalent unpleasantness among the joint fraternal structure touching the propriety of allowing r tenants to make the Temple a permanent abode. ifice was damaged by the recent fire the higher stories with the architect's original plan, were devoted to and banquetting rooms upon presumption of making plar literally pay for the whistle in their occupation. erience subsequently demonstrated that had this space ated to Lodge purposes the rental would have at ble that derived from the Templars and other sub- v that the upper part of the building is about to be rge number of the Fraternity, and particularly those e rural districts, who refuse to recognise either Templar h Rite as branches of pure Masonry, demand, as co- e enterprise, that the edifice be re-constructed with an or arranged for the accommodation of third degree

that, as the edifice was erected under the auspices of dge, knowing no degree higher than the third, and for by subordinate Lodge dues, the Temple shall not be be tread of any other men than that of true-blue l, at the bottom, the trouble causing a major part of the ll be found to be a more recent apparition, laying no m whatever to a Masonic recognition, which, after the traditional camel, having succeeded in obtruding its building, appears determined to stay even should it y to evict the owners. The "Nobles of the Shrine" isturbing element—veritable heathen Chinee amid the gemen, who, aware of their adhesiveness when once oite in a warning warwhoop, "The Shriners must go!" rough dyed Denis Kearney has appeared among the Blues. Still, as the Shriners are recruited wholly from rs and Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret under the sdiction, it will not prove long before some stalwart, nay be discovered among the Peckhamites and the ival claimants for possession of Cerneau's Scottish and mantle, venturesome enough to have a fling at lan Goliah and to attempt eviction of the Philistines court of the Temple if not from the building itself.

ian Shriners are known to have installed themselves y citadel of Masonry and hold the fort in defiance of the aboriginal True Blues, who vigorously deny their Mason origin, whether from the Tower of Heredom, of Mizram, the Temple of Memphis or the New Jeru- enborg, the generally known sources whence has flowed stream of ineffable Masonry during the past few years. porter interviewed a distinguished Sovereign Grand ral of the Thirty-third, who has taken all the degrees rfect in them from Alpha to Omega, to gleam some the advent of Islamism into the *sanctum sanctorum* of s under the singular escort of valiant Sir Knights sale extermination of the infidel wherever he can be n "*In hoc signo vinces.*"

k enough to confess," confidently remarked that er of the double-headed eagle, crowned with an in- , "that there are many mysteries in Freemasonry nown to the erudite Preston, the traitor Morgan, the ss, or the antiquarian Morris, all indisputable autho- ifferent lines. Still, one of the most perplexing mys- lne Masons of the hour appears to be the enigmatical Who are the Shriners? Whence come they? And d moles, did they work their way beneath the founda- emple?" I assure you that many workmen in the no have had for years past incessant beams of light their eyes from the East, the West, and all other rs, acknowledge themselves to be obtunded by the glare this Arabic effulgence seeks to shed upon them. t? Ah! there's the rub!

as believed that Bro. Rob Morris, of Kentucky, in his nage in search of the rising point of the Eastern Star, y lost his way while journeying from Jerusalem to n into the hands of certain Bedouins from the neigh- richo, from whom he adroitly purloined the ritual of h profundity concealed in the bowels of a celestial s fable has, however, been dissipated by authority of aveller himself, who asserts that he brought nothing n the Holy Land save a palm tree and a cockle shell, s endeavouring to nurture the Pilgrim Order of the already planted opposite the portals of the Mystic ected to bear ripe Masonic fruit upon the birthday of , again, it has been supposed that these shrines are escendants of the mighty sect of Beni-ab-Hassan, con- the original Templars, and presided over by that entate of Araby the Happy, the Old Man of the whose educated precedent his modern descendants xious to convert the cock-loft of the Masonic Temple n hanging garden with fountains of sherbet, and an afford entrance of heaven-descending houris, present- Prophet aloft.

isible delusion has been scattered to the four winds e Masonic heavens by a timely blast from R.W. Bro. through assurance that the last Old Man of the to an apoplectic ending while upon a visit to the Coptic Order, of which mystic fraternity Bro. Fowler enjoys the misfortune of being the sole surviving grand frater, without power of nominating a successor. Now let us come to the true inwardness of the Mystic Shrine and its connection, not with the Templars, but, in a secondry degree, with the Knights of Malta. You may remember that upon dissolution or rather engulphment of the Phillips Grand Lodge, their majestic Masonic Hall, overhead of Cronk Titus, at No. 600 Broadway, about 1858, fell into the clutches of a band of subordinates to the Chivalric Order of St. John of Malta, who, appropriating the sacred ceremonials of their knightal masters, for a time conferred upon indiscriminate candidates the ordeals and exaltations of their peculiar degrees, assuming, in deference to this hybrid origin, the significant designation of 'Sons of Malta.'

"True, these enthusiasts performed their labour, symbolic and physical, with commendable energy and self-devotion, and it can be demonstrated that no neophyte who had travelled over the rugged way, scaled the gates of Paradise, purified in the waters of the Jordan, or passed the inquisitorial examination of the Council of Ten, but stood recorded as a perfect man among the perfect. For a time the brotherhood enjoyed hard-earned prosperity until it was discovered that few men, unless confirmed politicians, could be found competent satisfactorily to discharge the duties obligatory upon patronal dignatories, whose functions were so transcendentally mysterious that the official and explanatory titles were never expressed save by initials, after the manner of the ineffable Masonic word. Consequently, in absence of dignitarial example, the common fraters relaxed in labour until, finally, believing they were not seen by themselves as the wished to be seen by others, they rested from work for resuscitation, rejuvenated in the Mystic Shrine—at least that is how I Masonically understand it."

An especial Grand Lodge of the Masons of Leicestershire and Rutland will be held at the Narborough Hotel, Narborough, in the county of Leicester, on Thursday, the 14th day of February 1884, when the Granite Lodge, No. 2028, will be constituted and dedicated in ancient form. All Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and acting Wardens of the several Lodges of the Province under them, and all Master Masons are invited to be present. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 3.15 p.m. precisely. W. Bro. the Rev. W. Langley P.M. P.P.S.G.W. is the W.M. designate of the New Lodge.

A Dispensation has been granted by H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. to the members of the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, to wear Masonic clothing at their Ball, on Wednesday, the 13th of February, at the Freemasons' Tavern. Any money surplus that may arise is to be given to the Masonic Charities, and it is expected that a numerous assemblage of brethren and ladies will be present. This will be the first Ball of the Lodge, and is under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Dickeson, who has an efficient body of Stewards. We anticipate it will prove a success.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 9th February 1884:—

4th February—City of London Lodge Ball, Lodge of Union, Caxton Lodge, Urban Chapter, Joppa Lodge; 5th—3rd City of London Rifle Corps Ball, Royal York Lodge, Albion Lodge; 6th—Old Concord Lodge Ball, New Holborn Quadrille, Grand Chapter Club. 7th—Old Acquaintance Smoking Concert, Bees' Cricket Club Ball, St. Andrew's Lodge, St. James's Chapter, Victoria Rifles Lodge, Linnæan Club, Westminster and Keystone; 8th—Holborn Circus Cricket Club Ball, Britannic Lodge, Bedford Lodge. 9th—St. James's Soirée, Ship Brokers' Second Annual Dinner, Duke of Cornwall Lodge, Kildare Bicycle Club Ball.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—At the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Friday, 25th ult. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the members of the Great Northern Lodge of Instruction, No. 1287, by invitation. The proceedings throughout were unusually interesting, from the fact that the whole of the sections were worked by members of the Mother Lodge. At the close honorary freedom of the Lodge of Instruction was voted to Bro. Cleghorn P.M. for presiding, and to Bro. Kempton WM. 1298, as a compliment to its members, and the Secretary (in the absence of Bro. T. Cull Preceptor, from domestic bereavement), in proposing a vote of thanks to the brethren who had assisted Bro. Cleghorn in working the sections, on behalf of the members of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, expressed their appreciation of the very perfect working, and the great pleasure the visit had given them, and trusted it might be repeated on a future 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 classe

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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 FEBRUARY.

109—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1369—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, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1613—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-street, W. at 8.
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
306—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 11th 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, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
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, 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.)
198—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
857—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (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
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (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, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
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. 963—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
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
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
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
409—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
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
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
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-Furnes
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
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
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
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 378—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley

TUESDAY, 12th 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
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate Station, at 8. (Instruction)
167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30.
190—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street,
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 Ro (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30
836—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill,
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321—Emblematic, Rose, Jermyn Street, W., at 8 (Instruc
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Ins
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, a
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (In
1471—Tallington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Inst
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instructi
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8.
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Inst
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N.,
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, Finsbur
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton,
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee Ho
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

88—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Ol
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newc
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifa
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheetham
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1260—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, W
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 70—St John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street,
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manche
R.A. 265—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. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 13th FEBRUAR

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons
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 (I
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instr
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway,
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camde
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St.
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instr
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8
902—Burgoyne, 25 Charterhouse Street, E.C., at 7. (Instructio
1260—John Herrey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instructio
1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
1308—Lodge of St. John, City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminste
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at
1894—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8
R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
140—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lanca
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.

...y, Bear's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
...e, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
...y, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
...field, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
...e, New Inn, Whitworth.
..., Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
...y, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
...lobe Hotel, Warwick
...n, The Castle, Carnarvon
...re, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
...nce, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
...p, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
...e, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
...uke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
...stine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
...are, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
Bull Hotel, Burnley
...asonic Hall, Liverpool
...rs, Masonic Hall, Reading
Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
Grand Hotel, Scarborough
Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
...lope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
...nd Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
...eashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
...g, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
...mshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
...Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
...a, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
...wsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
..., Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
..., Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
...g, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
...nce, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
...ley, Lewisham Hotel, Blaithwaite
...n, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
...n, Masonic Hall, Prescot
...alstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
..., 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
Preston, Preston
...ah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
...ord, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
...an, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

...orkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
...elstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
..., Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
...own Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
..., Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
...gland, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
...onal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
..., Albion, Aldersgate-street
...incoln's Inn Restaurant, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
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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.
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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.)
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834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
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1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
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1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1963—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)
K.T. 46—Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
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
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1398—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
R.A. 531—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 623—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Winborne
R.A. 637—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

196—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)
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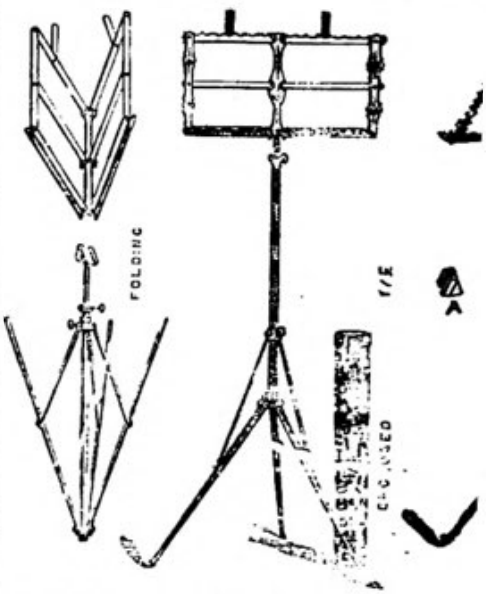
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IASONRY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

ive been favoured with copy of the Proceedings the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at several mmunications, and the regular Quarterly meeting ber last. The first occasion that called the ogether was the celebration, on the 11th Sep- the Hundredth Anniversary of King Solomon's [.W. Samuel Crocker Laurence Grand Master nt, as likewise were Bros. Edwin Wright harles M. Avery S.G.W., Thomas W. Davis enry G. Fay as Grand Treasurer, Sereno D. Recording Grand Secretary, and other Grand Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful sundry Lodges, while Bro. Galen M. Bowditch ing Solomon presided, and did the honours of y effectively and with great spirit. Among the nnected with the celebration may be mentioned tation by the junior P.M., Bro. Franklin W. f a fine crayon portrait of the first W.M. of the). Dr. Josiah Bartlett, copied from an oil e property of Grand Lodge, and appropriately mely framed by the liberality of Bro. Edwin making the presentation, Bro. Hopkins gave a of the subject of the drawing, and Bro. Bow- ehalf of the Lodge, very handsomely acknow- gift. This was followed by an oration, deli- o. Wright, Deputy Grand Master, in the course at worthy and worshipful brother traced the he Lodge from its foundation to the present ecial features connected with it receiving each a due amount of prominence. Grand Lodge l, and was closed in ample form, and Lodge closed, the brethren repaired to the Banquet), after ample justice had been done to the was provided, there followed the usual of congratulations on the auspicious event rought the assembled brethren together.

ar Quarterly Communication was held the day the Masonic Temple, Boston, under the presi-). Lawrence Grand Master, who was supported nty Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, and l Officers Present and Past, as well as by a athering of the representatives of the subor- es of the jurisdiction; Major General Laurie er of Nova Scotia, and Bro. Babcock Grand the Grand Lodge of Oregon, being present as l receiving, as such, the customary honours brethren of distinction. The business trans- mostly of local interest, does not need to be nd Grand Lodge was closed, as it had been nple form and at a comparatively early hour.

ial Communication of the 20th of the same eld at Ashland for the purpose of dedicating l of the North Star Lodge; everything passed sfactorily. On the 1st October the brethren led in Special Communication in their Hall in a view to celebrate the 150th anniversary of odge. There was, as may well be imagined, rous gathering of the Craft; all being anxious ular honour to so interesting an occasion. The Grand Master presided in Grand Lodge, and when it had been opened in ample form, the brethren were conducted to the Egyptian, where the members of St. John's Lodge awaited their coming. A cordial welcome having been extended to the dignitaries of the Craft, and received due acknowledgment, Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson was introduced, and delivered an eloquent and most exhaustive address in honour of the celebration they had assembled to participate in. At the conclusion of Bro. Nickerson's task, the G. Master presented the Lodge with a new Charter, and that having been acknowledged, certain bunches of grapes, rudely carved in oak, which had once been suspended from the old Bunch of Grapes Tavern, where the Lodge first met, were presented to the Lodge as relics of the good old days; after which the other business was rapidly dismissed, and the brethren separated. The remaining Special Communication was held at Hopkinton, on the 12th October, when the new Masonic quarters of the Joseph Warren Lodge were solemnly dedicated to Masonry by the Grand Master Bro. Lawrence, assisted by his Grand Officers.

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from page 83.)

IN his next Chapter Bro. Gould discusses very exhaustively "the Statutes relating to the Freemasons," the earliest of which—the "Ordinance of Labourers"—dates from the year 1349, and some years later was made a Statute. In his preliminary inquiries, however, he finds it necessary to discuss certain matters, and among them he notes the distinction between a Statute and an Ordinance, the latter of which wanted "the consent of some one or more of the constituent parts of a parliament," namely, "the king, lords, and commons." Moreover, "an ordinance could not make new or permanent law, nor repeal any statute; but temporary provisions, consistent with the law in force, might be made by way of ordinance, and one ordinance could be repealed by another without a statute." Bro. Gould further suggests that what are referred to in 15 Edw. III. c. vii. as *charters* and *patents* "were probably what were called *ordinances*, being of equal force and validity with *statutes*, but less solemn and public, because they were only a declaration, and not an alteration of the law. Ordinances were never proclaimed by the sheriff, as in the case of statutes, but it was sometimes recommended by the king to the commons—probably by a *charter* or *patent*—to publish them in their county. A statute was an ordinance and something more; and, therefore, though statutes may sometimes be called ordinances, yet no inattention to language would excuse the converse of the proposition. Though an ordinance could be altered by a statute, yet a statute could not be altered by an ordinance. After all, perhaps, the principal mark of a statute was its being entered on the statute roll." Having in this and other respects made the way clear, the author deals with the several statutes in their order and collectively.

The first, as has been noted, was the Ordinance of Labourers, passed in 1349, to which by the 3 Rich. II. St. 1

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c. viii. was given the validity of a Statute. The year previous to its enactment England had been visited by the "Black Death," and lost a very large portion of its population by the ravages of that terrible scourge. As a consequence, servants and labourers took occasion to demand exorbitant wages, and, as we are told, "rather than submit to work upon reasonable terms they became vagabonds and idle beggars," while, as suggested, their number was probably augmented "by the gradual emancipation of the villeins, which had been proceeding ever since the Conquest." This ordinance proving ineffectual, the Statute of Labourers was passed in 1350. The third chapter is as follows: "Item, that carpenters, masons, and tilers, and other workmen of houses, shall not take by the day for their work, but in such manner as they were wont; that is to say, a master carpenter iiid., and another iid.; a master freestone mason (*mestre mason de franche pere*) iiiid, and other masons iiid., and their servants i d. ob.; tylers, iiid, and their knaves (*garcsons*) i d. ob.; plasterers and other workers of mud walls, and their knaves, by the same manner, without meat and drink, 1s. from Easter to Saint Michael, and from that time less, according to the rate and discretion of the justices, which should be thereto assigned; and that they that make carriage by land or water shall take no more for such carriage to be made than they were wont the said xx year, and iiii years before." The seventh chapter provides that the justices should make their sessions four times a year in all the counties of England, namely, at the Annunciation, St. Margaret, St. Michael, and St. Nicholas, and at other necessary times according to their discretion; and if any servants, labourers, or artificers should flee from one county to another they were liable to be taken by the sheriffs of the counties to which they had fled at the command of the sheriffs of those whence they had fled; the ordinance to be kept in London and other cities and boroughs and other places, both within and without the franchises. In 1360 this statute received parliamentary confirmation and was enforced with stronger penalties, a standing authority being given to the keepers of the peace—in a subsequent statute described as justices: "to hear and determine and to take sureties for good behaviour," the commission, however, to include some "learned in the law." The following in this confirmatory Statute of 1360 chiefly interests us, to wit, "That as well carpenters and masons (*Maceons*) be comprised in this ordinance, as all other labourers, servants and artificers, and that the carpenters and the masons take from henceforth wages by the day, and not by the week, nor in other manner; and that the chief masters (*chefs mestres*) of carpenters and masons take fourpence by the day, and the others threepence and twopence, according as they be worth, and that all alliances and covines of masons and carpenters, and congregations, chapters, ordinances, and oaths betwixt them made, or to be made, shall be from henceforth void and wholly annulled; so that every mason and carpenter, of what condition that he be, shall be compelled by his master to whom he serveth to do every work that to him pertaining to do, or of free stone, or of rough stone; and also every carpenter in his degree; but it shall be lawful to every Lord or other to make bargain or covenant of their work in gross, with such labourers and artificers when please them, so that they perform such works well and lawfully according to the bargain or covenant to them thereof made."

Passing over the further confirmations of these Statutes and other matter, we come in time to the 3 Henry VI. c. i., A.D. 1425, from which the following is taken: "FIRST, Whereas by the yearly Congregations and Confederacies made by the Masons in their general Chapiters assembled, the good Course and Effect of the Statutes of Labourers be openly violated and broken, in Subversion of the Law, and to the great Damage of all the Commons: Our said Lord the King willing in this Case to provide Remedy, by the Advice and Assent aforesaid, and at the special Request of the said Commons, hath ordained and established, that such Chapiters and Congregations shall not be hereafter holden; and if any such be made, they that cause such Chapiters and Congregations to be assembled and holden, if they thereof be convict, shall be judged for Felons; and that all the other Masons that come to such Chapiters and Congregations be punished by Imprisonment of their Bodies, and make Fine and Ransom at the King's Will." This is most carefully analysed by Bro. Gould who points out in the first place the very common error into which most

French—*en lour generalx Chapitres assem*
their general Chapters and Assemblies," so n
that the language of the "Old Charges"
instead of as above, "in their General
sembled," to which mistranslation he attril
of the erroneous conclusions which have
He next interprets the word "Chapiters"
to describe "conventicles," and he support
evidence drawn from various sources, but es
a Statute of 1529 against "artyficers or handy
meeting "in any company, felowship, con
conventycle," the result of his researches m
in his opinion that "in 1425 there was an
in common use—*conventicle*—denoting preci
kind of clandestine meeting as those which th
enacted to suppress," and he leaves the rea
his own conclusion upon the point whether t
whom the phraseology of the Statute was entr
their minds the seditious assemblies" of w
given examples, "or whether they had
societies meeting 'after the manner of a cha
indeed, are not otherwise mentioned in the sta

We pass to the year 1427, when by the 6
c. iii., it was "ordained 'that the justices of
every county, the mayor of the City of Lon
mayors and bailiffs in every city, boroug
having such power and authority as justices of t
shall, henceforth, have power and authority
clamation in their full sessions, once a year
every servant of husbandry shall take for t
following, and that they make two times (*de*
clamation in two sessions, to be holden betwi
of Easter and St. Michael, and in every
market town, how much every artificer an
shall take by the day, and by the week; an
proclamation so to be made, be holden as a th
by statute.' Infractions of the law were decl
able by fine or imprisonment, and the justices,
bailiffs were authorised 'to hear and dete
offences, and to examine by their discretion,
servants, artificers, and workmen, as their
punish offenders, to direct sheriffs to imprison
that all the mayors and bailiffs *which be keepers*
(*queux sount Gardeins du pees*) in any cities
boroughs, shall have like power, correction, ar
of the (Statute) and of all Statutes of Labou
the said towns, cities, and boroughs, as the ju
peace have in their counties." This statute,
Kloss, affords evidence that the Halliwell poe
have been written earlier than 1427, and that its
gives "sense and confirmation" to certain obsc
in it. Kloss, the author tells us, remarks th
previously justices of the peace had been the so
of the rate of wages and judges of offences
several statutes—the sheriffs, bailiffs, &c. bei
with the execution of the warrants, orders, and
of the said justices—"by this new law, besides
the mayor of the city of London, the mayors
of every chief city, borough, or county town, all
position and rank, *are for the first time* empowe
ticipate in the settlement of the rate of wages, a
proclamation thereof twice a year. Conjointl
charged to hear and decide all infractions, and
grant warrants of arrest, which were to be execu
sheriff." Bro. Gould, however, considers Kloss
ing these conclusions is in error, as the langua
statute shows that the officials it associated
justices "already possessed equal powers with
Further, as to the Halliwell poem, he remarks tha
assume it "was intended for the instruction and
of town or of country masons," but its "entire
"class of persons to whom it was addressed—fa
in their way to the villeins, the labourers in h
and the rude artificers of the shires, the regul
behaviour at the common meal, all point, in my
to its connection with some *urban* craft," in whic
"Statutes of Labourers have very little bearing
question at issue." He finally disposes of Kloss's
in the following passage: "'I cannot bring
believe that the masons who plied their trade i
villages and hamlets at about the early part of the
century were, either by education or intelligenc
of comprehending the Halliwell poem had it
hearsed to them. But, putting conjecture wh

that ancient manuscript, I, for one, should have find in a document of this character *relating of the counties*—written between 1427 and 1444 rence or allusion to the *justices of the peace*, rity was gradually being extended, by whom, any regulations were made which have not d who, by charters, letters patent, and ordi- e reigning King—not entered on the Statute have been constantly charged with the proper f the Statutes of Labourers in particular re their provisions had been evaded."

is enactment was made permanent by 8 Hen. by which it was also ordained "that the an- form, and custom of putting and taking of used and continued in the city of London, ceforth kept and observed." In 1437 by c. vi., 1436-7, it was "sought to control a h the legislature was powerless to repress" ground that 'the Masters, Wardens and any guilds, fraternities, and other companies, themselves many unlawful and unreasonable of things (*inter alia*) 'which sound in con- *nent en confederacie*) for their singular profit, damage to the people,'" it was ordered that ent and charters should be "exhibited to the ounties, or the chief governors of cities, d towns, without whose sanction no new re to be made or used, and by whom the same y time revoked or repealed." In 1444-5, there egislation on the subject, and the wages of l artificers were again assessed, those of a "—or "frank mason"—or master carpenter d to 4d a day, with meat and drink, and 5d their winter wages to 3d and 4d respectively." owever, is not of Kloss's opinion that on the is law—28 Henry VI. c. xii.—the Halliwell ot have been written after this date.

xt taken through the legislative measures liveries," and in treating of those which reign of Henry VII., Bro. Gould notices a ous error, by which the words, "signs," and rring in certain of them have been interpreted *ns* of recognition and *grips* of salutation." the author quotes from Pike's "History of gland" the following passage: "Nothing e clearly that the elements of society were rown into new combinations than the per- h which previous statutes against giving kens were enforced, and with which their re made by new enactments. All the con- holders still regarded themselves as chief- eir inferiors in their neighbourhood were , to whom they gave liveries and tokens, ther words, wore their uniform, and rallied ard. A common gift from chief to retainer been a badge (*sign*) to be worn in the cap. e Stanleys was in the habit of giving to his eagle's foot,' and one of the Darcies 'the These tokens were sometimes of silver and , and were, no doubt, highly prized by those hem." Thus, as Bro. Gould says, the "signs entioned in the Statute 11 Henry VII. c. iii. and cognizances," the former being the ice, crest, or arms, on a separate piece of e time of Elizabeth, on silver—in the form orn on the left sleeve by domestics and even by younger brothers, who wore the elder;" while the latter "were sometimes s worn in the caps or on the chest."

r enactments mentioned is the 2 and 3 . xv., A.D. 1548, which is the last that *nbinations* and *confederacies* to enhance the r," and which, in the opinion of Brentano, at all to combinations similar to those of nen of the present day, but is simply an k the increasing abuses of the craft guilds." nentioned, and a synopsis of its provisions liz. c. iv., frequently referred to as the prentices." In the 30th clause of this it is at though in previous statutes the term s used, here the solitary definition given is " on which Bro. Gould says, "Had the masons' been used by the framers of the ference would be plain—that it referred to ior and the inferior classifications of the trade; but the employment of the expression, *rough mason*, in a code, moreover, so carefully drawn up, almost forbids the supposition that it was intended to comprise a higher class of workmen, and rather indicates that the term *Freemason*—as already suggested—though, perhaps, in common or successive use, applied to denote a stonecutter, a contractor, a superior workman, a passed apprentice or free journeyman, and a person enjoying the freedom of a guild or company, had then lost—if, indeed, it ever possessed—any purely operative significance, and if for no other reason, was omitted from the Statute as imparting a sense in which it would have generally been misunderstood." This brings us to the end of the second chapter of this second volume. In our next paper we shall travel northward for the purpose of studying Freemasonry in its early aspects in Scotland.

(To be continued.)

MASONRY, VIEWED BY AN ENGLISH BARRISTER.

AN English baronet, one of the best lawyers known to the English bar, now more than three decades passed away—Sir William Follett—is said to have regarded the Masonic Institution as one of the most hallowed means of beneficence among the associations of earth.

Sir William was Attorney General of England when he had the following conversation with one who afterwards became a shining light in the great Brotherhood of Masons. This Brother reports as follows:—

In the course of conversation with Sir W. Follett, I inferred from a passing remark that he had become a Mason. I asked if my conclusion was correct. 'It is,' was his reply; 'I was initiated at Cambridge.' Light had not then beamed upon myself; and I expressed in scoffing terms my astonishment. 'In your early struggles at the bar,' remarked he, with quiet earnestness, 'you require something to reconcile you to your kind. You see so much of bitterness, and rivalry, and jealousy, and hatred, that you are thankful to call into active agency a system which creates, in all its varieties, kindly sympathy, cordial and wide-spread benevolence and brotherly love.' 'But surely,' said I, 'you don't go the length of asserting that Masonry does all this?' 'And more! The true Mason thinks no ill of his brother, and cherishes no designs against him. The system annihilates parties. And as to censoriousness and calumny, most salutary and stringent is the curb which Masonic principles, duly carried out, apply to an unbridled tongue.' 'Well, well you cannot connect it with religion; you cannot say, or affirm of it, that Masonry is a religious system?' 'By-and-by you will know better,' was his reply. 'Now I will only say that the Bible is never closed in a Mason's Lodge; that Masons habitually use prayer in their Lodges; and, in point of fact, never assemble for any purpose without performing acts of religion.' 'I gave you credit,' continued I, with a smile, 'for being more thoroughly emancipated from nursery trammels and slavish prejudices.' . . 'Meanwhile,' said he, 'is it not worth while to belong to a Fraternity whose principles, if universal, would put down at once and for ever the selfish and rancorous feelings which now divide and distract society?'" —*Keystone.*

MASONRY AMONG THE ARABS.

THE Master of University Lodge, at a celebration of the Winter Festival, at Oxford, England, related the following incident of the influence of Masonry among the Arabs. He confessed, he said, that he had formally been prejudiced against Freemasonry, but experience abroad had convinced him of his error, and satisfied him that there was something in it beyond the mere name. He once had a friend who, with his crew, had been wrecked in the Persian Gulf, when an Arab chieftain came down to plunder them, but on his friend giving the Masonic signs, they were protected and taken to Muscat, where they were not only clothed and properly taken care of, but afterwards taken to Borneo. He knew that to be a fact, and it so satisfied him as to the merits of Masonry that he resolved to embrace the first opportunity of enrolling himself among its members. That pledge he had redeemed; and from the moment he had been initiated he had felt the deepest interest in the Institution, and the greatest desire to promote its interests and extend its benefits.—*Hebrew Leader.*

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The discussion on this subject is getting decidedly warm. The authors of the now notorious Circular—a few self-elected arbiters of things Masonic—have got more than they bargained for. Not content with issuing their Circular, some of them have rushed into print in the columns of your contemporary with the boldness of a better cause. *En parenthèse*, I cannot understand your contemporary. He appears to me to be running with the hare and hunting with the hounds. The Editor signed the Circular, and permitted it to appear in full in his columns, whether as an advertisement or as a fulmination, with which he identified himself in his official capacity, I know not. Apparently it came forth with editorial sanction, yet without the exhibition of that courage which comes of conscious strength. I recognise the fact that your contemporary has permitted several letters to appear on the other side of the question, and I mention particularly those of Bro. While; but then, that was inevitable. A refusal would at once have demonstrated unfair partisanship, which no journal could long afford to manifest without great danger to its character and influence. Your own case is so different that I think I am justified in calling attention to the matter. From the first, sir, you have not wavered in your view of the question. You have taken your stand upon the principle affirmed last year, when Bro. Col. Creaton was superseded by Bro. Allcroft, not because the former was unworthy of being continued in office, not even because new blood was necessary, but because opinion had matured into resolve that the office of Grand Treasurer, being purely an honorary post, should be conferred upon some worthy brother each year according to the judgment of Grand Lodge. You carefully refrained from mentioning the name of any brother who should follow Bro. Allcroft, thus avoiding the very appearance of dictation, which is so offensive to men whose independence is strengthened by the principle of equality upon which the Order is founded. A truce, however, to these comparisons. I merely mention them because, to my mind, you appear to have taken the wiser and the better course, to have considered principles without reference to persons, and to have done good educational work, preparatory to the time, now drawing nigh, when the brethren will be called upon to act.

It is like our throwing the thrice slain to repeat the arguments that have been advanced in favour of the independence of Grand Lodge, and I shall not trench upon your space to repeat what you have permitted me to state already. I must ask, however, to be allowed to say that I have followed the practice of dealing with principles rather than with persons, except where it was impossible to avoid naming a brother because of his identification with the only object at issue. *Argumentum ad hominem* has not only become permissible, but absolutely necessary. The circular itself is a challenge, and although Bro. Marshall has not personally taken up the gage any more than Bro. Allcroft has personally thrown it down, yet the two brethren stand before the Craft as the representatives of two hostile camps, and neither can now escape criticism. I shall not enter into charges and recriminations, nor seek to embitter the contest by unnecessary personal reflections. But I cannot close my eyes to facts, nor should I be faithful to the views I hold were I not to use the information that has now become public property. I have never uttered an unkind word with regard to Bro. Allcroft, nor have I harboured an ungenerous thought respecting him. Others have advanced reasons in his favour which I have combatted, and now the time has come when argument may fairly be supplemented with comparisons of a personal nature. I have not sought this mode of warfare; it is forced by circumstances, and in a great measure rendered necessary by the very unwise action of a body of men who have mistaken their own crotchets for justice and have asserted their own judgment against the right of opinion of the mass who compose Grand Lodge.

In the abstract there are no pre-eminently distinguished Freemasons; all are on one level. The Craft is a pure Republic, based upon liberty, equality, and fraternity, the aim universal brotherhood, the end charity. In practice, however, those who contribute most to the development of the Order, who render more palpable services than those of other brethren are honoured with distinction. Some of these are conferred with the common consent of the Craft, others are made by those high in office, and a few are subject to election. The office of Grand Treasurer comes in the latter category, and in the nature of things it is impossible to altogether ignore personal considerations. It is always an unpleasant task to discuss the relative merits of brethren in the cause of charity, but here I have no alternative. The questions have been asked—What have Bros. Alcroft and Marshall done that they should be honoured at all? and what has one done more than the other to claim precedence in the present contest? The answer shall be in Bro. While's own language, and from facts he has gathered from official sources. He says:—

Bro. Allcroft, in his 40 odd years of Masonic life, has given £168 10s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, while Bro. Horace Marshall, in four years, has given £510! To the Girls' Bro. Allcroft, in his 40 odd years, has given 160 guineas, without any Stewardship, while Bro. Horace Marshall, who has served four Stewardships to this Charity, has given, in his four years, the sum of five hundred guineas! To the "Old People's" Institution Bro. Allcroft has given £117 5s, and has served one Stewardship, while Bro. Horace Marsh[illegible] has served a Stewardship each year of his Masonic life, has given six hundred guineas [illegible] sixth Stewardship on the 26th inst. The Mas[illegible] benefited by the existence of Bro. Allcroft in th[illegible] of his Masonic life to the amount of £446 [illegible] benefited to the total of one thousand six hundre[illegible] in the four years of Bro. Marshall's life.

Here I leave the matter for the present, and a[illegible]

Sir and Brother,

Yours fr[illegible]

WAS ANY KIND OF A No. 79 A P[illegible] LODGE?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CH[illegible]

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was truly glad t[illegible] letter from Bro. Hughan in your journal of 5th J[illegible] his friends for inducing him to write it. Bro. H[illegible] the Lodge No. 79 on the English Record, wa[illegible] But, says he, "The occupant of No. 79 of Phi[illegible] being the *first*, closely followed by the London s[illegible] claims that we are both right. Further on he say[illegible]

"Because there is the reference in the 'Poc[illegible] 1735 to a Lodge in Philadelphia as No. 79 on the[illegible] which was held at the Hoop in Water Street. It[illegible] more likely that the compiler of this List had see[illegible] with the Philadelphia Lodge inserted, than that h[illegible] the blank with such particulars, for why should he[illegible] tion as to Philadelphia, if there were no grounds f[illegible]

Now, be it remembered, that the Dublin reprint[illegible] the said List, but copied it from the *original* Eng[illegible] "Pocket Companion." It was William Smith, the[illegible] "Pocket Companion," who compiled the List, and[illegible] No. 79 blank; but the Dublin reprinter filled[illegible] "Hoop, Water St.," &c. I can cite hundreds[illegible] Masonic books which are entirely baseless. For in[illegible] worn by Grand Master Sir Christopher Wren reve[illegible] that the said William Smith was a D.D. Now, if[illegible] made so many groundless revelations on the au[illegible] Square, I would not have questioned the "D.D." [illegible] it is, I cannot believe it without further confirmati[illegible] is scarcely a Masonic book without groundless ass[illegible] should pin my faith on the unauthorised Dublin re[illegible] to the statement of Bro. W. Smith himself, Bro[illegible] explain.

In Bro. Hughan's article in the *Voice of Masonry*[illegible] he said: "When we come across an engraved List[illegible] it will, doubtless, agree with the Dublin List of 17[illegible] Hughan since then has come across a List engrave[illegible] but Pine's List confirms the List in the original E[illegible] the "Pocket Companion" of 1735, and in Pine's L[illegible] blank. About the same time that Bro. H. commun[illegible] of 1734 to the *Masonic Magazine*, November 1876[illegible] come across Rawlinson's List in the *Freemason's M*[illegible] p 81, 1855, and I called attention in this Journal to[illegible] Rawlinson's List of 1733, No. 79 *is also blank*.

Now I will say something about the old Lodge Li[illegible] Lodge Lists were compiled without the Lodges[illegible] In 1731 an order seems to have been issued by the[illegible] each Lodge to send to the Grand Secretary a list of[illegible] members. These were ranged according to seniorit[illegible] I described in my former communication, viz., to[illegible] devoted one or more pages. The number of the Lo[illegible] the name of the Public House where it held its[illegible] the head of the page; and this was supplemented w[illegible] the officers and members of the said Lodge. In Bro[illegible] Old Lodges," p 50, that list (without the names of[illegible] may be seen, which ends with No. 104. In the Reco[illegible] Bro. Gould's copy, no mention is made of the days w[illegible] held their meetings, nor of dates of their respecti[illegible] The description of Rawlinson's List in the *Free*[illegible] *Magazine*, 1855, corresponds with the above de[illegible] 1730-32 Record in Freemasons' Hall. The only dif[illegible] them is, Dr. Rawlinson filled up only some of the[illegible] names of the members, and most of them he left[illegible] probably have intended to fill them up at some futu[illegible] linson's List is also minus of the days of Lodge meet[illegible] of Constitution. On referring to the list on page [illegible] Lodges"), I find that No. 104, the last one of the li[illegible] Derby," was constituted 14th September 1732. The[illegible] Rawlinson's, No. 116, was constituted in 1733, some[illegible] 23rd May and 26th July. Dr. Rawlinson was an[illegible] LL.D., and a member of the R.S. In short, he was s[illegible] a gentleman, and a scholar; from the *Gentleman's M*[illegible] that he died 5th April 1755. Dr. Rawlinson was a[illegible] in 1734. It is evident that he copied his List from t[illegible] Record, and he added all the Lodges from 104 to[illegible] subsequent record. Now, if the Grand Secretary h[illegible] him that No. 79 was erased, the Doctor would not[illegible] number vacant; and if the Grand Secretary had k[illegible] was another No. 79 in Philadelphia, he would hav[illegible] Rawlinson about it.

Bro. William Smith did not copy his List in 1734 fr[illegible] List; they vary in the names of the Public Houses.[illegible] down his List to No. 126, and, doubtless, he got[illegible] about the erasure of No. 79, as Rawlinson had do[illegible] quarters. Smith's List is improved by the addition o[illegible] the meetings of the Lodges.

Pine, when compiling his list in 1734, must also ha[illegible] information about the erasure of No. 79 from headqua[illegible]

Pine made a further improvement to Smith's list by as he could ascertain, the dates of Constitutions to have reason to believe that the news from Boston s did not arrive in England before July or August it seems to have been then nearly finished. Hence, Marlborough, Petticoat Lane, constituted 5th Novem- h is on Smith's list as No. 126. In Pine's list dge is No. 126. Another Lodge in Flanders the Marlborough Lodge is in this list 128. Here, hree independent English compilers of Lodge lists, oubtless had access to the highest authority in the 's quarters, to the records, &c.; and each and all con- ment made by an unauthorised Dublin reprinter of Companion" of 1735; and friend Hughan wants me an unknown Dublin reprinter was better informed the English register than Rawlinson, Smith, and

remembered, that in 1735 Masonry in Dublin was only old. The Dublin reprinter of the "Pocket Companion" Mason of yesterday—*a novice*—who may never before ted Lodge list. Indeed, I do not know whether any ever been printed before 1735. They had engraved ot aware that any were *printed* before 1735. I can that to such a novice the blank to No. 79 was a probably heard of a Lodge at the Hoop at Phila- *nic fashion*, be jumped to the conclusion that the dge without a number must belong to a number on the dge; and so he put this and that together and made rely there is nothing improbable in such a Masonic

gh at the Masonic luminaries of a recent age who You cannot deny that Pythagoras had mysteries. We so mysteries, therefore, our mysteries *undoubtedly* the Pythagorean mysteries, and, therefore, Pytha- ther Freemason." Now, wherein does that mode of from the reasoning of our Philadelphia *Keystone*, "You cannot deny that Coxe got a deputation in not deny that Allen, Franklin, and others had a Grand lphia in 1732, therefore, Allen and Co. must have thority from Coxe," &c. Now I do not deny either of 1730, or the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia in that there was any connection between Coxe's O and the Philadelphia Masonry of 1732. We have evidence that Allen or Franklin knew anything, or about his deputation, or that Coxe knew any- 732 Philadelphian Masonry, and certainly no Grand land had ever heard of Coxe or his Masonry after w Jersey, where he died in 1789.

quoted the letter of Henry Bell of 1754. I will re that, with very few exceptions, whenever an Master is discussing a question which touches his religious prejudices, I would not believe his state- roborative testimony. In 1873 this Bell's letter was r at the dedication of the Philadelphia Temple, the P.G.M. Lamberton, however, added, "The dispensa- was doubtless issued late in 1730 or early in 1731, " Here there was at least an "if." Bro. MacCalla rned the *if* into an "undoubtedly." I have since to learn where that letter was, and how and by erved since 1754, and where the remaining part of ., but no effort was made to satisfy my doubts; the neman, a P.M. of a Philadelphia Lodge, told me he the letter, and he wrote the same to Bro. Nickerson herefore, why do the Philadelphia brethren enshroud much mystery?

e Philadelphia Grand Lodge of 1732 was a self- In 1734 Franklin endeavoured to get Henry Price t him a dispensation or charter. Franklin was ed with Price's pretension to the title of G.M. no authentic evidence that Price acknowledged l title of G.M. Bro. MacCalla furnished from the e, that at Philadelphia they annually elected Grand to 1741. Between 1741 and 1749 nothing is known lvania Masonry, but a record preserved at Phila- is, that on 10th July 1749, Thomas Oxnard of G.M. of North America, "appointed Benjamin Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania, with at other Grand Officers," &c. And, on the 5th ng, Franklin held his first Grand Lodge under o, appointed his Officers, and granted a charter for iladelphia. And at a communication of the Grand arch 1750, William Allen presented his commission dge of England, appointing him Provincial Grand hen appointed Franklin as his D.G.M.; thus we eight or nine months after Oxnard appointed Allen's commission arrived from England. The is, that when Bros. Allen and Franklin got older tired of playing *bogus*. Grand Masters, and as t in the unauthorized state they were in the Grand ould not have acknowledged their Masonry, they d to whitewash it, and then, and not till then, did Grand Lodge of England, when, of course, their . Had they been entitled to apply to the Grand before Oxnard legitimised and legalised their d not have waited till 1750, but would doubtless *This is my opinion.*

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

r 1884.

OUR LATE GRAND MASTER PAYNE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I would refer Bros. Yarker and Sadler to a curious query, by "Masonic Student," under the heading "Dies Zovi," on page 209 of vol. xiii. of the *Freemason*.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

T. FRANCIS.

8th February 1884.

TEMPLE ACCOMMODATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The question of accommodation for the brethren assembling in Grand Lodge at the Freemasons' Hall is not by any means in a satisfactory condition. On the one hand, it is feared that the strict letter of the resolution arrived at on the 5th December last may not be adhered to, and on the other, apprehensions prevail that room will not be found for those who will most probably attend in March next and on subsequent occasions. There is no doubt about the *bona fides* of the committee appointed to carry out the work, and if they can see any method by which increased accommodation can be given without incurring any very serious liability, I am confinced that they would be indemnified for any outlay for which a good return in comfort and convenience could be assured. I regret exceedingly that Grand Lodge resolved to proceed on such limited lines as the mere restoration of the old hall, and I am convinced that no arrangement for overflow meetings will long remain satisfactory. If it were possible to divide the brethren into classes, so that those whose presence in the great hall was necessary should be able to obtain admission according to the importance of the business each class had to transact, there would be some chance of appeasing the restless many, and of satisfying them with the power of voting only. As that is impossible, it seems a mockery to ask brethren to vote upon matters about which they know little, and who had been debarred from hearing what had been advanced for and against any particular question. It will never do to have such an ugly rush as that of December last. I never saw anything more undignified in my life. If such a thing is again apprehended, I would advise the setting up of barriers, so that one brother at a time may go in, and when the hall is full, to bar the entrance. This arrangement would be exceedingly unpleasant to those who might have special business on hand, but there can be no distinction when all have equal right to admission. The alternative for those who feel that they must be present will be to be early in attendance, secure their seats, and remain in them until they have discharged their obligations. The late comers must be content to sit, like cherubs up aloft, or to sit or stand in the ante rooms, where they can amuse each other with irregular discussions of things in general, and of "nothing" in particular.

Bro. Letchworth would meet the difficulty by excluding the Wardens. As I have passed out of the chrysalis state into a full-grown P.M., I might let the matter go by the board, but I do not forget the time when I was a Warden myself, and I should be sorry to take away a privilege I myself so highly valued. Without venturing to dwell upon the many reasons why such exclusion should not be adopted, I may say that the Wardens are among the best and hardest working members of the Craft. A P.M. is apt to get careless or indifferent, often negligent; but a Warden has the future before him, and the hope to come quickens his sense of duty. I do not believe the exclusion of the Wardens would work well at all, for even if they take little active share in the business of Grand Lodge, they make up a capital critical audience, and are able by their votes to determine its work. It will never do to exclude the Wardens, however great the pressure may be. Some other method must be found, and I believe it will have to be sought in an increase of accommodation within four walls, where the whole of the brethren can see and be seen, and hear and be heard, if possible. What that means, I need not say. Circumstances often force results that common sense should have anticipated. I only hope my fears may not be realised; if they are, I trust the blame will rest upon the right shoulders, although the cost will fall on the whole Craft.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

P.M.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 16th February 1884:—

11th February—London Society Ball, St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, Leigh Lodge; 12th—Metropolitan Dairymen's Ball, Nobodys Friends, Jerusalem Chapter, Prudent Brethren Chapter, Urban Lodge; 13th—British Orphan Asylum, Lodge of Fidelity, Enoch Lodge, Manchester Lodge Ball, Royal York Chapter; 14th—Danes Bicycle Club Ball, Caledonian Society, Lodge of Regularity, Polish National Lodge, Pilgrim Lodge; 15th — Mizpah Lodge, Jordan Lodge; 16th—Tottenham House Ball.

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LIGHT OF AGES.

ANCIENT SCIENCE AND SYSTEMIC RELIGIONS.

From the Voice of Masonry.

Part I.—Evolution of Masonry.

TO the outside world Masonry has doubtless appeared merely a system of unseemly rites and mysterious ceremonies, being to the thoughtful a vain show, to the indifferent absurdity, "to the Greeks foolishness." To the initiated, however, each rite has its foundation deep in human experience, and every ceremony is full of significance.

Whence come these rites and ceremonies is a question that can be answered only by going back to the earliest experiences of the race; and solved, if solved at all, as like questions in regard to religious and other institutions of serious nature are to be solved, by studying their origin and progress.

As first in order of time, let us seek the source of the religious rites and ceremonies that have possessed men's hearts and lives through long ages, and see how these came to have such a sway over human actions; and then, how in the main they correspond with, and compliment the institution which forms more especially the subject of this study—Masonry.

All the rites and ceremonies above referred to have arisen from the idea that the world, nature, and man, must have had a beginning, and some agency to put them in progressive motion.

To the rational observer God is in nature as mind is in man.

In the early ages of humanity the attention of thinking men was very strongly attracted to the study of the most striking appearances of the material universe; and among these were the positions of the heavenly bodies at different times of the twenty-four hours, and at various periods of the twelve-month. The succeeding seasons of the year spread wonders before such observers. In pre-historic and legendary days these operations of nature were represented by symbolic forms whose significance was understood by the enlightened only. In the minds of the unlearned, who had not "yet been raised to perceive the light," such forms became endowed with individual, distinct life, and to them were ascribed physical and emotional qualities of man's nature. The symbols of the wise became the idols of the ignorant. The masses worshipped forces of nature, the various manifestations of which were thus made actual personalities.

Those persons who controlled the minds of the people naturally became their acknowledged rulers. This group of thinkers being, by force of circumstances which they had utilised, a sort of superior class, formed themselves into a kind of society, with ideas widely differing from those of the multitude. Ceremonies were adopted by which they could perpetuate the existence of the truth, and keep it safe from the corruption of ignorance. At times, such societies became places of refuge for truth-seekers, because too plain speech in presence of superstitious people is not without danger, to incur which would be useless. From such associations of superior minds some forms of government have grown. At first, credulous man was controlled by superstitious beliefs and practices, and often so for his own good. Later, these associations became means of possible oppression, inasmuch as they were secret, existed among, and derived their power from, an enlightened populace. The government of Ancient Egypt, where knights and priests were members of one organisation, is an illustration.

The wise men of Ancient Egypt represented the astronomical circumstances which caused the succession of day and night by a four-cornered figure, with an image of the sun at each angle. One of these corners indicated East; one, West; one, South (midday); one, North (midnight, the "place of darkness"). They signified morning, evening, highest noon, deepest night; that is, light, at its birth, in its full glory, at its disappearance, and the "total absence of light." The sun, in this figure, occupied successively these four points. The imaginative mind of the eastern sage pictured the sun on this journey, in the growing morning, as a beautiful young man; at noon 'as a mature, full-bearded man; at evening as an old man, with "shaggy hair and leathern raiment." As darkness was opposed to light, so a spirit of the midnight region was supposed to antagonize the god of light, the midday sun. This sun-god, just after being exalted to the meridian in the South, began to go down; at the West he was further hurt, but the third was the "fatal blow," and the prince of darkness, the midnight North, overcame him. This going down of the sun toward the point of midnight darkness was called the death of the now personified day star; but as he had before been seen to rise, so now, on his going down, all living nature was content, trusting in the promise of the joy to come. He who was to be the sun of the new day, the "Prince of Peace," and "King of Glory" to the world, was guided by the "Great Architect of the Universe" through the valley and shadow of death, to the resurrection morn, and was raised again, "by might and by power," to royal splendour, and to a new course of beneficence. The hope of the sun worshippers had full fruition.

The same allegory was used to represent the apparent progress of the sun in the heavens, as the circling year brought the various seasons. The four angles, or corners of the square, represented the equinoxes and the solstices. As the sun appeared in each sign of the zodiac he was regarded as assuming the form of the being by which that sign was pictured on the celestial chart. Thus in the sign of Taurus, he was worshipped by the unenlightened as a bull. The ancient sign of the zodiac in which the summer solstice took place was Leo (or lion), and when the sun reached the highest point he was exalted gloriously to complete life and supreme power.

These ideas were also shown by a cross with an image of the sun, represented as a human form of various ages, placed at the four extremities. The cross, thus at first used to teach astronomical, physical truth, was afterwards an instrument employed in moral and religious instruction.

As man saw two kinds of forces and two forms in nature; the active and passive, the male and female, so, image of the sun triumphant in the zenith, besid "queen of heaven." But, since the philosoph not be two distinct powers on the throne, that la throughout the universe, these forms were s waist only. The remaining portions were unit and yet but one. The Mosaic account of the drawn from this, and is merely an astronomical

The allegory of the apparent course of the sun twenty-four hours of each earthly day, the sym year; and human life may be thus typified.

> "Like leaves on trees, the race of man
> Now green in youth, now withering o
> Another race the following spring su
> They fall successive, and successive r
> So generations in their course decay,
> So flourish these when those have pas

Yet the "Great Architect" is over all, and Supreme Ruler is "from everlasting to everla know his ways and obey his laws.

During long ages the multitude did the har houses, cities, and temples, under the control o enabled to see the light of truth and obtain power not yet sufficiently educated to appreciate the which typified the march of time. As centuries war and social turmoil, the true meaning of pictured in human form, was lost; so that ev the recognised teachers among men became of the ignorant, "blind leaders of the blind. having come into the possession of unin were misrepresented, and the biblical account of based on them. The astronomical history of the were presented as the actual history of creation i religious systems of the Ancient Hindus and Egyp sun from being merely a type of the Creator, one All-Powerful, became in men's minds very God, These symbols were also used by instructed, altho to form tyrannical governments.

Throughout all systems of religion (or more corr the elements of this sun-allegory, this astrono have been and are the essential points. In the sun Brahma, the personification of the Creator of lig Good, while Siva represented the opposing power of the Genius of Evil. The Persians revered the g feared the bad. The case was the same with Egyptians regarded Osiris and Typhon as antagoni and evil. In like manner the Hebrews worshipp Jehovah, and dreaded the power of the Prince of Da tially the same is true of the religious systems of of the peoples of Northern Europe, of the Mound B Peru* and Mexico, of the Zuni Indians,† and the H

The so-called gods of the ancients, and of the east played such singular parts in the theological systen countries, and whose existence is yet believed in by n of the western world, were merely the physical elem of nature. By the human mind and through the ne ism of language, these have become personified. dogmas about the origin of the world, nature o apparition of His person in visible form, revelation simply recitals of astronomical facts, figurative movements of celestial bodies and of the natural prog phenomena, such as are seen going on at the present

To the ancient Egyptians were known four princ formed in the heavens, or celestial sphere, an "obl casket of the same shape, and made of hewn stone, the central chamber of the Great Pyramid; and shaped vessel existed at least fifteen hundred years of Moses.

Scientific research, as well as tradition, has, ten the birthplace of the human race near the mountains From this location man could have seen the sun, at time of his greatest power, rise in the north-east, as in regal majesty, and occupy the kingly throne. decline toward the West, and at the close of day h death of night. Each new appearance of the morni new birth, a resurrection of the slain god, to become and of all that live in or of the earth. In like man comes forth from this homestead, the "north-east c of the world, or Lodge, and proceeds South and to the vidual passes into the valley of night, but the race,

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* The monarchs of Ancient Peru were reverenced the sun.

† The Zuni Indians of New Mexico, U.S.A., in their religious initiation, caused the candidate to kneel at a "face the East." An object was used which became a of torture to the flesh." He was caused to undergo test his endurance. He was clothed in a peculiar ma was used, (this is done in Spanish Lodges). They sun at its rising and at the vernal equinox. Amo tribes and peoples of West Africa, near the Gulf of were practised, in 1882, certain religious ceremonies indecent to the casual, unitiated, English observer, merely remnants of more complete rites, the symbol which is at once understood when their origin is traced to India.

‡ The myth of the Hawaiians in regard to the creat is the same as that in Genesis, and occurs in the anc their language. Their temples are parallelograms; th squares."

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earch after perfect light, for Truth most pure.
ten that in the Garden of Eden were four rivers; one
d Havilah (which means land of gold or of light, that is,
r midsummer); one toward Ethiopia (which means mid-
eep winter); the third, toward the east of Assyria.
orth river is Euphrates," (which means west). This is
allegorical picture of the earth in relation to the day and

ferent men, and with diverse peoples, these images of
ur distinct points, in course of time, came to be regarded
independent individualities. Being placed oppositely,
nsidered antagonists; hence the midday sun was enemy
idnight; morning and evening were hostile to each other.
, likewise, four kings. Then followed, in human imagin-
hoets which may be supposed to constitute the courts of
may be used to represent the various qualities with
felt himself endowed; and these formed the armies of
of Pluto's regions. They fought, and there were "wars
on earth and in Hades. Illustrations of this may be
ner, Virgil, Dante and Milton.
t astronomical plan also showed midsummer as a beauti-
t the high point, where were knowledge and power; in
where the gods were supposed to dwell, according to the
ems of ancient and modern times. The bearded man
pposite point. Thus in Adam and Eve this idea is pre-
woman invites the man to come up—to approach the
edge. In their union is typified the seed-time of spring.
ses on. Autumn comes with its fruitfulness; and later,
earth, in the northern hemisphere, loses its warmth
From these occurrences arise the thoughts of naked-
sin, and the curse of transgression, but the promise of
ren, and fulfilled with the returning year.
magery has grown a host of theogonies. Adam, thus
sun, is made to grow old, and to go down into the
h, but, even as the sun, he goes on, passes through the
ted spirits, is raised, resurrected, to a new life, appears
lam, and again ascends the heavens as the victorious
he lord of all. In the "Book of the Law" it is
placed at the East of the Garden of Eden cherubim and
rd, which turned every way to keep the way of the tree
not this a type of the sun that gives light to the world,
away darkness? In the moral world, by this we may
he sword of justice, both human and divine. In the
may be symbolized speech, "sharper than a two-edged
is powerful to search out and spread abroad the light

(To be continued).

MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

l Committee of this Institution held their monthly
at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 13th inst.,
ire present Bros. Col. Creaton Past Grand Treasurer,
John H. Leggott, John D. Allcroft, John Bullmer, H.
. G. Dilley, T. W. C. Bush, G. Bolton, Jas. Brett, W.
dgar Bowyer, Wm. Stephens, A. H. Tattershall, Wm.
Moore, Louis Stean, Charles Lacey, C. H. Webb, Wm.
lassey, Thomas Cubitt, Charles Belton, L. Bobbins,
n, Wm. F. Nettleship, J. Hastings Miller, G. L. Moore,
retary, &c. The minutes of the meeting of 9th January
verified. The death of four annuitants was reported;
lidate, who died suddenly on receipt of official informa-
ame had been placed on the list of candidates. The
arden stated that Bro. Cutbush had sent a present of
rees for the gardens of the Institution at Croydon, and
; and some of his friends had given a musical evening
s of the Institution on the occasion of the Warden
ze of 94. A vote of thanks to Bro. Allcroft for con-
ide at the next Annual Festival was passed by acclama-
airman was authorised to sign cheques, for annuities,
penses, which were approved. The application of a
iety of her late husband's annuity was granted. The
nted a statement of receipts and disbursements for
ted that he was of opinion that the receipts would not
the current year, but sufficient to meet the same
oursements, though possibly not enough to leave a
stment at the end of the year. There was, however,
balance over at the end of 1883, which had been
at sum was available if the Committee decided to
nber of annuitants. At the present time there were
tes and only 14 vacancies, and there were as many as
dates and only eight vacancies to be filled up. The
hat it was very desirable to increase the number of
ts, and it had been suggested that 10 more widows
d, at all events, in the present year. That would
ber 18 female annuitants to be elected; but the
not take it for granted that the increased number
uld be continued in future years; that must depend
; but if they were so disposed ten widows might be
st on this occasion. This proposal was agreed to.
aid he had seen a statement in the *Freemason* that
penses of the Institution amounted to as much as
that sum, as against about £12,000 for annuities,
nion, an excessive proportion for that purpose; he
tter required examination. Brother Terry observed
ccept the figures that had been stated as correct
re alleged to have appeared in the *Freemason*. He
the accuracy of the official statement of accounts,
atement he had just taken out the items of working
dered that a large proportion, and inquired whether the commission paid to the Collector included commission on moneys paid at the office. Brother Terry replied that commission was not paid on accounts paid to himself at the office; that there might be sums for which the Collector had made many personal applications; but it was paid on sums brought to the Collector at the office. Brother Moore said he did not think that should be so. For some years past there had been Associations formed which had been the means of collecting thousands of pounds for the three Institutions. All the work of collecting these Association funds fell upon their Secretaries and Treasurers. The Treasurers of these Associations paid the money into the office, and in his judgment the official Collector had no right whatever to a per centage on the money so collected. The Chairman said that the Collector was paid commission in terms of regulations that had been agreed to, but it was open to any brother to give notice of motion on the subject. Bro. Moore thereupon stated that he would give notice of a motion for next meeting, so that the matter might be discussed next month. The Secretary submitted the report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider Bro. Webb's motion. The Committee had met and considered the matter, and had come to the conclusion that there was no cause for the alteration proposed. Bro. Webb bowed to the decision of the Committee with pleasure; the great increase of the Craft since 1875 had not yet brought about its natural results, but a steady increase in the number of candidates was inevitable, and he thought that in time to come the alteration he had proposed would be a considerable benefit. The petition of Bro. Starr, which had been deferred for further information, was reported on by the Secretary and accepted by the Committee. Upon the report of the Secretary as to the result of the inquiries, the name of Bro. N. H. Lotinga was ordered to be expunged from the list of candidates. Bro. Lacey said that he had intended to submit to the Committee a notice of motion, but he desired first to ask the advice of the brethren present upon it. It had to some extent relieved his mind to find that they intended to increase the number of female annuitants at next election. He had thought very seriously whether it would not be well to alter the amount of the annuity in order to increase the number to be benefited. What he proposed was that the amount of the men's annuities should be made £32 10s instead of £40, and that the widows' annuities should be reduced from £32 to £26. He did not propose that the alteration should affect the election in the present year, but only those annuitants coming on after the election of 1885; so that should it be passed they would be able to say that whereas the present rates of annuity would satisfy 100 annuitants, 123 would be provided for at the new rates proposed. He regretted the necessity, but it appeared to him more advisable to spread the money they had to give over a larger number than to send so many empty away. The scale he had mentioned would give the male annuitants 16s shillings a week and the widows ten shillings a week. A conversation followed, during which several suggestions were made, one being that the age of the eligibility of candidates should be increased from 60 to 65, and it was unanimously conceded that the matter was a very proper subject for a notice of motion, which accordingly Bro. Lacey said he would give in to the Secretary. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

We have received copy of a lecture delivered by Bro. Thomas Fletcher, F.C.S., before the Society of Arts, on the 30th January last, on "Coal Gas as a Labour-saving Agent in the Mechanical Trade." Bro. Fletcher has treated his subject very fully, and those who take an interest in Coal Gas, and its application to the purpose specified, will be greatly impressed with the ability displayed by the lecturer.

The installation meeting of the Urban Lodge, No. 1196, took place at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., on Tuesday. Bro. Chas. Hawksley P.M. 1702 was the Master installed. Full report in our next.

DINNER OR NO DINNER?—This had been the question amongst the crew of youngsters who, coming from Limehouse, Stepney, and the surrounding neighbourhood, throng the New Hall of the London Cottage Mission every Wednesday. Happily on Wednesday last the answer was "dinner," and the delighted, if dirty, faces of Mr. Austin's rough and ragged little flock was a sight to see. The muster of these was about seven or eight hundred, besides the old folks; and the enormous coppers were soon emptied. But now again comes the same question we began with, for if timely help does not come there is little or no chance of dinner next week; however we sincerely trust that many a generous heart will have assisted a cause so good ere then, and that the little ones will not be disappointed. Contributions should be sent to the Bankers, the London and South Western Bank, 7 Fenchurch-street, E.C., Miss Napton, 304 Burdett-road, Limehouse, E., or to Mr. Walter Austin, at the Offices of the Mission, 44 Finsbury Pavement, E.C.

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EGYPTIAN LODGE, No. 27.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge wa 7th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and was attended. Bros. Grammer W.M., Murch S.W., Haynes A.G. Sec. Treas., Poole P.M. Sec., Webster I.G.; P.M.'s Coulson, Lamble, Green, Harrisson, Maidwell, Jacobs, C Visitors—Bros. Albert P.G.P., Terry P.P.G.W. Herts Jenkins 299, Hubbard, Bolton 1314, Kerr, Taylor Compton 834, Walker 65, Bathurst 186, Turner Brown P.M. 65, Pryor 1677, Palmer P.M. 11, Musto 813, 1297, Roberts P.M. 65, Howard 1744, Stuart P.M. 14 1146, Brookman J.W. 11, Benjamin P.M. 188, Poole 764, Austin 1900, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After the Lodge ha mally opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro and Glenhut were passed to the second degree. A ballo for the admission of Mr. Andrew Lyon, who was afte initiated into the Order by the W.M. In due course a Bos was opened, and Bro. Murch S.W. W.M. elect was pres Lodge—Bros. Albert P.G.P. and Pryor W.M. 1677 occ Wardens' chairs—and, in the presence of twenty-seven P.M.'s, was installed by the retiring W.M. (Bro. C. who did his work in a very perfect and impressiv fully meriting the encomiums passed on him at the conclu ceremony. On the re-admission of the brethren the saluted according to ancient custom, and invested his

ry, Dixon S.D., Webster J.D., Todd I.G., Jacobs W.S., Potter Tyler. After the Installing Master had been on the ability he had displayed, the resignation of a endered, and accepted with regret. Letters of apology om several distinguished brethren, regretting their e present. Hearty good wishes were given by the Visitors, and then Lodge was closed. A sumptuous é banquet followed; it gave great satisfaction; the rtistically decorated, and "button-holes" were provided Bro. Haynes. Grace having been said, the W.M. pro- t of the Queen and the Craft, and the National Anthem . Haynes taking the solo part. The toast of his Royal Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master met hearty reception. "God Bless the Prince of Wales" n speaking to the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, the W.M. eat pleasure in associating with it the names of Bro. sistant Grand Secretary, and Bro. Albert P.G.P. In Bro. Mark Hubbard artistically sang, "The Village and was deservedly applauded. Bro. Albert then he toast; he was followed by Bro. Buss, who said he ro. Albert would have returned thanks for all the . However, he might add to Bro. Albert's remarks rethren on all occasions were ready to do their e always desirous to assist whenever they can. y made to private Lodges always afforded them great Bro. Buss added that it is always considered a difficult ater of a Lodge to select his Officers, but H.H. the 's labour was a still more arduous one. However, it conceded the Prince of Wales always made a good behalf of the Grand Officers he begged to return his . Bro. Grammer I.P.M. now rose. For the first time asure to propose the health of their W.M. He (Bro. s agreeably surprised to see how admirably he had duties of the chair since his installation. He and Bro. itiated in the Lodge together; they had worked side th had reaped the reward of their labours. In response ked Bro. Grammer and the brethren for the reception the toast; he felt proud of his position and would rty good will to render the Lodge such service that it its prestige while under his direction. The toast of the iven; the W.M. referring to the attention Bro. to the ceremony. The toast of the Charities was next notice; this, the W.M. said, was the toast of the was pleased to see their energetic and respected friend James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic stitution, present. He might remind the brethren berton would act as Steward on the occasion of the niversary Festival for that noble Institution, and he hren would liberally support him. Bro. Terry with his responded. In the course of some well-considered knowledged the indebtedness of the Institution to the e Egyptian Lodge, which was a Vice-Patron of all lrawing attention to the Charities, and fully recapitu- ry demands now being made on the Institutions with more directly associated, Bro. Terry referred to the Bro. Cuthbertson, who was a popular member with and he trusted in this association, and as regards ip, it would be the brightest year in the era of the e. The toast of the Visitors was given, and the W.M. asters of the various Lodges represented to respond. lwell here sang a pathetic song, and then Bros. Has- M. 1608, C. Tayler W.M. 1624, Turner W.M. 11, and responded. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the no Lodge could be better represented in this respect was pleased to see so goodly an array of respected nt; it showed they had the interest of the Lodge at mbers were proud of them. In conclusion he might ames could be associated with the toast than those of s and Poole. Here Bro. Benjamin I.P.M. sang "My n a Boy." Bro. H. G. Buss P.M. and Treasurer in sponded to the toast; he was pleased to say he had with the Lodge for forty years. He could add to had said; their Lodge had done good suit and ser- ities, and if other Lodges had done as well, no appeals worthy Secretaries would be required, and the Insti- e in a permanently flourishing condition. The toast l Officers followed, and Bro. Haynes, in responding, eat honour to be appointed an Officer of this Lodge, be appointed to its chair. It would ever be his aim tance to the Master. He was followed by the Bro. D. H. Jacobs here, by request, sang "Sweet ," a song composed by the late respected Bro. D. G. Tyler soon afterwards gave the parting toast. The roughout were of a very agreeable character. Bro. 900, was an excellent accompanyist, and Bro. D. H. ked well after the comfort of the brethren and their

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MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

ion meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, London, E.C. The by the W.M. Bro. Frederick Hentsch, who was sup- Masters Charles Greenwood Past Grand Sword er), William Radcliffe (Secretary), John Laver, Thos. ell, Alfred Green, Alfred Withers, John Waters, and The Officers were all in attendance, whilst among the attendance book were the following Visitors:—A. Beasley P.M. 1612, J. G. Yolland P.M. 1386 Past G.S.B. Herts, G. King P.M. 172, W. Holloway P.M. 1158, S. Glenny 530, William H. Causton 1602, J. E. Sheffield 1897, G. De Lister P.M. 410, R. Pearcy P.M. 228, B. E. Blasby P.M. 780, Edwin Woodman J.W. 1950, J. A. Collings Organist 1693, Robert L. Adamson 73, Charles W. Cole 65, J. R. Jackson 172, G. Page 63, H. Smyth (Clapton), John B. Stevens P.M. 1627, Thos. Cohn P.M. 192, W. Angus P.M. 619, J. H. Hawkins P.M. 1693 J.W. 65, J. Stragnell P.M. 1745, W. W. Morgan jun, &c., &c. After the Lodge had been formally opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bros. P. J. King and J. Parsons, who had previously undergone examination as to their knowof the Science, were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The next business was to raise Bro. Hartley, and this ceremony was carried out by the W.M. in an eminently satisfactory way. Bro. Hentsch now vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Alfred Withers P.M., who had kindly undertaken to instal the W. Master elect, Bro. W. W. Morgan. After the obligation had been regularly administered the brethren below the degree of Installed Master retired, and in a very full Board of W.M.'s and P.M.'s Bro. Morgan was inducted in the chair of King Solomon. On the readmission of the brethren, the new Master was saluted in the three degrees, and then the Officers were invested: Bros. T. H. Peirce S.W., Henry Martin J.W., Charles Greenwood P.M. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, E. Thring S.D., Thos. H. Crapper J.D., C. T. Speight Tyler. In investing the Tyler the W.M. referred to a pleasing fact; the present was the thirty-fifth time that Bro. Speight had received his collar from the hands of the Master for the time being of the St. Michael's Lodge; moreover, he might state, for the information of their Visitors, that their brother's father had held the same office previously for 25 years, consequently the term of office of these worthy custodians reached an aggregate of 60 years. In concluding his remarks Bro. Morgan said he trusted Bro. C. T. Speight might long retain his health and continue his services. The next feature we have to notice is that the ability of the Installing Master, who concluded his labour by a most masterly delivery of the three addresses, was recognised by a cordial vote of thanks, and this was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The Past Master's jewel of the Lodge was presented to the retiring Master, Bro. Hentsch, as a fitting acknowledgment of the zeal he had displayed during his year of office. This compliment having been gracefully acknowledged, the Report of the Auditors was presented and adopted, the balance sheet showing a large amount to the credit of the Lodge. The usual Committee for conducting the general business of the Lodge was appointed, hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. The banquet was served by Bro. Jennings in the style so characteristic of the Albion, and after grace, on the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the Loyal toasts—the Queen and the Craft, and the health of his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. Both these were received with enthusiasm, and the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung. On rising to propose the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, Bro. Morgan said they had no present Grand Officer with them, but the past Grand Officers were represented by their esteemed Visitor, Bro. Robert Freke Gould Past Grand Deacon, and the Treasurer of their Lodge, Bro. Charles Greenwood Past Grand Sword Bearer. As Bro. Greenwood's name would be associated with a toast later on, when doubtless he might have a few words to say more closely connected with his official position in the Lodge, at this stage of the evening he (the W.M.) would call on Bro. Gould to reply. Bro. Morgan briefly referred to the great services Bro. Gould had rendered to the Craft by the careful research and immense labour he had undertaken in connection with the History of Freemasonry which is now passing through the Press. This was not the first time Bro. Gould had visited the St. Michael's Lodge. Personally—and he felt he was giving utterance to the sentiments of the members generally—he greatly appreciated the honour of Bro. Gould's visit, and he trusted he might have further opportunities of taking part with them in similar gatherings. Bro. Gould thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which the toast had been received. The eminent Masons who filled the highest positions as Grand Officers were so well known to them all, that any allusion by him to the meritorious manner in which their duties were performed would be both unnecessary and out of place, whilst of the minor Grand Officers, such as those present at the banquet, the Lodge had always among them, in Bro. Greenwood, as good a representative of the class for whom he was more especially responding as their greatest admirer could wish to bring forward. The affection and goodwill, therefore, which the members of St. Michael's Lodge entertained for their excellent Treasurer, as well as their estimate of the services rendered by him to the Craft, would make it a work of supererogation to expatiate upon those performed by the large body of Grand Officers, of whom he was so adequate a representative. It was generally conceded that the Grand Officers discharged their duties in a manner satisfactory to the Craft. The nature and scope of those duties varied, of necessity, from time to time. During the year of office of Bro. Greenwood and himself, the Grand Officers were called upon to undertake a somewhat formidable journey to the extreme West of England, and they were both in attendance upon the Grand Master when he laid the foundation stone of Truro Cathedral. For the kind manner in which the W.M. had especially referred to him he was much obliged. When he took to writing Masonic books, and before bringing out the "Four Old Lodges," he was advised that dryness was essential in a Masonic work. He therefore took great and excessive pains to ensure his contribution to the literature of the Craft being stamped with this feature, and felt bound to say that in the result he succeeded, and to a degree far exceeding his most sanguine anticipations. The book was published by his friend Bro. Walter Spencer, and printed by Bro. Morgan and the next thing was to find readers, which proved a difficulty, and for some while troubled him greatly. In process of time, however, he began to discover that though nobody read

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it, he derived a certain measure of credit and reputation for having written it, and from that period to the present, his only fear had been lest the time would ever come when too familiar an acquaintance with its pages might reveal upon what insecure foundation that reputation had been built up. The W.M. was to be congratulated on having attained a position which would widen the sphere of his influence. It had been said that the greatest benefactor of the human race was the man who caused two blades of corn to grow where only one had grown before. By a similar analogy the Masonic body ought to be very much obliged to the W.M. for having provided them with a second Craft journal. In all respects two papers were better than one, and greatly conduced to the affairs of the Craft being impartially and adequately discussed. The FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, with which the W.M. was so closely connected, was now a journal of established reputation, and the unbiassed tone of its articles, and the scrupulous fairness with which both sides of a question was held up to its readers, fully entitled it to the position it occupied as a faithful expositor and reflector of the opinions and requirements of the Craft. The manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed that evening left in his (Bro. Gould's) opinion, nothing to be desired; and, in conclusion, he expressed his heartfelt wish that success and prosperity might always be associated with the St. Michael's Lodge. Bro. Hentsch, in complimentary terms, proposed the health of the W.M. Ever since Bro. Morgan had joined the Lodge, he had been most zealous in advancing its interests. The toast would be an acceptable one to one and all of its members, and he (Bro. Hentsch) had great pleasure in offering it for their acceptance. After a suitable reply from the W.M. the toast of the Visitors was given, and in calling over the names of those who were present, Bro. Morgan spoke in high terms of the qualities they severally possessed. In response Bros. Beasley, Angus, Blasby, Matier, Gould, and Yolland addressed the Lodge. All expressed the pleasure it afforded them to attend the meeting, which had been conducted throughout most successfully. The Past Masters were next complimented, special reference being made to the success that had attended the Lodge during the year of the outgoing Master, and the installing Master receiving a well-deserved meed of praise for the share he had taken in the proceedings of the day. Bro. Hentsch was the first to reply; it was gratifying to him to know his efforts had been appreciated by the brethren; what had been said with regard to the financial position could but be satisfactory, both to him individually and to the brethren generally. Bro. Withers expressed his pleasure at the recognition made of his services, and made some original and happy references to the events of the day, which met with the general approval of all assembled. The services of the Treasurer and Secretary were next dilated on. Brother Charles Greenwood gave a brief sketch of the Lodge and its antecedents, and referred to the brilliant luminaries of the Craft who had been associated with its history. He, after a membership of thirty years, confessed his interest was centred in its welfare. A Lodge that could boast of having had on its muster roll such Craftsmen as Bros. Peter Gilkes, Stephen Barton Wilson, Blake, and many another good and sincere Mason, could but have an interest for those who had been long associated with it. He was gratified to know that though the Lodge had had its ups and downs it had never been in a more prosperous condition than now. He was pleased to see his friend the W.M. in the position he now occupied; and congratulated him on having secured that position by considerate and persevering industry. Bro. Radcliffe, who next spoke, thanked the Worshipful Master for the kind things he had said of him. He was intensely gratified at the result that had been achieved during the past year. He yielded to no one in the desire to promote the happiness and comfort of the brethren, and he trusted the new Master's year would be as prosperous as the one that had preceded it. With respect to the Stewardship he had undertaken—to which the W.M. had already alluded, and wherein the Lodge had so liberally assisted him by placing ten guineas on his list—he might say the brethren had been most liberal in their response, and he could now announce the contributions promised him reached a total of fifty guineas. This was satisfactory, but he might tell them he had not done yet, and he trusted his list would reach a much higher figure. He thanked one and all for the reception they had given to his name. For the Wardens and other Officers Bros. Peirce, Martin, Crapper, and others replied. A special toast was next introduced—Health and Prosperity to Bro. J. A. Collings, Organist 1893, who throughout the evening had kindly presided at the pianoforte. The W.M. stated that it had been decided to rely, for the entertainment of the brethren, on the musical abilities of the members of the Lodge and its Visitors. He thought all would agree with him that a success had been achieved, and that a most enjoyable evening had resulted. Some capital songs had been contributed, and all who had assisted in this regard felt their indebtedness to Bro. Collings. He (the W.M.) personally thanked Bro. Collings; further he was of opinion that that brother's musical ability would be exercised at many of our social gatherings yet to come. This compliment having been acknowledged, the Tyler gave the parting toast.

NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.

IT cannot fail to afford pleasure to all who have the welfare of Freemasonry at heart to know that at no period in its history has so great an interest been felt by both Lodges and individual brethren, in reference to all that appertains thereto, than at the present. In the aggregate the Masters and those holding other offices in the Lodges endeavour to make themselves conversant with their respective duties, and, in addition, to become thoroughly acquainted with the letter and spirit of Freemasonry. This is as it should be, inasmuch as it is one thing to be a Freemason in name, and another one in deed and in truth. The tone of Freemasonry has been of late years more decided. Those who have held office have felt the deep responsibility that rests upon them, and therefore have cultivated their faculties and made themselves "wise Mast
one should undertake the duties of any office in
starts with a full determination to discharge them f
Moreover, no one should consider himself perfect;
fraternal advice. To stand aloof and to lightly est
been the rock on which, unfortunately, too many h
times past. On Friday afternoon, the 8th inst.,
Bro. Henton, as Worshipful Master of the New C
place at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. This event h
anticipated by a vast number of brethren in South
reasons, namely, that this Lodge is becoming an ex
one, and that both the I.P.M. and the Master elect
mark in Freemasonry. We do not intend to write
New Cross Lodge, or refer to the changes it has und
be neither expedient nor instructive. We may,
crosses it has borne have been removed, and now an
infused into it whereby a prosperous future can be
In order that due importance should be given to
installation, an emergency meeting was held a
whereat all the business that could be done was effec
the night of installation open for that ceremony alo
Bro. T. Grummant undertook to instal his success
having been opened in due form, the duties of the
menced; there was present at the Board of Instal
unusual number of twenty-one brethren. We give h
the Visitors:—W.M.'s Bros. Addington 217, Hamly
1963, Page 1475, C. Claridge 1962; P.M.'s Bumstea
worth 975, T. Stephens 1475, H. Vickery 1475 and 1
1641 and 1963, D. Channon 1475, D. Rose 73 and
209, J. H. S. Reid 209, S. Reays 917, Neville Green
S.W. 1475, A. S. Gandle J.W. 1599, E. L. Smith J
Williams J.D. 72, F. O. Harding J.D. 1460, L. V.
J. J. Brinton J.W. 1329, J. Baker S.W. 1329, B. P.
Hooker 1681, T. Soorborio 177, W. Banbury 217, T.
P. Preston 1062, W. Gowling 1962, and C. F. Mun
ceremony was impressively performed, and at its
W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing
Bros. A. W. Sturdee S.W., G. P. Berlini, J.W., E. H.
Treasurer, E. E. Smith P.M. Secretary, Carlo Grassi S
J.D., A. Priest I.G., V. C. Westall Organist, J.
H. Wild A.M.C., G. E. Court W.S., and C. N.
After Lodge had been closed the brethren retired to t
room to appease the demands of appetite. On remov
the W.M. proposed in graceful terms the Queen and
Most Worshipful the Grand Master his Royal Highness
Wales; the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master t
the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful the
Master the Earl of Latbom, and the rest of the
Present and Past; all of which toasts were pledged
The I.P.M. having had the gavel entrusted to him, pro
pose the health of the W.M. The brethren had looked
day for a variety of reasons; he could congratulate
having such a Master, who, he might remark, was the
the Lodge, and had passed by regular gradation until
the exalted position he now so ably filled. They knew
could have devoted more time, or exercised more abili
than had their W.M. He was found in his proper plac
ready to carry out what would prove to be good to F
general, and their Lodge in particular. There wer
brethren present, who could endorse all that he expr
would unite with him in conveying to their W.M. thei
wishes, trusting that he might have health and happir
year of office, and every blessing from the Great Ar
Universe. The W.M., in acknowledging the toast,
Grummant P.M. for the kind expressions he had so un
forth. He (the W.M.), however, was not aware that h
effort of his own rendered such valuable service to the
been asserted. At the same time he could not deny th
had felt it his duty to do all in his power to becom
officer in the Lodge, and also to promote its in
had been a military man, and had worn the un
Majesty. He was now a Volunteer, and was pro
the fact. Perhaps what he had gleaned as a soldie
service to him as a Freemason, in respect to punctual
tion. There had been able Masters in that Lodge w
well imitate, but whose qualities he did not for a mon
he should approach in any respect. It was a comfo
know that he should have excellent Officers to assist h
charge of his duties, brethren upon whom he could rely
round he saw many present as visitors whom he muc
many of them he had known for years, and he ten
hearty welcome. It had been stated that he was the
the Lodge; from that eventful hour until now the asso
initiation had been cherished in his memory. He tha
their kindly greeting. The W.M. then proceeded to
health of the Visitors; some at great personal inconveni
an effort to be present. He enumerated the names, an
ments as he proceeded, which were judicious and app
respect. Brother Brinton, in responding to the to
that the earth had revolved round the sun but a fe
he was privileged to be a visitor among them. O
sion he had an opportunity of witnessing the workings
degrees in the Lodge and, without any equivocation, he
he had never seen the ritual so closely adhered to, or
efficient. Nothing had been done in a perfunctory m
pains had been spared by every Officer to prove himself
conversant with his work. Perhaps they would pardon hi
ing that after the labours of the evening to which he a
pressed himself to the younger brethren in reference to t
as much time as possible to Freemasonry, so as to beco
Craftsmen. His advice had been accepted, and many
thanks he had received from those whom he addr

of the word. The W.M. next proposed the health of the and Secretary, and this toast having been duly responded eeded to introduce that of the Installing Master Brother . He need not occupy their time at any length by ex- n their I.P.M., who during his year of office had promoted e of the Lodge and placed their finances in good order. een a labour involving much time and patience. It had, een effected. This work really did not come within the f the Master of a Lodge, nevertheless it had been done by ., to whom the Lodge was indebted beyond measure. As ioee he was addressing had been present at the instal- mony, they knew the ability which their brother possessed; ne could exercise it aright. The past year had been, of i the history of their Lodge, an eventful one. There had entlemen initiated during that time, and if their Brother would continue to render assistance to the Officers they rateful indeed. A most pleasing duty devolved upon him; i P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Grummant, and, without being in- could add that no one who had passed the chair deserved n his predecessor in office. In recognition of the services to which allusion had been already made, an additional g a suitable inscription, had been added. The investiture ade in due form. Bro. P.M. Grummant said, as his friends , he was a nervous man; during the whole of that even- felt the unpleasant effects thereof. As regarded the which he had just been invested, he could admit he prized other things he possessed, and should continue to do so. art from its intrinsic value. He should hand it down as an his children, that they might see in after-years how their nade his mark in Freemasonry, and that they might be also mulate his example. There were members of his family elonged to the Order for upwards of forty years, who l him from step to step, from his initiation up to that th an interest most keen. The members of his more im- nestic circle had urged him forward, and had relieved him ies so that he should have more time to devote to the Lodge. He now looked forward to rest and ease, at least n. They had an able Master and excellent Officers, the unclouded, and he anticipated that both numerically and he Lodge would hold its own against any other in South he health of the Past Masters was then proposed, to which r, in a clever speech, responded. The health of the the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings of the evening. t omit to mention that the splendid emblazoned heraldic sented to the Lodge by Bros. Thiellay, Cowley, and which respectively bear their arms, were suspended over hair. The *coup d'œil* was most pleasing.

CHINE LODGE, No. 1844.

al meeting took place on the 31st ult., at the Masonic Shanklin, Isle of Wight. Bro. F. Cooper S.W. was the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Bro. F. I. P.P.S.G.W., the outgoing W.M., who carried out the remony in masterly style. After the installation Bro. nted and invested his Officers in the following order:— ewman I.P.M., J. Bailey S.W., A. Greenham J.W., ecretary, F. Newman Treasurer, W. Judd S.D., F. Rayner iorman I.G., J. B. Middleton Steward, W. J. Mew Tyler. P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Newman, in recogni- rvices to the Lodge. The brethren afterwards adjourned tel, where an excellent banquet was served under the ice of Mrs. Tizard. Amongst the company, in addition ren already named, were:—Bros. Rev. J. N. Palmer G. Burt P.M., A. Scott P.M., A. Hargrove P.M., Brown, Gregory, S. Shilling, G. Paybody, F. Freeman, W. Water- Rembridge, G. W. S. Withers, W. Kensay, A. J. Firth, &c.

Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—The usual ing was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Brown street, Deptford. Present—Bros. Freeman W.M., Penrose J.W., Hutchins P.M. (Preceptor), Speight P.M. Dilley S.D., Fisher J.D., Dale I.G.; also Bros. Good, mas, Ingram, Banks, Smith, Greener, Freeman and Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed; it was the second degree, and the ceremony of passing re- Smith personating the candidate. Lodge was called off, ing, opened in the third degree. It was then resumed degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed by chair having been vacated by Bro. Freeman for the os. Thomas and Cooper were elected members. vas elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday. Lodge ed in due form.

it City Lodge, No. 1426.—The fifth meeting for he Great City Lodge was held on Saturday evening, , at the Cannon Street Hotel. The following were s. F. T. C. Keeble W.M., W. Baber S.W., R. Fendick eadon P.M. and Treas., G. W. Blackie P.M. and Sec., S.D., Skinner J.D., Cadiot M.C., Jenkins Organist, H. Thompson P.M., H. J. Bertram S.S., J. L. Stadd J.S., J. R. Geering, C. J. Small, &c. The Lodge having been form, the minutes of the January Lodge were read and here were four brethren candidates for admission to ree, and they were respectively examined as to the ad made in the science of Freemasonry. This being sfactory, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, jewel of the usual value be presented to the W. Master on the termination of his year of office," which was seconded and unanimously agreed to. The case of a brother of the Lodge who had been struck down by severe affliction was then brought under the notice of the Lodge, and on the motion of Bro. H. Thompson P.M., seconded by Bro. N. B. Headon P.M. and Treasurer, it was resolved unanimously that the W. Master be requested to visit the afflicted brother, and support a petition on his behalf to be presented to the Board of Benevolence. The greatest sympathy was manifested in this case, and on the proposed petition being brought forward it was signed by every member present, and a substantial sum was voted from the Samaritan Fund of the Lodge to relieve his immediate necessities. The annual Lodge ball will take place at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Saturday 22nd March. A discussion as to one of the bye-laws of the Lodge having taken place, some routine business was transacted, and the Lodge adjourned until the second Saturday in March, when the brethren separated.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on 28th ult. Present—Bros. Hurdell W.M., Powell S.W., Rhodes J.W., Treadwell S.D., Turner J.D., Collingridge Sec., Garrard I.G., Forge acting Preceptor; also P.M.'s Clements, Osborn, Tillett, with numerous other brethren. Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hurdell then proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of installation, Bro. Powell being placed in the chair. He received a cordial vote of thanks. Bro. Powell closed the Lodge in the various degrees, and invested his Officers. Bro. Stockwell, 1677, having been elected a member, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Monday, 4th February, Bro. Rhodes having been elected W.M. for that evening.

On Monday, the 11th inst. Bros. Western W.M., Treadwell S.W., Turner J.W. Goddard S.D. Defries J.D., Ware I.G., Collingridge Secretary, Powell acting Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rhodes acting as candidate. Bro. Younghusband answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in second and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in second and first degrees. Bro. Treadwell was elected W.M. for 18th February. Bro. Forge P.M. 1950, W.M. 619, has consented to rehearse the ceremony of installation on Monday 25th inst., when he hopes to have a numerous attendance of brethren to support him.

MANCHESTER LODGE BALL, No. 179.

THE first ball of the members of this influential Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. Dickeson, and an efficient body of Stewards. The band, under the baton of Mr. Bird, discoursed most eloquently, and the ladies and brethren thoroughly enjoyed the dancing. An excellent supper was provided, superintended by Bro. Dawkins. The W.M. Bro. Dickeson introduced the loyal toasts, and full honour was done them. Bro. Dettmar proposed the health of the W.M. who, both in his Masonic capacity and in social life, had done every duty required of him to their satisfaction. Bro. Dickeson in responding said it was the first time he had had to propose a toast when ladies were present. It was a great pleasure to him to see these ladies enjoy themselves. Freemasons were not selfish, and are always gratified when the ladies are with them. This was the first ball the Lodge had had for twenty years; he hoped it would be a success, and be continued for many years. Bro. Benet P.M., in very humorous terms responded for the Ladies, and Bro. W. Hughes P.M. for the Stewards. Dancing was then resumed. Bros. W. T. Day, R. Hughes, and J. W. Kew acted as M.C.'s.

On page 91 of last week's CHRONICLE, in the report of the visit of the Great Northern Lodge of Instruction to the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, we stated "that the Honorary freedom of the Lodge was voted to Brother Kempton, W.M. 1298," it should have read "W.M. 1287." As the compliment was intended to the members, we feel constrained to point out this error.

In reporting the proceedings at the installation meeting of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, held on the 25th ult., we omitted to state that the outgoing Master was presented with a jewel. Bro. Past Master Young's services were also recognised; a Secretary's jewel was presented to him, and ample reference made to the zeal and assiduity he invariably displays in the conduct of his official duties as Secretary of the Lodge.

The first ballot for the election of candidates on the Educational Branch of the Mark Benevolent Fund will take place at the offices of the Mark Grand Lodge, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C., on Wednesday, the 27th instant. There are four candidates, two boys and two girls, of whom the two receiving the highest number of votes will be taken on the Fund. All ballotting papers must be returned on or before the day specified above.

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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 FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 165 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward. Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1733—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

1—Grand Masters', 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, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
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.
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.
1250—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—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.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2012—Chiswick, Bolton Hotel, Chiswick
R.A. 13—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. 128—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

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. (Instruction)
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
736—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
954—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, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238—Gooch, Albary Hotel, Twickenham
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
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. 306—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
R.C. 28—William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 19th 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)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, 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)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst).
1321—Emblematic, Rose, Jermyn Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
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, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8. (In)
1695—New Finsbury Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch St
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbu
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpo
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixto
Metropolitan Chanter of Improvement. Jamaica Coffee H
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
R.A. 196—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (I
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street,
R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwi
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, I
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Corn
1053—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1089—De Shuriand, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Ches hire
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
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, North
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Str
R.A. 105—Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 340—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
R.A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 793—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grims
R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 206—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 20th FEBRUAI

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevole
Hall, at 6
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Ins
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Ro
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
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camd
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St.
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Inst
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Inst
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Ponnin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8
902—Burgoyne, 25 Charterhouse Street, E.C., at 7. (Instructi
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., a
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instructio
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8.
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackne
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westmins
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hil
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8
R.A. 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8
R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Pensance
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.
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Lan
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
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, Monmouths
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
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
1216—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1358—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Mariners', Masonic Hall,

oyal Todmordan, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
ndustry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
aith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
t. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
tead, Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

mittee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
ty, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
tan, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
stutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
ary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
vian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
e, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
erance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
hester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
rsal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
ury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
en, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
ourne, Lord's Hotel, St. Johns Wood
Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
f London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
. Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
ern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
well, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction
reat City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
am, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
naught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
egate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
on, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
ders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
e Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
n, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
gate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Chagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
nited Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
nce Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
Accord, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C.
narvon, Café Royal, W.
uke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)

Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
ry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
rd, High-street, Arundel
rtin, Town Hall, Barnsley
ship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
t Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
d, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
y and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
f Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
ay, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
rmere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
ond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
or, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
f Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
oke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
n, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
ng, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
urue, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
garet's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
gton, Public Hall, Carshalton
ct Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
lanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
ability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
ndsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
ladamuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
ges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY.

ittee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
dge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.
e, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
on, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
h, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
uke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
litan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
e, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
tandard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
ourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
arvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
perity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
agorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
ut, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
l, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
orth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
dalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
on, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
alton, Skelmersdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
d Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

olly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
ve Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
Getland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
n, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
esac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
iffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone
mony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—A meeting was held on Tuesday last, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Rich W.M., Haynes S.W., Sainte J.W., Ruse S.D., Dyson J.D., Buggins I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Pool, Garrard, Moorhouse, Schadler, Roberts, Walker Hon. Sec. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Garrard candidate. Bro. Schadler answered the questions leading from second to third degree, and was entrusted, and Lodge having been again advanced, the ceremony was rehearsed. Bros. Garrard and Moorehouse, both of 1677, were unanimously elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Haynes was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed, and adjourned till Tuesday, 19th inst., at 7 o'clock.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N., on 9th February. Present—Bros. Shepperd W.M., Ferrar S.W., Gallen J.W., Payne S.D., Turner J.D., Ashton I.G., Pearcy Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Cross, Woolveridge, Moss, Hirst, Ricknell, Godolphin, and Powell. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Woolveridge offered himself as a candidate and was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Moss worked the first and second sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then resumed to the first degree. Bro. Hirst rehearsed the three addresses to the Officers in the installation ceremony. Bro. Pearcy then worked the first and second sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his able work in the chair. Bro. Ferrar was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned to Saturday, 16th inst.

Euphrates Lodge of Instruction, No. 212.—Held at the Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, on Monday, 11th inst. Present—Bros. Dottmar W.M., Ricknell S.W., Boydon J.W., Shepperd S.D., Gregory J.D., Finch I.G., and Galer Secretary. After preliminaries, the first and second sections of the lecture were worked. Lodge opened in second degree and Bro. Sheppard offered himself a candidate, was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in third degree and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed. Lodge resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Ricknell 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 Monday, the 18th inst.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Meeting held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 8th inst., at 8 p.m. Present—Bros. Smee W.M., C. E. Botley S.W., Cammell J.W., Monson J.D., Beckett I.G.; also Bros. Andrews Preceptor, Wing, F. Botley, Blasby P.M., Sperring, Maton. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Bro. Andrews 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. Preceptor and the brethren worked the first section of the second lecture. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sperring candidate. Bro. C. E. Botley was then elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Smee for the able manner in which he had filled the position of W.M. for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. Lodge was closed, and adjourned till Friday, 15th inst.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 5th inst. Present—Bros. Robinson W.M., Jenkins S.W., T. Clark J.W., Baker S.D., Macklin J.D., Watkinson I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; Harrison, Hunt, Brasted, Wardell, Smyth, Caperoe, East, Bannister, Allen, Smith, Turnbull, Rogers, Parsons. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Turnbull candidate. Bros. Parsons, Rogers, Smith, and Turnbull answered the questions leading to the second degree. Bro. Christian worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Smith, Rogers, Turnbull, and Parsons were elected members of the Lodge.

Rothesay Lodge 1687.—A regular meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 6th inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields. Bros. E. Duret W.M., F. Green S.W., Valeriani J.W., L. Beck P.P.G.O. Middlesex Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Secretary, T. V. Green S.D., Mole J.D., R. Shaw I.G., Berrow Org.; also Bros. Baroni, Colepepper, Wallace, Adams. Visitors—Bros. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Ellis 1982. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Livermore, late 1687, was elected a joining member, and Mr. Court was duly initiated into the Order by the W.M. The resignation of Bro. Ambrose Austin was accepted, with regret, a candidate was proposed for initiation, and then Lodge was closed. The brethren partook of a good and substantial supper, supplied by Bro. Gosden.

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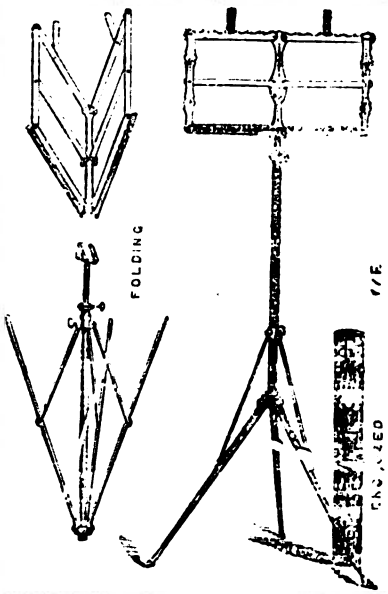
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'eel assured we need add nothing more to what has lready been written in respect of the Festival in Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Insti- hich will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on next. Brother Terry's band of Stewards fully importance of the duties they have undertaken, ncerely trust their labours will be crowned by a success as the most earnest of them could

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

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chapter on "Early British Freemasonry," Bro. l necessarily travels over much of the same at had been traversed previously by Bro. Murray s well-known History. Thus Masonic students bt acquainted with much that appears in eluci- this branch of his subject. The author first attention to the "St. Clair Charters," the f which are in the custody of the Grand Lodge l, and his first aim is to set at rest the dates of cuments. To the elder of the two he assigns the 2, "the names of the deacons of the masons at affording some assistance in identifying this hile, "the second, long assigned to 1630, and so any of the transcripts, was evidently promul- 28, according to the internal evidence which well marshalled by Mr. Lyon." He then notes deeds "are altogether silent as to the Grand of the Craft being hereditary in the St. Clairs

The statement in what is commonly known as History of Freemasonry"—"It deserves to be that in both these deeds the appointment of nclair, Earl of Orkney and Caithness, to the Grand Master by James II. of Scotland, is s a fact well known and universally admitted" Gould, "is simply untrue." The consent of en Maissones" of Scotland is acknowledged as of the "master of work" to William St Clair from the King for himself and his heirs the patron and judge, and as far as possible the suc- ese masons are pledged to support the appoint- "the office of 'master of work' was not super- by." And again it is Bro. Gould's belief that has demonstrated the utter groundlessness of ut forward by the Lawries, that there ever was ointment made either by royal authority, or the Masonic Craft, to secure the office of hereditary ster' to the St. Clairs." He notes further, are no deeds known, which confer such a posi- claimed, on the Earl of Orkney in the fifteenth e representative of the elder branch of the St. Clairs), neither is there any record of that nobleman or his successors having conveyed such hereditary privileges to the younger branch of the family." Having enumerated the several Lodges which were parties to the respective charters, these several bodies, he says, "united for the purpose of obtaining a patron for their Craft," those "at Edinburgh, St. Andrews, Haddington, Atcheson Haven, and Dunfermline" signing, by their representatives, the first deed, while those at Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, Stirling, Dunfermline, St. Andrews," and also "the masons and other crafts at Ayr" were parties to the second. Hence, as other districts, such as Kilwinning and Aberdeen, which are supposed to have then had Lodges were not included in these bodies, "it seems likely that the office of patron was more sought with the object of settling whatever local disputes might occur among the Freemasons in the exercise of their trade, than intended in any way to set aside the king's master of work, who, as we have seen, supported the petition of the lodges;" and he argues thence that it is reasonable to suppose "that similar powers were obtained in other countries," as, indeed, is shown to have happened on 25th September 1590, "on which day James VI. granted to Patrick Coipland of Udaucht the office of 'Wardene and Justice' over the 'airt and craft of masonrie' within the counties of Aberdeen, Banff, and Kincardine, with the fullest liberty to act in such a capacity within the district named." The appointment was made in response to the vote in his favour, "by the maist pairt of the master masounes within the sheriffdomes,' and likewise because the nominee's 'predecessoris hes bene ancient possessoris of the said office of Wardenrie over all the boundis.'" From this he concludes with Lyon that the appointment was a civil one, and that, as the Schaw statutes of 1598 were, as pointed out by Hughan, "in force in Aberdeen, Banff, and Kincardine, just as in all other parts of Scotland," the Grand Mastership was not hereditary or even in existence.

The author passes on to a consideration of the Schaw Statutes of 1598 and 1599, and having briefly summarised the chief provisions of the former, clause by clause, and explained how the latter came to be discovered, he gives an outline of the several "items" of the second body of Statutes, because it determines the seniority of the leading Lodges in Scotland. Thus the first "item" or clause provides for the election of the Warden of what is now known as "Mother Kilwinning" on the 20th December, the Lodge being described as "*heid and secund Lodge of Scotland.*" In clause 2 it is again spoken of as the second Lodge, while in clause 3, the Warden General, for reasons of expediency, *confirms* the rank of Edinburgh as '*the first and principal lodge in Scotland,*' that of Kilwinning being the *second*, 'as of befoir is notourlie manifest in our awld antient writtis;' and the Lodge of Stirling to be *third*, according to their ancient privileges." On this last-cited clause Bro. Gould remarks of the three Lodges in a footnote that "accordingly either of the three might be termed 'Head Lodge,' there thus being a trio of head lodges, only of these precedence was given to Edinburgh over Kilwinning, and to both these Lodges over Stirling, and at the head of them all, was the Warden General by royal appointment. The usage of existing Provincial Grand

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Lodges affords an illustration of the working of this rule—these are the heads or chiefs in their jurisdictions, as empowered by their common head, precedence being given according to their respective ages—and over all presides the Grand Master, in some measure corresponding with the General Warden." In the clauses which follow, and are the most interesting, the Kilwinning Lodge is continually referred to as the second Lodge, the MS. concluding with a certificate from Schaw, "which," says the author, "proves that the document of 1599 was intended exclusively for the masons under the jurisdiction of the Kilwinning Lodge, for it is addressed to the warden, deacon, and masters of that lodge, and testifies to the honest and careful manner in which Archibald Barclay, the Commissioner from the Lodge, had discharged the duties entrusted to him."

From a consideration of the 1599 Statutes, Bro. Gould turns to the minutes of Mother Kilwinning, whose earliest records are contained in a small quarto volume, and extend, "but not regularly or continuously," from 1642 to 1758, the earliest minute being dated 20th December of the former year, and having attached to it over forty signatures, three of the members being recognised as a deacon, and two freemen of the "Ayr Squaremen Incorporation." He then goes on to notice matters of interest referred to in these minutes. Thus, on 20th December 1643, was passed a law "that the deacon and warden shall pay to the box, on their first election to office, the sum of £3 each, which was to be paid before the next choice, the officers named having agreed thereto. This is a very early instance of 'Fees of honour' being exigible, just as are now levied in modern lodges and other masonic organizations." The practice of levying such fees however, is not, we are told uniform, the Lodge of Edinburgh requiring no such payments, while others followed the example of Kilwinning. On the 19th December 1646 "three masons were 'received and accepted' as 'fellow brethren to ye said tred' (*trade*), having sworn to the 'standart of the said lodge *ad vitam*,' and five apprentices were received." On 20th January 1656 "another member was obliged to promise, on his oath, not to work with any cowans for the future, under pain of being fined according to the ancient rules." Later on, in connection with the speculative element we read, "the Earl of Cassillis was elected a deacon of the Lodge in 1672, but, singular to state, his lordship was not entered as fellow-craft until a year later, when Cunninghame, of Corsehill, was his companion, and in the following year occupied the same office. The latter was created a baronet of Nova Scotia by Charles II. in 1672. Alexander, eighth Earl of Eglinton, appears in the sederunt of the annual meeting in 1674 as a 'felloe-of-Craft,' being elected as the chief deacon in 1677. These appointments necessitated the selection of operative brethren to act as *deputies*, so that the office of 'Deputy Master (which is an arrangement of modern times, consequent upon a 'Prince of the Blood Royal' accepting the mastership of a lodge) may be said to have its archetype in the election of deputies for Lords Cassillis and Eglinton." Later on we have a case in which Mother Kilwinning usurped a power she really did not possess. We read: "The members of Kilwinning . . . . in 1677 exercised what they deemed to be their rights by chartering a lodge in the city of Edinburgh, which was a direct invasion of jurisdiction, and contrary to the 'Schaw Statutes,' No. 2. It was, to all intents and purposes, a new lodge, that was thus authorised to assemble, subject to its parent at Kilwinning, and is the first instance of its kind in Great Britain, being practically the premier lodge warranted by a body taking upon itself the position, and exercising somewhat of the functions, of a Grand Lodge for Scotland, though neither so designated nor, do I think, was such an institution thought of at the time." We may remark in reference to this that it is as well, perhaps, there were then no such bodies as Grand Lodges scattered throughout the world, and especially throughout America. Such an invasion of the territorial rights of such bodies would have been followed by the delivery of scores upon scores of addresses on the wrongs thereby inflicted by the venerable Mother, and such outrages would have been resented by the most heartrending appeals on interjurisdictional Masonic relations to the rest of the Grand Lodges, while the anathemas which the Grand Master Grahams would have hurled back at the devoted head of Kilwinning would have deprived it of all sense and understanding.

But to return to our subject. The Lodge thus established "Canongate, Kilwinning (No. 2)" was only one of many so chartered. "A lodge warranted its authority, bore the number 77," and the and 79 "for Eaglesham and East Kilbri that though Bros. Lyon and Wylie have some thirty-three such Charters, "there ar forty lodges to be accounted for" as owin the Mother, and "these are more likely to stituted" by her "before 1736 than after bably several were established—or, in erected—during the latter part of the seven With a few remarks to the effect that, vicissitudes and rivalries, "the different p out upon the point of a correct knowledg of freemasonry,'" and on the subject of the consideration of Mother Kilwinning is we enter on that of the "Lodge of Edinbu

It has already been shown from the seco Statutes that, whatever its present place o Grand Lodge of Scotland may be, this Lodg the "*first and principal Lodge of Scotland* extend back in an almost unbroken series t July 1599, when there is recorded "a breac against the employment of *cowans*." From that one George Patoun had presumed to to work at "*ane chymnay heid*," but as he h himself and expressed penitence, "the p imposed, though he and others were duly awaited them, should they ever violate the exhibition of leniency." The subject is no till 1693, when the same penalty as enacte 1598 was imposed. Two other items, "of but in the same handwriting as the minute noted, one to the effect that Wardens are to b upon St. John's Day (the Evangelist); "that Commissioners be elected at the sam are to act as conveners, by command of the G (Schaw.)" It is next explained how the bear its name of "The Lodge of Edinl Chapel)," and reference is made to the "I Wrights and Masons," known usually as Incorporation of Mary's Chapel, constitute their Statutes, and it is explained how the In doing its utmost to weaken the foundations ultimately brought an end to both "as trad The action of the Lodge against "*unfremen*," rence of enterprise among apprentices are subject of remark, the case of Alexander Sth in the case of the former, when that pers "was placed outside the pale of the freemas not allowed to employ him but at their pe set the lodge at defiance by working as a "even those who had lawfully served ticeships were prohibited from obtaining utilising the services of other apprentices until they had secured the consent by taking up their freedom, and of t authorities by the purchase of their tickets As showing the dislike of enterprise amon Bro. Gould mentions a case cited by Lyon, of "in which an apprentice passed as a fellow ceived his freedom, but the latter was con non-exercise for two and a half years from nominal bestowal by 'Mary's Chapel!' T arranged for the conditional freeman not w Edinburgh during the period named." An '*brethreine fremen* of the masones of Edr. finding that a 'maisone journeyman' had wr 'several relations,' unanimously agreed no offender work within their liberties for sev not even then until due submission had bee are further told that "the same parties view disfavour the importation of craftsmen, and their faces against employing any who were of by the lodge. In 1672, such an event strangers, hailing from a town about three from the city, for seven years were subjected annoyances in order to obtain their removal o securing work; eventually the small mino gave up the struggle—in 1680." Othe interest are also noted, such as "the wage the Masons generally in Edinburgh and the hours of labour, the "exact pos journeyman Masons connected with the &c., Brother Gould remarking with refer

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rds of Lodges 0 and 1, he sees no reason to sup- at they were not regularly admitted." The first f the kind is made in the records of No. 1, of ember 23, 1706, " when William Marshall, clerk corporation, was admitted as an 'entered appren- fellow-craft and clerk to the Brethren Masons, is freely to serve for the honour conferred on Three years later Robert Alison "was similarly his being the last election under the old system." rother we are told that he "continued to act as he lodge for the long period of forty-three years, h elected the first clerk to the Grand Lodge of in 1736, he remained secretary of the lesser insti- d his son subsequently followed in his steps, the ing been initiated on St. John's Day 1737, without ing contributed to the lodge's own funds, 'on f his father's services.'"

eferring to some other matters, Bro. Gould turns ion to the reception into the Lodge of specula- e sense of non-operative, Masons, the earliest evi- wing the presence of such a person among the bearing date 8th June 1600. "*When*," says Bro. the brother in question was admitted it is im- now to decide, suffice it to say, that 'Jhone f Achinflek' with the others (ye saidis maisteris), *markis*,' in witness of the accuracy of the entry, styling him 'ye laird of Aichenleck.' It appears been a special assembly at 'Halerudhous,' the f ye werk to ye Kingis Ma'stie' being present, ably, was chiefly convened to determine what fine roune, Warden of ye Ludge of Edr.,' had incurred his having 'contraveinit ane actt.'" Having noted the entry, Bro. Gould ridicules the state- awrie that this Thomas Boswell of Auchinleck le a *Warden* of the lodge in the year 1600." He on to mention other cases of speculative Masons ived into the Lodge, such as Lord Alexander, Sir Strachan, &c. &c., but with these the reader must y familiar, and, therefore, we need not dwell upon It may be remarked, however, that the author con- e term *Master*" was used in reference to two gen- General Hamilton, admitted in 1640, and Sir ame, on 27th December 1677—in a complimentary nothing more. "Certainly there was nothing ling with the ceremony of a separate master gree at that time, for we know that the position then, amongst the operatives, merely implied n privileges were exercised, with the approval of this *status*, moreover, was generally conferred *rporation*." We may, lastly, draw attention to lated 2nd March 1653, which is important as thing more or less than the election of a '*joining* On this Bro. Gould says, "it seems that James 'master slaiter' to the king, who had been *id past in the Lodge of Linlithgow*,' was desirous ceived as a member of the Lodge of Edinburgh, day named the whole company elected him as a nd fellow of their companie,' and, in witness ey all '*set to their hands or marks*.'"

(To be continued.)

RIDING THE GOAT.

the best things in the world at one time nother have been caricatured. Indeed, only good things, characteristic things, are sus- being made excellent sport of. Much, if not e, depends upon a striking contrast, and there greater contrast than between the innately d the ridiculous. If the Grand Architect verse has been made the subject of profane cannot be expected that His creatures pe. What is the worship of a wooden idol— of men's hands, but practical rationalism and ? What does it assert but this—there is no f man thinks he needs one, let him make one for Then recall this fact: How did the boasted wise h eighteen hundred years ago treat Him whom worship as Immanuel? By mockingly crown- rith a crown of thorns, and placing a reed in for a sceptre! How do we find this same example, on the wall of the Palatine, where there is a pic- ture of an ass on a Cross! The pagans often asserted that the Christians worshipped the head of an ass. Ter- tullian notices this in his "Apology," as Tacitus does, in his "Annals," and Apuleius also ridicules the idea, and the Christians and Jews together.

Of course Freemasonry has not escaped this profane tendency to burlesque the true, the good, the beautiful. If it had, it might be suspected that it was not all it pro- fessed to be. It furnishes an excellent opportunity to confound the high with the low, the true with the false, the good with the evil. This is the way its enemies reason, one with another: Freemasonry is the champion of Truth—we will endeavour to make it appear to be the apostle of error. It is the practical exponent of Charity— we will represent it as the impairer of the fortunes of its members, and the devourer of widows' houses. It is the advocate of Temperance,—we will portray it as the fos- terer of inebriety. It is the handmaid of Religion—we will malign it as anti-Christian and anti-religious. Its ceremonies are pervaded throughout by a sublime sym- bology—we will write them down as frivolous and degrad- ing. It is the supporter of the spirit of nationality, and an upholder of the nation's laws—we will say it is disloyal to the government. Its teachings tend to make good citizens—we will allege that they give birth to rebels and foster rebellion. After this manner do these *profane*, these anti-Masons, reason—or rather (for they cannot reason, not having the power), so they wildly charge, in their burlesques and caricatures upon Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry. Yes, say they, pretty ceremonies are those which induct the candidate into Freemasonry—he nobly enters it, riding upon a goat! This, for years, was the vulgar idea of Masonry.

Far back in Greek and Roman times must we seek for the origin of this goat-riding burlesque. The Mystic Pan was repr sented as horned and hoofed, and wearing a shaggy hide. So, in the middle ages, the devil was said to ride a goat when he appeared on the earth; and when, as Bro. the Rev. Dr. Oliver says, the profane of the last century wished to deride Freemasonry, they charged Freemasons with seeking to "raise the devil, in a circle."

It is curious to note how early after the Revival of Masonry, in England in the year 1717, anti-Masons began to burlesque the Craft. In 1724 a secret society was organized in opposition to that of the Freemasons, styled the "Gormogons." One of its rules was, that no Free- mason should be received into it until after he had renounced Masonry, and been degraded as a Freemason. These "Gormogons" filled the profane newspapers with squibs adverse to Freemasonry. Their society was probably the result of the publication of the first vaunted *exposé* of Masonry, under the pretentious title of the "The Great Mystery of Freemasons Discovered," which appeared in London in 1724. The two arose and fell together. The "Gormogons" flourished but for a brief time, and then disappeared, like lead in the sea. But their existence afforded too good an opportunity for the exercise of his talent for the noted satirist, Hogarth, to miss, and so he aimed one of his characteristic cartoons at "The mystery of Masonry brought to light by the Gormogons." This appeared about the year 1742.

It is a laudable feature of the civilisation of the present day that it gives little heed to burlesques of Masonry. There are still a very few anti-Masonic cranks, but they evidently feel that their vocation is gone. They can gather but a handful of sympathisers. They cannot enthuse their followers. We may hear the "riding of the goat" playfully alluded to in general circles, but this is usually in the purest and most innocent spirit of mirth. There is ordinarily nothing unfriendly in the allusion. There is no intent to deride the ceremonies of Freemasonry. The sting of the old time satire is gone. The schoolmaster is abroad, and the wide spread of intelligence, the general and well-founded conviction that the basic principles of Freemasonry are no part of its secrets, and that these principles are noble, just and true, have disarmed the satirists of the Craft, and made the work of antagonising its progress one of the most laborious, least productive, and least honourable in the world. We have met the enemy, and they are ours.—*Keystone*.

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THE MASONIC LODGE.

By Brother T. B. Whytehead P.M.

(*Read before the Eboracum Lodge, No.* 1611).

MANY Masonic writers have written pages upon pages to explain the meaning of the term "Lodge." I am rather inclined to think that these authors are like the housemaid in the Spanish fable who with a stump of broom made futile endeavours to sweep a dusty room, "for, dropping piecemeal on the floor, it only littered it the more." To argue as to the meaning of the term Lodge appears to be only creating a mystery where none need appear, or to be attempting to revive the common-place idea of setting up a bottle to shoot at.

The use from the earliest dates to the present of the word "Lodge" points out at once the derivation of the term. In the Book of the Sacred Law we find allusion made to a Lodge in the sense of a small or temporary building, thus: "a lodge in a garden of cucumbers," manifestly a shelter from the sun for the watcher who guarded his crops from marauders of all kinds, and in the present day we have the same term as applied to the cottage or small habitation placed at the gateway or entrance to a park for the shelter of the gatekeeper. The original meaning of the term then, I take it, was a temporary shelter, and its derivation is from the French *loge*, brought over by the Abbey Builders of Mediæval times no doubt. As applied amongst operative masons, of course the word Lodge meant the temporary house or hut erected for their convenience in the neighbourhood of the works upon which they happened to be engaged. In point of fact our operative brethren *lodged* in such a building and there held their assemblies and executed their fine work in bad weather.

In this, I think, we have another tiny link connecting us with these operative guilds. It is from these associations that the term *lodge* has descended to us to be used in the sense of a place of meeting for working masons.

One fantastic author tells us that the term is derived from the Greek word *logos* (a discourse), because of the conversation that is usually held in Lodges, but this seems terribly far-fetched and moreover useless, when so simple a derivation is offered on the very surface.

Only a short time since I was visiting a brother who was very busily engaged in restoring his church. I arrived there at night, and on looking out of my window before breakfast upon the works of rebuilding, in progress, I was at once struck with the obvious meaning of the word Lodge, for there at a few yards distance from the rising structure stood a large substantial wooden building in which the masons took their meals and in which they worked in bad weather on the finer portions of the carving —precisely a repetition of the days of old—there was the *lodge* from which comes the title of our places of meeting.

The College of Cardinals, when in session, hold their proceedings in "logia," and I am prepared to admit that this term may be an outcome of the Greek, since the dead languages are universally used by these leaders in the Roman Church.

The German mediæval builders called their temporary dwelling places *hutten*, a term of exactly similar import to our old word "lodge," thus corroborating my opinion. At present a German masonic Lodge is termed *loge*, showing the descent of German *Free*masonry, as distinct from operative masonry, from this country, whence indeed all Freemasonry of the present day has its origin.

The present acceptation of the meaning of the word Lodge in Masonry is not of any very great antiquity, and it was not until the revival of Masonry in 1717 that the Craft were divided into "*lodges*" at all—I mean that there were no such things before that date as warrants or authorities for holding Lodges, or certificates, issued to members of the Craft. Indeed we know very little about the working of the Craft at all, and it is only from one or two allusions in the journals of Elias Ashmole, and from an attack on the Order by Dr. Plot, in his History of Staffordshire, both dating about the middle of the seventeenth century, that we can prove that speculative masonry was then in existence throughout England. Not that I think this at all a weak point in our history, far from it. When we consider how meagre are the records of important national events of the period, and how jealous, up to within a very late period, were members of our Order of the slightest publicity being given to Masonic kind, we can hardly find any ground for fact that we have so little to show for ou era of the formation of the Grand Lodg London.

The meetings of the Freemasons at Yor some of the old documents, were calle these, mind you, were not gatherings for p ing, but for the transaction of business aff craft—in other words for esoteric and not

Before the issue of warrants it would se the practice for any number of brethren—l than three—to meet at any convenient plac and receive candidates. Ashmole was according to his own account, at Warringt in 1646, and thirty-six years afterward having been "admitted into the fellowship at Masons Hall, in London," and he speaks of the Masons *Company*" then present.

The York Masons met promiscuously a houses in rotation, and admitted persons apparently a loose method very different mode of procedure. Our present divisions strict regulations are evidently necessary b ence of organisation and for our mutual pro

A Lodge then in the sense of which I an England, an organised assemblage of brethr authority from Grand Lodge. Without suc a Lodge could not legally exist, because at formation, or rather union, of Grand Lodge agreed to vest all power in that body, and body we derive our force.

The method of forming a Lodge is for registered Master Masons to petition Gran warrant. The petition must be recommend bouring Lodge and by the rulers of the Ma in which it is proposed to hold the Lodge, forwarded to the Board of General Purpose Lodge.

If it is passed as regular and in form b Warrant issues in due course, and the Lodge and sets to work. It is a Lodge of Master M earlier days of Masonry—that is at the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft deg conferred in private Lodges, and the M degree was given in Grand Lodge, but the of this soon becoming apparent, power was g Lodges to raise brethren.

The word *Lodge* then is used in three s organisation of Freemasons, of which I have (2) As the place of meeting of Freemasons symbolic sense. As a place of meeting a Lo held if possible on private premises. This agreed, and it is scarcely necessary to point tages of this over the frequent practice of censed premises, or even in a building used fo purposes. Every Masonic authority has his to the structure and arrangement of Lodge is generally accepted that the room for meet in an upper storey, isolated from other build no other apartment over it. If possible, it parallelogramic form, and be situated East a Dr. Oliver's very interesting "Book of the reprinted, that learned author treats at great Lodge and its arrangements, going into th details as to the construction, fixtures, and e To go into this subject in this short paper far too much of our time.

In a symbolic sense, the Lodge may be sai the world, and much of its symbolic teaching in the lectures on the tracing boards. Its fo square, which was in ancient times believed t of the world, its covering is the cloudy cano It is ruled by the sun, the moon, and the contains the revealed Word of God, and the Three Virtues which reaches from Earth to contains every grade of mankind, and it exi of the Grand Master. Thus in all its great tains resemblances to the world, and is in world in itself.

I have thus only very cursorily touched salient points of a subject concerning volumes have been written, but it was not to enter laboriously into a long disquis

here we can retreat from the cares and toils of lives, where we can experience kind fellowship ange of friendly sentiment, where our minds are ned and instructed by the pure teachings of and made better able to cope with the temptations ers which surround our lives. If we use our rivileges in a judicious manner, we shall never elves anything but better for our periodical together here, and we shall in after life be ever k back upon our re-unions as bright spots in our

May this be so with each of us, and may we e any reason to remember our meeting together Warrant of this Lodge with any other feeling of pleasure, or any other memory than that of happiness.

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hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Cor-ts.

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Y KIND OF A No. 79 A PHILADELPHIA LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

AND BROTHER,—I have only just read Brother Norton's s subject, and have, therefore, had little time to study as they deserve to be studied. But though Bro. Norton careful to give, as far as he possibly can give, chapter r his statements, I notice that, in the last paragraph of ition to the discussion, he boldly asserts that "the Phil-and Lodge of 1732 was a self-constituted affair." Now, irly open to argument whether the vacant No. 79 in early ish Lodges was a Philadelphia Lodge or not, but I think doubt whatever that Daniel Coxe received a deputation Prov. Grand Master for New York, New Jersey, and a, and it is the reverse of a monstrous proposition to sug-Lodge advertised in Philadelphia journals as meeting in 1732 was the legitimate outcome of that deputation. was what we understand by a Grand Lodge or only a f the latter whether or not it was regularly constituted nner which is deemed necessary in these days; these, in are matters of secondary consideration. We have the f 1730, and we have the Lodge meetings of 1732, and, deference to Bro. Norton, there is no *d priori* reason—or eason either—against there being some connecting link, have, and can have no cognisance—between the two. I ly reasonable to connect the two together, but I do not. it state of our knowledge of English Masonry in those xpect to be able to prove a connection, as I should ex-n a position to trace a Lodge of comparatively modern n its origin till now. It may be an evidence of weakness but I consider a little faith is allowable in things of nce we have no ocular demonstration.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

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IASONRY AND THE SAINTS JOHN.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

AND BROTHER,—I thank you for reprinting (29th Decem-*stone* Johannite article, and I thank Bro. "INQUIRER" ont to the English Masons what kind of Masonry we ica, and your American readers will learn that Doxolo-ing in the English Grand Lodge as it is here. I can difference between English and American Masonry a fact. The Craft was indeed as much plagued with gland as it was here; but in England *gentlemen* were lers of the Grand Lodge. Now, a gentleman in the true ord, is a man of honour, truth, and justice, and knows e when he finds himself in a promiscuous assembly com-lemen of various religious denominations; hence, every y bigots on your side of the Atlantic to sectarianize the ever thoroughly accomplished. But here in America es, as a rule, have been controlled by zealots, who, rmy" style, believe that a Christian's duty is to rant where and everywhere; and this practice in a Masonic nerally defended by unprincipled politicians (and you merican politicians are) who are ambitious for leadership Lodges; and, hence, these manage to find all manner of cient landmarks" for instance), and our Masonic ritual, nains a mere mongrel—a cross breed.

ıd Lodges, like one of the Berlin Grand Lodges, had aimed Freemasonry a Christian Institution, and refused n of Jews and Freethinkers into their midst, I would mended their liberality, but I would have respected ncy. But, as it is, it is neither one thing nor the other. ert that Masonry is cosmopolitan, while another will s a Christian Institution; and, in the meantime, Masters of Lodges promise nightly to Jews and Freethinkers before the Masonic altar, "on the word and honour of a gentleman and Mason," that the candidate (be he Jew or what not) shall enjoy all the privileges of the Society without violating his duty to God; while he (the W.M.) well knows that a Jew cannot use the American ritual without violating his conscience and his duty towards God. We boast that "hypocrisy and deceit is unknown among Masons." In reality, however, the whole system of American Masonry is based upon hypocrisy; thus the Christian W.M. is a hypocrite for promising the Jewish candidate as to not violating his duty to God; and if a Jew takes the office of W.M. he must submit even to a worse kind of hypocrisy than the Christian W.M.

I believe Dr. Johnson said that he could judge of a man's mental and moral character by the books he reads. Well; twenty-five years ago, Charles W. Moore, of Boston, was in the zenith of his greatness; he was then called "the greatest Masonic authority in the world," and he supplied the mental and moral food for the Boston Masons, which food was then very much relished. But ask the old Boston Masons now about their opinion of Moore, and nineteen out of twenty will say, "Bah! he was a sham," or something worse; which proves that the old Boston Masons are wiser to-day than they were twenty-five years ago. Now, if the Philadelphia *Keystone* is a true index of the mental standard of its readers, our Philadelphia brethren of to-day must be just as credulous and superstitious as our Bostonians were a quarter of a century since. The editor of the *Keystone*, like his Boston prototype of twenty-five years ago, professes nothing else but seeking and teaching truth to his readers; but he somehow manages to leave nine-tenths of the truth out of his paper, and the tenth part he gives is just sufficient to give a dim shadow to make his theory appear plausible. His Johannite article glitters with numerous quotations and references to authors; but on applying a little acid we discover that the glittering proceeds from Brummagem, and not from gold; and sometimes, unintentionally of course, his statement cannot be corroborated. For instance, he quotes Bro. Lyon's history that in 1598-9, the Scotch Masons elected their Officers on St. John's Day, but he carefully ignores the reason which Bro. Lyon gave for the origin of that custom. He says (alluding to a quotation from Preston, that in 1663, the Earl of St. Alban was elected Grand Master on St. John's Day). "This assertion is unsupported by any valued authority except Robert's 1722 edition of the 'Constitution of Freemasonry.'" But I could not find any such confirmation in Robert's "Constitution" of 1722. He took his text from a quotation from a letter of a subscriber to the *Keystone*, as follows:—

"I am anxious to learn the origin of St. John's Day; what connection it has with Masonry, and whether 'Holy Saint John' is supposed to have been a Mason?"

Now, an enlightened and truthful editor of a Masonic paper would have replied thus:—

In answer to the above question we beg to state that the Saints John were not Masons, nor did either of them ever have any connection with Freemasonry. The legend of the evangelist's connection with Masonry was unknown till late in the last century; it was, doubtless, invented by one of the numerous Masonic charlatans that swarmed in the Craft from its beginning to the present time. The earliest book in which that legend appeared is Krause's work, printed in 1802. Dr. Mackey, in his Lexicon, professed to believe that the Saints John were "eminent Masons;" and after giving a great deal of glittering stuff, he says: "the task is not difficult to trace more philosophically (nothing was too difficult for Mackey), and I believe more correctly, the origin of the custom." And then he advances the theory that it was derived from the ancient Sun Worship; the ancient Masons, he says, were philosophers, they therefore celebrated the Summer and Winter Solstices, and when Christianity came to mingle with the rays of the light of Masonry, the custom was continued by celebrating the two St. Johns' days, &c. But in his Cyclopædia he left all that stuff out, and confessed, though not in these words, that the story was introduced, and the custom of observing the St. John's Days is retained merely to tickle the conceit of Masonic Christian pietists. These speculations about Sun worship and of Masonry antedating Christianity are now generally discarded; and whenever a Masonic writer now attempts to palm off these exploded legends and theories depend upon it he is either a knave or an ignoramus.

In no English pre-1717 Masonic MS. can the names of St. John be found. Bro. Lyon quotes from the records of the Edinburgh Lodge of 1598-9, that the Lodge elected its officers on St. John's Day, but not because the Scotch Masons had a legend about St. John's Grand Mastership at Jerusalem or Patmos; but it was due, first, to a superstition prevailing among the old Catholics for every society or guild to have a patron saint; second, churches and chapels had also to be dedicated to saints; and third, it was the custom in Scotland, and probably in other countries too, that when a city government chartered a guild to assign to it a chapel, wherein the Chaplain of the guild used to pray for the welfare of the brethren, and whichever saint that chapel was dedicated to the guild adopted that saint for its patron. Now, it happened when the Edinburgh Lodge was chartered the City authorities assigned to it a chapel in St. Giles' Kirk, that had been formerly dedicated to the Saints John; hence the Edinburgh Masons adopted the Saints John as their patron saints, and made a St. John's Day as an annual for election of their officers. But Bro. Lyon further informs us that in other Scotch cities the names of the Masons' patron saints differed, that in one place the Masons had St. Mungo; in another they had St. Thomas or St. Ninian, &c.

Even Brother Fort is strongly inclined to Christianise Masonry, on account of an inscription in Melrose Abbey, viz.:

"I pray to God and Mary baith,
And sweet St. John keep this holy kirk fra skaith."

Brother Fort jumped (Masonic fashion) to the conclusion that "St. John appears to have been a patron saint of operative Masons.

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Yet Bro. Fort informs us that in Paris the Masons had St. Blaise for their patron saint; and we know that in the fifteenth century, both in England and Germany, the "Four holy crowned Martyrs," were the Masons' patron saints. In Alnwick St. Michael was the Masons' patron saint, and we were recently informed by a Spanish brother Mason that in Zamora, in Spain, the operative Masons had Saint Julia for their patron saint, but the national patron saint of Spanish Masons is called Saint Eulalia. Now, we know not whether they have in the Spanish operative Lodges "the point within a circle," with Saint Julia and Saint Eulalia as "Masonic parallels;" but we do know that even the Spanish stonecutters and bricklayers were never polished enough to believe that their patron saints had ever been Grand Masonic mistresses, and presided over Masonic Lodges or Grand Lodges anywhere.

In England there were also a number of bigots who succeeded more or less in introducing sectarian notions into the ritual. But the leaders of the English Grand Lodge saw the injustice which resulted therefrom. Hence, in 1813 or 1814 the Rev. Bro. James Hemming, D.D., revised the ritual, and very justly expunged therefrom the most offensive sectarian allusions. The patronage of the Saints John was discarded, and the Saint Johns' days ceased to be their Masonic festivals; and the sooner our American Masons are brought to a sense of justice by imitating the example of the Grand Lodge of England the better it will be for the morality of our individual brethren, and for the reputation of the Craft in general.

The above answer the editor of the *Keystone* should have given to the inquiry of his subscriber about the origin of the connection of the Saints John with Masonry. But I am sorry to say he does not aim or wish to enlighten the minds of his readers, but to muddle them. Twenty-five years ago, when we were totally ignorant of Masonic history, Masonic writers could scribble what they pleased with impunity. Thus, Oliver either copied or invented Masonic legends. So did Mackey, Moore, and a host of others. It is no wonder, therefore, that Masonic magazines were then crammed with all kinds of glittering trash. But the writings of Bros. Findel, Steinbrenner, Lyon, Hughan, Woodford, and last, though not least, Bro. Gould's Masonic publications, have opened such a floodgate of Masonic light that our present Masonic editors who have any self respect, or respect for truth, would feel ashamed to spread before their readers such a batch of conglomerate nonsense as appeared in the *Keystone* on the 15th December 1883. It is also possible that the readers of other Masonic periodicals may be too well informed to ask the question about the St. Johns' legends. The Philadelphian Masons alone seem to be still steeped in the old state of ignorance. The *Keystone* is their oracle, and its Hierophant can make them believe anything and everything he pleases. Some years ago the editor of the *Keystone* made his Pennsylvanian readers believe that Daniel Coxe originated their Masonry in 1732, and now he is persuading them to cling to the silly tradition that the Saints John were clothed with Freemasons' aprons and wielded their gavels as Grand Masters of Masonic Lodges in Jerusalem or Patmos. What next?

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

JACOB NORTON.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when Brother Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B. occupied his chair as President. Bros. James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune respectively filled their chairs as Vice Presidents, and there was a full attendance of brethren. Two recommendations of grants from last meeting of the Board were confirmed, and the brethren then proceeded with the list of new cases, twenty-six in number. Of these there were fifteen where the petitioner, or the petitioner's late husband, was initiated in a country Lodge, one from Ireland, one from Constantinople, one from Rotterdam, and eight from the London district. Five cases were deferred for further information respecting the applicants, and the remainder were relieved, the total amount voted reaching £490.

During the past week we have received, from all parts of the kingdom, congratulatory letters respecting our installation as Master of the St. Michael's Lodge. Personally we tender our sincere thanks to our courteous correspondents, to whom, perhaps, we ought to apologise for not having adopted the more regular custom of acknowledgment through the post. We can assure them we are intensely gratified at the fraternal and cordial expressions of interest taken in the Lodge over whose destinies we have been called on to preside. We know we express the sentiments of the members of 211 when we say they appreciate in the highest sense the honour thus paid their W.M.

It is always a gratifying duty for us to be able to report progress. Our esteemed Brother E. Woodman, a Craftsman well known, has found it incumbent on him, in consequence of the large increase of his business, to take City premises, at 68 Finsbury Pavement, E.C. Bro. Woodman will attend daily, at this address, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., where we have no doubt his services as a Dental Surgeon will be in full requisition.

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A NEW CHAPTER OF IMPRO'

FOR many years past it has been a source of amongst Royal Arch Masons that so few o themselves for them to acquire instruction i supreme degree, and to enable them to fit ther charge of those high offices which it is the land who are admitted to Royal Arch Masonry to ob Lodges of Instruction they are few and far be only scattered with long intervening distance districts on the north side of the Thames. Dr. Ladd, a great authority in the science, no been made for giving instruction to the very num Arch Masons who are to be found in the south any one was anxious to be instructed, living in th to travel even miles to obtain it, the nearest and n being the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement hood of Cornhill. The long required change has for in future the want will be supplied by the Chapter of Instruction, called the Panmure, at Church Street, Camberwell, which was inaugura 15th instant, at seven o'clock, with the advantag T. Poore as a most talented and courteous Prece of the Chapter are of a very correct and elaborat Royal Arch Masons are cordially invited, and thos will do well to enrol themselves amongst its meeting on Friday, the 15th instant, the thre Comps. Fulwood M.E.Z., Poore H., and Allan J.; S.E. and J. S. Watts P.S. The ceremony of e ably rehearsed, and a very pleasant evening was

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A convocation of the North London Chap ment was held at the Alwyne Castle Ta Road, Canonbury, on Thursday, when t assembled punctually, at eight o'clock. the evening were Comps. Brasted M.E.Z., J., Sheffield S.N., Strugnell P.S. A cord all Royal Arch Masons to attend this Chapt ment is tendered.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M. P.Z., has acce tion to deliver his interesting Masonic L and Excrescences," in the Union Lodge of Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Friday ev March, the occasion of the Annual Festiva We congratulate our worthy brother on th announcement denotes a return to health, will be of permanent character, and that accident will not check the energy he has successfully displayed.

We have been requested to announce tha no meeting of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge on the 29th instant, the brethren having adj they may attend the Ranelagh Lodge at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, wh Sections will be worked on that evening. is a list of the brethren who will assist Bro. who has been appointed to preside:—

First Lecture—Bros. Purdue, Williams, Blunder Taylor, Hardy; Second Lecture—Bros. Dopson, Spiegel, Smout. Third Lecture—Bros. Barker, Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely.

The following Festivals were held at th Tavern during the week ending 23rd Februa

18th February—Grand Master's Lodge, Civil Serv British Lodge Installation Banquet, Wandsworth Meeting; 19th February—Warwick Club Ball, Enoch Chapter, Salisbury Lodge, Industry Chapter, verance Society Meeting; 20th February—London Buckingham and Chandos Club, Noviomagus, Oak L ruary—Old Acquaintance Musical Society, St. James Ball, Linnean Club, St. Mary's Lodge, Universal Northern Lodge, United Pilgrim Chapter, Globe Lod ary—Crichton Lodge Ball, Jerusalem Lodge, New H Assembly; 23rd February — Batchelors Quadrille Cricket Club Ball.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Old wounds, sores, a experience confirms the fact which has triumphed over opp than forty years—viz., that no means are known equal to Hol for curing bad legs, sores, wounds, diseases of the skin, ery burns, scalds, and in truth, all cases where the skin is broke infirmities quickly is of primary importance, as the compul in-doors weakens the general health. The ready means of Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which heal the sores and In the very worst cases the Ointment has succeeded in effecti after every other means has failed of giving any relief

MARK MASONRY.

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ECRATION OF THE GODSON LODGE, No. 330.

y last, the 18th instant, another Lodge was added to the Mark Lodges by the above event. There has hitherto Mark Lodge in Worcestershire, the Lechmere Lodge, orcester. It bears the name of the Craft Prov. Grand e Province, and the new Lodg has been named after the . Grand Master, Bro. A. F. Godson, who is so highly and respected, not only in his own Province, but throughout Lord Henniker M.W.G.M.M.M. of England, who had been perform the ceremony, was obliged at the last deputs Brother A. F. Godson to act as Consecer in his stead. A large number of visitors from uring Provinces of Warwickshire, Staffordshire, and ire, assembled at the premises belonging to the of Kidderminster known as the Masonic Hall and Club. se present we noticed Bros. F. Binckes Grand Secretary, Assistant Grand Sec., Rev. W. Randall P.G. Chaplain, P.G.M.M.M. Gloucestershire, J. McKay, of Cumberland, P.G. Sec. Warwickshire, T. M. Humphries Stafford, P.G. Steward, W. Williamson Mayor of Worcester, G. W. Mayor of Kidderminster, T. H. Smith Warwickshire, and visitors, numbering upwards of 40. Apologies expressing at enforced absence had been received from Bros. Lord W. G.M.M.M., Earl of Kintore D.G.M.M.M., Lord M. Broadley, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Sir Edmund Lech-Tudor, Col. Foster Gough, R. Eve, T. Hawkins, F. d many other invited brethren of G. Lodge and Prov. G.L. ly proportioned Masonic Hall at Kidderminster, wore a nce with over 70 brethren present, when a Mark Lodge ned by Brother Barkley and the Officers of the sister rcester. This was followed by the advancement by the of fifteen brethren to the degree of Mark Master Mason. r of consecration was then most ably and effectively Brother A. F. Godson Deputy P.G.M.M.M. Warwick-d by Bros. the Rev. W. Randall P.G. Chaplain, F. d Secretary, D. M. Dewar Assistant Grand Secretary. Rev. W. Randall delivered an excellent and stirring ne principles and history of Mark Masonry. Following ion, Brother F. Binckes installed Brother George Taylor known as the Craft Provincial Grand Secretary for re) into the chair of Worshipful Master, in his usual s. The Senior Warden is Bro. W. Clement Green, who f the Masonic Hall and Club, and to whose unwearied good management so much of the success of the day other J. W. Consterdine Chadwick is J.W., and it augurs ture of the new Lodge that there are among its Officers ine Masters and Past Masters of Craft Lodges. It has the lot of Mark Masons to witness the splendid and ner in which all three ceremonies of advancement, and installation were performed. The whole of officiating were enthusiastically elected as honorary ne Lodge. Several propositions were received for ad-d joining, and the offer of Bro. A. F. Godson to endow air with a Life Governorship of the Mark Benevolent atefully accepted. After the Lodge was closed, the rned to the banquet hall, underneath the Lodge room, rtook of a most sumptuous repast, under the presidency Godson. The speeches which followed testified to the xperienced by all who were present in the proceedings d the visitors one and all declared they could never ellent working and arrangements witnessed by them, as nerous hospitality they had received from the Conse-and the brethren of Kidderminster.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

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Ebor Preceptory, No. 101.—On Thursday, the Preceptory held a special conclave for the purpose of the birthplace of English Masonry Bro. the Rev. H. R. Louisville, Kentucky, who was returning through Eng-second Masonic tour through the Holy Land. The s opened by E. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead, there being Sir Knts. M. Millington E.P., J. S. Cumberland P., onst., A. T. B. Turner Marshal, W. Brown, George . Palliser, J. Barker E.P. 114, J. S. Walton, C. D. H. Cuthbert's Preceptory, and others. The Sub-Prior East Yorkshire Sir Knt. J. W. Woodall was announced and took his seat at the right of the throne. The en welcomed Sir Knt. Coleman, and the Sub-Prior ords expressive of the pleasure it gave him to be ich Sir Knt. Coleman responded. Comp. J. T. Seller, m Chapter, was afterwards inducted into the Order which afforded the visitors an opportunity of witness-approved English form of conferring the degree, and an was afterwards elected an honorary member of the fter its close the members entertained their guest e refectory, and a most pleasant evening closed s On the following morning Bro. Coleman was, by Bro. J. Todd, Treasurer of 236, enabled to inspect the f the Grand Lodge of all England held at York in y.

Lodge of Instruction, No. 1892, will take place on Thursday next, the 28th inst. The brethren will assemble at the Public Hall, Carshalton, at 6·30, when Bro. W. W. Morgan, W.M. 211, by request, will deliver Bro. T. B. Whytehead's popular lecture, "Women in Freemasonry," after which an adjournment will take place to the Kings Arms Hotel, where the dinner will be served.

The *Evening News* says that the new rule that country petitioners' cases must be reported on by the Grand Secretaries of their respective provinces, received excellent proof on Wednesday at the Board of Benevolence. The Reports of the Provincial Grand Secretaries enabled the members of the Board to deal most satisfactorily with the petitioners.

The M.W. the Grand Master the Prince of Wales will move at next meeting that Grand Lodge vote two sums of £50 each to the families of the men who lost their lives by the accident that lately befel the Albert Edward Lifeboat as reported in our issue of the 9th instant.

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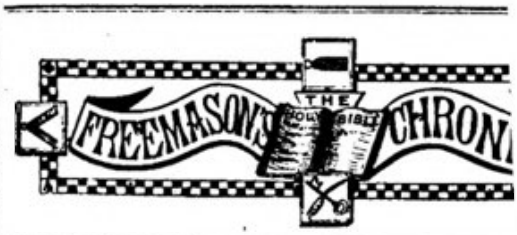
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A SPECIAL meeting of this Provincial Grand L at the Narborough Hotel, Narborough, on T February, for the purpose of consecrating the Gra named after the stone in which the district abounds. ance of brethren was numerous, testing the accomm very convenient and prettily arranged Lodge room t In the unavoidable absence of the R.W.P.G.M. the the chair was taken by the Deputy Prov. Grand Mast George Toller jun. P.G.S.B. England, who proceeded Provincial Grand Lodge, assisted by Bros. W. Kelly Langley acting as D.P.G.M., C. E. Stretton as P.G.S Walker as P.G.J.W., R. Waite Provincial Grand Treasu Dawson P.G. Chaplain, S. S. Partridge P.G. Secretar and E. Watson P.G. Deacons, J. Young P.G.D.C. P.G.A.D.C., John Wiggins P.G.S.B., T. B. Laxton P R. R. Cole P.G.A.P., and H. J. Goodall Steward T

...equest of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master the Worshipful Bro. ...er Kelly took the chair and performed, in the most im... manner, the consecration ceremony. A carefully prepared ...cellent oration was delivered by the Provincial Grand ...Brother the Rev. Ambrose P. Dawson, M.A., second ...he Wyggeston School, Leicester. The musical part of ...y was most ably rendered by a Masonic choir under the ... Brother T. B. Laxton Provincial Grand Organist. ...ecration ceremony being concluded, Brother Kelly ...rother the Rev. W. Langley, M.A., P.M. 50 and 1130 ... Rector of the parish, as first Worshipful Master, and be ...claimed and saluted. Brother R. Waite P.G. Treasurer ...as Treasurer, and, together with the following brethren, ... Officers of the new Lodge for the ensuing year, viz., ...calfe W.M. 1767 S.W., T. B. Wilmer J.W., M. J. Walker ...J. Young S.D., and G. Jessop J.D. Bye-laws were ... the government of the Lodge, and thirteen candidates ... initiation. The Worshipful Master in moving a vote of ...ose brethren who had so kindly attended to inaugurate ... Lodge, proposed that the following should be elected ...embers, viz., Bros. W. Kelly P.P.G.M., G. Toller jun. ...S. Partridge Provincial Grand Secretary, Rev. A. P. ...vincial Grand Chaplain, J. Young P.G.D.C., and T. B. ...incial Grand Organist, which was duly seconded by Bro. ... The Lodge was then closed, and Provincial Grand ...ned, when, after several matters had been considered, ...n of the Provincial Grand Lodge bye-laws determined ...ovincial Grand Lodge was closed in form, at 6 o'clock. ...ret afterwards, which was all that could be wished for, ...residency of the acting Provincial Grand Master, the ...were honoured and a very successful day brought to a ...e for the return of the large number of the Leicester ...the last train.

...very reason to hope that this new Lodge, held in a pretty ...ge, in a most comfortable and suitable room in its well ... hotel, with good train service within a quarter of an ...f Leicester, will soon take its place among the sister ... as it is at present determined to meet during the sum... when nearly all the other Lodges in the Province are ... afford the opportunity of getting a pleasant run out ... country air to the hard-worked brethren of Leicester ..., especially as it is held on the Thursday half-holiday. ... believe, the ninth Craft Lodge which the veteran ... Kelly has consecrated in the Province of Leicester... land, his interest in Masonry being as fresh as it was ...century ago.

...TALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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...RANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

...umerous assembly of members and visitors met at the ...ll Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Monday, 18th inst. ... W.M., whose reign was about to close, occupied the ...the first portion of the programme, the business of ...i the initiating of Messrs. Charles Louis Thompson, ...nd Wilhelm Bruchenbacher. Bro. Z. Bloomfield P.M. ...ppointed Installing Master on this occasion, proceeded ...ony and installed Bro. S. Barnett S.W. into the chair ...ing to ancient custom, and acquitted himself in a man... ...ttle to be desired. The new W.M. then appointed his ...llow :—Bros. Staley I.P.M., M. Boaz Senior Warden, ...nior Warden, D. Bailey P.M. Treas., A. J. Myers Sec., ...D., Harry Tipper J.D., A. Marks I.G., I. M. Levy M.C., ...A.M.C., S. Rosenfeld W.S., Potter Tyler. The Lodge ... to refreshment, which was ample and well served, and ...val of the cloth grace was sung, and the usual Loyal ...asts at once proceeded with. The new W.M., occupying ...e a position which with not a few induces a consider... ...nervousness, seemed to be quite at home at once, as if ... the habit of conducting a Masonic Lodge all his life. ...l a great amount of tact in the brevity and practical ...ll of what he had to say. It is needless to describe the ...ich the toasts of the Queen, Grand Master, and ...s were given and received, for the cordiality ... these names call forth in Masonic Lodges is well ...nast of the Initiates was most ably responded to by ...npson, who remarked that he had had opportunities of ...ny ceremonies, most striking and solemn in their ... these ceremonies, in one of which he had to take part, ...r had the privilege of being present, appeared to him ..., especially the ceremony of installation as performed ...Master Bloomfield; the solemn words, given with so ...ss and eloquence, so moved him that he was actually ... shedding tears. He trusted to become a good and ... and hoped eventually to reach the position of Master ... Bros. Benjamin and Bean replied for the Visitors, ...ly eulogised the working of the Lodge, and expressed ...on and delight at the manner in which the installa... ...conducted. Bro. A. Staley in proposing the health ...d it was with high gratification he, for the first time, ... the health of the W.M. It had been so pleasant to ...able and courteous manner in which the various duties ... the different offices were performed during the pro... ...ne chair by the W.M., that he felt sure the selection ...would prove of the highest interest, and conduce to ...of the Lodge. The W.M. expressed his warmest ...mitted the name of Bro. Staley, whom he character... ...ren who had preceded him in the Master's chair. By his energy, zeal, and perseverance, the I.P.M. had immensely benefitted the Lodge, for during his year of office he had initiated no less than twenty candidates. The I.P.M. in thanking the W.M. and brethren for the heartiness with which his health had been proposed and received, could only reiterate his appreciation of their kindly feeling and cordial support. In giving the health of the Installing Master, the W.M. observed that it is frequently asserted that Past Masters are after all but of little use in a Lodge, yet what they had witnessed that evening showed how valuable is the aid of the Past Masters, and with what sterling ability they perform their duties when called upon. Bro. Bloomfield replied in a characteristic speech. Brother N. Moss spoke in response to Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund, and showed that during the past year calls to the amount of £150 had been met, leaving a balance of £790; and also mentioned that the initiates had each given a donation of £1 1s towards the fund. The remaining toasts were then briefly given and replied to. It should be mentioned that before proceeding to refreshment a handsome gold P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring Master, and several intimate friends, members of the Lodge, escorted Bro. Staley to an adjoining room, and there presented him with a silver service, consisting of five pieces, claret jug, teapot, &c. of a quaint Queen Anne pattern, upon each of which appeared engraved his monogram and upon one also an inscription of the sentiments of esteem and regard felt for the recipient by the donors. Bro. Staley, with considerable emotion said: Brethren, I feel at a loss for suitable words adequately to express my feelings at this unexpected mark of your goodwill and regard. I can assure you what little I have done for the benefit of the Lodge has been an easy task; for the kindly and unfailing support, always so willingly extended to me, inspired me with confidence that should I in any respect be so unfortunate as to fail, a strong arm would be ready to help, support and prevent my falling. I thank you most heartily for this very handsome token of your friendship, it will ever remind me of the happy period of my Mastership of the Lodge of Tranquillity, and the affectionate friends that surround me, with the profoundest gratification. I trust we may be spared for many years to promote its best interests and to further the grand principles of brotherly love and truth. The presentation was made by Brother Eisenman, supported by Brother John Ross P.M. The Past Masters present were Bros. Ross, Bloomfield, Croaker, S. Moss, N. Moss, Defries, Bush, Harefield, Sydney, Gottheil. The visitors were W.M.'s Bros. Aaron 1668, Gartley 205, Bean 188, Benjamin 1017, Leech 749; P.M.'s Frendele 29, Phillips 205, Da Silva 205, Benjamin 188, Myers 188; Gurton J.W. 105, Martin S.W. 212, Hatfield S.D. 1320, Nathan 599, Haines 205, Lichtenfeld 205, Myer 30, Brand 72, Hills 755, Lazarus late Tranquillity, Willis 1305, Fox 749, Chambers 749, Hewlett 193, and a number of others. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Brother Harry Tipper.

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

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th February, at the Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton, at six o'clock in the evening. Bros. Edwin Melrose W.M., John Isherwood I.P.M., P. Bradburn S.W., C. Crompton J.W., James Walker S.D., J. R. Haslam Organist, W. Siddorn I.G., Thomas Higson Tyler, Cuerden and Briscoe Stewards; P.M.'s Ferguson Prov. Grand S. of W., Morris, and Boothroyd; Swarbrick, Forrest, Bradley, and W. Crompton. Visitor—Bros. A. Wild Affability Lodge 317. Lodge opened in due form at six o'clock. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge opened in the second degree, when Bro. William Crompton passed a satisfactory examination as a Fellow Craft, and being entrusted with the test of merit, retired. Lodge opened in the third degree, when Brother Crompton was re-introduced, and raised to the degree of Master Mason by the I.P.M. Bro. Isherwood; the traditional history was given by Bro. Boothroyd P.M., who also explained the working tools of the degree. Lodge closed to the first degree. Brother Morris P.M., Charity Representative, addressed the brethren, advocating the claims of the East Lancashire Benevolent Institution upon them. His remarks were supplemented by Bro. G. Ferguson P.M. Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, who impressed upon the brethren the necessity of systematic Masonic Benevolence in support of the Charities, especially our local institution. The Officers undertook to bring the matter under the personal notice of every brother of the Lodge, and also to canvass for contributions, and report at a subsequent meeting. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the Visitors. A portion of the Ancient Charges were read by the Senior Warden, and the Lodge closed in peace and harmony at eight o'clock.

PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 487.

AMONG the many Lodges of influence and importance in this borough, not one has made greater progress than the Portsmouth Lodge No. 487, which during the year of office of the present Worshipful Master, Bro. W. M. Outridge (who will shortly vacate the chair) has largely increased in the number of its members, and now enjoys a degree of prosperity second to none in the Province. During the year the Lodge room has been thoroughly renovated and most handsomly decorated, and in its present condition we believe it to be superior to any Lodge room South of London. It is of most appropriate proportions, being a double cube, and it has architectural features and correct mouldings, and therefore is well adapted for the tasteful and suitable decorations which have been most ably carried out by Messrs. Bevis Bros. and Mr. G. Reading, members of the Lodge. We are quite justified in saying that nothing so ornate has been executed in the town as the decoration of this Lodge room. The walls are divided by coupled pilasters,

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and these have been coloured a primrose tint, with running Greek ornaments, stencilled in a greyish-brown colour on the face, and in the space between a foliated pattern is picked out in various colours, and in the centre with the emblems of the Lodge, the P.G. Lodge, and the R.A. Chapter, in gold and colours appropriate to these orders and degrees. The wall space is of a salmon tint, and is divided into panels by red and white lines with ornamental stencilled corners, all in keeping with the style of the building. The ceiling is divided by ornamental ribs, continuous with the pilasters, and these are picked out in two or three tints, and the spaces between, panelled and filled in with a diaper pattern on a delicate green ground. The entrances are flanked by fluted columns, painted white and edged with gold. The frieze has a groundwork of dark blue, relieved by monograms and Masonic symbols of appropriate character and design, forming a very pleasing and effective whole. These alterations having been completed, it was considered a suitable occasion to bring together all the old Past Masters and other members of the Lodge, and at the invitation of the W.M. the regular Lodge meeting, held on the 14th inst., was graced by the presence of several who still retain their allegiance and have regard for their mother Lodge. Amongst the P.M.'s present were Bros. Mark E. Frost P.G.S.W., Lieut.-Colonel E. Galt, J.P., Alderman E. M. Wells, J.P., G. S. Lancaster, J.P., Alderman A. Cudlipp, G. Rake, H. Threadingham, W. E. Atkins, T. P. Palegrave, and R. W. Beale, letters of apology being received from Bros. T. Cousins, Alderman J. Baker, and E. Bunting. Amongst the visitors and members of the Lodge who attended were the following:—Bros. Dr. C. Knott P.M. 342, Alderman G. Peters, Albert Wendover P.M. 1069, H. P. Holley, J. T. Thackara, T. Cowd, F. Meredith, G. Pearman, B. Hill, T. P. Latter, W. Bates, G. Rutledge, J. Barron, A. J. Futcher, G. Reading, A. Lewis, H. E. Loader, G. F. Bevis, J. Biggs, W. H. Biggs, W. Maybour, G. Coffin, C. J. Coffin, G. H. Dean, A. G. Curtiss, H. Lane, T. W. Haydon, J. Jenkins, J. Astridge P.P.G.P., J. D. Morant, C. F. Brown, A. Holley, W. Marshallsay, F. W. Fay, &c. Bro. H. P. Holley S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The banquet was presided over by the W.M., Bro. Outridge, who, in a most fraternal manner and an able speech, proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, referring to the high positions held by them in the town and to the esteem and regard entertained for them by the members of the Lodge. Colonel Galt replied in impressive terms, and mentioned that he had filled the chair so long back as 1850. At a given signal from the W.M., there was unveiled an elaborately wrought memorial tablet, constituted of a frame-work of hard white French stone, beautifully carved and gilt with a dove-coloured marble panel, on which was cut the names of all the W.M.'s who had filled the chair since the constitution of the Lodge in 1843. The culminating feature of the proceedings was the presentation of a three-quarter life-size portrait in oil of Bro. G. S. Lancaster, J.P. The picture, which is a most truthful likeness of Bro. Lancaster, with all his Masonic decorations fully depicted, has been painted by Mr. Harry Lane, and does him infinite credit. It is, apart from its fidelity, a work of art, and was very much admired and appreciated. The portrait was enclosed in a massive gilt frame, and bore the following inscription.—"Presented to the Portsmouth Lodge by the private subscription of the members, as a mark of regard and esteem, and to perpetuate the memory of a most worthy brother, Geo. S. Lancaster, J.P., P.M. P.P.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight.—February 1884." The picture was formally presented to the Lodge by Brother Threadingham, who made a feeling and suitable allusion to the services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Lancaster. Bro. Rake P.M., in a felicitous speech, proposed the health of Bro. Lancaster, who, in reply, congratulated Brother Outridge on his very successful year of office, and on having carried out the long-contemplated alterations and improvements to the Lodge room and premises, which he said were now the best in the Province. Bro. Rake was heartily thanked for his kindness in superintending the work of decoration. Several excellent glees and songs were given by the members, accompanied by the Organist Bro. Pearman. The W.M. received quite an ovation at the hands of the brethren, which he richly deserved, for no brother has more evenly pursued the tenour of his way, or worked harder for the welfare of the Lodge than Bro. Outridge.—*Portsmouth Times.*

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE meeting of the above Lodge which took place on Thursday, 14th February, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, is one which is well worthy of record. Bros. E. T. Smith W.M., J. J. Runtz S.W., J. O. Bieling J.W., Tongue S.D., Oliver Bryant, J.D., Foster I.G., and Banks Tyler. During the evening Bro. T. P. Thompson was raised, and J. Tolly passed, while Dr. C. Renner, was admitted into Freemasonry. All these ceremonies were performed in the most accurate manner. During the evening it was proposed, as the usual meeting in April would take place on the Thursday before Good Friday, that it should be postponed until the following Thursday. It was also proposed that Bro. Sprague should be accepted as a joining member. After all other business had been performed, Lodge was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall. After grace had been said by Rev. Bro. Graham, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, the health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M., and accepted with enthusiasm. The W.M. responded in the most satisfactory manner, promising to do all that he could to advance the welfare of the Polish National Lodge. He next proposed the toast of the evening—that of the Initiate, Bro. Dr. Charles Renner. This was greeted with general enthusiasm, and best wishes were expressed for his future prosperity. The interval between this and the reply of the Initiate was filled by the Entered Apprentice Song, by Bro. Gordon. Bro. Dr. Renner, in response to the toast of his health, said: Worshipful Master and Brethren,—I beg to offer you my most sincere thanks for the cordial reception with which you h
I am especially indebted to my friends Drs. Jagielsl
having proposed me to this noble society, and t
Master, for the trouble you have taken in bringin
first stage. If you would ask me what induced me
a Freemason, I should feel some embarrassment
giving an exact reply. If, however, you will be
reply I give to my own mind, in putting the same q
it is this—I have known many most earnest and mo
to be Freemasons; men who act up to their princ
siasm; hence my desire to follow their example. T
masonry is, as I believe, the enlightenment of the n
ment of the heart, the care for each other's welfar
of mankind at large. As far as such is within the
vidual or a society, and as first impressions are ge
be true, and seldom disappoint, I feel that the in
have received to-night in this venerable Society go
me that my anticipations and hopes will not only
realisation, but even be far surpassed. It has cres
desire to fulfil my duties, whatever my share may
my ability, and in thanking you again for the gre
which you have received me into your midst, I now
the "vivat floreat crescat"—the Polish National L
applause followed this able address, and then a Ge
by Dr. Jagielski, "Die Letze Sommer Rose." T
Visitors formed the next feature of interest. The t
names of Bros. James Perkins P.M. Mornington
Goffin S.W. Carnarvon 1572, J. A. Farlow J.D. Old
R. Kelsey Strong Man 15, Henry Euson Royal
Rev. John Graham Sincerity 1019; it was respon
Perkins, who expressed his admiration at the work
National Lodge, and especially alluded to the able
the W.M. had performed the arduous duty of workir
of the three degrees. Bro. Graham next respond
admiration of the hospitality, speeches, and harmony
and expressed his approval of the able manner i
principles of Freemasonry were upheld. Bro. Saegert
Lodge also dwelt in terms of praise on the working
also alluded most especially to the elegant speech
After excellent harmony by Bros. Runtz and Gordon,
P.M.'s was cheerfully greeted; this included the
Lancaster, Nowakowski, Pass, Jagielski, and Jackson
After this the toast of the Officers and that of the
most pleasant evening to a close.

URBAN LODGE, No. 1196.

AN unprecedented attendance of members and vis
at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, 12th instant
installation of Brother Charles Hawksley P.M. 1702
elect. Lodge was opened shortly after five o'clock
ful Master, Brother George E. Fairchild, supported
Hawksley S.W., C. Butler J.W., F. J. Beck S.D., J. T
Lee I.G., W. E. Haycock P.M. M.C., R. W. Cheadle
and the following Past Masters, members, and vi
Bros. Blatchford, Eckstein, Ware, Creswick, Tickle
ford, Heath, Jeffery; also Bros. Sage, J. J. Smith, P
Smith, Eckstein, Price, W. T. Smith, M.D., Liebmann,
Jones, Morison, Hodgkinson, Mannel, Webb, Cheadle,
honse, Miele, Lehmeyer, and Brunton, M.D.; Visitor
1895, Davinière 1669, Lewis 338, Stevens 901, G.
Simpson 1196, Lister 145, Oxley 1950, Mulley 256, Joh
Tinney 1319, Henry Tinney 1319, Swain 1328, Barratt
Brindling 173, Davis (Athelstane), U.S.A., Poynter
King 1642, Fountain 948, Foxley 173, Fitzgerald 13
Morris 173, Cordwell 3, Goldney 1702, Tindell 1702,
Humphreys 538, Bunley 902, Dickenson 1298, Sayer
1891, Buck 1702, Ruff 95, Green 1974, Maclean 1319,
Galer 1366, Isaacs 795, Luck 8, Watts 194, Cun
Allhausen 435, Herf 180, Lonigsberg (Adler), Fr
Maine, Butler 34, Grosley 183, Soman 197, and Floo
the confirmation of the minutes, Lodge was opened
degree, and Brother C. H. Price, being a candidate f
examined and entrusted, and afterwards raised to the
of M.M. in a perfect and masterly manner by the W.
elect was then presented and obligated, and in due co
installed in the Master's chair. Brother Hawksley is
lated upon the array of Installed Master who attended
forty being present—from whom he received many he
a prosperous year of office. The lay members havi
mitted, the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the
after which he proceeded to appoint and invest his O
C. Butler S.W., J. T. Beck J.W., R. H. Pearson Treasu
penter Secretary, J. W. Tacon S.D., J. H. Lee J.D.
P.M. M.C., Robert W. Chundle I.G., W. L. Haycoc
Steward, B. Simkins Assistant Wine Steward, G. E.
The I.P.M. then delivered the addresses to the Master,
brethren in a style which left little to be desired. Th
by this time somewhat advanced, and after the balan
sundry routine matters had been disposed of, Lodge
peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the
when both members and visitors, to the number of nir
to a capitally-served banquet, provided by Messrs. Spi
under the superintendance of Bro. Dawkins, which gav
faction. After grace, the W.M. gave the toast of the
Craft, remarking that it required no words of his to s
thusiasm with which it was always received at Masonic
she excelled in the duties of a "Queen, wife, and m
Save the Queen, a version by Bro. J. E. Carpenter, w
In proposing the M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Pri
the W.M. observed that his popularity was undoubted,

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with respect to the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, the prosperity of the Craft was due in an eminent degree est taken therein by those distinguished noblemen—the narvon and Lord Lathom. Introducing the toast of the W.M. remarked upon the quotations from Oliver Gold- h appeared after each toast on the programme—

Blest be the spot where cheerful guests retire
To pause from toil."

it afforded him much gratification to see such a large r-one); the Urban Lodge was famed for its hospitality. ht it was due as much to their desire to witness the Fairchild inside the Lodge room as to partake of the r" provided at the banquet table. Several visitors ll of whom expressed themselves highly delighted with d witnessed. Bro. Fairchild having obtained permission, d proposed the health of the Worshipful Master—Bro. ksley—in eulogistic terms. The W.M. in reply thanked for the hearty manner in which the toast had been re- was surrounded by friends who would remember his into Masonry; he was told then he must strive to hair next to which he sat the night he was initiated, and ns had been realised, yet not without a struggle; he was d passed through the chair in another Lodge; but he must certain amount of pride in filling the position he then his mother Lodge. He was also pleased to find there k for him to do, and he trusted, with the assistance of o carry out the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of orshipful Master, in proposing the health of the I.P.M. g Master, Bro. G. E. Fairchild, said that the able ich he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the d particularly the work performed that evening, entitled best thanks of the Lodge; it afforded him sincere plea- abled to present to Bro. Fairchild the jewel which had y the Lodge in recognition of those services, and he ro. Fairchild) would long be spared to wear it. Bro. ked the W.M. for his kindness in proposing, and the their reception of the toast. He had tried to perform nch a manner as he hoped would give satisfaction, and had done his best. The health of the Past Masters was d, and Bros. Carpenter and Pearson responded. The other Officers, followed by the Tyler's toast, in quick rought a lengthy but enjoyable meeting to a close. al selections, including a violin and piano solo, were rith the toasts, by Bros. Lehmeyer, Tinney, and Konigs- ery was re-appointed Tyler.

ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

rs met at the Criterion, Regent Circus, Piccadilly, on instant, under the presidency of the W.M. Brother C. Johnson S.W., Bottle J.W., Beckham Secretary, Isaacs ulthard S.D., Slingsby J.D., Norman I.G., Ray M.C., ard, Hooper W.S., Weston Assistant W.S. P.M.'s Bros. , Flatterley, Jones, McLeod, Fisher. The visitors nook 1604, Strong 1706, Stamp 1194, Pattison 27, M. 619, Shute P.M. 1791. Cook P.M. 1791, A. Hyman 3, Burch 172, Poulton 1791, Jarvis 73, H. M. Levy P.M. he minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Bowen the second degree, and ballots were taken for the ad- ssrs. F. Clifford and F. Atherton. Both were unani- ur of the candidates, and they were duly initiated into ceremony being impressively conducted by the W.M. as proposed for initiation, and the resignation of a ccepted, with regret. Hearty good wishes were ten- dge was closed. The W.M. and the Officers then re- lies, who mustered in force, and the party adjourned to ons and récherché banquet and dessert, provided by and Pond (Limited), under the superintendence of The tables were elegantly and artistically decorated, ests were present. The loyal and routine toasts ed full honour, Bro. Powell I.P.M. rose; he had to e thought was the toast of the evening. He could ords to speak of the qualifications of the W.M. The ommended for the innovation he has made in intro- lies—we are proud to see them. There are three work- Freemasonry, but a fourth is devoted to refreshment. ll present to do full honour to the toast. The W.M., ed Bro. Powell for his kind remarks. He felt a little ng so many ladies present. However, he trusted the rtainment was a success; if it was so, he hoped it ted on future occasions. Other toasts followed in rapid e Initiates, the Past Masters, the Officers; refer- nade to the enforced absence of an energetic gh illness. All wished him a speedy recovery. ley P.M. undertook with great pleasure, to propose Ladies; he hoped this pleasant gathering, which was kind as regards their Lodge, would not be the last. eloquently responded to by the W.M. The Masonic dilated on in well considered phrase, and the W.M. already calculate upon taking up a sum of £200 for the Boys' School in June next. The Visitors were nted, and after suitable response had been made, dulged in, and this brought a pleasant meeting to a the evening some capital songs were sung.

Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—On Tues- at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall- Bros. Haynes W.M., Schadler S.W., Dyson J.W., Preceptor; also Bros. Garrud, Moorhouse, Sainte, Rich, Pool, Bourne, East, Roberts, Daniel, Pasco. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of the second degree, Bro. Rich candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. Entry drill was rehearsed and Lodge closed in the third degree. Bro. Schadler was elected W.M. for ensuing week.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.—The weekly meeting was held on the 19th instant, under Bro. Tonkin W.M., assisted by Bros. Goffin S.W., Bottle J.W., Cottebrune Preceptor, Masefield S.D., Mason J.D., Orpe I.G., Bassington Treasurer, Cross Secretary; Cobham, Alison, Bond, Collens, Harris, Smith, Forscutt, Balchin, W. H. Baker, and Stroud. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Forscutt candidate. The W.M. resigned in favour of Bro. Bond, who opened in the second degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Stroud being candidate. Bro. Tonkin resumed his position, and opened the Lodge to the third degree. Lodge was closed down. The J.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After the Lodge was closed, a meeting of the Faith Masonic Charities Association was held, and a ballot then taken proved in favour of Bro. G. F. Edwards.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 19th inst. Bros. T. Clark W.M., Baker S.W., Christian J.W., Watkinson S.D., Catling J.D., Smyth I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Hunt, Boyce, Robinson, Pinder. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of previous meeting were confirmed. Bro. Robinson offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was a second time advanced, and Bro. Robinson was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The W.M. gave the traditional history. Bro. Christian worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree, when Bro. Baker was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his Officers in rotation. The sum of five guineas was unanimously voted out of the Lodge funds to Bro. Christian for the Annual Festival of the Boys' School.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held at the Cook Tavern, Highbury, N., on Monday, the 18th inst. Present—Bros. Treadwell W.M., Godolphin S.W., Defriez J.W., Weeden S.D., Western J.D., Forge acting Preceptor, Collingridge Secretary, and other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brook acting as candidate. Bro. Collingridge, as candidate for passing, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Forge P.M. will rehearse the ceremony of installation on Monday, the 25th inst. Bro. Godolphin will be the W.M. for Monday, 4th March.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—Held its usual meeting on Tuesday last, at the New Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 p.m. Present—Bros. Mercer W.M., Oldis S.W., Moon J.W., Gush acting Preceptor, Fenner acting Secretary, Larchin S.D., Haynes J.D., Webb I.G.; also Bros. Knights, Shackell, Hoare, Hall, Cox, and others. The Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Cox answered the questions leading to the third. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Larchin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of raising was next rehearsed, Bro. Cox acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the second, and Bro. Larchin the third sections of the lecture. Lodge was then formally closed to the first degree. Bro. Oldis was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was awarded the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony, this being the first time of his occupying the chair of K.S. in this Lodge of Instruction. Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned. We are glad to see that this Lodge of Instruction has increased, both in membership and attendance. While it is under the auspices of such Masons as Bros. Gush, Larchin, Fenner and Davis, we cannot doubt but that it will continue a successful career. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

It was an interesting sight to witness the ragged regiment of little Limehousers on Wednesday, when they crowded round the new hall of the London Cottage Mission, at Salmon's Lane, Limehouse. The pinched and eager faces put on quite a different look as the "appetitising" smell of the Irish stew saluted their nostrils. It had been feared the funds of the Mission would "give out," but fortunately this calamity was avoided, and some seven to eight hundred children and old folks had supplied to them a hot and wholesome meal. We regret to have to add, however, that the continuance of these dinners depends upon steady and efficient help, which we trust will be forthcoming. As on many a Wednesday lately, Lady Colin Campbell again took charge of one of the great dishes of stew, and distributed it around. Although far from well her ladyship attended the Special Service on Sunday morning last, and led the singing. On that occasion also one of Mr. Austin's latest converts was present in the person of the man who hitherto had been the owner of the "Opium Den" in Ratcliffe Highway, wherein many a sailor has come to grief. Any of our readers who are fond of "sensation" adventures, should pay a visit to the Hall. Mr. Austin, of 44 Finsbury Pavement, will be ready to give any information they may desire, and will also receive any contribution, however small, with which he may be favoured.

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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 FEBRUARY.

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)
1634—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
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

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 25th 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, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
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.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street

1435—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (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.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1606—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, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 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)

46—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1446—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough

R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 446—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Tavern, at 5.30. for 6 o'clock.
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, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst).
1321—Emblematic, Rose, Jermyn Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
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, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., 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.
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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
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
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde,
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-n
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 166—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

WEDNESDAY, 27th FEBRU

2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.3
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30.
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basing
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., C
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxfor
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Belham, at 7 (Instructio
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Popnin's-court, Fleet-street
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, 25 Charterhouse Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst

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,
1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Inst
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road
1534—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Ha
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., West
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May F
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notti
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Ro

R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at
R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, W
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st.,
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. Joh
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street,

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manche
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
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724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruc
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1063—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manc
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (In
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manches
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowe
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury,
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8.
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somer
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton,

R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
R.A. 357—Apollo Universary, Apollo Universary Hall, Oxfo
R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 28th FEBRUAR

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., a
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at
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
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Ins
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W.,
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn,
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
881—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.3

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridg
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruct
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at
1339—Stockwell, Cook Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Ins
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Cam
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air St
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6,
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerke
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (In
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
R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's R at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, La
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darling

203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
318—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
591—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal

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ard, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
on, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
rne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
on, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
ber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
rity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
nunity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
red Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
itude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
al Architect, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
thampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
ord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
rtland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
yside, Masonic Hall, Woking
Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 29th FEBRUARY.

tee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
ge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
urns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.
, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
ilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
fred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
ike's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
itan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
andard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
von, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
rity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
gorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
ave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
t, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard
Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
r, Red Lion, Barnet
ial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
an, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire

SATURDAY, 1st MARCH.

tee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
se, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
ly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
rtland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
rey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
ort Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
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nally come across discussions anent the work and lec-
hich are, sometimes at least, amusing if not instruc-
rtant. The opinions of Masonic quidnuncs and
rts which for more than a quarter of a century past
he attention of the Craft, without positive results as
n is the true and only original Jacobs, have demon-
differences in practice are far from being of major
ely, if ever, resting upon any point essential to the
brethren argue over these matters, and seldom fail to
d each for himself that he has the only true and
and it may be doubted whether there ever will be
nity.

ur conclusions favour the idea that in essentials it is
endeavour to secure uniformity, which there is some
pect may be attained, while according a suitable
matters, for one reason among others, that we cannot
the same time, it may be accepted as certain that un-
ention is given to the preservation of the distinctive
ge work, a generation or two will lead the Fraternity
derness of personal preference and into a maze where
follow his own inclinations, and where Masonry will
t," though perhaps "to memory dear."

tions are caused by a decision rendered and approved
diction, "That the lecture of a degree is not a part
onferring a degree."

on this one brother says:

ways considered the work to be done, when it is done,
ains but simply to explain to the newly made brother
through which he passed. And so, it is very evident,
brethren regard it, for we have seldom been present at
f any of the degrees that there was not a begira, often
'There is a lecture which I will proceed to give you.' We do not say that this is right. Quite the contrary, we always look upon it as not only unmasonical but almost ungentlemanly. But that does not affect the principle; and, notwithstanding the argument of our brother, we see no impropriety whatever, when two or more do receive the First, Second, or Third Degree on the same evening, in simply delivering the lecture to all at the same time—the real work having been conferred upon each separately. It is certainly a saving of time, not to say a decided relief to the Worshipful Master. We do not speak ex cathedra, but only express a modest opinion of our own."

To this another reviewer thus responds:

"We, too, think work to be done when it is done, but we do not think it to be done when it is but half finished. Whenever a Masonic Lodge is open it is at work. So far as we know, no ritualist divides the Master's degree into work and lecture, but all agree that it is divided into three sections, and it puzzles us to know how work ceases when the two physical sections are finished, and refreshment begins when the intellectual section is reached, unless it is upon the hypothesis that the candidate himself works in two sections and goes to sleep during the third.

"We have not picked up this discussion merely to differ from our distinguished confrere, but because we would, as far as possible, dignify the degree lectures. The Master should check the stampede to which our brother alludes, and gravely inform the stampeders that the monitorial emblems, the emblems confided only to faithful breasts, and, as Mackey observes, obtained only within the tiled recesses of the Lodge, as well as the solemn charge given to a Master Mason, all constitute a part of the Master's degree and work. We believe that the common notion that the work is finished when the two sections are completed has much to do with the hegira complained of. We are sure that Bro. H. will agree with our expressed intention, if he does not with the technical position assumed. So far as concerns the propriety or impropriety of the common practice, there can be no sufficient reason why a Master, in an emergency, may not give the degree lecture to two or three candidates at the same time, provided that it is given as a part of the work of the degree, and not as a goody-goody declamation, a sort of moral back-action, appended to the body of the degree itself."

When the brethren have examined this subject in the light they have, it would seem as if they must agree with the sentiment of the latter quotation.

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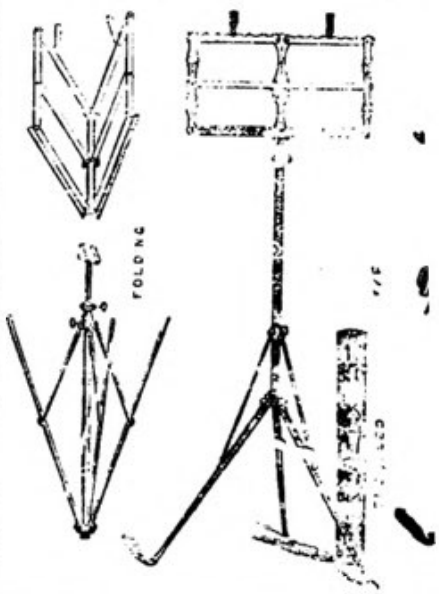
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HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

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after the particulars respecting the two principal ottish Lodges, we have brief notices of the other ortant Lodges on the roll of Scotland, the first in Canongate Kilwinning, No 2, of whose establish- dinburgh by Mother Kilwinning we have already account. The charter, which is rightly desig- Bro. Gould as "the premier Scottish Warrant ition," reads thus: "At the ludge of Kilwining, e day of december 1677 yeares, deacons and and the rest of the brethren, considering the love showne to us be the rest of the brethren of the of Edinbroughe, ane part of our number being be boked and inroled the 9th day, gives power to them to enter, receave, and pass ony qualified at they think fitt, in name and behalf of the illwinning, and to pay their entry and booking ie to the sd ludge, as we do our selves, they of ther number to us yearly, and we to do the em if need be. The 9lk day ther names are this book." This document was signed by thren, and is "entered *verbatim* in the books of lodge, the original warrant being now lost." was "reorganised in 1735 by *speculative* Free- hen "the members worked the third degree," e of its creation on the 20th December 1677 is ed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Lodge is the Scoon and Perth, No. 3, which is by Grand Lodge as having "existed *before* 1658." dated December 24, 1658, we are told, "com- Old Charges' with items of local interest, and the 'Kilwinning' legends. The conclusion is ll by Bro. Gould: "And Lastlie, wee, and all ane mynd, consent, and assent, doe bind and and our successoris, to mantayne and wphold erties and previledges of the said Lodge of ne frie Lodge, for entering and passing within the bodie thereof, residing within the burgh of is: And that soe long as the Sun riseth in d setteth in the West, as we wold wish the God to attend ws in all our wayes and actiones." gth of a statement in the same record to the according to the "knowledge of our prede- cam one from the North countrie, named e, ane measone or man weill experted in his entered himself both frieman and burges of

Bro. Gould gives the following particulars family, which during five successive genera- ined a connection with the Lodge of Edin- eems the third John Milne was called to Edin- 16 to undertake the erection of the King's on the death of William Wallace in 1631, ppointed master mason to Charles I., which igned in 1636 in favour of his eldest son, e, younger,' who, in 1633, was made a fellow Lodge of Edinburgh, became 'deacon of the warden' in 1636, and served in the former ny years, having been re-elected ten times during twenty-seven years. This same Mylne was at the Masonic meeting at Newcastle in 1641, and his brother Alexander was 'passed' June 2, 1635, in the presence of his 'brother' Lord Alexander, Sir Anthony Alexander, and Sir Alexander Strachan. Robert was apprenticed to his uncle John in Lodge No. 1, December 27, 1653, and was elected warden in 1663, also deacon in 1681, taking a leading part in masonic business until 1707. Robert Mylne appears to have succeeded his uncle as master mason to Charles I., being so designated in an agreement with the Perth authorities for the re-building of the cross which had been removed from High Street, through the possession of the city by Cromwell. William, his eldest son, was received into the Lodge of Edinburgh, December 27, 1681, and was warden several times from 1695, dying in 1728. Thomas Mylne, eldest son of the latter, 'was entered and admitted as apprentice, December 27, 1721; chosen Eldest Prentice December 27, 1722; admitted and received fellow-craft December 27, 1729; and chosen 'master of the society,' December 27, 1735.' Noticing the connection of this worthy with the Lodge of Edinburgh, Lyon points out the remarkable fact 'of his having been *entered* in what may emphatically be termed the transition period of its existence, of his having been *advanced* during the masonic twilight which preceded the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland—and of his having maintained a connection with the lodge until every vestige of its operative character had disappeared. Robert and William Mylne (sons of Thomas Mylne) were also members of the lodge, and on the death of the former in 1811 (who was buried in St. Paul's Cathedral, having been surveyor of that edifice for fifty years), this family's connection with the Lodge of Edinburgh was terminated." Bro. Gould believes this Scoon and Perth Lodge joined the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1642, when its date "before 1658" was recognised.

We next come to the Lodge of "Glasgow St. John," to which in 1850 the Grand Lodge of Scotland accorded place on the roll as "No. 3 *bis*." For this Lodge a very remarkable antiquity has been claimed by some on the ground that the word "fraternity," used in the so-called "charter," means the lodge, while Bro. Gould reasonably enough contends that it is intended manifestly "to describe a religious fraternity which had been formed to promote the renovation or restoration of the cathedral. The inference that the charter referred to a masonic lodge appears to me wholly unwarranted by the context." However, a "Seal of Cause" was required in 1600 for the purpose of separating the Wrights from the Masons as an Incorporation, and from Bro. Buchan, as quoted by the author, we gather that the first notice in the minutes of the "Glasgow Incorporation of Masons" bears date the 22nd September 1620, and is to the following effect: "Entry of Apprentices to the Lodge of Glasgow, the last day of December 1613 years, compeared John Stewart, Deacon of Masons, and signified to David Slater, Warden of the Lodge of Glasgow and to the remenant brethren of that Lodge, that he was to enter John Stewart, his apprentice, in the said Lodge. Lykas upon the morn, being the first day of January 1614 years, the said warden and brethren of the said Lodge entered the said John Stewart, younger, apprentice to the said John Stewart, elder, conform to the acts and liberty of the

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lodge." Again, James Ritchie was accused of feeing a cowan, and in the record of the Incorporation, May 1, 1622, it is stated in his favour that 'he was entered with a Lodge, and had a discharge of a master in Paisley.'" Thus argues Bro. Gould, though "no old records of the lodge have as yet been discovered," still "the foregoing proves its existence early in the seventeenth century, and as we know the Incorporation has continued to exist, from its separate constitution in 1600 to the present time, I think there need be no doubt thrown upon the continuity of the lodge during the period covered from 1613 to the commencement of its existing minutes. That it was represented on the occasion of the second 'St. Clair Charter,' is unquestionable, for it was described as 'The Ludge of Glasgow, John Boyd, deakin; Robt. Boyd, ane of the Mestres.'" Bro. Gould adds the following as being likewise of interest: "The membership of the 'Lodge of Glasgow,' unlike that of other pre-eighteenth century lodges, was exclusively *operative*, and 'although doubtless giving the Masonword to entered apprentices, none were recognised as members till they had joined the Incorporation, which was composed of Mason burgesses. The erection of 'St. Mungo's' in 1729 was the result of an unsuccessful attempt to introduce *non*-operatives into the St. John's Lodge, Glasgow, an object which was not attained until about the year 1842.

The "Canongate and Leith, Leith and Canongate" Lodge, No. 5, in its charter of confirmation of the 8th of February 1738, was recognised as a descendant "from the mason lodge of Mary's Chapel in Edinburgh," and had its precedency allowed from 29th May 1688, "*in respect its book was produced which contains a minute of that date, and which was openly read in presence of the Grand Lodge.*" It was formed by seceders from the parent Lodge, who were masons in Leith and the Canongate, and hence its title. It was mainly a speculative lodge, only eighteen of the fifty-two names enrolled on 30th November 1736 being those of operative masons. Nos. 6 and 7 on the roll of Grand Lodge date from 1678 and 1695 respectively. The "Lodge of Journeymen," Edinburgh, No. 8, is officially entitled to precedence from 1709, and had its origin in a secession of journeymen from No. 1, who separated from the parent Lodge in consequence of the overbearing treatment shown them by the Master of both Lodge and Incorporation, which, with the introduction of the speculative element into the former body kept the journeymen Masons in a subordinate position. The separation was warmly opposed by No. 1, which, with the Incorporation, went even to the extent of having two of the malcontent brethren apprehended and the books of the seceding society seized. But the journeymen stubbornly held to their purpose, and their Lodge remains to this day an evidence of the gallant struggle they maintained. The "Lodge of Dunblane," No. 9, has precedence accorded to it only from 1709, but its minutes begin from January 1696. This Lodge appears to have been strongly Jacobite in its political bias, though other Lodges showed an equally strong partisanship for the House of Hanover. John Cameron of Lochiel, who was a member in 1696, served with the Earl of Mar in 1715. He married Isabel Campbell, "sister of Sir Duncan Campbell, one of the four initiates of Dr. Desaguliers in 1721 at Edinburgh," and his eldest son, Donald, was one of the most influential supporters of Prince Charles Edward, being the first to obtain possession of Edinburgh on its investment by the Highlanders in 1745. Lord Strathalane, Master in 1696, and Lord John Drummond, brother of the Duke of Perth, who was initiated 18th March 1740 and was Master 1743-5, with other leading members of the lodge, were also prominent actors in the stirring events of 1715 and 1745. As to the minutes of the 28th January 1696, which are the first in order of time, and the business transacted, which "partook of the nature of a Masonic 'court' (as it was termed) and was certainly of a representative character," Bro. Gould tells us that "the meeting was called 'The Lodge of Meassones in Dunblane,' Lord Strathalane (second viscount) being entitled 'master meassone;' Alexander Drummond of Balhadie, warden, an 'eldest fellow of craft' was also appointed; and a 'deput' (deputy), a clerk, a treasurer, an officer, and a 'Pror. Fiscall.' These constituted the court, with other members also named. Each workman on his 'entry' was required to pay £6, and half that sum on his 'passing,' in addition to the ordinary dues. It was likewise agreed that no one present, or any one who had subsequently joined, should [illegible] by the Court to any person whatsoever member of the lodge, save the two rules passing, '*under the breach of breaking of t*. further notes, in connection with laws pa subsequent occasions, that "commissions 'Dunblane' to authorise the entry elsewl lodge, 'of gentlemen or other persons of reputation living at a distance from the that the holders thereof obtain the co-op members of this lodge as can be conven case of necessity, *to borrow from another* shall make a quorum.'" He further not the twenty-seventh day of 1720 years. Se Duthy, deacon; Wm. Wright, warden; eldest fellow of Craft . . . . Compea lespie, writer in Dunblane, who w the 24 instant, and after examination w from the *Square to the Compass*; and f Prentice to a Fellow of Craft of this Lodge, said, is bound, obliged, and enacted hims obey, and obtemper, and subject himself acts and ordinances of this Lodge and Cou tion is likewise drawn to an entry on the 1729, two apprentices, of whom one wa Dumblane, having applied, from the Lodge "to be 'entered' as apprentices in the L 'passed' as fellow-crafts," when "Jame instructed to examine them as to their q knowledge, and having reported to the lod a competent knowledge of the *secrets of* their petitions were duly attended to." W the words in italics, Bro. Gould remarks "T ceremony or ceremonies consisted of *secret* the records of two lodges—Dunblane an which are more explicit than those of Nos Lodge of Dunblane did not join the Gra 1760-61, therefore its proceedings are the because they were uninfluenced by modern

After briefly noticing "Torpichen Kilw Bathgate, No. 13, Bro. Gould passes on t winning," No. 24, and cites it as an exa lodge with a modern date, the lodge, "tho 1716," ranking only from 1736. Respect told that "the lodge, from 1716 to the end regularly observed the custom of holding a the apprentices and fellow crafts. In 1726 its property was made in the minute boo 'Ane Bible, the Constitutions of the L London, the Square, and a piece of small to the entry reads, 'Square, tow, and compass marks registered by its members are of an e racter, that of a captain of the King's Foo 'a V-shaped shield, bearing on each half a whole being surmounted by a cross of Amongst other varieties are a slater's hamm cutter's knife; whilst later on (1745), th out' by a wigmaker was 'a human head an ample beard.' At the opening ceremony engaged in prayer, and the brethren were s from undue partiality in the consideration c which, Lyon tells us, was called '*Fencing* was so observed at Peebles for very many ye

The next Lodge we come to is that of Ab but as Bro. Gould begins his sketch of it that "the eventful history" of this "deserves a volume to itself," and as his noti commensurate with its deservings, it will haps, that we should reserve our *résumé* paper.

(To be continued.)

The following Festivals were held at th Tavern during the week ending 1st March

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ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

IR AND BROTHER,—A very special engagement will prevent present at next Grand Lodge. This will not, however, ch to any one, not even to myself, as I should not have voted stion which will claim special attention on that occasion, ie election of Grand Treasurer. But as I took a humble, d part in that election last year, I desire, with your per- say a few words on "the situation" now presented to us e to this question. Let me say at the outset that for both llcroft and Marshall I have the greatest respect, as good d good men, with hearts and purses ever ready to help in ed; but I cannot shut my eyes to the fact that there are hren who have an equal claim to our regard, and in my inion a stronger claim to the appointment of Grand of England. A stronger claim than Brother Allcroft, has had his turn, and obtained his purple (and most will- to have laid down his office at the end of the year); than all, because many eminent Masons have been not only con- o the Charities for years (according to their ability) but rd in Masonry, not merely for six, but for sixteen, twenty- y-six years.

principle that was asserted and acted upon last year, of ew Grand Treasurer each year is so just, so reasonable, , that nothing can imperil its maintenance, except the , by blind partiality, violent party spirit, or plutocratic g. And here let me add, that in saying this I do not for llude to Brother Marshall, whose noble and munificent Masonic Charities were dealt out with the purest motives ve been bestowed without the remotest reference to any as the one now in question. For you will remember ment was not then within a measurable distance of any the worthy brother who held it, and who would, and ave held it still if Grand Lodge did not unmistakably rinciple of a *real*—not formal—annual election. Now, it to assert a good principle and another to apply it well. odge has only one opportunity in twelve months of ne Mason, and this in such a numerous and rapidly in- y as our own, it is clear that such a selection should be ld bear the strictest scrutiny—not only in reference to er and liberality, but also to Masonic service and length in the Order.

e is no doubt that there are dozens of excellent Masons ulfil *all* these conditions, and who would esteem it a high to be thus recognised after a long and honourable er before they passed away from amongst us. And even ore such men were proposed as Grand Treasurer and lection, surely this generous rivalry would be healthier peaceful, but pompous, policy which selfishly sanctifies id raises a single fortunate Mason to a dignity for life, ur children, or our children's children, about every entury, the very rare honour of conferring this single rit on some very distinguished and fortunate brother, petticoats, but may be living at that time!

has been asserted by some opponents of the new prin- here is in some dark corner a terrible conspiracy to pro- t some *paid* Officers of the Craft. I know not how it tered into the brain of any sane man to conclude that uld in this way set at nought one of the most obvious ery well constituted society under the sun, unless it be ition that when a man is driven to the wall for argu- knock his head against it, if only for the purpose of me new idea.

social status of a Grand Treasurer, the less said the delicate subject. But I may say, that in our country in all professions, we see men—and a glorious sight om the ranks to eminent positions. In the army the e corporal, of a few year since, are to be found at the ; a barber's son sat upon the woolsack; an arch- on of a village draper, and a vendor of newspapers has the Navy of England. If this principle of promotion ther societies of men, how much more in Masonry—ike the Great Architect, professes to be no "respecter The only rank it recognises is that represented by its e Officers: it holds with the old poet—

An honest man's the noblest work of God."

Money 's but the guinea stamp,
The man 's the man for a' that."

other point on which I would say a word. It is this—Grand Master at last Grand Lodge ruled that, under tutions (supposed to be confirmed two minutes before), that Grand Lodge were the time and place for the the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. This took on official members of Grand Lodge, by surprise, and r nominations being made, one of which would pro- aimed and received the unanimous suffrages of the o avoided this present crisis.

re, with all due respect to the Pro Grand Master, on the ground both of equity and law, to question the validity of this ruling.

1. Surely it is not equitable to consider the Craft bound by Constitutions which have never yet been printed, published, or promulgated amongst the Lodges, much less the Masons of England, and which are only very vaguely known to the few brethren who assembled at the Special Grand Lodges.

2. Had the Constitutions, as passed at these Grand Lodges, been confirmed *en bloc* at last Grand Lodge, they would have become, then and there (however unreasonable and unjust on the ground already named) Masonic Law; *but there were several changes made*, and therefore I humbly contend *that they are not yet the law of Masonry, and will not become so till confirmed, and that without alteration at next Grand Lodge*, for even on that day it is open to any Brother to move the non-confirmation of any portion of the Constitutions, and thus still further postpone their completion as a code binding upon the Order.

Before I conclude, permit me as an old Mason to convey a humble warning in regard to *future* elections to the office we are discussing. Let us not make the possession, or even the liberal expenditure of money for Masonic Charity, *the* qualification for the office of Grand Treasurer, even though the title is suggestive of gold, otherwise we may become more notorious than famous as worshippers of the Golden Image, as having joined that ancient Craft at Thyatira where "sellers of purple" plied their trade, or having allied ourselves to the silversmiths of Ephesus who, finding "the Craft in danger," sought to retain their gains and power by selfish "uproar." Let Masonry in this, as in other respects, be like Cæsar's wife, "without reproach."

We have many opportunities of "uniting in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness," but in matters of public duty let us not study to please ourselves or gratify our personal feelings, but rather endeavour to promote the welfare and maintain the dignity of our Order.

Believe me, yours fraternally,

R. J. SIMPSON,
P.M. and P.G. Chaplain.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—So the Delphic utterance has been reserved for the eve of the meeting of Grand Lodge, and it is, of course, expected that the knee must bow to Baal.

"I am Sir Oracle, and when I ope my mouth let no dog bark."

My reference is, of course, to the virulent diatribe—directed against all those who have the presumption to differ from the writer—which appears over the signature of a not unknown brother in the columns of your contemporary, of Saturday last. And what protest, may I ask, is sufficiently strong against the use of such language as that of the fourth paragraph of the letter under review? To whom does this master of innuendo—willing to wound, and yet afraid to strike—refer as the "five or six brethren, the prime movers in the proposed change?" It is all very well in one recognised as tolerably well skilled in the method "to prove the worse the better part" to shelter himself under cover of "I am informed," "if rumour tells the truth," &c., but why withhold the names? In making charges so serious as that of "putting up an honourable office to the highest bidder," "financing the present scheme," &c. something beyond hearsay, testimony is necessary; and on behalf of a large body of brethren as honest and as "representative" as that comprising the signatories in opposition to Brother Marshall, I challenge the author of these calumnies to produce his proofs.

As to Grand Lodge being "saddled with a new Grand Treasurer every year," why not equally object to annually appointed Wardens, Deacons, &c.? Here we have absurdity "saddled" on vituperation! But it is wearisome to pursue this mixture of abuse and assumption of purity through its length. Surely there will be found, on the 5th proximo, a sufficient number of intelligent brethren upon whom all this "wordy dust" will fall innocuously, who will have the manliness to resist this last attempt at "dictation" from one who has all the will though, let us hope, not the ability to "bestride this narrow world of ours like a Colossus."

It is because "*this is not a question of individuals*, but of *principle*," that those who have the interest of the Order at heart, and who are desirous that its honour should be legitimately extended as widely as possible, are supporting the "principle" of an election of a new Grand Treasurer yearly. Grand Lodge has already accepted the "principle." Is it prepared to stultify itself at the bidding of a certain number of brethren who think themselves, and those whom they favour with their approval, as the only qualified recipients of rank and office? I trow not. One word as to the question of "pledge." If such pledge as that referred to were given, any honourable man would regard it as a binding compact. If no pledge were given there is an end of it. It is not because "*I*" hold it to be wrong to exact such a pledge that to do so *is* wrong, but here again we have the old style, "*I am assured* no such pledge was given." In reply, I say, *it is known* such pledge was given.

If the members of Grand Lodge will only consider from a broad point of view the importance of the issue to be determined on Wednesday next, there ought not to be the slightest doubt as to the result.

"Timeo Danaos et dona ferentis." Had the warning contained in these words been attended to by those who should have guarded the Citadel, "Fuit Ilium" would never have been written. Let those who value their rights and privileges in Grand Lodge be careful to maintain them, and not risk their loss by too readily accepting what seems offered in specious guise as the advice of a friend, but which, if acted upon, will prove to be the agent of destruction.

Fraternally yours,

AMICUS CURIÆ.

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THE PHILADELPHIA MOTHER QUESTION ONCE MORE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The Philadelphia assumption was started by Bro. MacCalla in 1874, and the Dublin Pocket Companion of 1735 was unfortunately discovered by Bro. Hughan in 1875. I opposed the Philadelphia assumption from the very start, and I have repeatedly stated that the 1735 Dublin Pocket Companion was but one of the thousands of the Masonic blunders which are so plentifully diffused in our so-called "Masonic literature." Well, after a long fight of about nine years, I at last convince Bro. Hughan that Lodge No. 79 of 1730 or 1731 used to meet at the "Castle in Highgate." But, says Bro. H., another No. 79 was previously sent to Philadelphia, which Lodge must have appeared on a Lodge list, from which list the Dublin reprinter of the Pocket Companion of 1735 copied the No. 79 Philadelphia Lodge. And at the close, or nearly the close of his letter (F.C. 5th Jan.) Bro. Hughan says, "This is my last on the subject until more evidence is procurable." This winding up is tantamount to saying, "You must believe the moon is made of green cheese, until more evidence is procurable." But, my dear Bro. Hughan, however highly I think of you, I will not let you off so easily. I want you at least to confess, fairly and squarely, that neither the evidence furnished by the editor of the Philadelphia *Keystone*, nor the evidence derived from the Dublin Pocket Companion of 1735 is sufficient to prove the legality of the Philadelphia Masonry of 1732. When my most esteemed Bro. Hughan has frankly confessed as above, then he may wait as long as he pleases for his expected new evidence.

In the private letter enclosed with the paper mailed last Tuesday, I stated that the article was written in haste, and as I am anxious to convince my good Bro. Hughan that he is still in error, I must, therefore, beg sufficient space in your paper for submitting two more suggestions.

First. Bro. William Reid was appointed G. Sec. 27th December 1727, and remained in the office until 30th March 1734. Bro. Reid must, therefore, have written the Charter for the Castle in Highgate Lodge, No. 79. The same Bro. Reid must have sent orders in 1731 to all the Masters of Lodges to send him in lists of the names of the members of their respective Lodges, which lists he inscribed in the record I saw in Freemasons' Hall. The same Bro. Reid must have informed Dr. Rawlinson in 1733 that Lodge No. 79 was erased from the Register, and Dr. Rawlinson, therefore, left No. 79 on his list vacant. Now, if the same Bro. Reid had sent another Lodge charter, No. 79, to Philadelphia, just previous to the charter he wrote for the Castle in Highgate, No. 79, and if the Philadelphia No. 79 had already appeared on a Lodge list—say before 1733 (as Bro. Hughan assumes)—from which Lodge list the Dublin reprinter of Smith's Lodge list in 1735 copied "The Hoop, Water-street, Philadelphia," as a No. 79 Lodge; surely, such a Lodge list must have been known to Bro. Reid. And here comes the question. Why did not Bro. Reid tell Dr. Rawlinson in 1733 to follow the example of the (supposed) previous Lodge list compiler, and place the Philadelphia Lodge, No. 79, where the extinct "Castle in Highgate," No. 79, used to be?

And, Second. If the Philadelphia Lodge and Grand Lodge had been legally constituted in 1732, or before, either by a charter and deputation sent direct from England, or derived from Daniel Coxe's Deputation of 1730. Does Bro. Hughan really believe, if such had been the case, that Benjamin Franklin would have contented himself with playing second fiddle to Price in 1734, and to Oxnard in 1749?

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, 25th Janury 1884.

HISTORICAL CHAIRS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Will you kindly enable me to ask, through the columns of your journal, for descriptive particulars, with engravings, drawings, or photographs of celebrated chairs in family residences of the nobility and gentry; with information also of notable chairs in cathedrals, churches, colleges, town halls, in Freemasons' Lodges, and public institutions at home and abroad. I am preparing an illustrated account of historical chairs from available literary sources, but knowing that there are many interesting ones which have escaped my search, as well as some others in private possession but little known, and wishing to make the proposed work as copious as possible, I thus beg your esteemed assistance on that behalf, with my best thanks for such valuable favour.

Letters to be addressed to

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34 East-street, Red Lion-square, London, W.C.

[We readily insert our correspondent's letter, in the hope that some of our readers may find leisure to supply particulars that may assist Bro. Strutt in the undertaking he has embarked in.—ED. F.C.]

DEACONS INVENTED IN IRELAND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I do not refer to Church Deacons, nor to the Deacons of the Scotch Operative Lodges, but I mean the officers known in our Lodges as "Senior and Junior Deacons." Some years ago, I was surprised to learn from one of Dr. Oliver's books that the office of Deacon in Lodges was not an ancient landmark and also

Moderns subsequently borrowed the custom. A
opportunity, I examined all the Constitutions of
last century, and found no provision made
for the office of Deacon. Bro. Woodford, in
pœdia" says, "The Grand Lodge of England ha
the Union in 1813, and the Grand Lodge of Sc
Deacons till 1836," and I thought that for once at
right in ascribing the origin of Deacons to the *A*
however, inclined to believe that the Grand Lod
nated the office of Deacon. The Irish Constitutio
mention of Deacons, but in the fourth section of
Freemason," in the 1778 Irish Constitutions,
Spencer in 1871, page 31, I found the following
Anderson's 1723 "Charges," viz., "No broth
Warden, or Deacon of a Lodge," &c. Hence, the fi
must have been an *Irishman*, and as Dermott wa
we can readily account for the adoption of Deacon

Fraternally yo

ROYAL ARCH.

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WINDSOR CASTLE CHAPTER,

A REGULAR convocation of this Chapter was
Hall, Windsor, on Thursday, the 21st Fe
G. H. Powell P.P.G.N., in the absence of Ex.
P.P.G.D.C. (Mayor of Maidenhead) presided a
supported by Ex. Comps. R. G. Burton P.P.G. S
Bryett P.G. Standard Bearer J., R. Roberts P.P.
Cantrell P.P.S.B. P.Z. acting Scribe E., G. W.
acting Scribe N., James Stevens P.Z., H. H. Hod
and Companions J. Ashby P.S., R. Nicholson 1
Seymour 2nd Asst. S., A. H. Kennedy Steward,
Rutland Org. There were also present Companio
Oliver, W. H. Harrison, A. Turner, T. Page, H. J.
dard, H. D. Marshall, and others. The Visito
Companions N. B. Headon M.E.Z. 145, and L. P
and C. Nowell P.P.G.J. Janitor. The Chapter ha
by Principals and Past Principals present, the Co
chairs were admitted, and the minutes of the pr
were confirmed. Bros. R. W. Mann, of the Hersch
F. W. Plant Martin of the Trinity College Lod
attendance, were balloted for, and on approval du
Supreme Degree in most efficient style; the
accompanied with appropriate music. The ad
chairs of Z., H., and J. respectively, were admira
several occupants. Propositions of candidates for
convocation were received. Companion James Ste
offered to represent the Chapter as Steward at the
of the Girls' School, and in the course of the eve
support by several Companions. Chapter was
solemn prayer, and subsequently the Companions
the Castle Hotel. Companion Powell being unfort
by the state of his health from presiding, Compa
ably supplied his place at table. After dinner short
mony prevailed. Amongst the special toasts were t
(in his absence) and his locum tenens in Chapter,
Companion Roberts returned thanks; the Ex
the newly-exalted Companions R. W. Mann a
spoke with much earnestness, and an evident
fication with their introduction into Royal Ar
the Visiting Companions, for whom Companion H
expressing the great pleasure his visit had afforded
had been frequently invited, but hitherto circumsta
his attendance. The good repute of the Chapter, a
splendour of the Temple, wherein its ceremonies we
often reached him, and at last he had been able
that neither had been exaggerated. Having br
Companions might be assured he would now plunge
depths before him, and undoubtedly accept all fu
for witnessing a repetition of the admirable expo
tiful ritual of the Royal Arch he had that evening
attend. Companion Headon's kindly remarks we
much satisfaction. With the toast of the Past Fi
name of Companion James Stevens (senior P.Z.)
expressions of hearty congratulation on his reco
severe accident. Special reference was made to e
nions who had occupied the chair of M.E.Z., and
who had so materially assisted in the resuscitatio
1872, and its progress since that date. Companion
ing thanks for his colleagues and himself, congratu
generally on the proud position of the Chapter, w
much due to the individual interest evinced by
labours of himself and other P.Z.'s in the past. H
sent prosperity would continue, and that for m
might be spared to witness its progress. No bett
able recognition of Past Principals could be giver
other Chapter than an earnest desire "all round
principles of the Order, and make the work of the
tory in every respect. A pleasant evening havi
thorough harmony, the Companions separated at
hour, as it struck from the Old Curfew Tower of th

CARNARVON CHAPTER, No.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter was hel

d Pine. Visitors—Companions P. J. Turney, J. Willmott, P. Arnold, C. Travess, G. R. Strick, and others. The very ceremony of installation of the three Principals, Compa- t, Elvertan, and Street, was performed by Companion ter which the following were appointed Officers for the ar:—Companions Askew P.S., Arlidge S.E., J. W. Hillman Price N., P. H. Emanuel 1st Asst. S., Hill 2nd Asst. S., Blackmore Janitor. Several rbethren were proposed for and after the Chapter was closed the Companions ad- a banquet at the Dolphin Hotel.

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ire Chapter of Improvement.—The usual weekly f this Chapter of Improvement was held at the Stirling urch-street, Camberwell, on Friday evening, 22nd Feb. p T. Poore as Preceptor, J. S. Terry Z., G. Allen H., B. ., J. W. Watts P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was n a most impressive manner and reflected great credit on tor as well as the Companions for the care each had taken the whole effective. There was a good attendance of s, and Comp. Neville of the Macdonald Chapter, No. 1216, d a member. It is pleasing to add that this Chapter is owing in members and importance, proving how much it ted for the facilities it gives to all R.A. Masons in the ondon to perfect themselves in the ritual, to take office in ne degree, and they are cordially invited to attend its which are held every Friday evening, at half past 7, eremony of exaltation is always rehearsed. In addition sed by the Preceptor shortly to work some of the sections gree, which, since the days of Dr. Ladd and Comp. Boyd, heard, and cannot fail to be of great interest, even to nced Royal Arch Masons. If any of the Companions knowledge are willing to assist Comp. Poore in the work, confer a favour by communicating with the Scribe E., S. Terry, 22 Bramah Road, Brixton. The Chapter was lne and ancient form, and adjourned to Friday evening ary.

MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

nal Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution ed Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held on st, at the Freemasons' Tavern. In consequence of the rother J. Derby Allcroft, Grand Treasurer, who it had been ould be the President of the evening, the chair was taken r John B. Monckton P.G.D., President of the Board of poses. Amongst those who attended we may mention Devonshire G.J.D., Colonel Shadwell Clerke G. Secretary, G.S.B., Edgar Bowyer G. Standard Bearer, H. G. Buss Grand Secretary, W. Stephens Assistant G. Pursuivant, .G.D. D.P.G.M. Somerset, Sir C. T. Bright P.D.P.G.M. Horace Brooks Marshall, Lt.-Col. Haldane P.D.D.G.M. d P.P.G.W. Somerset, H. R. Cooper Smith, M.A., Past . Oxon, W. Clarke P.G.P., R. Percy Middlemist, Dr. H . Letchworth, Rymer, J. R. Boor, W. Harrop, Hugh E. J. Emmerson, R. V. Vassar-Smith, G. P. Brockbank, C. P. Cama, Lionel Monckton, G. Kenning, Thos. Cubitt inckes Secretary R.M.I. Boys, F. R. W. Hedges Secretary

tution was founded at a Quarterly Communication of the e of England, held on the 2nd March 1842 (during the rship of his late Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex). m of £400 a year was voted towards its object—the nnuities to aged or distressed Freemasons. The first place in May of the following year, when fifteen breth- sen to receive annuities, varying, according to age, from pounds annually. The Institution enlarged its sphere s by establishing, in 1849, a Fund for the Widows of In the same year it effected amalgamation with the Aged Freemasons at Croydon, and by this means afforded hirty-three inmates. Since the formation of the Insti- ethren and 351 Widows of Freemasons have been elected At the last election 165 brethren were in receipt of) Widows, £5,440; and 22 Widows — at half their band's annuities—£440, or, in round numbers, brethren ws of brethren derived £12,600 for the year from the and exertions of the Craft. At the next election there nale candidates, from which list 14 vacancies are to be l 82 female candidates with 18 vacancies.

aced these few facts before our readers, we will now pro- r report of the proceedings after the banquet, which we as served in a very creditable manner by Messrs. Spiers imited), under the superintendence of Bro. Edward

to propose the toast of Her Most Gracious Majesty the ohn Monckton said, Loyalty and charity were the watch- nglish Freemasons; they were met to give effect to the onveyed by these simple but eloquent words.

National Anthem, the Chairman called on the brethren ression to their loyalty to the head—the Royal chief of one who had done more for English Freemasonry in its est sense than any living man. He called on them to ealth of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Institution; Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, Members of the Royal Family."

ng the health of the Most Wor. Pro Grand Master the ne Earl of Carnarvon, Sir John said he could not forget, y fail to remember, the services rendered by that most Lodge could fail to bear in mind the manner in which the proceedings of Grand Lodge were conducted by the Pro Grand Master.

In speaking of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past, the Chairman remarked of those who had been placed over them by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, no one was more esteemed and appreciated than Lord Lathom. A more courteous, a more popular, a more true exponent of all belonging to Freemasonry was not to be found in this country. For the other Grand Officers, among whom he personally had for many years been enrolled, he must not say much, but he was sure that those present would accord a cordial reception to the toast.

Bro. Devonshire, Grand Deacon, was sorry that on that occasion there was not some senior Grand Officer present who could respond for the toast; he was told it was his duty to do it, and he had very great pleasure in complying. He was very sure that all the Grand Officers, past as well as present, were delighted to see or hear of such a gathering as this. It was part of the greatness of their Order to see the outcome of other folks' work reproduced at such meetings as the present. It was not only among themselves that these things did good, but such gatherings as these proved something very important to the outer world. These were facts desirable to be known by those who were not Masons, and showed the work of Freemasonry was a good thing. On the part of the Present and Past Grand Officers he begged leave to thank the company most heartily for the way in which they had received the toast.

The Chairman on again rising said: Brethren, before I approach that which the toastmaster has told you, and told you truly, is the toast of the evening, the main object of our coming together, I will disburden my mind of that which has been upon it for the last four and twenty hours. I had desired, like yourselves, to be present at the Chairmanship of one who has looked forward to it with great hopefulness. I do not know any one who would have filled the position with greater geniality. Bro. Allcroft is now upon a bed, not of sickness I am glad to say, but of physical inability. However, I may state that until the very last moment came he so clung to the possibility of being present that it was not until within the last four and twenty hours he began to think of a substitute. I, brethren, am that very unworthy substitute, and in Bro. Allcroft's name, as well as in my own, I ask you to give a cordial reception to the toast now before you—Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. I do not know that either of the other Institutions can appear more interesting than this; can appeal to our feelings more thoroughly than that which we affectionately call the Poor Old Folks'. It is the youngest of the Institutions, but it is one which requires as much loving care as either. Bro. Terry has placed in my hands a number of figures and details which I do not propose to read to you in full. It is sufficient to say that for forty-two years now the Old Men's Institution has existed, and some six or eight years later that for the widows of Freemasons, the Old Ladies, was started to run concurrently with it. I need not say that there are a very large number who cannot possibly receive the benefits of such an Institution as this, but it is a peculiar coincidence—or rather it is a matter of interest—that those who have received the benefits, added to the number to be elected at the next election, will amount to the exact number of one thousand. That is to say, those Freemasons who have been unfortunate, and the widows of those who are dead, to that number, have been made easy and happy for the rest of their lives from the moment when £40 a-year in the one case, and £32 a year in the other, was voted to them. There used to be many—when I was a young Freemason, now thirty years ago—who said what is the use of Freemasonry? I say that the facts and figures I have just referred to supply an answer. If people who have been well-to-do have set in motion for them an Institution which keeps these people happy and comfortable for the rest of their lives, that is sufficient justification for Freemasonry, if nothing else is offered. None of us who to-night are inclined to support the claims of the old ignore in so doing the claims of the young; but with the young everything is elastic and hopeful, while with the old who are unfortunate there is nothing but penury to look forward to unless the benevolent step forward with aid. I hope in a few moments Bro. Terry, the indefatigable Secretary, will be able to announce such a list of benefactions as will offer an ample response to this toast. I do not propose to take up your time further here, you will be better and happier elsewhere if you go from this room feeling that you have done your duty here. I ask you to drink to the toast, coupling with it the name of Bro. Terry.

The several Provincial Lists were then called over by Bro. Terry, who reported the amount received from this source, as the result of the exertions of 140 Stewards, reached £6097 18s; while London, represented by 159 Stewards, contributed £8245 11s 6d; making a grand total of £14,343 9s 6d, and still leaving 15 lists to be reported on later on. In the course of his remarks Bro. Terry stated that the V.W. Bro. the Grand Treasurer, having no Province at his back, and his own Lodge having sent up Bro. G. Kenning as its Steward, with £126, had desired him to say that as the amount given by previous chairmen presiding over these Festivals had been 100 guineas, he also gave that amount; he wished it to be mentioned that as he was unable to be present, and as he has not had the gout for four years, he had fined himself another 100 guineas for being absent. The donation of Bro. Allcroft, will therefore be 200 guineas. Bro. Terry concluded by stating that this was the highest total he had ever had the honour to announce at any of the Festivals.

Col. Shadwell H. Clerke rose to offer the next toast; it was his privilege to be permitted to propose one which he might say was second only in importance to that which had just been so well received. When he stated he was about to propose the health of the Chairman of the meeting he was sure all would most thoroughly and cordially agree with him. The brethren would sympathise with Bro. Allcroft in his illness. Personally he (Bro. Clerke) knew how ardently he had looked forward to being present on this occasion, and

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the brethren would agree that, in his unavoidable absence, he had done the very best thing he could possibly do. Yesterday he looked about to see how he could provide for the vacancy, and turned his eyes to our Chairman of to-night. Bro. Monckton, at a few hours' notice, undertook to take the chair. See how well he has fulfilled that office. Brethren, you have in the chair on this evening an old and highly-distinguished Mason. The name of Sir John Monckton is equally known and honoured in the city of London and in Masonry. He is not only a Past Grand Officer of the Craft, but he has held for some time the highly responsible office of President of the Board of General Purposes, an office in which he is engaged in carrying on the business of the Craft, and to him the Craft are under deep obligations. Sir John Monckton has performed the duties of the office with energy, ability, and zeal, and therefore be called on all to join with very great cordiality in thanking Sir John for coming forward to take the chair at the eleventh hour, and to wish him very many years of prosperity in the future.

Sir John Monckton in response said he felt at this moment like the worst half of the Siamese twins. The genuine chairman of the evening was at home in bed, but to him is due the success of the evening; it had been his privilege to fill the chair, and he should carry to his dying day the deep impression made by the announcement of the grand result of their exertions. He rejoiced that he had had the great Masonic privilege and pleasure of being in the chair. What had been done was enough to make any man, any Mason proud, especially so the one who had presided over the Festival.

Lieut.-Colonel Haldane, Past Deputy District Grand Master Malta, proposed Success to the other Masonic Institutions, and Bro. Hedges responded. Dr. Strong had now the honour to propose the next toast, which was the Board of Stewards. The Stewards numbered 299, and by their exertions they had produced an amount of donations considerably over £14,000; they had it on the word of their Secretary that no such amount had before been reached. It was to the energy of the Stewards that that was owing. It was a peculiarity of the Masonic Charities that the whole of the amounts collected by the Stewards went into the coffers of the Charities. That was a significant fact, because they were aware that in other Charities a large sum was deducted in connection with the Festivals. That was not so with the Masonic Institutions. They had to thank the Stewards very much for all they had done that night, and he had to associate with the toast the name of Bro. Horace B. Marshall, who he believed was not a very old Mason, but he, by the amount of his contributions, had made himself a prince of benefactors. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, in response said: Worshipful Bro. President,—Permit me to express my deep sense of the generous magnanimity of the Board of Stewards in selecting so humble a Mason as myself to be their representative on this occasion. It is comparatively easy for some of us, when we have undertaken the duties of the office of Steward to s by handing a cheque to the Secretary; but the great majority of the Masonic Stewa obligations, for as soon as they accept the friends, they solicit the brethren, they visit Chapters, with the one object in view of obt Institution in which they are interested, and if Masonic Stewards' lists you will find, apart sonal contribution, very few sums of 100, 50, or items on the list consist of 10 guineas, 5 guineas 1 guinea, half-a-guinea, 5 shillings, and the no crown; which makes up the satisfactory tot Bro. Secretary this evening. But the duties o do not end here. As a manager of some of the M it has been my painful duty again and again t enormous cost of a Charity dinner, bearing i custom outside of Masonry to defray the cost out of the funds which should be applied to Charity. But what a different state of thing enter the regions of Masonic light. Here is a deed, for the guests become the hosts, and the ficent banquet of which we have partaken t discharged by the Stewards, besides having tertaining the ladies in yonder hall. Th so proudly wear, commemorates our labo paid for, as it should be, by ourselves. After h incidental expenses in order that every shilli intact to the Institution, we endeavour to car enunciated in the Book of the Law by providing subscriptions a feast for some of our aged residing at our Asylum at Croydon, whose c powerfully advocated to-night. It is not for m to extol the merits of my colleagues, my d acknowledge the courteous and laudatory way been pleased to associate my humble name Stewards, and on their behalf, who have done own behalf, who have done so little, I thank yo your gracious congratulations on the result of ou funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutio

The brethren shortly afterwards joined the concert was provided. The musical arrangem were conducted by Bro. Edwin M. Lott P.P. P.P.G.O. Surrey P.M. 245, 1765, 1929, who was Adeline Paget, Miss Kate Fusselle, Madame Madame Raymond, and Miss Pauline Feathe Thompson, William E. Glazier, J. Kift, and T. T Haybo was the toastmaster.

We append the List of Stewards, with the amounts collected by each :—

LONDON.

		£	s	d
Br. John Derby Allcroft (Chairman)		210	0	0
	Edgar Bowyer	73	0	0
	W Clarke	10	10	0
	D P Cama	57	15	0
	Thomas Cubitt	68	5	0
	G P Festa	10	10	0
	W Klingenstein	10	10	0
	Edward Letchworth	10	10	0
	C F Matier	21	0	0
	Carter Millbourn	31	10	0
	H B Marshall (C.C.)	105	0	0
	W March			
	Jas H Matthews	73	10	0
	W Stephens	10	10	0
	John Stanley	10	10	0
	W E Stewart	10	10	0
	James Terry	145	16	0
	Harry Tipper	26	5	0
	E C Woodward	10	10	0
	Rev A F A Woodford	21	0	0
	W J Crutch	35	10	0
	Col. James Peters	10	10	0
	Abner Torkington			
Brixton Lodge of In. B.F.	S. Richardson	63	0	0
G.S. Lo.	John A Rucker	21	0	0
1	Fred B Brown			
2	Sharon Grote Turner	62	15	0
3	Charles Challen	32	11	0
Chapter 3 Comp.	John Webb			
Lodge 4 Br.	J A Hughes	18	18	0
5	John Hallett	41	9	6
7	P F Sutton			
8	Joseph Russell	30	7	0
10	Rev. Samuel Maude	21	0	0
12	Dudley Rolls	47	5	0
14	Geo S Walmsley	17	17	0
15	W Hirst	35	13	6
18	Clifford Probyn	50	17	0
20	V Brown	63	5	0
21	R C Grant	27	16	6
22	E F Storr	46	4	0
Lodge 23	Gabriel S Brandon	58	9	0
25	Courtenay Wynne	57	4	6
26	E Beaumont	10	10	0
27	Charles Cuthbertson	90	16	6
29	John A Wilson	23	2	0
30	Alfred Lefeaux	41	14	6
33	Daniel Campbell	57	15	0
49	Alfred Williams	77	14	0
55	James Johnston jun.	63	0	0
58	W J Crump	89	5	0
60	Frederick Binckes	48	6	0
73	R Willoughby	63	0	0
87	W R Davis	58	7	0
96	W J Treacher	52	10	0
140	A H Tattershall	11	11	0
142	Sidney W Yockney	11	11	0
144	Richard Barham	37	5	6
147	John James Pitt	36	1	6
172	R D Hilton	18	15	0
Chapter 173 Comp.	James Blyth	117	1	6
Lodge 174	A H Brown	80	11	6
179	W Dickeson	40	8	6
181	E W Stanton	32	0	6
185	A E Staley	31	10	0
186	R Allison	55	2	6
192	J S Chillingworth			
193	Walter Wood	57	15	0
197 & 1150	Sir J B Monckton	42	0	0
201	William Yardley	50	0	0
205	C F Hogard	52	10	0
228	H W Alford	80	0	0
256	John A Farnfield	25	4	0
259	Sir Charles T Bright	45	3	0
263	F W Englebach	43	1	0
435	W H Hooper	25	4	0
511	R Blum	32	12	6
534	S Nowakowski	28	5	0
554	J J Berry	66	7	6
569	C W J Baker	110	0	0
Chapter 569 Comp.	F J Stohwasser	31	10	0
Lodge 749 Br.	John Painter	28	2	6
Chapter 749 Comp.	John Goodwin			
Lodge 754 Br.	George Rowe			
766	William J Colle			
781	Thomas B Danie			
813	T J Cusworth			
822	Ernest Trower			
860	J H Pavitt			
862	James Irvine			
871	William A R Ha			
898	George Graveley			
902	William Williams			
907	H T Gordon			
975	Moreton Graham			
1158	William Hollowa			
1178	J W Walker			
1196	J Tickle			
1201	A E Taylor			
1260	O L Latreille			
1278	R J Chitson			
1287	Thomas Owen			
1288	J F O C Wood			
Chapter 1297 Comp.	Robert H Crow			
Lodge 1297 Br.	Thomas Perrin			
1348	James Warren			
1366	W B Trick			
1382	George Lunn			
1393	Col. Hon. W Le Poer			
1425	W H Chalfont			
1446	S C H D Potter			
1471	Henry Cox			
1475	F Hilton			
1489	William Gray			
1491	Philip H Waterlow			
1506	John J Hamilton			
Chapter 1507 Comp.	T C Edmonds			
Lodge 1540	Henry Faija			
1589	Robert H Clemow			
1601	W G Lemon			
1604	Frederick J Wray			
1607	Frederick Carr			
1612	George Coop			
1614	Charles Kedgley			
1615	Lt.-Col. G H J Hal			
1623 & 1745	H J Lardner			
1632	Henry Baldwin			

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		£	s	d
	George Kenning	126	0	0
	A R Cranch			
	H Warden	108	3	0
	Asher Barfield	31	10	0
	Frederick Green	14	3	6
	P Forge	92	7	0
	John H Usmar	40	0	0
	Hugh E Diamond	57	9	6
	Richard Clowes	10	10	0
	H H Wells	54	6	6
	Thomas L Kennett	80	0	0
	Joseph Manwaring	55	13	0
	Thomas W C Bush	106	11	6
	Rev. H R C Smith, M.A.	111	6	0
	Kauffmann	188	15	0
	Joseph B Wall	76	7	6
	W Barker	29	11	6
	W Mayes	29	8	0
	Whittaker	25	3	0
	Robert Logan	81	7	6
	Alfred John Cox	26	5	0
	Major E T R Wilde	24	3	0
	George Harrison	57	18	6
	Ernest Pocock, M.D.	21	0	0
	J Taylor	31	10	0
	Hastings Miller	81	1	0
	James E Terry	36	15	0
	L Walters	26	5	0
	Julius Quitmann			
	John Hammond			
	J Green	95	0	6
	Alderman J Staples	35	14	0

PROVINCES.

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RKS AND BUCKS.

	Volckman	47	5	0
	Wheeler jun.	69	6	0
	o Goddard	33	11	0
	hard Puttick	31	15	0
	Arrowsmith	25	3	0
	bt Nicholson			
	H Kennedy	15	15	0

BRISTOL.

	r Wm Purnell	293	11	0

CHESHIRE.

	Clayton	15	15	0
	n Booth	52	10	0
	Finch			
	n B Deakin			
	Marquis	10	10	0
	s Kirkham	36	15	0

CORNWALL.

	, per Controller Bake	47	5	0

DEVONSHIRE.

	J Pepprell	27	6	0

DORSETSHIRE.

Douglas Dugdale

DURHAM.

	s S Lane	10	10	0
	Wilson	111	6	0

ESSEX.

	Lewin	16	5	6
	d Poppleton	35	16	0
	ed J Dixie	42	0	0
	ard Clowes	73	11	0
	Brighten	38	8	6
	White	98	16	0
	Ansten	63	0	0
	E Dehane	31	10	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Lodge		£	s	d
246	Geo Norman	21	0	0
493	A V Hatton	36	15	0
493	J A Mathews	10	10	0
839	R V Vassar-Smith	12	12	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

	A J Miller	36	15	0
	Jno Mason	86	10	0
76	Thos Stopher	25	0	0
309	Edwd Goldsmith	21	0	0
342	Geo P Arnold	49	5	0
723	Hy Lehmann	15	15	0
1903	R H Rastrick	89	5	0
1958	Hy M Green	27	7	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

403	Lieut. R B Croft, R.N.	68	2	0
404	Charles E Keyser	52	9	0
449	G Mickley, M.A. M.B.	63	0	0
1327	J Robinson	56	4	6
Chapter 1385	Comp. J Parrott	20	3	0
Lodge 1479	Br. C W Reynolds	17	3	6
1757	G Young	31	4	6
1984	John L Mather	54	0	0

KENT.

20	V Brown	63	5	0
127	John G Henning	50	5	0
558	A H Holbeins	77	12	0
1206	R J Emmerson	26	5	0
1915	R Boughton-Smith	54	1	0

EAST LANCASHIRE.

	John Chadwick	5	5	0
37	G P Brockbank	10	10	0
44	J W Woodall	325	10	0
146	J F Skelton	10	10	0
215	Samuel Porritt	16	5	6
268	Walter Newton	26	5	0
283	Geo T Hardman	22	0	0
317	James Wilson	52	10	0
	J W Edwards			
	W J Cunliffe			
645	J H Sillitoe	11	11	0
934	J Haslam	32	10	0
935	L J Griffiths	10	10	0
1052	R Walker	1	1	0
1387	Robert Davies	15	15	0
1519	Edmund Heywood	10	10	0
1529	James Gilderd	10	10	0
1723	John Barrett	10	10	0
	E G Harwood	10	10	0
	James Heywood	10	10	0
	Robert Latham	10	10	0
	Miles Settle	10	10	0
	Matthew Fielding	10	10	0
1773	W Hardcastle	15	15	0
1993	D Edwards	0	5	0

WEST LANCASHIRE.

86	Reginald Young	52	10	0
613	John Hatch	21	0	0
823	John Houlding	26	5	0
	W Brassey	10	10	0
1250	D W Finney	25	15	0
1380 and 1502	H A Tobias	52	10	0
1505	Robert Foote	10	10	0
	Peter Thomas	10	10	0
1675	Thomas Evans	21	0	0

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

	Province, per S S Partridge	350	0	0

MIDDLESEX.

1293	J D E Farr	50	18	6
1310	W Angus	12	1	0
1326	M Mildred	22	5	0
1567	R T Fennell	63	0	0
1579	Captain Henry Stephens	31	15	0
1656	A Jobbins	13	7	6
1897	T J Bird	20	4	0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Lodge		£	s	d
1435	Andrew Lawson	142	14	6
1794	Isaac Davis			

OXFORDSHIRE.

340	James A Acock	13	10	0
357	H O Wakeman	31	10	0
478	R C Lever	23	1	0
599	John Potts	11	11	0
1895	W H Harrison	10	10	0

SOUTH WALES (E. DIVISION).

960	J R Harris			

SOMERSETSHIRE.

	The Province, per R C Else	505	5	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

	The Province, per Thomas Taylor	152	5	0

SUFFOLK.

	The Province, per Jas. M Harvey	190	11	6
81	E G Cobbold	10	10	0

SURREY.

Chapter 370	Comp. James R Boor	32	18	0
Lodge 1556	Br. Henry G Thompson, M.D.	87	16	0
1638	Abel Laurence	42	15	0
1851	George J Dunkley	24	15	0
Chapter 1851	Comp. H H Room	37	4	6
Lodge 1861	Br. J M Collins			
1929	T T Phillips	25	14	6
1982	H E Frances	43	1	0

SUSSEX.

1686	Edward Broadbridge	63	0	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

43	S Sinauer	15	15	0
74	J H Allwood	68	5	0
	Joseph C Gell			
	George E Mewis			
	John Rawlings			
	James Moffatt			
	Thomas Surman			
	William Henry Wood			
938	W B Marshall			

WILTSHIRE.

	The Province, per E Eyres	157	8	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

	A F Godson D.P.G.M.	31	10	0
280	H E Rowe	10	10	0
377	J W Consterdine-Chadwick	52	10	0
377	J E Stone	15	15	0
1204	H Wilson			

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

1010	Hy Forder	31	11	0
1337	Christopher Palliser	18	7	0

WEST YORKSHIRE.

290	Wm Harrop	115	10	0
296	Harold Thomas	10	10	0
603	Zetland Lodge	5	5	0
1211	Jno Wm Fourness	10	10	0
1736	Richard Oates	10	10	0
	Members of Province, &c.	200	0	0

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

84	Fredk Clarke	113	8	0
168	T. Pengelley	105	0	0

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	Ham. de Tatham, M.D.	10	10	0

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	Votes
Vowles, Lilian Mary	588
White, Alice	483
Bale, William J. T.	203
Moulds, George Alfred	129

Resolved:—"That in consequence of the satisfactory condition of the Funds, the two Unsuccessful Candidates be, and hereby are, also duly elected."

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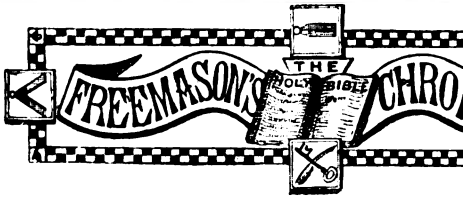
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THE following is the business to be trans Lodge on Wednesday, 5th March 188

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communicatio ember 1883 will be read and put for confirmation.
2. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.
3. Election of a Grand Treasurer.
4. The M.W. Grand Master will move:—

"That the sum of fifty guineas be granted the late James Cross, and a similar sum of fi family of the late Thomas Cattermole, two o 'Albert Edward' lifeboat at Clacton on Sea presented to the National Lifeboat Instit

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their own in the discharge of their duty on the night of
d January last, whilst in their boat endeavouring to rescue
crew of a vessel in distress, leaving their families, consist-
respectively of a widow and six children and a widow and
se children, entirely destitute."

rt of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in
recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

of the Enfield Lodge, No. 1237, Enfield -	£50	0	0
of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester -	50	0	0
of the Percy Lodge, No. 198, London - -	150	0	0
w of a Brother of the Frederick Lodge of No. 452, Croydon - - - - - - -	75	0	0
of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, London -	50	0	0
r of a Brother of the Lodge of Perseverance, Blackburn - - - - - - -	50	0	0

'ORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

he United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

rd of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the
lge Accounts, at the last Meeting of the Finance Com-
ld on Friday, the 15th day of February inst., shewing a
the Bank of England of £5,458 13s 10d; and in the hands
and Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants'
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(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

ONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
th February 1884.

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B.—The papers relating to this appeal 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.

ICE OF MOTION :—

. Brother Lieut.-Col. JOHN CREATON Past G. Treasurer:
That the sum of £70 be voted from the Fund of General Purposes; and that the same 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 with coals during the winter season."

Lodges for which Warrants have been granted
W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Com-
of Grand Lodge :—

The Royal Albert Lodge, Eskbank, Sydney, New South Wales.
The Raymond Thrupp Lodge, Hampton Court, Middlesex.
The Lodge of St. George, Stonehouse, Devon.
The Rylstone Prince of Wales Lodge, Rylstone, New South Wales.
The Orient Lodge, Newtown, Sydney, New South Wales.
The Granite Lodge, Narborough, Leicestershire.
The Lodge of King Solomon, Golden Square.
The Abbey Lodge, Westminster.
The Carnatic Lodge, Madras.
The Richmond Lodge, Richmond, Surrey.
The University of London Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
The Masefield Lodge, Balsall Heath, Worcestershire.
The Beaumont Lodge, Kirkburton, Yorks.

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l be issued early in March, when it may be
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PILLS.—When inclement weather checks to a considerable
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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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KENT LODGE, No. 15.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on the 13th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. Hirst W.M., Stenson S.W., Legge J.W., Sleeman Treasurer, Dukes P.M. Secretary, Worley S.D., James J.D., Cammell I.G., Pritchard M.C., Saunders Org., Wells P.M. W.S., Posener I.P.M.; P.M.'s Martin, Ginman and Ball. Visitors—Cordua 1996, Jervis P.M. 1424 P.G.S.B. Kent, Ward P.M. 501, Genese 188, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Messrs. Downs and Mortimer were balloted for and accepted. The election for W.M. next took place, and Bro. Stenson S.W. was unanimously chosen. Bro. Sleeman P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. The W.M. said, he was sure, under Bro. Stenson's guidance, they would have a successful year. The W.M. elect suitably replied. The Audit Committee was appointed. The W.M. announced that he had undertaken a Stewardship for the anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and urged the brethren to support him liberally. A gold Past Master's jewel is to be presented to the W.M. on his retiring from the chair. Hearty good wishes were given, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a very excellent dinner and dessert was supplied by Bros. Gordon and Hamp.

UNIVERSAL LODGE, No. 181.

THE first meeting since the installation of Bro. W. R. Norris as the Worshipful Master of this popular Lodge was held on Thursday, the 21st ultimo, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. There was very little business set down on the agenda paper, and the unavoidable absence of the candidate for initiation rendered the work still lighter. However, several matters were brought under consideration, and the services of two brethren were placed at the disposal of the respective Secretaries of the Scholastic Institutions, and doubtless both will render a good account of their Stewardship at the May and June Festivals. A capital banquet was supplied, and at its conclusion Bro. Norris, who makes an excellent President, introduced the usual toasts. In speaking of the M.W. the Grand Master the W.M. said that wherever there is a good, noble, or charitable work to be done, foremost in the throng is to be found His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. It was only on the Monday preceding we find him serving on the Commission to inquire into the condition of the Housing Accommodation of the Poorer Classes. He not only lends his name, but he is to be found investigating for himself. This is evidenced by the newspaper reports of the day, which tell us how he, accompanied by two gentlemen, visited some of the most desolate districts of the metropolis. He is thoroughly hearted in all he undertakes, and though he has many duties to perform, he keeps himself well posted up in the doings of our noble Institution. Bro. Norris then called on the brethren to do honour to the toast, and concluded his remarks by saying that as a Prince the Grand Master commanded our admiration, as a man he had won our respect, and as a Mason he deserved our allegiance, which is ever readily accorded. In speaking of the Masonic Charities Brother Norris said that the amounts subscribed were not commensurate with what might be expected from our numerical strength. Out of the 2000 Lodges it has been said that not more than 400 contributed last year; he expressed a wish that the contributions of the Universal Lodge might be at least doubled. The Charities were worthy the support of the Craft, and he trusted the contributions of the brethren to the Charity Box would be of a liberal character. After a song by Bro. Dunkley, the Charity Box was passed round, and £3 17s 6d collected. In the absence, through illness, of the I.P.M. Bro. Layton P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. After explaining the cause of the enforced absence of Bro. Fryer, whose zeal and energy had been so well exercised during the past year, Bro. Layton said, though it was matter of regret in this particular, to him individually it was a pleasure to be called on to propose this toast. Bro. Norris was a capable Mason, and though they had not been able to find him any ceremonial work to conduct that night, there was little doubt but there would be some on the next occasion. In response, Bro. Norris expressed his thanks to Bro. Layton. He felt this toast had been proposed in far too flattering terms. However, he was assured that he had ascended to the exalted position of King Solomon's chair with the hearty and cordial approval of the members of the Universal Lodge. He regretted there had been no work to do that evening, and trusted this might not be the case at their future meetings. For the toast of the Past Masters Bros. Reed and Wood responded; while Bros. Hayden, Alford, and Johnson acknowledged the compliment paid the Visitors. A well-arranged musical programme was carried out during the evening. Bros. Chaplin Henry, H. P. Matthews, G. S. Graham, C. M. Mitchell and T. Adams taking part. The proceedings terminated at an early hour, all present expressing themselves gratified with the way they had been entertained. The following is a list of the Visitors:—Bros. Hayden P.M. 46 P.G.S., Hayden 46, Alford P.M. 228, Tongue J.D., 534, H. P. Matthews 569, Bond I.G. 860, Richards 1007, Johnson (late of the Southern Cross, 670, Brazil, Pernambuco) 1382, Josephs P.M. 1420, Greening 1426, Chaplin Henry, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N., on 23rd February. Present—Bros. Gellen W.M., Powell S.W., Cross J.W., Liebmann S.D, Ashton J.D., Bullock I.G., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Treasurer, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Cohen, Payne, Robinson, Ferrer, Woolveridge, Glass, Wright, Moss, Parkes, Defriez, O'Donnell, Bicknell, Oldis, Weedon, Dixie, Williams, and Turner. After preliminaries, Bro.

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Turner offered himself as candidate, and was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Powell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. This being the night for the election of Officers, it was proposed and seconded that Bro. Fenner be re-elected Treasurer and Brother Galer Secretary; this was carried. Brother Pearcy tendered his resignation as Preceptor. It was accepted, with regret, and a cordial vote of thanks for his past services was unanimously accorded. It was further proposed and seconded that Bro. I. P. Cohen succeed Bro. Pearcy as Preceptor; this was also carried. Nothing further having offered, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Saturday, 1st March, at eight o'clock. Lodge was closed early on account of its being the monthly meeting of the Masonic Association; sufficient subscriptions having been received, two Life Governorships were then balloted for. Brethren are reminded that the annual supper of this Lodge will take place at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Thursday, the 12th of March. Tickets, 4s, can be obtained of the members, and of the Secretary, Bro. R. W. Galer, 12 Green Lanes, N.

Euphrates Lodge of Instruction. No. 212.—Held at the Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, on the 25th ult. Present—Bros. Glass W.M., Underwood, S.W., Halsey J.W., Finch S.D., Giddings J.D., Ricknell I.G., and Galer Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Giddings was examined and entrusted; Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was resumed, and Brother Underwood S.W. of the Highgate Lodge was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A regular meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, 13th February, when there were present Bros. W. W. Ridley W.M., R. Dowsett I.P.M., J. H. Hawkes S.W., R. C. Prickett J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, W. Ravenscroft S.D., H. Creed J.D., T. J. Pulley P.M. M.C., W. Hickie Organist, W. Cordrey I.G., T. R. Vowles, W. Collins and M. Sands Stewards, W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters R. C. Hurley and E. Margrett; also Bros. Hukins, Parker, Morris, Slaughter, Greenaway, Whitfield, Bennett, S. Biggs and E. W. Ridley. Visitor—Bro. A. W. Parry Secretary 414. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two candidates as initiates, and they were both approved. Bros. E. W. Ridley and S. Biggs being candidates for passing to the second degree, gave satisfactory proof of their efficiency in the former, and they were entrusted; they then retired. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bros. E. W. Ridley and S. Biggs were re-admitted, and passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M. The I.P.M. gave the charge. On resuming the Lodge in the first degree, the Secretary read a communication from the Prov. G. Secretary inquiring as to which of the Institutions the P.G.L. grant of ten guineas should be applied. The R.M.I.B. was selected, as the W.M. would represent the Lodge as Steward at the approaching Festival of that Institution; the same to be added to his list of contributions. The widow of the late Secretary of Lodge 414 was recommended as an applicant to the Board of Benevolence for relief. A petition from a brother, one of the founders of the Lodge, was also recommended. All business being ended, Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and the brethren retired for refreshment to the Great Western Hotel, where an excellent supper was provided by Bro. Flanagan, to which twenty-two sat down, an agreeable evening being spent.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At Bro Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on Monday last. Present—Bros. Western W.M., Clark S.W., Defriez J.W., Crosbie S.D., Turner J.D., Symon I.G., Fenner acting Preceptor, Collingridge Secretary, and other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes read and confirmed. In due course Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Hall P.M. 1693, Bro. Western being candidate, after Bro. Western had appointed and invested his Officers, Brother Hall gave the various charges excellently well. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned till Monday, 3rd March, Brother Godolphin having been elected W.M. for that evening.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—At the New Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday last. Present—Bros. J. Oldis W.M., Moon S.W., Hall J.W., Larchin acting Preceptor, Fenner acting Sec., Defriez S.D., Haynes J.D., Mercer I.G.; also Bros. Knights, Cox, Hubbard, Chorley, &c. All formalities having been observed, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Larchin worked the second section of the lecture assisted by the the brethren. Bro. Fenner worked the first assisted by Bro. Moon, and the third assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Chorley kindly officiating as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. Moon was elected to preside at the meeting next Tuesday evening. A deserved vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Oldis for the excellent manner he had performed the duties of W.M. for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction, and he was congratulated on his proficiency. Hearty good wishes were given to Bro. Larchin on his departure for the West Indies, and also for his safe return to old England. After which Lodge was closed and adjourned. The energetic Secretary of this flourishing Lodge of Instruction, Bro. A. J. Berry, wishes it Masons who live in the North of London, tha attends here may depend upon receiving Ins most able exponents of the ritual of Freemason

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15. Serjeant's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgat Present — Bros. Pitt W.M., Gieseke S.W., Preceptor, Clark S.D., Legg J.D., Serjeant I.G., Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the secon answered the questions leading to the third, Lodge was further advanced, and the ceremony Bro. Legg candidate. Lodge was closed in t degrees. Brother Pinder worked the second lecture, assisted by the brethren, soon after whic

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, N ing was held on Monday, 25th February, at t End Road. Present—Dale W.M., Brittain S.W. Treasurer, B. Stewart Secretary, Stewart S.D., I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, and the mi meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremo rehearsed, Brother Hubbert acting as candidate worked the first and second sections of the lect brethren. Brother Dale 933 was unanimously e this Lodge. Bro. Brittain was elected W.M. meeting. Bro. Barnes proposed and Bro. Britta vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to B excellent manner in which he had worked the cer time in this Lodge. This was carried unanim closed in due form.

The General Committee of the Royal tion for Girls met at Freemasons' Hall, on there were present Bros. Col. Creaton, P surer (in the chair), Capt. Peters, J. A. I Frank Richardson. Gladwell, E. C. Mat De Lande Long, E. C. Massey and F. R. cretary). The minutes of the January been read and confirmed, those of the Hous the 21st February were read for informat man was authorised to sign cheques. The petitions, but a letter was read from the U Company which stated they had received i an instrument which was an infringement rights was in use at the Institution, and as for their engineer to be allowed to examine to ascertain whether their information wa permission was granted.

The M.W. the Grand Master has been gr to grant a warrant for the Abbey Lodg which will be numbered 2030 on the roll of England. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G has kindly consented to perform the ceremo tion on Monday, 10th instant, at 4 p.m., at Westminster. On this occasion he will be Albert Woods, the Rev. R. J. Simpson and brethren. Bro. Burdett-Coutts is the W.M H. Baker and Seager Hunt the Senior and J designate. Bro. J. E. Shand, P.M. of the minster Lodge, is the acting Secretary.

The members of the Wallington Lodge spent a very profitable and enjoyable evenin last. They assembled at the Town Hall, Car Lodge was formally opened, Bro. Charles Sa the chair, supported by Bros. Baldwin as S. J.W., W. Pile W.M. 1892 Secretary, and a g of members of the mother Lodge and V Lodge had been opened and the minutes of confirmed, the W.M. called on Bro. Morga paper, and the request was forthwith co Bro. Pile then announced that their wort Bro. Sawyer had prepared a short paper, and time was somewhat limited, he felt assured would be pleased to hear it. A short but hi ing paper was then read by Bro. Sawyer on of Freemasonry; it evinced careful research, not but that the writer will be called on to re ing at other of our assemblies. A cordial v was passed to Bros. Morgan and Sawyer for th papers they had read. This compliment havi ably acknowledged, an adjournment took King's Arms Hotel, where a well-served rep vided, and an hour or so afterwards spent

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

ITION AND CONVERSAZIONE AT YORK.

ARKABLE gathering of Freemasons took place at York on evening of the 20th ult. That day had been fixed for the igatory meeting of the York College of Rosicrucians, and guiding spirits had conceived the happy idea of making service not only to the members of the Society, but to asons generally, and especially in the north of England, d all kinds of Masonic curiosities had been collected on ll parts of England, and had been arranged systematically es in the Masonic Hall of the York Lodge, No. 236, which raternally lent for the purpose, whilst a large number of vitation had been sent out to Master Masons throughout y. As we have previously explained this Society is in Masonic Archæological Union, so that it was quite in with the spirit of its working and the objects of its for- t it should come forward prominently as an Apostle of search. At any rate the intention of its members was rried out, and it must have been exceedingly gratifying to successfully organised the gathering to note how their efforts were appreciated.

ing of the College itself was held in the rooms of the Ebor- e, No. 1611, at 3 p.m., at the Queen's Hotel, and there reat muster that has ever been seen. Those present were B. Whytehead Hon. IX. Chief Adept, J. S. Cumberland Suffragan, T. W. Holmes VI. Prov. Secretary, C. L. Mason nt, J. L. Atherton I. as Deputy, T. J. Wilkinson VI. Sec., . P.A., J. M. Meek IV. S A., W. Brown I. as T.A., T. N. as Q.A., Tudor Trevor II. C. of N., S. Middleton III. T. . Wilkes II. Herald, H. Maddison II. G.P., S. Wilsin II. W. T. Orde-Powlett V., J. Monckman, C. H. Drury, R. T. Tomlinson, C. Palliser, G. Ayre, C. S. Lane, B. L. Mills, oGachen, F. Waddington, J. Monks, G. Simpson, and W.

of members, numbering nearly 70, was called and satis- logies were read from the absentees, with very few ex- A successful ballot was taken for Bros. Fisher P.M. orough, and Lockin W.M. 910 Pontefract, and these two ith Bro. W. H. Cowper Middlesborough, who had been balloted for, were admitted to the grade of Zelator. Meek Middlesborough was elected to the office of Celebrant ing year, and was inducted into his chair by Fra. C. L ds, the outgoing Celebrant. Fra. J. S. Cumberland was Treasurer. The Treasurer's account was audited and most satisfactory balance. The Chief Adept gave his ress, which, he said, was necessarily very brief, in con- the amount of business to be done before the conversa- evening. He alluded to the objects of the society, pointed embers how these objects might be advanced, congratu- upon the present position of the College, and said that he ot the proceedings of the evening would prove that their was no mere idle whim, but was the outcome of a real on to be of practical service to the Craft at large. On of Fra. Cumberland a guinea was voted to the Hughan Fund. It was arranged that the next meeting of the ld take place at Darlington, on Wednesday, 21st May. anks were then accorded to the W.M. and brethren of the odge for the use of their rooms and furniture, and to the rethren of the York Lodge, No. 236, for the use of their l, in which the conversazione in the evening was arranged Votes of thanks were also passed to the exhibitors of Bros. V. Vowler P.M. 643 Filey, and W. B. Williamson Worcester, were proposed as candidates for the society, . was then dissolved.

lock the fratres dined together at the Queen's Hotel, and adjourned to the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-street, where were arranged. At seven o'clock, the rooms being pretty Fra. T. B. Whytehead, in the name of the Rosicrucian Yorkshire, welcomed the Visitors, and expressed the afforded to members of the Order to see so many brethren interest in the past history of Freemasonry. He explained the society, and then called on Bro. the Dean of York was present, to make a few observations. This the Dean ariably happy style. Referring to the beauty and value ens of antiquity that surrounded them, he said it must ir minds in an extraordinary degree with the high well as the cosmopolitan nature of the Order. He spoke tages that arose from the association of man with man rtals of a Masonic Lodge, and said that such an exhibi- which was before them was calculated to do much to ad- telligent comprehension of the true objects of Free- l that they all owed much to the brethren whose zeal and collected so many objects of value, concluding by speak- real love for Masonry, his belief in its usefulness and his anxiety for its welfare, and his firm belief that one seful and appropriate places for a minister of religion to the floor of a Freemason's Lodge.

ny then spent the rest of the evening in the examination s, the great number of which may be judged when we ir enumeration filled 24 pages of a quarto catalogue, d. To even mention them would be to occupy far too space, but we may at any rate give the names of the a general description of the collection. Of course the *tance* was made up of the unique collection of parch- per rolls of Constitutions, old minute books, tools, , of the Grand Lodge of All England at York. These under sheets of glass and occupied a large table at the l, and were exhibited by the York Lodge, No. 236, the ian of these priceless relics. The Eboracum Lodge, hich though very young has already accumulated a 1694, many valuable engravings, and the Bible of the Grand Lodge of All England. The 5th Dragoon Guards Lodge furnished its warrant granted to the "Second Regiment of Horse" in 1776, and a splendid set of silver working tools. Ancient Ebor Preceptory displayed its Banner and Sword presented by Mary Commandery in 1878. Brother W. J. Hughan P.G.D., the well known Masonic author, had forwarded an interesting series of photographs of old minutes, specimens of engraved plates of Lodges and early calendars, with coins and medals. Brother J. Newton, of Bolton, had a very interesting case of Masonic medals, some very rare, including a curious series of halfpenny tokens. Brother M. C. Peck Provincial Grand Secretary of North and East Yorkshire had quite a library of Masonic books, embracing some of the rarest known, specimens of certificates and obsolete clothing, and some good Masonic medals. Brother J. R. Riley, of Bradford, exhibited a series of very valuable warrants and certificates, amongst them a warrant issued by the Prov. Grand Master of Yorkshire in 1778 to form a Lodge at Doncaster. Bro. J. H. Neilson, of Dublin, sent a valuable series of Irish certificates and a Knight Templar warrant of 1807. Bro. T. W. Tew D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire showed a brass seal, supposed to have been that of the Preceptory at Temple Hirst. Bro. J. H. Atherton, of Bradford, brought over some beautiful specimens of glass and china, cut and painted with Masonic emblems, as well as curious books. Bro. C. Williams, of Birmingham, had a small but interesting collection of Masonic medals, &c. Bro J. C. Robinson, of Chester, exhibited the minute book of the Old Royal Lodge at Chester, the warrant of the Star Lodge at Chester, dated 1766, and specimens of antique glasses, &c. The venerable Brother J. C. Taylor, of Bradford, lent the minute book of the extinct Plans of Mamre Preceptory; Brother E. C. Patchett, of Nottingham; Brother G. C. Caster, of Peterborough; Brother Marshall, of Malton; Brother W. F. Smithson, of Leeds; and Bros. G. H. Hackers and R. H. Peacock, of Scarborough all had contributed articles of value and interest. Brother Middleton, of Scarborough, had a very ancient oil painting of Godfrey de Bouillon. Brother E. C. Wragg, of Nottingham, had a beautiful collection of old certificates and an ancient Preceptory seal. Brother J. H. Sillitoe, of Manchester, showed some singular old clothing and valuable MS. rolls, the property of the Colne Lodge and Chapter, No. 116. The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. showed a series of valuable Rosicrucian works. The St. Germain's Lodge sent some of the old furniture of the extinct Mariners Lodge once held at Selby. Bro. M. W. Clarke, of Hull, had a large case of Masonic jewels. Brother J. S. Cumberland displayed his large collection of antique Masonic jewels, amongst which there were some rare and very beautiful specimens, the collection numbering over forty examples. In addition to these he showed a number of Masonic books and engravings. Bro. T. B. Whytehead had also sent from his collection a number of rare books, jewels, engravings, and other curiosities. From this brief description it will easily be seen how much of value and interest had been collected. The only regret on the part of the guests seemed to be that the exhibition could not be kept open the next day in order that a more detailed examination might have been made than was possible during the evening. The Rosicrucians had provided light refreshments for their visitors in the shape of tea and coffee, &c., and in order to enliven the evening had arranged for the performance of songs and music, amongst the vocalists being Bros. Blagbro' (Bradford), J. S. Cumberland, J. Todd, J. E. Wilkinson, J. L. Atherton, J. Wilsin, and others, whilst Bros. C. G. Padel and W. S. Child accompanied on the pianoforte.

At the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 21st ultimo, Bro. J. D. Yarford was duly installed Worshipful Master of the Southampton Lodge, No. 394, in succession to Bro H. Lashmore. There was a large representative assembly of Freemasons on the occasion, all of whom joined in a cordial vote of congratulation to the new Master upon his well deserved elevation.

Bro. G. W. Moore, of the Moore and Burgess Minstrels, announces his annual benefit for the 13th of March, when day and afternoon performances will be given at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly. As on former occasions, the élite of the musical and theatrical professions will give their services to this old favourite of the public.

The Portsmouth Freemasons' Club propose to give their annual Masonic Ball on Thursday, the 24th April, at the Southsea Assembly Rooms, in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, when we doubt not but that a considerable and influential gathering may be expected in support of so excellent an institution. This makes the fifth annual ball, and on each occasion these Charities have been benefited, and it may now be considered one of the most pleasant annual re-unions of the members of the Craft and their friends in Portsmouth.—*Portsmouth Times.*

FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL!

LARGE photographs of the Temple, taken immediately after the fire, on 4th May (suitable for framing), 5s each; or framed in oak, securely packed, sent to any address in the United Kingdom, carriage paid, on receipt of cheque for 16s. Masters of Lodges should secure this memorial of the old Temple for their Lodge rooms.

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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, 1st MARCH.

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)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Royal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1213—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 3rd 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, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet 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)
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).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (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.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 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. 139—Panmure, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moor
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
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
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Cheuders 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
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hal, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1009—Shakespeare, 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
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
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
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

TUESDAY, 4th MARCH.

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
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, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, 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, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond

840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Prowall-road, Dalston
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, C
1361—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1321—Emblematic, Rose, Jermyn Street, W., at 8 (Instru
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (In
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road,
1381—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 (
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (In
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (In
1609—Sir Hugh Meddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, N
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsb
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpo
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixto

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, a
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
134—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, D
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-roa
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,
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, K
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
403—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road,
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucester
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 B
980—Rute, 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.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussax Str
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields

R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 800—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Brad
R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingha
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Ch

WEDNESDAY, 5th MARCH

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' H
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30
30—United Mariners', The Lucard, Peckham, at 7.30. (I
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge R
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.
223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Ca
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (I
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (I
863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street,
902—Burgoyne, 25 Charterhouse Street, E.C., at 7. (Instru

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E
1283—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instru
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road,
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1525—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hack
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. P
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westm
1662—Beaconsfield, Chesmers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow,
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fa
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fie
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Nottin
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., a
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
96—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Ne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Mon
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instructio
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street,
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
674—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, ne
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
838—Franklin, Pencock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instructio
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
1107—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich

Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
y, 20 King-street, Wigan
s of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
y and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 Inst.)
l, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
hege, George Hotel, Solihull
ira, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
rough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
nards, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
d Globe, Londesborough Rooms, Scarborough
John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
lanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
nston Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
delity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
rness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
mperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
ue, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 6th MARCH.

y, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
aster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
an, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
n, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
an, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
n, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
d Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
rew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
ry, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
rance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
ough, Green Dragon, Stepney
, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
ross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
s Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
n Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
ry Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
n, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction
ment Dance, 266 Strand
Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
al City, Masons Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
Leopold, City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe, E.C.
Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
aught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
tirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
gton, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
rs, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
College, 61 Weymouth Street
ate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
mes s, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
ersity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
ce Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
rth London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
etropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
Sainte, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
ke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)
tle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
Council Chamber, Chichester
umberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
ancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
rand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
s, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
y, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
tional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
mere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
y, Red Lion, Fareham
y, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
on, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
ull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
, Abington Street, Northampton
r, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
nt, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
rrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
eemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
asonic Hall, Morpeth
l, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
ia, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
f Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
y, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
dward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
rivate Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Royal Hotel, Elland
ne, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
nion, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
ster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
ss of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
Alforde Chambers, Widnes
Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
, Bell Hotel, Norwich
e of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Barnley
, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
ion Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
rne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
n, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
ye, Builth, Breconshire
George Hotel, Shoreham
rity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
net, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
dgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
mer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
annia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 7th MARCH.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Manhattan 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, 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)
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)
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1295—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—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)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
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
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
443—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
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hal, Albion Terrace, Southampton
K.T. 126—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 8th MARCH.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
186—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)
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-street, W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
R.A. 1453—Era, The Albany, Twickenham
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

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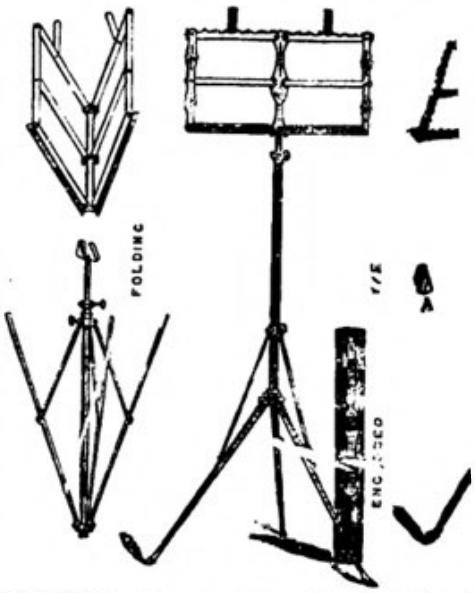
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TIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

BABLY the first feeling that was uppermost in the inds of brethren when the result of the Benevolent l was made public was one of surprise that, after active a year as 1883, and especially after a Festival ad so severely taxed the liberality of the Craft as the Boys' School in June last, so splendid a sub- n list should have been announced. But, doubtless, ling was almost immediately succeeded by one of ion at the generous support accorded to the Old The signs and tokens which had heralded the h of this annual gathering were the reverse of ging. Even those who were the most sanguine epared for a considerable falling off from the totals ous years, not because the claims of the Institution denly become less urgent in their character, or the n, as a body, less ready to support those claims, but it was considered, and not without reason, that the ith all the will in the world to do what was re- of it, could not afford—to use a somewhat ordinary o "shell out" so largely at such frequent intervals. lieve that even Brother Terry himself would not en discouraged had there been a decrease of some from last year's aggregate. He had been a long ocuring the services of a Chairman, his Board of ls was, till the very last, but slowly constituted, and as, as is very often the case, no Province which e relied upon for the display of an additional amount ver and above what Provinces are in the habit of ng. But "all's well that ends well." A Chairman d upon the scene in the person of the Grand Trea- The Board of Stewards swelled rapidly in numbers, tween 240 and 250 to close upon 300, and as a f this final "spurt," Bro. Terry was fortunately to land himself the recipient, in trust as it were for d brethren and the widows of brethren, of, in round some £14,500—a sum decidedly in excess of any reviously been his good fortune to secure. That ld join in the hearty congratulations which have owered upon him from all quarters is only a matter se, and we do so the more sincerely, and with a sense of satisfaction, from our knowledge of the nd great difficulties with which for so long a time confronted.

ard of some 300 Stewards, with a total subscription lose on £14,500, is a grand result, and the reader unnaturally suppose that the secret of this great is to be found in some special characteristics which ordinarily to be met with in connection with nnouncements. But the items which make up the e of a very ordinary kind. In London, there is the roportion of three-figure lists, while there is no lar Province which stands pre-eminently above the But perhaps it is this very absence of any excep- eatures which, after all, is the great merit of this lar Festival. It has been emphatically remarked on occasions by brethren of distinction that very large not necessarily an evidence of unusual liberality. Given a few men of means who are ready and willing to contribute largely, and we experience no difficulty in landing ourselves in the region of big figures. But a heavy total that is made up of a considerable number of sums of comparatively small amount is indeed of value, because it shows that the particular object for which the subscription is made is fully understood and appreciated by the many. Thus, in the present instance, if we take London and the Provinces together, we shall find that the proportion of three-figure lists to the total number sent in is only about one in every ten, and among them are several which represent the aggregate subscriptions of sundry Provinces, so that the bulk of the items are moderate individually, though regarded collectively they make a very effective display. This is a feature which ought not to be lost sight of in estimating the value of the recent Festival.

If we confine our attention for the moment to London and single out the two highest individual lists, we shall find they come from Lodges which are certainly not regarded as among the richest of our subordinate bodies, while the very numbers they bear are an indication of their being of comparatively recent constitution. The Great Northern, No. 1287, which takes the lead, with over £202, was only warranted in 1869, and the King's Cross, No. 1732, which stands next, with close on £189, is of still more recent origin, having been founded in 1877. But the members have evidently worked well, and have no doubt acquired the knack of utilising their resources to the best advantage on these important occasions. We believe we are correct in attributing their present success mainly to the Charity Associations which are connected with these Lodges. The two which follow these, namely, the Perfect Ashlar, No. 1178, with £160, and the Merchant Navy, No. 781, with £173, hail—the former from Southwark and the latter from Limehouse, both being parts of the great metropolis, whence, as a rule, we do not look to obtain any heavy amounts. Among lists from other Lodges which may be said to be somewhat similarly circumstanced are those of Temperance in the East, No. 898, which is located in Poplar and sends up £145, the Corinthian, No. 1382, of Cubitt Town, with £103, and the West Smithfield, No. 1632, and the Farringdon, No. 1745, which between them contribute £106. On the other hand our old Lodges and those which meet in the more fashionable districts of London are also generally well represented, so that all classes of the brethren appear to have done their duty well. This is of course as it should be, and our chief regret is, that instead of there having been only some 130 Metropolitan Lodges represented, the bulk of them did not send up Stewards. However, those which did fulfil this duty have the satisfaction of knowing that the total of their contributions was upwards of £2000 in excess of the Provincial aggregate. At other Festivals the relative positions of the two sections of the Craft have been reversed, and the Provinces have taken the lead of London.

The Provincial portion of the list offers few opportunities for remark. East Lancashire, thanks principally to Lodge No. 44, and its representative, Bro. Woodall, holds the first place with over £624—the accidental intrusion of a West Lancashire Lodge into this Province made our total of last week somewhat larger than it should have been. Somerset-

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shire, Essex, Leicestershire and Rutland, and Hants and the Isle of Wight, are also among the more liberal contributors, while West Yorkshire is considerably below its average, owing, no doubt, to the very considerable total it raised in the course of last year. We note likewise that several of the Provinces adopted this time the plan of being represented by a single Steward, such as Somersetshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, Bristol, Wilts, and Staffordshire, while Suffolk appears to have entrusted the bulk of its work to one brother. We should imagine this must have the effect of lessening the labours of Bro. Terry and his staff. Among the unrepresented Provinces the most conspicuous, perhaps, is that of Lincolnshire, which has not sent up a Steward for some time past; yet it has a goodly array of Lodges and, we should imagine, not a few brethren who might find leisure to go about canvassing for subscriptions. As for Bedfordshire, though it has no Provincial organisation, it musters five Lodges, and it is not unreasonable to expect these will occasionally figure in the lists, like the Lodges which meet in other counties. Bros. Binckes and Terry have tried their hands at a good many things, and have succeeded; let them see what can be done in the case of Bedfordshire. If it is only the opportunity of being canvassed that is wanting, we have no doubt that one or the other of these energetic brethren will supply the want. An occasional £50 or £100 from this district would be very acceptable, and, what is of greater consequence to the brethren, would redound greatly to their credit.

Our duty would be only very imperfectly discharged if we did not pay a tribute of respect to the brother who so generously undertook the duties of Chairman when all Bro. Terry's previous efforts to secure one had proved unsuccessful. We have more than once said that it is no light task to preside at one of these festive gatherings, and the credit due to Bro. Allcroft is in no wise diminished because at the last moment he found himself physically incapacitated from occupying the post of honour. He was present in spirit, if not in the flesh, and his own personal contribution suited well with the liberality so generally shown by the Stewards and their supporters. In fact, Bro. Allcroft's year, as we are justified in calling it, stands first, as regards the amount of its subscription list, among Benevolent Anniversaries, and it will need a good deal of hard canvassing to deprive it of this honour.

There remains to us one source of satisfaction, to which as yet we have had no space to give expression. There is an exceptionally heavy list of candidates for the next election, especially in respect of the Widows' Fund, and the largeness of the total that has been received will no doubt be held to justify the executive in creating some additional vacancies. Our readers are probably aware that it has already been determined to take on ten more widows, but the resolution was adopted before the Festival had been held, and when the belief was pretty generally prevalent that the result would be less instead of greater than it was last year. Perhaps it may be found possible to make the addition even larger still, so that the number of the disappointed, who will have to wait for another election, may be somewhat less formidable. However, there is time between now and the third Friday in May for an important question of this character to be discussed, and it is possible we may find occasion to offer a few remarks on it in future issues. Certain it is that the expenditure of another £100 or £200 will scarcely be felt with an addition of over £14,000 to the Funds of the Institution, and it is to be hoped that the number of candidates will not always continue to be so numerous.

The following lists have since been received by Bro. Terry :—

LONDON.

Unattached: Bro. Torkington	£40	0	0
Chapter 3: Comp. Webb	13	11	0
„ 749: Comp. Godwin	22	1	0

PROVINCES.

Warwickshire; Lodge No. 938: Bro. W. B. Marshall	£31	10	0

Various additions to previous lists have also been received, which, with the foregoing, raise the total to £14,476 13s 6d.

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, Bolt Court, Fleet Street, E.C.

THE OLD AND THE

AMID the much care and duty of th new, the old is not forgotten. It not dead, but lightly sleeping. When t and beautiful all around us, and the morrow are so great that we fear we shal come to them, even in such absorbing m suddenly appear and the bright morrow the thrilling yesterday. Nothing brin looking back. The mind becomes impat forward, because with that outlook comes session. We want what we thus see; b back, this disturbing avarice does not a look upon all the ages and cycles of ol owning them does not molest us, and, wh came our globe and where, we want neith fine clothes nor fine furniture, we can onl the ground or up into the night skies and

Little indeed is said about salvation repentance, and little about the fall of ma version and growth in piety, but all thes once so thrilled the multitude are in ou magnificent companions of the idea of now living in the sanctuary may not mea those old words, what their ancestors spoke of "faith" and "the fall" and "r no change has come to the substance of As the human dwelling house has passe shapes since Abraham owned a tent and cedar and Cicero and Cæsar homes of b but as all through the centuries they ha good elements of walls and floors and w and doorways, varying in styles and heig and all decoration, so the doctrines of seen many changes of surface; but in i they have been as immutable as the water You may change the raiment of "faith," immortal.

At times all these old truths have been daily discourse by the exigences of some Christ came the religion of the Pharisees the Jewish Empire. As wild and poisonou possession of a noble fruit tree, and will make the tree's blossom and leaves and fru less, so as to make room everywhere for th sickening verdure of the usurper, so the s religion are often silently approached an strangled by creeping plants whose blosson and whose leaves are full of poison. Thu doctrines which had beautifully grown in th Moses and Isaiah had at last become enta weeds of Pharisaism, and what had bee becoming a wilderness. This was the cris into new life the "repentance" of John and tion" of Jesus, and all that eloquence w from the sermon on the mount into the Gos of the Apostles. As all the phases and were discussed when our colonies were opp tion, and later, when the slavery in our become a load upon the public heart, so primitive Christianity all the grand doctrin up to undergo a new review and a new enfo

The immense task had to be repeated i century, and it was this crying demand tha to such a height of power. It was his miss the old. The dust of a thousand years was exhumed buried statues of great beauty. old streets along which had moved the saint and where had rolled the chariot of his Lord

But the silence of the present regarding t does not argue that they are being strangled vines or are being buried in falling dust. conclude that no crisis has come to make th rise up again in their divine right. The ne have resulted from that common habit of silent over the yesterday, and talkative ove and to-morrow. The real truth is that man large for his mind and soul, and when he att of some one part of the intellectual universe, draw from some other field. As his natural a circle only a few miles in diameter, so h meditation and appreciation are limited, an

of Magdalen, and which overthrew the pagan as founded by the Greeks and Romans in such splendour.

he human mind was fashioned to seek and love is perfectly evident, but it is also true that it has its alloted work in that direction, and often turns ne into a vice. The new is too much loved, and oo little. As in house decoration the recent years ed the small extremely, and have made their homes e the play-houses of children and have forgotten ings of everlasting merit and beauty, so in religion ible for an age or country to fix its gaze upon agment of its spiritual world. It is uncertain we may charge this defect upon our times. We ertain only of this—that there are old truths oral dimensions are colossal. Have we made our capable of appreciating anything that we have f before? Have the new world and its rapid nent so engaged the soul with novelties that it has elish for what belong to yesterday? Perhaps ntal powers have been smothered to death under s of new inventions, new discoveries and new ideas. are all to be pitied, for the past is tremendous in at once, literature, art and religion.

worshippers of the new are all made by the creative f our era, that in order to appreciate the old you your imagination to picture them as coming up on for the first time. With what tears of joy on hail the hope of immortality had that hope just o the world? If dust had been the assumed end what discovery of science or art would compare in y with the sudden assurance of a second and blessed uch an expectation dwarfs all the common hopes vorld. A prince yearly approaching a throne, a ind gathering up the honours of learning or power, drawing near a fabulous fortune, are all small r outlooks compared with that of a humble child moving toward an endless and painless being. ou remember how you all love life and feel sad over that the grave is before you, you may well be at the height and depth of the doctrine of a second e that shall be in all ways higher and sweeter than he slowness with which this notion came to man len its vastness. Its age is a witness for its truth, gainst its grandeur as a thought. It is modified ntiquity as mountains are made treeless and cold vening miles. Their verdure and cascades and birds are all toned away from the senses by their . They are spoken of as "gray" or "hazy" or One simple attribute thus remains out of a ns richness and variety. From many old doctrines multitude moved away until ideas are seen in some d color—ideas vast as God and beautiful as —*Masonic Review.*

SHIPWRECKS AND LIFEBOATS.

issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of the 9th February ence was made to the Albert Edward Lifeboat, stationed at n-Sea, and to the fatal mishap that had befallen two of the he Lifeboat was a kind of thank-offering made by the the recovery of the Prince of Wales from a prolonged and illness a few years ago, and has, therefore, a peculiar or Freemasons. There is a quarterly publication issued by l National Institution, which deserves more than a passing It is a very interesting little work, a record of brave deeds, s and help, and full of valuable information. A brief sum- he contents of the current number may not be without its the present moment, and may, perhaps, help to form a better than seems generally to prevail of the great work under- the Lifeboat Institution. To show the interest our Royal aster takes in this noble Institution, he has promised to t its annual meeting, which will be held at Willis's Rooms, lay afternoon, 15th March.

efore Mr. Plimsoll took up the crusade against the policy of hipowners in sending unseaworthy vessels to sea, bitter se on account of the dangers to which sailors were unduly Agitation and legislation have followed, and even at the ime Mr. Chamberlain has charge of another Shipping Bill. be impolitic here to enter upon the question of shipowners en. The question involves considerations that would raise disputes, and tend to introduce an element of strife into a t should live in charity with all men, and seek to afford help it can be given. Suffice it to say then that while we have nd strong sympathy for those who go down to the sea in d while we would throw around them every protection that orethought can provide, we decline to formulate charges wners of vessels, or venture into a discussion on the rights ty.

though a remarkably clear paper on the "Lifeboat Institution and Salvage of Property." The Institution is incorporated by Royal Charter, for the sole purpose of "saving life from shipwreck." Salvage work is no part of the duty of the men engaged in this work, and they are excluded by the terms of their engagement from making their claim for services,—the first charge "for salvage on the ship and her cargo, or any part that may be saved,"—as by law they are entitled to do. The Institution alone are liable to the men for payment. This regulation, it will be seen, relieves shipowners of a very heavy charge, and at the same time places the Institution in its rightful position and command. It is well to observe that the Lifeboatmen are not regularly retained, upon a fixed salary; the coxswains alone receive a quarterly stipend, which is paid really for taking charge of boathouses and gear. When they go to sea on service they are paid the same as the other men, for the job, to use a familiar phrase. But as these men are on the spot, and form a ready-made salvage corps, the Institution says that they may do salvage work upon certain conditions. The boats and gear shall be at their service, to be paid for out of the salvage money received at the same rate that is paid for other boats used for a similar purpose. In no case, however, are the Institution's boats to enter into competition with those belonging to persons whose business it is to save ships and goods. Thus the Institution protects itself and private interests. At the same time the crews of the Lifeboats are encouraged "to make every effort, when afloat, to endeavour to save the ship, as well as the lives of the men," the Institution undertaking, "if they do so and fail, or if the salvage reward earned is less than they would have been entitled to for saving life, to make up the difference." Of course, there are difficulties in the way of carrying out this scheme. Private interests clash, and selfishness on the part of men and masters of vessels is likely to arise. The plan of arbitration is favoured by the Lifeboat Institution, and thus commends itself to every sense of justice. The Lifeboat men cannot be expected to do salvage work for less than is paid to others engaged in a similar enterprise, and they certainly should not receive less. A community of interests, no doubt, will bring matters to a just balance, leaving sufficient debatable ground upon which contending parties may fight out rival claims.

"Weather Forecasts" is a still briefer paper, but it contains an explanation and a refutation of a common belief. We frequently hear, "O they manage these things better in France." America might well be substituted for France in the case of weather predictions to hit popular belief. The idea is very general that the Americans are more skilled in the science of meteorology than ourselves. It is a popular error, founded, like many others, upon imperfect information. We are told in this paper that although the barometer is the best meteorological instrument we have, it is not altogether a perfect guide. A sudden fall indicates bad weather, "and the sooner a rise begins the shorter will be the stay of such unpleasant times; but to get at certain general principles observations must be made simultaneously at neighbouring places; these, together "with the observance of certain clouds, sometimes called 'mare's tails,' form the main features of weather forecasting." The reason why the Americans are before us in this matter is, because "most changes of the weather have their rise in the westward . . . their eastern shore being their principal trade coast, and the storms travelling eastward," they are enabled to anticipate us. Even their forecasts are subject to conditions which they cannot always determine. For instance, a violent storm may be raging on the western side of the Atlantic, which, travelling at the rate of 500 miles per diem, would arrive on our coasts in five days, may never reach us at all; it may be dispersed on its journey, or its direction may be altered. Then it is possible for a storm to arise "in mid ocean, and reach us without having visited any other shore." It is a mistake to suppose that our official weather forecasts have been a failure, as the following facts, taken from the Annual Report of the Meteorological Office, will prove. It states that the total number of storm warnings justified was 81·9 per cent., and that of weather forecasts varied from 74 per cent. in Scotland to 81 per cent. in "Scotland N." and "England S.," while 1 per centage of justification of the "Hay Harvest forecasts" ranged from 64 per cent. in "England N.E." to 84 per cent. in "England E." and the Midlands. This is not so bad, and shows that our science and skill are not so much at fault as grumblers imagine.

The rest of the *Lifeboat Journal* is made up chiefly of a record of the Glasgow branch of services rendered by the boats, and the proceedings of the meetings of the Committee of the Institution. Under the heading of the "Lifeboats of the United Kingdom," there is a very readable paper on Lyme Regis and its Lifeboat, the William Woodcock. We are told that the church was rebuilt in the sixteenth century, and contains what a local writer calls "the doctrine in stones." It is "a beautifully-executed symbol, known as St. Jerome's esoteric symbol of the Holy Trinity." It forms a shield, the two corners and bottom point form circles, in which are inscribed the words *pater, filius,* and *sp us* (a curved mark uniting the p with us, and another s placed above the first.) In the space divided by lines, straight across the top and curved towards the bottom circle are the words *non est,* meaning the Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Holy Ghost, and the Holy Ghost is not the Father. Then there are line spaces within the shield forming the letter Y, a circle uniting the stem and the right and left branches. The word *est* is inscribed in the latter, and the word *Deus* within the circle, meaning of course that the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God. We have been particular in describing this interesting specimen of doctrine teaching in stone because we think it will possess special interest for many of our readers, especially those who hold the view that the doctrine of the Trinity formed part of the principles of Freemasonry before Anderson was said to have mutilated them. From what we have written, our readers will come to the same conclusion we have arrived at, that the *Lifeboat Journal* is a very interesting production, and the exponent of one of the most beneficent movements of the age.

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LIGHT OF AGES.

ANCIENT SCIENCE AND SYSTEMIC RELIGIONS.

From the Voice of Masonry.

(Continued from page 103.)

In ancient as well as modern, eastern languages, which were very free in the use of hyperbole in expression, the terms which we represent by "life" and "death" were not so limited as we commonly understand them. They were general forms of speech for rewards and punishments. "Ye shall surely die," meant "ye shall decrease from this time, shall suffer, and finally pass away." Cain and Abel are symbols of the opposing powers of darkness and light—of evil and good. In the allegory as represented by the story of Noah, the ark is winter, or, the night of the year. The veil which Moses spread out to hide the exceeding brightness of the divine presence is typical of material nature which conceals the true, the spirit God, from the mind devoid of light. The legend of Samson, who is said to have been weak when beardless (that is, the young year) but strong when his beard was grown, and his hair long (that is, the old year, mature time), is a form of the same allegory. Another instance is that of the story of Herod and John the Baptist, in which the representative of the region of darkness kills the personified sun; and even tries, by the slaughter of the innocents, to prevent the rising to power of the next child of light, as the subsequent part of the narrative shows; but this one escaped by the "flight to Egypt," till "his time had come."

As the sun at the four stations in the ancient symbolic chart was figured by the human form, so, in the course of the ages, each one of the several images came to represent a distinct person. The history of these various persons was handed down through widely separate lands, and became so many independent versions of the original allegory, with the usual imperfections resulting from the errors of the human narrators. The two Saints John are two of the four suns. One is young and loving; the other is old and rough. One is typical of morning, and of spring; the other of evening, and of autumn. As the sun of the next day appears we see him called the Son of Man, as well as the Son of God. The elder John knows that he must decrease, while the new sun and saviour must increase. The new sun is lowly born in the east. At an early age he rises to talk with the "wise men in the temple of the upper world, and astonishes them with his learning. He is aware that the noonday Ruler and himself are in the same duty. "I and my Father are one." He is the God-Man. He is sent "by the Father"—the "Great Architect of the Universe." From each, and from both, goes forth the Holy Spirit of Light and of Truth. As he, the rising one, has past the youthful days, and continues his mission of good, his upward course, the elder John, the dethroned sun of sinking day and year, his supposed antagonist, strives to resist him. "Comest thou to me?" he asks. "Suffer it to be so now," says the voice of authority. The man of the leathern raiment splashes the waters of the dark river upon the son (or sun) of the morning—baptism in Jordan—but he cannot restrain his progress. It is the will of the All-Father. The God of Heaven, by the typical dove, acknowledges him as sun, and the course of nature goes on. "All the world wonder." At last the time comes when he, the new sun, in turn is lifted up, placed on the cross (the astronomical cross) in sight of all the earth. With him are two personages. On the one hand is a mild and loving being; on the other, one fierce and cursing. They are types of hopeful morning, and spring; of despairing evening, and autumn. Then the central sun himself passes through the night's darkness, the winter's coldness and nakedness, through the valley of death. Three spaces of time he tarries in the regions below, before the early dawn, the vernal equinox, and then rises again, and by "three efforts," or periods, ascends to heaven, the resplendent sun the type of Light, of Truth, of Life.

"The third day there was a marriage in Cana." The miracle of Cana is an allegory of the sun producing the juice of the grape from water through the usual course of nature. "To the contemplative mind humanity is the mysterious power that, over all the face of inanimate nature, turns water into wine." The Son of Man feeds the multitudes. He touched the food, and it was multiplied in his hands. He told his disciples, those who learned from him, some things they understood not; some ideas they were not yet able to bear. He gave light; sometimes partially, sometimes fully—now gradually, again suddenly. The eyes of the physically and spiritually blind were opened, according as they could bear the light. He employed means to bring the uninitiated "to the light." He gave the twelve (month-disciples) bread and wine (as the autumn does to the year). He partook of the bitter libation. Considering the allegoric meaning of Christ being tempted by the Prince of Darkness; and of the history of Judas. The symbolic meaning of Jesus saying three times, that he must go up to be crucified, may be inferred. "The end of the world" means the "end of the year." The coming of the Messiah or Saviour, is the resurrection of the sun, with the new day—the return of the sun with the new year. A prominent Jewish writer has said, our "Messiah is Truth." Jesus teaches the brotherhood of men, and that we all have one God-Father, Lord of Light and Truth. The great civilized community is the modern "City of God."

In the history of Babel, representing, we believe, merely a lodge, great stress was laid upon material work—they would build a tower to heaven. Moral force spoke against such a degradation of the true Light, and there arose a confusion of tongues. When, as related in the New Testament, the Spirit came, it was as a sound of a "rushing, mighty wind which filled the house." The chosen ones received the gift of tongues; that is, they were made Masons and received the true inspiration. "Every man heard them (the apostles) speak in his own language;" that is, in the universal speech, Masonic terms. This infusion of the Spirit was the advent of the higher life among men at that time. In this higher life, not living by bread alone, should modern civilization find solid foundation, and, by this enlightenment, the true way of progress be discovered.

In the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel b
verses of symbolic teaching. As the story of
is rejected by the critics as not being a part o
its presence among them, and the manner of
explain the way in which arose the different ve
of one original and single allegory.

The mystery of the Apocalypse becomes mo
symbolized astronomy.

We read: "In the beginning was the wor
God." In Him was life and light. The Gr
translated "word," may come from a word wh
it thus might mean the place where mental lif
bet would be "Logos" (which also means sp
wisdom), from which the Perfect Light goes fo
to dispel the darkness of ignorance, prevent sin
rule of Truth and Right. The thought conta
"I am the same, yesterday, to-day and for ever
ence to the divinity of the Hindus long before

In the mysteries of India the initiate was di
clothed in a garment without a seam (compare
Christ). On him was put a cord of three stra
make three times three (cable tow), and he w
times around the cavern. Silence, fortitude,
and justice were inculcated. He was sprinkled
There were secrets never to be divulged "exce
long trial, should be found worthy." Cert
Brahmans were never written, but were (and y
whisper in the ear.

In the Persian mysteries the candidate was r
of a sword, presented to his "naked left breast
slightly wounded. The priests of Mithras prom
deliverance from sin by means of confession an

The Egyptian priests reverenced a being who
One. Initiation into the mysteries, as practise
sidered a symbolic death, and descent to a
(purgatory), with subsequent resurrection to n
typify a higher intelligence; that is, more light
their legends relates that a certain personage wa
and his body hidden. After a long search the
and buried by friends; then followed resurrectio

The mysteries of Egypt gave rise to those of
mysteries of the Essenes were derived from the
and cotemporaneous Hebrews;* and from these
secret rites of Christians, who adopted the Je
many peculiar terms. At its beginning Christian
like that of pagan religious societies, and one pe
was the "bringing to light." The use of incense
systems, the laying on of hands, the degrees or st
other ceremonies, are very significant in conside
origin of these associations. The similarity o
various Christian Churches and that of the "lod
common origin. The substance of the ceremonies
constituted the early Christian worship may be
of sun-worship. The celebration of these rites w
The Latin name "*missa*" is full of meaning.

These ancient mysteries were a kind of inner
which the practices of the populace became corrup
tions; and sometimes the most decided degradati

The different systems of religion that have aris
after Christianity, are of the same general form w
or less varied in completeness and in extent of cer

The legendary poems of Ancient Greece contain
sun allegory. In Homer's Iliad, book first, lines 5
Jove went to bold a banquet among the Ethiopians (t
of night and of winter), and with him went all the
(that is, all the celestial host). Twelve days, or s
pass ere he return to Heaven. Recall, in this con
of Priam, Hector and Achilles (the younger bin
chariot wheels, and drags him to the dust); and
test against time). The victories of Hercules are
the solar power which have to be ever repeated: t
are the twelve months.

In ancient Roman mythology we find a similar all
the history of Romulus and Remus. The double-face
of the year. The young face typifies the happy mo
spring; the aged one means evening and autumn—
and the end of the cycle of seasons. When intell
they are not antagonists, but harmoniously unite
round of nature.

The legends of Iceland, Norway and Sweden, te
came from Asia through eastern Europe. The re
the Goths, and kindred people of North Europe, are
supernatural features to those of Greece and Rom
Faust and Mephistopheles is a very ancient one, and
as a form of the allegory of the sun.

Many illustrations of this may be found in Home
Dante, and Milton, as well as in the folk-lore of var
places.

By the monks of Thibet, by the priests of Hindu
Samothrace, Eleusis, Rome, and by those of peoples
thence around the earth to the mountains of China,
symbols and numbers were used; all pointing to
harmony, the beauty and grandeur of the universe
India, through nations and countries encircling the
to India again, the worship of the sun has furnished
of multiform idolatries.

In modern Masonry the typical personage is the r

* The Hebrew element in Masonry is comparativ
its presence is an illustration of the influence of loca
and of different languages upon the original purity of
sentations and expressions.

at the South gate of the celestial temple, and, passing
receives the first blow (intimation of coming destruction
going on towards the West, he receives another more
nd and "blood is drawn." As he approches the North,
ht point, he is put to death, by another sun, transformed
larkness, and for a time the Evil One is triumphant. The
ive lies in the tomb three spaces of time, and then is raised
ials, to become again the King of Earth, enthroned in
This is an allegorical presentation of the apparent course
luring the various months of the year. About Christmas-
ys begin to grow longer, and the year is born again. The
n) of the seasons rolls on; after the seed-time of spring
ripening of summer and the harvests of autumn; while
is the year grown old, which must be born again. The
he twenty-four hours of the day may be typified in like

erm Hiram is easily recognized Brahma of the Hindus,
ie Egyptians, Mithras of the Persians, Bacchus of the
Balder* the Beautiful of the Goths, (and many others
amed), of which these various peoples celebrated the birth,
ownfall, and death, with the resurrection to a new life and
h became a source of joy, power, and triumph, to the
nation. Even so are ceremonies connected with the
one who "was called a Nazarene."

egories, drawn from the motions of the heavenly bodies,
uch of their primitive beauty in the modern scientific
hey seem more interesting and impressive in the early
ancient wise men, who represented the sun and stars as the
werful beings and of pure spirits. Yet in this stupendous
universal nature is an awful grandeur that must make
ful mind devout.

symbolic chain of ideas have been hung many wise moral
hich human experience has found to be good for man's
rough life.

us systems of religion among men, more or less national
racter, more or less modified by peculiarities of race, may
ed as so many different "lodges."

e of the course of the sun through the heavens is appli-
history of the birth, rise, progress, downfall and death,

cial forms of life dissolve away as the ever-approaching
ight necessarily near, the race lives on. This simile may
s that man is, most intimately indeed, a part of the life
, both as it is a separate orb and it fills a place in the
se of the Supreme Ruler.

tory of human thought is studied in the past, it may be
hile various systems of religion have arisen, flourished
l, the eternal principles of right remain unchanged. By
ples, founded on truth, men should govern themselves.
not dependent upon theology, but is of far higher source
greater value.

ough careful research and observation, Masonry is found
ncient in origin, and to have come down to the present
many and various channels. Yet, though now widely
g men of different races and languages, the institution
deas) remain, in essential parts, practically the same as
ing. In its truth and purity Masonry may well be called
religion.

(To be continued).

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ndertake to return rejected communications.

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RELIEF AND TRUTH.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

BROTHER,—The present times are big with changes. is the rallying cry both in imperial and municipal it has extended, in a certain measure, to the Craft and associations. We have reformed our Constitutions, Bro. ly raised a most important matter in connection with the l, and now Bro. Charles Lacey comes forward, at a critical a proposal for a momentous alteration in the annuities in future to our "Old Folks." He has raised the question d it is the duty of the supporters of the Royal Benevolent o see where the Truth lies. I am not in a position to Lacey's proposal what the famous Earl of Chesterfield rence to a poetic epistle, entitled "Truth in Rhyme," Lord Bute by David Mallett:—

"It has no faults, or I no faults can spy,
It is all beauty, or all blindness I;"

y that Bro. Lacey speaks with no mean authority. His e backed by a reputation to which few, if any, an prefer a better title, and they are worthy of the consideration of the Fraternity at large. Personally ed to agree with Bro. Lacey in his views with regard to ive reduction of annuities to be granted to the "Old

*Balder was wounded by the mistletoe the assembled gods k with horror." He was made (in the legend) to drink an skull. A ring was given him to wear as a safeguard.

ations that I think the opinion of the Craft should be ... action is either taken or abandoned.

Those who are acquainted with the history of the Benevolent Institution need not to be told that it had a small beginning, and grew with the Craft until it reached its present proportions. To those who are not so well informed it may be necessary to say, quoting from an excellent little pamphlet, issued by you, entitled "Occasional Papers on the History of Freemasonry," that "at first the distressed brethren were granted annuities ranging according to age and a graduated scale from £10 to £30 per annum. In 1876 this system was abolished, and the annuitants on both funds received equal annual payments, which have been increased till at the present time the old brethren are paid £40 per annum each, and the old ladies £32." To meet the requirements of this Institution an annual sum of £12,000 is needed. These facts and figures point to a marvellous growth and development, and indicate a responsiblity that no well-wisher of this important Charity can ignore. The force of circumstances command attention, and no one will deny that the time has arrived when the whole case must be reviewed. At one period of the history of the Institution there was a lack of candidates; when all who applied were admitted on its funds. Now the case is altered, and the painful necessity of refusing many poor applicants has arisen. There may be causes for this change with which I am not acquainted, there are others which lie on the very surface. Among these must be regarded the enormous growth of the Craft, and the increased amounts granted to annuitants. They appear to me to be the main factors in the question, and to afford matter for careful inquiry and much anxious thought. While the number of the Craft has grown so rapidly, it must be remembered that the funds of the Institution have also grown enormously. The question is whether the ratio of needy members of the Craft has not increased beyond all just proportion. That it is greater than the present means of relief, is beyond dispute. I am convinced that many men have been admitted into the Order who ought never to have been received. It would be difficult to prove this assumption; I might say almost impossible, because when once a brother is admitted the right of judging him is gone. He then becomes the equal of his peer, and remains so as long as he complies with the conditions of membership. Inquiry must precede admission, and here it is, I think, where failure has arisen. So far the past and the present must be accepted, and we must deal with conditions as they exist. The future, to a large extent, lies in the hands of the brethren themselves, and if greater care henceforward is exercised in the admission of members, Bro. Lacey's movement will achieve a vast amount of good.

If the view I have taken with regard to the abnormal growth of the Craft be correct, the increased number of applicants for relief is at once explained. Then comes the second point, which clenches the argument. The difference between the amounts granted in the early days of the Institution, and those now given is so great as to stimulate a desire for the present income. The prize is now worth coveting even by those who at first fulfilled all the requisite conditions of membership, much more so by those—if they exist—who never ought to have joined.

In this state of affairs it becomes absolutely necessary to consider some very obvious questions. One is, and that too of great moment, can the present strain of demand for support be maintained? Those who have any knowledge of the enormous labour that is necessary on the part of the Executive of the several Charities of the Order, to say nothing of the painful responsibility that is thrown upon them, know how difficult it is to keep abreast of present wants. I know Bro. Terry has stated that a comparatively small sum, I think he said 5s per annum from each member, would give him sufficient to meet all present requirements of the Institution, which he so ably assists to administer, but then that small sum must be multiplied by three, at least, in order to support the other equally deserving Charities. Many Lodges have their own Benevolent Fund, to which each member is expected to subscribe when the Charity box is passed round at the refreshment table. Apart from this and other considerations, it is impossible to get all the brethren to be of one mind, unless Grand Lodge passed a law making a per capitum charge upon all Lodges compulsory, a course they are not likely to take. But supposing the present income can be maintained, it is insufficient to meet the demands. Speaking on the 13th ult., Bro. Terry said that in June there were 38 male candidates and 14 vacancies; 82 female candidates, and only eight vacancies. How is this deplorable condition of things to be met? The suggestion that the age of eligibility of candidates should be increased from 60 to 65 years is an excellent one, and will do something to relieve the pressure; but more is needed, if the many who now crave assistance are not to be sent empty away. At this juncture, Bro. Lacey proposes that the amount of the men's annuities should in future be £32 10s, instead of £40, and that the widows' annuities should be reduced from £32 to £26. The suggested alteration is not to affect the election of the present year, but only those annuitants coming on after the election of 1885. He contends that whereas the rates now in force would satisfy 100 annuitants, 123 would be provided for by the new rules.

The scheme seems to me to meet the case. At any rate, Bro. Lacey has raised a challenge, which those who differ from him cannot evade. Your contemporary, in that off-hand manner which it so often assumes,—and which appears to me to be very dictatorial, and not a little offensive,—pooh-poohs the idea of reduction. "It would be a retrograde movement," says this superior authority, and would injure the "future support of the Institution." Why retrograde? It would not lessen the gross sum required for relief, while it would assist an increased number of applicants. The stimulus to effort would not be decreased, but the pain of refusal would be reduced. I do not for a moment contend that the amount of the annuities is now too large, but that is not the point. The question is, whether it could not be reduced in order that more might share in the advantages of the Institution. If your contemporary, or any one else, can show a better remedy, let them produce it. The present state of matters is a grave

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reproach, and ought not to endure. Instead, therefore, of advising Bro. Lacey to withdraw his motion, he should be encouraged to persevere, in order that something should be done to meet the wants of as many as possible who are unfortunately compelled to supplicate the Craft for relief.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

OH! THAT PRAYER IN THE POCKET COMPANION OF 1754.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the "Revelations of a Square," Dr. Oliver, with numerous details, informs us how Jews first began to make their appearance in Masonic Lodges in or near 1752; how, up to that time, the Common Prayer Book was used for Lodge devotions; how the new Jewish Masons objected to Christian prayers in the Lodge; how some Masters indulged in the Jewish prejudices and omitted the name of Christ from the Lodge prayers; how, when D.G.M. Manningham was informed thereof, he was greatly offended thereat; how that worthy D.G.M. immediately consulted Dr. James Anderson, and how the two Doctors conjointly composed a Christian prayer to be used in Lodges; how Dr. Manningham got the G. Lodge to sanction that prayer; how Dr. Manningham introduced the said prayer "in person to the Metropolitan Lodges, by whom it was gratefully received," and how that original prayer was printed in the Pocket Companion of 1754, &c.

Oliver's Revelations, and more especially the Revelations about "that prayer," set our American Masonic Christianising luminaries agog. It was cited in 1852 by the Rev. Grand Master Randall in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. It was printed and reprinted in the Boston Masonic Magazine. It was repeated all round the country by pious Grand Masters in their annual addresses; and of course it was a godsend to the Masonic press in America in general. Gushing compliments between Charles W. Moore of Boston, Albert G. Mackey of South Carolina, and Dr. George Oliver of England, had been for some time going on to and fro, in profusion. These fine compliments, especially when something nice was said by Oliver about Moore, were treasured up in the Magazine, and Bro. Moore did not fail to magnify Dr. Oliver's luminous writings. Nay, he even managed the election of Dr. Oliver as Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. These fine compliments from Oliver magnified Moore into a great Masonic authority; the other American editors of Masonic papers praised or censured whatever Moore praised or censured, and as Moore invariably magnified the Masonic scholarship of Dr. Oliver, it would have been treason on the part of any Masonic editor to have admitted into his paper any hostile criticism on Dr. Oliver's writings. The result was, Dr. Oliver's "Revelations of a Square," was here universally accepted as *bonâ fide* Masonic history. And, to make assurance doubly sure, Dr. Mackey embalmed the Revelation about that prayer in his Masonic Cyclopædia, and even printed the whole prayer. But Dr. Mackey had somehow taken a notion that our Dr. James Anderson died in 1746. He could not therefore very well believe that Anderson and Manningham conjointly composed a prayer in 1752. But Dr. Mackey entertained no doubt that Dr. Manningham rendered an important service to the Craft by his composition of that prayer.

The appearance of Mackey's "Cyclopædia," with the Manningham prayer in it, impelled me to exhume the old corpse, and submit it to a coroner's inquest decision. The first witness that appeared before the coroner was the lamented late Grand Secretary of England. Bro. Hervey testified that he had carefully searched the records of the Grand Lodge of England between the years 1752 and 1756, or during the time when Dr. Manningham was D.G.M., and he also examined all the contemporary manuscripts, and he could nowhere find anything to substantiate Oliver's statements either about the Grand Lodge having sanctioned that prayer, or that Dr. Manningham was the author thereof, and the second witness was the volume of the "Gentleman's Magazine" of 1739, which testified that James Anderson, D.D., author of the "Freemasons' Constitutions," died 28th May of that year. The coroner, of course, rendered a verdict in accordance with the above evidence. And since the truth was ventilated American Masonic luminaries, that is, Grand Masters, Orators, Editors, &c., have generally been pretty quiet about Oliver's Masonic scholarship, and I would not have disturbed that quietness now, if I had not come across something which will throw further light on the origin of this prayer.

In a letter I mailed for the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE last Friday, I stated that, from the Dublin 1730 Constitution, I inferred that the very first Masonic Deacon in creation, in a symbolic Lodge, must have been an Irishman. Well, after I mailed that letter I continued perusing the said Dublin 1730 Constitution (as reprinted by Bro. Spencer in 1871), and on page 59 I found a prayer, "to be said at the opening of the Lodge," &c. Here it seemed to me that I discovered an old acquaintance—something I had read in days long gone by, when, lo and behold, on comparing the Dublin prayer of 1730 with the prayer quoted by Oliver from the "Pocket Companion" of 1754, I found the two prayers to be identically one and the same.

I hope this exposé of Masonic humbug will be a warning to our luminaries that the time has arrived when even pious Masonic sectarianizers can no longer either invent lies or quote lies with impunity.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

JACOB NORTON.

P.S. The other "Revelations" of Dr. Oliver are also untrue; that Solomon Mendiz was Grand Steward in 1732, and Benjamin De Costa held the same office in 1737; I venture to say that if inquiries were made of the Secretary of the Spanish synagogue in Bevis Marks, it will be found that the said brethren were members of that synagogue. The "Gentleman's Magaz states that Jews were then members of the G up in the English Masonic Magazines of about Jews belonged to the Craft in London early i the last century. With regard to the Book o Lodge devotions, the truth is, the Masoni jurisdiction of the original Grand Lodge prayers at all. The Ancients first used pra but the Moderns got along without praye that the Grand Lodge of England had no Here, in Puritan Massachusetts, the first indi 1733 using prayers was in 1800. When Wash got up a demonstration of respect for that en was voted to invite a clergyman to open the We had here also a Scotch Provincial Gra bodies united in 1792, but neither of the sa Chaplains. And even after the Union, they w till 1797. We see now that the Book of Common to an English Lodge, and that praying in Lo very ancient landmark.

Boston, U.S., 12th February 1884.

OFFICERS AND THEIR RESPO

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Some time sinc Lodge of Instruction which I attend, as to Lodge to call a Brother to order under the fo A well known Brother entered the Lodge and saluting the W.M. Will you please inform consider it to to be request him to do so?

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraterna

[The responsibility as to an unqualifi a Lodge rests with the Junior Warden; plays a want of courtesy to the chair n "unqualified" person. It would not the Master of Ceremonies to take ac offence is committed. The "well kn correspondent refers to ought to hav ED. F.C.]

THE ELECTION OF GRAND T

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Is it not surpri perienced Chairman as the Earl of Lathom able to decide which of the candidates for the on Wednesday evening last, had the majorit "count?" From his commanding position better able to see that which was patent ever brother in the Hall. The "count" was a fe unreliable had there been a shadow of a doubt yet a second count was ordered, after sco Grand Lodge, believing that the matter wa count was a more pitiful performance than the Officers on the dais, like drowning men clutchi lying upon the steady exodus of those who h considered the work they came to do accou "division!" A division was made, and it mus spectacle from the dais for those who signed square Circular! A warning, let us hope, attempt to ride roughshod over the Craft has time.

Yours faithfully and f

LONDON COTTAGE MIS

THE members of the "Momus" Ameteur congratulated on the succes that attended Saturday last, at the International Theatre, ostensible object of the promoters of the ente vide something in aid of the funds for th of the London Cottage Mission. The perform John Hollingshead's well-known but ever fr "The Birthplace of Podgers;" this was follo Drama "Blow for Blow." In the first piece th was carefully played by Mr. E. H. Kennedy. Mr. Gordon Taylor personated the rascally cl and evidenced that he had thoroughly grasped author; in fact, it may be said he played the p not often exhibited by an amateur. Mr. H. N Spriggs, gave all the points with a richness of h us of poor George Honey, who was the original racter. Miss Laura Graves played the rol very truthfully. The minor parts were all we stage groupings, so often a weak point in a showed attention had been given to rehear flected great credit upon the stage manage deserving Charity will be benefitted by the effor popular Club.

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PANMURE LODGE, No. 139.

ılar meeting was held on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic No. 8 Red Lion-square. Bros. Walmesley P.G.D. Middle- Poore P.M. P.P.J.D. as S.W., Hawkins M.O., Lilley , Allen S.O., Axfort J.O., Pulman P.G.I.G. Secretary, ., Lee Organist, Tayler S.D., Poore P.G.I.G. P.M. Lodge l, and the minutes of the former regular meeting, and of rgency meetings, were read and confirmed. Bros. Falkener, nd Lamb Lodge, and Mitchell, late 39, were elected join- ers. Bros. Duffin, Berry, Magrath, Pipe and Sadler ie courtesy of the W.M., duly advanced into the Order by P.M. Several of the Bye-laws were amended, and Lodge losed until the first Monday in May. The brethren ad- the Holborn Restaurant, where a very excellent dinner ed by Bros. Gordon and Hamp. Bro. Walmesley W.M., quent terms, proposed the usual Masonic toasts, in which I.R.H. the Prince of Wales was specially mentioned in with the great meeting lately held; the name of H.R.H. nd Master, in conjunction with the R.W. Bro. Lord Hen- ked enthusiastic cheering. There were several Past ers present, and each vied with the other in responding . The name of the M.W. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett speci l ovation, and reference was made to the fact that , not only in Craft and R.A., but also in Mark Masonry in e, gave honour to those to whom honour was due. The ie Advancees, the Past Masters, and Wardens met with a iat was most gratifying. Altogether a most agreeable s spent.

?ROV. GRAND LODGE OF NATAL.

ıesday the 30th January, an important Masonic ceremony place at the Masonic Hall, Smith Street, Durban, viz., ; of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. ıny was performed by R.W. Bro. R. I. Finnemore; and e present were Bros. Archdeacon Garde, Dr. Schulz, Rnssell, S. Marriott, A. J. Keeler, G. Leask, G. E. Attwood, nuel, W. Sellwood, P. G. Sandford, J. Crowe, M. W. Frye, Pay, &c, &c. The Provincial Grand Master (Bro. having opened the proceedings with a short speech, called Rnssell to read the Patent from the Right Hon. Lord rhich appoints him "to be Provincial Grand Master of r Masons in the Province of Natal, for a period of three the date hereof, or until such time as a successor shall uly appointed and installed in his stead, with full power ty to constitute and regulate Lodges within his Province he approval of the Grand Master, and to do every other ining to the office in accordance with the Constitutions of ıry." Bro. Finnemore then took the oath of office and stalled, and appointed his officers as under:—

r Francis	... ...	Deputy P.G.M.M.
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s Cook	... ...	P.G. Junior Warden
ımith	... ...	P.G. Master Overseer
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ınd	... ...	P.G. Junior Overseer
n. Archdeacon Garde, M.A.		P.G. Chaplain
ınanuel (unanimously elected)		P.G. Tensurer
Viltshier	... ...	P.G. Reg. of Marks and Sec.
sk	... ...	Assistant ditto
sell	... ...	P.G. Senior Deacon
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riott	... ...	P.G. Inspector of Works
fatterson	... ...	P.G. Director of Ceremonies
ıtanton	... ...	Assistant ditto
andford	... ...	P.G. Sword Bearer
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reare, J. Crowe, Dr. J. Schulz		P.G. Stewards
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	... ...	P.G. Tyler.

ıting a Committee to frame Bye-laws and other private e Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and a meeting of tal Mark Lodge, No. 288, was held, at which candidates ed, and other ordinary Lodge business transacted. The erwards assembled at supper, at which the Provincial er presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, in- health of the P.G.M. Master, were given, and received l enthusiasm. The meeting, which was regarded in every essful and satisfactory, then terminated. The Provincial er announced his intention at some future date to deliver on the origin and meaning of Mark Masonry.—*Natal Advertiser.*

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Masonic Calendar and Official Directory for the Province of Wiltshire. Issued with the sanction of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Lord Methuen, and the Provincial Grand Lodge. Edited by William Nott P.M. 662, P.Z. 632, &c. Provincial Charity Secretary. Devizes: Printed by W. H. Bush, Wine-street.

The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Gloucester, 1884. Published by authority of the Right Worshipful Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge. Compiled by Brother R. V. Vassar-Smith Provincial Charity Secretary. Gloucester: Printed by John Bellow, 1884.

The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, 1884. Twelfth Year of Publication. Compiled by Bro. Samuel S. Partridge P.M. P.Z. P.P.S.G.W. Provincial Grand Secretary.

WE have drawn the attention of our readers to previous issues of these useful publications, and spoken of them in terms of well-merited praise. In each case the work of compilation has been done with the utmost care; the matter is well arranged and the information ample. If it is out of our power to say anything fresh in respect of the Calendars for the present year, it is because Bro. Nott, in the case of Wiltshire, Bro. Vassar-Smith, in that of Gloucestershire, and Brother Partridge, in respect of Leicestershire and Rutland, have furnished not only what may reasonably be expected in publications of this class, but likewise much else which is of extreme value to the brethren, but not always to be met with.

Plain Facts about Arkansas and Texas. Illustrated with Diagrams. Rand, MacNally and Co., Printers and Engravers, Chicago.

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Bro. Dr. Ramsay presided over the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall. There were also present Bros. W. Roebuck, A. F. Godson, Robert Berridge, Henry W. Hunt, Raynham W. Stewart, Edgar Bowyer, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), Alfred Williams, Donald M. Dewar, Arthur E. Gladwell, George Cooper, George P. Gillard, Thomas Cubitt, Chas. Belton, Richard Tyrrell, H. Hacker, F. Adlard, A. Torkington, W. Paas, J. L. Mather, C. F. Matier, W. Maple, H. S. Goodall, W. H. Saunders, J. Palmer, G. Motion, H. Massey, and F. Binckes Secretary. The minutes of the former monthly meeting were read and confirmed. On the suggestion of Bro. A. E. Gladwell and the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D, a grant of £5 made to one boy on the last occasion was ordered to be made in money and not in an outfit. The minutes of the House Committee and Audit Committee were read for further information. Two petitions were examined, and the boys therein named were placed on the list of candidates for the October election. A request by one boy who has obtained a situation for a larger grant than the £5 outfit was deferred for further information. In another case £10 was granted.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

uarterly Communication of Wednesday last was ided over by the Right Worshipful the Deputy ster the Earl of Lathom, who was supported by Brownrigg, K.C.B., as Deputy Grand Master, and el Hicks Beach, M.P., as Past Grand Master; of Milltown Grand Senior Warden was in his l Brother Victor Williamson P.G.W. acted as nior Warden. Amongst others who attended the Revs. H. G. Morse, M.A., and W. Oswell Grand Chaplains, John Derby Allcroft Grand Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Reg., B. Monckton President Board of General Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, , J.P., and R. Gooding Grand Senior Deacons, nd T. H. Devonshire Grand Junior Deacons, H. nd Supt. of Works, Sir Albert W. Woods rand D. of C., T. D. Bolton Deputy Grand Raymond H. Thrupp A.G.D.C., Lieut.-Colonel ers G.S.B., Lieut.-Colonel A. C. Foster Gough ndard Bearer, Edgar Bowyer Grand Standard G. Cusins Grand Organist, H. G. Buss Asst. retary, L. F. Littell Grand Pursuivant, W. Assistant Grand Pursuivant, H. Sadler Grand e Past Grand Officers were strongly repre- the meeting was, taken altogether, as numer- nded as any that has been held of late years. Lodge having been opened in ample form, Col H. Clerke read the minutes of the December ation, which were agreed to *nem con.* Major oposed the re-election of Grand Master for the ar in a speech of commendable brevity. He the progress Freemasonry had made since His ness the Prince of Wales had accepted the Not only had the numbers of both Lodges and creased, but the definite principles of the Craft Benevolent and Educational Institutions had been such as to show that the Craft had really progressed. This unbounded prosperity was mainly due to the hearty loyalty of the Grand Master, and his devotion to the true principles of the Order. There was not a brother in Grand Lodge who could deny the hearty warmth, the uniform courtesy and urbanity which had ever been the characteristics of his Royal Highness in this Grand Lodge. He was sure the motion he had the pleasure to offer would receive at the hands of the brethren such appreciation as would not only give entire satisfaction to every member of Grand Lodge, but further that satisfaction would be extended to the heart of every Craftsman throughout the length and breadth of the dominions of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. The motion was seconded by Bro. Baylis, and carried unanimously amidst enthusiastic cheering, and His Royal Highness was then formally proclaimed Most Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasons, by Sir Albert Woods, Garter King at Arms.

The next business was the election of a Grand Treasurer, and it was evident to almost every one present the result was a foregone conclusion. On Bro. Letchworth devolved the duty of proposing the re-election of Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, which he did in a speech of much power, advancing the arguments we have so freely had under consideration during the past few weeks. He deprecated the idea of a yearly change, and urged it was but fair to Bro. Allcroft to state that he was too keenly sensible of what was due both to Grand Lodge and to himself to seek by any action or influence of his own their suffrages and support. There were, however, many who believed it would conduce neither to the dignity of the Order, nor to the harmony of the Brotherhood that Grand Lodge should annually become the area for party conflict and factious rivalry. In that view a strong appeal had been addressed to Bro. Allcroft, and it was in response to that appeal that he had again permitted himself to be put in nomination. He would not occupy their time by recapitulating Bro. Allcroft's many claims to the support which that time last was year so strongly and so successfully urged, neither would he outrage Bro. Allcroft's feelings by referring to those many acts of princely, though unostentatious benevolence, which had characterised his private life no less than his public career. In regard to the worthy brother who had been nominated in opposition to Bro. Allcroft, he desired to speak with the utmost respect. It had been loudly proclaimed that he, too, had contributed a large sum of money to the Masonic Charities. He knew full well there were no surer means by which a Mason's heart could be reached and his sympathy gained than by the exercise of that Masonic virtue—Charity, but he trusted the time would never come when the measure of a brother's claim to either of the two high offices that Grand Lodge could bestow would be the length of his purse.

Bro. Knyvett, Past Grand Steward, seconded the motion, and then Bro. Keeble W.M. 1426 proposed Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall P.M. 1743 S.W. 1745 J.W. 137 M.E.Z. designate 1773, and Patron of "Our noble Institutions." It was not his intention to take up the time of Grand Lodge by giving the qualifications of Bro. Marshall. He placed his qualification for the office of Grand Treasurer entirely on the ground of his being a member of Grand Lodge, and he (Bro. Keeble) claimed his right as a member of Grand Lodge to nominate any brother fully eligible for the office. He took this opportunity of announcing, however, that he based his proposition upon this qualification. The supporters of Bro. Marshall had not thought it necessary or desirable to canvass London or the Provinces to obtain support. It was quite unnecessary to do more than look round that vast assembly to feel what the result of the next few minutes would be.

Bro. Kempton W.M. Great Northern Lodge seconded the proposition, and urged that the departure of last year, wss on the understanding that the collar of Grand Treasurer should be transmitted annually. On no other ground should he have voted against Colonel Creaton.

The Grand Master in the chair then put the proposition, but declared it was impossible for him to decide which candidate had the advantage of the show of hands. A division was asked for, and the new rule providing for this was read and put in operation, but the result was so unsatisfactory that the Earl of Lathom suggested that the supporters of Brother Marshall should move to the right hand side of the room, and those who desired to re-elect

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Brother Allcroft should take the left hand side. This suggestion having been acted upon, the Earl of Lathom said he had no hesitation in saying that Brother Marshall had been elected.

The Earl of Lathom, by the command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, now rose to propose: "That the sum of 50 guineas be granted to the family of the late James Cross, and a similar sum of fifty guineas to the family of the late Thomas Cattermole, two of the crew of the Albert Edward lifeboat, at Clacton-on-Sea, which boat was presented to the National Lifeboat Institution by Grand Lodge in the year 1877; these two men, after having assisted, the first in saving 116 and the second 33 lives, had lost their own, in the discharge of their duty on the night of the 23rd January last, whilst in their boat, endeavouring to rescue the crew of a vessel in distress, leaving their families, consisting respectively of a widow and six children and a widow and three children, entirely destitute." He might add that a small local collection had been set on foot at Clacton-on-Sea, to which the Most Worshipful Grand Master had subscribed personally, and the National Lifeboat Institution had given £450 to the two families. The Most Worshipful Grand Master on Tuesday presented medals to the crew of the boat, and he (the Earl of Lathom) had no doubt that brethren would see with His Royal Highness that these sums would be worthily bestowed.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, in seconding the motion said he wanted to know, and he thought a little information should be given to Grand Lodge on one point with regard to the Albert Edward lifeboat being put out to its proper service. He lately went down to Clacton-on-sea, and was told, without having made an enquiry, that the boat went out that Wednesday about four o'clock. The lifeboat went, but they did not see it come back, as it was taken down to Sheerness. If a wreck had taken place that night at Clacton there was no lifeboat there, she had gone on towage service. A little intimation should be given by Grand Secretary to the men in charge that the boat should be used for the purpose of saving life only. The motion was carried.

The grants recommended by the Board of Benevolence, as printed by us last week, were confirmed.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted; as likewise was the report of Brother. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts. Grand Secretary next read the application from a body styling itself "The Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia," requesting their recognition by the United Grand Lodge of England as a regular Grand Lodge, which application was refused.

The appeal from the Reunion Lodge, No. 1956, Blenheim, New Zealand, against certain comments made by the Colonial Board, when cancelling the exclusion of Bro. William Benjamin Earll from the Lodge, relative to the conduct of Bro. Christopher J. W. Griffiths, of the same Lodge in the same matter, was dismissed. In the absence of Bro. Col. Creaton, Bro. Pierce P.G.D. proposed that Grand Lodge vote £70 from the Fund of General Purposes to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season. Grand Lodge was then closed.

The R.W. Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.H.S. P.P.G.M. Leicestershire, will preside at the annual Festival of the Union Lodge of Instruction (formed by the union of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, John o' Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, Commercial Lodge, No. 1391, and Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560), to be held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Friday next, at six o'clock. A large attendance is anticipated, Bro. James Stevens P.M., P.Z., having undertaken to deliver his Masonic Lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," as a part of the interesting programme of the evening's business.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 8th March 1884:—

3rd March—Lodge of Union, Robert Burns Lodge, Lodge of Joppa, Regularity Chapter; 4th- Royal York Lodge, Albion Lodge, Old Concord Lodge, Anglo-French Ball; 5th—Grand Lodge, Grand Officer's Mess; 6th—Old Acquaintance Musical Society, Johnson's Ball, Linnæan Club, St. James's Chapter, St. Andrew's Lodge, Victoria Rifles Lodge, Westminster and Keystone Lodge; 7th—London Inverness-shire Ball, Fidelity Chapter, British Chapter, Royal Kensington Lodge, Odd Volumes; 8th—Phœnix Lodge, Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

NOTICES OF MEETIN

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ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE,

A MEETING was held on Monday, 3rd inst, a Bolton. Present:—Bros. John Booth W.M., J. W. Poyntz J.W., Rev. J. H. Gibbon Chap., G. J. Hardcastle S.D., W. H. Lomax J.D., J. Mills M R. Nightingale Steward, J. W. Roiley Tyler, Thos. also Bros. W. Golding, Mather, Gillibrand and R Bro. J. Handley, Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1 was opened in form at six in the afternoon. The ceedings of the last meeting were read and con proceeded to the second degree, when Bro. Jas. W. by the W.M., the working tools of the degree bein S.W. Bro. Pacey. Lodge closed in the second, read a circular from the Prov. Grand Master, urgi greater zeal in support of the Masonic Charitable Secretary announced that he attended as Stewa Lodge on the occasion of the Festival of the Ro volent Institution in London, on Tuesday last, Stewards representing Lodges of Bolton were pres The thanks of the Lodge were awarded to Brot representing Lodge 37 on this occasion. Hearty expressed by the Visiting Brother. A portion of and charges were read by the Senior Warden. L form, and with prayer, at 7 o'clock p.m.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 1

A REGULAR meeting of the above Lodge w inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-s W.M., Martin S.W., Dewsnap J.W., Albert P.G. Treasurer, Wall S.D., Hicks I.G., Dodson P.M Botibol Stewards; P.M.'s Alexander, Benjamin, Visitors—Spencer W.M. 186, Stunt 1320, Holm Pardoe 1581. Lodge was opened and the last were confirmed. Bros. Laundy and Kool were pass was raised to the third degree; both ceremoni given. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren excellent supper, superintended by Bro. Dawki full honour to the customary toasts, and a very enj the result of the after proceedings.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.— eant's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Present—Bros. Gieseke W.M., Legg S.W., Clark ceptor, Serjeant S.D., Black J.D., Pitt I.G., Mi Stroud, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremon rehearsed, Bro. Pitt candidate. Bro. Strond a questions leading to the second degree, and was was opened in the second, and the ceremony of pas Bro. Stroud candidate. Lodge was resumed to Bro. Legg was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Loughborough Lodge of Instructio Monday evening last, the 3rd inst, there was a g the brethren at the above Lodge. The Officers Bros. Banks W.M., Westley S.W., Warren J.W Salmon J.D., and Perkins I.G. There were also p son Preceptor, Hook, Boyce, &c. Lodge was op and the minutes of the last meeting were du Westley worked the first section of the first lectu brethren. The W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremoni passing, Brother Hook acting as candidate in t Brother Boyce in the second. Bro. Westley was the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, wishes, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmo till Monday, 10th inst., at 7.30. The meetings c are held at Brother McDiarmaid's, Cambria Ho Near Loughborough Junction Station, S.E.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Stree Present—Bros. Rich W.M., Haynes S.W., Ruso Bourne J.D., Gilderaleeve I.G., Moss Preceptor, also Sainte, Fellheimer, East, Weil, Klingenstein. the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fe Bro. Moss then gave a lecture on the fifth section Bro. Moss worked the first and second sections of t by the brethren. Bro. Fellheimer, 73, was unanimou ber of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Haynes w for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering and adjourned.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 1 Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, Banks W.M., Freeman S.W., Pitt J.W., Hutchin S. R. Spright P.M. Secretary, W. E. Dilley S.D., J J.D., Smith I.G., Greener, Penrose, Payne, C opened in the first degree, and the minutes of th having been read and confirmed, was advanced t ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Penrose per date. Lodge was then called off and on resum

sed in the third degree, and the ceremony of passing re-
Bro. Cohen candidate. Lodge was afterwards resumed
rst degree, and Bros. Payne and Cohen were elected members,
hich Lodge was closed in due form.

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y Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly
, Southgate-road, N., on the 1st instant. Bros. Powell W.M.,
.W., Liebmann J.W., Ferrar S.D., Rhodes J.D., Gildersleeve
en Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Ferrar, Smith,
Turner, Woolveridge, Breakley, Giller, Fenner, Recknell,
son, Hirst, and Catling. Lodge was opened in due form, and
were read and confirmed. Bro. Turner offered himself as
e, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Cohen
the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture,
by the brethren. It was proposed by Bro. Fenner, and
by Bro. Cross, that honorary membership of the Lodge be
d on Bro. Cohen; this was carried unanimously. Bro.
, of the Fidelity Lodge; Bro. Richardson, of the Sincerity
and Bro. Smith, of the New Concord Lodge, were elected
s. Bro. Cross was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.
are again reminded that the annual supper of this Lodge of
on will take place on Thursday, the 13th instant, at the
rmers, Southgate-road, N., at eight o'clock, under the patron-
e Officers of the mother Lodge.

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irates Lodge of Instruction, No. 212.—Held at
her Red Cap, Camden Town, on Monday last. Bros. Trick
nderwood S.W., Finch J.W., Sheppard S.D., Recknell J.D.,
I.G., Galer Preceptor; P.M.'s Glass, Stewart, Halsey,
Lodge was opened in form, and minutes were read. The
ion was worked. Bro. Glass offered himself as candidate,
eremony of passing was ably rehearsed. Lodge was called
freshment, and on resuming the ceremony of initiation was
l. Bro. Underwood was appointed W.M. for ensuing week.
Waldeck, of the mother Lodge, was elected a member.
s closed, and adjourned to 10th March.

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andra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1451.
ove Lodge, which holds its weekly meetings at the Station
Camberwell New Road, and of which Bro. J. R. Stacey is the
eptor, has again given proof of the desire of its members to
o effect the great principles of charity, which has been well
as "the brightest ornament which can adorn our Masonic
," for at the last meeting a ballot took place for three Life
ships to the Masonic Institutions, proving that while deriv-
otion themselves, the brethren keep the fact of those who
tance steadily in view. Last year the same Lodge contri-
r Life Governorships to the Masonic Charities in like manner,
s all done in a very simple and excellent way, and somewhat
its arrangement. Each member pays a small annual sum,
only covers the ordinary expenses, but leaves a good margin
oted to the cause of Charity. Every member is eligible to
ese prizes, but to become so it is necessary that he should
certain number of meetings of the Lodge during the year,
ing his desire to obtain instruction, as well as have a chance
ing a rich reward for having done so. This plan has been
l less objectionable than the common practice of paying a
ntribution for the same object, although there is no doubt
g several years past substantial benefits to the different
have been derived therefrom. It is satisfactory to state that
three ballots above referred to had been paid for, a good
mained behind, on which the future charitable superstruc-
e built, to be dispensed in like manner in the future.

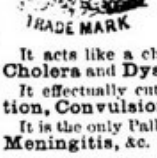
Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622.—The brethren
anniversary at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street,
ll, on Thursday evening, the 28th ult., Bro. W. Hamlyn
ge 1622 presiding. There were present Bros. D. Rose P.M.
Preceptor, T. Grummant P.M. 1559 Secretary, W. Cowley
Treasurer, W. Stone 1641 Assistant Secretary, Parkhouse
ard 1777, Wright J.W. 217, H. Vickery P.M. 1622 1475,
W.M. 1475, T. Penney 1679, Addington W.M. 217, Cockle
29, Neville 1531, Inglefield 1321, Philp P.M. 186, Mercer
1 Sphinx 1329, J. Garnar P.M. 1622 Shoults, Stare 1622,
Terry P.M. 177, Bray P.M. 1155, J. Vickery 1475, Wishart
, J. J. Brinton Sphinx 1329, J. W. Petherbridge 1622,
G. 1475, Woodnell 193, Harvey 1963, Lightfoot, Jefferies,
W. 1559, Briant 1641, Kettel-White 1641, Channon P.M.
ey P.M. 1641, Kirby 1622, Dunn 1622, C. A. White 1777,
P.M. 1662, and Thompson. Lodge was opened in due form,
inutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed;
en were then called off, and immediately adjourned to an
room, wherein Bro. Terry, under the able catering of Bro.
ad in readiness a sumptuous repast. This was the first
hering held at this establishment, inasmuch as the present
ds on the site of a building which had to be demolished for
an improvements. There is ample room in the present
for all Masonic purposes, and Bro. Terry hopes to
centre for this locality. On the removal of the cloth,
yn introduced the usual toasts. Bro Voisey, in an excel-
, proposed the President's health, to which suitable re-
made by Bro. Hamlyn, who, before resuming his seat,
rosperity to the Rose Lodge of Instruction. This toast
n replied to, the President proposed the health of Bro. D.
Preceptor of the Lodge, and in the course of an eloquent
e speech, referred to the long and continuous work which
ad carried out as a Preceptor in South London, not as re-
Lodge alone, but for the Order generally. Bro. Hamlyn
to attend several Lodges weekly demanded much self-
had been content to undergo all this, and much more; for obviously, though not in good health, he had been in their midst when he might have been by his own fireside. This the brethren fully realised. A most pleasing duty now devolved upon him (the President); this was to present Bro. Rose, in the name of the Lodge, with a life-like portrait of himself, from the studio of Bro. Benedetti, of Rye-lane, Peckham, who unfortunately was unable to be present, professional duties having called him to Italy. The presentation was then made, Bro. Hamlyn offering some very fraternal remarks, and then stating that Bro. Benedetti had presented a *fac simile* portrait, which would adorn their Lodge for the future. Bro. Rose, in accepting the *souvenir*, made an exceedingly modest speech, nevertheless displaying much feeling and eloquence; he alluded to the unvaried kindness he had met with, and the courtesy with which he had been treated during the long series of years he had been a Preceptor. The most useful perhaps—happy hours at least—of his life had been spent within the walls of the Lodges wherein he had been Preceptor. Apart from the intrinsic value of their gift, he should regard it as the most valuable heirloom he could hand to his children; and should the evening of his life be one wherein labour had ceased he should gaze on the portrait and recall its associations with pleasurable feelings. The President next proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, and Bro. Cowley (Treasurer) responded in a business-like speech, while Bro. Grummant acknowledged the compliment paid the Secretary; in the course of his remarks stating that forty members had been added to the roll of the Lodge of Instruction during the past year, and that the average attendances had been twenty-one. Their Masonic Charitable Association numbered fifty members, and from this source the sum of 250 guineas had been sent to the respective Institutions during the last two years. He was pleased to know that Bro. Stone had been elected Assistant Secretary; his valuable co-operation had been manifested in various ways already. Personally he (Bro. Grummant) thanked the Lodge for the confidence reposed in him, and assured them he would attend to the duties of his office as heretofore. The President then proposed Prosperity to the Peckham Lodge of Instruction, for which Brother Hilton responded. Then followed the toast of the Stewards—Bros. Rose, Earl, Mercer, Penny, Voisey and Stone, who severally made response. The musical arrangements were carried out under the direction of Bro. Voisey; he was assisted by Bros. Earl, Philp, Leonard and White. Bro. Pritchett P.M. 1662 accompanied on the pianoforte. The Tyler's toast concluded the business of the evening.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cook Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Weeden, W.M., Western S.W., Turner J.W., Dixie S.D., Goddard J.D., Pearcy acting Preceptor, Collingridge Secretary, and other brethren. After preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Brother Rhodes acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Monday, 10th March, when Bro. Western will preside.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—At the meeting held on Tuesday last, at Hornsey Wood Tavern, there were present Bros. Moon W.M., Davies Preceptor, Hall S.W., Oldis J.W., Berry Secretary, Gush S.D., Haynes J.D., Webb I.G., and Brosthers Snelling, Knight, F. Goode, Richards, Press, Chorley, Fluck, and Little. After preliminaries, the first section of the first lecture was worked by Brother Snelling, and the second by Bro. Gush. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Little candidate. The third section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Snelling, and a cordial vote of thanks having been accorded to Bro. Davies, on his retiring from the office of Preceptor, Lodge was closed and adjourned to Tuesday evening next, at eight o'clock.

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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, 8th MARCH.

106—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
175—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)
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-street, W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 10th 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, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
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, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
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, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (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, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (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, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
2030—Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster. (Consecration)

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
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
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
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
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
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
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
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
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
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
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
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
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
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
1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court

R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kendall-street, Leeds
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 379—Tyntе, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 9—Plantagenet, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Queens Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 56—Hugh de Payens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 11th MARCH

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
58—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs.
85—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Ga Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30.
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street,
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 Ro (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston a
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandswo
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1269—Stanbere, Thickot Hotel, Anerley
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Squ
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (In
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, a
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (In
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Inst
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instructi
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Ins
1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N.
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, Finsbu
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpo
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee H
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

33—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, C
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
446—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, New
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Hal
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Bs
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street,
1311—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Ins
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1403—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
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 Stree
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. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbri
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northum
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cheetha
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 12th MARCH

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemas
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolw
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (I
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge R
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
169—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 130 Crowndale-rd., Cam
534—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
814—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (I
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
867—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, a
902—Burgoyne, 25 Charterhouse Street, E.C., at 7. (Instru

1274—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E
1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instru
1305—Lodge of St. John, City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, S
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hack
1608—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westm
1640—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow,

ndesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
perial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
sturion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
aton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
l of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
ior Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station

-Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 9 (Instruction)
—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
stle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
-High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham

e, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
ice Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
ice Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
quity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
ohn, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
donian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
e of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
uke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
quality, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
itude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
mony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
dersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
stone, New Inn, Whitworth.
dale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
pathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
y, Globe Hotel, Warwick
ntium, The Castle, Carnarvon
ohn and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
nshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
volence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
olship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
mere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
nd, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
rt, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
ugustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

espeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
ther, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
ion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
gh, Bull Hotel, Burnley
dle, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
les, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
ou, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
ne, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
r, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
ey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
rn, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
arigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
ghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
ndra, Horuses, Hull (Instruction)
hrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
pool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
lloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
arigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
erance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Shaithwaite
down, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex

Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
yalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
tegrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
ertford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
lton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
victa, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
t. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 13th MARCH.

r, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
an, Hercules Tavern, Lewisham-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
an, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
rity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
ship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
' England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
ry, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
ury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
ses, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
ie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
ark, Southwark Park Tavern
London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
n Star, Pheasant, Staingate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
ll, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction
ark, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
at City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
e, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
n, Cock Tavern, Highbury
aught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
ing, Red Lion, Leytonstone
sdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
arden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
rling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
arnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
s, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
t, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
e, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden

Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
orough, Green Dragon, Stepney
on, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
e Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
th London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

85 High-street, Cowes
Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
ge, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
e, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
c, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
ston, Castle Hotel, Preston
y, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
rethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
wdegate Arms, Nuneaton
Hotel, Hitchin
White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter

463—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
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
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
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.
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
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
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 213—Perseverance, 73 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 14th 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, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
790—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)
1442—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.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
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)
M.M. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

38—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
490—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne

1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
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, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 15th MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 153 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
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
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.
Royal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., 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.

1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
R.A. 6—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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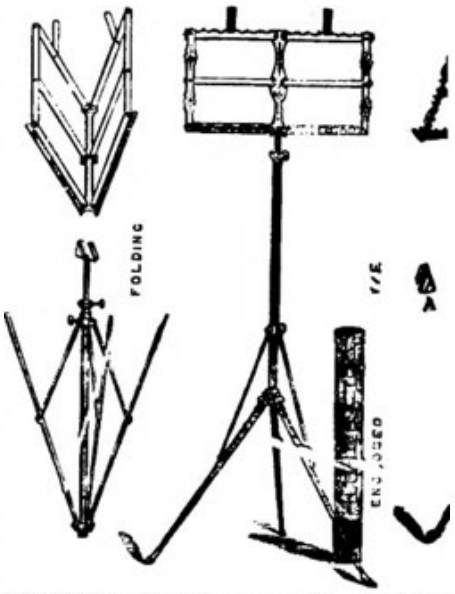
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IE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

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). GOULD commences his sketch of the "Lodge of Aberdeen" by enumerating the materials from he has mainly compiled it, namely, the "Burgh s" in the publications of the Spalding Club, Bro. n's articles in the *Voice of Masonry* (1872-74), and h Chapter of Lyon's History, together with infor- since obtained by Bro. Hughan through Bro. John n, a P.M. of the Lodge. From the Records are d different references to Masonry, from which it is that this Lodge, or a Lodge of Masons, existed in en at a very remote period. In the first volume, ate of the year 1399, is "an account of an early between the 'comownys of Ab'den' on the one d two 'masonys' on the other part, which was o on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. The ntracted for was to *hew* 'xii durris & xii wyn- fre tailly,' and the work was to be delivered in good any quay in Aberdeen." On the 27th June 1483, is made of the "master of the kirk wark" having that the "masownys of the luge," consisting of six as enumerated "were to pay 20s and 40s to the Church ('Sainte Nicholace Wark') for the first and ffences respectively, in the event of either of these ny debate or controversy." It was laid down that ai fautit the thrid (third) tym,' they were 'to be out of the luge as a common forfactour,'" the said "being 'obligated' to obedience 'be the faith of odiis.'" On the 15th November 1493, "three were hired for a year by the Aldermen and Council, e in thar service, batht in the *luge* and vtenche, to Cowe'—according to the Rev. A. T. Grant, a fishing village four miles from Aberdeen"— hewe and wirk one thar aone expensis, for the stuf ne of thar kirk werke, and thai haue sworne the ly aithe to do thar saide seruice and werk for this the quhilkis thai sal pay to ilk ane of the said xx merkis vsuale money of Scotland alarnelie, but nts of trede.' One of the three masons bore the Mathou Wricht, who was also mentioned in the 1483 and probably was the same who is referred mber 22, 1498) as agreeing, 'be his hand ophal- nake gude seruice in the luge'—'the said day' noted) 'that Nichol Masone and Dauid Wricht ame be the fathis of thar bodiis, the gret aithe o remane at Sanct Nicholes werk in the luge . . . trew in all pontis,' &c." On 1st February 1484, ordered that 'Craftsmen' bear their 'tokens' on asts on Candlemas Day, and on January 23, 1496, y craft have its standard." On 22 May 1531, the and Council ordained "that in 'honour of God blessit Virgin Marye, the craftismen, in thair best ep and decoir the processioun on Corpus Cristi Candilmes day, every craft with thair awin baner, armes of thair craft thairin . . . . last of all, he Sacrament, passis all hammermen, *that is to* this, wrichtis, masonis, cuparis, sclateris, gold- and armouraris.'" Then "a visitor" who was chosen yearly by each craft, "according to the rule of October 4, 1555," was bound "to see that all the statutes and ordinances were faithfully kept, and particularly that 'thair be na craftisman maid *fre man* to vse his craft except he haf seruit as prentise under ane maister thre yeiris, and be found sufficient and qualifeit in his craft to be ane maister." As to whether the old "Lodge of Aberdeen" is one and the same with the "Luge" referred to so often above, Bro. Gould remarks: "It is now impossible to prove the identity of the ancient Lodge of Aberdeen with that described in the Burgh Records of 1483, though, for my own part, I see no reason to doubt the probability of their being one and the same. In early days there does not seem to have been more than a single lodge in each town or city—which had a monopoly of the rights and privileges pertaining to the trade—until secessions gradually led to the formation of a rival sodality, as at Edinburgh in the seventeenth century." At all events, as he had just previously stated, "the Lodge of Aberdeen existed at a very early date," while "the references in the fifteenth century to the lodge in that city, of themselves, abundantly prove, that at the period in question the masons assembled in a lodge and apparently not always for strictly operative purposes." But whatever may be said on this point of identity, there can be no question as to the great antiquity of the Lodge, notwithstanding it has been assigned so absurdly low a place on the roll of Grand Lodge of Scotland as No. 34. It is even now "officially acknowledged as '*before* 1670,'" though "it must have been at work long before the latter year, according to the declaration of its veritable records, which, of those preserved, *commence* A.D. 1670." Moreover, when, on the 30th November 1743, the Grand Lodge of Scotland granted a warrant to it, it acknowledged "as the period of its formation" the year 1541, because "the Seal of Cause of the masons and wrights was confirmed on May 6, 1541, under the common seal of the burgh."

On one other point Bro. Gould very properly lays great stress, because it shows the theory as to the hereditary Grand Mastership of Scotland having been vested in the St. Clairs is a myth. This is the grant referred to in an earlier part of our review that "was made in favour of Patrick Coipland of Udaucht as warden 'over all the boundis of Aberdene, Banff, and Kincarne' by no less an authority than King James VI." As to the terms of this grant, which is cited by Hughan in the *Voice of Masonry*, Bro. Gould says they 'are singularly interesting and suggestive, for they are to the effect (*a*) that the Laird of Udaucht possessed the needful qualifications to act as a warden over the 'airt and craft of masonrie;' (*b*) that his predecessors had of old been wardens in like manner; (*c*) the said Patrick Coipland having been 'electit ane chosin to the said office be common consent of the maist pairt of the Master Masounes within the three Sheriffdomes;' (*d*) the king graciously ratifies their choice, constitutes Coipland 'Wardene and Justice ovir them for all the dayes of his lyif;' and (*e*) empowers him to act like any other warden elsewhere, receiving all fees, &c., holding courts, appointing clerks and other needful officers, &c." The document is dated 25th September 1590, and it is added a little further on, "If the office of Grand Master for all Scotland

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had been held by the St. Clair family (putting on one side the question whether the younger branch could or could not claim this hereditary privilege), clearly Coipland's appointment would never have been made by the king, neither would the Masons of Edinburgh, Perth, and other cities have allowed it to pass *sub silentio*." He adds also: "That the semi-hereditary office of warden for the counties named was lawfully held by succession in the case of Coipland, subject to the consent in part of the master masons and ratification by the king, completely sets aside Lawrie's claim on behalf of the St. Clairs, as Hughan fully demonstrated in the history referred to," but the appointment "was of a purely local character, being confined to the districts named, other wardens doubtless acting in a similar capacity for the other counties, and superior to all these was the *General* Warden, William Schaw."

Subsequently, the operatives, "whose proceedings it was the function of this high official to regulate and control," appear to have considered it right "they should have a hand in his appointment," and "the Acts of the Scottish Parliament, under the year 1641" are referred to as containing "the humble remonstrance of all the Artificers of the Kingdome, who 'in one voyce' doe supplicate his Majestie and the Estates of Parliament, least men incapable of the charge of Mr. of Work may attaine to that: therefore it may be enacted that none shall ever bruik or be admitted to that place of Mr. of Work, but such as shalbe recommended to his Majestie as sufficiently qualified by the whole Wardens and Deacons of the Masons, Wrights, and others chosen by them, assembled for that purpose by the Parliament and Priuie Councell when the place of Mr. of Work shall happen to be vacant." Bro. Gould says this remonstrance would seem to have been dictated by the apprehension that an unfit person would be appointed to the charge of the king's works, great stress being laid by the petitioners "on the importance of the 'Wisdome, Authoritie and Qualities,' of this high officer, 'being such as may make him deserue to be Generall Wardene of the whole artificers of buildings, as worthy men haue euer formerly bene.'" As to whether any answer was returned to this petition, Bro. Gould is unable to say, the only further allusion to this office being "in volume vi. of the Scottish Statutes, under the year 1645, when there is a 'ratification by Sir John Veitch of Daruall, in favour of Daniel Carmichael of the office of master of work, and general warden of the king's tradesmen.'"

Bro. Gould next passes to an examination of the Lodge records, among which have fortunately been preserved the "Lawes and Statutes ordained be the honourable Lodge of Aberdein, December 27, 1670." Of these, which are eight in number, he gives a summary, statute by statute, and then goes on to remark: "These curious ordinances of a bygone age present some remarkable features, which, as yet, have been very imperfectly considered. We perceive that *upwards of two hundred years ago* 'speculative' Masonry was known and provided for—*gentlemen*-Masons being required to pay higher fees at entry, and their presence being heartily welcomed at the festivals of the lodge. Examined in connection with the lists of members I shall presently exhibit, the existing records of the Lodge of Aberdeen afford conclusive evidence, not only of 'speculative' customs, but actually of *Speculative ascendancy* in the year 1670. The power of the master was then even more absolute than it is now, and the duties of the warden corresponded very closely with those peculiar to that position in modern times. The 'officer' received a gratuity in those days from initiates, much as many tylers do now, and no more precautions are taken under the modern system to secure privacy than in days of yore. The charitable nature of the fraternity is embodied in the rules for the 'Poor Box,' which article of furniture is not neglected in our own ceremonies, and during the last century, not to say later, the candidates had often to provide a treat at their admission; the regulations also for the annual festivals were, at both periods, somewhat alike in character." He points out, however, that there was no such thing as a degree—in the sense in which the term is now used—of Master Mason, and in the arguments he adduces in support of his views we most fully concur. The "Measson Charter," which is also preserved, and to which reference was made in the former volume, is briefly dismissed, and then we have a list of "The names of us all who are the Authoires of and Subscryuers of this Book in order as followeth," among them being "Harrie Elphinston," who is described as "Tutor of Airth; Collector of the Ki[illegible]

Measson: and: Master of our Honourabl
deen:" the "Earl of Findlator Meas
Pitsligo Measson;" the Earls of Dunfer
both "Meassons," and several mer
"Chyrurgeons," &c. &c. Against each
a mark, and then comes the following
endes ye names of us all who are the
Book & ye meassonis box in order, accor
as wee wer made fellow craft (from qtl
age); so wee intreat all our good s
measson craft to follow our Rule as yor
to stryve for place, for heir ye may s
amongst ye rest our names, personnes o
insrt be for great persones of qualitie. M
entered prentises insrt amongst us who a
yis book. And therefor wee ordaine all
in ye measson craft not to Insrt any ente
he be past as fellow craft, and lykwaye
our successores, both entered prenteises a
pay in to ye box ene rex dollar at yer
sufficient cant[n] for it till a day by and
posit[n]. Wee ordaine lykwayes yat ye m
read at ye entering of everie entered
wholl Lawes of yis book, yee shall fynd
hinder end of yis book. Fare weell." Th
by one of the "Entered Prenteises," the
the members of the Lodge in the yeare
list of "Successors" is referred to, and fr
Gould has no difficulty in establishing th
Speculative element in the lodge even at
However, we need not follow him in hi
being sufficient if we note that in his rem
that "throughout the records" there
reference to the 'perfect limb' legislati
years has been so much insisted upon i
masonry; and we shall vainly search i
those early times for a full specification
'Landmarks,' which modern research pro
ancient and unalterable." The follow
possessing "some interesting features"
"Att the Measson Hall of aberdein,
1709, the honorable lodge thereof
called and conveined to setle a
upon those who shallbe entered prenteis
lodge of aberdeine, and all unanimousli
meassones prenteises within the said lo
the Benefit of the measson word twelfe
ther entrie yr to, with all necessarie d
and officer, with speaking pynt and din
who shall be entered in our Lodge wh
their prenteishipe therein, is to pay sixt
with all dues conforme as aforesaid, and t
ad futurem re memoriam. In witness
Maister and Warden and Maisters of this hor
signed thir presents with our hands, day
This about concludes Brother Gould
Aberdeen Lodge, and is followed b
other such Lodges. The following parag
"Mason Word" is referred to being fro
St. John," Kelso, No. 58: "It is quite
of possibility that this lodge was in existe
teenth century, or even earlier, and p
source from which a knowledge of the 'w
by the Rev. James Ainslie. This Presby
'was laureated at the University of Edi
1639, called January 11, and admitte
(after being sustained by the General A
ber 9, 1652. Objection having been taken
Freemason, and the neighbouring presbyte
vious to entering him on trials, the pre
February 24, 1652, replied 'that to their
neither sinne nor scandale in that word, b
sent tymes of this kirke, maisons havein
been ministers; that maisons and men h
have been and are daylie in our sessions,
sors haveing that word are daylie admit
nances.' He was deprived by the Act
June 11, and of the Privy Council October
passages in which reference is made
are also mentioned. The last Lodge of
is given is the independent Lodge of Melro
Gould breaks off from his study of "E
masonry" in order to glance at subjec
reserved for a future article.

LIGHT OF AGES.

ENT SCIENCE AND SYSTEMIC RELIGIONS.

From the Voice of Masonry.

(Continued from page 149.)

Part II.—Symbolism of Masonry.

symbolic *terms* and *instruments* of Masonry refer to ilosophic, spiritual, moral and religious truth. Some ns of both superficial and profound significance may first be d.

ord "mystery" means "secret thing," and, in connection ms or ceremonies, it signifies "secret rites." The word " is by some said to come from an old French word meaning " from which is derived the name of the "builder of walls." French word had a predecessor, which in Latin means an ire." Further: it may yet be traced until it is the same as nt oriental word for Mason, which meant "reasoner," ;" and hence, "a child of light;" he who best uses the high thought given him by the "Great Architect of the Universe." this word is that from which we derive the term natician." The word "Amazon" in ancient story, is very re, as are terms used in Homer and those which were l in the Amphictyon. The Jewish word meaning "Mason" so "faithful." "Be ye also faithful," even as the Father in the God of Light and Truth—is faithful. In the three degrees of the early Christians, those of the third class were 'aithful."

asts of the Sts. John in Masonry are the pre-Christian festivals mmer and winter solstices. The feasts of the ancient Greek were similar. The custom of keeping sacred such times, of ng the birth of the sun, and his glorification in mid-summer, ded, virtually unchanged, from the Ganges in far India, ne world, as the nations wandered westward, till the celestial osed the circuit. The various links of this chain are clearly im whose eyes have been opened—whose mental vision has minated.

swer to the question—"whence come you?" refers properly o Johns, types of the two preceding suns, which have passed ian. The "Mason" comes from the light that was; and elling to the East, he goes toward the coming light of the Saviour, Truth and Right incarnate.

in many and widely separated places and countries, and in ystems of religion far apart in time, is said to be "The ne." He acts by "might and by power." In the Hindu ton- ldha" means "celestial man;" that is, "the sun." It also o know," "to understand." The Sanskrit "Maha-Buddha" the great Buddha." "Maha-Buddhi" means "the great ce of Buddha;" that is, "very God." The existence of possessing such a meaning in Sanskrit is very significant, the language is the oldest known well-established form of d writing (though another yet more ancient is suspected by ars.) Through the Indo-Germanic languages the word with its meaning "great," may be traced in the "megas," of ; "magus," "majestas," "macte," "magnus," of the Latin; esta," of the Spanish; "majesti," of the French; "macht," man, and "majesty," of the English. The transformation ffable name of the Sanskrit divinity "Maha-boddhi" d well known to the enlightened is very plain to those l with linguistic changes.

rd, "Solomon" contains, in each of its three syllables, the e sun-god, in as many different languages, or, with as many ations and peoples. There is the "Sol" of the Latins, " of India, the "On" of Egypt.

letters "O. M." or "A. U. M." (which is *idem sonans*) are o be the initials of the names of so many manifestations of of India, may not "G. O. D." be the first letters of three g since forgotten, which referred to the three-fold character he Author of All was regarded by meditating man, thousands go? The same is doubtless true of "I. N. R. I."

rd "Jehovah" is equivalent to "existing being,"—"I am ;" that is, "the strength," "the essence of life," "the world," "the force of the universe."

ilarity of the words, Jah, Jehovah, Joshua, Jehu, Joseph, l there are two of this name—one for the winter and one mmer solstice), Jesus, James, Jason, Jove, Jupiter, Juno, Ajax, is very suggestive to those of some knowledge in the re study of languages. "Jupiter" comes from "Zeus" r" and means "All-Father."

d "Mary" may be essentially the same as "mare," "the he allegory of the morning sun rising from the sea thus nterpreted "born of a virgin." In the representations of ndu ideas of creation may be seen a mass of surging waters, from its bosom living beings—and these of great beauty.

nt languages the word which we represent by the term ' meant "raised up," "living," "sun," "light." In the ongue it meant also "ox," which was a symbol of strength, was the zodiacal sign of the month following the vernal hen the new year came on in spring.

or "the lion" was, in the zodiac, the symbol of the greatest l the sign of the summer solstice—the high noon of the n the sun was strongest, and could send to the earth its vertical rays." From this was drawn the simile of the w," which became the type of strength. The "lion" is the strong, the mighty one, by whose power is raised to rear that was dead, and by whose power the searcher after seeker after truth, is raised to a new life of uprightness ulness—to himself first, and then to all the world.

told that the lambskin, as a type, was more ancient than far anterior to that when the order of the Golden Fleece was instituted. Is not the story of the Argosy merely a free and somewhat poetic presentation of an ancient ritual of the "lodge?" The lamb appeared in the joyful spring-time the youth of the year, and typifies purity and innocence.

White gloves and many-coloured flowers are sometimes presented to the initiated as typical of the season when the year is young. The seed is put into the ground, and there undergoes "putrefaction;" "it cannot be quickened unless it die." Only the strong summer's sun, with the powerful "lion's paw," can raise the new plant to full life.

The "sheaf of wheat" symbolizes autumn with its fruitfulness; the golden grain hangs by the stream which separates bounteous harvest from dreary winter.

The "woman" or "virgin," with the "broken column," the "sprig of acacia," and Time behind her with his finger pointing to the heavens—significant of hope—all had beautifully appropriate explanations in the astronomic allegory of the Egyptians. The branch of acacia then had mystic use similar to that of the present time.

The "obelisk" is a substitute for the sign of the life-giver, or seed-bearers. The active and the passive principles of nature were represented by the phallus (obelisk) and the etois, in the ancient systems of worship—as in India—and were held sacred.

The "phœnix" is also a symbol of the renewal of life. The same may be said of the sphinx, in India and in Egypt, a wonderful type of the grand mysteries of nature, in which the physical strength of lower beings is represented in union with the directive force of the human mind.

"Aries" (sheep)is the sign of the vernal equinox; "capricornus" (goat), is the sign of the winter solstice. From this is drawn the opposition, in the moral world, of the "sheep" and the "goats."

The "temple," completed, is figurative of the reign of truth and reason. The word "temple," comes from the Latin word "tempus," and this from Greek "temno," meaning to cut: thus "temple" represents the spaces into which the sun, in his apparent progress through the sky, cuts the celestial circle. Withered flowers and leaves are the "rubbish" of the "temple;" that is, of the year. Hiram is also the type of philosophic, moral, religious and political truth. In Spanish lodges, ignorance, falsehood, and unjust ambition are the three vices, or ruffians, against which unceasing warfare is to be made by the "Children of Light." The chief god of ancient Egypt was known by the name of Ammun, meaning "hidden," or "concealed." He was worshiped in silence. The words "I hail" are better understood when traced to their probable origin, a word spelled "hele," a North European word that means "to conceal. "Tile," meaning "to put on tiles," thus signifies "to cover," "to protect," "to conceal." "Freemason" may have been a name given to members of the Order after the mysteries came under control of architects or builders. Under Edward III., of England, "*free* masons" were those who worked in "*free-stone*," in contradistinction to those who worked in other kinds of material. The "crux ansata" is derived from the sign of the sun in Taurus, being the remnant of the outline of the face of the bull with the sun between the horns.

As it is written "the Word (Logos) was God," so when the sun-god went down—was lost—the "word" was said to be "lost." Both were again found at the return of the sun from night, and from the darkness of deep winter.

The "ninth arch" is the ninth sign of the zodiac, counting from the vernal equinox, when the sun begins to go up to rebuild the glorious temple of the new year, whose ornaments should be flowers and fruits. In the Book of the Law it is written, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Compare the expression with the astronomic history of the year.

The English word "lodge" is represented in French by "loge," in Spanish by "logia," and probably is derived from the Greek term "Logos."

To "work" in lodge is to teach and learn truth, to prepare to practise virtue; the word "virtus" has its root in a Latin word which means "man," in the noblest sense of the term. Wages, in the material view, are "corn, wine, and oil;" that is, the produce of the earth enriched by man's labour, but in the higher, the intellectual meaning, to "earn Master's wages" is to earn the right to enjoy those things which truth brings—to become better, more worthy men.

The "Master's Word" is the name of him who is the essence of Light, Truth and Right, by whose aid the mystical dead is raised to a new life.

Among the *implements* of Masonry which have a deep and symbolic meaning besides the one that appears on the surface, the following are chosen as illustrations: The "compasses," describing from a central point the circle—an emblem of eternity—become a symbol of divinity. The "delta" is the first letter of the name of Deity, with the ancient, as its synonym is with many modern nations. It is a type of the Eternal, the All-Powerful, the Self-Existent. The material world is typified by the "square," in form, in opposition to force, symbolized by the "triangle." The "square" is also a symbol of humanity, as the "delta," or "triangle," typifies Deity. The operative "square" is virtually the same as the "square" in form. Inasmuch as the "delta," the "triangle," and the "compasses" are essentially the same, to raise first one point, then the other, signifies that the divine, or higher portion of our nature should increase in power and rule over the baser tendencies. This is the real, the practical "journey towards the East" for men of modern times. The two "triangles," or "deltas" intertwined, are the ancient symbols for the union of the two principles or forces, active and passive, male and female, pervading the universe. The two triangles of black and white, interlaced, typify the mingling of the two apparent powers, darkness and light, in nature; and of error and truth, ignorance and wisdom, evil and good, throughout human life. The "triangle" and the "square" together form the "pyramid"—seen in the shape of the apron. In this manner the "pyramid" shows

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the symbolized unity of matter and force, as well as the oneness of man and God The numbers 3, 5, 7, 9, &c., have their places in the parts and points of the "square," "triangle" and "pyramid." The "cubical stone," containing many geometrical forms, is the symbol of perfection. The "five-pointed star," having angles equal in number to those of the "pyramid," becomes the symbol of the various forms of the power that pervades all space, which maintains the universal harmony of matter and mind, and continues the equilibrium of cosmical forces.

Truth is mighty and will prevail. The eternal years are hers. The puny efforts of man are indeed feeble against the laws which govern his being.

Truth is the "light" a Mason seeks. Even as the material sun gives light to the physical world, so Truth is the Perfect Light which lighteth every mind that cometh into the world, and by aid of which man is to build the temple of his spiritual life—a temple in which shall be all those qualities that aid in ennobling him, that he may be perfect, even as the Father Spirit is perfect.

Truth, Goodness, and Beauty constitute a group of the manifestations of God, which every one may try to make a part of his individual life. Physical, intellectual, and moral beauty form a trinity that each should strive to attain. Let us rise through nature up to nature's God!

A mason should believe truth and practise universal morality. So doing, he obeys God and rises above the world of ignorance to that better life where Perfect Light is all in all—he becomes a true man and Mason.

To every one, while standing a just and upright Mason, it may be said:

> "Noble art thou in thy birth.
> By the good and great of earth
> Hast thou been taught.
> Be noble in every thought and in every deed.
> Let not the illusion of thy senses
> Betray thee to deadly offences!
> Be strong, be good, be pure!
> The right only shall endure."

THE ABBEY LODGE, No. 2030.

IF it is ever to be ordained that the members of the gentler sex are to participate with us in the more active duties of the Craft it will readily be conceded that the kind lady to whom the brethren of this newly-established Lodge have so many reasons for being thankful has a claim to first honour at our hands. Much has been written on "Women in Freemasonry," but in the United Kingdom, beyond the fact of the initiation of Miss St. Leger, in or about the year 1735, in Ireland, and that of Mrs. Beaton, who was known, towards the close of the last century, in the neighbourhood of Norwich, as the "Female Freemason," we have no material facts that we can rely on as to any association the ladies might claim with our Order. In the year 1869, however, it was thought desirable by some most energetic brethren, who at that time had it in contemplation to establish a new Lodge, that they could not possibly find a more suitable style and title to be designated by than that of the name of the noble-hearted lady who took so active a part in the doings of Monday last. In due course then the Burdett-Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, was consecrated, and the Baroness Burdett-Coutts has ever taken a most keen interest in its welfare and success. On the day of its consecration, the Baroness presented the members with a handsome copy of the Volume of the Sacred Law, and this we are assured will ever be highly prized and religiously guarded by the brethren. Some few years later on she presented a set of chairs for the W.M. and Wardens of this Lodge; moreover, as evidencing her sustained interest, she expressed a wish to personally attend and make the presentation. Accordingly, the permission of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master having been secured, the Baroness was received by the brethren in open Lodge assembled, and her Ladyship formally presented the chairs. Following on this, the brethren of the Burdett-Coutts Lodge, with their lady friends, were received and entertained by the Baroness at a Garden Party at Holly Lodge. These, however, are matters of the past. We will now record the Masonic event of the current week. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, Grand Secretary of England, had been appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master as the Consecrating Officer of the day, but before the proceedings formally commenced a preliminary ceremony took place. This was nothing less than the presentation by the Baroness-Burdett Coutts of the whole of the Lodge appointments. The pedestals and chairs are elegantly carved, of unpolished walnut wood. The pedestals are covered with light blue cloth, the name and devices of the Lodge being entwined on each. After the Baroness, who was accompanied by her husband, Bro. Burdett-Coutts, who we may mention here was the Worshipful Master designate, had been formally received by the brethren founders of the Lodge, she took a position by the side of the Master's chair, and addressed them in the following terms:—

GENTLEMEN,—Through your friendly courtesy I am enabled to be here to-day, and to present to your Master Elect, Mr. Burdett-Coutts, the furniture, ornaments, and insignia for the use of your Lodge. I know your time is limited, therefore I will very briefly ask your attention to the device which runs throughout these, and beg you to observe the beautiful and skilful manner in which the work has been carried out. If there is one part to which I would more than another direct your attention, it is its embroidery—as upon this I am more competent to judge, and I have watched its progress under the small and dexterous fingers which have executed its device so skilfully, and with such admirable effect. The device itself was adopted, as most present here are aware, in compliance with a kind intimation from your members that our arms would form an acceptable badge for the Abbey Lodge, and it was thought by your Master Elect that these ticable, with that majestic pile from which you future name. The emblazonments of heraldr historic days, when the men and women long the dead were living actors in the events ar time, and it has been a pleasing thought t and your forbears may have often watche pile, and seen stone placed upon stone of th the Abbey, as each was fashioned into form ning hand of the artificers of the Craft. Som round whilst its first stone was laid, with a ce its essentials from that I was entrusted to p in the building in which we now stand. H that scene, in the then young Abbey, thought would gather round that stone—the keystone and a cementing bond of union, sympathy, the English of that day and their descendant of the English-speaking people of the earth. even if the hour permitted, for it is not in r ing that words come readily to the lips. I no appointments connected with the Lodge into have but one more office to perform, and I fully aware of what I am doing; for the tro weapon I have ever used; that has often beer placing this poignard in your hand, I know t may be, your hand will do it; that if the poi will be for the right, and with no uncerta sheathed, it will be sheathed with honour.

The formal presentation was then made, a on behalf of the brethren, addressed her Lad

BARONESS BURDETT COUTTS,—It ill become the brief but eloquent words in which you Lodge with this beautiful furniture, to a equivalent terms the thanks of all the foun have done us to-day. It is true that the ar most beautiful—are works of art—but to us t their intrinsic beauty; they have been p hands have ever been actively employed for by one whose association with Westminste proudest remembrances. One word more. Th which you have presented me, and which w appropriate inscription, I now present to t this day.

A brief inspection of the several articles ladies who accompanied the Baroness, who conducted from the Hall.

Col. Shadwell Clerke then called on the bre selves, as he was prepared to go on with the tion. Bro. Sir Albert Woods (Garter) to Warden, and Dr. Turtle Piggott, D.C.L., t Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. acted thro Ceremonies, while Bro. Thos. Fenn P.G.D. off The Lodge was opened in the three Degrees. Eternal by whose aid," the presiding officer a brethren. As they were aware, they were important and pleasing occasion; no less t warrant of the M.W. the Grand Master for t Lodge, and add one more name to the long under the English Grand Lodge—the large were already a very large number of Lodg London alone numbering no less than 330. matter of some difficulty to obtain a warrant was, however, no rule without an exceptio occurred that the reasons for establishing an balanced the reasons against so doing, and th in the exercise of his discretionary power asked for. There were brethren in this C had laid a petition before the Grand M pleased to grant a warrant, the Lodge to be and it was for the purpose of consecrat met that day. The founders were all more o City of Westminster, and the Lodge would th having local interests and local members. T brother to be the first Master—Bro. Burdet brother was connected by family ties with th he (Col. Clerke) would be wanting in duty i charming incident which they had witness pleasure of hearing the noble lady referrin giving them the lucid account of that histori Lodge being opened under her patronage, the at the incident they had witnessed. It wa make remarks he sometimes felt it his duty new Lodges, in reference to the caution nec bers. It was frequently the case that they at the starting of a Lodge as much care or ca did. He was sure this Lodge would be very that the members would weigh and consider candidate who offered himself for membersh get candidates, but not at all easy to get r found unsatisfactory. He hoped, therefore, there was no lack of candidates in these day cautious in their selection they would reap years, when their Lodge would have become

The formalities of a consecration ceremony the brethren were arranged, the acting Secr read the petition and warrant, and, after th their approval of the Officers named in the p Consecrating Officer called on the Grand C Simpson, who delivered with great effect the

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, WARDENS, AND BRE in this City of Westminster under not only ve existing circumstances. The noble and vener

auty in design, adorned with the scenes of other days so exqui-
and panoramically grouped around us—the honoured and his-
ame borne by the first Master of this Lodge, associated as it is
y with the dignity and prosperity, but with the religious progress
nntiful Charities of Westminster; a name munificently and elo-
y illustrated by the noble Lady (the Baroness Burdett-Coutts)
as so gracefully addressed us to-day; and last, though not
the ancient as well as modern landmarks of our Order, which
the Masonic history of this city, all supply us with a chain
uries, by which, as by so many golden links, the glorious
bound to the happy Present, and point, as I trust in God may
o be the case, to a prosperous Future for the Abbey Lodge. As
sonic forefathers worked for us, so let us work for ourselves,
as for those who shall succeed us when we have fallen asleep,
o shall rejoice in this Lodge, so happily situated in every way,
model home of English Masonry. A home—a sacred home—
our holy rites may be duly performed in the solemn repose of a
ace, set apart for such high purposes; a home which shall be a
r the Lodges of England, and which, while in no way prevent-
e happy social intercourse that I trust may ever mark our
gatherings in their proper place, shall secure a sacred enclo-
r those most solemn and beautiful ceremonies which have
to that Grand Master on high, whom Jacob adored at Bethel,
lomon worshipped on the hill of Sion.

as in the material, so in the moral and intellectual world, we
do our part in our generation. It has been well observed by
nent writer, that "subject to certain cycles of partial revolu-
ery generation of men is a labourer for that which succeeds it,
ces an addition to that great sum total of achieved results
nay, in commercial phrase, be called the capital of the race."
generation of men, as they traverse the vale of life, are bound
mulate new treasures for the race, and thus leave
orld (as far as they are concerned at least) richer
hey found it. Of the mental portion of this treasure,
all part is stored. The Greeks, perhaps, had the
ideas upon the training of man, and produced samples of
with gifts unsurpassed. But the nature of man, such as
ew it, was scarcely at all developed; nay, it was maimed
preme capacity, in its relations to the Great Architect of
verse, and the Father of Spirits. Hence, as in the visions of
het, so upon the roll of history, the imposing fabrics of
civilisation have never endured. Greece has bequeathed
ever-living tongue, and the undying labours of her intel-
ome made ready for a later age the germs of polity and
the bright collection of endowments which goes to form
on, having no root in itself, could not weather the storms
and change. But there is a community that has weathered
storms. Taking its rise in the earliest ages, founded on
st principles of piety and virtue, it has pursued an onward
om age to age, a three-thousand years' tale not yet full told.
e was light along all its course; a light to those who sat in
and in the shadow of death, guiding their feet into the way
and pointing the pathway to a happier land.

Brethren, Freemasonry can boast, not only a most remote
ut a most glorious career; like a golden thread in some
f beauty, it has run through the varying fabric of human
and, like the great river of Egypt, it has wound its devious
ough many a land, overflowing and fertilising the nations
course; meeting with various forms of religious belief and
ernment, it has allied itself to all in proportion as each
as disciplined by order, practised in virtue, and founded
. Breaking through the fetters of mere human systems,
ver boldly proclaimed those great cardinal truths which
irtue and point to Heaven. Salted with perpetual life, it
ed through the terrors of heathen darkness, mediæval
n, and modern Atheism. It has kindled, true freedom of

hat freedom of mind which no vulgar dominion,
Can turn from the path a pure conscience approves;
hich, with hope in the heart and no chain on the pinion,
Holds upward its course to the light that it loves."

it is that Freemasonry has had to encounter many for-
foes, hence especially has our Order been denounced by
on and been persecuted by intolerance; but, like the
promontory, it stands unmoved among the wild ravings of
n—which surge around it, only to be hurled back into
ve foam. Unhappy is he who in his morose bigoted self-
y can see nothing but evil in the history of humanity;
overlooks all those conceptions of truth and of good—all
d and beautiful affections which God has interwoven with
e, and which throw almost a divine glory over the most
eatures of the history of our kind; or who beholds only in
ed and wonderful history the traces of a ruined being, and
s its noblest consummation, that all its future pages may
e aspiring faculties of human genius, bound down under
w system of contracted thought, and the natural flow of
fections creeping on in one dull and artificial channel! Nor
blood of the natural man freeze in the veins when the
rinciples of faith are impressed upon the soul, but continues
s before through their multiplied windings; neither is it
t these principles of a higher character, should impede one
enuine affection—one legitimate employment of our intel-
wers—or even one innocent play of fancy—but that they
ide them all to *right ends* and guard them with the shield
wn peculiar sanctity. Freemasonry rejoices in these prin-
nddresses itself to every description of men, and hides the
r the shadow of its wings from the ills and injuries of life.
lly suited to the north, the south, the east, the west—all
ested in its beautiful lessons of brotherly love and all
ts contemplations of immortal life.

wisdom, and adorned with beauty! For, say, Brethren, what institution can have a firmer foundation than the *volume of God's sacred law?* And why is this so, independent of its own claim? Because it sanctions all that experience teaches us respecting the natural powers of the mind. It leads us up in grateful thoughts to Him who bestowed the principles of life at the first, and who continues to impart them through successive generations. It enhances its value by asserting and proving its immortality. It renders the man useful to society by cherishing the love of goodness and encouraging hatred to vice, by unveiling the future destination of the spirit to eternal happiness as the reward of piety, or to eternal misery as the just judgment of sin, and thus affords a more powerful guard of virtue, and barrier against vice than all the laws society could impose. He then that is an enemy to sacred truth is an enemy to *himself*. He is extinguishing, so far as he can, the light which is sent to guide him home and to absorb the feebler rays of reason and of nature, and he is refusing the only cup of consolation which is a true antidote to the bitterness of sorrow. But he is a enemy to *mankind* for he is robbing society of the cement which holds it together, of the source of its intelligence, its happiness, its glory. And he who is the enemy of the Man is the enemy of *God*; for He is the Parent as well as the Architect of the Universe. He stamped human nature with His image, and He loves it still. Yes, brethren; the Sacred Volume is our foundation stone, which, while it records a thousand blessings for the present, points out to every wandering child of Adam "the path of life." And if Truth lies at the foundation, Wisdom has raised the superstructure of our house. No one of thoughtful mind and who has studied Freemasonry to any extent can have failed to "observe the connection of our whole system as well as the relative dependence of its several parts;" the great objects brought out in the various implements of art, the lessons taught by our traditional histories, the significance of every ornament that adorns our Lodges, all these are striking emblems of blessed verities—outer things mutely symbolising the highest duties of social life, and the deepest truths connected with our inner life. Never can we witness a brother raised to the degree of a Master Mason without feeling a divine call to a higher life; without at least being deeply moved by the solemnities of a ceremony which for impressiveness and instruction is second to none in this lower world.

And is not our house not only strongly founded and wisely built, but beautifully adorned? Are not purity of thought, integrity of life, benignity of manner, and, above all, sweet charity, the beautiful garments with which a true Mason is invested? Oh, how lovely is Charity! it constitutes the highest dignity of human nature; it elevates and refines our feelings—it calms the storms of passion—it causes men to look with kindness on each other, and to view no one as a stranger whose joys we can heighten, whose wants we can supply, or whose sorrows we can soothe. No distinction of rank will affect its operation; it will consider no object as beneath its notice that can be benefited by its exertions, and no task to be mean by which it can promote human happiness. Where would be the boasted dignity of reason if employed only to promote narrow, selfish views? Where the glory of that knowledge which never of itself advised or comforted another? And where the honour of that power which never promoted indigent merit or wiped a tear from the mourner's eye? A fiend may possess a higher degree of reason, more knowledge and more power than the wisest and best of men; destitute of charity, he is the more to be dreaded, not revered. Who would esteem the man of rank whose haughty selfish spirit could never smile on modest worth? Of what avail is wealth imprisoned in the rusty coffers of the miser or wantonly squandered away in the dissipation of the prodigal? Who would value our influence if never employed in promoting the prosperity of others? If such gifts are made subservient to personal advantage, they only shew that we want the spirit and inclination to enjoy that greatest of all luxuries, the luxury of doing good. And do not the tenets of our venerable Order ever point in this direction? Are not our glorious Charities practical illustrations of these truths?

Yes! Brethren, to bind up the broken hearted, to extricate the willing worker from misfortune's grasp, to rescue the helpless and the orphan from the prospect of want or ruin, to comfort the widow in affliction's hour, and to afford a peaceful home to the aged and deserving, in the evening of their days; these are objects worthy of the regard of every Mason who values the delight of blessing others, the respect due to himself, the honour of the Craft and, above all, the approbation of God. And, as the child is father to the man, let us as Masons give special diligence to foster education in its highest sense, and while storing the mind and exercising the intellect, ever remember as men, as Englishmen, or as Masons, that there are weapons and an armour still more necessary for the battle of life, and that it is not so much in what we have, as in what we are, that our true greatness consists.

Let us educate the child, that when in future days he feels himself alone among the crowd, when he is for a moment disheartened by that difficulty which is the rude and rocking cradle of all excellence, when he is conscious of the pinch of poverty and self-denial, he should be conscious too that a sleepless eye is watching him from above; that his honest efforts are assisted; that his prayers are heard; that all things are working together for his good. Is not this the life of faith, of hope, of duty, which light up for us the cheerless world, and transfigures all that we encounter (whatever be its outer form) with hues brought down from heaven and finally leads us through the valley of dark shadow "to shine as the stars for ever and ever."

If thus, brethren, we hold to the great principles of our Order, "adding to our faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge temperance, to temperance brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity;" then shall we hand down something in our generation to bless and enrich our Craft, our country, and our kind. Systems may change, customs may vary; nay, empires may rise

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or fall, we shall still, keeping in view the ancient landmarks and "the bright-morning star," go on our way rejoicing; rejoicing in the spread of truth, of virtue, of charity; rejoicing in the diffusion of that peace and goodwill which shall really conduce to the brotherhood of nations; rejoicing in the mitigation of human suffering, in the alleviation of human sorrow, in the elevation of human thought. Then, having passed through the apprenticeship of human discipline, having had fellowship in the work of restoration, having mastered the lower passions and affections of human nature, having, in fact, finished the work given us to do, we shall exchange these Lodges or tents we now inhabit for eternal mansions not made with hands, which the Great Architect has prepared; and we shall enter on the possession of that promised land, where the good and faithful workman shall rejoin the companions of his former toils; shall rest from his labours, and shall receive his "great reward."

The ceremony of consecration was then completed, and the W.M. designate duly installed in the chair, the appointment of Officers took place as follows:—Bros. W. H. Baker S.W., F. Seager Hunt J.W., H. Bowman Spink acting I.P.M., J. E. Shand P.M. Secretary, W. Sugg P.M. S D., R. Montague J.D., H. R. Baker I.G., J. A. Jones P.M. D.C., J. Gibson Asst. D.C., R. E. H. Goffin W.S., C. C. Piper Asst. W.S. The Worshipful Master addressed each of his Officers in complimentry terms, making special reference to the position they severally held as citizens of Westminster and refering to the associations of nearly all with the building in which they were assembled. On the Worshipful Master rising he said he had a proposition to put forward, which he thought should take precedence of all other matters. It might have occurred to many brethren present that that day was the date of an occasion which brought joy and happiness to this country; it was the anniversary of the marriage of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Therefore he would briefly say that he thought it right and fitting that—to use the words of the Installing Officer—as he received the warrant fresh from the hands of the Grand Master, that in the open Lodge that evening they should pass a resolution congratulating His Royal Highness on this the twenty-first anniversary of that happy event. He had ventured to draw up such a resolution, which he had worded as follows:—

At the consecration ceremony and first meeting of the Abbey Lodge, Westminster 2030, held at the Westminster Town Hall, 10th March 1884, it was proposed by Brother Burdett-Coutts Worshipful Master, seconded by Brother Baker Senior Warden, and carried unanimously:—"That the brethren, rejoicing in the auspicious fact that the consecration and first meeting of their Lodge takes place on this the twenty-first anniversary of the marriage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, do hereby tender their respectful and heartfelt congratulations to his Royal Highness; and the brethren trust that the Great Architect of the Universe will be pleased to preserve His Royal Highness for many years to come to rule over the Craft, and with his illustrious and beloved Consort, Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, to continue to diffuse happiness amongst the faithful subjects of the realm."

The Senior Warden said he would not spoil the effect of this happy idea of the W.M. by making a speech upon it; he would rather leave it to the brethren to carry it with the unanimity that their applause indicated. The motion was then put to the vote by the J.W., and carried unanimously, amid the applause of the brethren.

We may here state that the following reply has since been received:—

Marlborough House, 11th March 1884.

DEAR SIR,—I am directed in reply to your letter to request you to be so good as to convey to the Brethren of the Abbey Lodge, Westminster, No. 2030, the expression of their Royal Highnesses warm thanks for the congratulations offered by them to the Prince and Princess on the occasion of the anniversary of their wedding-day.

I remain, yours truly,

FRANCIS KNOLLYS.

A vote of thanks was next passed to the Consecrating Officer and his Assistants; and Honorary Membership of the Lodge was conferred on Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Sir Albert Woods, Dr. Turtle Piggott, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Frank Richardson, Thos. Fenn, and Sir Francis Burdett.

Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, on behalf of himself and his colleagues, having acknowledged these compliments, the routine work of the Lodge was proceeded with. The Treasurer, Bro. J. F. Washington Rogers, was elected, propositions for initiation and joining were handed in, and Lodge was closed.

The banquet was supplied by Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, in the large hall on the ground floor of the Westminster Town Hall. In giving the first toast, the W.M. said it was one which derived an added feeling from its connection with the special circumstances of the evening. The Queen's sympathies are so wide, her connections are so numerous, so identified with the different interests in this country, that it is not difficult to find on any occasion some connection between Her Majesty and the subject of that occasion. On this day we find it in the fact that the Queen is the friend of the Craft; and she is the mother of our Grand Master. Though it is not connected with this particular Lodge, he might remind the brethren that the Queen was born within the precincts of St. Margaret's parish; was proclaimed Queen within those precincts, and there held her first council. That fact gives the members of this Lodge, prominently representing the City of Westminster, an apparent connection with Her Majesty to-night. He would say no more then, but commit to their loyal hands the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The next toast the W.M. had to propose was one which he thought would receive their cordial assent—the toast of The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. After alluding to the happy circumstances of the day as regarded his Royal Highness, Bro. Burdett-Coutts said that wherever the name of an English gentlemen is honoured, there, he thought, the name of the Prince of Wales would be received with
But we Masons have a higher character in whic
thoughts, in the character of Most Worshipfu
such, all here to-night are able to bear testin
manner in which he presides over the Craft
this Lodge can return him on this occa
for enabling us to form a Craft body of M
our friends here to-night. With every gra
pression, he gave the health of His Royal Highne
This toast met with an enthusiastic reception,
Grand Officers was given. The W.M. thought
tinguished company of Grand Officers presen
acquainted with consecration meetings, but h
rare to see such an assemblage of Freemasons.
presence a very great honour to himself; h
honour to the Lodge over which he was permi
right he had his cousin Bro. Sir Francis Bur
Bro. Sir J. McGarel-Hogg, Bro. Col. Creaton
Bro. Richardson (who had aided them so much
ceremony that day), and Bro. Sir John B. Mor
had Bro. General Brownrigg, Bro. Col. Shadwel
he would have to say something later on), Br
(an old friend of his, and an honoured and
Burdett-Coutts), Bro. Capt. Philips, Bro. Admir
Bro. H. Jones, Bro. Sir J. Whitaker Ellis, and
his ignorance obliged him to pass over. In the
of the Lodge he wished briefly to bid these G
hearty welcome. The Lodge was young—almo
birth—he was happy to say it was not a pai
Grand Officers he would say that as now,
brethren would always welcome them and be pr
It was an honour to the Lodge that the Grand
over the difficult but happy circumstances of th
ence; it was an honour which they were not lil
this general toast he would not mention several
had many able and eloquent speakers among th
were so many he must be guided by a rule, he w
Bro. Sir Francis Burdett Prov. Grand Master of
General Brownrigg Provincial Grand Master
After response had been made by the two bre
Shadwell Clerke rose; it was his duty to prop
toast—a toast dear to every founder of the Lod
visitors would receive with cordiality and plea
the W.M., whom he had had the honour to insta
had taken the opportunity of saying a few wor
the Lodge, and those remarks he now fully
When the founders of the Abbey Lodge conspir
their Lodge they did a very wise and proper thin
and proper a Mason as Bro. Burdett-Coutts to
Bro. Burdett Coutts was made, and well made,
a Lodge which had done perhaps more good
could name. For several years, however, his wa
him out of the way of Masonry. His merits had
he had been nominated the Master of a new
seen the way in which he had invested his Of
which was most thoroughly done, he had given
he meant to do in his year of office. In witness
ceremony which preceded the formation of the
brethren had been charmed and delighted at
noble lady who, doubtless, would influence ver
success of the Abbey Lodge. He thought he
that at the end of the year the brethren would
their Master have made a better choice; he wo
drink to the very good health of the W.M. of th
The Worshipful Master, on rising, thanked C
way in which he had proposed the toast, a
warmth and cordiality with which the brethren
begged their indulgence, as he had been perfo
day under exceptional physical difficulties, as an
kindly exchange throats with him would soon
fain explain one or two reasons why it was a ve
pleasure to have been chosen the first Master of
these words in no formal or merely complime
first place, the circumstances that led to the fo
were fresh in their recollection. It was felt the
for such a Lodge, wherein might be gathered to
rests of local self-government which concentrat
this hall, as many of the workers in, and re
local self-government, belonged to the Masonic
the value of such a basis. It means a direct pe
part of every brother in the Lodge, as a creatio
thought he should not be claiming too much if
and believe that the act by which he had been
partook of something of the same spontaneity
sonal interest which guided the brethren in t
Lodge itself. He would lay this flattering uncti
made his appointment a double honour and p
there is the locality which had given a birthpl
the associations that hover over it. This dear o
its traditions, lost in the mists of by-gone a
developments of thought and action reaching f
future; Westminster, the centre and heart of
with its swift popular emotions and its vast, ce
population; Westminster, representing in a c
the characteristics of London—the home of eve
every interest, the goal of every ambition; Wes
of this Lodge, and the Lodge itself is compo
minster men. Nay, more; so proud are we of t
attaching to this Lodge, so anxious to perpet
connection with Westminster, that we have hun
our outward walls, and have named it after th
neath whose holy and historic shadow we shal

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past, but because we know and feel that its traditions and
s are so glorious that the very dust enshrined within its
in itself recreative and inspiring. To any one this connec-
n Westminster would invest the Lodge with an added interest,
m that interest was tenfold greater. He need not say that
that connected him with Westminster gave him the greatest
ion and pleasure, for it was carrying on and fulfilling a line
iation—into which circumstances had happily called him—
is very dear to him, and which he should always endeavour
then and perpetuate, though he could not hope to compete
t with those two illustrious characters who had successively
nd maintained it. Sir Francis Burdett, one of the most
s and singular figures in the political history of this cen-
head of a family whose representative we are so glad to see
ight in the person of Sir Francis Burdett; the head of a
hich had sent many representatives to Parliament before
amily—without hesitation, he could say it in the presence of
r King-at-Arms, Sir Albert Woods—with an uninterrupted
descent from the Conquest; possessed of two splendid
ifted with the inward and outward graces of an English
n of the olden type, did, as your representative cham-
rights and liberties of the people wherever and when-
were assailed, and did so with a warmth of conviction,
ower of eloquence, and a purity of motive that rendered
popular idol. And, after him, his daughter—just as much
nt perhaps in a different way—the champion of the
o redressor of the wrongs, of her less favoured fellow-sub-
less than he keenly jealous of the honour and reputation of
ry, took up and continued her association with Westminster
which has endeared her to its citizens, which has placed in
t district a beautiful church, the centre—with its parish
on, so much of the success of which is due to our Bro. Senior
the centre of an active Christian influence, a spirit which
cted her with many useful movements within its precincts,
nd not the least when with her own hands she laid the
-stone of this noble building in which we are assembled,
ring monument of enterprise and progress. If he had said
on this point he hoped to be forgiven; he was only showing
to which the position in which he was placed was enhanced
y its indirect connection with her whom we value above all.
remind the brethren that her father was a Mason, and that
f had always shown an interest in the Craft, as witness the
outts Lodge, which years ago she patronised, and whose
. Master we are glad to see here. You have already seen
pleased the founders to illustrate and perpetuate these
s by adopting our united shield, emblazoned on the front of
, as the arms of the Lodge. Apart from these considera-
al to himself, and which enhanced the depth and sincerity of
se, there were general reasons for congratulation on the
of the Lodge which would be present to their minds in
orce not to require enumeration. But he would point again
cial opportunities it would give to binding together in a
al and sympathetic union men who had common objects,
ims, and, to an extent, kindred occupations in the great
cal self-government as organised and concentrated in this
. Union in this, as in other cases, is strength—strength to
ual member who is well and fortunate, for who will deny
nember partakes of and gains from the combined influence
le body as well as from the particular and special influence
ner momber; while for the less fortunate and prosperous
ion is strength. In these days, when the struggle of life
when the race is to the swift and the battle to the strong
aker brother, crushed by some passing storm of adversity—
r help lost in the din and rush of the advancing tide of
gle—is apt to be left helpless by the wayside. Where can
find a securer haven of rest and relief than within the
n Order which is so liberal and generous? In conclusion,
only say that he trusted that these and the many other
bjects of our Order might grow and prosper in this Lodge.
then, in the words of the motto of the Burdett-Coutts
leave Fast"—may it ever be the home of loyalty and faith,
o the Crown and Constitution, loyalty to all the nobler and
stincts and aspirations of man, loyalty to those great prin-
stice and mercy which lie at the base of this great Order;
may it be the home of faith, of that great and priceless
hich Freemasonry has in no small degree, it seemed to him
tter days of ours, the high privilege and duty of safe
the home of faith in the Great Architect of the Universe.

of the Consecrating Officer met with a most hearty recep-
ter Colonel Clerke had made a suitable reply, the Visitors
limented, and this toast elicited replies from Bros. Sir
ker Ellis, Philbrick, Q.C., and E. Clarke, Q.C. Bro. Baker
ed the toast given in honour of the Officers, and the
e course closed the proceedings. Amongst those who
addition to those already enumerated, we may mention:—
s Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex, Gen. J. Studholme
Prov. G.M. Surrey, J. Whitaker Ellis Past J.G.W., Col.
P.G. Treasurer, Ex-Sheriff Bart, Sir J. B. Monckton
oard of General Purposes, Captain N. G. Philips P.G.D.,
brick D.P.G.M. Essex, Thomas Fenn P.G.D., Horace
G.S. of Works, Magnus Ohren P.G. Asst. Director of
Col. T. Prendergast Walsh, Dr. Ramsay P.M. 259, E. C.
. 1297, D. Kerrell P.M. 145, T. W. Eastgate W.M. 1563,
e I.P.M. 1627, W. Jackson W.M. 10, J. Terry Secretary
. W. Morgan W.M. 211, J. While P.M. 228, J. McGarel-
Wray P.M. 1603, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., D. Stroud,
P.M. 1624 P.G.S.B. Middlesex, James Dotterill 1624, W.
Thomas Nettleship 1611, C. Sweeting 700, J. F. Hallet
s Cross P.M. 1194, J. C. Flatterley P.M. 1624, W. Henry
M. 172, J. K. Burch, E. J. Flood, C. Holden 1791, R.
V.M. 1791, G. Grambart P.M. 1624, G. Whitaker 1791,
A. Price 1608, R. J. Marner 538, J. Kent, J. T. Cantle P.M. 1257,
Thomas Bull P.M. 145, R. Drysdale 1766, C. Corley 957, H. Hall
145, J. Pain 133, W. Breant 1641, George Everett, P.M. 177, &c. &c.

The musical arrangements of the day were entrusted to Bro. Henry Baker, who had secured the services of Bros. Schartau, Fryer, Nettleship, Lloyd, and Maunder. At the after-dinner entertainment Mesdames Antoinette Sterling and Agnes Ross also assisted.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 12th inst. The Secretary reported the death of four annuitants. The petition of one candidate was approved, and the name entered on the list. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Sir John Monckton for having, at a short notice, consented to preside at the Festival on 26th ult., in consequence of the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. Derby Allcroft. The Secretary also reported that the subscriptions announced on that occasion had been increased to £14,610; also that a legacy of £10 had been left to the Widows' Fund by Bro. Duncombe, of Little Bytham. The motion of which notice had been given was considered, several members of the Committee taking part in the discussion. When put to the vote only five members out of a Committee of 29 voted in its favour.

In addition to the increase in the proceeds of the Festival which we announced last week, further extensions have been made, and the total now stands at £14,642 10s. The new lists that have been received are those of Bro. F. G. Brown, No. 1, £10 10s; Bro. H. P. Gordon, No. 907, £37 16s; and Bro. John Hammond, No. 1986, £45 3s. These, with the further additions made to lists already received, give a total for London amounting to £8,422 13s. As regards the Provinces, Bro. Toms, unattached, Berks and Bucks, has sent in £10 10s, and Bro. J. M. Collins, No. 1811, Surrey, £5 5s. The totals for Hants and the Isle of Wight and Suffolk have been increased by £17 and £21 respectively. These give the Provincial aggregate as £6,219 17s, and the grand total at £14,642 10s. It should be mentioned that Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1382, ranks among the London three-figure lists, the sum of £94 10s, as first announced, having been since increased to £105 10s.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards was held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 7th inst. Bro. Edgar Bowyer Grand Standard Bearer and Hon. Treasurer to the Board, occupied the chair, and the minutes of previous meeting having been confirmed, a letter from Bro. H. B. Marshall, apologising for his inability to attend, was read. It was reported that 338 brethren and 127 ladies were present at the Festival, and that the total collection, which had originally been stated as £14,343, had since been raised to £14,609 8s 6d, with nine lists still outstanding. A vote of thanks from the Committee of Management to the Board of Stewards for their exertions was read, after which a most cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Allcroft Grand Treasurer, for having undertaken the responsibilities of Chairman, as well as to Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, who, at almost a moment's notice, supplied the place of Bro. Allcroft, when it was found the latter's state of health prevented his attending. In addition to the valuable services rendered by the Secretary, the services of Bros. Mason and Recknell were recognised. The Board then dissolved, after voting a resolution of thanks to Bro. Bowyer for presiding.

An old friend, which some forty years ago we can well remember as the "Cat and Salutation," and which will be found in our earlier Lodge Lists as the "Salutation and Cat," is once again opening its hospitable portals to the public under the shorter and certainly more convenient title of the "Salutation." This well-known hostelry in Newgate Street has just been entirely rebuilt and redecorated, and when the interior arrangements are completed will certainly take rank among the best-appointed houses in the metropolis. A special feature, and one on which Bro. Liebmann, of the Urban Lodge, No. 1196, who is the proprietor, lays particular stress, will be the Lodge accommodation, comprising a spacious Masonic Temple with the usual rooms adjoining, Lodge Rooms, and Banqueting Halls. The greatest care has been taken in arranging and fitting them, and the decorations, which are elaborate and artistic, are in admirable keeping with the special character assigned to this portion of Bro. Liebmann's establishment. At the same time it must be admitted that the other portions of the premises have been quite as elaborately arranged and fitted, and it is beyond all doubt that the cuisine and the wines are such as only our very best houses are likely to furnish. We speak now from the experience of a hurried visit only, but we are looking forward to a closer and more complete inspection of the tavern on some early occasion, and then we shall be in a position to describe more fully the excellent arrangements which Bro. Liebmann has been making for the convenience of his more immediate patrons in particular and the public in general.

DEATH.

SHAND.—On the 4th instant, after an illness of only twelve days, at School, in Margate, GEORGE ALEXANDER, aged 5 years and six months, beloved youngest son of Brother J. E. SHAND, Victoria Street, S.W., deeply regretted. Interred at Brompton Cemetery.

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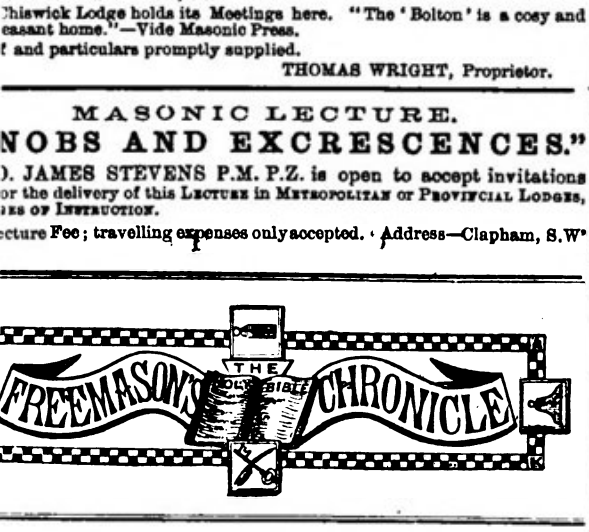
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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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KENT LODGE, No. 15.

installation meeting, held on the 12th instant, at the Free-nasons' Hall, was numerously attended. Bros. Hirst W.M. ied the chair, E. Stimson S.W., J. W. Legge J.W., Dr. Sleeman Treasurer, W. P. Dukes P.M. Secretary, Worley S.D., C. James J. H. Cammell I.G., Pritchard D.C., P.M.'s E. A. Wells, Martin, or, Gorman, Ball, Hotten, Wharman. Visitors—Bros. James P.P.G.J.W. Hunts, Southwood P.M. 1260, Jervis P.M. 1424, Fisher P.M. 1624, R. Ward P.M. 511, G. F. Smith 1839, Levett D. Haines 72, J. J. Robertson W.M. 1536, W. Smith I.P.M. Underwood 1679, Bradgate 55, Cockburn 1817, West P.M. E. G. Carpenter 1903, Briggs 141, Carter P.M. 92, Grinstead 1692, H. Williams 204, A. Harvey 1963, H. J. Levett 452, entier Saxe Weimer 1903, Meredith 487, D. Harris 72, . Levy P.M. 188, &c. Lodge was opened, and the es were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Com-e was then received, and in due course a Board of Installed rs was opened, and Bro. Stimson S.W. and W.M. elect was ted to the Lodge, and in presence of twenty-three P.M.'s and s duly installed into the chair by the retiring W. Master, d by Bro. Wells P.M., who efficiently acted as D.C. On the ission of the brethren, the newly-installed W.M. was saluted in rm, and he appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. Hirst , W. Legge S.W., Worley J.D., Dr. Sleeman P.M. (Father of odge, re-elected) Treasurer, W. P. Dukes P.M. Secretary, S.D., Cammell J.D., Pritchard I.G., C. Potier D.C., P.M. Wine Steward, Walkley Tyler. Applause followed vestiture, and the hope was expressed that the Worshipful r would have a successful year of office. The new Master on called upon to exhibit his proficiency, Messrs. Mortimer and being candidates for initiation. Brother Stimson conducted remony in a perfect and impressive manner. Hearty good to the number of eighty-five, they sat down to a very sumptuous and récherché banquet and dessert. The W.M. proved himself a genial President, and the speeches were brief but to the purpose. Brother Hirst proposed the health of the W.M., who he was sure would carry out every duty of the Lodge to their satisfaction. The W.M. in reply thanked the brethren for the hearty response they had given to the toast; he hoped at the expiration of his year of office he might hear the same expression of feeling, and retain the goodwill of all the members of the Lodge. The W. Master in proposing the toast of the Initiates, said the Lodge was pleased to have them join it. He trusted they might attain high honours in the Craft. Bro. James sang the E.A. song, and Bros. Mortimer and Downs very appropriately responded. The W.M. next paid a compliment to the Visitors; there were fifty present, many prominent in the Order. The members of the Kent Lodge were pleased to see them; personally he felt honoured by there being so many present; he would call on Brother Carter P.M. 92 to respond. Bro. Carter, in reply, paid a just compliment to the W.M., who had not only given them a Masonic treat by the manner in which he had initiated the two brethren, but also by his genial presidency. Bro. Martin P.M. responded for the P.M.'s; he was pleased on their behalf to say they had a W.M. who was in every way calculated to perform the duties required of him. He could assure Bro. Stimson he would have the support of the Past Masters. The excellent qualities of both Treasurer and Secretary were next dilated on; the W.M. speaking in high terms respecting the zeal and ability these two Officers displayed. Bro. Sleeman P.M. and Treasurer, in feeling terms responded, and was followed by Bro. Dukes. Bro. T. Whorlow Legge acknowledged the compliment the W.M. paid the other Officers, and shortly afterwards the Tyler's toast was given. A capital musical entertainment was provided, under the direction of Bro. F. Smith, A.R.A.M., P.M. 1839, who was assisted by Bros. John Hodges, Arthur Thompson, T. W. Hanson, and W. Winn. We append the programme—National Anthem, Dr. J. Bull; Glee, "Take thy Banner," Coward; Song, "The Last Watch." Pinsuti, Bro. T. W. Hanson; Glee, "By Celia's Arbour," Horsley; Song, "The Initiates;" Song, "The Vicar of Bray," Bro. W. Winn; Song, "Sweethearts still," Greenish, Bro. A. Thompson; Glee, "The Bee," Elliott; Ballad, "The Meeting of the Waters," Moore, Bro. J. Hodges; Glee, "Fill the Shining Goblet," Parry.

VIRTUE AND SILENCE LODGE, No. 332.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 6th inst., in the Lodge-room attached to the White Lion Hotel, Hadleigh. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, including representatives of the Grand Lodge. The following signed the presence book:—J. King W.M., C. J. Grimwade S.W., J. C. Norman J.W., W. Hart Treasurer, A. J. Grimwade Secretary, C. H. A. Haward S.D., James Warren J.D., William Gardiner P.M. D.C., C. Smallman I.G., G. A. Hardacre P.M. Organist, Jas. Whittle Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. T. W. Chisnall, F. Grimwade, and S. Cooper; also Bros. E. W. Archer, Thos. Cook, Robt. Aldous, Arthur Taylor, and H. R. Taylor. Visitors—Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn Deputy Prov. G.M. Suffolk, J. Terry P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, W. Clarke P.G.P., N. Tracy P.G. Sec. Suffolk, T. J. Ralling P.G. Sec. Essex, H. Grimwade 51, J. M. Harvey P.P.G.B., S. R. Annees P.M. 376, F. W. Jennings W.M. 1224, C. W. Grimwood S.W. 1224, S. K. Woodward Sec. 1663, R. F. B. Perry 555, T. R. Elkington 376. Lodge having been opened, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master installed Bro. Charles J. Grimwade as W.M. in succession to Bro. J. King, during whose term of office the Lodge had made very satisfactory progress. The new W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. C. Norman S.W., C. H. U. Howard J.W., W. Hart P.M. Treas., A. J. Grimwade P.M. Sec., G. A. Hardacre P.M. Org. W. Gardiner P.M. D. of C., J. Warren S.D., E. C. Smallman J.D., H. R. Taylor I.G., Whittle Tyler. In appointing the Treasurer and Secretary the W.M. made especial reference to the assistance they had rendered to the Lodge in the past. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren partook of a banquet at the White Lion Hotel, admirably served by Bro. R. Aldous. The Queen and The Craft, and the M.W. Grand Master, having been proposed and enthusiastically received, the toast of the Pro Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers was given, to which the D.P.G.M. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn and Bro. W. Clarke responded, the latter referring to the importance of the revision of the new Book of Constitutions, which he hoped would be the book to guide and govern the Craft aright. Bro. Clarke stated the Grand Lodge had decided to rebuild the Temple in the same form as it was previous to the recent fire, but the great pressure in attendance made it compulsory, or would in a few years, that the building should be much enlarged. He also referred to the election of Grand Treasurer, which took place the previous evening, and to the action in opposing the possibility of the same brother holding the office in continuity. He considered the office an annual one only, and supported the motion to that effect, which was carried by a large majority. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, the Deputy P.G.M. and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, expressed the satisfaction felt in the way the Prov. Grand Master managed the affairs of the province; as to Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, he was sure that if a Mason went in or out of the province the mention of his name caused a thrill in every heart. They welcomed him there, and rejoiced to see him in better health. They had with them Bro. Tracey, the new Secretary of the Province, who was throwing an amount of energy and spirit into his work which entitled him to great credit and their thanks. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master responded, and expressed the great pleasure he felt in the success of the Stewards to the Charities; the province was now subscribing a good amount, and only last week Brother J. M. Harvey took up to the Festival dinner 200 guineas

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as a contribution from Suffolk. Brother Tracey also responded The Masonic Charities was responded to by Bro. J. M. Harvey, who made an urgent appeal on behalf of the Charities. His list required 15 guineas to bring it up to 200 guineas, and he hoped he should receive some further subscriptions. He referred to the vicarious state of life, and mentioned cases where persons once in good positions were at a later portion of their life recipients of the charity of Grand Lodge. Bro. Terry also responded, dealing with the subscriptions from Suffolk, and appealed for continued support. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master in giving the toast of the Worshipful Master, mentioned the manner in which the newly-installed Worshipful Master had carried out his work in Lodge, as if to the manner born. The W.M. having responded, gave the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, thanking him personally for the honour he had conferred on him (the W.M.) and the Lodge by his visit, to which Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn responded, expressing the pleasure it gave him to visit Hadleigh. The W.M. proposed the Installing Master, referring to the eventful year the Lodge had had under Bro. King's auspices. Bro. King suitably responded. The health of the Secretary (Bro. A. J. Grimwade) was received and responded to. Other toasts followed. The W.M., in the course of the evening, announced his intention of contributing five guineas to Bro. Harvey's list for the funds of the Benevolent Institution, and four other members of the Lodge contributed two and a-half guineas each, thus making up the desired contribution of 200 guineas from the Province.

ROYAL YORK LODGE, No. 315.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Royal Pavillion, Brighton, on Tuesday, 4th inst. Among those present were Sir W. W. Burrell Prov. G.M., and Bro. J. H. Scott P.G.D. Dep. Prov. G.M. Bro. J. Ridge was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. G. R. Lockyer. His colleagues having been elected and invested with the insignia of their respective offices, the usual banquet took place.

BOOTLE LODGE, No. 1473.

THE annual installation meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 6th instant at the Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle. The Officers present were Bros. W. R. Brewster W.M., J. C. Paterson P.M., W. H. Clemmy P.M., J. Duncan jun P.M., Harold Wyatt P.M., Arley J.W., J. Lecomber P.M. 594, S. E. Ibbs Treasurer P.P.G.Sd.B., Robt. Scott Secretary, J. Platts S.D., Job Clarke J.D., Dr. Herbert Taylor I.G. The attendance of visiting brethren was large, the following among others being present:—R. A. Davis 1380, L. Peak W.M. 1035, George Ratcliffe Secretary 1380, J. B. Mackenzie P.G.S.D., Andrew O. Paterson P.M. 1075, Richard R. Martin P.M. 1094, J. R. Hill P.M. 1713, C. A. Luke Secretary 241, Thomas Salk P.P.G.J.D. P.M. 241, J. Wells P.P.G.D.C. P.M. 580, T. W. Richardson P.G. Chaplain P.M. 1380, W. Wilkinson W.M. 1086, Jas. Keet P.M. 1356, H. Barclay P.M. 1182, E. J. Callow S.W. 1094, Rev. Dr. Hyde 1086, J. J. Smith S.W. 1035, Geo. Broadbridge P.P.G.D.C. P.M. 241, 1380, J. Cantor Secretary 1609, A. Waterhouse S.D. 580, W. Savage I.P.M. 1609, J. Davies J.W. 1325. The W.M. elect was Bro. Robert Harley J.W., who was presented for installation by Bros. W. H. Clemmys P.M. and W. R. Brewster, the retiring W.M., the ceremony of installation being impressively performed by Bro. J. Duncan jun. P.M. After installation Bro. Harley invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. R. Brewster I.P.M., Isaac Platts S.W., R. Scott J.W., Rev. E. F. Neep Chaplain, J. C. Paterson P.M. D.C., S. E. Ibbs P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer (elected for the ninth time), Harold Wyatt P.M. Secretary, Job Clark assistant Secretary, Dr. Herbert Taylor S.D., L. W. Hayes J.D., W. Brogden I.G., Thos. M. Stanbury Steward, J. G. Forsyth Organist, Wm. Blake Tyler. Before the Lodge was closed Bro. J. Duncan jun., on behalf of the members, presented Bro. Ibbs with a silver tea and coffee service and an illuminated address as a token of the esteem in which his services to the Lodge as Treasurer for nine years, and its first Worshipful Master, were held by the brethren. Subsequently about 80 brethren sat down to the installation banquet, and in the course of the evening Bro. W. R. Brewster was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, on Tuesday, 11th instant. Present—Bros. Haynes W.M., Schadler S.W., Rich J.W., Valentine S.D., Bourne J.D., Pitt I.G., Moss Preceptor, Walker Secretary; also Bros. Roberts, Daniel, Ferry, Sainte, East, Gildersleeve, Powell, Easton, Steed, and Oxley. After preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Steed as candidate in former, and Brother Easton in latter. Bro. Moss then gave a lecture on the second section of the second degree. Lodge closed in second degree. Bros. Steed 65 and Easton 27 were unanimously elected members of this Lodge of instruction. Bro. Schadler having been elected as W.M. for ensuing week, and nothing further offering, Lodge was closed and adjourned. Bro. Geo. Schadler W.M. Prosperity, No. 65, gave notice that he would rehearse the ceremony of installation, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, 18th March, at 7 o'clock. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Powmall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 11th inst. Present—Bros. Watkinson W.W., Robinson S.W., Boyce J.W., T. Clark J.D., Wardell J.D., Smyth I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Brasted P.M. Acting Preceptor; also Bros. Mackli East, Caperoe, Bannister, Ames. Lodge was open the minutes of previous meeting were read an Caperoe, as candidate for passing, was interroga The Lodge was opened in the 2nd, and Bro. Cap the degree of a Fellow Craft. Bro. Christian gave tracing board, and worked the 1st section of the l the brethren. Bros. Caperoe and East answered th to the third degree. Lodge was closed in the seco was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The annu place on the first Friday in April.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A regu flourishing Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, nesday, 12th inst. Bros. W. W. Ridley W.M., J. H. Hawkes S.W., R. C. Prickett J.W., J. T. St W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, W. Ravenscroft S.D., J. Pulley P.M. D.C., W. Hickie Organist, W. Cord Steward, W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bro C. Hurley, E. J. Blackwell, E. Margrett; Bros. Sp Coates, Biggs, James, Tegg, Knight, Bennett, Visitors Bros. Westall P.M. 1714, Rev. L. Coleman 32, C. H. Hawkes Steward 414. Lodge was opened the last regular meeting were read and confirme Brown, approved at the last regular Lodge, was mysteries of Antient Freemasonry. Mr. Robert initiated. The ceremony was performed by the W ness. The Charge was delivered by the I.P.M. "that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minut P.M. and D.C. for his unique and handsome presen Chair." This was seconded by P.M. Margrett, an mation. The W.M. alluded to the circumstances c deceased Brother, whose affairs had been arranged, instrumentality of Bro. Creed J.D., which announce with acclaim. P.M. Margrett proposed "that the mittee be called on to investigate the financial pos especially in reference to the Annual Banquet Hurley seconded this proposal. All business being was closed and adjourned. The Brethren retired the Great Western Hotel, where an excellent suppe Bro. Flanagan, to which twenty-two sat down, evening ensued.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruct—At the meeting, at Hornsey Wood Tavern, o Oldis W.M., Gush Preceptor, Goode S.W., Moon Mercer S.D., Charley J.D., Haynes I.G.; Bros. and Hubbard. Lodge was opened in due form, a last meeting read and confirmed. The first sec lecture was worked by Bro. Gush, after which the sing was rehearsed, Bro. Tremere candidate. Lod the third, and closed in the third and second degre then worked the second section of the first lect Lodge was closed and adjourned, to Tuesday next.

Panmure Chapter of Improvement.—Improvement held its usual weekly meeting at t Tavern, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday eve at which there was a good muster of Royal Ar Chapter was opened in ancient form by Comp. J. assisted by Comps. Allen H., Nevill J.; and there Comps T. Poore Preceptor, Larlham Treasurer, Lyon P.S.; also Comps. Lovegrove, Fulwood, Ha others. The minutes of the last convocation havi confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was effecti sively rehearsed, the working of Comp. Lyon as fully and excellently rendered. Great praise is Officers for the care bestowed by them in their va it must be very encouraging to Comp. Poore, the w taking Preceptor, to find the Chapter so steadily gr and importance, and it is confidently believed th mately become the most successful Chapter of Instr Royal Arch Masons are earnestly and cordially invit Friday evening at half past seven, when they receiving a welcome and hearty greeting.

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mure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
r, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
inx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
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l of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
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g's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
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ter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
-Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
-Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
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liscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
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MONDAY, 17th MARCH.

nd Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
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lation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
ghborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
ng Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
erity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
ames's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
quillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
ington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
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uis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
e Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
e Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
ness of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
olitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
ter Westminster, Criterion, W.
l Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
rn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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gar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
sland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
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vick, Bolton Hotel, Chiswick

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lom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
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l Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
Vatkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
arvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham

nulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
harity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
erseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
t. James, New Inn, Handsworth
ondesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
t. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
nd Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
earnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 18th MARCH.

eneral Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
d Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
itutional, Retford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst).
erity Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
t Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
rn Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
gan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
tic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
aul, Cannon-street Hotel,
bury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
rough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
en, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
e Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
f Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
ark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
usic, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

sworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
matic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
ington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)

1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8. (In)
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
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.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
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. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st reet, 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.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-st reet, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Bute, 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
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
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. 510—St Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 19th 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 Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, 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)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
902—Burgoyne, 35 Charterhouse Street, E.C., at 7. (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)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
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, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
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, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
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.—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
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.
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
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
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
934—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
1046—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
1245—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton

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1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 Inst.)
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. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 726—Royal Chartley of Fortitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford
R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1375—Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury

THURSDAY, 20th MARCH.

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)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, 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, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's 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)

1136—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
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (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.)
1738—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, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, 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, Burnley
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
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
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
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction).
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
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
R.A. 1145—Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 21st MARCH.

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, Kings-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Dorie, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1115—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1256—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1406—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.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Lee Icenell St.
R.A. 79—Fydhoteum, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
K.T. 44—Kenwyn Tynte, 35 Golden Square, W.
K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Le
1383—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruc
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birming
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-stre

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall
R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Can
R.A. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Read
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-stree
R.A. 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Winborne
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, E
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 22nd MA

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7.
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hack
1824—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico,
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Reg

1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

NOTICES OF MEETI

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THE GREAT CITY LODGE,

THE last meeting of the season of the abo
Saturday afternoon, 8th inst., at the
Bro. F. T. C. Keeble W.M. There was a strong
bers of the Lodge, and the following Visitors:—
shall 1349 Grand Treasurer elect, W. E. Dav
1694, M. Brown 1997, E. E. Crombie 162
C. A. Soderberg, T. P. Martin 1765, Glover
1632, R. J. Petley 1471, Nelson Reed P.M. 15
Bramley W.M. 957, J. H. Thompson 1741, J. A.
1986, Bullen 943. The minutes of last Lodg
firmed, after which Lodge was opened in the
Bros. Hooper, Wesley, Kelsey, and Cooper w
examination as to the progress they had mad
opened in the third degree, and they were rai
M.M., the work being exceedingly well done by t
and his Officers. The next business was to elect
for the ensuing year, and the election, which
mous, was in favour of Bro. Baber Senior Warden,
on his election, promising by every means in hi
the duties to the entire satisfaction of the
Headon P.M. was unanimously re-elected as
Potter P.M. as Tyler. The Almoners and A
pointed. The W.M. then said he should tak
course, and refer to the proceedings which h
Grand Lodge on Wednesday last, which had re
of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall as Grand T
worthy brother was now present, he was sure
Great City Lodge would congratulate him upon
him a hearty welcome, a request which was mos
to. Bro. Marshall, on rising, was received w
he wished to express his heartfelt thanks
The Great City Lodge for the part they
Masonic events of the past week. It was n
that he became aware of who were to
seconder of him for the office of Grand Treasure
estimate the great amount of brotherly love an
received, and that he should ever remember.
had not even known his seconder, and had had no
him; indeed a great majority of those in Gra
in his favour knew no more of him personally t
moon. The brethren had graciously, generously
selected him to fill the exalted position of Grand
he was almost the youngest member of the Frater
Grand Lodge. He confessed that he consider
honour to be elected by the voice of the Craft t
and he could assure them that so long as it might
Being to entrust him with life it was his deter
could for the benefit of the three great Institution
pleasure and happiness to possess. Bro. H. Thom
are told that "Masonry is a progressive scienc
they had an ample proof that it was so in the pr
taken place in the Grand Lodge on Wednesday
principle had been vindicated, and the voice of
been heard in the result which had taken place, a
had been conferred upon the man of their choice.
the only office in Grand Lodge which it was in th
to confer, he had no doubt but that it might pr
other respects, and be a guide in the future.
in rising was to render a due meed of praise to w
he therefore begged to move:—"That the men
City Lodge, in open Lodge assembled, having ob
at which Grand Lodge arrived on Wednesday las
custodian of the funds of the Craft at large, de
sincere thanks to their esteemed Bro. R. J. Sim

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rinciple, and which, no doubt, in a great measure contributed isfactory a result." The motion having been seconded, was unanimously adopted. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson said, knowledging Bro. Thompson's kindly intentions, he rather eption to receiving the thanks of the Lodge for what he had he had only done his duty. Lodge was then closed in due d with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned for refresh- The usual loyal and formal toasts having been proposed and ed to, Bro. Kibble I.P.M. said that was the last time he should pleasure of proposing the health of the W.M., and remarked he had prophesied of him at his installation had come to pass, as to his able working of the ceremonies, but for the manner he had filled the chair at the banquet-table. As regarded dance at the Grand Lodge, they had good reason to be proud and also generally for the manner in which he had conducted ness of the Lodge in the past season. During the recess he would gather increased strength, and in installing his successor impress upon him the great truths of Freemasonry. The acknowledging the toast, said it was a source of great to him to know that during the few nights he had presided Lodge and at the banquet-table he had met with their . The duties of the W.M. in the chair was a position of great bility, and although it might be supposed to be a bed of roses, s thorns; but he was happy to say that he had met but few of As that was the last time he should preside at the banquet- begged sincerely to thank them for the manner in which he supported, as well as in the Lodge; and he wished also to em for their kind expressions of approval whenever his name ght before them. He considered it to be the proudest posi- any one could enjoy to be elected to the chair of his mother nd in that he had endeavoured not only to please himself but other in it. If he installed his successor he should go out of a happy man, and should always look back with happiness ar when he filled the Chair of The Great City Lodge. The d the next toast he had to propose was one of importance in it City Lodge, for from the time of its constitution it had een favoured by a great number of visitors. They frequently same faces again, which augured favourably as to their . They were always pleased to see them, offering to them t hand of fellowship and a thorough and a hearty welcome. gave the toast, for which two of the Visitors returned The W.M. said the next toast he had the honour of propos- the Past Masters of the Lodge. They were blessed with a of Past Masters, all of them were alive, and most of them that evening. He had the honour of being the seventh f the Lodge, and it only seemed as yesterday since he heard ble address him so eloquently on his duties. As to Bro. their first Master, he was glad to see him, for at times some doubts, after his severe accident, whether they should him again. Having commented upon their different good he called upon the brethren to join with him in drinking the the P.M's. Bro. Kibble briefly replied. Bro. Stevens said felt and highly appreciated the kind welcome the brethren him on this his first visit since his accident, and he thanked O.T.U. for sparing him to again renew the delight of asso- ith them. During his illness he sorrowed for his enforced from what, Masonically speaking, was a second nature to gular appearance in The Great City Lodge; and reflecting st, he could but echo the poet's words, "A sorrow's crown is remembering happier things." He trusted he might yet y pleasant years in Lodge with them. Might he be per- refer to the recent important event in Grand Lodge, which much interest to them and the Craft in general? Last Great City Lodge originated, and gave a strong impetus to ment for change of Grand Treasurership annually, according nstitutions of the Order. It was then clearly defined that le not person" was the object cared for. The selection of a o represent the principle, his nomination for the office, and l election followed. He did not hesitate to say that a moral a was broken when a re-election of the same brother was r at the end of his year of office, and he who should have permitted himself to be re-nominated. The result of such as a strong controversy in the Masonic journals, and such an of "side" had not been witnessed for many years past. The y of former efforts being made of no avail was foreseen, and er Past Master Headon at once resumed his endeavours on the principle which Grand Lodge had adopted at the last So it came about that our worthy Brother Horace Brooks , whose presence amongst us in Lodge this evening gives so asure, is now Grand Treasurer elect. The election, with its ring majority in favour of the principle of selection year by amongst members of the Craft not previously distinguished d Official rank, disclosed, sadly enough, a distinct issue the dais and the floor of Grand Lodge. Let us hope that disagreement may cease, and the harmony of the Craft be r disturbed, but there is no concealing the fact that, in the t this election, the occupants of the dais, with the excep- ven, whose names will be honourably remembered by the voted against the principle, the Constitutions, and the rand Lodge as expressed at the election of Bro. Allcroft. afraid however this wish was father to the thought. Look nic newspaper of to-day, and note the extraordinary coin- f expression in a leaderette and a letter from a corres- Says the leaderette, "The great controversy as regards ion of Grand Treasurer is now closed *pro tem.*" Says *Obsta s*, "So we may now rejoice to think that our controversy *pro tem.*" What a strange similarity of mental operation! that the same mind and pen were concerned in the double n? He had no doubt such was the case. But what is be- s there a thought that this controversy is not now altogether use a *circular* expression, "divided the Craft into parties?" Let us trust not, but if unfortunately such should be the case, The Great City Lodge, kindred Lodges, and our Past Master Headon, will have to be reckoned with before the principle is sacrificed. For himself, he rejoiced to know that The Great City Lodge retained its reputation both as regarded ceremonial work and the upholding of those principles acknowledged and subscribed to when its charter was granted. In such Lodges as this solace and sanctuary could be found from the worry and turmoil of disputed proposals and heated controversies, and of such it might be said, in the words of an American poet:—

Oh! if there be a spot most sweet,
Most full of bliss, most free from care,
'Tis where we on the *Level* meet,
Intent to part upon the *Square*.
Oh! if there be an hour of peace,
It is when twilight's shadows fall,
And men their fretful labours cease,
To mingle in the Masons' Hall.
Though factious storms, adverse and fierce,
Should o'er the land affliction waft,
Why, let them range! they cannot pierce
The curtained safety of the *Craft*.

The Worshipful Master said the next toast he had to propose was an important one; it was the Treasurer and Secretary; he remarked how judiciously their Treasurer took care of their money, and as for their Secretary, although he was travelling about, east, west north and south, he was always most indefatigable in attending to his duties, and was indeed the most hard-worked officer of the lodge. Bro. Headon P.M. and Treasurer said he had once more to return his hearty thanks for the manner in which the Brethren had received the Treasurer (he should leave the Secretary to return thanks for himself). He was always pleased when he found that he could be of any service to The Great City Lodge, and as he had been again elected their Treasurer, it gave him great satisfaction in coming amongst them. As Brother James Stevens had referred to him in what had taken place during the past week, he might be pardoned for saying the present Grand Treasurer had been sat upon; they did not think that any man should be Grand Treasurer every year, but last year Bro. Allcroft went in by a tremendous majority. The Great City Lodge, and their Treasurer, however, felt greatly disappointed when they found that the nominee who was elected to support a great principle allowed himself to be put forward another year contrary to the very principle he was elected to maintain. The Great City Lodge then put forward another man, and they knew what had happened. He was sure that the new Grand Treasurer would never put himself in the same position as Bro. Allcroft had done, and if they adhered to the question of principles and not persons, all would go well. It had been said that The Great City Lodge wanted to carry things all their own way, but they did not wish to do anything of the kind, but maintain principle, and if he had been instrumental in carrying out that principle to a successful issue he was only too happy and pleased at having done so. Bro. Blackie also returned thanks, and after some other toasts had been given, the proceedings were brought to a close. The Lodge Ball will take place on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel.

CARNARVON LODGE, No. 804.

THE regular monthly communication of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Havant, on Tuesday evening, 4th inst. The chair was occupied by the Worshipful Master, Bro. T. Douglas Askew, Eastney, Portsea, Bros. Kimber I.P.M., Collins S.W., Smith Parson J.W. Several Past Masters were present, including Bros. Green Prov. J.W., Thomas Francis, J. Clay (Portsmouth Lodge), and Bro. Elverstone. Among the visitors was a Brother hailing from a New York Lodge. The Lodge was opened successively in the three degrees. Fellow Crafts Haig and Wells, being in waiting, were admitted and raised, with the usual impressive ritual, to the sublime degree of Master Mason. We have rarely seen this degree worked so admirably as it was done by W.M. Askew. Where there is perfect knowledge of the ritual, there is too often a monotony and tameness in working it, which cannot have a very satisfactory effect upon the mind of the candidate. But to the graces of elocutionary style, Bro. Askew adds earnestness and sincerity in conveying the great lessons of this remarkable degree, and it was impossible not to admire and appreciate his singularly felicitous method of communicating them. After the raising the Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and, adjourning to the ante-room, a good deal of fraternal feeling was manifested towards the newly made Masons and the Visitors. Called again from refreshment to labour, the charge to Bros. Haig and Wells was again beautifully recited by the W.M. Lodge business was then transacted. The brethren are anxious to enlarge their Lodge, which does not afford sufficient accommodation for the increasing membership, and this subject was duly discussed. The Lodge finally closed in peace and harmony at about half-past nine.

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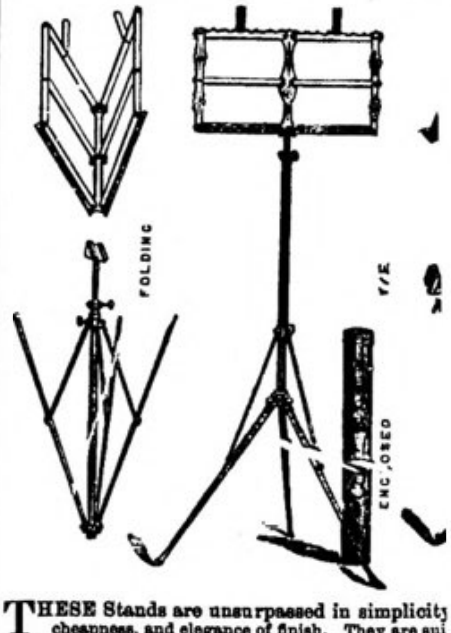
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HE MASTER'S OFFICE, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

IASTER of a Lodge is a constitutional monarch during the time he occupies the chair. General les of government are defined by the Constitutions, h Lodge has its own Bye-Laws; beyond these limi- a Master is free to act according to his individual nt. Practically he rules supreme, both by the laws Order and the customs of the Lodge. He is like a whose decisions are absolute in his own Court. His nay be subject to an appeal to the fountain-head of ft, but it is rarely, if ever, that his government of dge over which he presides is made a matter of sion by the higher powers. Even with regard to sonal conduct, it must be very outrageous to impel e so far to depart from the practice of implicit obe- as to challenge his acts. Cases have occurred in Masters have exhibited their personal unfitness for ce, and have provoked hostility in consequence. re so rare that practically they may be said not to xcept to prove the rule of complete obedience. A sometimes loses touch of his Lodge, and it is to be hat it is no uncommon thing for him to be partial election of his Officers. When these results occur le Lodge suffers, but the authority of the office still , although it may be morally impaired. Time and tances remove the greater evils, while the minor settled amicably. A Master, surrounded by Past and an experienced Secretary, can rarely go far f he accepts their counsel, and the spirit of a Lodge deed be bad when it resists the combined wisdom of r and the Board of Past Masters. It cannot prevail end, and it soon fades away before the strength ests with authority gained by knowledge and ex- . A prudent Master will never unduly stretch his he will rather attain his ends by appearing to y moral influence, and not by the exercise of an y will. To have the confidence of the Lodge he a good worker; by this we mean that he should y know the ceremonies, and perform them with and solemnity, but he should be skilled in govern- Some there are who think they have done all that ary when they have mastered the verbal ritual of t, and can repeat it parrot-like, and most Masters eek to understand, much less to expound, the and moral teachings of the ceremonies. These are lo their own work without the guidance which a f a flock or a wise schoolmaster never fails to The consequence is that much that is beautiful and g sinks into a lifeless formality. It is as true of as it is of religion, that "the letter killeth, but rit giveth life." Take the religious element Freemasonry and it becomes a mere social insti- submissive to and controlled by the habits and of the world. Charity, under such circum- would lose its noble characteristics and be ad- ed alone upon commercial and utilitarian methods. ward form of a grand Institution would exist, within would be as a whited sepulchre, full men's bones. How necessary it is, then, that should be chosen who are capable of realising the beauty of the ceremonies of the Craft, of inter- preting them in however small a degree. It is not imperative that they should be learned in spiritual truths, although it would be better for themselves and the Fraternity at large were they versed in such matters; it is essential that Masters of Lodges should be amenable to their influence, and should try and make the ceremonies a reality, and not a merely cold verbal formality. The heart is more easily disciplined than the head; the one has a universal basis of good, the other needs severe cultivation to develope. Few, therefore, become learned in the Craft, but all have a fountain of sympathy in their hearts of greater or less dimensions, which only needs piercing to let out the waters of brotherly love and charity. All have an inner consciousness of religious truth, and only need a touch of the spirit to awaken its dormant energies. Freemasonry is full of spiritual fire, but it is too often concealed by an icy covering of forms that were meant to be life-giving furnaces. The ceremonies frequently fall dull and spiritless upon the initiate's ear and conscience, and seeing that so little is thought and taught of the spirit, he naturally falls into the same habit of indifference to all else save the social enjoyment to which he becomes entitled. There are many exceptions among the brethren in Freemasonry, and these are the salt of the Craft. We would there were more of them, and it is to this end that we would impress upon Lodges the desirability of care in the selection of rulers, and upon rulers the absolute necessity of realising their responsibility in a moral and spiritual as well as in a social sense.

Passing by what may be termed the consideration of the soul of Freemasonry, there are other points that merit anxious thought. There is danger even with regard to the practice of outward forms and the observance of safeguards. It is difficult to gain admission into some Lodges, while in others the discipline is so lax that a stranger might invade their precincts almost with impunity. Then some brethren are careless at times in their selection of guests, and in their anxiety to be hospitable, forget the tests that the Craft enjoins. A short time ago an American was invited to a Lodge who had neither reference nor certificate. This imprudence of the brother who invited him is only one instance of many that occur, and shows a laxity of regard for the security of our secrets and protection against the intrusion of cowans. A Master cannot always prevent such mistakes, but it is part of his duty so to instruct the brethren as to make such a fault improbable, if not impossible. In another case he has command over circumstances, and can modify, if not cure, the slovenliness that is always observable more or less in the way some brethren enter the Lodge. Forms have become as unmeaning as spiritual teaching to many brethren, and they either do not remember or care to practise the salutes that are due both upon entering and leaving the Lodge. For the young Mason there is some excuse, but none for Past Masters, and those who ought to be skilled in the very elements of the Order. We have great respect for Lodges of Instruction. Some of them have what is termed "entrance drill," a mode of teaching that is very valuable, and which ought to form part of the duties of every Preceptor. The Master of the Lodge, however, ought to see that his Officers do their duty in this respect, and without being a martinet, should insist upon the performance of all the ceremonial with the strictness of a military officer, knowing as he ought to know that there is

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no movement in a Freemasons' Lodge that has not some hidden meaning, and which does not convey some moral or spiritual lesson, or at least which is not in some way associated with the higher teachings of the Craft.

So far we have dealt with the higher duties and responsibilities of a Master of a Lodge. There are others, however, which, if not of such moment, are important, and even essential in one who aspires to be a ruler in act as well as in name. Some Masters—we fear the majority—seem to lose all respect for the ordinary methods of conducting business directly they get into the chair. Men who in their every day pursuits observe all the customs and practices of commercial life, throw them aside when dealing with the business of a Freemasons' Lodge. They dawdle and trifle as if there was no life in the work before them, and too often cast upon the Secretary all the labour and responsibility of carrying on the necessary proceedings. A Master sometimes is called upon to discharge the duties of Chairman. Discussions occasionally arise in Lodges which require delicate leadership and control. We are not surprised to find that so many fail in this capacity. It requires experience in the conduct of public business to fit a man for the efficient discharge of the functions of Chairman, and therefore we should judge failures to reach a high standard in this respect somewhat tenderly. There is no excuse, however, for the utter breakdown that is so frequently witnessed. Much of what we complain is caused by carelessness, sometimes by indifference, and in some instances by incapacity. Time is as valuable in a Lodge as elsewhere, and ought not to be wasted. Courtesy, firmness, and skill are as valuable in the Master of a Freemasons' Lodge as in the chairman of a public meeting, and, although, as we have said, many allowances must be made for a Master of a Lodge, it is only right to expect that he should have some knowledge of the practice of conducting public business, and should at least be acquainted with, and observe, the elementary rules with regard to debate. Time frequently wasted in Lodge might be used with advantage in the banquet room. The requirements of the laws of courtesy would more generally be complied with, and the great bane of many Lodges—late hours—would be avoided.

It will be seen from what we have said that the duties and responsibilities of a Master of a Lodge are numerous and onerous. Few may obtain the ideal we have suggested, but it should be the aim of all to approach the standard. Jewels for services would then be of real value, for they would have been earned, and would not be bestowed, as they are now, as a mere compliment, suggested by custom, and presented with stereotyped formality.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, PHILADELPHIA.

DISCOVERY OF THE ORIGINAL LEDGER OF A.D. 1731 to 1738.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

WE have been instrumental in bringing to light a most important original Masonic record, to wit, the Ledger account book of the First Lodge in Philadelphia (St. John's Lodge), with its members, from 24th June 1731 to 24th June 1738. This book is bound in stiff vellum, and labelled on the front cover—

"Philadelphia city,
St. John's Lodge, Libr. B."

It is evidently not the first Lodge Record book; for that would naturally be "Libr. A.," which was probably the Minute Book. This "Libr. B." is now in the Library of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, having been presented to that body by George T. Ingham, of Salem, N.J., on 8th November 1880. Mr. Frederick D. Stone, Librarian of the Historical Society, informs us that Mr. Ingham received this volume from a descendant of David Hall, who was the partner of Benjamin Franklin in the printing and publishing business. It is well preserved, and bears on its face its title to be regarded as an original record. Its great value consists in its corroborating all that has been claimed and proved in behalf of Philadelphia as being the "Mother-city of Masonry in America," and in the details it gives us concerning the individual members of St. John's Lodge

trance-fee was £3; after that, up to
The monthly dues (or "quota") we
of 1s per meeting for absence. We
complete list of the names of the m
from this Lodge Ledger. Under ea
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was made a Mason or entered the Lodge

NAMES OF MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S LODG

(1) William Button
(2) William Allen
(3) Christopher Thompson
(4) Thomas Hart
(5) Samuel Nicholas
(6) John Emerson
(7) Thomas Hart, Farmer
(8) Thomas Boude
(9) William Pringle

(10) Benjamin Franklin

(ENTRANCE FEE £3.)

(11) Henry Pratt,
(12) Mark Joyce
(13) Thomas Redman
(14) John Hubart
(15) Thomas Whitemarsh
(16) John Hall
(17) Samuel McClanan
(18) Lawrence Reynolds
(19) David Parry
(20) Humphry Murray
(21) James Bingham
(22) John Crap
(23) William Paschal
(24) Peter Cuff
(25) Richard Parkhouse
(26) Owen Owen
(27) John Nowenham
(28) Thomas Hopkinson
(29) Lambert Emerson
(30) Christopher Routh
(31) Capt. John Waugh
(32) James Hamilton
(33) Isaac Browne
(34) Joseph Shippen
(35) Thomas Bond

(ENTRANCE FEE £5, FROM THIS

(36) John Robinson, Att'y-at-Law
(37) William Pyewell
(38) William Plumsted
(39) Septimus Robinson
(40) Joseph Breintnall
(41) Philip Syng
(42) Josiah Rolfe
(43) Richard Howell
(44) William Allen (from former folio)
(45) Benjamin Franklin " "
(46) Henry Pratt " "
(47) Thomas Redman " "
(48) Lawrence Reynolds " "
(49) Christopher Thompson " "
(50) Thomas Boude " "
(51) Thomas Hart " "
(52) John Hubart " "
(53) John Jones, Atty-at-Law
(54) William Dering
(55) Michael Cario
(56) Doctor Thomas Cadwallader
(57) David Humphrey
(58) Thomas Esdaile
(59) Henry Lewis

It appears, from the foregoing, that
(the tenth name on the list) was charged
fee on 24th June 1731; or rather, to
"1731, June 24. To remainder of y
is £2." He in every probability paid th
months before or some time during tha
charged with five months previous dues.
that Franklin was made a Mason in Feb
after he made his publication concerni
Pennsylvania Gazette of 8th December 1
present it has never been known *when*
a Mason. We had always supposed t
beginning of the year 1731, and this rec
fact.

At the election of William Allen,
Master of Masons of Pennsylvania, by th
Lodge of Penn'a, on 24th June 1732, it

ɔably be more interesting to our readers than that of other of the Brethren named, we give below his entire ɔnic record from the St. John's Lodge "Libr. B." It ls (page 10 and page 45) as follows:—

ST. JOHN'S LODGE IN ACCOUNT WITH BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

"Benjamin Franklin to Stock. Dr.

1731.			
ne 24	To 5 Lodge days omition @ 6d per diem ...	2	6
	To remainder of your £3 entrance is £2 ...	2	0
ly 5	To stock for this Lodge day		6
g 2	To stock for this day		6
ɔt. 6	„ your monthly quota 6d		6
ɔ. 4	„ quota		6
v. 5	for absence 1s & monthly quota 6d	1	6
o. 6	for quota		6
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7	To ditto		6
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	„ the Lodge's general acct. of expence ...		14 7
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24	To one year's stock		6

Per Contra Cr.

731			
24	To moneys rec'd overpluss of yr. expence entering	£2	2 7
5	By moneys to stock for this Lodge day ...		6
2	By moneys to stock		6
6	By moneys you paid for monthly quota ...		6
4	By moneys for quota		6
6	By moneys paid		1 6
		2 6	1
3	By ditto		6
7	By ditto		6
3	By do, quota and for last time absence ...		2 0
5	By quota		6
		2 9	7
19	By moneys for absence and quota		1 6
		2 11	1
July 3	By moneys for quota		6
Aug. 7	„ „		6
Sept. 4	„ „		6
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			2 12 7
1732-3			
Mar. 5	By moneys paid		4 6
	By moneys lent the Lodge for William Pringle		5 0
			3 2 1
July 2	By moneys for quota		6
Aug. 6	„ „		6
Nov. 5	„ „		6
			3 3 7
	Cr. by Day Book, 13s		13 0
			3 16 7
Dec. 3	By do		6
Jan. 7	„		6
Mar. 4	„		6
			3 18 1
1734	By cash rec'd...		3 0
			4 1 1
1734-5			
March,	By cash rec'd for 3 Qr.' by Paymt		4 6
1735			
Dec. 1	„ ditto for 2 ditto		3 0
1736			
April 6	„ „ 1 ditto		1 6
June 24	„ „ for a payment due the last year ...		1 6
Do.	By ditto in full to this date		1 6
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1737			
June 7	By cash in full		8 7
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Of the interest and value of the revelations of this Lodge Ledger we cannot speak in too high terms. *This is by far the oldest Masonic Lodge Book in America.* In it we find official Lodge details concerning the Masonic lives of such Masons as William Allen, Humphry Murray, Benjamin Franklin, James Hamilton, Thomas Hopkinson, William Plumsted, Joseph Shippen, and Philip Syng, all Provincial Grand Masters of Pennsylvania, from 1732 to 1741; and also concerning Brother Thos. Bonde, Doctor Thos. Cadwallader (to whom Bro. Henry Bell, of Lancaster, wrote his famous letter, of 17th Nov. 1754, concerning the origin of this same St. John's Lodge, in the fall of 1730), Joseph Shippen and Thomas Bond. The entire volume is richly worthy of re-production in print, and by photograph. It far outranks in age any Lodge record on this continent, and is one of the oldest in the world. It is more than we ever anticipated finding, and therefore the more valued when found.

We may indicate the comparative uniqueness of this volume by stating, that the oldest existing Lodge Record Book in Pennsylvania dates back only to 1767, that of Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia; the oldest Lodge Record Book in Massachusetts, that of St. John's Lodge, Boston, was compiled and written in 1751-2, and records events only from July 1733, when Masonry was first established in Massachusetts; while the Lodge Record Book of the first St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, contains the complete Secretary's Ledger Record account with all the members of St. John's Lodge from 24th June 1731 to 24th June 1738.

The following is a general description of the appearance of the volume: It is of the blank book pattern, in size 5½ by 12 inches, and 2 inches thick. At the beginning is an alphabetical index of the names of the Brethren, whose accounts with St. John's Lodge are contained in the body of the book. There are numerous blank pages, together with some few commercial entries, the volume evidently having been used for a short time by one of its possessors as a mercantile book of entry, with reference to the printing and binding, in 1790, of copies of the Prayer Book, New Testament and the Laws of Pennsylvania. The binding is of stiff vellum, and the entire volume is quite well preserved.

This original Philadelphia Lodge Record of the year 1731, and thereafter to 1738, by courtesy of the authorities of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania (John Jordan jun. Vice President, and Frederick D. Stone

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Librarian) was exhibited in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Thursday evening, 28th February 1884, by its discoverer, Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the course of his lecture delivered before Lodge No. 51, on "A Remarkable Masonic Life"—that of Benjamin Franklin; when it excited the greatest interest, and was pronounced the most ancient and valuable Masonic record yet discovered in America.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES AND LIFEBOAT WORK.

THE Annual General Meeting of the friends and supporters of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., in the Chair. The Annual Report was read by the Secretary Mr. Charles Dibdin. It stated that the committee, in submitting their Sixtieth Annual Report to their supporters and sympathisers, thankfully acknowledge the very valuable and important monetary assistance which they have received during the past year. In no previous year, perhaps, had the necessity for the existence of such a Society been more plainly demonstrated than in that lately completed. Happily the strenuous efforts made by the Institution had been instrumental in mitigating to a very considerable extent the dire evils entailed by the terrible disasters at sea which had been so frequently brought into notice in the public press. During the past year four new Lifeboat stations were established at different places, and seven new Lifeboats were also dispatched to the English coast to replace old ones. In addition to this, twelve new stations are in the course of formation, and nine new boats will shortly be provided for places in need of them. The number of Lifeboats under the management of the Institution last year was 274, which were launched on service 283 time between the 1st of January and the 31st of December, and saved no less that 725 lives and 30 vessels. Besides this, 230 lives were saved from shipwreck by shoreboats and other means, all of which services were rewarded by the Institution, making up a grand total of 955 lives rescued during the year, for which 14 Silver Medals and Clasps, 25 Votes of Thanks on vellum, and £5397 were granted by the committee, including grants to widows and orphans of Lifeboatmen killed on duty. Altogether from its foundation the Institution had voted 97 Gold Medals, 964 Silver Medals, and £77,984 in cash, for saving 30,563 lives from shipwrecks on our coasts. The financial statement, which was produced at the meeting, had been audited and signed by Mr. Lovelock, Chartered Accountant; it furnished full details of the items of receipt and expenditure. The subscriptions, donations, dividends, &c., amounted during the past year to £40,250 which sum included £3767 in special gifts for expenses connected with seven Lifeboats, and £2000 for the endowments of two Lifeboats. Several legacies were also received. The total expenditure for the past year was £45,817. In conclusion, the Committee, in view of the splendid services which had been rendered by the Lifeboats, and the efficiency which had been maintained in the service, strongly appealed once more to the public for help and sustained support, feeling confident that such an appeal made in the interests of humanity, would not pass unheeded, but would meet with a prompt and ready response. After the Report had been read, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales said: Ladies and Gentlemen,—Before calling on the noble Duke who is to move the first Resolution, I wish to say a few words. You have all heard with the deepest interest the report which has just been read, and we shall be unanimous in thinking it highly satisfactory. This Institution, having been founded in 1824, has now reached its sixtieth anniversary, and you will agree with me that there is no Institution in the country which is of greater importance, or which more demands our sympathy and assistance. From our geographical position as a sea-girt isle, and from the vast colonies we have acquired, the mass of ships that travel to and from our ports is almost too vast even to count, but they encounter many shipwrecks, the result of which is, in many cases, great loss of life. The risks, too, that our fishermen run must be known to all of you. It was specially to save their lives—and to save the lives of all who travel on the sea, and may be shipwrecked on our coast—that this noble Institution was founded. It must be patent to all of you that a Society of this kind is an absolute necessity. Since its existence, nearly 31,000 lives have been saved, and already this year more than 300 have been rescued by the Lifeboats. The Society has no fewer than 274 Lifeboats, and while I need say nothing of the ability and courage displayed by the crews, there is one thing of which I must remind you: though we all admit that this is a national institution, it is entirely supported by voluntary contributions. Therefore I must urgently ask you to ponder well this fact and to remember that the annual cost of maintaining a Lifeboat Station is about £70 a year. The Report has told you that the Princess of Wales has become a Patroness of the Institution. I need hardly tell you she shares with me the views I hold on this important matter, and it was a great gratification to her quite recently to present medals to two most deserving coxswains who had distinguished themselves in saving life. On the motion of His Grace the Duke of Argyll, the Report was adopted, and ordered to be printed and circulated.

The Prince of Wales, after the lecture on Ensilage, on the 17th inst., at the Institute of Agriculture, South Kensington Museum, at which His Royal Highness presided, afforded Messrs. F. W. Reynolds and Co., of Acorn Works, Edward-street, Blackfriars, a private interview, for the purpose of explaining to him and his suite the advantages possessed by their patent method of mechanically compressing En-

THE CHESHIRE EDUCATION INSTITUTION.

THE twenty-first annual meeting of the Ge Cheshire Educational Masonic Institu Masonic Chambers, Hamilton-street, on Mor purpose of determining the amounts to be rec at the next Court of Governors, which will be nesday, the 26th instant, for the education books of the Institution, and to hear applicati new candidates. The Rev. R. Hodgson P.G. amongst those present were Bros. J. P. Platt Treasurer, F. K. Stevenson P.M. 537 Hon. P.G.T. and P.M. 295, James Salmon P.M. 4 325 and 461, A. Houghton W.M. 1168, J. Lambert P.M. 537, T. C. Thorburn W.M. 89, J. Boardman W.M. 336, W. Kenworthy P.M 461, J. A. Hodkinson J.W. 461, Edward Mar Woodall W.M. 1126, S. Brooks P.M. 361, Charles J. Clover W.M. 537, J. W. Newall B 321, J. E. Steward P.M. 336 P.G.J.D., Secretary, W. Mellor P.M. 758, and Joseph The Treasurer's accounts were submitted money invested £3,745 6s 3d, together with The annual subscriptions amounted to £306 13 investments £196 6s 7d. The expenses of £38, and the outlay for education £182 4s 3 of Bro. Salmon, seconded by Bro. Wood, the The hon. Secretary's accounts were submitted son, from which it appeared that the work of gressing favourably. Twenty-five children whom four go off the books this year, and five Bros. J. W. Latham P.G.D. Eng., and F. A. been added to the Board of Governors to fill death. On the motion of Bro. Thorburn, seco the Secretary's report was adopted. The Con the following applications:—Catherine Grah daughter of the late Bro. Joseph S. Graham No. 89, Dukinfield; James Stanley, aged tw aged eight years, children of the late Bro. J titude Lodge, No. 461, Newton Moor; aged ten years, son of the late Bro. pendence Lodge, No. 721, Chester; Fran eleven years, daughter of the late Bro. Edwi Lodge, No. 1046, Altrincham. It was agree education of T. H. O. Jones for the half-ye £10 to Catherine Graham; £15 to James Star Shepley; and £6 6s to Frances Jane Hill. Flloyd, of Manchester, now fifteen years of grant a sum of £20 for the purpose of appre Hattersley and Co., machinists, Manchester. Mellor, of the Ellesmere Lodge, No. 758, Ru the case of the family of the late Bro. Thom years Secretary of that Lodge, and who died t leaving four children, and on the motion agreed to vote £5 for the education of the you ten years of age. Bro. Barker W.M. 1061 sai on the present occasion would have the effect number of Masons in the Staleybridge porti come subscribers to the funds of the Institut remarked that these grants would be a stir to increase their support of so valuable an I thanks to the Chairman, Hon. Secretary and and the meeting broke up.

We have been favoured with copy our worthy Bro. Pearcy P.M., the well- Preceptor. To say that it is life-like i photo is what it is, and would be no But in this case the tone and pose of admirable as the likeness is accurate duction of Bro. H. Cecil Turner, of 14 Pentonville Road, N., and cons situated and admirably arranged premises, how studious he is of hi and how painstaking in all he does, recommend his establishment to our frie they will be pleased if they give it a t they will have no complaint to make or charges, Bro. Turner's terms being extr

At the London Cottage Mission Hall, 67 Sal on Wednesday of last week, at the close of the d hundred children partook, Mr. Walter Austin in explained to the youngsters that, on future oc bring their plates and spoons with them, in fa pect—unless some kind friend steps in and prov dinner just yet. On the little ones this news influence. We are pleased, however, to Mr. Austin's appeal for further assistance further, that on Wednesday about nine hund pinched waifs and strays had their "one meal nearly a hundred old folks and others out of to see them thus engaged to form an idea of wh dinner" would be to them all. We trust some to 44 Finsbury-pavement a small faggot of relic

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LET THE MILL GRIND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

AR SIR AND BROTHER,—My attention having been, by accident, to an article under this heading which recently appeared in paper, I am moved to offer a few remarks thereon, and my for troubling you is, that I altogether dispute the "facts (?)" writer, and, as may perhaps be anticipated, disagree with his tions.

The first place, so far as I can learn, the thunderbolts (or wind-launched by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts were directed, gainst the Antient and Primitive Rite, but against a seceding therefrom, denominated the Reformed Egyptian Rite of his.

to fact second. It is now somewhat out of place, surely, consi-; the lapse of upwards of half a century, to challenge the y of what was done or left undone by the compilers of the nt and Primitive Rite, or, as it was then called, the Rite of his. Everybody knows that it never claimed to be anything han a re-arrangement of pre-existing degrees or series of s, which under various names and with many modifications, en then been known and worked for the best part of a century. was done by Marconis and his fellow labourers was to select, ise, and reduce to a system much that was rude, inharmonious, a certain extent chaotic, and Marconis certainly did this and well, keeping the one principle in view throughout, *non rnism.*

Grand Orient of France having already two or three series of s of similar kind under its wing, naturally objected to roduction of another and most formidable system, which would tedly act disadvantageously to those working already, and it t until Bro. Marconis and his friends had clamoured long and that the Grand Orient was induced to accept and recognise te of Memphis. If, as the article copied from the *Voice of* y asserts, the Grand Orient acted with bad faith, and cheated arconis into surrendering the conduct of the Rite to it, with l determination to strangle it, and to get rid of a dan-rival, Bro. Marconis was surely justified, as soon as he found nature of the conspiracy, in protesting against it, as he did, the energy and eloquence at his command, and in reassuming ition of guardian and protector to his threatened offspring.

I doubt if the Grand Orient had any such malevolent ns. I am inclined to think that having, reluctantly no doubt, p its mind to accept the Rite, it proposed to carry out the with Masonic good faith. But vested interests, then as now, clamouring against improvement or innovation, proved in the too much for the Rite and it was quietly shelved.

act which testifies most strongly in favour of this theory, in on to that propounded by the writer of the article under , that the Grand Orient received Bro. Harry Seymour, the rand Master of the American Body of the Antient and e Rite, on his visit to Paris in 1862; visèed his certificate of ient, and exchanged representation with America, and this things lasted until 1869, when it was interrupted by Seymour, he Grand Orient withdrawing from the Representation be-e Grand Orient had chartered some bodies in America, over untry, he justly thought, the Grand Orient had no sort of ion whatever.

leged complaint of the Grand Orient that it had only in-o recognise the Rite of Memphis as a system of three degrees e Craft degrees), is so manifestly untrue, on the face of it, not worth contradicting; it was doubtless an afterthought, with the view of extricating the Grand Orient from a false

ACT is, the Rite of Memphis never proposed to work the or Craft degrees, and the Constitutions adopted by the n Body, as by ourselves, expressly provide that "None shall ed into the Antient and Primitive Rite except he shall be a Mason in good standing under some Constitutional Grand Can anything be more exact and more opposite to assertion iter in the "Voice?"

assumed for the purpose of the argument that Marconis did r his position of Grand Hierophant of the Rite of Memphis, ded to do so, when he came to the arrangement with the rient. But, as another FACT, he never did or had the inten-ing anything of the kind. What he did do was to disclaim t to control or work the three symbolic degrees. And the emphis, both in this country and America, has never to my e attempted to do so. And both in Egypt and in Roumania, e Memphis Rite is worked, National Grand Craft Lodges, the Craft degrees, only exist at this day.

xt allegation I have to deal with is, that the first twenty-five f the Rite of Memphis, or the Antient and Primitive Rite, ted from the Scottish Rite, my answer to which is that the nd Senate degrees (4 to 20), of the Antient and Primitive compiled, partly from the Primitive Rite of Narbonne and Rite of African Architects, Von Hunde's Templar System opted by the Grand Lodge of Sweden), and others, that it is o particularise. Now, all these systems existed before 1750, corne's compilation of similar degrees, under the title of the of the East and West, was made about the same time, it be that some of the degrees in each system were similar, if contrast between the dissolute dancing-master of the profligate Regent and the simple-minded, earnest, and eloquent Marconis, is too marked ever to run much risk of the one being confounded with the other. And further, whether the Scottish Rite has so small an opinion of the literary merit of its own ritual, or whether it never had any but the two, 18° and 30°, I do not know; but it is certain it has never ventured to print or to work any of its degrees save the Rose Croix and K—h; and if any curious brother will take the trouble to compare the Ritual of both those degrees with their corresponding degrees of the Antient and Primitive Rite, I shall be very much disappointed if he does not at once admit that Lacorne's version, or whose soever it may be, is as little to be compared with Marconis as a Grub Street ballad to Tennyson. I may not enter upon a dissection here, even if you were good enough to give me space; but if I may summarise my own impressions, the one is pious twaddle with a soupçon of blasphemy, the other philosophic symbolism expanded from the Craft degrees.

As to the Grand Lodge of this or any other country interfering with the Chivalrous grades, the notion is too absurd to be entertained for a moment. Let every tub stand on its own bottom. Grand Lodge stands on too firm a base to need the aid of any of the Chivalric degrees, who are, in their way, also independent, and need no support from Grand Lodge; but if Grand Lodge of this, or any other country, do coquet, as it were, with high grade Masonry at all, it is important that the favoured body should not abuse the indulgence by seeking to thrust its own particular partizans into Craft Grand Lodge Offices. That is what is the matter, both in Massachusetts and nearer home. The Scottish Rite Grand Officers cannot tolerate that any other body should have even a remote chance of existence, and so plot and contrive that until they rule the CRAFT, as well as their own particular body, they never rest. This is the case, not only in Massachusetts, but in half-a-dozen other States; the same in Italy, the same in France, in Ireland; where is it not the same? Want of tolerance is the besetting sin of the Scottish Rite; it learns no wisdom, apparently, from its frequent rebuffs, and shamelessly glories in setting Mason against Mason by its unmasonic interdictions and lawless expulsions. Now the most rabid of its opponents can say nothing of this kind against the Antient and Primitive Rite, or of its predecessor, the Rite of Memphis (for the two are one, except in name). No interdiction of intercourse, no sectarian O.B., no plotting for supremacy; a full, healthy Ritual of 30 degrees, against a wretched compilation of two only.

Now, Sir, in common fairness let your readers judge for themselves if we have not only a complete refutation of the statements put forth in the article in question, but if we are not also entitled to a word in defence, or possibly in retaliation. It is not pleasant to stand as a target for any one to fire at, and I therefore crave leave just to have one shot in return.

Yours very truly and fraternally,

JAMES HILL, 1604.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is with very great pleasure I have to inform you that the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. of Essex, has very kindly consented to preside at the approaching Festival of this Institution.

I have also to inform you that it has been unavoidably necessary to *change the date* on which the Festival will be held, from Wednesday, 14th, to Wednesday, 21*st May*.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
11th March 1884.

THE PRIMROSE LEAGUE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to call your attention to the enclosed paragraph, re Primrose League. Without wishing to open your columns to political discussion, I venture to hope it will not be unwelcome reading to your Conservative readers, and as the League is formed somewhat on Masonic lines, I hope it may induce many to inquire further.

Trusting you will be able to give the matter attention in your valuable paper,

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

"The Primrose League, which was founded in November last, is now firmly established, and is extending its branches far and near. The objects of the League are defined by the resolutions passed at the first meeting—viz., the Maintenance of Religion, of the Estates of the Realm, and of the Imperial ascendancy of Great Britain. The motto of the League is 'Imperium et Libertas,' its seal Three Primroses, and its badge an Imperial Crown, encircled by primroses. The union of a number of individuals under the same political banner has the effect of directly pledging them to the support of certain definite principles, whilst the more energetic and zealous amongst them do an incalculable amount of good service by advancing the interests of their party. Political organisations such as the Primrose League, to use Lord Salisbury's words, 'have a wonderful power in bringing men together who did not know before their

agreement with each other, and cheering up and exciting to exertion numbers of men who in their isolation were almost beginning to despair. Undoubtedly the crisis is serious.' Every information may be obtained by persons wishing to join, from the Registrar, No. 30 Essex-street, Strand, W.C. All applications must be by letter only."—*Morning Post*, 4th February 1884.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very much afraid that Bro. Jacob Norton's statement in his last letter—"and it is a fact that the Grand Lodge of England had no Chaplain before 1813"—will not stand the test of examination. I have recently had occasion to search through the minutes of the Atholl Grand Lodge from 1798 to 1813, and among the Grand Officers yearly appointed will be found the name of the Rev. Edward Barry as Grand Chaplain towards the close of that period, and that of the Rev. Henry Isaac Knapp as Deputy Grand Chaplain. These two Brothers, with the Rev. Lucius Coghlan, who was Grand Chaplain of the Moderns, were the first appointed Chaplains after the Union, or rather they were appointed as such at the Consummation of the Union on the 27th December 1813. It will not, of course, be a very difficult matter to trace the earliest appointment of these officers in the two Grand Lodges.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

"Q."

Yesterday (Friday) was fixed for the half-yearly meeting of the proprietors of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company, and the Directors' Report, which was then to be submitted, is in all respects a most satisfactory evidence of the progress made by the Company during the six months ended 31st December 1883. The Gas Examiners' Reports, as to the illuminating powers of the gas supplied and its freedom from sulphuretted hydrogen and ammonia, leave nothing to be desired, while the price of the supply, which was reduced at Michaelmas last to 3s per 1,000 cubic feet, will, "from and after the date of the Lady Day quarter's accounts," be still further reduced to 2s 11d per 1,000. These are points on which the public would gladly have been informed, and the proprietors will have been equally satisfied with that portion of the Report which more immediately concerns them, namely — that the Directors have considered themselves justified in recommending a dividend for the half-year, free of income tax, at the following rates, namely—6 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. These together will absorb, in round figures, £12,015, but as the profit and loss account shows a balance of net profit amounting to within a fraction of £20,735, there is ample justification for the declaration of such a dividend, with a liberal margin over to meet the contingencies of the current half-year. Only one subject of regret is referred to by the Directors, namely—that Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson has signified his intention of retiring from the Chairmanship of the Company, in consequence of failing health, but the regret will be minimised when it is known that his services as a Director will be still available.

The Chigwell Lodge of Instruction will in future meet at the Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, on Friday evenings, at 7·30, instead of at the Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, as heretofore.

Bro. J. E. Curteis P.P.S.G.W. Devon, owner of the Yacht "Talisman," 99 tons, and the celebrated twenty-tonner "Quickstep," has been unanimously elected Rear Commodore of the Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club. Lord Francis Cecil is Commodore, and Mr. N. S. Kelly Vice-Commodore.

The following Festivals have been lately held at the Freemasons' Tavern:—

March 10th—Veglioni of the Italian Colony Club, St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, University Chapter; 11th—Swallow Bicycle Club Ball, St. James's Union Lodge, Urban Lodge; 12th—North of Thames Licensed Victuallers' Ball, United Lodge, London and Galloway Association; 13th—Holborn Cricket Cub Ball, Rose of Sharon Chapter, Polish National Lodge, Lodge of Regularity, St. George's Chapter; 14th—Quadrant Ball, Britannic Lodge, Bedford Lodge, Eclectic; 15th—Batchelors' Ball.

March 17th—St. Patrick's Festival; Grand Master's Lodge; British Lodge; Royal Albert Lodge. 18th—Cadogan Lodge; British Home for Incurables; Salisbury Lodge. 19th—Hackney Carriage Proprietors' Association; Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers; Grand Stewards' Lodge; Oak Lodge; Buckingham and Chandos Lodge; Nover Magus; Licensed Victuallers. 20th—Old Acquaintance Musical Society; Linnæan Club; St. Mary's Lodge; Universal

REVIEWS.

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South Australia: its History, Productions, ar
By J. H. Stow. Written for the Calcutta
of the South Australian Government. Ade
vernment Printer, North Terrace. 1883.

Most people have some general knowledge of
which has been made by our different Australi
establishment. They know, for instance, th
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order to impart that knowledge to others, he
variety of qualities, among which tact, discri
are certainly not the least important, and the
advantage by Mr. Stow in every part of his
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the fauna and flora, &c. &c. These are suppl
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of this important section of the British Empire
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well as for its independence of all party polit
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conscientious study of them would require m
well spare—we have no hesitation in recommen
to the attention of our readers.

ROYAL ARCH.

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Grove Chapter, No. 410.—This Chap
ing for the present season, on Saturday, 8th ins
Leatherhead, under the presidency of M.E. Com
installation of the Third Principal, Comp. Char
his arrival at Malta—on his return from the An
be postponed. Congratulations were offered t
Lister, as also to Comp. C. Greenwood Prov.
for the energetic way in which they had agai
of the Chapter to a useful and satisfactory en
the trouble resulting from the nomadic position
The adjournment to November next was ma
present. An excellent banquet was done justic
proceedings.

Torbay Chapter, No. 1358.—At the
in the Masonic Hall, Paignton, the Companion
for the ensuing year were Ex-Companion F. Pa
Alexander H., Ex-Companion Jarman J., Ex-Co
Grand Prin. Soj. I.P.Z.; Ex-Companions Br
S.N., W. H. Goodridge Prin. Soj., Marley Trea
sistant Soj., Cuming 2nd Assistant Soj., Toyer

Comp. T. G. Fisher will be install
Eccleston Chapter, No. 1624, on Wednes
The ceremony is to be performed by Com

A Convocation of the North Londo
provement was held on Thursday, at ei
Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-r
Comps. Hunter filled the chair of Z.,
Hubbard J.; Comp. G. W. Knight w
Comp. Radcliffe the P.S. Comp. John
the Scribe E. of this Chapter of Improv

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trials to which every one is subjected during our long
winter. Coughs, colds, ulcerated throats, whooping c
treated by rubbing this ointment upon the chest,

ESTER UNION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

annual festival of this Lodge (formed by the union of the St. ohn's Lodge, No. 279, John O'Gaunt's Lodge, No. 523, Com- Lodge, No. 1391, and the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, the joint Preceptorship of W. Bros. S. Cleaver P.M. 279 ., J. T. Thorpe P.M. 523 P.S.G.W., Edward Watson W.M. G.J.D., and Miles J. Walker P.M. 1265), was held at the Free- Hall, Halford-street, Leicester, on the 14th inst., under the ıcy of the R.W. Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. Society, and Master for Leicestershire. The attendance was large, and l, in addition to the above-named, and amongst others, the g brethren:—W. Bros. Geo. Toller jun. Deputy Provincial Master, S. S. Partridge P.G.Sec., Joseph Young Past Grand of Ceremonies, C. Gurdin P.G. Assistant Director of Cere- Clement E. Stretton, Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., Rev. W. A. , M.A., Edward Mason, R. Michie, &c. &c. The Lodge was in the first degree by the R.W. Bro. Kelly P.P.G.M. at six he acting Officers being the following brethren:—J. L. West as W. Willson J.W., J. B. Waring S.D., R. B. Starkey J.D., Geo. .G. The minutes of the last Lodge were read by Bro. E. P. he Secretary, and confirmed. W. Bro. Edward Watson was d Installing Officer for the next Lodge, and Bro. J. L. West g W.M., after which the R.W. Bro. Kelly briefly introduced James Stevens, of London, P.M. P.Z., who had been specially o deliver his lecture, entitled "Knobs and Excrescences," ory of the Rituals and Ceremonies of the First Degree, and to his pleasing acquaintance with Bro. Stevens, which was t Leicester many years ago. Bro. Stevens, after a few pre- remarks on the desirability of unity of working the cere- of the Craft, proceeded with his lecture, which was listened reat attention for over two hours. The able and eloquent ommenced with the opening of the Lodge, and continued the whole ceremony of initiation, explaining many points of showing divergencies in the rituals as practised by different and giving good and substantial reasons for correcting fal- rein. At the conclusion of the lecture, W. B. Geo. Toller nty P.G.M., alluded to the pleasure he had derived from to the able exposition by the lecturer of the many interesting which he had treated, and approved of the great desirability nity in working as suggested by the lecturer, and considered lecture should be heard by the Craft generally. W. Bro. r Thorpe P.G.S.W., in proposing a vote of thanks to the expressed his gratification at the slight divergence of working icester Province from the ideal depicted by Bro. Stevens, d he should treasure for consideration many valuable sug- which had been made. W. Bro. Rev. C. H. Wood, late a of the Lodge, seconded the complimentary vote of thanks, g that time would not permit of many interesting inquiries n pursued, but hoped the brethren would not lose sight of after. W. Bro. Young P.G.D.C. called attention to several f minor importance, in which the working in the Province m that aimed at by the lecturer. He was, however, gratified at the working in the Leicester Lodges was so near perfec- Bro. Preceptor Cleaver said that after the intense pleasure perienced he felt bound to corroborate the previous remarks similarity between the working in the Leicester Province Ritual as exemplified by the talented lecturer, whom he ıe brethren would have the pleasure of hearing on more occasion in Leicester. The vote was carried by acclama- Bro. Stevens, in responding, said he felt amply repaid for the ice he had rendered by the enthusiasm displayed, and his intention of not failing to again visit Leicester and ıer illustrations of his views as to the second and third n which he had for some time been engaged. In conclusion, er presented to the Lodge a Chart of the Lodges in England), and stated that he had Freemasonry so much at heart uld willingly visit any Lodge desiring to have the informa- xplanation which his lecture afforded. On the Lodge being brethren adjourned to the magnificent banquetting-room with the Hall, where supper was served under the presi- W. Bro. Edward Watson, at the close of which the usual Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

URATION OF THE COBORN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

day, the 17th instant, the first meeting of this Lodge was at the Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, when nearly 100 brethren to hear the ceremony of consecration rehearsed by Brother ry, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Insti- l to witness the installation of Bro. Logan, of Bow, as Bro. William Clarke, a Past Officer of Grand Lodge. This nstruction is in connection with the Coborn Lodge, which ıe Bow Vestry Hall; it has been formed by the exertions rles J. R. Tijou, the acting Secretary of the Coborn Lodge. he brethren present were Bros. G. A. Haynes, H. B. Souch, A. Peterken, H. Wheatley, J. T. Robey, Dr. Porter, ght, from Bow; L. Potts, T. L. Kennett, W. C. Young, ock, and J. T. Austen, from Poplar. The ceremonies were a masterly manner, and were made more attractive by the g of a choir and the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Organist. The hymns were set to tunes selected from the d Modern Hymnal, and the Anthems were specially com- he Organist. Bro. Logan was installed as W.M., Bros. erken, Tijou, and Souch being appointed to the subordi- . Bro. Tijou, the Treasurer, in proposing a vote of thanks rry and Clarke for their assistance, expressed the pleasure by those present in hearing the work rehearsed so well. in reply, said that he was very glad to accept the invita- having a few years since consecrated it, by command of the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and he was gratified to find that the brethren of the neighbourhood had mustered in such force. After Lodge was closed, the brethren partook of supper, at the conclusion of which the usual Loyal toasts were well received. Bro. Clarke proposed success to the Coborn Lodge of Instruction, coupled with Bro. Charles J. R. Tijou Treasurer, who must be congratulated at the success of his labours in thus launching his new work. A few other toasts followed, and the brethren returned to town by the last train.

THE CHARGE OF THE "BLUE" BRIGADE.

Wednesday, 5th March 1884.

Half a step, half a step,
Half a step, onward.
All through the ante-room,
Pressed the Six Hundred.
"Forward, the 'Blue' Brigade
Charge for the keys," they said:
Into the vestibule
Strode the Six Hundred.

"Forward, the Blue Brigade!"
Was there a hot tirade?
Not tho' the "huge mob" knew
The "purple" had blunder'd:
Theirs not to deign reply,
Theirs not to stultify,
Theirs but to reason why:
Into Freemasons' Hall
Strode the Six Hundred.

Collars to right of them,
Collars to left of them,
Collars in front of them,
Dazzled, unnumber'd;
Seats all fill'd up so well,
Boldly they came pell mell;
Till, with no pause for breath,
Eager the ranks to swell,
Stood some Three Hundred.

Flashed all their jewels rare,
Flashed their white gloves in air,
Scaring the "big guns" there,
Charging a caucus, while
All the "chiefs" wonder'd:
"Marshall" the name they spoke,
Ground to the right they broke,
Faction and renegade
Reeled from the scathing stroke
Scatter'd and sunder'd.
Then they strode back, but not,
Not the Six Hundred.

Craftsmen to right of them,
Craftsmen to left of them,
Craftsmen behind them,
Shouted and thunder'd;
Stormed at with scoff and yell,
While hoarse, as all can tell,
They that had done so well,
Came, after pause for breath,
Back from the wrestling spell,
All who'd not left, of them—
Left of Six Hundred.

When can their victory fade?
Oh! the grand charge they made!
All the Craft wonder'd.
Honour the charge they made,
Honour the principle saved,
Loyal Six Hundred!

N. B. HEADON.

Obituary.

The funeral of the late Bro. Samuel Smout took place at Kensal Green Cemetery, on Friday last, the 14th inst. Through some slight misunderstanding as to the time fixed for the obsequies, there were not present so many members of the Craft as had been anticipated, but amongst those who attended we may mention Bros. F. C. Frye W.M. 1642, I. Bartle S.W., J. Woodmason J.W., S. H. Parkhouse P.M., W. Buckland S.D., C. H. Wood J.D., Schofield Tyler, J. French, Adkins P.M., G. Davis, W. Frye, J. Flood, Mote, H. Dehane, Capt. A. Nicols, A. Hardy, Dr. Pocock, D. Gillingham, E. M. Lander P.M., E. Rogers, D. Stroud, J. Linscott, W. R. Hatton, C. Webster, George Penn P.M., T. C. Edmonds, H. Taylor, J. Frye, P. Monson, J. Williams, Handover sen., Handover jun., W. H. Wadham; also Messrs. Butts, White and Pearson. Our late brother Smart was a most estimable man, and was held in the highest respect by a very large circle of acquaintance. He was a founder and P.M. of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and at the time of his death was M.E.Z. of the Earl of Carnarvon Chapter. He was also a member of the Kensington Vestry; member of the Trustees of the Poor of the Parish; member of the Notting Hill Philanthropic Society; and Life Governor of all the Masonic Institutions. The Lodge met last Thursday, the day before the funeral, when all the brethren appeared in Masonic

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RIGHT HON. THE LORD BROOKE, M.P.
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*** Brethren willing to serve the office of Steward are *very greatly needed*; they will much oblige by forwarding their names as *early* as *possible* to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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MERSEY LODGE, No. 477.

installation of the W.M. took place at the Masonic Chambers Hamilton-street, on Thursday, 13th instant, when there was d attendance. Amongst those present were the following:—Henry Balley P.G.S.B. England, James Salmon P.M. 425 S.D., T. Chesworth P.P.G.D.C. 1576, T. H. Tibbs 33 Canada, Hobson P.M. and P.P.G.C. Chester, W. Knowles W.M. 721, urnor 721, J. Humphreys 721, S. W. Ramsden W.M. 425, John 605, F. R. Stevenson P.P.G.S.B., R. Jones Sec. 1276, H. B. W.M. 1289, E. H. Cleve 1576, W. Thorne 1289, J. R. Simm 605, A. H. Corelli S.W. 1280, L. Ellis P.M. 1289, Owen Jones 05, T. M. Bleakley Secretary 605, Alfred Fay 1276, William P.M. 1576, J. B. Sparks 1289. The members of the Mersey included Bros. T. C. Thorburn W.M. elect, W. Bennett, J. T. eon, Henry Fairclough, A. Gass, Fred. Thompson, Joseph n P.M., T. Shaw P.M., H. M. Davies, W. Getley, J. Dutt on Pettigrew, R. Hamilton, W. Lee, H. E. Field, W. Simms, J. W George Dicken, George Lloyd, W. H. Forde, A. Bleakley nilton, Thomas Wynn, C. H. Berry, Isaac Williams, W n, W. C. Kemp, J. Bell, R. Bell, Joseph Perrin, George West iers. Bro. Thorburn was installed W.M. by Bro. Salmon, o r, who performed the duty in a most impressive manner, afte the new W.M. invested his Officers as follows:—Samue I.P.M., Joseph Brattan P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works Cheshire, Jones P.M., John G. Adams P.M., John Dutton P.M. and rer P.P.G. Sword Bearer Cheshire, Frederick Thompson P.M. c., William Bennett P.M., Arthur K. Gardiner P.M., James T. son P.M., Thomas Shaw P.M. and D.C., Henry Fairclough Amos A. Gass J.W., Charles Sayer S.D., Thomas H. Davies Harry E. Field I.G., Alexander Bleakley Steward and Organist. oltaway was elected Tyler. The accounts were submitted by utton, showing a balance of £14 in hand, and were passed, hich the members dined together under the presidency of the .M., Bro. Berry being the caterer, and a pleasant evening was —*Birkenhead and Cheshire Advertiser*, 15th March.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 558.

members of the above Lodge assembled at the Town Hall, olkestone, on 4th inst., on the occasion of the annual installa- nd investiture of Officers. The usual ceremony of installing rshipful Master was not a part of the ceremony, inasmuch as . Lainson Hart, who was installed last year, had conducted siness of the Lodge with so much spirit, and it had prospered arkably under his very able administration, that the members red on him the honour of re-election—an honour which none predecessors have ever received in this Lodge. The ceremonies nt to the re-election were conducted by the I.P.M. Bro. ncis jun., upwards of 40 brethren being present, and the W.M. nvested the Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—Bros. ncis I.P.M., S. Joseph S.W., A. Petts J.W., A. H. Holbein P.M. rer, Jas. Kennett P.M. Secretary, J. Eldridge S.D., G. Flint J.D., T. J. Harrison I.G., H. S. Roberts Organist, W. Dunk Steward, and Job Baker Tyler. The report of the audit committee was received, showing that after payment of donations amounting to £25 to the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution, there was still a very considerable balance remaining to the credit of the Lodge. It was amply demonstrated that the Lodge had never during its existence been in such a prosperous condition, and in the course of the past year a very considerable augmentation in the number of members had taken place. At the conclusion of the business the members adjourned to the Pavilion Hotel, where a magnificent banquet was provided by the hosts, Bros. Spurgen and Waite. The W.M. presided, the number present being nearly sixty, among whom were several distinguished visitors, members of the Craft. A very pleasing feature in the proceedings was the presentation to the W.M., by Bros. Christol and Jarrett, of Lodge Amitie, Boulogne-sur-Mer, of a superb bouquet of flowers as a token of friendship and esteem from the members of the Continental Lodge to which they belonged. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the speeches being of a more than usual interesting character and exceeding well delivered. After the toast of the Masonic Charities, the bag was passed round, and the sum of £6 collected in aid of the Masonic Institutions. Another very great feature in the evening's proceedings was the excellence of the musical arrangements, which were under the direction of Bro. H. S. Roberts. Contrary to the ordinary practice, professional vocalists were not engaged, but Bros. W. Francis, C. Sheath, and W. Dunk, all exceedingly clever amateurs, rendered such admirable service, that every one was delighted. The success of the banquet was a fitting termination to a year of unprecedented prosperity.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, 534.

THE usual meeting of the above-named Lodge was held on Thursday, 13th March, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Bro. E. T. Smith W.M.; Bros. J. J. Runtz S.W., Bieling J.W., Bryant S.D., Tongue J.D., Gordon I.G., Apsy D.C., Banks Tyler. Bro. Renner, who had been initiated into Freemasonry at the last meeting of the Lodge, having been examined (answering his questions most correctly), was then entrusted, and in due course passed to the second degree, the W.M. performing the ceremony in a most praiseworthy manner. Ballot was then taken for the election of a W.M. to preside over the Lodge during the coming session. This proved to be unanimously in favour of Bro. John Johnson Runtz S.W., who made a few appropriate remarks. Bro. Nowakowski P.M. was again re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Banks Tyler. The election of the Audit Committee then followed, which resulted in the choice of Bros. Devenport, Geflowski and Edrupt. After this it was proposed that a P.M.'s jewel should be presented to the retiring W.M. Bro. E. T. Smith, for the very admirable manner in which he had carried out his duties during his year of office. This was unanimously carried, with applause. All other business being finished, Lodge was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren retired for refreshment: The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, the I.P.M. proposed the health of the retiring W.M., who had so ably presided over the Lodge for the past twelvemonths. A short interval was here very agreeably filled by Bro. Gordon singing "My Sweetheart when a Boy." The W.M. said, it being the last time I shall have the honour of responding to this toast as W.M. of this Lodge, I cannot retire from my chair of office without thanking the brethren for the kindness, sympathy, and indulgence which I have received from every member of the Lodge, from the oldest P.M. to the youngest member. I must also thank the Officers for the assistance they have given me, and the P.M.'s for the manner in which they have supported me, and my most hearty thanks are also given for the kindness of the brethren in having voted me a P.M.'s jewel; I hope that I shall live many years to wear it as a member of the Polish National Lodge; and if at any time any of the younger members require my assistance it shall be most willingly given. The health of the W.M. elect was then proposed; he on rising was greeted with prolonged applause. When this had somewhat abated, Bro. Runtz, after thanking the brethren for their choice, said that there are times when it becomes most difficult to find words to express one's feelings, and that this was one. He had accepted a good many offices during his life, but did not know of one to which he looked forward with so much anxiety as the present one; but he hoped that it would be one of the best years the Lodge had ever experienced, and that he should endeavour to discharge all his duties to the satisfaction of the Lodge. The very unusual fact was noticed that there was only one Visitor—Bro. King P.P.G.O. Kent and Lodge of Sympathy—who responded to the toast of his health. "The Officers" next followed, coupling the name of Bro. Paas Secretary, who said, I assure you that this is one of the most pleasant evenings I have spent in this Lodge, and I have to thank you for proposing my health, especially as it is the last occasion on which I shall have the pleasure of addressing you as Secretary of the Lodge. (Cries of "No, no"). I thank the brethren for their confidence, but feel that my health is failing me, after twenty-five years' service, and that age is creeping upon me, The other Officers also responded. The following P.M.'s were present:—Bros. Lancaster I.P.M., Dr. Jackson, Dr. Jagielski, Räth, Nowakowski (Treasurer), and Paas (Secretary).

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak, on Wednesday, 12th inst. The good repute of the Lodge in respect of its working and position has become generally known during the past, which is also its first, year, and accounted for the excellent attendance of brethren on this important occasion. The Lodge was opened promptly at four o'clock by Bro. Walter Hopekirk P.M. W.M. and his Officers, viz.:—Bros. John Hammond P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex S.W., Charles H. Phillips J.W.,

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Henry Stokes S.D., J. W. Hartley J.D., Herbert Hooper I.G., A. Darch P.M. acting I.P.M., Rev. J. W. Haffenden Chaplain, Edward Bye Treasurer, H. Maunder Williams Secretary, R. Ralli Johnston Org., G. W. Knight W.S., C. Thomas Tyler. Amongst others present were Bros. James Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and T. C. Walls, hon. members; also Bros. Thomas Latchford, F. Wootton, W. Bartlett, A. F. Crofts, R. Neilans, E. Morday, J. Fuller, J. H. Warstencroft, C. Longhurst, T. Cox, W. H. Simons, J. A. Gilbert, &c. The Visitors were Bros. F. Binckes P.G.S. Sec. R.M.I.B., J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Herts, George Kenning P.M. 1657, James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, A. R. Cranch W.M. 1669, Thomas Moody W.M. 1512, W. Pound P.M. 19, A. Wastcott P.M. 1365, W. Hamlyn W.M. 1622, C. W. Fox P.M. 1326; and Bros. S. F. Hill 1216, E. A. Francis 1658, J. A. Prince 902, J. Clench 453, J. H. Hudipohl 1669, C. A. Mackrell 1728, J. F. Salmon 917, F. Clarkson 1223, and A. W. S. Hoare 763. Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, was resumed to the first, and ballots were taken for Bros. W. Bartlett and W. Cullen as joining members, and for Messrs. W. H. O'Reilly, G. R. Langley, C. E. Pearce and A. Pitman for initiation, all of which proved clear. The four gentlemen approved of being in attendance were then duly initiated into the Order by the W.M. Bro. Hopekirk. Bro. John Hammond S.W. having waived his claim, by rotation of office, to the chair of K.S., the brethren had at the previous meeting unanimously elected the J.W. Bro. Charles Henry Phillips, and by the courtesy of the W.M., Bro. Hammond, as Installing Master, now proceeded to instal that worthy brother as W.M. for the ensuing year. At the request of Bro. Hammond, the duty of D.C. was undertaken by Bro. James Stevens. The interesting ceremony was most ably performed throughout by Bro. Hammond, who completed his work by the delivery of the addresses to Master, Wardens and Brethren, in his customary effective style. The Officers for the year ensuing were appointed and invested, as follow:—Bros. H. Maunder Williams S.W., H. Stokes J.W., Walter Hopekirk Past Master Treasurer, Hammond Immediate Past Master Secretary, Rev. J. W. Haffenden Chaplain, J. W. Hartley Senior Deacon, H. Hooper J.D., G. W. Knight I.G., A. Darch P.M. D.C., Thomas Aldwinkle W.S., F. France A.W.S., P. M. Hakim Assistant Secretary, A. F. Crofts jun. Organist, W. H. Simons Assistant Organist, and C. Thomas Tyler. The newly-installed Master addressed each brother on the nature of the duties relating to the office bestowed, and subsequently presented in open Lodge a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, voted by the Lodge, to the outgoing Master, Bro. Hopekirk, who warmly acknowledged the honour thus conferred on him. The thanks of the Lodge were voted to Bro. John Hammond as Installing Master, and Bro. James Stevens as D.C. for their services on this occasion. Propositions for initiation were then received, and all Masonic business being ended, "hearty good wishes" were given, and the Lodge was closed. An admirable selection of music, performed by the talented members of the Lodge choir, gave considerable importance to the installation ceremony, and the services of the same brethren at a subsequent period of the evening also deserve recognition. The banquet which followed labour was excellent and well served, and whether as regarded quality or quantity, reflected great credit on the hostelry of which Bro. Edward Bye is the proprietor. The toast list comprised all usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, and these were introduced by the W.M. with commendable brevity. Members and visitors alike were much pleased with the replies of the several Initiates, which were somewhat out of the common, and testified to the good effect of the initiation ceremony upon their minds. The speeches of Bros. Binckes and Terry, in response to the respective toasts of the Visitors and the Charities were also of great interest, and despite the frequent calls upon the worthy brethren to address Lodges on the same subject, they both found "something new" to descant upon. Several capital songs were sung during the evening; Bro. Stevens held the attention of the brethren whilst reciting his favourite "Level and Square;" and, all too soon, for the inevitable last train for town was due, the Tyler brought to a close a highly successful and enjoyable meeting, worthy of the past twelve months' progress, and bearing promise of grateful renewal in due season.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 2021.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on Monday 17th inst., at 4.30 p.m. Bros. G. Lambert P.G.S.B. W.M., Strugnell as S.W., R. Payne J.W., C. Bellerby Treasurer, G. Coop Secretary, H. C. Lambert P.G.P. Herts S.D., Brotheridge as J.D., Alex Jones I.G., Watkin Brown Steward, W. Bayley D.C., T. Bradley Tyler; also Bros. Goldney, Hunt, Merryweather, Canning, Currie, Fowley, Kingdon, A. Payne, Girdlestone, Russell, Gibson, Jordan, Walters, Godfrey, Rowe. The Visitors were Bros. Dewar P.M. 1415, Robert Cross P.M. 198, A. Steng 141 and F. Delevante W.M. 1319. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last Lodge read, confirmed, and duly signed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Canning, Hunt and Merryweather having answered the questions, were entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the brethren were duly raised by the W.M. Lodge was resumed to the second. Bros. Kingdon and Payne gave evidence of their proficiency, and having been entrusted, retired. The Lodge was resumed, and they were also raised to the third degree by Bro. P.M. Payne J.W. Lodge was closed in the third, and resumed to the first. Bros. Girdlestone, Fowley, Godfrey, Currie and Russell gave proof of their proficiency. Bros. Rowe, Jordan, Walters and Gibson also answered the questions, and having been entrusted, retired. Lodge was resumed to the second, and those brethren having been duly passed, Lodge was resumed to the first. Several communications having been read, Lodge was closed in ancient and solemn form until Monday, 21st April.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE Provincial Grand Master of the Prov. Grand (Scotch Constitution), Mr. F. A. Whitaker, Knight Commander of the Order of St. Micha The fact became known in the City of Auckland o and at the regular communication of the P.G. Lod over which the Hon. Sir F. Whitaker presided Provincial Grand Master, occasion was taken t R.W. P.G.M. on the honour of Knighthood confer Majesty, and of which intimation had just been W. McCullough, who occupied the Junior Warde at the request of the members of the P.G. Lodge, it had come that Her Majesty the Queen had conf F. Whitaker, their R.W.P.G.M., the honour of Kn offer the congratulations of the P.G. Lodge. It duty on his part, a duty which he esteemed an recognition they all thought was richly deserve Master, and the gratification of the Lodge was extr conferred on him, as they felt it an honour to them such a distinguished member of their Order. gratified when the Hon. Sir F. Whitaker took P.G.M., when the P.G. Lodge was instituted six y sincerely trusted that he would remain amongst honours and position for many years. It was an Masonry in the colony when he accepted the posit the recognition of his eminent services to the colo by Her Majesty to the dignity of Knighthood pleasure and gratification to the members of the the colonists of New Zealand. It was his pleasi their P.G. Master the hearty congratulations on Her Majesty. Choir: "God Save the Queen." occupied the Senior Warden's chair, said the bre heartily reverberated the congratulations offer from the south. A formal motion to have the co P.G. Lodge recorded on the minutes was put Substitute Master, who, in doing so, expres well as that of the members, in joining in the vot be placed on their records. The resolution was The P.G.M., Sir F. Whitaker, in reply said that f he had held office as P.G.M. of the Scottish Cons that time he had received the fullest support and from the Grand Lodge officers and members. Her Majesty the Queen to confer on him the hon and whatever he might think of the honour, a deserved or not, he was greatly pleased that t recognised and congratulated one of their leading which had been conferred on him; that apart fro derations, when the honour was conferred o recognised by them. It added greatly to the p receiving this honour, conferred by Her Maj congratulated by the P.G. Lodge, and he returne thanks. There was a very large amount of gene was, however, greatly simplified by the fact that Brother James Slater, had placed in the hand printed reports. These consisted of the Secreta year, the minutes of the meetings held during annual balance-sheet. These were prepared wi scrupulous exactness. The worthy Secretary was congratulated on the successful and intelligible ma facts had been collated and presented to t following Officers were elected for the ens R. Kay P.G. Treasurer, Powles S.D., H. Ellis J.D. of Ceremonies, Wilkinson and Luxford Marshal Architect, Roberts Jeweller, Symons Bible Bearer Bearer, Dr. Walker Dance Music. Bros. Gree Grand Stewards, Forgie V.P., Bulford I.G., T principal Officers of course retain their position.

The Consecration of the Richmond L will take place on Tuesday next, the 25t ceremony will be performed by V.W. Colo Clerke P.G.D. Grand Secretary Grand Lo the Station Hotel, Richmond. Bro. assisted by Brothers Robert Grey P. Warden, W. T. Howe P.G.P. as Junior A. F. A. Woodford P.G. Chaplain as Richardson P.G.D. as Director of Ceremon

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

hall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges hout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their f Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those e verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 22nd MARCH.

rcy. Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
ar, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
st Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
el of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
leston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
nry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
tling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
pter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

smus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
al Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
enwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MONDAY, 24th MARCH.

al Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
ghborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
tle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
ong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
cerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
ty, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
llington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
rgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

te Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
ce Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
ueen of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
ropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
al Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
burn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
burn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
at Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
legar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
art, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
gsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
pherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.

Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
—Enfield, Court House, Enfield
Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge

istry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
al Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
by, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
ert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
al Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
chell, Masonic Rooms, Slough

Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
-Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
e Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 25th MARCH.

ran, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
stitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst).
sperity Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
rs, Albion, Aldersgate-street
h, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
h, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
lent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
natic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
ustry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
on, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
el, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
ce of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
borough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
ce Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
ousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

dsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
thern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
olematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
ry, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
rs, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
al Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
nington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
nt Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
gton, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
ley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
cer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
ensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8. (In)
Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
nor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
ning Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
al Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
ton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

an Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
nden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
yrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich

castle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, .30 (In)
hants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
an, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
ulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
ons, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
everance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen

ngton, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
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gton, Town Hall, Maidenhead
natic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
ent Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester

R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 26th 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, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, 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)
913—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
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

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)
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—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1663—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
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
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
973—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
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 236—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 27th MARCH.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, 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)

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)
1539—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (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)

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 Loudon, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Asheton 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
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
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)

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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, Hull
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
R.A. 304—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley
K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 28th MARCH.

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, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
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.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
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
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
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. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 29th 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)
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-st., W., at 8

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on the 17th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., Bro. Solomon Barnett W.M. in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. E. Staley I.P.M., Boaz S.W., Peartree J.W., W. D. Bailey P.M. Treasurer, A. Myers Sec., H. Tipper I.G., P.M.'s J. Croaker, J. Ross, T. W. C. Bush, J. D. Barnett, N. Gluckstein, E. Gottheil, and others. During the evening Bros. David and Michael Walter were raised to the third degree, and Bros. Thompson, Loebel, and Buechenbacher were passed to that of Fellow Craft. The sum of £10 10s was voted on the list of Bro. J. Croaker P.M., who will represent the Lodge at the coming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. After ample refreshment the usual toasts were given and responded to, the remarks on all sides being distinguished by commendable brevity. Bro. Captain Nicols P.M. of 1974 took occasion to say that in a Masonic career of upwards of five-and-twenty years—during which time he had travelled in many countries, both in Europe and elsewhere—he could state without flattery that nowhere was his welcome more heartily cordial than among brethren of the Jewish persuasion. He had visited the Lodge of Tranquillity before, and had on that occasion made a similar statement. His appreciation of the kindnesses he had everywhere received from Jewish brethren was however so strong, that he thought it a pleasure to tell the same story on every opportunity. He would only add that it had been his lot during a quarter of a century to listen to many able and talented Masters, and could assert that few surpassed the present W.M. in the manner in which the ceremonies were performed that evening. Bro. Staley, in giving the health of the W.M., endorsed the opinion of the foregoing speaker. Bro. Algernon Sydney, one of the oldest Past Masters, replying for the P.M.'s, said, although he did but seldom visit the Lodge, yet his heart was always with them. He was delighted to observe the great prosperity of the Lodge, whose prestige was well maintained by the number and high respectability of the members. Songs by Bros. Reeves, Thompson, Bailey, Heines, and J. D. Barnett enlivened the proceedings, and after the Tyler's [illegible]

HENGIST LODGE, No.

THE usual monthly meeting, held at Bour was unusually well attended by the favoured with the presence of several vi attraction, in addition to the ceremony of raisi tion of a very handsome Past Master's jew W. Merson, subscribed for by the brethren, a great services to the Lodge, especially during had occupied the responsible position of Mast presentation was made in a very happy speec J. Druitt jun., and at the conclusion of the adjourned from labour to refreshment, spendin evening in a very pleasant manner.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE,

THE consecration and dedication of the Net the 7th inst., by Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., P.I and Senior Grand Deacon of England, in the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Aft the D.P.G.M. delivered an oration, in which he History of Freemasonry, showing considerable special reference to the History of the St. G continued existence for 104 years without an prestige, or the good feeling which has during between the Lodge and the Mayor and Corp In concluding Bro. Tew thanked the members hearty welcome and for the care bestowed connected with such an important and beauti behalf of Sir Henry Edwards Provincial looked upon this day as strengthening the bo the Lodge of his native town and the Provi which he had the honour to be Deputy proceedings concluded with the singing of Masonry sublime."

NEW FOREST LODGE, 1

THE monthly meeting of the Officers and br was held at the Bugle Hotel, Lymingt inst., when there was the usual attendance, i Southampton, &c. The impressive ceremonies performed by the W.M. Bro. J. P. Rawlins, on t the brethren adjourned to a banquet provided and spent a friendly and Masonic evening t separating between seven and eight o'clock.

SPHINX LODGE, No. 1

THE regular meeting was held at the Mas New-road, on Saturday afternoon, 15th i sent the following Officers, namely, Bros. M Gross S.W., J. J. Brinton J.W., G. Marsden S. J. G. Herneman I.G., C. Wilson Secretary, J. C and Bros. Forbes and Gooding Stewards; P Bickerstaff, B. R. Bryant, B. Lyon, G. Bicl Mercer, F. G. Lewin, H. S. Bigg, C. Lye, A. Ra J. Arnold, G. J. Allen, H. Chabot, W. J. Bro The Visitors were Bros. W. Briant 1641, J. W. Trewhurst 1728, W. Whitely 1513, and R. was opened in due form punctually at the hour Afterwards the minutes of the previous meetin firmed. Then followed the reading of the repo appointed at the preceding meeting in reference the Bye-laws. This Committee recommended th joining fees should be seven guineas, and that arrear twelve months shall be disqualified ar Moreover, that July shall be one of the mont meeting shall be held. The fee of seven guin certificate and registry fee payable to Grand L discussion ensued upon all points recommended eventually, however, their report was received W.M. then vacated the chair, which was occu W.M. of the Crichton Lodge, as, by fiat of th Edmund Kettlewhite, of 1641, was to be pass was gone through by the Brethren of these re jointly, and most effectively. This is the sec reciprocity of "Brotherly Love" has been mani in this Lodge in reference to the Crichton Lod then closed in due form, and the Brethren adjo room to partake of "refreshment after labour." the cloth the W.M. introduced the usual toasts the Past Masters, Visitors, and Officers followed, made. The catering of Bro. Slawson, under Stewards Forbes and Gooding, was justly pr proper ventilation notwithstanding, a most agr spent.

HIGHGATE LODGE, No.

AT a regular meeting of the above Lodge, c at the Gate House Hotel, Highgate, there W. B. Trick W.M., Underwood S.W., B. L. Wi S.D., Galer J.D., Gregory I.G., Marsh Tyler, Secretary; also Past Masters Cussons, Davies Shelton, and Rede and a large muster [illegible]

officers. The W.M. having returned thanks to the Lodge and for the way in which he had been supported by them in as Steward for the Old People, intimated that it would give at pleasure to represent them again on the occasion of the Festival, it being his intention to act as Steward for that ion. The brethren and Visitors (of whom there were a good afterwards sat down to a very excellent banquet, which was n the good old style of this ancient hostelry. The W.M., in g the toast of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince s, expressed the pleasure it gave him to do so, especially on asion, it being the twenty-first anniversary of his Royal s's wedding day. A telegram was forwarded during the to Marlborough House from the W.M. and brethren, congra- his Royal Highness on the happy recurrence, to which the g reply was received :—

n A. Cockerell, Marlborough House, to W. B. Trick W.M. Highgate Lodge.

Prince and Princess return thanks for your kind congratula- their wedding day.

mainder of the Masonic toasts having been given, and sponded to, the brethren separated after having spent a ul evening.

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t Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—Held at Bro. Ser. the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E., on the 19th inst. —Bros. Serjeant W.M., Gieseke S.W., Clark J.W., Patrick Preceptor, Legge S.D., Kramm I.G., Millington Secretary, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was d, Bro. Stroud candidate. Bro. Stroud answered the ques- due course, and was entrusted. The ceremony of passing earsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Bro. worked the first section of the first lecture, assisted by the . Bro. Gieseke was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

ice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—Held at the Hear, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, 13th March. Bros. ger W.M., Greener S.W., Penrose J.W., Banks Treasurer, eight P.M. Secretary, Thomas S.D., Fisher J.D., Ingram .M.'s Hutchings (Preceptor), E. Good; also Bros. Catt, J. J. Emblin. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was d, Bro. Catt personating the candidate. Lodge was then d to the third degree and called off. On resuming, the severally saluted the W.M. in the three degrees. Lodge n closed to the first degree, and Bro. Greener was elected as r the ensuing Thursday.

th inst. Bros. B. R. Banks W.M., Stringer S.W., Penrose R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Fisher S.D., Catt J.D., Smith ast Masters Bros. Hutchings Preceptor, Good, Ingram. Bedford Williams, Greener, H. C. Freeman. After all for- had been complied with, the ceremony of raising was d, Bro. J. Bedford Williams being the candidate. Lodge ed off; on resuming, entry drill was practised. Lodge was the third. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. candidate. Bro. Stringer was elected W.M. for the first y in April, and then Lodge was closed.

y Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 8th instant. Bros. Hirst oss S.W., Gellen J.W., Fenner S.D., Turner J.D., Woolveridge ien Preceptor, Galer Secretary; also Bros. Powell, Robinson, B. Robinson, Payne, C. Woolveridge, Ashton and Weeden. reliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. candidate. Bro. Fenner was presented as W.M. elect, and obligation. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the y of installation was ably rehearsed. Bro. Moss gave the on the first tracing board, which was much appreciated by iren. Bro. Cohen worked the third section of the lecture, by Bro. Ashton. Lodge was resumed to the second, and is worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the . Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. C. Wool- of the Burgoyne Lodge, was elected a member. A cordial hanks was accorded to Bro. Hirst for his rehearsal of the y of installation. Nothing further having offered for the Freemasonry, Lodge was closed.

15th inst. there were present Bros. Gellen W.M., Turner arding J.W., Cross S.D., Parker J.D., Woolveridge I.G., acting Preceptor, Galer Secretary; also Bros. Powell, Richardson, Giller, Fenner, Williams, Recknell, Gregory, Letterick. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes meeting read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second nd Bro. Ashton having offered himself candidate, was ex- nd entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and mony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Fenner worked the tion of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge closed ird and second degrees. Bro. Turner was elected W.M. for ing week. Nothing further having offered for the good of onry, Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Saturday, ant.

Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—On ay, 12th inst., at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate- o. Lone occupied the chair; Bros. Turner S.W., Ashton d. Cusworth Preceptor, F. Perl Sec., Smith S.D., Langdale rar I.G., P.M. Braine; and others. Lodge having been duly the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the initiation ceremony, d acting as candidate. Bro. Perl then proved himself efficient ssed, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was then opened in , and closed in the three degrees.

ousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—A meeting on Tuesday, 18th inst., at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Robinson W.M., Smyth S.W., T. Clark J.W., F. Carr Secretary, Watkinson S.D., Baker J.D., O'Donnell I.G.; P.M. Bro. Brasted acting Preceptor; Bros. Christian and Lorkin. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of the third degree. Bro. Baker candidate, the W.M. giving the traditional history, Bro. Lorkin worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree, when Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 18th March, at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street. Present — Brothers W. Winnett W.M., Shurmer S.W., G. Ousey J.W., A. Millar Secretary, C. S. Buck S.D., Liebmann J.D., Petch I.G., J. L. Mather Preceptor. Bros. Tregaskis, Hepburn, Coffey, Boyles, F. Tyler, Couchman, Price, Coxon, Beale, Bilby, Petley, Thompson, Hunter, Goldney, Beadell, Scudamore, F. Binckes. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bilby being the candidate. Bro. Goldney answered the question leading to the 2nd degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Winnett retired in favour of Bro. Millar Secretary, who now took the chair. Bro. Beale answered the questions leading to the 3rd degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Tregaskis candidate. On Bro. Winnett resuming the chair, the Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, when it was proposed by Bro. J. L. Mather and seconded by Bro. Hunter, that Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G.S., Secretary Masonic Institution Boys, become a member of this Lodge of Instruction. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Binckes, in his usual effective manner, acknowledged the compliment, and paid a high tribute of praise to the working of the Lodge. After routine business, the Lodge was closed.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, 10th March, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Western W.M., Collingridge S.W., Stretch J.W., Turner S.D., Goddard J.D., Ware I.G., Forge Acting Preceptor. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dixon acting as candidate. Bro. Cook, as candidate for passing, answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened in second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge opened in third, and closed in each degree. A letter was read from Bro. Killick, sending in his resignation as Treasurer; this was received with much regret. Bro. Collins Org. 1693 was elected a member.

Monday, 17th March. Bros. Pearcy W.M., Western S.W., Rhodes J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Jones S.D., Turner J.D., Symons I.G., Isaac P.M. Acting Preceptor; also Past Masters Bro. Killick sen., Cusworth, Osborn and other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Ashton candidate. Bro. Western was appointed W.M. for Monday, 22nd March. Bro. Hunt, No. 228, was elected a member; Bro. Forge P.M. 1693 Treasurer, and Bro. Collingridge, 1677, Secretary. The Annual Supper will take place on Monday 21st April, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30 p.m. sharp. Tickets, 4s each, to be had of the Stewards; of Bro. Isaac P.M. 1693, who will occupy the chair; of Bro. Forge P.M. 1950, vice-chair, and Bro. Collingridge, 66 Thornhill-road, N., Secretary.

At the usual quarterly meeting of the Lodge of Love and Honour, No. 94, held at the Masonic Hall, Royal Hotel, Falmouth, on 4th inst., the W.M., Bro. Richard Carter Prov. G.S.O. presiding, Bro. William D. Rogers P. Prov. G.S. Works and S.W. of the Lodge was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. W. F. Newman P M. P. Prov. G.S.W., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; as was also Bro. William Rusden to the office of Tyler.

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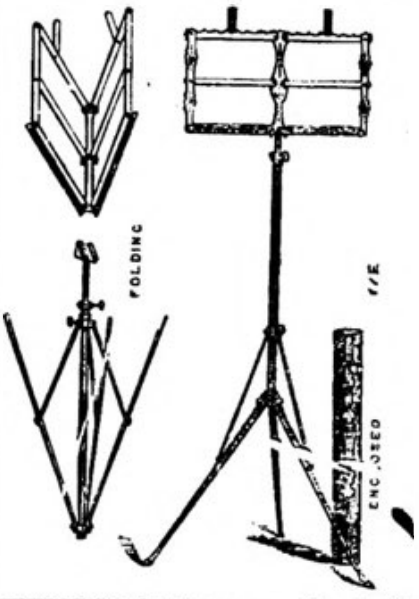
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TELLIGENCE has been received to-day (Friday) of the death, at Cannes, at half-past two o'clock this ning, of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, who *en route* to the royal wedding in Germany. The news at once despatched to Her Majesty the Queen, and to Prince of Wales, who was on a visit to the Earl of on at Aintree. The Grand Master announced his in- on of immediately returning to town. The Duke of ny, with the Duchess, has been on a visit to the Con- t for a short time, and the last intelligence published respect to his movements was contained in a telegram Nice on Tuesday, stating that on the previous night d been present at the Bachelors' Ball, given in the s of the Mediterranean Club at that place by a com- e of gentlemen, of which his Royal Highness was dent. The Duke remained to an advanced hour on day morning, and the telegram also mentioned that he looking remarkably well.

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s this melancholy intelligence only reaches us as we oing to press, we can give no particulars of the cause eath, but this is reported as accruing from the break- of a blood vessel.

FREEMASONRY IN AMERICA.

WE have lately received copies of the Proceedings of sundry Masonic Bodies in the United States, the following brief particulars of which may prove interesting to our readers.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nevada held its tenth annual Convocation in the City of Virginia, Na., on the 11th and 12th June of last year, under the presidency of Comp. Adolphus L. Fitzgerald, Grand King, as Grand High Priest, Comps. Horatio S. Mason Grand Treasurer, John D. Hammond Grand Secretary, W. Sutherland G.C. of A., De Witt C. McKennay P.G.H.P., David E. Baily P.G.H.P., Frank Bell P.G.H.P., Chauncey N. Noleware P.G.H.P., and others being among those present. Regret having been expressed at the unavoidable absence of the Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. W. Timson, and other Companions, the address of the Deputy Grand High Priest was distributed. The Grand Secretary submitted his report for the previous year, from which it appears that after satisfying all liabilities there was a balance of Receipts over Expenditure amounting to 1353·50 dollars—over £250. The Reports from the various Committees were submitted, and from the statement of returns it appears that the membership has slightly increased. The business of the meeting concluded with the election and installation of the following principal Officers, namely: Comps. Chauncey N. Noleware G.H.P., A. L. Fitzgerald D.G.H.P., Thomas A. Menary Grand King, W. Sutherland Grand Scribe, H. S. Mason Grand Treasurer, John D. Hammond Grand Secretary, George H. Fogg G.C. of H., and Peter G. King G.R.A.C. All business having been dispatched, Grand Chapter closed after a very enjoyable meeting.

The thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois was held in Chicago on the 25th and 26th October last, the following being the Grand Officers present, namely:—

Comp. Samuel Shannon	...	Grand High Priest.
William L. Orr ...	...	Deputy Grand High Priest.
John A. Ladd ...	...	Grand King.
George H. Sampson	...	Grand Scribe.
Gilbert W. Barnard	...	Grand Secretary.
Wiley M. Egan ...	...	Grand Treasurer.
Rev. William H. Scott	...	Grand Chaplain.
George W. Curtiss	...	Grand Captain of the Host.
Philander W. Barclay	...	Grand Principal Sojourner.
Sylvester O. Spring	...	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
Joseph E. Dyas ...	...	Grand Master of 3rd Veil.
James Mayor ...	...	Grand Master of 2nd Veil.
Edward C. Pace ...	...	Grand Master of 1st Veil.
John P. Ferns ...	...	Grand Steward.
Arnold R. Robinson	...	Grand Tyler.

The address of the G.H. Priest and the different reports were most satisfactory, that of the Treasurer showing that the receipts, including the balance brought forward from the previous year, amounted to close on 21,317 dollars, and the expenditure to nearly 11,724 dollars, so that there remained at the end of the year a balance in hand of 9,593 dollars. It also appears that the Jurisdiction contains 169 Chapters in full activity, and that the membership increased during the year from 11,260 to 11,743. The following are the Grand Officers for the current, namely:—

Comp. William L. Orr ...	...	Grand High Priest.
John A. Ladd ...	...	Deputy Grand High Priest.

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John O'Neill	...	Grand King.
George W. Curtiss	...	Grand Scribe.
Gilbert W. Barnard	...	Grand Secretary.
Wiley M. Egan	...	Grand Treasurer.
John H. Gunn	...	Grand Chaplain.
Philander W. Barclay	...	Grand Captain of the Host.
Sylvester O. Spring	...	Grand Principal Sojourner.
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Edward C. Pace	...	Grand Master of 2nd Veil.
Jacob Krohn	...	Grand Master of 1st Veil.
John P. Ferns	...	Grand Steward.
Arnold B. Robinson	...	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota held its fourteenth annual assembly in the City of St. Paul on the 8th of October, under the presidency of Comp. Grove B. Cooley M.I.G.M. The annual address and the G. Treasurer's statement of account were submitted, and very favourably impressed the audience. The following are the Grand Officers for the year, namely :—

Comp. Grove B. Cooley	...	M.I.G.M.
D. M. Baldwin	...	R.I.D.G.M.
D. B. Smith	...	R.I.G.P.C. of W.
G. W. Merrill	...	R.I.G. Treasurer.
William Cheney	...	R.I.G. Recorder.
E. E. McDermott	...	G.C. of G.
J. H. Lavaque	...	G.C. of C.
G. S. Acker	...	Grand Marshal.
J. P. Pond	...	Grand Chaplain.
E. A. Broughton	...	Grand Steward.
J. C. Fisher	...	Grand Sentinel.

It should be mentioned that in each of the several Proceedings the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence forms the most conspicuous feature.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, PHILADELPHIA.

EARLY MEMBERS OF THE LODGE—1731-8.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

OUR article on the "Discovery of the Original Ledger of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, A.D. 1731 to 1738," has excited so much attention, and proved of so much value, that we shall make some further extracts from this unique Masonic Lodge record, prefacing them with a brief account of the Brethren whose Masonic record is therein contained, and also with a reference to the origin of St. John's Lodge.

It will be remembered that Freemasonry was warranted in Pennsylvania on 5th June 1730, by "His Grace, Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, and Hereditary Marshal of England. * * Chief of the illustrious family of the Howards, and Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of England"—as his Deputation of above date to Bro. Daniel Coxe, as "Provincial Grand Master of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, in America," testifies.

Benjamin Franklin, shortly before he was made a Mason (which occurred in St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, in February 1731), in the issue of his *Pennsylvania Gazette* for the 3rd December 1730, published the following statement :

"As there are several Lodges of Free Masons erected in this Province, and people have been lately much amused with conjectures concerning them; we think the following account of Freemasonry from London will not be unacceptable to our readers."

We have discovered minute and reliable details with regard to one of the "several Lodges" spoken of by Franklin in 1730. The fact that there was *at least another*, is proved by the Bell letter of 1754, for Bro. Henry Bell, in that letter (which we quote below), says that he was a member of a Lodge that was chartered by Prov. Grand Master Coxe in 1730, and his name does not appear on the lists of members of "St. John's Lodge," so that he must, *ex necessitate*, have been a member of *another* Lodge. We may, therefore, reasonably look for the discovery of other Lodge records at no remote day.

We quote from the letter that Bro. Henry Bell, of Lancaster, wrote on 17th November 1754, to Bro. Thomas Cadwallader, M.D., of Philadelphia, as follows, remarking in connection therewith, that Henry Bell paid taxes on property assessed in his name in Derry township, Lancaster County, Pa., from 1750 to 1654.*

"As you well know, I was one of the originato
Lodge in Philadelphia. A party of us used to me
in Water-street, and sometimes opened a Lodge
fall of 1730, we formed a design of obtaining a
Lodge, and made application to the Grand L
one; but before receiving it we heard that
Jersey, had been appointed by that Grand Lodge
Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsyl
made application to him, and our request was g

In 1735 a Philadelphia Lodge was n
the "Pocket Companion for Freema
Dublin in 1735 as "116 *The Hoop*, i
Philadelphia, 1st Monday." Bro. Wm.
England, discovered this volume, and p
it to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvani
hereafter show, we think we have ide
with St. John's Lodge.

With these preliminary remarks we
entire or in part, the Masonic records
Allen, Thomas Boude, William Pring
Humphry Murray, Thomas Hopkinson,
Thomas Cadwallader, as contained in th
Ledger, accompanying them with bri
character and standing of the brethren n

Chief Justice William Allen, one of th
in the Province of Pennsylvania, is nam
Ledger.

He was the son of an eminent merc
one of the most learned, influential, and
time. We have been at some pains to t
authentic sources, his whole career, ar
usually successful. It is matter of si
tion that the Grand Master of Masons o
the year 1732, and a second time in 1750
distinguished, and that the record of his
to this day. In the year 1728 he was
Common Council of Philadelphia; fro
(covering the year he was Grand Ma
Alderman of the city; from 1741 to 1750
in 1750, he was again Provincial Grand
sylvania, appointed by Lord Byron G. M
and in the same year was appointed Chi
Province, and filled that honourable
years. He was distinguished for his
ture and the Arts; he was the fr
of Benjamin West the great painte
operated with Franklin in establishing
Philadelphia, now famous as the Unive
vania. He was a member of Congress,
mittee of Safety, but became a loyalist
War for Independence, and in the latter p
himself under the protection of Gen. Hov
two years afterwards made an unsuccessf
a regiment for the British cause. A
joined the royal side "because the Con
presumed to declare the American Stat
pendent without first asking the consent,
approbation, of himself and wise family.
Pennsylvania was richer than Judge A
greater influence. In 1761 he was one of
in Philadelphia who kept a coach. His c
four horses, and his coachman, who w
England, was "a great whip." He di
1780.‡

We quote William Allen's Masonic rec

W^M ALLEN, Esq., GrandM

A° Dom :		to Stock
1731		
June	24	To 5 Lodge days @ 6d p diem ...
July	5	for absence this Lodge day 1s and t
August	2	for absence this day 1s and monthl
Sept.	6	for absence this day 1s and monthl
Oct.	4	for absenting this day 1s and quota 6d ... ...
Nov.	1	for absence this day 1s and monthl
Dec.	6	for absence this day 1s and monthl
1731-2		
Jan'y	3	for absence this day 1s and monthl
Feb'y	7	for absence this day 1s and monthl
March	6	for Ditto and monthly quota ...

* See Vol. I. of "Reprints of Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," issued by the Library Committee.

* Dedication Memorial of the New Masonic T
p 21.

† See Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Penn
pp 77-81.

‡ See MacCalla's "Philadelphia the Mother

ril	3	to monthly quota 6d			6
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e	2	To one year's Stock due this day ...			6
e	7	To Ditto			6
e	6	To Ditto			6
e	6	To his absence money @ 10 p.		10	10
			£2	10	4
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e	24	To Ditto			6
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			£1	0	0
e		Balance carried forward to new acc't on Folio 44		1	1 6
e	24	By cash	£1	17	6
e	24	By ditto in full		12	10
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1732 Thomas Boude was appointed Senior Grand len of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, rand Master Allen, at the same time that Benjamin klin was appointed Junior Grand Warden.

quote from Thomas Boude's Masonic Record, as s:

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1731 THOMAS BOUDE TO STOCK, DR.

24	To 5 Lodge days omitions @ 6d p. day ...		2	6
5	To stock for this Lodge day			6
2	For absence 1s and monthly quota 6d ...		1	6
6	For absence 1s and monthly quota 6d ...		1	6
4	For absence 1s and monthly quota 6d ...		1	6
1	For your monthly quota 6d			6
6	To monthly quota			6
3	For absence 1s and monthly quota 6d ...		1	6
7	To quota			6
6	For absence 1s and quota 6d		1	6

April	3	To quota 6d		6
May	1	To quota 5d		6

and this account regularly continues to June 24, 1738.

William Pringle was appointed Deputy Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in 1732, by Grand Master Allen.

(To be continued.)

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MASONIC CHARLATANS AND DREAMERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I anticipate having to read a sharp rebuke from Brother "Tender Toes" for always finding fault with Masonic Charlatans, &c., and his arguments will doubtless be illustrated with quotations from the Psalms of David and what not. Now, I do not expect to conciliate Bro. "Tender Toes," but I appeal to you and your readers at large. 1st. Have we not Charlatans and Dreamers in the Craft? 2nd. If so, are they not a disgrace to the Fraternity? 3rd. If so, then why does not the said T. T. point out some method less objectionable, either for reforming, enlightening, shaming, or for ridding the Craft in some way from these intolerable Masonic pests. We have too many writers who are ever ready to apologize for the notions of our dreamers. Even your intelligent correspondent, "INQUIRER," undertook to find fault with Bro. Woodford for his just comments on the ridiculous oration of the so-called Grand Prior of Canada. But here is a paragraph from Bro. Kenning's Cyclopædia; and who can gainsay it?

"Freemasonry," says Bro. Woodford, "has suffered severely from charlatans at different epochs and in different countries. Many charlatans have no doubt disgraced its annals and tarnished its good fame, and despite advanced light and knowledge, we do not feel quite sure but that even in this our own age charlatans, not a few, may still be found in our worthy Craft at home and abroad."

Now for a specimen of Masonic dreamers from the same work.

"Oliver indeed states that, according to ancient tradition, the Temple of Solomon had three foundations; the first of which contained the seventy stones, five rows from north to south, and fourteen in each row, running from east to west. The centre row corresponded with the upright of a cross, whose transverse was formed by two stones on each side of the eleventh stone from the east end of the centre row, of which the upright is formed, and the fourth stone from the west end of it. This stone, which hence occupies the place of the crossing of the beams, was under the centre of the sanctum sanctorum, where were deposited the ark of the covenant."

"We do not know," adds Bro. Woodford, "where Oliver got his tradition, and we merely transcribe his words."

After reading the above specimen will Bro. "Tender Toes" pretend to tell us that such stuff is not an insult to the intelligence of the Masonic Fraternity? But here is another notion which our learned luminaries imported into Masonry. Bro. Woodward says:—

"Some writers have found Freemasonry in the *Disciplina Arcana*; we have no hesitation in saying that the theory is utterly idle. The only apparent resemblance between the two systems is that of mystery. [Yes, mystery with them is of course Masonry.] It is sad to see how many writers have followed a 'will o' the wisp' in their treatment of this subject, for it has nothing akin to Freemasonry. And much that has been written about it, rests upon no real authority whatever. There are those who find analogy in everything; but there is no possible connection between *Disciplina Arcana* and Freemasonry. That the early Christians may have accommodated the word (the word is Greek to me) to the Christian faith, is probably the case, but it was an accommodation which only applied to the name, not to the substance."

We see now that Bro. Woodford does not believe that the early Christians rode a goat, or were in any way an organized secret society. But in an article in this paper of 2nd February, viz., "Christianity and Masonry," copied from the *Keystone*, Bro. McCalla says—

"In the time of Justin Martyr (A.D. 170) Christianity was positively a secret society; but a few years later it became, if possible, still more so. In the time of Pope Innocent I. (A.D. 417) Bishop Dicentius consulted the Pope upon the subject of Sacramental Rites, when he was told, 'That instead of asking for explanations in writing about secret things, he should have contented himself with observing what took place in the celebration of the Mysteries, at which he had several times assisted.' And after giving some sage advice Pope Innocent concludes, 'As to the other things about which we are not permitted to write, you will ask us when you come here and we will be able to answer. A written communication would betray the secret. (Migne's Pathology, vol xx. p 51)."

Bro. McCalla is one of the few Masonic editors who aspire to rise to the fame of Messrs. Oliver, Mackey, Moore and Co. In short, he will stick at nothing to gain a point. He imagines that with an isolated or garbled quotation, and with his well-known assumption of hammering down his assertions with "it is undoubtedly" or "it is positively so," that he can make Masons believe anything and everything he pleases. But he is mistaken. I have read and reviewed

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the writings of Justin Martyr, but I have no recollection of reading anything in Justin Martyr's writings to indicate the idea that the Christians of his time were an organized secret society; but here is the opinion of the learned Protestant Ecclesiastical historian upon the subject. Dr. Mosheim says:—

"The ancient Christians are supposed by many to have had a secret doctrine, and if by this be meant that they did not teach all in the same manner, or reveal all at once and to all indiscriminately the sublime mysteries of religion, there is nothing in this that may not be fully justified." After further explanation the author goes on to say: "Those who consider the secret doctrine of this century in any other light, or give to it a greater extent than what we have here attributed to it, confounds the superstitious practices of the following ages with the simplicity of that discipline which prevailed at the time of which we write." (Maclaine's Mosheim, chap. 3, vol. i.)

Biassed historians are bad enough, but biassed ecclesiastical writers are abominable. These, like our own pious Masonic luminaries, stick at nothing to gain a point; so it was in olden time, and so it is now. Mosheim, after giving an account of the enthusiastic frenzy of the monks and of their maxims, goes on to say:—

"One of these was, 'That it was an act of virtue to deceive and lie, when by such means the interest of the church might be promoted. Another point was, 'That errors in religion when maintained and adhered to . . . were punishable with civil penalties and corporal tortures.' Of these erroneous maxims, the former (of lying and deceiving) was now of long standing; it had been adopted for some ages past and had produced an incredible number of ridiculous fables, fictitious prodigies, and pious frauds. . . . And it must be frankly confessed that the greatest men and most eminent saints of this century were more or less tainted with the infection of this corrupt principle, as will appear evidently to such as look with an attentive eye into their writings and their actions. We would willingly except from this charge Ambrose and Hilary, Augustin, Gregory, Nazianzen and Jerome, but truth, which is more respectable than these venerable fathers, obliges us to involve them in the general accusation."

With the above confession of so high an authority as Dr. Mosheim, I feel justified in discrediting the historical writings of the old Christian Fathers. The translators and commentators of the works of the "Ante-Nicean Fathers," admit that some works attributed to Christian Fathers of certain centuries, were not written until a hundred or more years later. From all I have read about the early Christians, I am inclined to doubt about their having held secret meetings in the Roman catacombs—say once a week—for any length of time, even during one year, without being discovered, dispersed, or apprehended by the Roman police. It is, however, highly probable that during certain periods, and in certain localities, when and where the Christians were prohibited from holding public worship, that they assembled in secret, either at night or early in the morning, to perform their devotions. We find that in the days of Charles II. and the first year or so of the reign of James II., when the "Five Mile Act," and the "Conventicle Act" were enforced in England, that the Puritans, like the early Christians, met secretly for the same purpose. The Puritan minister had to sneak into the town, disguised as a bricklayer, a carter, and what not; he had to get into a neighbouring house, and climb from the attic window into the apartment where his congregation were assembled; but we have no more reliable evidence that the early Christians rode a mystic goat than we have about the Puritans having performed mystic rites. Meeting secretly is not necessarily a secret society in the sense Freemasons are recognized in.

I admit that the early Christian Fathers, in order to make Christianity popular, have Christianized Pagan festivals; also introduced Pagan ceremonies into their churches, and adopted Pagan phrases into their nomenclature; thus, "mysteries" and "sacred mysteries" were Pagan phrases originally. But I think that these phrases were meant as mere metaphors. The priest could not demonstrate the dogmas of the Trinity, Resurrection, &c., so he referred to those dogmas as "sacred mysteries." If Bro. MacCalla is so positive that the Christians in A.D. 170 were a secret society, he ought to have furnished evidence that Justin Martyr was a Grand Master, Grand Warden, or something else grand in the secret society.

Bro. MacCalla quotes Migne as his authority that Pope Innocent and somebody else referred to some secret or secrets; and what of it? Must Innocent's secret refer to a mystic goat society? As to Migne, all I can learn about him is, that he was a French Catholic priest, that he undertook to compile, by steam as it were, some two thousand theological works; that after he issued some hundred or more volumes of a theological dictionary, and numerous other compilations of the same character, the Bishop lost faith in Father Migne's compilations, and ordered him to stop compiling. If I recollect right, Migne continued his enterprise in spite of the Bishop's prohibition, till his printing establishment was burnt down. That is all I know about Migne. Now, when I find that Bro. MacCalla believes in Migne (that is, I suppose he gave us his true opinion of him), while the French Catholic Bishop evidently did not have any great faith in Migne; and while I find that neither Drs. Mosheim and Maclaine, nor Bro. Woodford believe in the story of an early secret Christian society, I surely need not feel ashamed to be numbered among the disbelievers.

I shall only add that, thirty years ago, the ware which Bro. MacCalla now offers for sale was regarded of great value in the Masonic market. But Masonic iconoclasts have in a great measure brought that kind of stuff into contempt, and I think that Bro. Gould's History of Freemasonry is destined to make a thorough finish of it. The fact is, Masonic dreaming is (as they say here) "played out." If therefore Bro. MacCalla is ambitious of acquiring a good reputation as a Masonic writer, I would earnestly recommend him to change his course and turn over a new leaf.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 25th February, 1884.

GRAND CHAPLA

To the Editor of the FREEMASON

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—When I wrote which you kindly published last week, Sadler had already refuted a similar st about there being no Grand Chaplains befo file of the CHRONICLE at hand to quote from tent therefore with stating what I knew, a verified from the official records.

I have since seen Bro. Sadler, and he has received from Bro. Norton, in which the error in stating that there were no such Off Norton's communication to your journal, in tion had, through pressure of work, escaped ation. Consequently, the opportunity of by means of his own subsequent admissi Perhaps you will be good enough to find a I do not wish Bro. Sadler to suppose I trespassing on his province of repeating a already made. Bro. Norton is usually so not imagine I was anxious for once to catch Sadler assures me that it was only in heavy demands on his time, and not from that he omitted to comply with Bro. Nort mistake.

London, 25th March 1884.

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ECCLESTON CHAPTE

THE installation meeting of this excell held on the 26th inst., at the Freem street. Comps. W. Vincent P.Z. as M.E.Z. P.Z. J., Isaacs Treasurer, Beckham S.E., P.S.; also Comps. Wray, Francis, James, I tors—Pulman P.Z. 157 and 1339, Moxon Levy P.Z. 188. The Chapter was opened former convocation were read and confirm was read and adopted. Comp. J. G. Fishe stalled M.E.Z. by Comp. W. Vincent, in manner. Comps. J. Wyer P.Z. and G. Tayl The Z. then in appropriate terms invested Isaacs Treasurer, Bond S.N., Flatterley P.S C. Lee 2nd Assistant, James Steward, Shep apology was read from the I.P.Z. Comp. H. to be present on account of indisposition. asked the sanction of the M.E.Z. to hold under the auspices of the Chapter. This w The Chapter was then closed until the 4th company adjourned to the Holborn Restaura *récherché* banquet was provided, under supe The M.E.Z. briefly proposed the Loyal and Vincent P.Z. said it afforded him great plea I.P.Z., to propose the health of the M.E.Z initiating Comp. Fisher into Freemasonry the chair, and to-night he installed him as Companions had seen what he did for the do as well for R.A. Masonry. The M.E.Z., honoured by the members of the Chapte thank Comp. Vincent for installing him, at all times; he had been his guidi might still rely on the benefit of his suppor have a Chapter of Improvement the Comp Vincent's valuable services. The toast of t the Chapter had only three present—Comp Pulman P.Z. 157, and Moxon Z. elect 1159 rally responded, paying just compliments presidency, and to Comp. Vincent for his of installation. The toast of the I.P.Z., wh absent through indisposition, was done fu wishes were expressed for his speedy recov most hearty thanks of the Chapter was founder and first Z. Comp. Vincent, in was very ill; but it would be gratifying to had been received. Personally he (Comp. present; his services were always at the c he would do all in his power to render it s their proposed Chapter of Improvement wo perfectly rendered. The remaining toasts w the Treasurer, and other Officers; able re The Janitor's toast concluded the proceed separated. Some excellent songs and Comps. Isaacs, Bond, Lee, &c., &c.

At the convocation of the Nor Improvement, held on Thursday, t Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Pau Companions G. H. Hunter filled Griffiths H., Strognell J., Sha J. Evans Sheffield S.E. The c was carefully and instructive panions seeking instruction in the

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ROYAL UNION LODGE No. 382.

E installation meeting of this, the premier Lodge, as regards age, in the Province of Middlesex, was held on Monday, the instant, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. The Lodge was ed at half-past three o'clock by the W.M. Bro. G. Rowles, who supported by Past Masters G. Fehrenbach (Treasurer), Coombes Past Prov. G.S.B. (Secretary), E. C. Woodward, C. P. Prov. G. Purs., J. Lonsdale, W. Cook. Amongst the Visitors Bros. Samuel Brooks P.M. 1608, C. Andrews P.M. 77, H. E. er I.P.M. 1612, E. H. Sogg P.M. 452 P. Prov. Grand Organist y, C. E. Botley S.W. 1996, F. Botley 780, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, . Morgan W.M. 211, &c. After the minutes of the last Lodge ing had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for ohn King, Printer, &c., High-street, Uxbridge, who was pro- by Bro. Lambert, and seconded by Bro. Brooks I.G.; and for ames John Gorham, who had for his sponsors Bros. Jenkins and on. The result was unanimous in favour of both these gentle- Bro. Rowles now vacated the chair in favour of Bro. S. es, to whom the W.M. elect, Bro. H. W. Nicholson, was intro- l, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Bro. es is well versed in the ancient science, and the way he con- d the ceremony on this occasion fully realised the expectations se who had looked forward to the ceremony being well per- d. On the re-admission of the brethren, the new Master was d in the three degrees, and the following brethren were in- l with their respective collars:—Bros. Cotton S.W., Hall J.W., nbach P.M. Treasurer, W. Coombes P.M. Secretary, Wilson Brooks J.D., Taplin I.G., Brooks M.C., Lambert Wine ard, S. Bayley Assistant Wine Steward, Duffin Tyler. nitiation of the two gentlemen named above was the next ess, and this was carried out by the new Master in an eminently ictory way. The Auditors' report showed the Lodge was in a financial position; there was a balance of between £15 and o the credit of the Benevolent Fund, and Bro. Russ P.M. moved further sum of £11 10s be paid to the Royal Masonic Bene- Institution, to the Old Men's Account, and £6 to that of the Women's Fund. These amounts would extend the privi- the Lodge already possessed; moreover, Bro. Russ detailed ork being done by the Benevolent Institution, and pointed out esirable it was the voting powers of the Lodge should be thened, not only as regards the Benevolent, but likewise the two astic Institutions. The proposition was seconded by Bro. J. ale P.M., and on being put by the W.M. received the cordial of the brethren. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the ng Master, and graceful allusion was made to the satisfactory r in which Bro. Rowles had carried out the duties of the chair the past twelve months. This compliment having been suit- cknowledged, the remainder of the business was transacted, good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. Bro. s supplied a capital banquet, and full justice was done to the bings supplied. The toasts were introduced with commendable y, but each met with a hearty reception. In speaking of Sir s Burdett, the W.M. announced that the Provincial Grand had sent a letter regretting another engagement prevented tendance, but stating that he hoped shortly to pay another to the Royal Union Lodge, and conveying his best wishes for a sful year. Bro. Russ acknowledged the toast of the Provincial Officers, and then the health of the Worshipful Master was ed by Bro. Rowles, who testified his pleasure at seeing Bro. son in his exalted position. The toast was responded to in very riate terms, and then the services of Bro. Brooks as Installing was recognised. Bro. Brooks expressed his gratification at been of service to the Lodge, and made happy reference to s visits, which had made a lasting impression on him, testi- s it did the good feeling existing amongst the brethren. The ing toasts given were the Past Masters of the Lodge; the s; the Visitors; the Officers, and then the Tyler closed the dings. Bro. J. Ion Cantle conducted the musical arrange- which were well carried out, and gave infinite satisfaction. pend the programme:—Grace, Bailey; National Anthem, Bull—Solo, Bro. Arthur Thomas; Masonic Ode, "God Bless ince of Wales," Brinley Richards—Solo, Bro. J. Ion Cantle; "Our Parents," Harraden—Bro. James Kift; Song, "Death son," Braham—Bro. Arthur Thomas; Song, "Hurrah for Wine," Chumbley—Bro. J. Ion Cantle; Song, "How Paddy he Rope," Albert—Bro. James Kift; Duet, "While Old Time," —Bros. Arthur Thomas and J. Ion Cantle; Song, "Intoxicated eigh—Bro. James Kift; Song, "Where's my Girl?" Rip Van —Bro. Arthur Thomas; Song, "Little Fat Grey Man," Ion Cantle. Bro. Kendall was present, and it goes without that his services were in requisition, while the racy humour he d in his rendering of "Pat and his Guinea," drew forth a f applause.

ake this opportunity of congratulating Bro. William Coombes promotion he has just received, as evidenced by the fol- extract from the *London Gazette* of 14th March 1884:—

liam Coombes, Gent., to be Lieutenant 3rd Battalion (Duke bridge's Own), Middlesex Regiment."

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al Sussex Lodge, No. 342.—At the regular monthly held on the 19th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Commer- d, Landport, Bro. J. E. Buck W.M. presented Bro. Henry r I.P.M. with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, sub- for by the members of the Lodge, as a token of esteem and ation of the able and efficient manner in which he had carried important duties of the office of Worshipful Master of the during the year.

SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 840.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverton, on the 17th instant, in the presence of a large number of brethren and distinguished visitors. Shortly after three o'clock Lodge was opened in due and ancient form, and the Secretary, Bro. A. Culverhouse, read the minutes of previous meeting, which were confirmed. At the conclusion of the usual business of the Lodge, the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Sutcliffe, vacated the chair, and Bro. T. Taylor P.P.S.G.W. and P.M. SS. Peter and Paul Lodge, proceeded to instal Bro. A. Lindow W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in a most pleasing and efficient manner, and meeting with the entire approval of the brethren. At its termination the newly-installed W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. Sutcliffe I.P.M., P. Clayton S.W., G. Coker J.W., the Rev. F. W. Harnett Chaplain, W. H. Robinson Treasurer, A. Culverhouse Secretary, W. Parslow S.D., Higgs J.D., Bulford I.G., R. P. Porteous Steward, W. Panter D.C., and Bonser Tyler. Lodge being duly closed, the brethren repaired to the banqueting-room, where Bro. Hicks had prepared a capital banquet, the tables being very prettily decorated with choice greenhouse plants. The *menu* had received careful attention, and the viands consequently were of a character well calculated to please, and evidently gave general satisfaction. Amongst the large assembly of brethren, besides the members of the Scientific Lodge, were the following:—Bros. T. Taylor P.P.S.G.W. P.M., J. R. Wilmer P.P.S.G.D. P.M., B. Wilford W.M., J. Line S.W. SS. Peter and Paul's Lodge, Newport Pagnell, 1410, J. Reeve P.P.G.J.W. P.M., W. H. Robinson P.P.G.D.C. P.M., C. Revill P.P.G.P. P.M., G. Gilkes W.M., J. Elmes P.P.G.P. P.M., F. W. Bull J.W., W. H. Pike I.G. Watling-street Lodge, Stony Stratford, 1639, P. Sheppard P.M., G. W. Smith Fidelity Lodge, Towcester, 445, G. Burford P.M. High Cross Lodge 754, Jno. King J.D. Harvey Lodge 1692, H. Willis P.M. St. Barnabas Lodge, Linslade, 948, G. T. Lovatt St. George's Lodge, New York, No. 6. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. gave the toast the Queen and Craft, observing that it was one which always received a most hearty response, especially amongst Masons. They all rejoiced that the country was being ruled by one of England's noblest queens, and while they gloried in her goodness they also delighted in her greatness. The brethren than sang "God save the Queen." The Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was next given, and was acknowledged by the brethren singing "God bless the Prince of Wales. The W.M. next gave the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Past and Present Grand Officers of England, which was heartily received. This was followed by the toasts the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master Sir Daniel Gooch, and the Right Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master the Rev. Studholme Brownrigg, and the Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present of Berks and Bucks, the latter being coupled with the names of Bros. T. Taylor, J. Reeve, and H. Willis. Bro. Taylor, in responding, said it was a great honour to wear the purple in so large and important a Province as Berks and Bucks, and therefore he was glad to see so many wearing it at that meeting. Without being reminded of giving honour where honour was due, he knew the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy would be delighted to give the purple were they at the present time enabled to do so. It was his (Bro. Taylor's) privilege to have been in Lodges in the province where the work was exceeding well done, notably in the case of his own Lodge, and where there were men fully deserving of having the purple conferred upon them. He felt it was indeed a great privilege to be again their installing master, knowing that they had so many Past Masters who would be able to do the work better than he had done. Bro. Reeve, after thanking them for associating his name with the toast, said there were many of the brethren who were anxious to know more of the working of Prov. G. Lodge, but were unable to do so in consequence of the great distance at which the meetings were held from the North of the province. He would suggest that they try to get the sanction for holding the Provincial Lodge for 1885 at Wolverton, it being too late to move for the present year, and he was sure the Lodges in the district would co-operate with the Scientific for that purpose. Bro. Willis also replied to the toast, and said perhaps he would be rather intruding if not that Brother Reeve had given him a good cue by suggesting that the Scientific Lodge make a recommendation to Provincial Grand Lodge to hold a meeting in this district. He was glad to say that the St. Barnabas Lodge at its last meeting passed a resolution that they should strongly solicit the province to meet at Wolverton, because it was a place thoroughly deserving the honour of Provincial Grand Lodge, and well adapted as regards railway communication for the purpose. He sincerely hoped the recommendation would be carried out, because the stimulus that such a meeting would create would be attended with excellent results. He had looked forward with pleasure to visiting the renowned Scientific Lodge, and though he only came in at the fag end, he was in time to witness the excellent way in which the installing master finished the ceremony, and the able manner of closing the Lodge, and was at once struck with the thought that he had missed a treat; but he would be able to go back to his Lodge with a favourable report of the way the work was carried out, and also to speak of the extreme pleasure he had experienced in visiting the Scientific Lodge. Bro. Reeve said he had no knowledge when he made the suggestion with regard to the Provincial meeting that the matter had been discussed in the St. Barnabas Lodge, but the fact that such had been the case proved to him the advisability of meeting at Wolverton. Bro Sutcliffe said he had been entrusted with the next toast, one he need scarcely say which would be heartily received, namely that of the W.M. He had known Bro. Lindow ever since he had been connected with Masonry, and they had worked together in the Lodge, following each other in the various degrees, and therefore he felt they would have in him a most worthy man to fill the office of Master. Brother Lindow acknowledged the compliment, and trusted he would be able to perform his duty with credit to himself and to the Lodge. He then gave the toast "The

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Past Masters of the Scientific Lodge," at the same time presenting the Past Master's jewel to Bro. Sutcliffe, and remarking that he hoped it would remind him when he looked on it in the distant future of the happy time spent in connection with the Scientific Lodge, and remember with feelings of affection those who had worked with him in the Lodge. He hoped his life would be a long, happy, and prosperous one, and trusted that in years to come they might have the pleasure of often seeing him amongst them. Bro. Sutcliffe briefly acknowledged the compliment paid to him by the W.M. and returned his thanks to the brethren for so kindly receiving his name in connection with the toast. Referring to the jewel which had been presented to him, he said he trusted he should wear it with dignity and honour to the Lodge he represented. Bro. R. King said, as one of the Past Masters of the Lodge, he had been able, because of his residence in Wolverton, to take an active part in its general usefulness, and for that reason he might perhaps be pardoned—because he was not the senior Past Master, but because of his more intimate acquaintance with the Lodge—for addressing a few words before some of the more distinguished brethren. He had always found a great pleasure in meeting with the brethren of the Lodge and visitors. The Past Masters at one time were exceedingly few, owing to removals, but now he perceived they were becoming more numerous, and it was pleasing to see so many at their gathering. There was one instance he would refer to, and that was the great pleasure they all experienced in having amongst them one of the founders of Masonry in the neighbourhood. He chiefly took that opportunity of alluding to the circumstance because Brother David Stevenson had been from their sight for so many years, and it was with pleasure they greeted him amongst them again. He was the first Junior Warden and the third Master, being installed in the chair in 1863, and therefore was one of the immediate founders of Masonry in this Province. Therefore though they were not slow to acknowledge that the SS. Peter and Paul's, the Watling Street and Grenville Lodges had grown out of the Scientific, he was sure the members of those Lodges would not be against his making the reference he had, because they must all feel proud to look upon those who founded the Scientific Lodge. Bro. Stevenson had, however, been so deeply immersed in the business of commerce in the great metropolis that he had not secured the purple, but he (Bro. King) hoped by another year they might see him adorned with those distinguishing badges he so eminently deserved. Bro. Stevenson suitably acknowledged the kindly remarks made in his behalf. Bro. C. Aveline also replied. The toast of "The Visitors" was coupled with the names of Bros. Wilmer, Sheppard, J. King, and Willis, who respectively responded.—Bro. T. Taylor proposed "The Masonic Charities," and coupled with it the name of Bro. the Rev. F. W. Harnett, who remarked that the noble Order of Masonry promoted the strongest bond of brotherhood, and there was nothing which recommended it so much as the noble work it performed in respect to Charity. Of course, as Masons, they knew those feelings of social enjoyment were very pleasant indeed, but there was something more noble than that in Masonry—that of doing good to those of their fellow creatures, who, by being pressed down with poverty and suffering, were unable to enjoy the blessings of this life as they were able to enjoy them. The other toasts were the Chaplain, the Treasurer, and Secretary, to which Bros. Harnett, Robinson, and Calverhouse replied; the Officers of the Scientific, the Tyler, &c. During the evening the harmony was sustained by Bros. Wilford, Burford, J. King, &c.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, 1039.

A DEPUTATION of the members was lately most courteously received by the Dean, when they waited upon him to express the desire of their Lodge to present one of the figures required for the West Front of Lichfield Cathedral. The brethren had decided on the Queen—a capital selection, seeing that Her Majesty is the august mother of their head. The Dean, however, could not promise that their particular request would be complied with, as he already had a half promise in that direction. He pointed out that several of our earlier English Kings were still wanted; and it has also transpired that the figure of King Solomon has not yet been offered. We can understand the loyal desire of our local Masons; but, failing the Queen, can there be a more appropriate vehicle for their liberality than the provision of a figure of the Great King, whose chair their W.M. is supposed to occupy?

DEE LODGE, 1576.

THE first meeting for the present season was held at the Union Hotel, Parkgate, on 6th inst. There was a large attendance of visitors and brethren. Since the last meeting of the Lodge, in December last, the Lodge room has been tastefully decorated with appropriate Masonic emblems, and now presents an effective appearance. The whole expense of the work has been defrayed by the J.W. of the Lodge (Bro. Taylor), and Bro. J. Acton, Union Hotel, the decoration being carried out by Bro. Shepherd, of Shrewsbury, to whom great credit is due for the tasteful manner in which the work has been executed. The present position of the Lodge is in every way satisfactory, and it is one of the most promising, as it bids fair soon to become one of the most popular Lodges in this part of the country. Being what is known as a "summer Lodge," its meetings are largely attended, and all who attend fully appreciate the efforts which Bro. Acton, who takes an enthusiastic interest in the Lodge's welfare, makes to provide for the comfort and convenience of the brethren. The Lodge on Thursday unanimously passed a hearty vote of thanks to Bros. Taylor, Acton, and Shepherd for their kindness in decorating

THE WALLINGTON LODG

THE annual meeting of this ably conducte on the 20th inst., at the Public Hall, opened by Bro. W. Pile, the W.M., who wa Masters, his Officers, and the following Visit W. H. Ranson S.D. 1790, R. Davies 1673, Bartlett 1347, Thos. L. Locke S.W. 1347, J J. Oakman S.W. 1353, B. Cooper S.D. 1441, J Prov. G. Purs. Surrey, W. W. Morgan W.M. had been opened and the minutes of last mee auditors presented a very satisfactory report adopted. The W.M. elect, Bro. Edward Dic by the retiring Master, who gave a careful a of the ceremony, Bro. Horsey rendering good Ceremonies. The following were the Office Baldwin S.W., A. Bishop J.W., W. Russell Leon A. Mesrouze P.M. Secretary, F. Carter C. Sawyer P.M. D.C., W. W. Weal I.G., W. I Organist, A. Rowley Tyler. Bro. Pile then took his seat as I.P.M. of the Lodge. On I said he had a pleasing duty to perform; to with the Past Master's jewel. He felt he the universal sentiments of the Lodge when Bro. Pile on the success of the year th The honour paid him was gratefully ackno Several letters regretting inability to atten Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. especially disappointment, as the Prov. Grand Secreta lately not been so satisfactory as his fri immediate cause of Bro. Greenwood's ab occasion was another important engageme deferred. After the transaction of several was closed. The banquet was supplied at th Brother Verdon must be congratulated on th the way in which he served the repast. On the Loyal and Masonic toasts were introduce remarks. The interest taken by the Provin doings of Freemasonry in the Province were reference made to the zeal displayed by the Master, the Rev. C. W. Arnold. With the toa was associated the Officers of Provincial G past. Bro. John G. Horsey was the firs allusion to the general regret felt at Broth the more so as the members always ant meeting with their esteemed Provincial Gra since the establishment of the Lodge, had id members. Bro. Bond followed, and took the that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would June next, when he trusted there would be Freemasons of the Province to support Gene Pile then proposed the health of the Wor attention to the local interest that was c was a junior to Brother Dickman, who had in order that he might have a prior cha He sincerely trusted the result of Bro. Dick prove advantageous to the Lodge, which mig in a flourishing condition. In response, Bro remarks of the I.P.M. were too flattering; hi over estimated. However, he would strive and promote the comfort of its members. honour of the Visitors, who were always acc The interchange of visits with other Lodges w and much was gained by this means. He the Lodge gave their guests a hearty welcom ledged the compliment. The other toasts I.P.M., Prosperity to the Masonic Charities, Lodge. Bros. Pile, Baldwin, and Bishop re were diversified by some capital songs, and s wick Papers, given by one of the visitors, gramme. • It was a late hour for a country gave the parting toast, but all agreed the agreeably.

William Preston Lodge of Inst

Held at the St. Andrew, George-street, Port cond annual meeting of the above Lodge (si celebrated by a large assemblage of the occupied the chair, assisted by Bros. Robi Wilson S.D., Fromholz J.D., Scurrah I.G., Tribble P.M., Dairy P.M., Halliday, Artaud Wilson, Cox, and our highly esteemed Bro. post as Preceptor, and Bro. A. Moore preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was being candidate. The Lodge was opened i Bro. Hart offered himself as candidate was opened in the third, and the ceremo ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Robins the next ensuing meeting. The Secretary r the past year, which having been audited, w on the minutes. Bro. Moore in explaining s tulated the Lodge on the steady and solid There had been 33 new members who h annual meeting, making a total of 85 on the nearly 500 attendances during the year, each meeting, and although their balance must remember that they had paid the ex Dunham for the furniture of the Lodge, and debt, with a balance to the good. The votes to Bro. Dairy P.M., in support of the case

lon Lodges, was absolutely necessary in order that they might more fairly represented in the results on the day of election. Geo. Coop was, on the motion of Bro. Dairy P.M., re-elected surer and Preceptor for the ensuing 12 months and Bro. H. Moore re-elected Secretary, and a cordial vote of thanks was red to be entered on the minutes for their able and efficien ices during the past year. The Preceptor and Secretary having essed their thanks, and the pleasure it afforded them to know their humble efforts on behalf of the welfare of the Lodge met the unanimous approval of the brethren, after the usual ratulations to the W.M., the Lodge was closed in due form and ect harmony.

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ew Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The l meeting, of this successful Lodge, was held on Wednesday, 26th ch, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate Road. Bro. errar presided; he was supported by G. Farrar S.W., Smith J.W., rorth P.M. Preceptor, F. Perl Secretary, Oldham S.D., :s J.D., Manger I.G.; also Bros. Weeden, Dixie, Liebmann, on, &c. All preliminaries having been observed in opening the e, the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the initiation ceremony. Liebmann acting as candidate. Bro. Dixie proved himself ent to be passed, and was entrusted. Lodge was then advanced, Bro. Dixie passed. Lodge was afterwards resumed to the first ee. Bro. Weeden, assisted by the brethren, worked the first, Bro. Dixie the second section of the lecture. Nothing further ng been offered for the benefit of Freemasonry, Lodge was d and adjourned until Wednesday, 2nd April, on which occasion nembers of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction will be present esponse to an invite), and rehearse, with other ceremonies, the nony of installation. Members of the New Concord Lodge will r a benefit by attending in numbers, at 7.45, so as to be ready pport their Visitors at the opening of Lodge.

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ent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—Held at Bro. Ser- 's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E., on the 26th inst. Legg W.M., Gieseke S.W., Wooley J.W., Serjeant S.D., Clark Kramm I.G., Pinder Preceptor, Millington Secretary; also Mortimer, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes st meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Mortimer candidate. Bro. Pinder worked the and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Mortimer, of the Old Kent Lodge, was elected a member. After h Lodge was closed.

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iphrates Lodge of Instruction, No. 212.—Held at Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, on Monday, 24th inst. Pre. —Bros. Underwood W.M., Recknell S.W., Cooper J.W., Shepherd Stewart J.D., Boyden I.G., Galer Preceptor. After prelimi- s, the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, Bro. Slyman date. Bro. Shepherd offered himself as candidate, he was sted, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Bro. nell, of the mother Lodge, was elected W.M. for the ensuing . Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge losed in ancient form, and adjourned till Monday, 13th inst.

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edegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—On Mon- ist, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, Bros. Hammond W.M., er S.W., Oxley J.W., T. J. Barnes Treasurer, B. Stewart Sec- r, Stewart I.G. The work of the evening comprised the first second sections of the lecture by Bro. Stewart, assisted by the ren. Bro. Hammond assisted Bro. Stewart to work the third n. Bro. Hammond was unanimously elected W.M. for the ng on 7th April. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Mon. 1st March, by Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 993, when we there will be a numerous attendance of the brethren.

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iw Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695. the weekly meeting, at Hornsey Wood Tavern, on 18th st, Bros. Edmonds W.M., Moore S.W., Mercer J.W., Gush as ptor, Berry Secretary, Snelling S.D., Haynes J.D., Oldis I.G., Bros. Chorley, Tremere, and Knight. After formalities, the ection of the third lecture was worked by Bro. Snelling. The ony of raising was then rehearsed. Lodge resumed in the first e, and the report of the Audit Committee was read and ved. The following brethren were unanimously elected Officers e ensuing year—Gush Preceptor and Berry Secretary. The intment of Treasurer was deferred. After ordinary business, was closed. We have no doubt, under the able Preceptorship o. Gush, this Lodge of Instruction will take a prominent on.

Tuesday, 25th instant, Bros. Moon W.M., Mercer S.W., Spencer Berry Secretary, Gush Preceptor, Catchey S.D., Haynes J.D., t I.G. After due observance of formalities, the ceremony of ion was rehearsed, and the first, second and third sections of cture were worked by Bro. Gush. Bro. Davies was then unani y re-elected as Treasurer, and Lodge was closed, and adjourned esday next, the 1st April.

OWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—The great variations of temperature, the ul the foul vapours which permeate the atmosphere try the respiratory ls terribly; hence arises hoarseness, quinsies, loss of voice, bronchitis, e whole train and endless variety of throat and chest affections which vail. Neglect of these in their early stages is almost criminal, as many ay be saved through early and prompt treatment by means of Holloway's well-known remedies. This treatment can be readily and easily carried l soon disposes of the attack in a most satisfactory manner, by restoring nce between the circulation and re-piration, by lessening the inflammating the febrile symptoms, and by soothing the irritability of the nerves

ON Monday evening a special meeting was held, for the purpose of presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Joseph Pogson, who for the last three years has filled the R.W.M.'s chair to the honour and advantage of the Lodge. There was a large turn-out of brethren, including Crawford W.M., Coultart S.W., and Cohen J.W. The Lodge having been opened in the first degree, the S.W. called upon the W.M. to make the presentation. Bro. Crawford then very gracefully alluded to the efficient way in which the affairs of the Lodge had been conducted during the three years Brother Pogson had acted as W.M. They had worked heartily and harmoniously together, and he must say that to present a tribute of the Thistle Lodge to Brother Pogson was one of the pleasantest duties he had ever had to perform. It would be superfluous in such a company to dwell upon the many high personal qualities of their esteemed brother, who was so well known, not only in his own Lodge, but in all the Lodges of the province, to which he had cheerfully rendered most valuable assistance. The handsome Masonic jewel was handed to Brother Pogson amid much cheering. It bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to P.M. Joseph Pogson by the brethren of Lodge Thistle, Dumfries, No. 62. March 1884."

In reply Bro. Pogson thanked the brethren for the great honour conferred upon him. Since he had been installed Master of the Lodge he had found himself in many difficult and trying positions, but until that moment he had never experienced what it was to be overwhelmed. During his term of office he had received great kindness and marked courtesy from the brethren, which had assisted him to fulfil his duties with success. He had succeeded a long list of able and honourable Masters, who had brought the Lodge into an efficient condition, and he would have been grieved indeed had any negligence or lukewarmness on his part allowed the Lodge to suffer, or had any action of his tended to abuse the confidence so generously placed in him. The W.M. then called upon the S.W., who after corroborating the remarks of the W.M. respecting Bro. Pogson, under whom he had been an office-bearer, and who had ever comported himself with becoming dignity and moderation, stated that subscriptions for the presentation flowed in so rapidly and unexpectedly that the committee were enabled to purchase a present for Mrs. Pogson, which he now had the honour and pleasure of handing to their worthy brother on her behalf. Brother Pogson suitably acknowledged the gift, which consisted of a beautiful gold brooch, upon which was inscribed an expression of the respect and esteem with which her husband was regarded by the Craft. The J.W. Bro. Cohen, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the testimonial committee, the vote being acknowledged by Brother Murphy. The remainder of the evening was spent with song and sentiment, the gathering throughout being a most harmonious one.

PORTSMOUTH MASONIC "AT HOME."

THE committee of this popular class gave a juvenile party in the large Banquet Hall of the Freemasons' Club on Tuesday. Between fifty and sixty children, with their chaperones, attended, and it is only fair to state that the adults enjoyed the play of Punch and Judy and the vagaries of Johnny Stout and the prancing steed, with its attendant jockeys, as much as their more juvenile friends. Mr. Wilton's efficient band, as usual, provided a choice selection for the votaries of Terpischore, and a most agreeable and enjoyable evening was spent, the party breaking up at twelve o'clock. The dresses of the little folks reflected great credit on their guardians, and afforded a most pleasing spectacle.

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ISECRATION OF THE RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

are continually being told that it is of no use brethren who seek to establish new Lodges laying the flattering unction to ıouls that they have a chance of succeeding in securing the l prize unless they can clearly show there is an absolute need extension of the means of Masonic intercourse. If this assercorrect, we fear we must accept the conclusion that certain s within the Metropolitan area have hitherto been most sorely ed. True it is there has been a rapid extension of building ons in the district we are now about to refer to, but we fail to need there has been for the granting of so many warrants as ated by the establishment, within the past twelve months, of Lodges at Acton, Chiswick, Ealing, and Richmond. The n has been put to us,—Does kissing go by favour in these s. Our answer must be,—We suppose it does. However this , we fail to see how the prayer of so distinguished a body as is nted by the founders of the Richmond Lodge, which was forconsecrated on Tuesday last, could be resisted. It had been ed that Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, should per- ıe ceremony of the day, but illness prevented his attendance, place was ably filled by Brother Thomas Fenn Past Grand of Grand Lodge of England. The proceedings commenced ally at four o'clock, when Bro. Fenn was supported by Bros. Grey P.G.D. as Senior Warden, and Bro. W. T. Howe P.G.P. ior Warden. The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. acted as in, and Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. as Director of Ceremonies, while Bro. Walter Goss performed the duties of Junior Deacon. We have lately so frequently detailed the proceedings of a Consecration ceremony that we may be pardoned for confining our remarks on the present occasion within modest limits. The oration was given by Bro. Woodford with telling effect, and the way Bro. Fenn carried out the ceremony denoted he had exercised his wonted care in preparing himself for the task, and when we remember that Bro. Fenn was called on almost at the eleventh hour, we are the more justified in awarding him his due meed of praise. At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration, Bro. Fenn intimated that his official duties as Secretary of the Prince of Wales's Lodge necessitated his immediate departure, but that Bro. Frank Richardson would undertake the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Fenn then retired, and Bro. Richardson took the Master's chair; the W.M. designate, Bro. B. E. Blasby, P.M. 780, was introduced and regularly placed in the chair as first Master of the Richmond Lodge. The following brethren were invested as Officers:—J. Nunn P.G.S.B. I.P.M., C. I. Digby P.M. 933 S.W., E. J. Goodacre P.M. 1260 J.W., W. F. Reynolds P.M. 820 Treasurer, W. R. Phillips P.M. 975 Secretary, J. P. Houghton S.D., E. Dare J.D., H. Sapsworth I.G., J. Ireland D.C., T. Callander A.D.C., C. Maton W.S., Banks Tyler. The founders of the Lodge were invested with a handsome jewel, commemorative of the occasion; and the appointment to office of Bro. R. Messum, to whose assiduity in assisting in the foundation of the Lodge full reference was made, was deferred in consequence of his enforced absence through a domestic bereavement. The services of the Consecrating Officer and his assistants received the customary recognition of honorary membership of the Lodge, and Bro. Woodford acknowledged the compliment. Propositions for initiations and joinings were then handed in, and Lodge closed. A capital banquet was supplied by Brother Munro, and then the Worshipful Master introduced the preliminary toasts. With the toast of the Grand Officers, the W.M. coupled the name of V.W. Bro. Southey P.D.G.M. South Africa, Lieut.-Governor of Griqualand. In acknowledgment, Bro. Southey thanked all present for the honour they had done him. He had witnessed, with great pleasure, an interesting ceremony—the establishment of another Lodge under the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. When he looked around, he saw not strangers, but brother Masons—in fact he never saw strangers in a Lodge. The Grand Chaplain had told them that Masons assembled together in love and harmony, no matter what creed or nationality they were. In South Africa they had many Grand Lodges, with separate jurisdictions, but when the brethren assembled there was no distinction. In this country the cause of Charity was nobly supported, while in the district he referred to they endeavoured to do what they could. Whenever the widow of a soldier could show that her husband was a Mason she was always taken care of and sent back to her own country. He thanked the brethren for their hospitality. The W.M. next proposed the Consecrating Officer and his Assistants. He regretted the absence of Bro. Col. Clerke, but felt they had been fortunate in securing so efficient a substitute as Bro. T. Fenn. He had never seen the ceremony of consecration more efficiently performed. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford responded; he regretted the absence of Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, the esteemed and hardworking Grand Secretary; he would have spoken to the toast with full authority, and would have received that reception from the brethren he so well deserved. He equally regretted the enforced absence of Bro. Thomas Fenn, than whom no abler exponent of our ritual existed. For the Consecrating Officers he returned hearty thanks for the kindness extended towards them. His brethren and himself were only too happy to render any assistance they could. As he was now a very old Mason, he might be permitted to congratulate the brethren of the Richmond Lodge on the success of the day's proceedings, and the undoubted augury of future Masonic excellence their consecration afforded their new Lodge. He was also glad to have the opportunity—though shortly, as he ventured to think short speeches were wisely becoming the order of the day—to impress upon his younger hearers the value and importance of Freemasonry. It seemed to him, after many years' apprenticeship, that its worth and reality increased more and more, and that, amid these divided days, it afforded a rallying point and meeting ground for men of different and differing views, where all could assemble, forgetting severances and antagonisms, and work together in love, unity, and harmony, ignoring all that might have a tendency to keep them apart in the world without. Let them all believe in Freemasonry, and it would, indeed, afford to them many happy hours of social friendship, and teach them the goodly lessons of brotherly love, charity, and toleration. Bro. Frank Richardson had great pleasure in taking part in the consecration of the Lodge, not only because his esteemed friend Bro. Joshua Nunn was connected with it, but because he had other associations with Richmond, and was once himself a member of the Lily Lodge of Richmond. The Grand Secretary, in responding to this toast, always cautioned the members of a new Lodge; advising them to be very careful as to whom they admitted to the privileges of Masonry. Not numbers, but character, was to be considered; once an objectionable member got into a Lodge it was difficult to get him out again. He congratulated the W.M. and brethren on the excellent start they had made, and wished them all success. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford proposed "The Health of the W.M." He always found it a pleasure to have to propose the health of a W.M., for they could assume he would not fill that post of high dignity unless he had received and merited the sincere suffrages of his brethren. He felt this pleasure still more strongly when he proposed the health of the first W.M. of a new Lodge, because, as they all knew, he had been selected by his brethren for the reason that he was emphatically the brother in their opinion best qualified to guide and direct the energies and progress of a new Lodge. From what they had seen that evening he felt sure Bro. Blasby justified the choice of his brethren, and he was convinced that at the expiration of his year of office he would have a good account to render of the Lodge. The W. Master, in reply, said that when Bro. Hubbard, the W.M. of the Lily Lodge, was asked, he readily agreed to support the petition for the

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Richmond Lodge; the founders had then little difficulty in obtaining a warrant for its consecration. He assured the brethren he would do all in his power to secure its success. He intended the Lodge should support the Charities of the Order, and he relied with confidence on the Officers who had been appointed that day to support him in his efforts. He felt great pleasure in being the first W.M., and thanked all present for the kind reception they had given to the toast. Bro. Blasby also intimated his intention to serve the office of Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Visitors were next complimented. There were several present that evening, many of them brethren of repute, who had passed through various offices and attained to high honours. He wished particularly to allude to Bro. Walter Goss P.M., who had initiated him (Bro. Blasby) into Freemasonry; also to Bro. Pearson, who as an old friend he was especially pleased to see. Bros. Goss, Pearson, Hilton, Jonathan Pearson, Latreille, and Hubbard responded, the latter expressing a hope that the Richmond Lodges would work amicably together, in a friendly spirit of emulation. Several other toasts followed. The music performed during the evening was by Bros. John Stedman, L. Hodges, L. Frere, C. E. Tinney, and Bro. Stedman's choir boys, under the direction of Bro. E. H. Sugg P.M. P.P.G. Organist Surrey. The following is a list of those present as Visitors:—Bros. R. Southey late Lieut.-Governor of Griqualand, Past District Grand Master, T. Weaver 889, G. T. Thomas P.M. 1632, T. Macdonald 820, J. Hooke P.M. 463, W. V. Braham 1471, G. C. Young P.M. 820, C. Hubbard P.M. 820, W. H. Myers P.M. 880, W. Lake P.M. 131, W. W Morgan W.M. 211, F. C. Moufiet S.W. 1305, H. Davies P.M. 865, G. T. Hickman 890, T. G. Smith 194, W. Hilton P.M. 780, H. Sadler Grand Tyler, J. M. Lucas 780, John Stedman W.M. 1764, C. E. Tinney S.W. 1319, John Hodges P.M. 1796, A. L. Fryer 1624, W. Goss P.M. 780, E. H. Sugg P.M. 452 P.P.G. Organist Surrey, R. H. Pearson P.M. 1196, C. Sims 861, O. L. Latreille P.M. 1260, Robert Meggitt 890, W. E. Scantlebury 975, Samuel Blasby 780, F. D. Kennedy P.M. 820 P.P.G.S.D., T. Skewes-Cox S.W. 8, J. Pearson P.M. 1196, E. T. Smith 1765, A. A. Richards P.M. G.S.L., C. J. Turner P.M. 157, C. Phillips P.M. 820, F. A. Crew 1363, C. J. Wade P.M. 180, A. Turner Secretary 1818, J. W. M. Margason 975, W. Clifford 975.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE members of this influential Lodge invited their lady friends to a Ball, which took place on Saturday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel, where there assembled a very large party to support the Worshipful Master, Brother F. T. C. Keeble. The arrangements were entrusted to the following Board of Stewards:—Bros. W. Baber S.W., R. Fendick J.W., N. B. Headon P.M. and Treas., G. W. Blackie P.M. and Sec., James Stevens P.M., John Seex P.M., H. S. Bertram S.S., J. L. Hudd J.S., Jas. Archer, Owen Bowen, H. Dottridge, J. R. Greening, J. K. Gwyn, J. R. Hartley, Julian Hartley, John K. Hooper, Thos. Lawes, J. L. Nissen, G. G. Parker, A. F. Roberts, and Edwin Wesley. The duties of Secretary to the Ball Committee had been admirably carried out by Bro. John K. Gwyn, but we regret to say, at the last moment, an attack of illness prevented him from participating in the enjoyment of the evening. Dancing commenced at six o'clock, and was carried on with great spirit till nine, when a capital supper was served in the Pillar Room of the Hotel. The few toasts customary on these occasions were given with commendable brevity, and the responses made were as terse as could be desired. Dancing was then resumed, and kept up with spirit till the hour so disastrous to the fair Cinderella. The services of a capital band had been secured, and Bro. Taylor as M.C. was most assiduous in promoting the enjoyment of the guests.

THE COMING ROYAL VISIT TO PETERBOROUGH.

SIR Digby Probyn has written to state that the ceremony at the laying of the foundation stones of the Central Tower of Peterborough Cathedral will be of a Masonic character. The Grand Secretary of the Freemasons of England will consequently visit Peterborough shortly with a view to make the necessary arrangements. Bro. F. G. Buckle is the Secretary of the local Lodge. At a meeting of the Restoration Committee, on Friday, it was decided to invite the Town Council to co-operate with the Committee in making the necessary arrangements to give His Royal Highness a proper reception. The Committee have arranged that admission to the ceremony shall be by tickets, which will be issued in accordance with the rate of subscription. After all subscribers have thus been accommodated, and if any room is left available, non-subscribers will be admitted. One ticket will be issued to every subscriber of £1, and up to £10, two tickets to subscribers of from £10 to £50, and three tickets to subscribers of sums above £50. This does not merely apply to subscriptions already given, but also to subscribers who may yet wish to give. Seats and staging will be erected, under the superintendence of the contractor, so that the ceremony may be witnessed from all parts. The north-east pier, where the stone will be laid, is now about 4 ft. from the level of the floor, and a clearance has been commenced in its vicinity.—*Peterborough Advertiser.*

After an association with 7 Bank Buildings, Lothbury, for over thirty-five years, the business of the Accident Insurance Company, in consequence of the expiration of the old lease, and the desirability of obtaining more expanding room, has been removed to St. Swithin's House, 10 St. Swithin's-lane which has recently been built by Mr. Deputy Brass, from the designs of Mr W. Wimble, the well-known architect. The building is in every way most eligible for the conduct of the business of this successful company, as well as attractive to the passer by. It is situated between the Messrs. Rothschild and the Hall of the Salters' Company, and is opposite the City Carlton Club.—*City Press*, 3rd March 1884.

A circular has just been sent out the Mark Benevolent Fund, soliciting themselves the duties of Steward Festival, which is to be held at the 23rd July, under the presidency Woodall, Provincial Grand Mark East Yorkshire. The fund deserves the Mark Masons. It provides for t Mark Master Masons, their widows is also an educational branch of th Mark Masons' children are educate which they live. These children are been approved as candidates. One o grant for such education is, that ther report to the General Board of the health of the child assisted. On acc Fund there is now £2,000 invested, the Educational Fund, £1,000. At t are eleven boys and four girls being

The case of Minnie Woodward, Girls' School, is one that will comm of the Military profession. Her f serjeant in the 31st Regiment, was i in the Inhabitants Lodge, Gibraltar, Bro. R. F. Gould was the W.M. and S.W. The same year he became a fo Lodge, No. 743, attached to the remained a subscriber till his death. served three campaigns with this from it with the pension of a Serjean

The Installation Meeting of the Mark Master Masons, No. 129, w evening last, at the Royal Hotel, R shipful Bro. J. S. Harris was install by the Very Worshipful Bro. J. Provincial G.M.M. A report of thi in our next.

"Ye Antiente Fraternitie of y will give their fourth Smoking Con the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-st evening next, the 31st instant. Fo Sinclair Dunn and G. S. Graham ha assistance of Mdlles. Susetta Fenn a other artistes, an attractive programm and other vocal selections, which for this Concert equal success to tha the former entertainments of thi Society.

THE CEDARS HOTEL SMOK

THE fifth of a series of excellent smoking inaugurated by Messrs. Gibbs and Fl Cedars Hotel, West Kensington, took place large saloon billiard-room of the hotel, wh occasion. Mr. J. H. Squires, the well-k Salisbury Hotel, Fulham, officiated as chai Lester (of Messrs. Squires and Lester), occu programme, arranged by the manager (Mr. varied and attractive character, including songs, recitations, and solos on the pianofor All the performers acquitted themselves so invidious to specially allude to any of the en mentioned that Mr. E. Grime's "Jack of C charming manner, for which he deservedly o also Mr. A. Weston for his song of "The L Knight also merits special mention for his scene between Sir Peter and Lady Teazle for Scandal," and Mr. J. Benn's recitation "Christmas Day in the Workhouse," bo received. The programme included pianof Knight, S. H. Davis, and Sinclair Mantell; R. Knight, a cornet solo by Mr. Foghill, and duets: "The Blind Girl to her Harp," b Brighton; "Anchored," by Mr. Stewart Bec by Messrs. A. Weston and E. Grime; "The F. Taylor; "Gipsy John," by Mr. J. Daly; " Weston; "Bedouin's Love Song," by Mr. More," by Mr. Bonny; "Big Ben," by Mr. "What are the Wild Waves Saying," by Knight. At the close of a most enjoyable ev was announced that Messrs. Gibbs and Flew Cedars Hotel, had handed to Mr. Joseph H the Licensed Victuallers' Schools, a donatio charity.

From the New York Dispatch.

E evening while a degree was being conferred in the Lodge, I retired to an ante-room to look over some old account books, vhile thus busily engaged, the old Tyler came in, and tapping ı the shoulder, pointed to a lady in deep black who was sitting waiting to see the Secretary. I laid my books aside, and, g a chair, sat down beside the visitor and asked her wish. aid that she desired to see the Secretary of the Lodge, and assuring her that I was that functionary, she removed her ' English crape, displaying a marvellously sweet face, adorned sad, resigned smile; she was a very pretty blonde of perhaps ' summers, her hair modestly combed down in wavy folds close - temples, and as she gazed at me I looked into a pair of blue of the purest deep azure and expressive of intelligence. She ather stout, and somewhat voluptuous looking, and though she ressed in deep mourning, and a sad smile constantly hovered her lips, her face and figure did not indicate much suffering, e she did not take her troubles much to heart; in fact, she ed to attract interest rather than excite sympathy.

e told me that her late husband was a member of a Lodge in ouis (she showed me a diploma duly signed), and she came to York to collect an insurance policy which was issued by a any in this city, and which the insurance people seemed ed to protest. She came to our Lodge first, to ask just for le aid to keep her until she could collect her money from ompany, and second, to see if we could not help her in obtaining e at the hands of her rich adversaries, the insurance people. why did she apply to our Lodge in particular? Because her nd had been a decorator and we had several members who also red that vocation. This was a very far-fetched reason; still I ht, it possible that some of our boys might at some time have ed together with her husband, or had some connection in some hrough their business. I obtained her name and address, and found out, by way of conversation, that the "little aid" she red was to pay some board bills she already owed, and also to et her from the rapacious and insulting demands of exacting ing-mistresses and hungry landlords, and could I, without ting it to the Lodge, just help her a little this evening until I called on her and satisfied myself as to her honesty and ctability—twenty or twenty-five dollars would do. But I in- d her that it would answer her purpose much better to have ase reported in open Lodge, and if she would wait a while r I would come again and report the result to her.

on re-entering the Lodge, I found the Brethren waiting for me, at once reported the case of Mrs. Cregier, a widow from ouis, also mentioning her reasons for applying to us in pre- e to any other Lodge. Some of our Brethren, especially those were decorators, felt highly flattered by this distinction, and at began to make motions to take Mrs. Cregier in hand, and take e of her insurance case, &c. The Master appointed a special ittee, with limited power, to investigate, and, as I was not on ommittee, I merely gave the members thereof Mrs. Cregier's ss and all the particulars she had given me, and again retired ı ante-room, and told the lady of the action taken by the Lodge, I assured her that a committee would shortly call on her. ıg nothing further to do with this case, I dismissed the matter my mind in so far as to await the report of the committee at llowing meeting. This came, to my surprise, much more in r of Madame Cregier than I had anticipated. They had given wenty dollars, thereby exceeding their authority by ten dollars, ey had made that up among themselves, so the members could o fault! but when the committee asked for an additional dona- f twenty dollars, there was a general "Whew!" and it was decisively voted down, to the discomfort of the enthusiastic ittee.

ne time after this I visited a sister Lodge, then meeting at the nic Temple, corner of Broome and Crosby streets, and in the room met my pretty blonde again, and, after greeting her, ed about her success in regard to her insurance policy, and r surprise the stout and handsome widow was very reticent her affairs, and this seemed especially so to me as I remem- how very voluble she was on her visit to our Lodge, which met on the lower Bowery. When I entered the Lodge the ren were discussing the merits of an application of Higgins, a widow from Newark, and finally agreed to give pplicant five dollars. This case being disposed of, and the nrer having been sent out to give the woman the money, ited to hear the name of my former applicant announced; other business being brought up nothing was said about Cregier, and the Lodge closed in due time, after which aired of the Secretary about the blue-eyed dame, but he knew ng of her, in fact the only widow we had to-night, said he quely, was that Mrs. Higgins, and we gave her five dollars sent her home.

seemed strange to me that Mrs Cregier should come as far as nte-room of a Lodge and then go away without making any ation; still I thought it possible that seeing me go in, she t have been ashamed to ask this Lodge for help, and went away nt sending in her name. Again some weeks passed, and one ng as I entered the Lodge earlier than the rest, in order to ıy books and minutes in order, no one being present except Tyler, who sat in the corner, reading his paper, we both l an audible ahem in the ante-room; the old man went out, hortly after returned to my desk and handed me a certificate embership, duly signed and countersigned, of Mr. Thomas er, a Brother in good, &c. I at once repaired to the ante- expecting to find my sad, blue-eyed Mrs. C.; but, to my surprise, there sat a dark, gaunt-looking woman, of full forty

She answered, "Yes." "And was this your husband?"—pointing to the name on the diploma. Another "Yes," partly smothered in a long-drawn sigh. At this the thought occurred to me that possibly Bro. Cregier was a Mormon elder, and had had an assorted menagerie of wives, including blondes and others of all shades; however, I said nothing about this, but began to "pump" the lady about her wants, &c.

I distinctly connected this diploma, in my mind, with a blonde, blue-eyed woman, an insurance story, and a visit to Blank Lodge, Masonic Temple; and here we had a dark woman, who only wanted money enough to return to St. Louis, and said nothing about any insurance policy—nothing about her husband being a decorator; in fact, recited an altogether different tale of woe, and yet the diploma was there, a sort of mute witness to something wrong, very probably a fraud, so I requested Mrs. Cregier No. 2 to wait until the Lodge assembled and I would report her case to the Brethren. I retained the diploma. Unfortunately our enthusiastic decorator of the former committee did not attend Lodge that night, so the case was referred to a new set, myself among the number this time, and we retired to investigate. Upon reaching the ante-room the dark Mrs. Cregier had disappeared. The rooms were so situated that any one could go and come without being seen by the Tyler, and Mrs. Cregier had taken advantage of this and left, leaving the diploma in my hands as a trophy.

I hunted up the Secretary of Blank Lodge, and together with a Brother of a third Lodge, which had also contributed to the maintenance of Mrs. Cregier and Mrs. Higgins, we started out in pursuit of light and knowledge. The addresses of both were the same. They lived in a very stylish boarding-house in Macdougal street.

We rang the bell and inquired for Mrs. C., and that lady desired to know our names before allowing us to come up stairs. But we did not wait for any such ceremony. With a rather rude determination we ascended the stairs and just caught Mrs. Higgins getting ready to come downstairs to investigate us, but we politely forced her back into her room, and there had the satisfaction of facing both ladies, I told the dark one that she had forgotten her diploma; she held out her hands, but I did not return it to her. In the meantime the other Brethren mentally compared notes and came to the conclusion that we had been dexterously swindled by these two clever widows. The brunette was inclined to be indignant and showed fight, but the blonde took the *exposé* very easily and good-naturedly; she lay back in her easy-chair, laughed at us, and said:

"I told Jane, here, that we must stop this thing soon, any how, as you fellows would find us out and be after us; and, ha! ha! ha! when she came home the other night without the greasy old paper, she was just as mad as she could be; but I consoled her by confessing that mine had also been taken away from me, and, ha! ha! ha! we had made enough any way to last us for a while. Don't be in a hurry, gentlemen; sit down; we will not call on you any more, so you may as well stay a while and be sociable.

You see, we changed off with our papers; first one would go to a Lodge, then the other, and we put all the Lodges down and the amounts from each, and we then divided, share and share alike, you know—honesty is a jewel; but we lost the paper, and that confused us somewhat. Well, it is all over now. Any way, you are not riled, are you? Do sit down!" and she rattled on with a cool nonchalance which was greatly at variance with her former sad and subdued smile of grieving widowhood.

Bro. G., my colleague, was inclined to be morose over the swindlers; but the thing was done, and we certainly could not recover any of the money donated them, and the situation seemed rather comical to me. Having hunted the widows down to their lair and exposed them, and especially as their fangs had been extracted by us in keeping the diploma, I could see no occasion to grieve over spilled milk; so I rather imitated the pretty "widow" in taking things coolly and philosophically, only scoring *one* for past experience and future caution and guidance.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

at the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, Royal Hotel, Mile End Road, on Monday evening, 31st March, at seven o'clock p.m. precisely. Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. No. 554 and 933 will preside. Bros. W. Musto P.M. 1349 S.W., B. Cundick P.M. No. 1421 J.W., D. Moss J.W. 1275 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Loane, Dale, Hubbert, Richardson, Musto jun., D. Moss, McCarthy. Second Lecture—Bros. R. Brittain, Bull, R. F. E. Hopkins, Cundick, G. H. Stephens. Third Lecture—Bros. Musto, I. T. K. Job, J. West. Bro. B. Stewart I.G. 1278 Secretary.

The first meeting of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Tuesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey Past Grand Deacon presiding. Bros. Philbrick, Q.C., Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Essex was elected President of the Board of Stewards, Burdett-Coutts Treasurer, Charles Hammerton Chairman of Ladies' Stewards, and F. R. W. Hedges Hon Secretary. Stewards for the Festival are much needed, and brethren are earnestly solicited to send in their names.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts will distribute the prizes at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in May next, on the occasion of the regular visit of the Stewards.

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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, 29th MARCH.

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.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone

MONDAY, 31st MARCH.

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, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C , at 7 (Instruction)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1480—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1627—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1628—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 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
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe

TUESDAY, 1st 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, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, 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
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
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
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
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, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., 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.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
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
304—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, Lyndale, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
965—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)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1674—Carnadoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields

R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-str
R.A. 845—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hal
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, York
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, 8

WEDNESDAY, 2nd .

15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndal
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Ins
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-roa
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-roa
967—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fle
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechap
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old K
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1534—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-st
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer S
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walth
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln
1706—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-te
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell

R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonst
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Re
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.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen
K.T. 129—Holy Palcat, 33 Golden Square, W.

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmin
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Roc
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Brist
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorche
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Ne
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Coo
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farc
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hu
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instru
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Ke
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, De
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swan
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Aln
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swans
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, I
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liv
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Glou
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liver
1842—St. Leonards, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hal

R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Stree
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, As
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great Ge
R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial R
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, T
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street,

THURSDAY, 3rd A

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitz
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambe
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, a
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-s
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenh
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornh

1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westmins
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southw
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shore
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenu
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, C
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-stre
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant,
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Ga
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at

R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel,
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kenni
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern,
at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-sq
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-
M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grain
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterb
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orcha
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, L
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorks
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry

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Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
Comfort, Abington Street, Northampton
St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester

Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire

Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham

87—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
81—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
58—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
074—Bective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

FRIDAY, 4th APRIL.

politan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
tion Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.
St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
45—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street. Greenwich. (Inst.)
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
134—Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
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Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
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Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
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al Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
369—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton

SATURDAY, 5th APRIL.

al Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
Nova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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UNIVERSAL LODGE, No. 181.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 20th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. R. Norris. He was well supported by the Officers and members of the Lodge and a goodly array of Visitors. The W.M. having opened the Lodge in the three degrees, closed to the first, when Mr. George Clayton Penny and Mr. James Anderson Cameron were regularly initiated, the W.M. performing his part of the ceremony in a most impressive manner. At the conclusion of the initiations, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where a most enjoyable evening was passed under the presidency of the Master. After grace the W.M. gave the first toast on the list, "The Crown and the Craft." It had been said that the sun never set on the British Empire; the same might, with equal truth, be said of Freemasonry; and so long as it continued to be as useful as it was at the present time, its popularity would be maintained. The next toast was that of the M.W. the Grand Master. The acclamation with which the nomination of H.R.H. was received in Grand Lodge, and the unanimous way in which he was re-elected, manifested the popularity which he had entitled himself to. The lustre attached to his lofty station was reflected on each true Mason, all of whom were proud of him as their Grand Master. H.R.H. had himself said, that although not so frequently among the brethren as he could wish, he yet took the greatest interest in all that appertained to the Order. After two songs, one by Bro. G. J. Dunkley, and the other by Miss Annie Larratt, the toast of the Pro G.M. and the Grand Officers was given. The W.M. felt that few words were needed to recommend this toast. The brethren were aware of the great services which the Past Grand Officers had rendered to the Craft, and there was little doubt but that those who now filled the various offices would acquit themselves equally well. The toast of the Charities came next. This was one dear to every Freemason. If it were necessary to prove the good done by the two Schools, the result of the recent Cambridge Local Examinations would be sufficient for the purpose, the result thereof being most favourable for the Boys' and Girls' Schools. If we turn to the "Aged," we should there find comfort and repose provided for many who had borne the heat and burden of the day, and who, in the decline of life, had to seek assistance from their fellows. It was here announced that the Charity-box, which had been passed round, contained £1 16s 3d—a very good amount considering the number of brethren present. The Worshipful Master then had pleasure in proposing the Initiates—a toast always dear to the Universal Lodge. No Lodge could exist without its old and tried members; neither could any continue without new members. He felt that the two gentlemen admitted that night would be a credit to the Order, and trusted that the Lodge which they had joined might prove a credit to them. Bro. Cameron considered they would be most ungrateful if they did not return thanks for the reception accorded them. He was pleased with his experience of Freemasonry, but his experience so far was coupled with one regret—that his first night in Freemasonry, when he had seen and heard so much to delight him, could not come again. There was something dear in the first of everything, but he hoped that his first night in Freemasonry might not always prove to have been the best. Bro. Penney followed, adding his thanks to those of his brother initiate. Bro. Fryer I.P.M. had once more the pleasure of giving a toast. When he last had the privilege of addressing the brethren on the subject of their Worshipful Master he told them that Bro. Norris would prove himself a good Mason and fit to carry out the work. He thought that the work they had that evening witnessed had fully confirmed the truth of his statements. The W.M. returned thanks. If his humble efforts had met with the approval of the brethren he was well satisfied. He hoped that during his term of office they would have love and harmony in the Lodge, with plenty of work at each meeting. The toast of the Past Masters was a very pleasing one for him to offer. He was indebted to his Past Masters for good and valuable advice. Not the least among them was his I.P.M. Bro. Fryer, whose labours of the past year, now happily for him at an end, reflected great honour both on him and the Lodge over which he had presided. The Past Masters were a credit to them. Bros. Fryer and Wood responded, after which the toasts of the Visitors and of the Officers were given and acknowledged. The Tyler's toast followed, and then the brethren were called from refreshment and the Lodge regularly closed. Among the visitors were Bros. Syme Mary Chapel 1 Scotland, Christie 7, Little 166, Moreton J.W. 410, Matthews 569, Daws 619, Bond I.G. 860, Johnson 1382, Perry 1382, Harding J.D. 1410, Webb 1707, Wills P.M. 1909, and Spalding P.M. 1909. The whole of the evening's proceedings were of the most enjoyable character, not the least being the musical treat provided, under the direction of Bro. G. J. Graham, who was supported by Miss Amy Graham, Miss Annie Larratt, Miss Amy Keddle, Bros. Chaplin Henry, H. P. Matthews, C. M. Mitchell, and E. C. Baron Read.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present—Bros. Western W.M., Rhodes S.W., Jones J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Turner S.D., Ware I.G., Isaac P.M. 1693 acting Preceptor; also Past Masters Bros. Kidder, Pearcy, Hunt, Godolphin, and other brethren. Lodge was opened to the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Anthony acting as candidate. Bro. Collingridge was appointed W.M. for Monday next, and Bro. Anthony 1693 elected a member. The Annual Supper, Tickets 4s, will take place on Monday, 21st April, at the Cock Tavern, Bro. Isaac P.M. 1693 in the chair; Bro. Forge P.M. 1950 Vice-Chair. Bro. Collins Org. 1693 has undertaken the musical arrangements. Tickets may be had of Bro. Collingridge, Secretary, 66 Thornhill-road, N.

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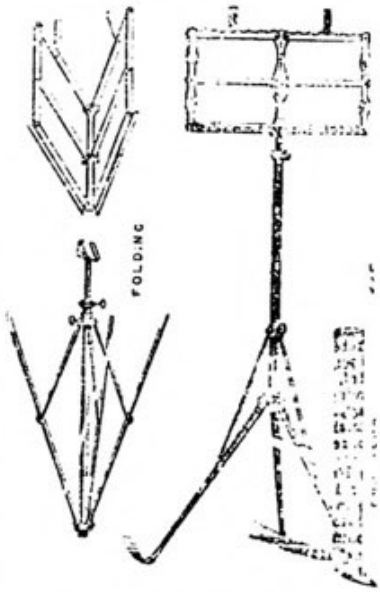
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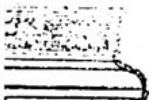
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IE LATE DUKE OF ALBANY.

3 we write, the arrangements for the reception of the remains of the late Duke of Albany may be to be complete, and to-day (Saturday) they will be iited in the Royal Vault beneath the Albert Chapel 'indsor.

he suddenness of the death of our gifted brother aused a deep impression, and but one feeling pervades :y; a feeling of the most profound regret that the on has lost the services of a gentleman and a scho- hose public life, short though it has been, has been ed to the task of studying how to ameliorate dis- and to promote the welfare of his fellow creatures. the present time, when the daily journals are de- g so much space to details of every incident asso- l with the last hours of our late Royal Brother's nce, we feel it would be out of place for us to say . Still, all Craftsmen who knew the Duke of ıy are aware how enthusiastic he was, and how g to advance the best interests of the Order we so well. We feel assured no section of Her Most ous Majesty's subjects will be more sincere in ten- g their condolences to the afflicted Widow and the members of the Royal Family than the Brethren e Mystic Tie.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

has long been the wish of many, if not all, of the brethren who interest themselves in our Schools that lay might come when every deserving candidate d be received into the Institutions without the trouble, se, and anxiety of election, but such a condition of s, however desirable, is far from possible, and we fear uffering and distress will never so far diminish as to the good things provided at our Schools to go beg- The case of the Girls' School, however, is as near proach to equality of supply and demand as perhaps d for all concerned. Whether the number of girls ng such support as is there offered is smaller than to be the case, or whether greater care of selection or her standard of examination is in force, we will not pt to decide, but certain it is that for some time past umber of candidates has not been so vastly out of rtion to the number of vacancies as is the case with oys' School, or as was the case a few years back with irls. It is certainly true that considerable additions been made to the number of inmates of the Girls' l, but that cannot wholly account for the present of affairs, as sufficient time has since elapsed to have ded a whole regiment of candidates if some strong had not been placed on them. For the coming election, which takes place on Saturday, the 19th instant, there are thirty-five candidates to compete for twenty-three vacancies, so that two-thirds of those who go to the poll will be returned as successful. This is as it should be, and it is a most gratifying state of affairs to all concerned in the promotion of the welfare of the Institution.

As usual, the list shows varied and, in most cases, urgent need for that friendly aid which the Craft provides for the less fortunate of its members, and, as usual, it is very difficult to say which of the thirty-five girls is the most deserving of support. We shall, therefore, devote our attention to the candidates in turn, adopting the precedence which we have often followed in the past. Such a course brings us first to No. 32, Lilian Edith Thomas, one of a family of four children left parentless and unprovided for. We have previously urged that candidates so circumstanced have the strongest claim on our benevolence, and we see no reason to alter our opinion. It is bad enough for a father or a mother to die, but when both are called away, and their offspring left to the care of friends, the case is sad indeed. All that we hold dear in family ties, and the dear name of "home," must then be all but unknown; for it seldom happens that any other course can be adopted than for the orphans to be distributed among the friends of the family, perhaps never to meet again for years, even if at all. We are pleased to find that this girl is the only one on the list so situated, and we trust sufficient votes will be polled for her to secure her one of the coveted twenty-three vacancies. Her father was a member of No. 1429, Monmouth, and died in November of last year. Nos. 3, 18 and 33 are last applications. The former, Annie Lucie Ochsenbein, who now appears on the list for the third time, is one of three fatherless children, and brings forward 169 votes. Her father was a member of the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 1257, London. No. 18, Emily S. J. Hall, has both parents living, and is accredited to the Province of Gloucestershire—this is her second election, and she has 3 votes already to her credit. Being the only Gloucestershire case on the list, there should be little doubt as to the ultimate result, which we have reason to believe will be for her benefit. No. 33, Marion Anita Warner, a first application case, is one of four children dependent on a widowed mother. Her father was P.M. of a Derbyshire Lodge, and also held office in the Grand Lodge of that Province during his lifetime. No. 21, Rose Ethel Vowles, one of a family of eight left to the care of their mother, polled 937 votes in October last, and therefore stands a very good chance of success at the coming election. No. 23, Beatrice Elizabeth Wright, is also one of eight fatherless dependent children; this is her first application, and we can but hope, for the sake of the poor widow left with so large a family, that it will be the last needed before her admission to the Institution is secured. No. 9, Hilda Sophia Lyon, a first application case, is one of a family of seven left to the care of their mother; the present is her second application, and she comes to the poll with 183 votes to her credit. Her father was a member of a Cheshire Lodge, and on that account we shall expect to find her child among the successful. No. 14, Maude Mary Bromley, also a second application, and also one of a family of seven fatherless children, was more successful at the last election, as she secured 355 votes on that occasion. No. 16, Francis Alice Searle, is yet another candidate similarly circumstanced as regards family and number of

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applications. She has been more successful than either of the others, having secured 665 votes at the election in October; another such a total and she will be on the register of the Institution as a pupil. Let us hope that the votes will be forthcoming. No. 26, Jessie Louisa Beilby, the last of the seven dependent fatherless children series, is a new case. Her father was a member of one of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodges, and subscribed for some few years, up to the time of his death. No. 1, Minnie Woodward, one of a family of six who are dependent on the exertions of their mother, now comes forward, for the fourth time, with a total of 758 votes to her credit. Her father was P.M. of the Inhabitants Lodge, No. 153, Gibraltar, and has a record of twenty-two years Masonic membership, a fact which should carry some weight with those who have a voice in the selection of the candidates most deserving of support. No. 8, May Amelia Wheeler, now appears for the second time, with 410 votes to her credit. She and five other children are left to a mother's care, who, let us hope, may ere long be relieved of all anxiety so far as the one now seeking election is concerned. No. 15, Beatrice Mary High, similarly circumstanced to the last referred to, as regards number of applications and family, is much better off with respect votes to already polled; her total now standing at 1395, a number which, although insufficient to secure her election in October last, when only eight girls were admitted, should be ample now, when twenty-three are to be chosen out of thirty-five approved. No. 13, Amy M. Owen, has seventeen votes to her credit from one previous election. Her case is accredited to the Province of North Wales and Shropshire, the brethren of which may be relied upon for doing as much as is possible for her. She is a member of a family of six children, five of whom are wholly and one partially dependent on a widowed mother. There remain five cases in which there are families of five dependent children. No. 10, Eleanor Alice Johnstone is the first of these, and her admission is, we may say, quite certain, as she brings forward a total of 1429 recorded votes from last election. No. 17, Emily Pinder, a West Yorkshire candidate, is very differently circumstanced, as she has but one vote to her credit, still her chances are almost equally good, provided the Province take the case in hand, for at such an election as that coming on it is almost certain they will carry their nomination. It may be a strange proceeding to argue that a candidate who has but one vote to her credit is almost as sure of success as she who has sufficient for a place, but past experiences lead us to adopt such an argument as a good one, and we have no doubt but that the result will confirm our surmise. No. 20, Edith Daisy Capon, has both parents living, but her father is described as insane, an affliction which we have often described as being almost worse than death itself. Most certainly such a case should call for more sympathy than one in which the father is dead, for the mother not only has the anxiety of her children, but likewise that of her husband. No. 28, Kate Irene Gooch, and No. 34, Fanny Margaret White, are the other two who are members of families of five dependent; they are both first application cases, the former from Hants and Isle of Wight, the latter from the Eastern Division of South Wales. Four children entirely dependent, and one partially so, are the particulars given in the case of No. 12, Edith Ellen Betts, who now comes forward for the second time, with a total of five votes to her credit. Her father was initiated many years ago, and was at one time Master of his Lodge. We hope his membership was not so far back as to leave him forgotten by his brethren, or that the twenty years which have elapsed since his active membership of the Craft ceased has witnessed the death of those to whom he might look for support. No. 2, Jane Wheeler Hutchings, is one of four fatherless children. She now appears for the third time, and brings forward 431 votes. No. 5, Mary Tanner, also one of four dependent children, has 1233 votes to her credit from October last, and will doubtless secure a place among the fortunate ones at the coming contest. No. 6, Florence Ann Motion, similarly circumstanced as to family dependent and number of elections in which she has already taken part, has 858 votes to her credit, while No. 30, Louisa Kate Pincombe, the last of the "fours," is a first application case. There are five cases in which the number of dependent children is returned as three, and of these No. 11, Fanny Heath, stands the best chance, as she has 141 votes already polled. No. 4, Mabel Harriet Florence Wilson Bush; No. 24, Mari No. 29, Rose Lancaster Haworth, are Lucy Harrison, one of two children care, has no less than 1664 votes al behalf, a number which without doubt the ensuing contest. No. 27, Lili No. 31, Florence Eleanor Relph; Kathleen Wood, are the other cases in ent children are left, and these thre cations. No. 7, Florence Alice Wel name well known to those associated wi our late Bro. Weber having been for the office of the Institution. His only for the benefits of the School, and w admission at the coming election, sh credit of 1486 votes. No. 25, Olive "single" dependent child, concludes a first application, and she has a b School.

On the whole, we can but be struc want of Masonic service on the part c pervades the list. There are, of cou ceptions, but the majority of the case from comparatively young brethren small minority only is any referenc Stewardships, &c., undertaken for argument is, that the benefits of the bestowed not in proportion to what a in all cases alike, but can this principl We think it can, and we think that do nothing for the benefit of the Ins worthy of being placed on the same foo parents have worked hard for their p when the applicants are Masons of but standing.

THE HISTORY OF FREE

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THE Chapter on "Masons' Marks teresting, but as regards its succe all due deference to Bro. Gould, that him of "the Quatuor Coronati" is mu detail. It is quite true, as he says, legendary or otherwise, of the four p mediæval building trades must alway interest for the Masonic body, even tho fairly to deduce those arguments whicl to derive from it." But the subject i we hold it was necessary "to give ever at length," in order to arrive at wha "tolerably safe conclusion." The seco chapter gives the story in the following Writes Bro. Gould: "Four officers of t Court and five sculptors were martyre Christianity, in the reign, and appar orders of Diocletian, and were interred the Via Labicana, a little outside R Prænestе. The names of the five h time become forgotten, it was ordered should bear the appellation of the Fou Martyrs (although it was always kno two distinct sets of martyrs). The na subsequently recovered, but the whole the original title, and the Church, bui and to which the bodies of other saints removed, thus forming a kind of Christ having been more than once destroyed, sent day. Hence has arisen a certain a the names of the martyrs and the priori martyrdoms having been occasionally for the other, while it happens strange *four* officers of the Imperial Court patron saints of the building trades i sculptors as in strict propriety it while the *trade* or *profession* of the five the name of the four. This confusion in the sequel, been somewhat furthe fact of the names of one or two of common to other martyrs with whom connection." Here we have the stor obvious comments. Whether we are as

oncerned, by the excerpts that follow from martyro-ies and breviaries, is a point about which we have very nsiderable doubts. Bro. Gould himself says, in the ter part of the chapter, "A good deal has been made of Four Martyrs, taking the name for the whole, from a sonic point of view, but as I think erroneously. These rtyrs were the patron saints of particular trades, osen, like the patron saints of all other trades, long after event of martyrdom, when trades acquired some corpo-e or other organised form, and when in consequence y chose for patrons those who had some kind of nity, more or less remote, with their own pursuits." And tin, "If Freemasons would only cease reading in a circle, l would take counsel of some other writers besides those hin the mystic pale, they would see that the legend of Four, besides being perfectly natural and authentic, is immeasurably higher antiquity than anything of which building or any other trades can boast. It will be erably evident to those who take the trouble to reason mly and correctly, that when the guilds, trades unions, or whatever other name the associations of workmen may ve been called, were formed, that according as was the bion of the times, they chose patron saints, and that the lding trades chose the sculptors under the generic name he Four Holy Martyrs, as being the nearest approach to n of their own calling." The cogency of these remarks kes it the more surprising that Bro. Gould should have voted so much space to examining the different versions a legend, which is not so very material to the history of Mason Craft.

The concluding chapter of the second volume treats of pocryphal Manuscripts," which, with the exception of "Larmenius Charter," are considered "according to ority of *publication*." The first of these is the "Leland-ke" MS., the first trace of which is to be found in the *ntleman's Magazine* for 1753, wherein it is described "as opy of a small pamphlet at Frankfort in 1748." The ne of this may be judged from the following remarks, oted from Halliwell: "The orthography is most grotesque, l too gross ever to have been penned either by Henry Sixth or Leland, or both combined. For instance, we ve Peter Gowere, a Grecian, explained in a note by the ricator—for who else could have solved it?—to be thagoras! As a whole, it is but a clumsy attempt at ception, and is quite a parallel to the recently discovered of the *first Englishe Mercurie*." Bro. Gould's conclusion that the cathechism must have been drawn up at some iod subsequent to the publication of Dr. Anderson's nstitutions'"; and he thinks it "not improbable that memoir of Ashmole, given in the 'Biographia Britannica' 47), may have suggested the idea of practising on the dulity of the Freemasons."

Of the "Steinmetz Catechism," which comes next in der, the author says: "Its antiquity is a difficult matter determine. To judge by the orthography and construc-n, we must call it quite modern—say eighteenth cen-y; but it is evident that Schneider may have taken it m the mouth of an eighteenth century workman, and absence of all archaic expressions and spelling would s be accounted for. Again, the fact of its being the amination of a salute-Mason—as distinguished from a ter Mason—points to a date subsequent to the fusion of Steinmetzen with the bricklayers and others; though, the other hand, it may have been communicated to se new bodies by the old Steinmetzen, and slightly ered to suit the circumstances. Steinbrenner, however, certainly not justified in calling it the 'Examination of erman Steinmetz during the *Middle Ages*;' he adduces *proof* of such a high antiquity; and *disproof* of course equally wanting. The age of the catechism becomes, refore, a matter of conjecture rather than of opinion. e document may be of recent origin, or a survival of nething more ancient; though in its present *form* it is, hout doubt, of quite modern date."

The three that follow are the Malcolm Canmore Charter, ause's MS., or Prince Edwin's Constitution of 926, and Charter of Cologne; and lastly comes the Larmenius arter or the Charter of Transmission. The claims of se to be what they profess to be are very carefully and ically considered by Bro. Gould, and the conclusion he ives at in each case is perfectly satisfactory. Many, eed, will be inclined to say that he has been at too great ns in order to demonstrate the worthlessness of these the previous manuscripts. But it must not be forgotten t there are writers of ability who have accepted them. Thus of the Leland-Locke, Fort, as quoted by Gould, says that "a careful examination of the pamphlet convinces me that it is genuine and entitled to full credence." And again, "whoever wrote the document in question was profoundly learned in the secrets possessed by the Craft;" while of the Larmenius Charter, we are told that Sir James Burnes has written of it: "Startling as is the assertion, there has been a succession of Knights Templars from the twelfth century down even to these days; the chain of its transmission is perfect in all its links. Jacques de Molay, the Grand Master at the time of the persecution, anticipating his own martyrdom, appointed as his successor, in power and dignity, Johannes Marcus Larmenius, of Jerusalem, and from that time to the present there has been a regular and uninterrupted line of Grand Masters. The charter, by which the supreme authority has been transmitted, is *judicial and conclusive evidence of the Order's continued existence*."

We have now completed our lengthy review of the Second Volume of Bro. Gould's important work. We think there is much in it that might have been treated more briefly, but save in this respect, the volume fully sustains the author's reputation. As regards the third instalment of his labours, which has reached us quite recently, we can only say just now that it treats of by far the most difficult portion of our history, and will require to be very carefully and critically considered before we can venture to offer an opinion upon its merits.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, PHILADELPHIA.

EARLY MEMBERS OF THE LODGE—1731-8.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

(Continued from page 125.)

We quote from William Pringle's Masonic record, as follows:

A° Dom:

W^m. PRINGLE to Stock

1731			Dr.
June	24	To 5 Lodge days Omitions @ 6d per diem	2 6
July	5	To stock for this Lodge day	6
Aug.	2	To stock for this day	6
Sept.	6	To your monthly quota	6
Oct.	4	To quota	6
Nov.	1	To monthly quota	6
Dec.	6	To quota	6
1731-2			
Jan'y	3	To ditto	6
Feb'y	7	"	6
March	6	"	6
1732			
April	3	To ditto	6

and so on to 2nd July, 1733. William Pringle was a most regular attendant at the Lodge, but one absence being charged against him, to-wit, on 4th Sept. 1732.

We quote from John Hubart's record, as follows:

A° Dom:

JOHN HUBART to Stock

1731			Dr.
June	24	To 5 days omitions @ 6d per diem ...	2 6
July	5	To stock for this Lodge day 6d ...	6
Aug.	2	To stock for this day	6
Sept.	6	To monthly quota	6
Oct.	4	To quota	6
Nov.	1	To quota	6
Dec.	6	To quota	6
1731-2			
Jan'y	3	To Do	6
Feb'y	7	To Do	6
March	6	To Do	6
1732			
April	3	To Do	6

John Hubart was a most exemplary member, for he never appears, by his record, to have missed a meeting from June 1731 to June 1738.

Humphry Murray was elected Provincial Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1734. He was a member of the Common Council of Philadelphia in 1739, Alderman in 1744, and Mayor of the city in 1745.

We quote from Humphry Murray's record as follows:

A° Dom.

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HUMPHRY MURRAY to Stock

1732				Dr.
Oct.	19	for quota 6d		6
Nov.	6	for entrance £3	3	
Dec.	4	for quota		6
1732-3				
Jan.	1	for absence and monthly quota		1 6
Feb'y	5	for quota		6
March	5	for quota		6

Humphry Murray's account continues until 24th June, 1736, during which period he was charged with but two absences.

James Bingham was absent but twice between 19th Oct. 1732, and 6th June 1737.

Thomas Hopkinson was elected Grand Master in 1736. He was an Englishman, and Admiralty Judge in the Province of Pennsylvania under the British Crown. He married a niece of the Bishop of Worcester, England; was a member of the Philosophical Society; and assisted Franklin in his discoveries in electricity. He was the father of Francis Hopkinson, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, and the grandfather of Joseph Hopkinson, also an Admiralty Judge, and the author of the famous American national song, "Hail Columbia."*

We quote from Thos. Hopkinson's record, as follows:

A° Dom:

THOS HOPKINSON TO ST JOHNS LODGE.

1733				Dr.
Nov.	5	To your entrance and quota ...	£ 3 0	6
Xbr	3	To stock		6
Jan'y	7	To stock		6
12 mo.	4	To stock		6
March	4	To Do		6
June	3	To Do	0	6
			£3 3	0

His record continues to 24th June 1738.

William Plumsted was elected Prov. Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1737.

We quote from his account:

WM. PLUMSTED

1734				Dr.
July	1	To his Entrance	£5 0	0
1735				
June	2	For one year's Stock		6
1736				
June	7	" " "		6
1737				
June	6	" " "		6
1738				
June	24	" " "		6

We quote from the record of Dr. Thos. Cadwallader, to whom Bro. Henry Bell wrote his well-known letter. (Brother Dr. Cadwallader, the son of John Cadwallader, was born in Philadelphia in 1708, and died in 1779, aged 71 years):

DOCTOR THOMAS CADWALLADER

				Dr.
1737		To his Entrance Money	£3 0	0
June	6	To ½ year's stock	3	
			£3 3	0
		To his Expenses in the general acc't ...	9	3
1738				
June	24	To one year's stock		6
1737		Contra		Cr.
		By Cash for entrance	£3 0	0
1737				
June		By Ditto for 2 Quar'ly Payments ...	3	
			3 3	
	24th	By Cash in full	9	3

(The initiation fee appears to have been reduced, about 1737, from £5 to £3 again.)

In 1736-7 Owen Owen appears to have been the Secretary of the Lodge, for in that year this Ledger contains the following account:

* Simpson's Philadelphians, pp. 542, 543.

"Dr. The Lodge General Acct. of To (

Dr.

1736			
July	5	To the amt. of the Bill for this	
Aug.	2	To Ditto	
Sept.	6	To Ditto	
		&c.	

Cr.

1737		
June	6	By Wm. Allen's Acct. Fo. 2.
		By Benj. Franklin's do Fo. 3.
		By James Bingham do Fo. 21.
		By Thomas Cadwallader do F
		&c.

From the following entries we infer this Ledger was used by the Provinc Pennsylvania, for Bros. Pratt and Sin Wardens in 1737, and Bros. Cadw Grand Wardens in 1738, as appe reports of the elections of Grand Office *Gazette* of 1737 and '38.

Messrs PRATT and SING, Wardens for

1737		
June	24	To cash rec'd for the Discharge

Messrs THOS. CADWALLADER AND THOS. Ward ye

By Richard Parkhouse, cash paid his wife
By ditto for his wife's funeral
viz.: Coffin... ... ...
Wine... ... ...
Sugar and juice ... ...
Parson and Sexton ... ...

Under date of 1736, 30th June, is t

By cash paid for cleaning the Aprons, &c.

We invite attention to several arch foregoing accounts. Until 1752 the y begin until 25th March, hence Jan March are recorded as 1731-2. So, in ary is put down as "12th month" (se account). So the word "omition" i or monthly dues, the charge in "Omition" does not signify absenc absence was 1*s*, not 6*d*.

It is evident, from this Lodge Led Lodge met on *the 1st Monday of eac* have verified, by comparing the cal "Poor Richard's Almanac" for the Philadelphia Library), with the day month for that year of St. John's identified with the Lodge, numbered 1 mentioned in the Dublin Freemason's printed in 1735, brought to light by B is also evident, that this Lodge was co of the year 1730, or beginning of t thirteen members, for thirteen of the tioned in this Ledger are each charged, with five months *previous* Lodge due ones are only charged with their curre

We must now close these most int They exhibit a remarkable record of life, from 24th June 1731, to 24th J to some of the most eminent of t Philadelphia. The Grand Lodge of Pe be proud of the recovery of this invalu corroborates and authenticates its cla the premier Grand Lodge, and Phil mother city of Masonry in America.

In conclusion we would say, we kno were actively at work in Philadelphia ordinate to the Provincial Grand Lod for on St. John the Baptist's Day, 2 Rev. Bro. William Smith, D.D., by in sermon before the members of the G three subordinate Lodges, in Christ Second street above Market, which s afterwards printed, with the following

"To the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Member and the Masters, Wardens and Members Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in Phil preached and published at their request, is ded

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AN ADDRESS TO FREEMASONS.

T a recent Sunday evening service, at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Buckie, the Rev. J. R. Leslie, the umbent, and Chaplain of the Gordon Lodge of Free-ons, gave an address. There were about seventy hren present, including a number of members of the ocent Lodge, Cullen. There was also a large attend-e of the general public, the church being quite packed. text was the seventh verse of the second chapter of Corinthians—"We speak the wisdom of God in a tery," and in the course of his remarks our Rev. Leslie said :—

e early Church exercised caution in imparting religious know-. Indeed, for the early Christians, surrounded as they were by lies, eager not only to turn into ridicule but to stamp out the el altogether, it would have been worse than foolishness—it d have been madness—to have communicated their doctrines rites indiscriminately. Remember that they were constantly to be imprisoned, tortured and cruelly put to death; that at moment the cry might be raised, "to the lions with the tians"—that they literally carried their lives in their hands—hen you will see the need they had to walk circumspectly. It not surprise us, therefore, to learn that they had a sign by which were distinguished, and a symbol or watchword which they ısly guarded as the safeguard of their privileges. That sign was ross, and that symbol was the Apostles' creed. In early times reed was never committed to writing, "lest," as one writer in-us, "an unworthy and profane hearer should hold the secret of It was taught to the converts, along with the Lord's prayer, close of their course of preparation for admission into the h by baptism; but it was taught only by word of month, and to be carried in the memory; not written down. Addressing a class of catechumens, the great St. Augustine says:—"Re-, my sons, the rule of Faith, which is called the symbol; and you have received it, write it in your heart, and repeat it daily urselves: before you sleep, before you go out, guard yourselves your symbol. No one writes the symbol that it can be read: ot your memory be your book for reviewing it, lest perchance tfulness should efface what carefulness has taught." In addi-to the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, there were other things were kept secret from the heathen, and even from catechumens. ublic prayers of the Church, the ordination of clergy, and the inistration of the sacraments were things which the uninitiated not permitted to behold. "Even the heathen may see our good ," says St. Augustine, "but the sacraments are kept hidden from " "We do not speak openly," says St. Cyril of the sacraments the catechumens, but deliver many things covertly, that the ul who know them may understand us, and they who know them ay receive no harm." "We discourse of mysteries obscurely," says loret, "because of the unbaptised, but when they are gone, we plainly before the initiated." And in like manner, Nanzianzen, ing of baptism, says to his hearers, "You have heard so much mystery as we are allowed to speak publicly in the ears of all, st you shall hear privately, which you must retain secret within lf, and keep under the seal of baptism. Such was the practice early Church. With St. Paul, the early christians might have we speak God's wisdom in a mystery." But what connection, be asked, has this saying of St. Paul's with Freemasonry? re addressing Freemasons, and we should like to know what ave to do with "speaking God's wisdom in a mystery?" Be-answer this question, permit me, first of all to express the re I feel at seeing the brethren of the mystic tie for once, st, met together to worship the Common Father, with one , and as one family. Such outward unity does help us to more vividly and more firmly that inward unity which at all times to subsist between brethren. Well, I have my text for this reason that people are constantly in-, what is Freemasonry? They wish to know something us, and also what object we have in view. In short, emand a reason for our existence. Now, it seems to me o all such questionings no better or more comprehensive could be given than the words of St. Paul, "We speak God's in a mystery." I know that many entertain a different regarding it. They set us down as a company of men banded er merely for convivial or such like purposes. But how erro-s such a view! I do not know if there are any of you whom ldressing, who, by your conduct, have contributed towards the t of such a libel upon Masons. I hope there are not. But if, nately, there are, I would say to such, "you are not loyal ; you have not acted up to your engagements; you are ng of the severest censure; and the sooner that you begin, l's grace, to mend your ways, the better." No; it is for , or sordid, or trivial object that we are banded together. from us any such debasing aim. Our pursuits are the , the noblest, and most exalted which can occupy the mind of "We speak God's wisdom in a mystery." "In a mystery!" do it in a mystery. There are some who raise objections us because we do this. They would have us speak openly ore all. But with equal force might the same objections be against the mode of teaching practised by the early Church, Paul, and also throughout the whole of Scripture. "We speak isdom." Yes, that is what we speak. And in order to learn nd more of that wisdom, we diligently study the two books Ie has given us—the Book of Nature, and the Holy Scriptures. arvellous things are to be learned in those books! We walk by night, and we look up to the heavens, and when we behold ıtless stars, each the centre of a system similar to what the surrounded with planets, and those planets perhaps inhabited by numberless living beings; and when, further, we contemplate the wonderful order and beauty of those heavenly bodies, we are simply lost in admiration of the Great Architect of the Universe. Or we walk by the sea side, and as we think of its finny tribes, and watch the ebb and flow of the tide, and see how, at God's word, the stormy wind ariseth and lifteth up the waves thereof, and how again He maketh the storm to cease, our thoughts are once more lifted up to the all-wise Creator.

"Type of the Infinite. I look away
Over the billows, and I cannot stay
My thought upon a resting-place, or make
A shore beyond my vision, where they break;
But on my spirit stretches, till 'tis pain
To think; then rests, and then puts forth again.
Thou hold'st me by a spell; and on thy beach
I feel all soul; and thoughts unmeasured reach
Far back beyond all date."

Or we walk into the country, and contemplate bird and beast, and tree and herb, and we exclaim, with the Psalmist, "How manifold are Thy works, O Lord; in wisdom hast Thou made them all!" Everywhere, in sky, on earth, and in sea, we trace the footsteps of a Deity, and discover new reasons for adoring the Sovereign Author of the Universe. Then there is that other book which God has been pleased to give us—the Holy Scriptures. With the Psalmist, you should be able to exclaim, "Lord, what love have I unto Thy law; all the day long is my study in it." Brethren, can you say this in anything like a real sense? Do you make the Holy Scriptures your constant study? I do not mean do you read them all day long, for that would be an absurd question to ask of men who have to earn their bread, and do their duty in that station which God has assigned them. But do you read a portion of your Bibles every day, and pray over and meditate upon that portion as you have opportunity? If so, you will find in them that which, by God's grace, can make you wise unto salvation. They teach you that "there is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body, parts, or passions; of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness;" but that "in the unity of this Godhead there be three Persons, of one substance, power, and eternity, namely—God, the Father, the "Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;" God, the Son, who laid aside the glory which He had with the Father before all worlds, and came down to this earth and became man, and, after living a sad and sorrowful life, underwent the shameful death of the Cross, and all in order to redeem us and make us the sons of God; and God, the Holy Ghost, who dwells in us as His temple, and makes us holy, and not only us, but also all who have been drawn out of this world's surging waves of sin, and received into the family of God. But every privilege has its corresponding duty, and in the Scriptures you are also taught the duty which you owe to God, to your neighbour, and to yourself. Your duty towards God is, in well-known words, "to believe in Him, to fear Him, and to love Him with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul, and with all your strength; to worship Him, to give Him thanks, to put your whole trust in Him, to call upon Him, to honour His Holy Name and His Word, and to serve Him truly all the days of your life." Your duty towards your neighbour is "to love him as yourself, and to do unto all men as you would they should do unto you." You are not to take advantage of his necessities, or injure him in any way; on the contrary, you are to render to him every kind office in your power. You are always to treat him with respect, and never allow yourself to speak disparagingly of him in his absence. In a word, you are to be as jealous of his good name and honour as you are of your own. So far as lies in your power, you are to succour and relieve the poor and needy. You are to comfort the sick, the afflicted, and the mourner, and oh, how many such there are in need of our sympathy. In short, you are to be foremost in every office which duty demands, which mercy requires, and which love suggests. As individuals, you are to avoid excess of all sorts, to keep your bodies in temperance, soberness, and chastity, and to cultivate the full development of your bodily and mental faculties. You will thus be the better enabled to live to the glory of God, and the good of your fellow creatures. As members of society, you are to be diligent and exemplary in the discharge of all your duties, not meddling in the affairs of others. You are to give no countenance to those who engage in plots, rebel against lawful authority, and strive after anarchy and confusion. On the contrary, in whatever quarter of the globe your lot may be cast, you will, as St. Paul directs, be subject to the higher powers, rendering "to all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honour to whom honour." Such, my brethren, ought to be the course of your daily life. Part is to be spent in the study of God's Word and in prayer, part in your necessary avocations and in needful refreshment and repose, part in self-improvement, and part, as occasion arises, in the service of your fellow men, but the whole is in the sight and fear of God. Oh, strive so to live, leaning on the arm of the Saviour, and then, whether He come soon or late to call you from your labour, the King of Terrors will have no terror for you. Nay, he will come not as an enemy, but as a friend, to close the period of probation, and to open the age of fruition. Death will be the "beginning of new life, the unveiling of mysteries, the disclosing of the face of Christ, the dawn of resurrection, the beginning of immortality." "Whatsoever," therefore, "thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest."

"Days and moments quickly flying,
Blend the living with the dead:
Soon will you and I be lying
Each within his narrow bed.

"Soon our souls to God, who gave them,
Will have sped their rapid flight,
Able now by grace to save them;
Oh, that while we can we might.

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"Jesu, Infinite Redeemer,
Maker of this mighty frame,
Teach, oh teach us to remember
What we are and whence we came:

"Whence we came, and whither wending
Soon we must through darkness go,
To inhabit bliss unending,
Or eternity of woe.

"Oh, by Thy power, grant, Lord, that we
At our last hour fall not from Thee;
Saved by Thy grace, Thine may we be
All through the days of eternity."

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

THE installation meeting of this numerous and flourishing Lodge was held on the 27th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, and was numerously attended by members and visitors. Bros. G. Schadler W.M., C. J. Rich S.W., J. Hawkins J.W., Goodwin Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Secretary, W. Walker S.D., R. Dyson J.D., Bourne I.G.; P.M.'s J. Roberts, C. E. Ferry, Charles Daniel, W. Chicken, Cornwall, Arnold, Cook, Bellerby, A. L. Leins. Visitors—E. Bowyer G.S.B., Cook P.P.G.P. Hertfordshire, F. Binckes P.G.S., G. Faber 339, A. Bellis W.M. 1901, R. P. Page P.M. 1950, D. Moss 1275, Wells P.M. 299, C. Holland, R. Barham P.M. 144, Taylor W.M. 1922, R. J. Taylor W.M. 1922, Pedley 1471, R. J. Voisey 1963, J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Hertfordshire, E. Singer 1894, G. Hohly 1423, H. Kasner P.M. 1612, H. Bevy 879, J. Brown 974, G. Cook 1580, Oliver 1702, Thompson 1471, Holliday 1777, E. W. Allen P.M. 173, Chapman W.M. elect 1922, B. Neale 179, Stock J.W. 1506, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. G. F. Steer was raised to the third degree, and ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. H. Hermann and G. Birkenfeld, who were duly initiated into the Order, both the ceremonies being excellently and perfectly rendered. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. C. J. Rich was presented to the Lodge and duly installed in the chair in the presence of twenty-six W.M.'s and P.M.'s. The retiring W.M., Bro. Schadler, performing the ceremony in a perfect and impressive manner, that well warranted the encomiums passed on him at its conclusion. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom, Bro. Daniel P.M. ably acting as D.C. Bro. Rich, in very appropriate terms, appointed his Officers, as follow:—G. Schadler I.P.M., J. Hawkins S.W., W. Walker J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Secretary, Dyson S.D., Bourne J.D., Haller I.G., Roberts P.M. D.C., Wall A.D.C., Stafford W.S., Speight Tyler. The applause that followed the investiture showed the W.M. had made a good selection. A Committee was formed for the purpose of having a Summer Banquet, and by this means follow the custom that had hitherto given such great satisfaction; this was carried unanimously. A distressed brother was relieved with the sum of two guineas. The Auditors' report was read; it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing condition, and the balance in hand to the Benevolent Fund was £28 16s. Bro. Daniel P.M. proposed that Brother Chicken P.M., who had signified his intention to act as Steward for the forthcoming Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, be voted the sum of ten guineas, to be placed on his list. This was carried. Hearty good wishes were given by the Visitors, and Lodge was closed. The company, eighty in number, then sat down to a very sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, superintended by Bro. Mills. The tables were beautifully and artistically decorated, and button-holes were provided for each guest. Grace having been sung, the W.M. in eloquent terms proposed the loyal toast, Bro. Holliday singing the solo verses of the National Anthem. In proposing the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England present and past, the W.M. said he would couple with it the name of Bro. Edgar Bowyer Grand Standard Bearer. After a very excellent and humorous glee, Brother Edgar Bowyer responded. He remarked how ably those noblemen had attended to their duties, as indeed did every one of the Grand Officers. He was sure the new Grand Officers would do so in the future. He felt a great pride in being able to say that fifteen years since he was initiated in this Lodge, and it was with a degree of pleasure he now had to return thanks for the toast of the Grand Officers. Bro. Schadler, in proposing the W.M.'s health, said he did so with much pleasure, for every one who had seen Bro. Rich work, know how competent he was; the manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair showed his ability. When he retired from the chair, he (Bro. Schadler) was sure it would be said that he had carried out every duty to their satisfaction. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Schadler for his kind expressions, and the brethren for their hearty response to the toast; he felt it an honour to be placed in the chair; he would do his utmost for the benefit of the Lodge. This was a red letter day for him, and he should never forget it. The toast of the initiates was then given, the Worshipful Master remarking how pleased he was to see them. They came in a dual capacity, and with good recommendations. Bro. Stafford sang the E.A. Song. Bros. Hermann, and Birkenfeld very appropriately responded. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Visitors hoped they had been satisfied with the entertainment. He would couple with the toast the names of Bros. Cook and Mather. Bro. Hawkins S.W. here humorously sang, "Why should London Wait?" Bro. J. L. Mather, who responded, said he was pleased to see the W.M. in the chair. Lodge, which was one he was proud of. a future occasion during the W.M.'s yea would prove a great success. These re endorsed by Bro. Cook, who also was W.M. then proposed the toast of the I The brethren knew Brother Schadler's most able way, raised a candidate, initiat him into the chair. His facility for con been very rarely equalled. It was with brethren to drink to the toast. Before, great pleasure in placing upon Bro. Sch jewel, the gift of the Lodge; he hoped him for many years to wear it. He ha brethren, among themselves, had deter testimony of the respect in which he is h of a piano, which would, he hoped, be as a memento of the respect the brethre Schadler, in reply, thanked the brethren also thanked them for the piano, so kin forget their kindness. The W.M. said list he should like to introduce. It wa brother present who represented one brother whose heart and soul was with couple Bro. Binckes's name with the to will act as a Steward for the Boys' Sc ciate with it. After a song by Bro. T Bro. Binckes P.G.S. replied; the breth had distinguished themselves in the ca and he had to thank them for the grant sented; he felt proud of the large am last Festival. The W.M. had announce Steward for the Royal Masonic Benev the worthy Secretary of that Institution he was gratified for their support, f announce the largest amount at his F Secretaries were doing their best to rivalry. £25,000 was raised last year f He thanked the members for their k hoped to be spared for many years to re again to visit them. Bro. Chicken P.M his mind to represent the Boys' Institu prevented him being present as often as be could do it would be his great aim to Lodge he hoped his list would not fall W.M. then proposed the toast of the P the brethren well knew. Each and well. He would call on Bros. Goodwin energetic Secretary to respond; they thoroughly respected him. Bro. Holl Athens;" he was accompanied by Brown had great pleasure in respond as he held the post of Secretary his se command. Their Treasurer, Bro. Goo leave; he might however remark, with Stewards had taken up for the Charit were not unmindful of them. He hoped a goodly sum, and also the W.M. The perity Masonic Association, and had £700; they were about to start another. Treasurer, and Bro. Walker Secretary. receiving his name in connection with th Van Dunck," was given by Bros. Chap Stock, after which the toast of the War and Bros. Hawkins and Walker respond been given, the brethren separated, aft evening. Bro. Roberts looked after the Visitors.

Polish National Lodge, No. 5

of the Audit Committee of the above-na Café Nicol, Regent-street, on Monday, 3 factory report was handed in by the S The following brethren were present: J. J. Runtz W.M. elect, and the followin Dr. Jagielski, Dr. Jackson, J. Lancaster, and J. Nowakowski Treasurer; also Nowakowski and E. E. Geflowski.

New Concord Lodge of Inst

weekly meeting of the above was held Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate Ro presided, assisted by the brethren of follows:—Bros. Edwin Storr S.W., P.M. J. B. Smith J.D., Ashton I.G., also Bro Ager, Dixie, Weeden, Ockelford, George Stiles, Oldham, A. Ferrar, Henry, G. Ferr duly opened the chair was vacated in rehearsed the initiation ceremony, after chair, and Lodge was advanced. Bro. S didate for the Master's Chair, and havi installed, Bro. Stiles W.M. acting as In thanks was recorded to him for the very he had rehearsed the ceremony, as wel Metropolitan Lodge for their kindness in Nothing further having been offered fo masonry or the Lodge, it was closed adjourned until Wednesday, 9th April. indulged in a little harmony; several

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE, No. 1209.

HERE was a capital meeting of the above flourishing Lodge on Tuesday last, at Bro. W. Davis's, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, ıehouse. Bro. E. H. Rolfe W.M. was supported by Bros. W. han P.M. as S.W. (in the regrettable absence through indispo- ın of Bro. I. Charlton S.W.), Esmond J.W., E. Jex P.M. Treasurer, 3radbrook P.M. Secretary, C. Wakefield S.D., L. Ettling (who we e pleased to see again in good health) J.D., J. W. Moore P.M. , Very Tyler; T. W. Gilling I.P.M.; W. Hancock, Rowe, ins, and numerous brethren. Visitors—Bros. Ross, Collet, &c. work before the Lodge was to raise Bro. Larnder, and initiate Cole, who, after a successful test by ballot, was impressively itted into the Order. At the conclusion of the ceremonial, Bro. alluded to the recent loss the country and the Craft had sus- ed by the lamentable and sudden death of his Royal Highness the :e of Albany. Bro. Jex concluded a feeling address by pro- ng that a vote of condolence be forwarded to Bro. His Royal hness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of lish Freemasons. This was seconded by Bro. Buchan P.M., and ied in solemn silence. Bro. G. T. H. Seddon P.M. 174 Organist ı played Handel's "Dead March in Saul," and Lodge was mnly closed. After banquet, Bro. Rolfe introduced the usual ts, expressive of Loyalty to the Throne and prosperity to the interests of the Craft, but these were pledged in solemn silence, no music was given, save an impressive rendering of Rossini's id supplicatory chorus, "To thee, Great Lord!" ("Moses in :to").

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723, BOLTON.

IE monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 26th March, 1884, at the Commercial Hotel, at six o'clock p.m. Bros. R. nam W.M., W. Court I.P.M., John Barrett S.W., E. G. Harwood ., George Ferguson Treasurer, N. Nicholson Secretary, A. Cos- e S.D., L. B. Long J.D., J. W. Taylor D.C., Thomas E. Smith anist, W. E. Bardsley I.G., P.M. G. P. Brockbank G.S.S., Thomas ris 221, J. Richardson 221, Thomas Higson 348, J. Heywood H. Greenhalgh; Bros. Collins, Whewell, Togg, Morris, Bolton, haw, Hawksworth, Parkinson, Naylor, Forbes, Pendlebury, lburn, Derbam, Arden. The minutes of the last meeting having confirmed, Bro. William Broughton, of St. John's Lodge, 221, on, was balloted for and elected. It being the customary period he election of W.M., Bro. Barrett rose and expressed in graceful s his wish that the brethren would not consider him in any way aking choice of a Master for the ensuing year, and suggested Bro. Harwood, who was now fulfilling his second year of office ayor of Bolton, should be elected to preside over them. Bro. wood was the first initiate in the Lodge who had qualified for ion as W.M. since its formation, and from his popularity in the ugh, and his earnest and thorough-going character as a working n, he considered his appointment would be a compliment to his icipal office, and a reward for his zeal as a Mason. Bro. Harwood, xpressing his high appreciation of the favour proposed to be con- d upon him, disclaimed any wish to be unduly promoted at the nse of a worthy Mason and elder brother, as having worked his from the door of the Lodge to his present position he would per- lly greatly have preferred to continue in the usual course, so as after to be enabled to say that he had served every ordinary e from a Steward to the Mastership of his mother Lodge, but ling to the strongly-expressed views of Bro. Barrett, to whose ly courtesy and fraternal conduct he paid an earnest and grateful ute, supplemented as it was by the solicitations of the brethren, ould, if unanimously elected, accept the position, and discharge nties in such a manner as he hoped would give every brother faction, and leave no cause to regret the confidence reposed in

The ballot proved unanimous in favour of Bro. Harwood. Bros. ge Ferguson P. Prov. G.S. of Works was unanimously re-elected surer. Bros. P.M.'s Collins and Hawksworth were appointed itors of the Treasurer's Accounts for the past year. The thanks e brethren were voted to Bro. Latham for the able, efficient, and teous manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office he past year, and a P.M.'s jewel was awarded to him, to be ented on the occasion of the installation of his successor. Bro. ett was highly complimented for the prompt and spontaneous ner in which he suggested the propriety of offering to waive his n to promotion in favour of the Mayor by his pressing the er, and succeeding in removing any objections raised in acceding s wishes. A portion of the Ancient Charges having been read, e closed in peace and harmony at 7·30. The Festival will be held t. George's Day, 22nd April.

r Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602.—A meeting was on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. W. F. Poulton W.M., J. Greenfield S.W., Allison J.W., Larter g S.D., C. Dearing acting I.G., J. Osborn P.M. Secretary, Hollidge Treasurer, and Bros. Garner, Field, Wood, Harman, den, and others; also P.M.'s Weston and Pearcy. Bro. F. Small passed to the second degree. Bro. J. Greenfield was unani- ly elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Hollidge having essed his desire to retire from the office of Treasurer, so as to an active working collar next year, Bro. Weston P.M. was unani- sly elected Treasurer. Bro. Thomas was re-elected Tyler. n the motion of Bro. Greenfield, a jewel of the value of ten eas was voted to the W.M. in recognition of his services for the year. Auditors having been appointed, Lodge was closed in ent form. The brethren afterwards partook of a very homely easonable supper, without wines. The usual toasts were given. Greenfield, in responding to the toast of the evening—the W.M., which was most feelingly proposed by Bro. Poulton—reminded attained that proud position, and alluded to the excellent feeling prevailing amongst the brethren, who were in every sense a band of brothers. Several songs were sung, and the Charity Box having been passed round with a good result, the brethren separated, having spent an agreeable evening.

ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 1823.

A LODGE of Emergency was held on Monday, the 31st ult., for the purpose of expressing sympathy and condolence with the Royal Family on the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany and Earl of Clarence, K.G., the R.W.M. of this Lodge for the present year. The Lodge furniture was draped with crape, and there was a full attendance of brethren, all of whom were mourning. The W.D.M. Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives P. Prov. G.S. Oxon presided, and was supported by V.W. Bro. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. England D.P.G.M., and Bros. Dr. Sedgwick P.G.C. England, Charles Coope P. Prov. G.J.D., C. H. Vincent I.P.M. Secretary, J. E. Barnes S.W., the Rev. B. B. Syer J.W., B. L. Tandy Treasurer, Thomas Stokoe D.C., W. L. Fenner J.D., and other brethren. General Ives referred in feeling terms to the loss sustained by the Royal Family, the Nation, and the Craft, and especially by this Lodge, in the sad event which had so unexpectedly deprived it of its head. It was ordered that the brethren should wear Masonic mourning for the rest of the year, and resolved that the next regular meeting of the Lodge should be postponed until May. Suitable addresses of condolence were adopted, and on the motion of V.W. Bro. Martyn, seconded by Bro. Cook P.M., it was resolved that they should be signed by the W.D.M. and Secretary and forwarded to Her Majesty and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, and also to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England. Bro. Martyn having stated that he was about to conduct the funeral of Bro. William Page Phillips P.M. of the Doric Lodge, No. 81, at which the Clare brethren had also been invited to be present, Bro. Martyn, was on the motion of the W.D.M., seconded by Bro. Barnes S.W., requested to convey to Bro. W. P. Thomas Phillips, of Melton Grange, Woodbridge, an assurance of sympathy on the loss of his son, who was highly esteemed in the Province. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren dispersed.

By the courtesy of Bro. Vincent P.M. we have been favoured with the text of the addresses, which is as follows:—

"To Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

May it please your Majesty,

Madam,

We, the Deputy Master, Officers and Brethren of the Royal Clarence Lodge of Freemasons (this day specially assembled), desire most respectfully to express our heartfelt sympathy and condolence with your Majesty and the members of your Royal Family, on the death of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., our beloved Right Worshipful Master for the present year.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge,

Cecil Ives, Major-General, Dep. Master.
Chas. Henry Vincent, I.P.M., Secretary.

Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk, 31st March 1884."

To Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany.

May it please your Royal Highness,

Madam,

We, the Deputy Master, Officers and Brethren of the Royal Clarence Lodge of Freemasons (this day specially assembled), desire to express our great sorrow at the untimely death of our Right Worshipful Master H.R.H. The Duke of Albany, Earl of Clarence, K.G.

With all reverence and humility we pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will in His own good time assuage and mitigate the affliction of your Royal Highness, to whom we respectfully offer our heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge,

Cecil Ives, Major-General, Dep. Master.
Chas. Henry Vincent, I.P.M., Secretary.

Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk, 31st March 1884.

"To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G.,
Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother,

We, the Deputy Master, Officers and Brethren of the Royal Clarence Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1823, of which H.R.H. the late Duke of Albany, Earl of Clarence, K.G., was our beloved Right Worshipful Master for the present year, desire most respectfully to offer to your Royal Highness and the members of your Royal Family our deep sympathy and condolence in this present hour of sorrow and affliction.

The untimely death of His Royal Highness is most sincerely deplored by this Lodge (now specially assembled), which has been honoured with so many marks of His Royal Highness's special favour and interest.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge,

Cecil Ives, Major-General, Dep. Master.
Chas. Henry Vincent, I.P.M., Secretary.

Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk, 31st March 1884.

An emergency meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich, on Monday next, at two o'clock, to prepare an address of condolence to the Queen and Duchess of Albany.

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LIONEL BLENKINSOP J. MANBY,
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The Candidate's father, Bro. JOHN G. MANBY, was initiated in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 292, Liverpool, in 1859, and on his removal to London joined Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, and the Chapter, and continued to be a subscribing member of the same until his death, which took place in January 1883. He leaves a widow and four young children very inadequately provided for.

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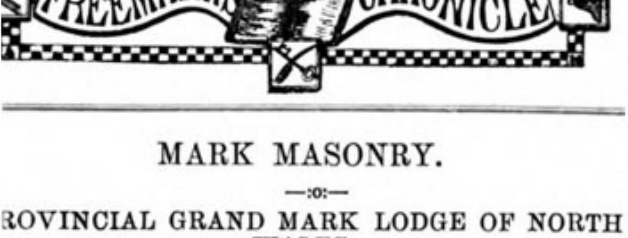
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PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held on 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Portdoc, under the presidency of R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M. Bro. Capt. Winter, of Plas Coch, assisted by his V.W. D.Prov. G.M. Dr. Roden, Llandudno, &c. The Snowdonian Lodge, No. 259, was opened at seven o'clock. The usual business being gone through, the W.M. Bro. J. G. Tuxford, in masterly style, advanced a brother to the honourable degree of M.M.M. Grand Lodge was announced, and received at one o'clock, the R.W. P.G.M. in the chair, assisted by his Prov. Officers, opened P.G. Lodge. Addressing the brethren, the P.G.M. congratulated them on the progress that had been made by the Order last year. It was a very great satisfaction to find that the Prince of Wales held the highest position of a Past G.M. of the Order, which to which he belonged. In the district of North Wales two ne Lodges had been added to the roll, viz., the Elphin at Carnarvo being the bardic title of Bro. Love Jones-Parry, M.P., who is one the founders and present W.M. of the Lodge; the other at Rh which the brethren of that Lodge had honoured their R.W. P.G.M. naming it the Hunter. The consecration of the Lodges had been a gre success, and were well attended, and he was delighted to see so go a meeting at Portmadoc. He was sure they were all more th pleased to see the Deputy P.G.M., Dr. Roden, with them again. I had been prevented by illness from attending the Hunter Lodge, b now he was himself again; and is as active as ever in the Order which he has so great an interest, and in which he is so universal loved and respected. In the unavoidable absence of the P.G. Treasur the P.G. Secretary read the Treasurer's account, which proved ve satisfactory and was adopted unanimously. Bro. Dr. Roden propos that the sum of five guineas be voted to the Mark Charitable Assoc tion, this was seconded by Bro. G. L. Woodley P.G. Sec., and carri unanimously. The Provincial Grand Master then made his appoi ments, as follow:—Bros. Dr. T. C. Roden, M.D. (Llandudo) D.P.G.M T. D. Love Jones-Parry, M.P., P.G.S.W., Major Gordon Warr P.G.J.W., Revs. T. Edwards and W. Nichols Prov. Grand Chaplai G. L. Woodley P.G. Secretary, R. Owen Assist. P.G. Secretary, W. Foulkes (Rhyl) P.G.M.O., Dr. S. Griffith (Portmadoc) P.G.S.(C. H. Rees (Carnarvon) P.G.J.O., C. A. Jones (Carnarvon) P. Registrar, E. W. Keatinge P.G.S.D., R. M. Parry P.G.J.D., R. Davids (Carnarvon) P.G. Superintendent of Works, J. W. Poc (Carnarvon) P.G. Director of Ceremonies, W. Hackworth P.G. Assi Director of Ceremonies, Th. Summerhill P.G. Sword Bearer, Williams (Carnarvon) P.G. Standard Bearer, F. C. Watkins (Organ of St. Asaph Cathedral) P.G. Organist, K. McEwen P.G.I.G. Bro. R. Chamberlain was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer, and B J. Moon (Llandudno) re-elected P.G. Tyler, Bros. W. Jones (N. a S.W. Bank (Carnarvon), N. Bunnell (Carnarvon), and J. W. Wheel (Portmadoc) P.G. Stewards. The following brethren were also pr sent:—Bros. Dr. R. Roberts P.G.S.W., J. G. Tuxford W.M. 25 R. S. Hughes Registrar 259, E. M. Parry Secretary 259; D. Kirkby P.M., C. Davies P.P.G.W., E. W. Keeting S.W. 324, H. Steer J.D. 324, Dr. T. Davies P.P.G. Sup. of Works, W. Jones 32 W. L. Bankes P.P.G.S.W., G. Thomas 321, C. Rowlands 328, & The next annual Provincial Grand Lodge is to be held at Llandudn under the banner of St. David's, No. 38. All business transacte and letters of apology for non-attendance being duly read, the Pr vincial Grand Lodge was closed in form. The brethren adjourn to the Sportsman Hotel, where a lunch was provided for their wan of which justice was done after a hard day's work. The R.W.P.G. presided, supported by his Deputy and Officers. The usual Loyal a Masonic toasts being gone through, the brethren went to enjoy the selves in viewing the scenery of Portmadoc and Tremadoc.

HOLMESDALE LODGE, No. 129.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Roy Hotel, Ramsgate, on Thursday, 27th ult., and was well attende Amongst the numerous Mark Masons present were Bros. Charles Ayton P.P.G. Asst. Secretary W.M., James Smith Harris P.P.G.D. S.W., S. S. Chancellor P.P.G.J.D. J.W., Rev. J. B. Harrison, M. G. Chaplain M.O., J. G. Henning S.D., Secretary *pro tem.*; P.M F. Hughes Hallett P.P.G.J.W., T. H. Grove Snowden P.P.D.G.M and James Stevens P.G.O. England; also Bros. J. Geo. Podev D.P.G.M.M. Kent, H. Ward P.P.G.M.O., C. Holtum P.P.G.J.O., & Lodge was opened at 3.30 p.m., and after usual routine business, t D.P.G.M.M. Bro. Podevin, at the request of the W.M., took the cha of A., and in a very affectionate and impressive manner, install Bro. J. S. Harris as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Officers we appointed and invested in the following order, viz., Bros. S. S. Cha cellor S.W., J. B. Harrison J.W., Fredk. Leith P.P.G.A.D.C. M.(Charles Palmer S.O., J. G. Henning J.O., Rev. E. Gripper Bank M.A., Chaplain, George Page Treasurer, E. J. Bellerby Secretar Charles Dudley S.D., W. Jones Lone J.D., C. F. Wacher I.G., Alfr Aubrey Org., R. T. Rolfe Tyler. The addresses were delivered the Installing Master, and after propositions for advancement h been taken, and correspondence read, Lodge was closed and t brethren adjourned to banquet. The speeches after the clearance the cloth were brief, as time pressed for early departure to towns a distance, but all the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were du honoured. Bro. Podevin D.P.G.M., in his reply to the toast of t Installing Master, took occasion to refer to the very marked progre of the Province in respect of the Mark Degree, there being no le than fifteen Lodges working in Kent, and a very great increase the number of registered members. A very pleasant evening w spent in harmony, Bros. James Stevens and Alfred Aubrey disti guishing themselves by capital recitations, and, generally, the pr ceedings of the afternoon and evening gave much satisfaction to present on the occasion.

ST. PETER'S CHAPTER ROSE CROIX, BOLTON

A MEETING of this Chapter was convened for Saturday, t 29th March 1884, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at fo o'clock p.m., when the following brethren were in attendance: W. J. Thomson 30° M.W.S., Arthur Middleton First General, G. Brockbank 32° Treasurer, J. D. Murray Grand Marshal, W. Nich Raphael, T. H. Glendinning Director of Ceremonies, R. G. Brock Fir Herald, John E. Lees Organist, W. M. Wylde Steward, T. Edwards, E. Eveleigh P.M.W.S., John Morris, James Horrock Visitor—Bro. Tyrer 30° Liverpool Chapter. The minutes of the la meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. James Wilson, who w balloted for, and elected at the last regular meeting, was duly perfect as a Rose Croix Mason, and invested with the symbols of the Order

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Illustrious Brother Tyrer, to whom the brethren accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his attention and rendering of the Ritual. Bro. Arthur Middleton was elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year. Bro. G. P. Brockbank was re-elected Treasurer, and a vote of thanks was passed to the M.W.S. for his past services, and a P.M.W.S.'s jewel was awarded him in token of the respect in which he is held by the brethren. Lodge closed in harmony at 5·30.

ST. MARGARET'S CHAPTER, No. 92.

THE Second Annual Festival and Eighth Convocation of this Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 25th ultimo. Present—Ill. Bros. J. T. Thorp 30 M.W.S., C. Fendelow 33 I.G.W. C.D., S. S. Partridge 30 I.P.S.; Ex. and P. Bros. W. Kelly Prelate and M.W.S. elect, T. Worthington 30 1st G., W. L. Ball 2nd G., F. J. Baines Treasurer, Joseph Young Recorder, W. A. Fielding G.M., Dr. W. C. Crofts R., W. J. Freer Organist, M. J. Walker Herald, J. H. Thompson D.C., R. Taylor, W. J. Curtis, J. D. Harris, T. G. Charlesworth, H. Meadows. Visitor—Bro. H. C. Norris 2nd G. Nottingham Chapter. The Chapter was opened at 4.30 p.m., and the minutes of the previous convocation, held 23rd January, having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. John Henry McCall, late Organist of the John o' Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, Surgeon-Dentist, proposed at last convocation; the ballot proving unanimous in his favour, that brother being in attendance was duly received, perfected, and proclaimed in accordance with ancient usage, the ceremony being rendered by the M.W.S. in a most impressive manner. Ill. Brother Partridge 30 I.P.S. having then assumed the chair; the "Veteran" Bro. William Kelly P. Prov. G. Master Leicestershire and Rutland was presented by the Grand Master to the Installing Officer as the M.W.S. elect for the ensuing year. The usual preliminary questions having been satisfactorily answered in the west, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with and admirably completed, amid acclamation, the explanation of the M.W.S jewel being given by the Ill. Bro. C. Fendelow 33. The newly-installed M.W.S. having expressed his obligations to the Chapter for the honour which had so recently been conferred upon him, proceeded to appoint his Officers for the year ensuing as follows:—

Bro. J. T. Thorp 30	... ...	I.P.S.
T. Worthington 30	... ...	Prelate
W. L. Ball ...	... ...	1st G.
W. A. Fielding	... ...	2nd G.
F. J. Baines (re-elected)		Treasurer
J. Young (re-appointed)		Recorder
Dr. W. C. Crofts	... ...	Grand M.
J. H. Thompson	... ...	Raphael
M. J. Walker ...	... ...	Director of Ceremonies
Dr. W. Hammond	... ...	Herald
W. J. Freer ...	... ...	C. of G.
J. H. McCall ...	... ...	Organist
M. J. Walker and J. D. Harris		Stewards
J. Tanser and T. Dunn ...	...	Outer Guards

The remainder of the business on the agenda having been regularly disposed of, alms were collected, and the Chapter closed in peace, according to ancient custom, at seven o'clock. The members and visitors shortly afterwards sat down to an elegant banquet, at which the M.W.S. presided, and upon the removal of the cloth, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts peculiar to the Order were proposed and duly honoured.

ROYAL ARCH.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE regular Convocation was held on the 31st ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bros. Lazarus M.E.Z., A. Henochsberg H., W. Littaur P.Z. J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, J. Da Silva S.N., J. W. Dewsnap P.S.; P.Z.'s H. M. Levy, S. M. Lazarus. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the former Convocation were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. L. M. Myers P.M. 188, S. Genese 188, S. Jewell 1559, J. Wynman 188, J. Bladon 1839. The two latter were present, and were duly exalted into R.A. Masonry by the M.E.Z., in a very impressive manner, every Principal and Officer being perfect. The M.E.Z., in feeling terms, made a proposition, which was seconded by Comp. Henochsberg, that a letter of condolence be sent to the Grand Z. Comp. H. P. Isaac I.P.Z. proposed the health of the M.E.Z., who ably carried out the duties of the Chapter. This was the second time he had been elected M.E.Z., and he had ably performed the ceremony that evening. The M.E.Z., in eloquent terms, replied, and then proposed the toast of the Exaltees; seven years since he had initiated Comp. Wynman in the Joppa Lodge, and now he had pleasure in exalting him in the Chapter. Comp. Bladen is also one the Companions would be proud of; he would ask them to give the toast a hearty reception. After suitable responses had been given, the M.E.Z. complimented the P.Z.'s, and Comp. H. P. Isaac responded. The toasts of the H. and J., Treasurer, S.E. and P.S. were proposed in due course, the M.E.Z. paying them just compliments for their excellent working. The Janitor's toast was then given, and the company separated.

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Obituary

BRO. A. D. LOEWEN

IT is with much regret we announce the d stark, who died at his residence, 1 Peter's Park, W., on Sunday, 23rd Marc Our deceased brother was P.M. of Lodge Chapters 73 and 185, and was universally of friends. The funeral took place at Will

FUNERAL OF BRO. W. P. PHI LODGE.

THE mortal remains of Bro. W. P. Pl Mr. W. P. T. Phillips, of the Grange known amateur athlete, whose sudden de of twenty-five, took place last week, were place, Woodbridge Cemetery, on Tuesday token of heartfelt grief. During the hours St. Mary's tolled, the shops in the town ' and business entirely suspended, whilst church and burial ground to bear testimor spects to the departed, to the popularity a the deceased was held. The funeral *cortèg* deceased's father between one and two o'cl oak, with handsome brass furniture, being covered with beautiful wreaths and flower was conspicuous, contributed by loving frie deceased. Thence the solemn procession we Church, where it was met at the gate by th rector, and the Rev. C. J. Martyn. Here to a bier, and slowly carried up, and tem aisle of the sacred edifice, the organist, playing a voluntary, "O rest in the Lord" was then conducted by the clergymen, cor portions of Scripture and the singing of the

Great God, what do I see
The end of things created.

And—

Art thou weary, art thou

The congregation, a large one, joined mos upon the conclusion of which the coffin wa funeral procession retracing its steps to t March" in *Saul*. Proceeding to the cemete burial service was performed at the grave,

My God, my Father, whil

The grave was tastefully lined with moss coffin when lowered was literally smothered and bouquets. The principal mourners were and Bro. H. W. P. Phillips, but the funer presentatives of the clergy, county magistr masons (the deceased being a P.M. of the D Guardians, members of the athletic clubs bridge. The 3rd Suffolk Regiment was mental Sergeant-Major and the Serjeant-M which deceased belonged. Amongst the m and condolence received by his bereaved p from the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 18 meeting, called in consequence of the deat the following resolution was passed: 'That P.G.C. Eng. Prov. Deputy G.M. of Suffolk, Bro. Wm. P. T. Phillips, of Melton Grange earnest sympathy in the bereavement he ha loss of his son, Bro. Wm. P. Phillips P.M. o Woodbridge.'"—*East Anglian Daily News.*

Ye Antiente Fraternitie of ye Rahere A Concert on Monday last at the Manchester E.C., Bro. C. Morton (Grand Prior) presid was as excellent as those which had preceded assistance by donations and memberships. originator of this Society, undertook the ma and was supported by a large number of fri Craft. Bros. Sinclair, Dunn, G. J. Graham by Misses Susetta Fenn and Amy Graham, of national ballads, humorous songs, and large audience fully interested for nearly th Room was decorated with English and A unfortunately draped with black crape, and s attended, and expressed their great pleas ceedings of the evening. Bro. Dunn intro Prior Rahere," of his own composition, and with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" an "Ye Rahere Almoners" deserve well of t the admirable manner in which their p carried out, as well as for their careful dis which they are entrusted.

The following Festivals have b week at Freemasons' Tavern:—

March 31st.—Eclectic Chapter.

April 1st.—Royal York Lodge; 3rd—Cal Club, St. James's Chapter, Westminster an versal Chapter, Victoria Rifle Lodge; 4th— Holborn Quadrille Ball, Royal Kensington

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Debrett's Illustrated House of Commons and the Judicial Bench. 1884. Compiled and Edited by Robert Henry Mair, LL.D. Personally Revised by the Members of Parliament and the Judges. London: Dean and Son, Publishers, 160a Fleet street, E.C.

These works of reference are as welcome as they are valuable; in fact, by certain classes of people the non-issue of "Debrett" would be a great calamity, especially by those who think that a familiar acquaintance with people's titles, their descent, connections, and collateral relations is about the sum of human knowledge which people, who are people, should possess. But not to speak in exaggerated terms of praise, there cannot be the slightest doubt as to the merits of these works. They have borne successfully the severest criticisms. No suggestion has been offered but it has been acted upon, possible. Improvements and extensions have been made annually, till it seemed impossible to improve or extend it further; and yet with each successive issue there has appeared new matter, not only new matter which was obligatory, owing to creation of new ranks or other dignities, but likewise further details of additional items of a character such as had not previously been included. As the introduction of Clubs is a feature of value and importance, and the same may be said of the information relating to residents abroad, the introduction of which has necessarily involved considerable expense. Then, again, the collaterals of peers and baronets are no longer confined to the male line, but include also the descendants in female members. In fact, what with the information and the armorial bearings, the Peerage, &c., is about as complete as it can be made, and we gave an illustration of the correctness of a part of this statement only last week, when we quoted so much as relates to the dignities and honours pertaining to the late Duke of Albany. The same remarks apply with equal force to the other work. The same care has been taken in order to secure accuracy and completeness, and there are also included the armorial bearings of members of the House of Commons and the Judicial Bench. To these are added a "Dictionary of Technical Parliamentary Expressions," based on information supplied by one of the clerical officials of the House, and a list of the changes since the last General Election, so that those who make a study of the relative gains and losses of the different political parties will have no difficulty in obtaining whatever information they may require. Thus both volumes contain pretty well all that any one can possibly desire to know of either House of Parliament, as well as of all persons who have been honoured by the Sovereign with some style or title or some class of decoration or Knighthood. We do not think it is possible to bestow greater praise than this.

THE SECOND CITY MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

A VERY pleasant meeting resulted on the winding up of this Association, on Monday evening last, at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. The chair was taken by the President of the now defunct Association, Bro. John Newton P.M. 174 and 1607, P.Z. 174 and 975, who was supported by the Vice-President, Bro. F. Brown P.M. 1607 and 174, while among those present were Bros. G. W. Verry (Treasurer), James S. Fraser (Secretary), H. Webb, W. Fraser, J. J. Whiting, G. Jones, T. J. Maidwell, Charles Lacey, W. W. Morgan, &c. &c. The Committee's Report stated that during the four years of the existence of the Association £23 2s had been received from its Members, the whole of which except £9 15s which had been returned to the Widow of a deceased member, and £6 19s to a Member who had suffered a reverse in life) had been paid into the funds of the three Masonic Institutions, enabling the Committee to obtain for the Members 65 Life Governorships. Of these Life Governorships 32 were for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 13 for the Girls' School, and 20 for that of the Boys'. The working expenses for the whole period had been insignificant, amounting only to £5, this including charges for printing books, postage, and banker's cheque books. A balance of £ 18s that remained, it was unanimously agreed to divide between the Secretary and Treasurer, to be expended as those brethren might think fit; the amount, however, to be paid to the Masonic Institutions in their names, in effect raising the number of Life Governorships emanating from this Association to sixty-seven. The Committee expressed their unqualified obligations to Bros. Fraser and Verry for their untiring energy in bringing the Association to a successful issue, and trusted these brethren might long be spared in health and strength to enable them to continue their valuable services for the good of the Masonic Institutions. After the several receipts from the Secretaries of the Institutions had been handed over, steps were taken to establish a Third Association, and we are gratified in being able to announce, with very satisfactory results. A very influential Committee was formed, with Bro. John Newton as President, Bro. Brown Vice, Bro. G. Ward Verry Treasurer, and Bro. Hobbs Secretary; Bros. Webb, Lacey, Maidwell, W. Fraser, and W. Smith, also consented to act, or were nominated. As a sequence, we may conclude that this new Association will be as successful as the two that have already been brought to so satisfactory an issue. A modest repast was then partaken of, and the after proceedings were of a cordial and harmonious character. We shall have something more to say in a future issue of the way in which these Associations are worked, and also direct attention to the large amounts realised by their means. Meanwhile we content ourselves by stating that the meeting nights are fixed for the fourth Monday in each month, and the brethren assemble at the Railway Tavern, adjoining the Fenchurch Street Railway Station, at half-past seven o'clock.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—The members of this old-established Lodge of Instruction may be congratulated on having secured very comfortable quarters wherein to hold their future meetings. The brethren assembled at the "Alfred" Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, which is conveniently situated within a minute's walk of the Barnsbury Station of the North London Railway. Bro. S. Solomon, of the King's Cross Lodge, presided, and he was supported by Bros. Putland S.W., Wheelock J.W., Sylvester Treasurer, Treadwell Secretary, Messer I.G. Amongst others present were Bros. James Stevens, W. W. Morgan, Cosgrove, Jackson, Jennings, &c. After the Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. James Stevens worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Cosgrove candidate. The fourth section of the lecture was next worked, and several points of divergence in ritual were considered. In the course of the evening a suggestion was thrown out that Bro. James Stevens should be invited to deliver his popular lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," in this Lodge of Instruction. The suggestion was immediately acted on, and the fourth Wednesday in the current month fixed upon. We shall give further particulars in a future issue. Bro. Putland was appointed to preside on Wednesday next, and after other items of business, amongst which we must not omit to mention the presentation of the Auditors' report, Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Wednesday next, at the hour of 8.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At the meeting held on Tuesday, 1st inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston, Bros. Watkinson W.M., Christian S.W., T. Clark J.W., F. Carr Secretary, Wardell S.D., Jenkins J.D., Smyth I.G., P.M. Bro. Brasted Acting Preceptor; also Bros. Turnbull, Allen, Caperce, Bannister, Catling, East, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and comfirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Turnbull candidate. Bro. Christian worked the 1st, 2nd and 4th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his Officers in rotation. The Lodge was then closed.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday, 31st March. Brothers Collingridge W.M., Jones S.W., Godolphin J.W., Hunt S.D., Turner J.D., Rhodes I.G., Weeden Acting Preceptor and other brethren. The Lodge having been regularly opened and routine work attended to, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Anthony candidate. Bro. Goddard, candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Goddard candidate. After electing Bro. Jones to the chair for Monday 7th April, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. The fourth Annual Supper of the above Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday, 21st April, at seven o'clock. Bro. Collings Org. 1693 will conduct the musical arrangements.

Bro. G. Lambert P.G.S. has been unanimously elected Master of the Patten Makers Company. The inaugural banquet will be held at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 24th instant. The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs have accepted invitations to attend.

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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 APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
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-street, W., at 8

306—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 7th 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, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
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)
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).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (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.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 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
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
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
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
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
406—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

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
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester

R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 8th APRIL.

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, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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.
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548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
960—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road

917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, E.
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W.
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High-st
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, S.E.
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex-st
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, S.E.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, H
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Ha
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, So

33—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assem
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
273—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, B
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-stre
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, H
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Bir
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Bur
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippe
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednes
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hote
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leomin
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancas
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street,
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledo
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenh
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpoo
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, E
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baild
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, L

R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, P
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-stree
R.A. 288—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-u
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill,
R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Stre
R.A. 452—Frederick of Unity, 105 High Street,
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-T
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy St
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak

WEDNESDAY, 9th

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutio
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-stu
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham,
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwa
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, L
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptfo
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crown
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Stre
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Belham, at 7 (I
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-r
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-r
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, F
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Ros

1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitecha
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, a
1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
1306—Lodge of St. John, City Arms Tavern, St.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old
1525—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, C
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper
1601—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Wal
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Stre
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, C
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viadu
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-r
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lin
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwel

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, R
R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leaden

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street,
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashir
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe,
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, B
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-stre
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

ortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
armony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
ntegrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
ireside, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
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nity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
armony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
egontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
t. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
enevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
.. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
llesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
etland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
lbert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
t. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
t. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
hakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
letcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
ermion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
orough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
emple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
rey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
ewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
rince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
enison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
eptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
alker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
e Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
aldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
rownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
ottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
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rownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
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olne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
ervey, George Hotel, Hayes
outhdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex

—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
0—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
9—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
2—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
3—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
9—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
77—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
45—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles
5—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
92—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 10th APRIL.

oyal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
gyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
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ustice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
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alisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
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amden, Linco'n's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
igh Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
alhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
outhwark, Southwark Park Tavern
ity of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
apper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
outhern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
ewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
acdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
pton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
ockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
yde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
he Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
agshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
slington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
uke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
ey Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
kelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
overt Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
ose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
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—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
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1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
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1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
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. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 807—Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 11th APRIL.

134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
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
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
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
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry

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
R.A. 601—Eyton St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth

SATURDAY, 12th APIRL.

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)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House 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-st., W., at 8
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street W, Hammersmith

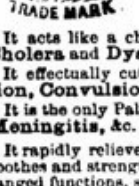
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
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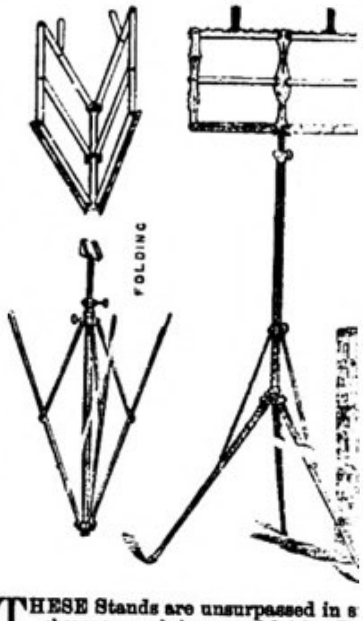
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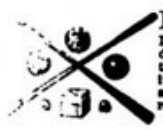
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THE APPROACHING ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE first election of the year in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys takes place on Monday, the 21st instant, on which occasion twenty-three vacancies will be filled from a list of fifty-two candidates.* As usual, the number who will be turned away "unsuccessful" after this Election is greater than is the case with the Sister Institution, for whereas there we find, as we pointed out last week, that about two-thirds of the candidates will be elected, here there will be considerably over one-half of those seeking admission rejected, on account of the inability of the Institution to provide them with the necessaries of life. Still, we have reason to be proud of what the Committee, backed up by the generosity of the Craft, are able to do, and feel we may congratulate the subscribers to the School, both on the number of vacancies and the comparatively speaking small number of applicants. Of the fifty-two candidates five are parentless; one a member of a family of six, two of five each, and two are the only children dependent. No. 48, Harry Protheroe Jones, is the lad who, with five other children, form the dependent family of the late Bro. R. P. Jones. Six children left to the care of friends, unprovided for, fatherless and motherless, is a claim which few can pass over without experiencing a feeling of sympathy for them in their helpless position, and yet, alas, how few are there who are in a position to help them? Were it not for our Schools and similar Institutions established throughout the kingdom, such families would frequently sink beyond all hope of recovery, whereas, with assistance to one or more of the number, all may be raised to a position, not only of ultimate independence, but of great utility to the world at large. The lad Jones has staunch friends in the Masonic brethren of his father's Province—Northamptonshire; and we only hope, for the sake of the six parentless children, and for the sake of maintaining the good name of Masonic Benevolence, that it may be possible to speedily obtain such a number of votes as will place him on the books of the Institution. No. 13, Thomas Edwin Lawsey, and No. 19, Harry Robert Graves, are little, if any, better off. They each form one of families of five dependent parentless children. The former is accredited to the Masonic Province of Somerset; he has already stood three elections, and now brings forward a total of 1010 votes. The latter (Graves) now appears for the third time, with 25 votes already polled on his behalf. No. 21, William Ernest Habgood, third application, has a sister in the Girls' School, and is himself, at the present time, the only member of the family unprovided for. He is accredited to Devon, and brings forward 128 votes. No. 41, John Doyley, is the other parentless child—the only one of the family dependent. His father was initiated in a New Zealand Lodge, but beyond that fact we can gather nothing of his Masonic career from the ballot paper.

The last application cases are five in number. No. 1, Charles Brown Cummings, now comes forward for the seventh time with but 110 votes already polled on his behalf. His father is still living, and no reason is given as to why the case is considered eligible. It seems very hard that this lad, and others, should suffer in order to benefit those who come after them; but we wish we could induce all brethren to withhold their votes from cases where no particulars are furnished why a child is considered eligible during the lifetime of the father. Doubtless, a good answer can be given. Why, then, should not all the subscribers be in possession of it? Such particulars would remove a doubt which is occasionally expressed as to whether the candidates for the Institutions are really worthy or otherwise. No. 5, Arthur Frederick Williams, one of three fatherless children, stands a fairly good chance on this, his fifth and last application, as he comes to the poll with 2173 votes to his credit. It would, indeed, be unfortunate if he were not elected; but his is just one of those cases in which hard work is needed, as most of his friends, imagining him safe, will give their votes to others, with the result, perhaps, of leaving him out in the cold after all. No. 27, Arthur Blunt, one of seven children left to the care of a widowed mother, secured 1322 votes at the election in October last—a result which augurs well for his ultimate success. No. 38, Harry P. O. Gloster, a candidate for the second time, has 245 votes to his credit, he is one of five dependent children. Great efforts will be needed to secure his election, but we suppose those who have the case in hand have some reasonable hope of success, or they would not have risked the loss of so many votes as were polled last time.† No. 40, Edward Bramble Green, completes the last application list; his is a first appeal, the case being accredited to the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight. He is one of nine fatherless dependent children.

There are ten children dependent both in the case of No. 9, Reginald Beaumont, and in that of No. 30, John A. M. Bailey, but in each case both parents are living, and no reason being assigned why the cases are deemed eligible (in face of the many who are left without either father, or father and mother) it is best, from our point of view, to omit any further reference to them. We want a reason given why the children of a living brother are deemed dependent, and until it is supplied we can do no service for such candidates, even if they are really deserving, except by simply mentioning them. We shall be glad if those brethren who take the same view on this subject will unite with us in endeavouring to bring about an alteration. The same remark will apply to No. 6, Alfred Pratt, whose parents also are both living, while in this case the lad has a sister in the Girls' School.

No. 22, Benjamin M. Hildred, one of eight fatherless children, brings forward 167 votes from the two elections of last year. He also has a sister in the Girls' School.

Seven children dependent, are the details given in four cases, three of them old candidates and one fresh. No. 1, Frederick F. Colman, fourth application, has 1339 votes to his credit; No. 18, James P. Seagrave, third application, 649, and No. 39, Stanley W. Gibson, second application. The other, No. 46, Frank Perkins, is the fresh candidate. A widowed mother left with six children is given as the reason for appealing, in the case of No. 31, Arthur Warner, who polled 157 votes last October; also in those of No. 47, Stanley C. Dawson, and No. 49, Donald F. G. McGill, both first applications.

* The ballot papers issued for this Election contain the names of fifty-three candidates; but that number has been reduced by the withdrawal of No. 38, Harry Percy Owen Gloster.

† Since the above was written, this lad's application has been withdrawn, as already announced in an earlier portion of this article.

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No. 4, Richard William Delafons, one of five fatherless children still dependent on their mother, brings forward 1049 votes on this, his fifth application. He has many friends in the Masonic world, and will no doubt eventually secure enough votes to place him within the coveted portals of the School. He has a sister in the Girls' Institution. No. 12, Reginald A. L. Mitchell, also one of five dependent children, has stood three elections, but so far has but 8 votes to his credit. The father served the office of W.M. in his mother Lodge. No. 17, Herbert J. Mc. L. Lillywhite, has 217 votes to the good from the two contests in which he has taken part; we gather from the remarks on the list, that this lad's father is still living, though, being paralysed, he is incapacitated from earning a livelihood for himself and family. No. 20, Frederick T. Davis, from the Eastern Division of South Wales, has two votes to show for the two elections in which he has taken part. There is little fear, however, of his being left in the cold if there is any possibility of the brethren of his father's Province taking his case in hand. No doubt his time will come, and then, in all probability, his mother will be repaid for having waited. No. 24, Albert E. Crutchett, has even less to show for his two elections, as he has but one vote standing to his credit; his case is a Devonshire one, and no doubt his turn for support from that Province is already decided upon. Let us hope it may come ere the limit of age law excludes him from the contests. No. 34, James C. Besly, a London candidate, has been somewhat more fortunate as regards votes, he having had 161 polled on his behalf at the last election; that number, however is but a very small modicum of what will eventually be needed. He has a sister in the Girls' School; but this statement has, through an error, been omitted from the Balloting Paper. No. 37, Ernest H. Anderson, also a second application case, has three votes to his credit; while the other, and last of this series, No. 51, Frank K. Manning, is a new application.

Seven of the remaining candidates are members of families of four dependent, while one other is described as being of a family of which three are wholly, and two partially unprovided for. Of these, No. 10, John E. Walters, a fourth application case, has a sister in the Girls' School, and has himself polled 887 votes for the Boys'. No. 23, Robert H. Whiting, stands as good a chance of election as any one of the fifty-two candidates, from the fact that he has 2181 votes already polled. This will be the third ballot in which he has taken part, and no doubt the last he will need to attend. His case is accredited to Kent. No. 28, John S. B. Allan, polled 5 votes last October; No. 29, James A. Gore, 86 votes; No. 32, Lionel B. J. Manby, 633 votes; No. 33, Charles B. Cooper, 242 votes; and No. 36, William F. Sharland, 219 votes, all on the same occasion. Perhaps it is wrong for us to refer, in such an article as this, to our personal acquaintances, but we cannot allow the name of Manby (No. 32) to pass us without recalling old times. This lad's father was among the first to enrol his name on the list of subscribers to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and his orders reached us half-yearly until within a very short time of his decease. Under these circumstances we ask for some little recognition from the readers of our journal to help the orphans of an old and esteemed friend. If any of our readers have votes to spare, we ask them to kindly remember the cause of one who in his lifetime did as much as he was able for those who appealed to him. No. 43, Arthur Moore, is the case we have already referred to, in which, of five children, two only are partially provided for. The present is the first application in this case, which is accredited to Dorset.

It is not our intention to individualise the remaining cases, of which there are sixteen. In twelve of them the families consist of three children. In three there are two dependent, and in the other, the applicant for the benefits of the Boys' School is an only child, for which a widowed mother has to provide. No. 14, Frederick W. Longman, perhaps, requires some notice, his father and mother being both alive, but the former is described as incapacitated, so that our objection to this class of case does not apply. We do not wish to infer, by curtailing our remarks, that some of the cases where three, two, or one child are dependent are not as deserving, or perhaps more so, as are the members of large families, but our space, and perhaps the patience of our readers—although we must remind all that our comments are written in a good cause—has a limit, and we have been obliged to stop. We can

the most support, and that each of meet with success as his turn comes.

THE SCOPE OF MA

WE do not desire to startle the re that might be justly characte tory, but we do wish to do justice to in so doing we go beyond the views o will fairly weigh our remarks before them over among the rubbish.

The Masonic Fraternity is a wond aspect it is viewed, the most wonderfu to mankind through the ages. It is in numbers the elect are a great a anything they would; they choose to for the highest and best advantage the same time, and only in a less degr of their fellow-men; for whatsoever l mentally, any class of men, indirectly class. It is an ancient society. No on place, its beginning. It has existed which the memory of man runneth We find evident landmarks of its ex the ages, even where little else is foun to many minds in searching for evi works, and its labours of love. Th *en route* to an "undiscovered countr traveller *may* return. They are en "finds," and they thus go on, enlargi knowledge, and completing the hist is a charitable society, charitable in its not merely dole out pecuniary aid; t and often does it. Whenever it giv fraternally. In giving to a Brothe giving to itself. All that it has belong and from its members in distress it its possessions. The charity of Fr incident to its Brotherly Love. It is morality is that of the First Great Li bols and working-tools are instrume "beautiful system of morality." It church; it assumes only to be the "ha But it is a powerful ally. Its teac everywhere the same, and always and morals. It is an intellectual societ system of Freemasonry, in its princip to the thoughtful observer its most re istic. There seems practically to be force and variety of its philosophic sy largest culture and the profoundest th and profit in its studies. No one c without having the field of his refl deriving intellectual pleasure of the The many may be satified with the s of what is termed the "work of th they may see without comprehending surface-meaning. In doing so they th ties for the most satisfying and d Indeed, it is scarcely too much to say, husk and throw away the corn. This the Officers of the Lodges, and other M selves. They do not explain, they do this knowledge, which the Brethren ca within the tyled doors, is not all contra least, nay, much of it, may be found i literature of the Craft. Freemasonry of which it may justly be proud. Th different Grand bodies, and the Report pondence therein contained, are reple The published works of such Brethr Lyon, Woodford, Hughan and Goul most careful reading. They give facts are truly Masonic. They are logical taining. The Brother who has them i has an unfailing source of literary know all of Freemasonry, and thereb Freemason. He becomes also, as a con more regular and punctual in his atten bodies, and more useful as a member. member. He advises wisely, and act only knows the work, but he unde

it is no longer a mystery. It should not be a mystery any of its members. Yet, alas, how many Master sons are there in name, that are only Entered Apprens in fact. They have been "brought to light," but rwards have wandered into darkness. You must ain in the light, and use that light, if you would receive proffered advantages Welcome the day when initiates ll no longer *play* Masonry, but fairly and honestly *work* It is not a plaything. It is not a show. It is a Fraity with unlimited capacities for enlarging the underding, purifying the heart, and elevating the character ts Brethren, while at the same time it ministers to the lthy development of their social and convivial propenes. Whoever forgets this, or neglects it, voluntarily gns a part of his noble heritage as a Craftsman.—*stone.*

MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

WITHOUT circumlocution I shall proceed to throw out a few hints upon several disconnected topics.

it. A Massachusetts judge and P.D.G.M., after reading in this nal of 23rd February the comments of Bro. Q. upon my letter he previous number, remarked, "With Q.'s mode of reasoning, he d prove anything and everything." The mere facts of Coxe's utation of 1730, and the existence of a Lodge in Philadelphia after, does not necessarily prove that the authority of the latter derived from the former. Within three weeks Bro. MacCalla overed a record extending from 24th June 1731 to 1738. This overy proves (what no one hitherto doubted) the existence of a ge in Philadelphia in 1731. Brother MacCalla further informed that he hopes to discover soon the charter of Henry Bell's Lodge. as the said record is minus of the name of Coxe, and of £2 10s l for a warrant, the legitimacy of the Lodge is still doubtful. en, therefore, Bro. MacCalla will produce his hoped for charter, n I shall cheerfully congratulate him, thank him for it, and I will him a thousand pardons too. But until then, *I cannot put faith any one's mere hopes.*

nd. To show that I am not ashamed of acknowledging an error, eely confess that the statement I made in a subsequent letter, t the Grand Lodge of England had no Chaplain before 1813, *was ng.* My reason for that supposition arose from the following se. About fourteen years ago I copied, from the 1784 Constitu, the list of Grand Officers from 1717 to 1784; this list is minus Chaplain. After which I learned from several publications, of 2 and later, that the *Moderns* used no prayers in their Lodges. records here in Boston of the last century (as already explained) m to confirm the statements in the said publications; hence, me to the above conclusion. But a few days after I mailed the er, I wrote to Bro. Henry Sadler that I found that in 1775 Dr. ld was appointed Grand Chaplain. Upon further research, I found t Dr. Dodd was, for well known reasons, expelled in 1777. In 1, there was again a Chaplain among the Officers of your Grand ge, which was, however, discontinued in the ensuing years, to the of the volume. But after all, it is evident that the Grand Lodge England had no permanent Chaplain before 1813; then, and then , the Chaplain became a constitutional officer of the Grand lge.

rd. Anderson, in the 1738 Constitution, ascribes the preliminary ting of the Four Lodges to the year 1716. Preston has it Febru. 1717. It is possible that Anderson meant according to the *Old le.* But where did Preston learn that the said first meeting of four Lodges took place in February?

th. Some years ago I was hunting for information about the birth death of our Dr. Anderson. Among other books I consulted mbers's Scotch Biographical Dictionary. I believe it consisted four volumes, and to the best of my recollection there was very e in it about Dr. Anderson. Recently I consulted the second ion of that work, viz., of 1854, and therein I found something , that is, it was new to me. First, that he was a brother of m Anderson, author of the Commercial History. The said Adam born in 1692 and died in London in 1765. Furthermore (which ew to me), after stating that he (Dr. Anderson) was for many rs minister of the Scots Presbyterian Church in Swallow Street, adilly, it goes on thus:—

And was well known among the people of that persuasion in don by the nick-name of Bishop Anderson. He was a learned imprudent man, and lost a considerable part of his property from deep dabbling in the South Sea Scheme."

fter some very favourable comments upon Dr. Anderson's work, "Royal Genealogies," &c., the writer says, "The dates of this thy man's birth and death are not ascertained; he lived in a house osite Saint James Church, Piccadilly." From the Gentleman's gazine, 1739, I afterwards ascertained that Anderson died on May that year. Now, cannot some brother ascertain whether Presbyterians in those days had a burying ground of their own, whether they used to be buried in the parish churchyards? and ither case, I think that the grave of our old brother might still liscovered, and the grave-stone may, perhaps, reveal the date of Anderson's birth. Nay more, the newspapers and magazines of time of our Dr. Anderson's death may perhaps throw light upon desired subject.

While writing about Dr. Anderson I was reminded of a photograph a engraving, said to be a portrait of Dr. James Anderson. The are looks more like a portrait of a German or French nobleman, dressed up with an effusion of lace, &c., for the purpose of holding grand levy; and it certainly does not look like a portrait of Presbyterian minister. But who knows whether his nick-name *Bishop* may not have originated from his trying to ape some dan bishop in wearing gaudy apparel? But be that as it may, I thi it is high time to make an effort to learn something more than know about the author of the original Freemasons' Constitution.

5th. I pointed out in the letter wherein the Chaplain *bland* appeared that Solomon Mendez and Benjamin Da Costa where re pectively Grand Stewards in 1732 and in 1737, which old brethre I believed, were Jews. Since then I found that Moses Mendez w Grand Steward in 1738, and about the latter I found a brief sket in the "Biographia Dramatica," Vol. I., Dublin 1782, which I thi will not be uninteresting to the general reader.

"Moses Mendez, Esq. This gentleman was a Jew, and, if I a not mistaken, either a stock broker or a notary public. He was person of considerable genius, of an agreeable behaviour, and ente taining in conversation, and had a very pretty turn for poetry. H was what poets rarely are—extremely rich—being supposed to bo the time of his death, which happened the 4th day of February 175 worth one hundred thousand pounds. He wrote three little dramat pieces, all of which met with good success, and some of the songs two of them still justly continue favourites with persons of poetic and musical taste."

Mendez's compositions are—1st, Chaplet, M.E. (Musical Entertai ment), 8vo, 1749; 2nd, The Shepherd's Lottery, M.E., 8vo, 1751 3rd, Robin Hood, M.E. 1751; and 4th, Double Disappointment, a Farc 8vo, 1760. The last was published after his death. From Alibone Dictionary of Authors, I further learned that Mozes Mendez wa "the friend of Thompson." And that "a collection of his mos esteemed pieces of poetry that have appeared for several years, wit a variety of originals, was printed in London in 1767, intended as supplement to Dodsley's collection of poems, in which some Mendez's poems will be found."

It seems that there was a family connection between the Mendez and Da Costa's. In the "Gentleman's Magazine," Vol. LXXXIII. p 12 I found a letter giving the names of twelve Jewish families, who re sided in London in 1663, which the writer copied from a manuscrip left by *Moses Mendez Da Costa*, originally copied from the records o the Portuguese Jewish Synagogue. After giving the names of th families, and their respective places of residence, the writer adds:

"Mr. Lysou, in his account of Stepney, mentions Emanuel Mende Da Costa, as buried in the old burial grounds belonging to the Jew in Mile End-road in 1791, and has also given dates of burial o several other branches of the family." See "Environs of London, Vol. III. p 478.

The above Emanuel Mendez Da Costa was Foreign Secretary to th Royal Society; he was a very learned mineralogist: his recommenda tion for membership to the above-named Society was signed by th Duke of Montague, Martin Folkes, and five other gentlemen, and i as follows:

"A gentleman, well skilled in philosophical learning and natural knowledge, particularly in what relates to minerals and fossil parts o the creation; one exceedingly diligent in his inquiries, and who by applying himself with great assiduity to the study of Natural His tory, is likely to be a useful member of the R.S. and a zealous pro moter of Natural Knowledge for the advancement of which the same is provided."—Alibone's "Dictionary of Authors."

In the same volume of the "Gentleman's Magazine," anothe letter, referring to a communication in the previous October numbe about an old Hebrew MS. of the thirteenth century, I believe trans lated by a Mr. Da Costa, and I have every reason to believe that pedigree of the Da Costa family can be found in the "Gentleman' Magazine" in the last century. These items, though not strictly Masonic, have nevertheless a historic value to a Masonic student; fo they disprove Oliver's assertion that there were no Jewish Mason before 1752 or thereabouts. Should this meet the eye of a Bro Mendez or a Da Costa, it may send him hunting for further informa tion. And who knows whether we may not soon read in this journa some further evidence upon this subject from the pen of a linea descendant of one of the old worthy Hebrew Grand Stewards o 1732, 1737, or 1738?

Boston, U.S., 14th March 1884.

The regular meeting of the General Committee of th Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Free masons' Hall, on Saturday, 5th inst., Brother Raynhan W. Stewart in the chair. Three candidates were placed on the list of "approved" for the October election. Grant of £5 each for outfits were made to four of the forme pupils of the Institution, and a conditional grant of £2 was made to another ex-pupil. The results of what ha been done by the House Committee in relation to the pro posed establishment of a Junior School were communicated The House Committee recommended the Quarterly Cou of next Monday week to adopt the plans and suggestion of Bro. Berridge for a School for fifty boys, while recom mendations for the purchase of extra property adjoinin the site of the new School were also made, the whole co coming within the amount placed at the disposal of th Committee by the Craft. Two notices of motion for th Quarterly Court were given before the meeting adjourned There were present Bros. Dr. Ramsay, Matier, Hun Bowyer, Roebuck, Berridge, Hogard, Mann, William Gladwell, Tyrrell, Ruf, Saunders, Dr. Morris, Dickett Hacker, Godson, Adlard, Webb, Gillard, Venn, Mapl Massey, Martin, and Belton.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, PHILADELPHIA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad you have reproduced from the *Keystone* the records relating to this Lodge. I do not think they were needed to establish the fact of there having been meetings of the brethren in Philadelphia before 1733, because I think the contemporary evidence previously adduced in support of this is sufficiently strong of itself without further testimony from other sources. Still these records, as confirmatory of the fact, must possess a very great value, and it seems to me the point which has now to be settled is, as to the trustworthiness of the newly-discovered minutes or accounts. I do not wish any of your readers to imagine that I am disposed to cast doubts on the *Keystone* itself, which has submitted its discovery in perfect good faith. But is the *Keystone* justified in accepting the records, and if so, what are the grounds of the justification? It has so frequently happened that even experts have been deceived in similar circumstances that I must ask your forgiveness for suggesting that what is wanted now is some corroborative evidence of the undoubted value of these new discoveries as records of the years to which they appear to relate. The inventive powers of man are great, and it has again and again happened that worthy people of great ability have been imposed upon by others who possessed far greater ability, but considerably less of the other quality—worth. In short, it is known that archives, like family portraits, have been manufactured and passed off on the unwary as genuine old original records. If it can be established that what the *Keystone* so fully describes are genuine, then the brethren it so worthily represents are to be congratulated.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

"Q."

THE ST. JOHN'S LODGE LEDGER OF A.D. 1731

We reproduce the following interesting letter from the *Keystone*:—

To the Editor of the Keystone.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—The great value to the Masonic Fraternity in America of the recently discovered Account Book o one of the several Lodges established in the city of Philadelphi about 1730-31, cannot be too highly estimated.

We have for some years known, without a shadow of a doubt, the following: That Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, was by his own application and that of "several other Brethren residing and about to reside" in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, appointed, on June 5, 1730, Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. By this preamble to the Deputation the fact is established, not by any evidence particularly in this country, but by the highest Masonic authority, the Archives of the Grand Lodge of England, whose Grand Master granted the Deputation, and where the copy was on file in 1863. It is safe to infer that Coxe acted under the powers granted him within a short time after he had received the Deputation, allowing the usual delay of several months for transmission to this country, and we may safely conclude that the Lodge St. John's, whose accounts we have examined, was established late in the fall of 1730, and that William Allen, Button, Thompson, Hart, Nicholson, Emerson, Hart Boude and Pringle, were Masons prior to its formation, and that Benjamin Franklin was the first initiate, as he is charged with an entrance fee.

It has been admitted by Bro. Norton and others, that there was no doubt of the existence of a Lodge in Philadelphia, but they seem to question its legality, or that it was in correspondence or communication with Provincial Grand Master Coxe.

That this Lodge of which the account book has been discovered, was a lawful assemblage of Masons, duly formed into a Lodge as fully and legally as any Masonic Lodge at that day, cannot be to our mind questioned. We think Bro. Norton and others do not bring to mind the state of Masonry from its organisation in 1717 to the date in question. There were no warrants in those days to attest its lawful origin. It will be interesting to know when the first warrants were issued to Masonic bodies—not deputations to individuals or Provincial Grand Lodges, but to Lodges, and the power and authority granted in these first warrants. But for evidence as to the legality of this Lodge under discussion, let us turn to the Coxe deputation.*

First, Coxe was authorized to constitute the Brethren (Free and Accepted Masons), now residing, &c., into one or more regular Lodge or Lodges, as he shall think fit, or as often as occasion may require. This was authority to open Lodges at any time and place he saw fit, and as often as occasion required. The records of the Grand Lodge of England, 29th January 1731, show that Coxe visited the Grand Lodge, and was greeted as Provincial Grand Master of North America. Again, we examine the Deput continue for the period of two years fron Baptist, next ensuing after 5th June with this authority, we find, by the first on St. John's Day 1732, the Grand Lodg elected Grand Master, William Pringle I Boude and Benjamin Franklin Wardens. the account book we are not at a loss to Brethren belonged, for in the book we fir dues, &c. Allen's is the second, Pringl eight, and Franklin's the tenth account,

Again, that this was a regular Lodge is Franklin reprinted Anderson's Constitut not been a sufficient number of Mason Franklin would not have risked the publ have been of interest only to Free and A

Again, further recognition is found on Thomas Byron, of Benjamin Franklin I Pennsylvania, and in 1750 William Allet from the Grand Lodge of England, appoi Master.

We find further, from the *Pennsylvania* members whose accounts are recorded we Grand Masters of the Provincial Grand L

The library of the Grand Lodge of Pen subscription list of 1754 (March 13), fo Hall by the members of the Grand and subscribers we note the names of Willia Thomas Hart, No. 4; Thomas Boude, No. 8 James Hamilton, No. 32; William Plumst No. 35; and Thomas Cadwallader, No. 56, ledger.

At the Grand Anniversary and General Lodge-room, Philadelphia, 24th June 1755 of Allen, Franklin, Bond, Plumstead, men Hamilton, Boude and Cadwallader. At Smith, D.D., delivered the annual serm thirty Brethren. Bro. Wm. Smith was Gr of years.

The discovery of the minutes of this Lo value to the Craft. We have heard of che some Masonic it is said, which the owner learn his name), will not have touched. I struction some time, and we can then lear value to this Grand Lodge.

There are wanted to complete the histor try the minutes from 1730, "Moderns;" t Lodge of the Bell letter, which is still in that is of no great consequence now, sinc been found; the minutes of Lodge No. 3, f minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge of prior to 29th July 1779.

Brethren coming across any old Maso favour on the Library Committee of the Gr Lodge itself, if they will at once notify any Grand Lodge Officers. Anything bearing of the greatest value.

In reply to many letters, I would say th of the St. John's Lodge account book satisf most valuable contributions to the past h city. It furnishes us with the names of th It may be the means of finding other impo descendants of these first members.

Fraternally,

CHARLES E. MEYER, P.

Chairman

SUMMER FREEMAS

To the Editor of the FREEMASON

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The commenc son reminds me of a little trouble I and a fe occasioned our worthy W.M. last summer. of many of our members, whether good or b to attend our Lodge meetings, which are he the suburbs of London, just long enough to l then leave the Master and his Officers to ge we enjoyed ourselves in the open country. continued so long that it was almost looke when, to our amazement, our new Master ex to put a stop to it. We resented the innov ready said, some little trouble resulted. Si have had time for reflection, and we have that our new W.M. was right in the main, a he will be able to adopt a happy medium du by giving us an hour or two in the fresh air the Lodge and the pleasures of the banqu writing to you, Sir, is, not so much to recor reconcilation as it is to ask you if you can s we may perform our duties and yet have tim the fresh air. We do not wish to curtail or know should be done thoroughly and with du are we justified in curtailing the usual speech bad taste or does it show any disrespect to ig toasts except perhaps "The Queen and the C "The Visitors." If we have official sanc proceeding we think our W.M. will adopt it,

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* See copy of Coxe's and Price's Deputation in Part I., Early History of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, pages 8, 9 and 10. Prepared by Charles E. Meyer, and published by Library Committee, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

UNITED GRAND LODGE

OF

ncient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

is Royal Highness ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES,
K.G., &c., &c., &c.,
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.

N consequence of the much lamented death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., Provinal Grand Master of Oxfordshire, Past Grand Warden, an ent which has filled the breast of every Mason with grief, is ordered that the Grand Lodge and all subordinate odges be placed in Masonic mourning for the space of ree months from this date.

The mourning to be worn by Brethren individually to as follows :—

and Officers Present and Past—Three Rosettes of Black Crape on the Badges and one at the point of the Chain or Collar just above the Jewel.

sters, Past Masters, and Master Masons—Three Black Crape Rosettes on Badge.

llow Crafts and Entered Apprentices—Two Black Crape Rosettes at the lower part of the Badge.

White Gloves.

By Command of the M.W. Grand Master,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.

REEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
4th April 1884.

An Especial Grand Lodge will be holden at Freemasons' ll, London, W.C., on Thursday, the 24th day of April tant, at Twelve for One o'Clock punctually, to sider and resolve upon Addresses of Condolence on the ch regretted death of His Royal Highness the Duke of pany, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, st Grand Warden, and to arrange for their presentation.

As a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased ke of Albany, the Supreme Council, 33°, for England, les, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, direct t mourning shall be worn in all Rose Croix Chapters ler their obedience for a period of three months.

The Rev. Canon G. R. Portal, Provincial Grand Mark ster of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of ght, summoned a Special Grand Lodge at the Masonic l, Southampton, for Wednesday afternoon, to adopt resses of condolence with Her Majesty the Queen, t.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.P.G.M., and H R.H. Duchess of Albany, on the lamented death of H.R.H. Duke of Albany P.G.M.

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t the regular meeting of the Lodge of Harmony, 309, at Fareham, on Thursday the 3rd inst., the W.M. Rev. A. C. Hervey) moved a vote of condolence with t.H. the Duchess of Albany.

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mongst the floral tributes sent to Windsor on the sion of the funeral of the late Duke of Albany was presented by the Masons of the Province of Oxford ugh their Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. inald Bird. It represented the jewel of a Provincial ud Master, and measured four feet across outer ring; as composed of choicest white flowers—lilac, lily of y, eucharis, gardenias, callas, polyanthus, acacia, &c., and maiden hair foliage; the name "Oxon" composed of forget-me-nots, the centre square and pass with triangle or five pointed star; this latter in t-me-nots, the compasses golden jonquils, and the re purple violets; the whole surmounted by a very eful spray of acacia, fully carrying out the traditional ry of a Masonic grave. The wreath was a perfect men of the Florist's art, and to Masons was specially esting. It was made by Messrs. Dick Radclyffe Co.

ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 1823.

MAJOR GENERAL Cecil Ives, D.W.M. of the Royal Clarer Lodge, has received the following communications from H Majesty and the Duchess of Albany in reply to the resolutions condolence passed at the last meeting of the Royal Claren Lodge:—

From General the Right Hon. Sir Henry Ponsonby, K.C.B.

[COPY.]

Windsor Castle, April 2nd, 1884.

Dear General Ives,—I am commanded by the Queen to requ that you will express to the Officers and Brethren of the Roy Clarence Lodge of Freemasons, Her Majesty's sincere thanks for the kind address of condolence.—I am, &c.,

(Signed) HENRY F. PONSONBY.

Major-General Ives, D.M., Moyns Park.

Mr. R. H. Collins is commanded to thank the Royal Clarenc Lodge of Freemasons for their kind letter of sympathy addressed t the Duchess of Albany.

Claremont, Esher, April 5th.

In consequence of the death of H.R.H. the Duke c Albany, the annual Freemasons' Club Masonic Ball, whicl was to have taken place on the 24th instant, at Cawte' Hotel, Southsea, will not be held this year.

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OLD KING'S ARMS CHAPTER, No. 28.

THE installation meeting of this old established Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Monday, 7th inst., when Comp. Terry performed the ceremony in his most able manner. Comps. Farnfield Z., Thomas H., W. Thomas J., W. Paas S.E, Money P.S.; Comps. Baron de Ferriere, M.P. for Cheltenham, Maudslay P.G.S.B. P.Z., and Miller were present, with the following Visitors:—Comps. Terry 174, Edmonds 1507, Griffiths 907, and Dr. Corrie Jackson P.S. 534. The ceremony of exaltation was most ably performed by the acting M.E.Z. After the usual tender of hearty good wishes from the Visitors, the rest of the business, which included the appointment of Officers for the ensuing year, was attended to, the Chapter was closed in the usual manner, and the Companions retired for refreshment, and thoroughly enjoyed the excellent fare which had been prepared by Comp. Dawkins. After the usual interval the M.E.Z., in proposing the health of Her Majesty, asked the Companions to join him in drinking the health of the Queen, who had so lately had a dear son taken from her in so sudden a manner; he hoped she might be endowed with resignation and health to bear the trial which had been placed upon her. With the next toast, that of the Grand Z., the Grand H., and the Grand J., was coupled the name of Comp. Maudslay P.G.S.B. This Companion thanked the members of the Chapter for the honour they had done him in associating his name with the toast; it gave him much pleasure to be present amongst them and rejoin his old Chapter. Comp. Maudslay also spoke very feelingly as to the loss which the Grand Z. had sustained in the death of his brother. This trial had been borne with that Christian fortitude which it was to be hoped all Royal Arch Masons would strive to secure. Comp. Farnfield P.Z. then proposed the health of the M.E.Z., to whom many thanks were due for the manner in which he had played the host that evening. The M.E.Z. in responding said that, unfortunately, for the last 18 months his health had been in a very bad state; feeling, however, somewhat better, he would strive to properly perform his duties during his year of office. He then proposed the health of the Exaltee; he felt sure their new Companion would do credit to the Chapter, and hoped he would be a constant attendant. On responding, the Exaltee thanked the M.E.Z. for his kindness. He had been most impressed with the ceremony. He could assert that he loved the Craft dearly; and during his short experience he had endeavoured to attain that knowledge which every Master Mason should acquire. He would continue to use the same exertions in the Royal Arch. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the 2nd and 3rd Principals; this was responded to by Baron de Ferriere, M.P. for Cheltenham, who expressed the pleasure it always gave him to meet the Companions. He thanked them for having placed him in office; he had already passed through the Rose Croix and Mark degrees; but he was most deeply interested in the Royal Arch. The next toast was that of the Visitors, namely, Comps. Terry, Edmonds (Metropolitan Chapter) 1507, and Dr. Jackson 534, who had all kindly assisted that evening. The thanks of the Chapter were also due to Comp. Griffith, who had been obliged to leave early in the evening. This Companion very ably exalted their candidate. This was severally responded to by the Visitors, after which the health of the P.Z.'s was proposed, namely, Comps. Farnfield and Collis; especial allusion was also made to Comp. Paas S.E. and P.Z., who had done much good work for the Polish National Lodge and Chapter, and also their own Chapter. Comp. Paas, in responding, thanked the Companions for having so especially alluded to him; he was very glad to find that they were getting younger members to join the Chapter. After this the Janitor's toast brought to a conclusion a very pleasant evening's entertainment.

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LEOPOLD LODGE, NO. 235.

ON Monday, 31st ult., was to have been held the annual Installation Festival of this Lodge, at Reading, but on receipt of the news of the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, it was decided to pospone the Festival, and hold a regular Lodge instead, for the purpose of passing suitable resolutions expressive of the sorrow of all M.M. Masons and the members of this Lodge in particular at the untimely death of the Prince, whose name stands first enrolled on its list of members and after whom the Lodge was named. The Lodge, which was well attended, was held at the Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, under the presidency of Bro. S. Bradley W.M., and the following resolution was moved by Bro. Edward Margrett P.M., seconded by Bro. T. J. Pulley P.M., and carried unanimously. "That the Leopold Lodge of M.M.M., No. 235, deeply deploring the loss which Mark Masonry in general, and this Lodge in particular has sustained by the untimely death of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.M.M.M. (whose name stands first enrolled on its list of members), desires to offer a floral wreath at his funeral as a last fraternal token. The Lodge also desires to offer to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and to H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany a humble tribute of condolence and sympathy in this their sudden bereavement." The floral wreath, which was a most handsome one, was supplied by Mr. Phippen, of Broad-street, Reading. It measured about thirty inches in diameter, and was composed of a fringe of ferns and a very effective arrangement of splendid gardenias, white tea roses, camellias, lilies of the valley and other choice white flowers. The name of the Lodge was worked in the circle, in the centre of which was a special emblem of the Order, a triangle, formed of purple hyacinths and red azaleas—the Mark Masonic colours. Within the triangle the number of the Lodge, 235, was worked. The wreath was on view in Mr. Phippen's shop window on Thursday, and attracted a great deal of attention. On the 5th inst. a deputation from the Leopold Lodge, consisting of Bros. S. Bradley and T. J. Pulley, attended at Windsor and presented the floral wreath at the Castle.

FITZWILLIAM LODGE, No. 277.

ON Tuesday afternoon, the 8th instant, the annual festival of this Lodge was celebrated at Freemasons' Hall, Malton, when the installation of Bro. W. Constable, the W.M. elect, took place according to ancient custom. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.G.M.O., and the W.M. then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bro. S. Chadwick P.P.G.J.O. I.P.M., John Hudson S.W., J. W. Marshall P.P.G.O. J.W., A. W. Walker M.O., J. B. Nicholls P.G.S.B. S.O., T. M. Goldie J.O., Rev. W. G. Chilman P.G. Chaplain Chaplain, A. W. Walker Treasurer, James Buckle Secretary, W. Heckley Registrar of Marks, W. J. Marshall Organist, George Fitchett D.C., R. J. Smithson S.D., M. F. W. Williamson J.D., W. R. Metcalfe I.G., Spiegelhalter and T. C. Clough Stewards. At the conclusion of Lodge business, a grand banquet was served up at Bro. Fitchett's, the Talbot Hotel, the repast being of the usual first-rate description for which this house is noted. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and was supported by a goodly number of Officers and brethren, as well as by several distinguished visitors. After the banquet the usual toast list was gone through, and a most agreeable evening was spent. The visiting brethren included Bros. C. F. Matier Grand Master's Lodge G.W. P.P.D.G.M. Lancashire, Charles Lane 319 Grand Master's Lodge P.M. 39 and P.G.D. England, T. B. Whytehead York P.G.M.O., M. Lockenby S.D. York Lodge T.I., and Edwin Greenwood 95, Scarborough.

DRIFFELT LODGE, No. 291.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Driffield. Bro. Chadwick the I.P.M., in the absence of Bro. M. M. Reynard the W.M., took the chair, and opened the Lodge in accordance with ancient formalities, after which the chair was assumed by Bro. Walter Reynolds P.M. 12 P.G.D.C. of England, the Installing Master, and Bro. John Dunn, who had discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair during the past year with exemplary zeal, was presented as the W.M. elect and was duly installed. Bros. J. R. Ansdell W.M. 182 P.P.G.S.B. Lincolnshire, E. Bryan W.M. 281 P.G.J.O., and A. P. Wilson P.M. P.P.G.S.W. N. and E. Yorkshire assisting. The newly installed Master having been saluted with honours invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. M. M. Reynard I.P.M., J. Elgey S W. and Treasurer, J. Scott Wilson J.W., S. Chadwick Chaplain, Hy. Hargreaves M.O., John T. Kirby S.O., Geo. S. Highmoor J.O. and D.C., Walter Highmoor Secretary and Reg. of Marks, Robinson S.D., Hy. Watson J.D., T. Bowman I.G., and G. H. Potts Tyler and Steward. A vote of condolence was passed, on the motion of Bro. G. S. Highmoor, to Her Majesty and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany. After Lodge was closed the customary toasts received full justice; that of the newly installed Master being especially most heartily given and responded to. Bros. A. P. Wilson and Bryan acknowledged the toast of The Provincial Grand Officers, Bros. Reynolds the Installing Master, Bros. Smith, Hind and others the Visitors, Bro. J. Scott Wilson the Officers. Bro. J. Ansell acted throughout as, and proved himself a most excellent, D.C. The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable meeting to a termination.

Brother Thomas, Bull P.M. 145, will be pleased to meet any brethren who are interested in securing the election of Lionel Blenkinsop Manby, on Wednesday next, the 16th instant, at the Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 7:30 o'Clock.

The usual Committee Meeting Benevolent Institution was held or at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. M. The death of two male and two fe nounced by the Secretary, and a le J. B. Monckton, acknowledging th mittee tendered him for his preside The report of the Audit Commit adopted. It shows that there is £7000 in favour of the Institutio was arranged that £2000 should b for the Male and Female Funds. customary visit of the Stewards o take place, and a Committee ha draw up the annual report, and having been disposed of, the mee conclusion.

Our readers, and indeed memb rally, will regret to learn that Bro Grand Secretary, is prevented from duties through ill health. We ho ere long, be restored, and that he his customary place in the Grand

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The meetings of the Industry No. 186, will be resumed at the Hampstead (close to the West Ha politan Railway), on Wednesday, ceremony of Installation will be r G. Horsey W.M. 186, P.M. 1892 Surrey. The Lodge will be precisely.

We have pleasure in announcing will give a Concert at Myddelt Islington, N., on Thursday evenin mence at 8 o'clock. Among the v our worthy brother on this occasio Woodhatch, Miss Clara Myers, Messrs. Bicknell Young and W. Humphrey J. Stark, Mus, Bac., a act as conductors.

Justice Lodge of Instruction. 3rd instant, at the Brown Bear, High-s Bros. Banks W.M., Freeman S.W., Pitt Williams S.D., Penrose J.D., Ingram I Preceptor, Good, and J. W. Freeman; After preliminaries, the ceremony of in Smith candidate. Lodge was advanced ceremony of raising rehearsed, Brother candidate. Lodge was resumed in the f form. Brethren residing in the neigh invited to attend this Lodge of Instructi

On 10th April, Bros. Milbourn W.M. Fisher J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., I.G., Good P.M. and several others. minutes were read. The ceremonies rehearsed, Bro. Ingram candidate. Lo Williams was elected W.M. for the en thanks was ordered to be recorded o manner in which Bro. Milbourn perform then Lodge was closed.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruct ing was held on Monday, 7th instant, a Highbury. Present—Bros. Hunt W.M Collingridge Secretary, Dixie S.D., T Trewinnard Preceptor; also Bros. Alf other brethren. After preliminaries, t rehearsed, Bro. Rhodes candidate. Lod degree. Brother Trewinnard was unan and Bro. Moreland 1693 a member. occupy the chair of K.S. during Lodge night, 21st April. The brethren will a and supper will be placed on table at the several Stewards, or of Bro. Isaac I occupy the chair; Bro. Forge P.M. 1 vice chair.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of —At the Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tu sent—Bros. Mercer W.M., Hall as P J.W., Berry Secretary, Moon S.D., Ha several other brethren. Lodge was ope of last meeting were read and confirmed himself as a candidate the ceremony Lodge opened in the second degree and rehearsed, Bro. Tremere being candida and closed in third and second degree elected W.M. for the ensuing week, an

EVEN the Chinese and Japanese *now* find that they too must advance.

The Entered Apprentice must advance to the Fellow Craft and then become a Master Mason, and in time may become an Officer in his Lodge and the Master of it; and in due time become a Grand Master of Masons. To do this he must advance in the knowledge, not only of the rituals of the degrees, but in the laws, practice, and usages of Masonry. During our service in the office we hold in Grand Lodge, and acting as Librarian, we are frequently appealed to by the young Mason, and often by the newly installed Master and Wardens, as to what books we would recommend them to read to obtain a more intimate knowledge of Masonry.

Oftentimes the Master wants to take from the library Mackey's Jurisprudence, Mackey's Parliamentary Law, Chase's Digest, &c. It has occurred to us that every Lodge in the whole country should own copies of certain Masonic works, and require, by their by-laws, that these works shall be transmitted regularly every year by the retiring Worshipful Master to his successor upon his installation, and that the latter shall be publicly charged to take them his study and constant reference.

At the present day each Grand Lodge has its own peculiar digest; therefore it is not for us, in this paper, to dictate as to which author's works would be preferable. The Grand Lodge should indicate to its Lodges the works referred. In this way the Masters of Lodges would become proficient in the questions which ordinarily arise in our Lodges.

Of course the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and by-laws of the particular Lodge should invariably be read and studied, not only by the Worshipful Master, but by the Wardens and other Officers.

There is also another matter which would add greatly to the progress of the members, namely, to have a sufficient number of the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge supplied, so that all the members who so desire might have an opportunity of reading not only the regular Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, but also the reports on correspondence.

The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia has always furnished, gratuitously, to the members of the Lodges copies of the Annual Proceedings in such numbers that all who wish can get a copy.

In consequence of this system the members are constantly making *progress* in the proper knowledge of Masonic matters, and it is remarked that there is not a more intelligent body of Masons anywhere than in the District of Columbia, and we attribute this to the above mentioned fact of the free distribution of the printed Proceedings among the brethren. It is true that some Masons among us, more shame to them for it, would be willing to curtail our Proceedings by lopping off the report on correspondence, as these never read, and are so few that they do not raise their voice in Grand Lodge against it. The avidity shown by the large majority to get hold of the Proceedings when issued, and the anxious inquiries nightly propounded as to how soon they will be ready, convinces us that to deprive them of this privilege would be seriously felt and certainly kicked against in this jurisdiction.

Now we infer from this that if in other jurisdictions the same liberal policy were to be followed, the Grand Lodges would find a great increase in the interest manifested by the brethren, and moreover there would be greater *progress* in the knowledge of the vital principles of Masonry.

Through the *Voice of Masonry*, so widely disseminated, we trust that this subject will attract the attention of the more advanced Masons and those who lead in all good works, and more particularly in distributing the Annual Proceedings among the brethren. It is true that three copies are sent to each Lodge, and the stereotype order on the back of each: "To be read in open Lodge," but how often is that order neglected? and how few of the brethren are present to hear the reading? and moreover the report on correspondence is never read in open Lodge, as these reports, to be worth reading, are too weighty for the Lodge-room. These must be carried home, and there carefully read, and the best part of them carefully considered; for in these reports are collected the opinions, upon Masonic questions, of the most advanced thinkers of the present day, and whose opinions are valuable, and when compared with the works of Mackey, practice. Masonry, as now constituted, is a regular graduated system of progress, from the first degree to the third in the Lodge; from the fourth to the seventh in the Chapter; and the eighth and ninth in the Council.

These nine degrees constitute Ancient Craft Masonry and no one can be well educated or informed upon the ritualism of the Institution of the modern era without having carefully studied the dogmas and the morals of each and all of these several degrees. Those who have philosophically studied Masonry have fully appreciated the graduated system, and know that it is the true method of "communication," by symbols and allegories.

In the First degree—the great lesson is "Faith"—trust in God—or no obligation could possibly be effectual to secure the fidelity of the neophyte, and the lessons are addressed to his moral faculties. The Fellow Craft is taught the value and necessity of the knowledge of the sciences, and the lessons are addressed to his intellectual faculties.

The Master Mason's degree originally, now the third in the scale, is to teach the Mason that the morality of the first, and the intellectual cultivation in the second, are to qualify him for the spiritual life which is illustrated in the third degree.

The fourth, which is a supplement to the second, teaches that man should be industriously employed in the quarries of life, to *perfect* the work given to him to execute, by the written law, so that it shall pass the test of the Grand Overseer, and be adapted to the appropriate use in the spiritual building. The fifth degree teaches the important lesson of a due preparation for the governing of the Craft by careful adherence to the laws of the Institution, its customs and the ancient landmarks so that the affairs of the Lodge may be harmoniously and successfully conducted.

The sixth degree is simply to teach that there should be a successful and joyful perfecting and completion of all enterprises, and that every Masonic work should be so conducted and finished, that it may be dedicated to the service of the one living and true God.

The seventh degree, originally the Master's degree crowns the structure of Masonry, and furnishes an intelligible key to all Masonic mysteries,—and the neophyte who has successfully passed through the preceding steps grades or degrees, and has philosophically studied the meanings (exoteric) of the symbols and allegories, will here learn the "Truth" for which he has been in search in all his former steps. The Royal Master's and Select Mason's degrees rationally account for matters encountered in the preceding degrees. Some have held that these degrees should precede the Royal Arch We do not believe that the Select Mason's degree should be given prior to the Royal Arch. In the first place, the history of the degree, its origin and purpose, forbid it from being communicated to any one below the Royal Arch for it rationally accounts for the mysteries unfolded in that degree. To confer it prior to the Royal Arch requires a total change of both rituals and explanations as was done in Maryland, the district of Columbia and Virginia, the only two States where the Grand Chapters held possession of these degrees and conferred them prior to the Royal Arch. Maryland following the District of Columbia, has dropped them from the Curriculum, and formed her own independent Council and Grand Council. Virginia alone holds to the modern way. Any intelligent philosophical Mason must see that the Select Mason should follow the Royal Arch.—*Voice of Masonry.*

The following Festivals have been held during the week at Freemasons' Tavern:—

Monday, 7th—Lodge of Joppa, Old Kings' Arms Chapter, Cavendish Lodge, Urban Chapter; Tuesday, 9th—Wanderers' Lodge, Jerusalem Chapter, Prudent Brethren Chapter; Wednesday, Enoch Lodge, Lodge of Fidelity; Thursday, 10th—Rose of Sharon Chapter, Polish National Lodge, Lodge of Regularity; Saturday, 12th—Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

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SECOND APPLICATION, April 1884.

To the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

THE favour of the VOTES and INTEREST of the Governors and Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of

LIONEL BLENKINSOP J. MANBY,
AGED 9 YEARS.

The Candidate's father, Bro. JOHN G. MANBY, was initiated in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 202, Liverpool, in 1859, and on his removal to London joined Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, and the Chapter, and continued to be a subscribing member of the same until his death, which took place in January 1883. He leaves a widow and four young children very inadequately provided for.

Proxies will be thankfully received by the widow, Mrs. MANBY, Ashwick Cottage, Oakhill, Bath.

VOTES AND INTEREST ARE SOLICITED FOR

MRS. JANE TRIBE, aged 63,

WIDOW of Brother George Henry Tribe, who was initiated 1858 in No. 804, Lyttelton, New Zealand; joined No. 668, Christchurch, New Zealand; was first Worshipful Master of No. 1241, Ross, New Zealand; subsequently District Grand Chaplain Westland; and District Grand Treasurer North Island, New Zealand.

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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 21st day of April 1884, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

elect twelve Life, or Annual, Subscribers, as members of the General Committee for the year ensuing.

consider the following Notices of Motion :—

1. By Bro. ROBERT MARTIN: To insert as Section 2 in Law 63, after the word "thereof"—

"A Lodge or Masonic Body may, under similar conditions, place a duly qualified Boy in the Institution, by an annual payment of Fifty Pounds, in lieu of such sum of One Hundred and Seventy-eight Pounds, provided that the Lodge, or Masonic Body, nominating such Boy, shall give such guarantee for the continuous annual payment of Fifty Pounds during the time such Boy shall remain in the Institution as the General Committee may require."

2. By Bro. A. F. GODSON, Vice-Patron, on behalf of the House Committee, that Rule 61 be amended so as to read in future—

"All Candidates for admission to the Institution (excepting those who before the passing of this Resolution have been placed on the list of accepted Candidates) shall, before admission, be required to pass an examination, or be certified by a competent person as having passed an examination, as follows:—If the Candidate be under the age of nine years at the time of admission, the examination shall be in the First Standard of the Government Education Department; if he be between the ages of nine and ten, he must pass in the Second Standard; and if over the age of ten years, then he must pass an examination equal to the Third Standard of the same."

receive a Report from the "House and Building Committee," and to consider the following Notice of Motion based thereon :—

By W. Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, V.-Pres., on behalf of the House and Building Committee :—

"*That* this Court do authorise the purchase of the Four Freehold Houses, being Nos. 1 to 4 Lindum Villas, Wood Green, with the Freehold Land attached thereto, being in all upwards of an acre, for the purpose of the New Preparatory School, at a price not exceeding £3,200;

"*That* a Spacious Hall, available for Divine Service, and for the General Purposes of the Institution, be erected as a separate Building, on the land (the property of the Institution) situate on the west side of the present building, at a cost not exceeding £3,300;

"*That* the plans and suggestions submitted by the Consulting Surveyor, Bro. Robert Berridge, for the accommodation of Fifty Additional boys in the New Buildings for the Preparatory School, be approved and adopted by this Court, on an estimated outlay of £8,0[illegible]."

"*That* it be referred to the House and Building Committee to give effect to those Resolutions."

elect 23 Boys from an approved list of 53 candidates, reduced to 52 by the withdrawal of No. 38, GLOSTER, HARRY PERCY OWEN.

N.B.—The * * denoting that the Candidate has a sister in the R.M.I. for [illegible]ls, *should apply to* No. 34, BESLY, *and not to* No. 35, CANTY.

e chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

ie ballot for the election of candidates will be declared open at One o'clock, or earlier, should business permit, and will be closed at Three o'clock punctually.

By order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.)
Vice-Patron, Secretary.

VICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.
5th April 1884.

86TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL, JUNE 1884.

Indulgence and Sympathy are solicited while maturing the altered arrangements consequent on the sudden and lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, who had intended to preside. Of these due notice will be given.

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FREEMASONS' CHRONICLE

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

(From the *East Anglian Daily Times.*)

ON Monday afternoon last an emergency meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich, for the purpose of passing resolutions of condolence with the Royal Family upon the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, who was connected with the Province as the Worshipful Master of the Royal Clarence Lodge, at Clare, from which place Prince Leopold took the title of Earl of Clarence. It had been generally hoped in the Province that this connection with Suffolk would have induced the late Duke to attend the annual Provincial Grand Lodge, which had been arranged to hold at Clare. The Lodge was presided over in the absence of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Baron Lord Waveney, by the Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who was supported by a large muster of brethren including the Earl of Limerick Prov. G.M. Bristol, N. Tracy P.G. Sec. 376, B. P. Grimsey P.P.S.G.W. 959, R. C. M. Rouse P.G.C. [illegible] Cecil Ives P.P.G.S. Oxon 1823, W. P. Mills P.G.S.W. 376, S. R. Anness P.G.J.D. 376, T. Grimwood P.P.G.R. 81, B. Gall P.G.S.D. [illegible] J. M. Harvey P.P.G.P. 936, J. R. Thompson P.P.G.S.B. 100 A. Barber P.P.G.S.B. 225, T. Noble P.G.J.D. 225, J. M. Canon P.G.S.W. 1983, W. Armstrong P.G.J.D. 1592, G. Abbott P.P.G.S. 225, J. F. Hills P.P.G.J.W., H. Sidney P.G.D. of Ceremonies 376, J. K. Sidgwick P.P.G.R. 376, H. J. Wright P.P.G. 936, W. Hart P.P.G.J.D. 332, J. A. Pettit P.P.A.D.C. 33 J. M. Franks P.G. Steward 376 225, J. L. Brook W.M., Joh Talbot P.M., A. W. Cook J.W., William Leathers S., E. Garwood P.M., W. J. Patterson, E. Clarken, Abbott Lord, Joseph Whitehead P.M., W. Sheppard, G. Curtis, James Napier P.G.J.D., A. Sento R. Senton, E. Buckham W.M. 376, T. R. Elkington 376, F. [illegible] Atkinson 376, A. E. Smith W.M. 1983, R. K. Kasley W.M. 114, [illegible] Caton W.M. 388, S. Snow W.M. 959, J. C. Norman S.W. 332, W. H Heasey 81, C Emmerson 1224, J. E. Barnes S.W. 1823, F. W. Jen nings W.M. 1224, J. W. Shepherd P.P.G.S.W. 1592, G. Gould 95 Lodge having been opened, the Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. N. Tracy) read the warrant of the Prov. Grand Master, which was in the following terms :—

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

On the most lamentable and sudden decease of the late R.W. Bro. H.R.H. Leopold Duke of Albany P.G.W., and Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire, and W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 1823, Clare, Suffolk, the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Suffolk directs :—

1. That all private Lodges within the Province do adopt the ordinary Masonic mourning for the four Lodge nights next ensuing after the receipt of these presents.

2. That a Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency be convened with all convenient speed to prepare an address of condolence to her Majesty the Queen and to H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany on this grievous occasion.

The said P.G.L. (E.) to be in charge of the R.W.D.P.G.M., in the absence of the P.G.M., for sufficiency reasons.

Special.—The P.G.M. takes notice of the loss that the Province has sustained in the sudden removal of this worthy and accomplished Brother, whose connection with the Craft has so recently been begun and unhappily not to be perpetuated, such being the will of the G.A.U.

WAVENEY P.G.M. Prov. Suffolk.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn), in the name of the Prov. Grand Master, thanked the brethren most sincerely for the way in which they had responded to the invitation given at such very short notice, and said he was sure it was not necessary to offer any inducements to make the Freemasons of Suffolk rally together on such an occasion as the present, when all they had to do was to draw up and agree upon, as he was quite sure they would do unanimously, an address of condolence with Her Majesty the Queen and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany in the very sad and unexpected death of the Duke of Albany, which has so lately occurred. There could be but one feeling in the mind of every single soul there present, and that was an earnest and heartfelt wish that it might please the G.A.O.T.U., who had sent this blow to help the bereaved mother and the widowed wife to bear their great trial. On such occasions as these human consolations were of little avail—they, to be of any use, must be given by Him who sent the blow, who alone could help the sufferer to bear it. Still, at the same time, as he had occasion to know, these expressions of sympathy did help undoubtedly to alleviate the distress, and sorrow, and the pain, and therefore he was quite certain that they, one and all, were ready to do what little lay in their power to testify to Her Most Gracious Majesty, and also to the Duchess of Albany, their sincere feelings of regret that it had pleased the Almighty to take from their midst their beloved and honoured brother the Duke of Albany. Many of them had been hoping to have seen H.R.H. down in the Province of Suffolk during the coming year. He had only recently, in a most kindly and gracious manner, accepted the Mastership of the Clarence Lodge (almost the youngest Lodge in the Province) at Clare, and they had been hoping that during his Mastership he would have personally visited Clare. Had he done so it was the wish of the Prov. Grand Master to be present, assisted by his Prov. Grand Officers, and pay

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all due respect to His Royal Highness. However, "Man proposes, God disposes," and it had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to take their brother away from them. All they could do would be to try and pour the balm of consolation in the bosom of the afflicted. He was sure they would all join with him in those sentiments he had feebly attempted to express. It would ill become him, even if he could do so, to go through the list of the excellences of their brother who was now taken from them. There could be but one feeling amongst them, and he was sure they would all try to give that feeling expression by their votes that day. If he might be allowed to add anything to the memorandum on the notice which the Provincial Grand Master had addressed to them, it would be this—that votes of condolence should be sent to Her Majesty the Queen and to the Duchess of Albany, and he thought it would only be fitting that they, assembled in Prov. Grand Lodge, should send a similar address to the Grand Master of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, testifying their loyalty to himself and their participation in the sorrow and grief with which he was now filled at the loss of his brother. He had always looked upon Masonry as a thing so like their own glorious religion that it combined together men of every sort and kind and class, and it was true of Masonry as it was true of religion that if one member suffered all the members suffered with it. That being so, he felt sure they might testify, and he was sure it would be graciously received if they did so testify, their sympathy with their Grand Master the Prince of Wales. In conclusion, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master said no one could regret the absence of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master more than he did, except the Prov. Grand Master himself, who had lately been appointed to a high office in Ireland, and had been obliged to go over to County Antrim to fulfil some duties connected with the Lord Lieutenancy of that county. He charged him (the Deputy Prov. Grand Master) to express to the brethren his hearty concurrence in what they were about to do, and his deep personal regret at the loss which the country, the Craft, and especially the Royal Family had sustained in what they called the untimely death of the Past Grand Warden of England, the Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, and as they, the Masons of Suffolk, rather loved to think of him and consider him, the Worshipful Master of the Clarence Lodge. He begged to propose that an address of condolence be prepared and forwarded to Her Most Gracious Majesty; that a similar address be forwarded to H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany; and that another address be also forwarded to H.R.H. the Grand Master of England, the Prince of Wales. Bro. W. P. Mills seconded the motion, and said he was sure they all sincerely felt the great loss which had been sustained by the death of the Worshipful Master of the Clarence Lodge, who was one of our most highly esteemed Princes. He was sure they all agreed with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master that "it is only on the banks of celestial streams those simples grow which cure the heartache." The resolution was carried unanimously. The Prov. Grand Secretary read a draft of the proposed addresses as follows:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please your Majesty,—Madam—We, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Suffolk, in open Lodge assembled, desire to express our deep sorrow for the loss sustained by your Majesty and Royal Family, by the death of our lamented brother H.R.H. Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, K.G.

The feeling of regret which is shared by all your Majesty's loyal subjects is in especial manner felt by us, who have been honoured by his late connection with our Province, from which, by the example of his high principled life, we had been led to expect the most beneficial results.

Without intruding into the sacred precincts of the private feelings of your Majesty, we trust the G.A.O.T.U. may bestow his heavenly consolation, and that the hearty sympathy of your Majesty's loyal subjects may aid to mitigate the blow.

TO HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY.

May it please your Royal Highness,—Madam—We, the Provincial Grand Master, Officers, and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons, in open Lodge assembled, desire heartily to express our fraternal sorrow at the loss of our lamented brother, your late husband His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G.

May we trust the knowledge of his high-toned and blameless life, and a reliance on the wisdom and love of the G.A.O.T.U. may mitigate the severity of the blow, and further that the fraternal sympathy of our Order, by whom he was so much admired and loved, may prove some consolation in the hour of your deep sorrow.

The address to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was not prepared, but it was announced that it would be in similar terms. The Provincial Grand Secretary stated that he had received several letters—one from Lord Henniker, of the Hartismere Lodge, in which he stated that it had been his intention to be present, but having been prevented he wished publicly to express his sincere sympathy with the purpose of the meeting. He had also received a letter from the W.M. of the Waveney Lodge and several others, all of whom expressed their extreme sympathy with the occasion. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master announced that at a meeting of the Royal Clarence Lodge, held on Monday last, in order to express their deep regret at the loss of their W.M., it was proposed that a brass tablet, commemorative of the connection of H.R.H. with the Clarence Lodge, should be placed in the church at Clare. He did not know whether the Province would wish to be associated with that commemorative tablet or not, but he thought himself it was so very rare that a Province could boast of a Prince of the Royal blood as a W.M., and still more so was it that unluckily during the actual year of his Mastership that unhappy and lamentable event of his death should take place that they, as a Provincial Grand Lodge, were placed in a peculiar position with regard to H.R.H., and he threw it out as a suggestion as to whether they would not wish to be associated with the placing of a public record of their sorrow at the untimely death of the Worshipful Master of the Royal Clarence Lodge.

A short discussion followed, in the course of which Bro. Major-General Ives, D.W.M. of the Clarence Clare would not think of inviting th placing in the church at Clare a tab W.M., they would undoubtedly feel it should express a wish to be associate the motion of the Prov. Grand Secre (Sec. 376), it was resolved, "That th Lodge sanctions the idea of the Provi the W.M. of the Clarence Lodge." Deputy Provincial Grand Master, th and Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives, be purpose of carrying the resolution int Deputy Provincial Grand Master a the Right Worshipful Brother the Ear in attending the Lodge. Bro. the E the compliment, and said, having h Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, as a Prince did he most ably discharg not only was he most anxious to tak for the good of this country, but as a and earnest. He was this year to hi one of the great Masonic Charities, strove to do it thoroughly and well. Order of Freemasonry, but the country great loss in the death of their most i sion, his lordship thanked the Lodge they had given him. The Lodge was

PROVINCIAL GRAND CH

AFTER the close of the Provincial who were Companions of the Grand Chapter, under Comp. the Rev. Superintendent of Suffolk, to pass m Royal Family. The P.G.S. was assis as Prov. G. H., W. Mills Prov. G. J., Tracy Prov. Scribe E., and about t Prov. Grand Superintendent expresse attendance, and explained the object Masons they would feel especial regr Albany, as it was only within the las pied one of the principal chairs of Gr and they had looked forward to him occ proposed that votes of condolence be Queen, the Duchess of Albany, and to of Wales. Comp. Mills seconded th unanimously. Comp. Townsend p seconded, that the Provincial Grand C for the erection of the proposed m arrangements being left in the hands Grand Lodge. Comp. Cecil Ives e unanimous vote just passed, and tho discussed by his Lodge as to the mem the proposal from the Royal Clarence, that Lodge would be as gratified for t join in the memorial as he was. The then closed in due form.

NEW YORK MASONRY

NEW York masonry bears the s Institution, as Mormonism does *They are both wedded to polygan* purest, but their practices are offens deluded by their misrepresentations.

A feigned belief in the principles of covers the lechery of the Mormon, and primary truths of Masonry is the mant the false principles inculcated by thos sent Masonry before the world.

New York Masonry has *sealed* unto Ancient and Accepted Rites, the rites Shrines of Arabic Nobles and a dozen o strength and its substance are wasted, be the true mistress of its heart, is ne for the sake of keeping up appearances

There was a time when *Master* Maso title, now, with the dust thrown in nobody unless he prefixes half of the al half of the numerals to his name.

Masonic charlatanism has met wit Brother Smith, in his white apron, is co head before Sir Verdant Green, arraye ostrich plumes and military trappings. mere nonentity unless he is an Eminent something, and what with the squabble the pretended patents of hereditary Ma faction, and disputed by another, New a bye word and a reproach.

Meanwhile, fostered by Knight Templ is practised in the ritual—it is *inexpedi*

Meanwhile *charity* is almost an un Masonry.

Meanwhile the white elephant stan third street with no prospect of the Cra for the next fifty years.

Meanwhile lodges are compelled to city, while the Temple furnishes ban Templars and Arabic Nobles.

It is about time that New York Ma Mormon proclivities, and return to its tr its strength, its purity and its prosperi

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.

—:o:—

SATURDAY, 12th APRIL.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
276—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
304—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
812—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
824—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
871—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Royal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street W, Hammersmith

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 14th APRIL.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
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
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington

R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

21—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
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
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
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
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Vermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
474—Israel, Mason's Hall, Bennett's-court, Birmingham
477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
593—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1861—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey

R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 779—Tuscan, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 15th APRIL.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
65—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, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, 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)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
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, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8. (In)
1695—New Finsbury Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
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)
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
344—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Bute, 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
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
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. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 16th APRIL.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
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, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Ins
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instructio
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (I
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—Merc'ant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instructio
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (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.)
1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instructi
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst
1601—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (
1662—Beaconsfield, Checquers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instru
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Ins
1803—Colonial, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (I

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instructio
R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1594—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instructio
R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
131—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
210—Duke of Atbol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
249—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
673—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
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
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
1060—Watson, 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
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, 150 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
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

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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
R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe
R.A. 381—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford
R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
R.A. 5?9—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 1423—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 17th APRIL.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
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)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High St., e., Deptford, 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, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's 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)

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
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (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.)
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
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, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Bon Accord, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)
R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Bushingden
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
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
800—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
805—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley

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
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1680—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton

R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
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. 516—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 18th 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 Pilgrim, 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)
837—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—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)
1288—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, Lansdowne Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1701—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)
1952—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Loudon-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 92—Mo[illegible], The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 176—Eru, Greyhound, Hampton Court, at 3
K.T. 45—Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Bristol

453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grain
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, D
903—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshu

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great Georg
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hal

R.A.—General Chanter of Improvement, M
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzw
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall,
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall,
M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury,

SATURDAY, 1

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Fre
188—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate R
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road,
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mar
1304—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Trin
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Brid
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cam
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh S
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fl

410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighto
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

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LODGE OF JOPI

A REGULAR meeting was held o
masons' Tavern, Great Queen-s
A. Martin S.W., J. W. Dewsnap J.W.,
Dodson P.M. as Secretary (in the una
Albert, through severe indisposition),
Hicks I.G., I. Botibol and Davey Ste
L. Lazarus, M. Spiegel, H. M. Levy,
Baker, L. Alexander, L. M. Myers, I. B
W.M. 1441, M. Emanuel P.P.G.R. H
Zucker 1658, W. Vincent P.G.S.B.
After Lodge had been formally opened
Bros. G. A. Laundy and Kool were rais
from Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P., who has
for thirty years as Secretary, tendering
with great regret. Bro. H. M. Levy said
posink that Bro. Albert be made an hon.
brethren one and all hoped Bro. Alber
many years among them. Bro. L. M
conded the proposition, which was su
and L. Alexander, and carried una
Master then proposed that a letter of
Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Mo
on the sad bereavement caused by the de
Highness the Duke of Albany; this was
P.M., and carried unanimously. The W
the resignation of their respected Secret
appointing Bro. L. Lazarus to that impo
Bro. Lazarus would carry out the duties
was then closed, and the brethren sat dow
provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond L
Bro. Dawkins. The W.M. proposed th
H. M. Levy responded to the toast of
responding for the Visitors, Bro. M. E
Wight said at one time he was located fo
and had served the office of W.M. in Lo
sure in being present at this meeting.
posed the health of the W.M., who was fo
the duties of the chair. The W.M. v
Roberts and Dodson acknowledged the
Masters, and then the remaining toasts
cial reference being made to the zeal disp
Bro. E. P. Albert. Bros. Baker P.M., H
contributed to the harmony.

ST. MICHAEL'S LOD

A REGULAR meeting was held on
Albion, Aldersgate-street, when the
Morgan W.M., T. H. Peirce S.W., H. Mar
Secretary, T. Crapper J.D., A. Withers P
Steward, A. Dickson I.G., C. T. Speight T
J. Lindsell, &c. Visitors—Bros. Glenny, a
the minutes of last meeting had been read
Ten Guineas was voted in aid of the Roy
Girls, the same to be placed on the list
course of the evening it was arranged that
sent to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Qu
Albany, sympathising with them in the sa
by the death of the Duke of Albany. Afte
closed, and adjourned till the second Tues
banquet was supplied by Bro. W. [illegible]

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ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

THE regular meeting of this excellent working Lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, under residency of Bro. J. J. Gunner W.M., W. D. Beckett S.W., F. Botley W., W. Hilton P.M. Secretary, E. C. Botley S.D., Maton J.D., J. Arnold I.G., W. J. Sherring D.C., J. Tarling Steward, L. anckel I.P.M.; P.M.'s Bros. Littlewood, W. Goss, Blasby, H. Potter. sitors—Bros. H. H. Hodges P.P.G.W. Berks and Bucks, H. E. icker I.P.M. 1612, Hobbs 209, Phillips P.M. 820, S. Goddard 1539, obinson 1589, Sugg 1996, Tomlin 174, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The dge was opened at 3 o'clock, and the minutes of last meeting were id and confirmed. The Bye-laws of the Lodge were also read. o. E. Stephens was raised to the second degree, and Messrs. W. A. inchet, E. Winter, and J. Brooks, who had been previously balloted r, were duly initiated into the Order, the W.M. performing the remony in a very perfect and impressive manner. The Officers also re equally perpect. The resignation of two brethren was accepted th regret. The sad news of the death of the Duke of Albany .M. for Oxfordshire was commented on by the W.M., and great mpathy was felt by the brethren on the sad bereavement Her jesty the Queen and the Royal Family had sustained. Hearty od wishes were tendered by the visitors, and the Lodge was closed. capital banquet was supplied by Bro. Brill, but the enjoyment of meeting was sadly marred by the mournful tidings just announced. In speaking to the several toasts, Bro. Gunner made ecefol allusion to the many qualities of the deceased Prince. The r. Master said, had the sad news been communicated to him earlier, vote of condolence would have been proposed; this would, however, be done on a future occasion. Bro. Franckel I.P.M. proposed the lth of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Gunner's working of the ceremonies that night showed they had a Master who could and would ry out every duty required of him during his year of office. The M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which health had been received; he was proud of the confidence placed him, and when he handed the gavel to his successor he hoped the thren would not regret having placed it in his hands. In reing for the Past Masters, Bro. Blasby announced that he was ut to act as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Inution for Girls, which would take place on the 21st May; he ted the brethren of the Royal Alfred would support him. Bro. nckel felt proud to be numbered among the Past Masters; his rt and soul was with them. The W.M. then proposed the toast the Initiates, and in a very forcible speech spoke of the duties ired of them in Freemasonry. Bros. Hanchet, Brooks and E. ter severally responded. The W.M. then proposed the toast of Visitors. Bro. H. H. Hodges P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks onded, paying a just compliment to the W.M. for the able manin which he had performed the ceremonies, and for his genial prency. After other toasts the brethren separated.

CAXTON LODGE, No. 1859.

THE members of this flourishing Lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday last, for the purpose of installing their new Master. Butterworth presided as W.M.; Oakman S.W., Beck J.W., ole Treasurer, H. Meredith P.M. Secretary, Richards S.D., Gil- J.D., H. L. Diprose I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. G. J. Dawson, A. Wood, Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Brother achanan was raised to the third degree in a very impressive ner. The report of the Audit Committee was read; it showed Lodge was in a flourishing condition, with a balance of £40 in , and £20 to the credit of the Benevolent Fund. A Board of alled Masters was opened, and Bro. Oakman S.W. and W.M. elect presented and duly installed in the chair by Bro. Butterworth. W.M. in able manner appointed and invested his Officers—Bros. Beck S.W., W. Richards J.W., E. Cole Treas., T. H. Meredith Sec., J. G. Gilbert S.D., H. L. Diprose J.D., S. Morley I.G., H. ercy D.C., J. Gibson Assist. D.C., B. Wynne Steward, R. Q. ly Assist. Steward, Henri De Solla Organist, J. Lackland Tyler. e was then closed, and the brethren—67 in number—sat down sumptuous and récherché banquet supplied by Bros. Spiers Pond (Limited), and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. The W.M. genially presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic s. Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P. responded for the Grand Officers. Butterworth in eulogistic terms proposed the health of the W.M., had conducted the business in so able a manner. The W.M. in sing the toast of the Immediate Past Master said he had much ure in placing on his breast a jewel, voted him by the Lodge. Bro. Butterworth well deserved, and they all hoped he would or many years to wear it among them. The W.M. in proposing oast of the Treasurer and Secretary, said he could scarcely find s to express his thanks to both those Officers. The Treasurer ever attentive to his duties; while as to Bro. Meredith, the tary, his books might well be taken as a model. Bros. Cole and lith severally responded. The W.M. next proposed, as a special the health of the Honorary Members—Bros. C. A. Cottebrune ., H. De Solla, James Terry and Dr. Kempster 1420. All these en had done much to advance the interests of the Lodge. Kempster acknowledged the compliment. Soon afterwards the s toast was given. Bro. Henri de Solla provided a good selecf music; the following were the artistes:—Messrs. L. Foote, ote, Bros. F. H. Cozens and H. Ashton. There were twenty- visitors.

rcy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 29th March. Bros. W.M., Ashton S.W., Oldis J.W., Gillen S.D., Smith J.D., ags I.G., Cohen Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. n, Woolveridge, Harding, Houghton, Leber, Hetterick, Moss, r, Mullord, Glass, and Gribbell. After preliminaries, Brother Turner offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of raising w rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Lodge w closed early on account of its being the monthly meeting of th Masonic Association in connection with this Lodge of Instructio It is gratifying to know that this is being well supported by th brethren. Six ballots have been allotted in five months.

Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37.—The monthly meetir was held on Monday, the 7th instant, at the Masonic Rooms, Swa Hotel, Bolton. Present—Bros. John Booth W.M., F. W. Pacey S.W Poyntz J.W., G. P. Brockbank Secretary, John Hardcastle S.D., F Lomax J.D., J. Naylor I.G., Roiley and Higson Tylers; Brothe Johnson Mills P.M., Robinson, Gillibrand, Mather. The minutes the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge proceeded to th second degree, when Bro. J. W. Mather passed a satisfactory exam nation as a Fellow Craft Mason, and, being entrusted, thereupo retired. Lodge opened in the third degree, when Bro. Mather wa raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. G. P. Brockbank P.M Grand Steward Scotland, who also delivered the traditional histor and explained the working tools of the degree. A resolution, ex pressing the deep regret the brethren felt in the loss the Craft ha sustained by the death of the Duke of Albany P.G.W., was ordere to be inserted on the minutes of the Lodge proceedings. Lodg closed in harmony and peace at 7·30 p.m.

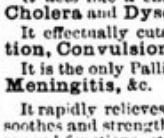
PRINCE EDWARD OF SAXE-WEIMAR LODGE, No. 1903.

ON Wednesday, the 2nd instant, a large number of the brethren this Lodge met at their headquarters, the Masonic Hall, Ports month, when all appeared in deep mourning, aprons and Lodg jewels and banners being covered with crape. On the motion of th W.M. (Bro. Page), seconded by P.M. Townsend, the following reso lution was passed: "That the members of the Prince Edward o Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, beg respectfully to tender to H.R.H the Duches of Albany their heartfelt sympathy and condolence with Her Royal Highness in her deep affliction, by which she has lost loving husband, the nation a wise and able Prince, and the ancien Craft an illustrious brother. The Prince Edward of Saxe-Weima Lodge, of which Lodge the Duke, with his brothers their Royal High nesses the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught, was member, remembering with pride and pleasure the support and encouragement received from the members of the Royal Family venture to express a hope that the Great Architect of the Universe will support and comfort Her Royal Highness in this time of bereavement."

St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766.—The April meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Town Hall, Shoreditch. Bro. A. A. Clements W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. J. A. Jones I.P.M., L. Stean P.M., E. Benjamin P.M. J. Funston S.W., E. Walker J.W., Rev. H. G. Henderson Chaplain, J. Cox Sec., F. Matthews S.D., R. Drysdale J.D., E. T. Clark (acting I.G.), G. C. Young Organist, T. Douglas W.S., and J. Very Tyler. The following members of the Lodge were also present:—Bros. R. H. Drysdale, S. Fennell, Dr. W. Holt, R. S. Mendey, G. Colls, J. Austin, E. A. Beckett, H. Waynforth, and J. Tidball. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Stephen Crane P.M. 933, J. A. Robson S.W. 1445, J. Berry 172, G. Harwood 813, T. Scoborio 177, M. Frank 188, H. Dawson and G. Wade 1310. Amongst other business, Bro. H. J. Scott was raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. W. Austin passed to the F.C. The ceremonies were admirably worked by the W.M. and his Officers. The Brethren appeared in mourning for the late Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, P.G.S.W. and P.G.M. Oxon. On the motion of the W.M., it was resolved to send a vote of condolence and sympathy to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., and also to the Grand Lodge. Lodge was then closed.

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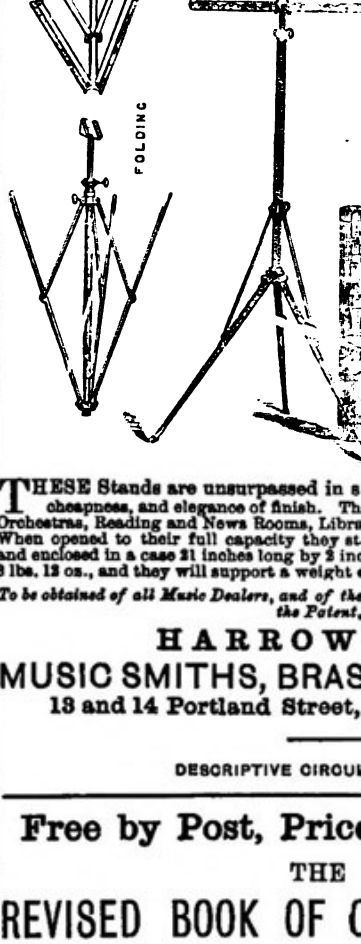
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THE COMING FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

WE have recently had occasion to congratulate the supporters of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on the very large number of scholarships, in proportion to the number of applications, which it has been found possible to declare vacant, and available for competition at the Election which is to take place to-day. It must, indeed, be a matter of great gratification to all well-wishers of the School that no more than twelve of the girls eligible for admission to the benefits of the Institution will be left unprovided for from its funds after the announcement of the result of to-day's polling, but even before this gratification can have been actually experienced, we find it desirable to again draw attention to the fact that the benefits which the Committee of the Girls' School have recently been enabled to bestow in so lavish a manner, and which have so materially decreased the number of those to be sent away as unsuccessful, cannot be continued without the hearty support of the members of the Craft, who, as most of us are aware, have annually to provide by far the larger portion of the money needed for the carrying on of this, and the two other Masonic Institutions. Unfortunately, or, we will only say, "perhaps" unfortunately, for the brethren of to-day, the Central Charities, of which we have so much reason to be proud, are all but unprovided for, so far as permanent income is concerned; while the demands made on them is ever increasing, and may fairly be described as permanent, without the possibility of a doubt. This renders it all the more desirable that we should not only express our pleasure at what is being done, but also have a thought for the future. The future!—that distant future, belonging to the coming generation, can, no doubt, be left to take care of itself; the brethren of that period will experience as much pleasure in knowing that what is then being done at the Institution is being carried out with money subscribed by them, as those of the present day do that their money is paying for the good work now being conducted; but the more immediate future, the next year, or the next few months, is a different matter. Within five weeks from the present time, or, to be exact, on the 21st of next month, the members of the Craft will be called upon to decide what it will be expedient to undertake during the coming year on behalf of the Girls' School—we say, what it will be expedient to undertake; but such an expression is hardly applicable, inasmuch as a very large expenditure is already decided on—the expenditure necessary to continue the Institution in its present state, without any thought being entertained of extension. It is a matter of no little concern to the authorities of our Schools and Benevolent Institution to know where the funds are coming from which are actually required for the ensuing year's work. As we have already said, great praise is due to the Institution which can open its doors to so many of the needy, but once having taken the step, there is no turning back. The children under our care cannot be cast off, or sent back to their friends at a day or two's notice, and it therefore becomes imperative that very large sums of money be annually raised to maintain those already admitted to the Institutions, while a yet further sum is needed to allow of the number of inmates being maintained. If a very great falling off in the receipts of either of our Charities was to take place, it would, of course, be possible to reduce the number of those cared f but such a step could only be adopted under the most t ing circumstances. Retrenchment of our liberality wo be most repugnant, and we trust it may never be need still, we cannot overlook the fact that its being so or entirely depends on the efforts of the brethren who und take the office of Steward, and on the liberality of those whom they appeal.

This year's meeting on behalf of the Girls' School w be the ninety-sixth anniversary Festival, and the Secret has been fortunate enough to secure as the Chairman the day the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Essex, Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, M.P., a Mason of no mea reputation, and head of a Province whose members n be relied upon for doing as much as lies in their power aid the good cause he has taken in hand. Lord Bro will have the support of his worthy Deputy (Brother F. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.) as President of the Board Stewards, of W. Brother Burdett-Coutts, W.M. 2030, Treasurer; of W. Brother Charles Hammerton as Ch man of Ladies' Stewards, and of several brethren throu out the country as ordinary Stewards, and will doubt receive the co-operation of many of his fellow Provin Grand Masters; brethren who in years gone by h fulfilled a duty similar to that he is now undertaking who may in years to come take upon themselves so to He has unfortunately, however, lost one who would h well supported him, in the person of His Royal Highn the late Duke of Albany, who, as is well known, numbe Lord Brooke amongst his most intimate friends, a fact f demonstrated by the appointment of the latter as execu under the will of His Royal Highness. That the frie ship of the lamented Prince Leopold for Lord Brooke tended to Freemasonry we have ample proof, for was His Royal Highness who, but a short time si installed him into the office of Provincial Grand Maste Essex; while the further fact that the Duke of Albany bimself undertaken to perform a similar duty for Charities a few months hence, as Lord Brooke is about do next month, was a further and additional proof of friendly feeling, and if we may say so, friendly riva between the two. Unfortunately Lord Brooke and two Masonic Schools are not the only sufferers by death of our beloved Prince, and the fact that his un pected death will affect both our Girls' and our B Festivals is additional proof of the interest His Ro Highness took in the affairs of the country. We can even hope that the place of His Royal Highness can filled; all we can hope for is that the brethren who h lately evinced so much respect for his memory will do that lies in their power to carry on the work in which Royal Highness took so much interest. Let each brot who can do so come forward and subscribe someth towards a work they are fully convinced would have b supported by the late Duke, especially now that they h the opportunity of doing so by supporting one of his m intimate and trusted friends. The cause of charity the claims of our Girls' School also demand a strong united effort, we having only to turn to the Institut itself, with its long list of pupils, and to the list of ca dates unable yet to obtain admission, to support our ar ment, while it may further be urged that the numbe Stewards so far enrolled is small as compared with years, so that what is to be done falls heavier on those have undertaken a share of it. Not only are this ye

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Stewards smaller in number than usual, but, if we may be allowed the expression, they are, taken as a whole, somewhat inferior in quality. It is well known that the majority of Stewards are usually confined in their operations to their own particular Lodges, but, in a few cases, usually among the Provincials, a more extended circle is open to them. There are, on most of the lists, a number of brethren who act as representative Stewards for their respective Provinces, and to the amounts brought up by these brethren the Institutions are usually indebted for a perceptible increase on the average contributed by the general body of Stewards, but so far this year's Girls' list is particularly deficient in this respect, the number of the Provincial representatives is very small, and, as a consequence, the number of large lists to be expected from the country is small also. There is another form of deficiency which strikes us in this year's list—the absence of any representative from very many of the Provincial Districts. There are always some Provinces which do not come forward at the several Festivals, but we are afraid that when this year's list comes to be analysed it will be found that the number of absentees is even greater than usual.

Bearing, therefore, in mind that the actual number of Stewards is small, the number of representative Provincial Stewards also small, and the number of unrepresented Provinces larger than usual, we can but feel that an extra effort is needed by all who have enrolled their names on the list of workers for this year's Festival. We hope that the result may be of such proportions as to compensate for any additional exertions undertaken by individual Stewards, to one and all of whom we tender our heartiest good wishes.

OATH OF FEALTY.

IN every regular Masonic organisation, there are laws, rules and regulations for the government of those who become members of it. Each one has a system of government peculiar to itself. In the several branches of what is known as the York Rite, there is a general similarity in the management of affairs, the points of difference being principally such as arise from an adherence to certain fixed principles, designated as "landmarks" of the Order. Each branch of Masonry has these landmarks peculiar to itself, and in framing laws they are ever kept in view and preserved inviolably, and in this manner each has been kept within the scope of its original design.

In Ancient Craft Masonry and in the more modern organisations of the York Rite there is a grand or governing body and its constituent bodies. One or more of the principal officers of the latter compose the grand body, and thus become a legislative body, invested with full powers to make laws for the government of the constituent bodies and their members. As these Officers who compose the grand body are elected annually by the members of the constituent bodies, this system of government is a representative one, as much so as the State and National governments of the United States of America. It is in harmony with that idea of free, self government that characterizes all the institutions of this country, and that spirit of independence that our forefathers were ready to sacrifice even their lives to maintain.

When a man is made a Mason he becomes at once an active member of the Lodge conferring upon him the honours of Masonry. He is invested with all the rights and privileges of the Order, and the way is open for him to advance to the highest official position, even to the rank of Grand Master. He stands upon his merit the peer of every Mason in the world. The engagements he enters into in being made a Mason are deemed sufficient to entitle him to the full confidence of his brethren, and no special oath of fealty to any Grand or Supreme body is required. He is not looked upon with suspicion by those appointed to rule over him, but his honour, integrity and fidelity are honoured with the fullest confidence. In the beautiful language of Masonry all meet upon the level; act by the plumb, and part upon the square.

In striking contrast to this representative system of government and equality among Masons, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite occupied a position directly in opword. All other bodies of this Rite the Supreme Council, but are subor abject sense. They are not repres voice in the selection of Officers to r framing the laws by which they are not elect or even nominate suitabl active, or even honorary members of nor do they have this privilege in Deputy for each State. This Deput sometimes does not hold a member body. Representation is the rever being from the Supreme Council to not from the lower to the higher bo only government of this sort that is and enlightened country. It is not prising that an oath of fealty is requi It is more surprising that it is pern and the efforts of some of the ac Supreme Council to perpetuate thei the aid of an oath of fealty, indicates ciate the importance of strengther every means at their command. In ready been done in that direction, an tion shown to take from individual think and act for themselves in m Supreme Council has no lawful cont be accused of disloyalty, we will qu one whose loyalty will not be questi to-day at the head of the Supreme C ern Jurisdiction of the United States Grand Commander, Albert Pike. O says :—

"It will not do for us to forget that o which to rest but opinion, and must be mos will be set at nought. No man can, in this others who are quite his peers. It chafes a at all by one or more men, in making whor ple of whom he is one have had no voice or constitutions, and bear allegiance are can that they impose on free souls are too heavy

If it be true, as our illustrious b power of the Supreme Council "*has rest but opinion*," it is liable to fall ir Oligarchal forms of government are must be especially so when the s respect the peers of their rulers. Us time, and the strongest would win. kind was but recently ended, and an gurated. These things do not occu There all is peace and harmony, and Scottish Rite will adopt a similar making it representative, it would strong that no rival could possibly e time. We commend the subject to those who are seeking to perpetuate t of fealty.—*Masonic Advocate.*

THE SALUTATION TAVERN AI

THE locality in which the great fire of W occurred has connected with it many i ciations, so that it is impossible to traverse courts which intersect it without calling to and personages which have figured in its hi every part of Old London—though its preser anything but old age—has been the scene events which have in time had their effect i this country, and certainly Newgate-street i general proposition. Its proximity to Smit our minds the terrible scenes that were ena first Mary, or, if we are minded to go still fu and tournaments that were held in still earl itself, which was erected in the days of Hen the most dismal associations, having been us and trespassers from the reign of King John, a human vice and wretchedness than any other To the rear of the houses on the south side quite recently what was the principal meat m Before the Great Fire there was here a mark middle row of sheds which had gradually bee for butchers, tripe sellers, and the like. So cro arranged was it that the country people thither were forced to stand with their stall posed to all the coaches, carts, horses, an tinually passing. Yet as the sheds and st Butcher Hall-lane—now more euphuistically k street—and the localities round about the

ıt of Smithfield. Few who pass along Newgate-street on foot or
ı conveyance, can have the faintest idea of what it was between
ty and forty years ago. On market days it was a matter of the
atest difficulty to move along without being charged by one or
re of the innumerable butcher tribe who were moving rapidly about
ıll directions with the carcases of sheep or pigs or other dead meat
their backs, and who took a grim pleasure in jostling against re-
ctable passers by. Not unfrequently round towards Giltspur-
set the scene was varied by a mad chace after some infuriated ox,
ich, goaded to desperation by the brutal treatment of its drover,
ırged indiscriminately, in the direction it happened to take, what-
r or whoever had the misfortune to get in its way. One day in
week by the corner that rounded off towards the Old Bailey were
ıcted for a long term of years many harrowing scenes, when in the
esence of immense and mostly disreputable crowds, gathered from
parts of London, some one or more poor wretches were publicly
nched into eternity in order to vindicate the majesty of the law
l to serve as a warning to all evil doers. Again, at one particular
son of the year—towards the end of the month of September—the
ality that lay to the north and north-west of the street was all
d with excitement attending the great Bartlemy Fair, while
the north-east lay the busy neighbourhood of St. Martin's-le-
and, with the General Post Office and its crowd of carts and
ches and twopenny post boys all waiting to take their part in the
patch of Her Majesty's mails. On the north side, facing the street,
lying considerably back, may be seen the Great Hall of Christ's
spital, and other of the buildings forming part of that ancient
de of learning, while at regular intervals during the day pas-
ıgers may catch a glimpse through the large iron gates of its
e-coated and yellow-stockinged inmates engaged in their favourite
ırts and pastimes. These were or are among the principal sights of the
ghbourhood, but there were many others within literally a stone's
ow, such as the Giltspur-street Compter, the rear of which looked
vn into the Hall Playground of Christ's Hospital; Snow-hill, with
ld-lane, reminding us of many wretched scenes in "Oliver Twist;"
l Warwick-lane—deriving its name from a mansion that once stood
re belonging to the Earl of Warwick—and many other narrow lanes
ding directly or indirectly into Paternoster-row, the home of the
ksellers and publishers, St. Paul's churchyard, or round into
eapside, &c. By Butcher Hall-lane it was only a short cut into
tle Britain—another spot once dear to the publishing fraternity—
l thence into Aldersgate-street. In fact, there was hardly a turn-
in the neighbourhood which did not conduct you with more or
s speed to the scene of some well-known event or to places which
e upon a time had been made famous by reason of their associa-
n with public men of notoriety, or Societies or Institutions which
l played an important part in the history of our great city.

But what principally interests us is the social life of the neighbour-
od. It is no doubt a fact well worthy of our recollection that in
old Hall of the College of Physicians which stood, as does its suc-
sor erected by Wren, in Warwick-lane, the great Hervey lectured
his grand discovery of the Circulation of the Blood. It is interest-
g to be told that Bath-street owes its name to the fact of there having
en in it a bagnio or Turkish bath, which was opened in 1679. This
gnio is described by Strype as "a neat contrived building, after
e Turkish mode, seated in a large handsome yard, and at the upper
d of Pincock-lane, which is indifferent well built, and inhabited."
e are also told by the same authority that it was much resorted to
sweating, being found very good for aches, &c., and approved of
our physicians. Hutton, too, writing about the same time, speaks
it as being a very spacious and commodious place for sweating,
t bathing, and cupping, and with a temperature of eighteen de-
ees of heat. The roof was of a cupola shape and the walls
with Dutch tiles. The charge was four shillings a person,
d there were special days for ladies. There are other matters
a like character which might be recorded of this neighbour-
od and are assuredly most interesting; but we confess that, in
is instance, at all events, we are Goths enough to prefer bearing
mind and recording that it was at the "Three Jolly Pigeons," in
itcher Hall Lane, that was formerly held the Cauliflower Club, so
rgely patronised by the booksellers of Paternoster Row. The per-
ınent secretary of this club was Mr. Christopher Brown, an assist-
t of Mr. Thomas Longman, who—we refer to the assistant, not the
incipal—delighted in his glass of punch, his pipe, and a song. The
uliflower that was painted on the ceiling of the club-room was
tended to represent the cauliflower head on the gallon of porter,
ıich was paid for by every member who sat under it at his initia-
ın. It is only ten years since there was sold by public auction a
lio of this club, in the shape of the president's chair, which was an
quisite piece of Chippendale workmanship standing only two inches
ort of five feet high, and adorned with a splendidly carved cauliflower.
ain it was at the King's Head, Ivy Lane, that Dr. Johnson estab-
hed one of his earliest clubs for literary discussion, among its chief
embers being Mr. (afterwards Dr.) John Hawksworth, Mr. John
yne, a bookseller, and afterwards chief accountant of the Bank, Dr.
lmund Barker, Dr. Richard Bathurst, and Mr., afterwards Sir,
hn Hawkins. But what chiefly concerns us at the moment is the
lutation Tavern, in Newgate Street itself, the successor of an hos-
lry which long enjoyed a high reputation as the resort of literary
en of the last century. We stated on a former occasion that the
l house, which went by the name of the "Salutation and Cat," was
rmerly the scene of many a joyous gathering of Masons, sundry of our
l Lodges having formerly been held in it; but a still more interest-
g association connected with the old building will be found in the fact
at it was at this same tavern that the poet Coleridge lived in strict
clusion for a time, until his whereabouts was discovered by Southey.
ere, t o, it was that Coleridge, when in London on a visit from the
niversity, was in the habit of meeting Charles Lamb. The selection
such a house was very natural. The great public School, in which
ey had both spent so many years of their boyhood, was within
ght of the house they frequented, and it may be had not been quite
known to them in the days when they were clad in their Blue Coat
dress. The late Judge Talfourd, in the life of Lamb, makes mention
of these meetings, and the enthusiasm that was kindled in the mind
of Charles Lamb by his association with the elder Blue; nor does he
fail to quote from the recollections of the junior the pleasure as
well as the enthusiasm which resulted from these friendly conversa-
tions. "When I read in your little volume," quotes Talfourd,
"your nineteenth effusion, or what you call 'The Sigh,' I think I
hear you again. I imagine to myself the little smoky door at the
Salutation and Cat, where we have sat together through the winter
nights, begniling the cares of life with poesy." Many years have
elapsed, the smoky room has disappeared with the rest of the old
tavern, and its place is now occupied by one of the finest hostelries in
London, of which Bro. Edward Liebmann, Urban Lodge, No. 1196, is
the proprietor, with such wealth and variety of accommodation as
would have frightened the two old distinguished Blues, and summarily
estopped them from "beguiling the cares of life with poesy." But if
the old tavern, with its small and dingy apartments, has given place
to a new and splendid building, fitting and arranged in such a manner
as to minister most completely to our present ideas of comfort, the old
spirit of hospitality still remains, and there is a hearty Salutation of
welcome to every one who enters within the tavern which bears
part of the old familiar name.

(To be continued).

NATIONAL REFUGE HARBOURS.

A DISCUSSION on this subject will shortly take place in the House of Lords, on the motion of Lord Waveney, Chairman of the Committees of the National Refuge Harbours Society. A public meeting of this Society will also take place at the Town Hall, Kensington, at the suggestion of the Hon. and Rev. E. Carr Glynn, Vicar of the Parish, at which a most eminent nobleman will be asked to preside, and where, at any rate, many very influential authorities have promised to speak.

Those who desire to save the lives of our Sailors and Fishermen are earnestly asked to support these efforts, without a moment's delay, by petitions to the Houses of Lords and Commons, by subscribing to the funds of the Society, or by every other means in their power, forms of which petition will be sent by return of post, with a report of the speeches at the Mansion House, on writing to Mr. F. Johnson, 1 Parliament Street, London (the Founder of this Society), and on which petitions upwards of 150 have already been presented. The Rev. Canon Protbero, Chaplain to the Queen, the Rev. J. Storr, Vicar of St. Peters, Eaton Square, His Excellency Cardinal Manning, the Vicars of Lynn, Cromer, Winchelsea, Langham, Lydd, and many other Clergymen and Ministers have already promised to advocate this cause of humanity from their pulpits, and to give offertories to the Society. It is considered by those who study national defences that the sacrifice of the lives of so many, who are a first bulwark to the safety of this country, is, to an appreciable extent, jeopardising the prosperity and even the existence of this Kingdom as an independent nation.

A certain number of convicts are yet engaged as farm labourers and in certain trades, with disadvantage to the State. These might also be better engaged upon National Harbours, as one of the resources by which work of this nature might be accomplished, instead of interfering, as sometimes at present, with trade and labour, earning about one-half the amount of money it costs to maintain them, and their wives and families being sometimes supported by their parishes. Convicts alone are not, however, a sufficient resource, or suitable for some places, and a grant of some of that money, unprofitably spent on other matters, should be devoted to the safety of our Sailors and Fishermen, the protection of our commerce, and to preserve our national independence.

It is difficult to imagine a subject of more serious importance to this country. The time for Commissions and Committees has gone by, and the work should be set about without any further delay. The French nation is constructing harbours to shelter its navy and encourage her fishing industry and mercantile service, and the latter is receiving additional encouragement in the shape of large bounties from the Government. If the English nation desires to maintain its maritime supremacy and its commerce, it is time to set to work to put its house in order, or it may be too late. It will be well for constituents to watch the actions of their Members of Parliament (irrespective of party politics) in this matter, and to take care that they do their duty.

Under the authority of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, a very useful Masonic Calendar for the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight has been compiled and issued by Bro. J. E. LeFeuvre, P.M., the Prov. Grand Secretary. The information has been very carefully arranged, and forms a complete record of Masonic preferment in the Province from 1832 to the present date, the names of all the Officers and dates of office being given. The list of Lodges in the Province is arranged in order of seniority, with an alphabetical reference, and includes the names of all present Officers and Past Masters; the same information being afforded with regard to the Chapters, the Mark Lodges, and other degrees in the Province. The Calendar proper is dated from 1st March, and opposite each date the Lodges are specified whose regular meetings take place. Some interesting statistics are added, relating to the Masonic Charities with the numbers of the votes held by the different Lodges. The work occupies 136 pages of 16mo size, and has been neatly printed by Mr. A. J. Dyer, Southampton.—*Portsmouth Times.*

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LECTURE ON FREEMASONRY.

Delivered at the Emulation Lodge of Instruction, Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, by Nobin Chand Bural, P.M. 234 E.C., P.H. 234 E.C., P.D.G.P.

EVER since my initiation into Freemasonry my curiosity was awakened as to the real signification of the different technical terms and expressions so frequently made use of in the working of the several Degrees. As in course of time I made advancement in the science, I began to acquire a more intimate knowledge of the real meaning and applications of those mystical expressions, but I was not satisfied, and I commenced a more thorough and methodical research into their origin and history. I could not obtain assistance from any particular books to throw light upon the subject, but I had to glean my information from different sources, and I now wish to impart to my brethren the results of my labours. I lay no pretensions to originality, but what I am going to read to you is a collection of different views and ideas prevailing in different quarters, and derived partly from books and partly from conversations with men well versed in *Tantric* philosophy and Masonic traditions. If I succeed in creating an interest in my hearers my labours will be amply rewarded, as it is my chief object to evoke a healthy discussion on the subjects with which I am about to deal.

First as to Masonic secrecy:

It may be a matter of curiosity to many of us to know why such strict secrecy is observed as to the mysteries of Freemasonry, why it is that all knowledge of our ceremonial and of our principles is kept so rigidly from the uninitiated. Freemasonry is not a religion, it is not a political institution, nor is it, in the popular and odious sense of the word, a "secret society." It is, on the other hand, a social institution which has, among others, for its main and principal objects a diffusion of absolutely sound and undeniable principles of morality and the inculcation of three cardinal principles, viz., universal brotherhood, truth and charity; and if such are the grand objects of Freemasonry, if the results which it aims at are to increase the happiness of mankind at large, one is apt to wonder why there should be any necessity for secrecy at all. This problem is susceptible of various solutions, and the necessity for that secrecy may be explained and justified by a judicious survey of ancient history, by an appeal to acknowledged principles of the purest systems of ethical philosophy, as also by the application of a strict method of logical induction from facts abundantly supplied by Masonry: Masonry accomplishes the objects it has in view,—not as it is done in the outside world by loud preaching and the proclamation of high sounding principles which are disregarded in practice, but—by the impressive inculcation, in its own members, of the highest aims and purest principles, and by solemnly binding them to an active exercise of love and charity in the only true and highest sense of the word, in such a way as will best dispose, by example, the minds of the uninitiated to admire our Order, and to seek for light of their own accord with that earnestness for good which alone can lead to practical results.

The fundamental principles recognised and enforced in Freemasonry are unquestionably coeval with the creation of the universe, but in its organization as a peculiar institution, such as it now exists, we have no historical authority or date to trace it with any amount of certainty further back than to the building of King Solomon's Temple.

The origin and history of the erection of this Temple is enveloped in a shroud of mystery, and I do not propose to discuss it in detail in this lecture, intended only as a sketch of the general outline of my subject; a subject vast enough, I may observe, to furnish in its more minute details the basis of a further series of lectures at our subsequent meetings.

In addressing you to-night I have been prompted, not with the wish of cutting a prominent figure among the Masonic brotherhood, but with that of stimulating the laudable desire which I know exists among you all for a deeper research into our mysteries and of increasing that thirst for knowledge, which many of us now swallow as medicine without knowing the ingredients of which it is composed, of anatomising and dissecting the subject in such a manner that a proper analysis may bring it within the comprehension of every ordinary intellect.

Dealing with the subject first from a historical point of view, we have it on record that when man was first created he had a perfect knowledge of the true name and nature of the Being who created him. But when by his own folly he fell from his high estate, he lost with his purity that knowledge of God which in his primeval condition formed the noblest endowment of his mind. And at length the whole human race having increased in wickedness until every thought and act was evil, history tells us, God determined by a flood to purge the earth of the excess of sin. To Noah, however, he was merciful, and to this patriarch and his posterity was to be entrusted the true knowledge of the true God. But on the plains of Shinar men again rebelled, and as a punishment for their rebellion at the lofty tower of Babel language was confounded and Masonry was nearly lost, for Masonry then, as now, consisted in a knowledge, among other things, of these great truths that there is one God and that the soul is immortal. The patriarchs, however, were saved from the general moral desolation, and still preserved true Masonry in the knowledge of these dogmas in the patriarchal line.

The philosophers and sages also still retain or discovered afresh by the dimlight of nature some traces of these great doctrines of Masonry, viz., the unity of God and the immortality of the soul. But these doctrines they could not, would not, dare not, teach in public, for there is amply testimony in the records of history of what would have been the inevitable fate of such temerity, when it informs us that Socrates paid the forfeit of his life for his boldness in proclaiming these truths to the Athenian youth. Great therefore was the

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History tells us that in the Southern

nocts that sect with some of the old temples abounding in these
; and by reasons of those temples bearing Masonic symbols and
ices sculptured on their walls, competent authorities connect this
with Masonry.

nother curious circumstance might as well be mentioned in this
nection, and it is that, even in the present day, Hindu artizans,
as masons, carpenters, blacksmiths and others, observe the
day of the month of Bhadra as sacred to Visvakarma, and can-
be persuaded to handle a single working instrument on that day.
European manufacturing jewellers and ironmongers of Calcutta
bear testimony to this fact, as they are obliged to grant leave to
heir workmen on that day.

he materials, however, are too scanty to lead us to any definite
lusion, either as to the age or history of Masonry in India, but
straggling signs and landmarks brought into light by the diligent
stry of antiquarians, scholars and masons, strongly point, as I
e attempted to shew, to some connection between the ancient
itutions of the Brahmins and the Mystic Brotherhood of the Free-
ons; and they indicate to us a field of research which cannot fail
e fruitful of the most interesting results, as they would most
ably show that there exists an intimate relation between
luism and Masonry at a time when the Hindu faith was pure and
from those superstitious practices which have crept into it in
paratively modern times.

he double triangle inscribed in a circle is a mystical symbol which
nary possesses in common with many other ancient institutions
h had, like ourselves, to do their work in seclusion and secrecy.
the Hebrew Kabalist it played an important part in their mys-
ceremonies under the name of Solomon's Seal. Among the
mins it was known as the *Srijantra*, or the device of *Sri*, the
ess of Fortune, and had a deeply significant meaning, which was
municated only to the initiated of the Brahminical mysteries.
double triangle, in a circle from one point of view, denoted the
d Law of Evolution which, according to the sacred writings of
Hindus, works out its course in *spirals*. Beginning with the
est point of the circle, which is the apex of the triangle pointing
ards, the human entity completes the round by mounting up to the
t, which in a higher plane corresponds with the point from which
start is to be made. The six points in which the triangles touch
circle, together with the one just mentioned, form the seven grand
s of existence through which the human entity must pass to
n the universal salvation which awaits all at the end of the
a. The double triangle symbolises another grand truth in Hindu
sophy. The triangle is the emblem of the trinity in nature, and
mystic symbol represents the grand trinities which lie at the
poles of all existence *Matter* and *Spirit*, or as they are more
larly called, *body* and *soul*. The triangle pointing upwards
ds for the spiritual, and the other for the material trinity. Man,
well known, was looked upon by the ancient Hindus as the
rocosm in the Macrocosm, and what is stated of the little holds
, *mutatis mutandis*, for the great. The lower trinity is the *Sthula*
a), *Sukshma* (subtile), and *Kârana* (causal Deha) or body. The
la deha is the outer man or the gross physical body, the *Sukshma*
is the astral or ethereal likeness of the body, the *Kârana deha*
e body as existing in its cause, just as the tree exists in the seed
consists of matter in a state of *indifferentiation*. The identity
use and effect which German philosophers are just beginning to
gnise, forms one of the fundamental notions of the *Sankhya* and
Vedanta systems of the Hindus. The higher trinity consists of
riti, *Purusha*, and *Sakti* or *Maya*. These are the three aspects
rabrahmah or the *Noumenon* of this phenominal existence.

the first aspect Parabrahma, as *Purusha*, is cosmic matter in its
tial state, it is the absolute existence, and as such the negation
ery limited thing, that is, things which are capable of becoming
bjects of our cognition under ordinary circumstances. *Mayâ*
kti is the power or law which is inherent in Parabrahmah, and
separate entity from it just as thinking is nothing distinct from
in virtue of which the potentiality of matter is propelled into
ality. The circumscribing circle means that matter and spirit,
rom being different substances, are eternally interlocked. Two
al infinites being a palpable absurdity, the symbol also means
matter and spirit are but the two poles, as *Prakriti* and *Purusha*
e grand existence the *Parabrahmah*. In the mystical work of
a nunda Gosvami called the *Shatchakraveda*, some curious in-
ation is given with respect to the constitution of man; the phy-
mental and spiritual powers of man are there located in six
ent centres. The lines of force in these centres are, with one
ry exception, exhibited as double triangles inscribed in circles.
xplanation in plain language of the mystic lore, contained in this
work, cannot be attempted within the space at my disposal.
o it to say, that it is no refutation of the mystic to say that
centres of force are not liable to detection by the surgeon's
, or the anatomist's microscope, any more than imperceptibility
nd by the eye is a proof of its non-existence.

for the use of the symbols in the rituals of high magic I would
all curious inquirers to the celebrated treatise of the Abbé
Constans on the "*Dogme et Rituel de la Haute Magic* in which
interesting information is also to be gleaned.

h, brethren, are some of the philosophic or Tantric significations
double triangle in a circle It is not as you see a mere geome-
figure to solve the propositions of Euclid, but it has a higher
more sublime meaning attached to it. I have only lightly
ed upon the subject in this brief sketch, but will again refer
in a subsequent lecture, dealing also with other Masonic themes
sting to us all.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE installation meeting of this old established and flourishing Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, 10th inst. The brethren assembled in good time, under the presidency of Bro. E. T. Smith W.M., who was supported by the following Officers:—J. J. Runtz S.W. and W.M. elect, Bieling J.W., Bryant S.D., Tongue J.D., Gordon I.G., Apsey D.C., and Banks Tyler. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and Bros. Tolly and Renner were raised in the usual perfect and impressive manner which has characterised the working of the ceremonies by the retiring W.M. during his year of office. The report of the Audit Committee was read; it showed the funds of the Lodge to be in a highly satisfactory condition. Bro. Lancaster P.M. then presented the W.M. elect to receive the benefit of installation. All the M.M.'s having retired, the ceremony was performed in a manner which gave great satisfaction to the Board of Installed Masters, which we may here state numbered twenty-one. On the re admission of the brethren the W.M. was saluted in a most hearty manner. The following Officers were appointed for the coming session:—Bros. Bieling S.W., Bryant J.W., Tongue S.D., Gordon J.D., Apsey I.G. and Turner D.C. Bro. Nowakowski P.M. was again re-invested Treasurer, and Bro. Lancaster Secretary, in the place of Bro. Paas, who resigned his office after serving the Lodge faithfully for nearly thirty years. It was proposed by Bro. Nowakowski, seconded by Bro. Rath P.M., and unanimously carried, that a Committee of P.M.'s should be formed to consider a plan for raising a testimonial recognising the long services of Bro. Paas. The sum of two guineas was voted for the widow of a deceased Brother. The name of Mr. W. Vaughan, of The Nook, Gipsy Hill, was handed in as a candidate for initiation at the next meeting. Bro. E. T. Smith was presented with a P.M.'s jewel for the manner in which he had performed his duties. He also had the honour of having presented to him the Commander's White Eagle, which is only given to those who have especially distinguished themselves in this Lodge; several other minor matters having received consideration, Lodge was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren retired to the banquet room. Dinner being finished, the W.M., in proposing the Queen and Craft, made feeling allusion to the cloud of grief which had fallen upon Her Majesty; also allusion was made to the many and well-known virtues of the deceased Prince, and a request was made that the toast should be drank in silence. The next toast was that of H.R.H. the Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, coupling the name of Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., who responded. He was most happy at the request of the W.M. to return thanks for the Grand Officers. It was the first time he had had the pleasure of being present at this old-established Lodge, as a Grand Officer; he had been much impressed, not only by the manner in which the degrees had been worked, but especially by the able and intellectual rendering of the ceremony of installation by the retiring W.M. The present W.M. had likewise performed the few duties that had fallen to his share most creditably, and from this we have an earnest of what he intends to do. Thanks were also due to the P.M.'s, who had taken so much interest in assisting at the working of the Lodge. On entering the Lodge that evening, almost as a stranger, the first kindly face he met was one he had always been taught to honour during his Masonic career; a brother well known to him. Need he say it was their most excellent Bro. Paas, who, he was sorry to hear, felt it incumbent on him to retire from his office after nearly thirty years of faithful service. It was gratifying, however, to know the brethren intended to recognise his services in a suitable manner. The Polish National Lodge has a distinctive name; but in Masonry we know of no distinction, either in race or religion. It makes us feel we all meet on equality; superior to mere party politics, or even the accident of birth; and so long as we adhere to those principles of Masonry, which no tyranny can put down, and which recognises the broadest principles of human nature, so long will Freemasonry and the Polish National Lodge prosper. The I.P.M. then proposed the health of the new W.M., who was well known and highly respected by the brethren. This was followed by Bro. Sidney Tower singing with great fervour, "Only once more." The Worshipful Master, in response, thanked the brethren for the great kindness he had received from them during the seven years which had elapsed since he had been initiated by Bro. Rath. He trusted that during his year of office the Lodge would not suffer through his Stewardship. The next toast was that of the Visitors, viz.:—Bros. F. A. Philbrick P.G.D., Geo. Corble 453 P.P.G.J.W. Essex, Glass P.M. 453 P.P.S.G.W. Essex, F. Adlard P.M. 7, Norris W.M. 181, Perry Corinthian, Simons Mozart, Monk P.M. 169, Saezert P.M. 548, Angier Golden Rule, Fry 167, Alford P.M. 228, Atkins P.M. 857, Tower 1491, Renardson 1491, John Webber P.M., Matthews 70, Bedell 319, Browne P.M. 780, Smart P.M. William Preston, Carter 615, Meen Eleanor, Eastgate 1563, Inglis 946, Gordon 907. This was briefly responded to by Bros. Philbrick and Adlard. Here followed a very fine glee, "The mighty Conqueror." The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the I.P.M., who had so ably performed the long and arduous duties of the evening, viz., two raisings and the installation ceremony; performing the work in such a manner as to impress all who heard him. He trusted he might be endowed with health, strength and long life to enable him to wear the jewel which he had so well deserved, and which he had received that evening. The I.P.M., in response, again thanked the brethren for their kindness during his year of office. He was glad to place the Lodge in the hands of Bro. Runtz in so satisfactory a condition and with so good a balance in hand. The W.M. then proposed the health of the P.M.'s, Dr. Jagielski, Dr. Jackson, Rath, Lancaster, Nowakowski, Paas and Smith; and Officers. These were briefly responded to, when the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a satisfactory conclusion.

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ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

THE members of the above Lodge met at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, on the 2nd instant. Bro. W. C. Parsons P.M. and Secretary occupied the chair in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. (Bro. E. Duret); Green S.W., Valeriani J.W., Butlin as Secretary, Green jun. S.D., Mole J.D., Shore I.G. Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Brother Court was passed to the second degree, and a ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Greenwood, who was duly initiated into the Order. The ceremonies were perfectly rendered by Bro. Parsons. The election of W.M. then took place, and Bro. F. Green S.W. was unanimously chosen; Bro. Butlin Treasurer, and Bro. Potter Tyler. The Lodge was then closed until October, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent supper provided by Bro. Goeden. A very agreeable evening was passed.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

THE usual monthly meeting was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Crescent-road, New Thornton Heath. Present—Bros. E. Whittaker W.M., J. Sargeant S.W., H. Baber J.W., F. Ridpath Secretary, W. Ranson S.D., C. Tarry J.D., C. Steng I.G., J. Bavin Tyler; also Bros. Pascall I.P.M., T. Chamberlain, E. Samuel, J. Kilvington, H. W Hobbs, C. Wadsworth, J. Majore, R. Astington, James Clarke. Visitor—E. Sawyer P.M. 1619 1892. By command of the W.M. the brethren appeared in mourning on account of the decease of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Pascall I.P.M. proposed that the sum of five guineas be taken from the Lodge funds and placed on the list of Bro. Hugh W. Hobbs, who had been elected to represent the Lodge at the next Girls' Festival. Bro. J. Kilvington seconded, and the proposition was carried unanimously. Bro. Baber J.W. then moved the following resolution:—"That the brethren of the Old England Lodge hereby desire to express the deep regret they feel at the sudden decease of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., &c., and that the condolence of the brethren to Her Majesty the Queen, Her Royal Higness the Duchess of Albany, His Royal Highness the Grand Master, and the other members of the Royal Family be recorded on the minutes, together with the announcement that by command of the W.M. the brethren appeared in mourning." Bro. Ranson S.D. seconded, and it was carried unanimously. Bro. Baber asked for, and obtained, the promise of the Lodge votes for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on behalf of Mrs. Emma Bowen, widow of the late Bro. J. T. Bowen 186, a most deserving candidate. Lodge was then closed in due form.

CLAREMONT LODGE, No. 1861.

THIS Lodge, named after, and meeting under the shadow of the Royal House of Claremont, held its first regular meeting of the year on Monday last, 14th instant, when Bro. Thomas Vincent P.M. P.Z. P.G.S.B. for Surrey proposed that a letter be sent to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, expressive of the great grief felt by the brethren at the death of her beloved husband, their gifted and much lamented Bro. His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, and desire most respectfully to offer to Her Royal Highness their most sincere sympathy and condolence in her sad bereavement, and pray that the G.A.O.T.U. may sustain her under her severe affliction. This was seconded by Bro. H. E. Frances P.Z. P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, and carried unanimously.

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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EVOLUTION IN MASONIC HISTORY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—About four years ago, an old Masonic MS. was printed in your journal. As many of your readers have probably forgotten all about it, and some may never have seen such a document, a brief description of that class of Masonic MSS. is necessary.

These old MSS. are variously denominated, viz., "Old Charges," "Old Constitutions," and in America they used to be styled "Old Gothic Constitutions." In reality, however, the said MSS. were merely the rituals of the pre-1717 Masons. They all begin with a prayer, followed with the history of Masonry or legends—the seven sciences. Next comes instruction to the Elder or Master (written in Latin) to lay the hand of the candidate on a book. This having been done, the Elder exhorted the candidate and Fellows present not to violate their oath. After which, the Elder read the laws of the Masons to the candidate, and wound up as follows:—

"These charges that we now rehearse unto you and to all that belong to Masons ye shall keep. So help you God," &c.

In short, the oath was administered to the candidate in a Lodge in the same fashion as an oath is administered to a witness in our Law Courts. In the Roberts' MS., printed in 1722, in addition to the above oath, the candidate was made to repeat the following oath also:—

"And moreover I A B do in the presence of Almighty [illegible]

my Fellows and Brethren here pr
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known any of the secrets, privities
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priate, but with the greatest force. In the initiation into any degree there would be no time for argument or a long address upon a man's duty to himself, nor to his neighbour; but to demand a penny in the moment when he is entirely bereft of every valuable thing leaves an impression upon his mind that can never be eradicated.

We do not propose, in our few articles upon this subject, to be very elaborate, nor to enter to any great extent upon the origin of the many Masonic symbols, but as far as possible to draw from them the teachings which ought to be very dear to Masonic hearts.

Our readers are all aware that there is great carelessness upon the part of Masons generally upon this point. Few of us stop to ponder on the value of symbolic teaching. The chart hangs in the Lodge-room as an ornament more than because of its great value as one of our most important and powerful teachers; yet it is full of valuable lessons. The initiate hears the lessons drawn from the chart, and regards it afterward with a marked degree of indifference. A proper attention to the signification of our symbols, and walking in the direction of their teaching, would result in making all of us better men. Let us now, as we look into this thought, try to learn something that will lead us into a higher type of life.

In speaking of the value of our symbols we would not in any sense whatever depreciate the esoteric work, but we must remember that both of these elements of Masonry have a work to perform. Neither is in the way of the other. They are co-partners in one great work. Theoretically, each should have proper attention; practically, the esoteric receives all, and the symbolical little or none.

Webster defines a symbol as "a sign by which one infers or knows a thing." 1. "The sign or representation of something moral or intellectual by the images or properties of natural things." The last being the true idea of Masonic symbolism, it is the only portion of his extensive definition that we need touch.

Masonry is "a science of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." (Mackey Sym. 71.)

The great and powerful feature of Masonry is its teaching of moral principle; but take away its symbols, by which these principles are brought to the mind, and we have in a measure destroyed its chief power. Symbols to Masonry are what preaching is to Christianity, its chief method of imparting instruction and perpetuating principles. Because of its symbolism we need not relegate it to the mysteries of ancient heathenism, for the symbolic science was not any more peculiar to the Chaldeans, Phœnicians, and Egyptians, than it was to the Jews. With the former it was their chief power, while with the Jews, faith in God was the power, and symbols the instrument. We prefer to believe that if Masonry was, in any direct sense, the product of any given nation, it was the result of an Association of Jews rather than any other, because in it at present are none of the remains of the former, while in the latter case we have the God idea fully developed in all its work, and because this God idea is present in all its symbols.

Beginning with childhood's teaching by symbols it increases in power through life, and in maturer years there is more moral worth in the symbol than at any other period.

The brazen serpent was held up by the great evangelist as one of the grandest symbols of the saving power of the Redeemer, and by that symbol perhaps many were brought to His knowledge who would otherwise have failed in acquiring it.

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.—The Masonic reference to Solomon's Temple is more symbolical than real. The divisions were natural, each part being reserved and sanctified for a particular purpose. Beginning with the highest, the Holy of Holies was for the dwelling of the Shekinah, and for His visible appearance to man; the Holy Place, for the priests who stood between God and man, ministering in holy things; the outer court, for the people, who received God's commands from the hands of the priests. So in the trinitarian character of man we have the highest element, the soul, which can commune with God; the mind, as the agent between soul and body, becomes the designing part of man's nature, putting into form and shape the conceptions of the soul, while the body is the seat of all the base passions. Thus, without carring the thought further, it

Mackey, in his "Symbolism of Masonry," page 91, says that the divisions of the workmen at Solomon's Temple "have been adopted as the types of the three degrees now practised in Speculative Masonry, and constituted an important and interesting part of temple symbolism." In the physical sense this may be true, but there is another and higher sense in which we are to consider the temple as the theoretical foundation of Masonry. At the time of its first completion it was thoroughly consecrated to God. This consecration meant setting apart all that belonged to it, even the minutest thing about it. So if we take the temple in its symbolic light it means a great deal to Masonry. The lesson we are to learn is that of our consecration to the service of God. This is the teaching, but it is hardly appreciated in all of its fulness. Not only is the teaching true in a general way, but in the most minute sense. Take the thought of the temple symbolism and them follow it through the first degree alone; the heart; the divesment of valuable substances; entering, duly prepared, conducted by a blinded way, and by the hand of a friend into an unknown and unseen door; receiving upon a point vital to the conscience; trusting in God, making a prayerful supplication; asking for light, bowing in sacred silence at an altar; above the great lights of Masonry; grasping the hand of friendship and brotherly love; wearing the emblem of purity in the white apron, with all its honours; measuring our time by a twenty-four inch gauge; coming at the call of the gavel, finding ourselves called upon for help in the absence of ability to yield to the demand; and so through all the symbolisms, from the first of the Entered Apprentice to the last of the third degree, all tend to show that the symbolism of the temple means a giving up to God, and submitting to be led by Him through life.

Realising the valuable teachings of Masonry, many say "It is religion enough for me," but of all who say this and make it their boast, how very few there are who really serve God at all, but rather make it an excuse for doing nothing for His cause! It would seem that such was the case because men generalise too much upon this temple symbolism and particularise too little. Now, it is plain that when men have accepted such teaching it is incumbent upon them to act as if they believed what they say they have accepted. There should be no more need to impress Masons with their duty to God than to instruct Christians, because each class is expected to know duty.

Is the duty to God duly impressed upon us as we enter the Lodge? Are not all too neglectful of these great thoughts? If we receive the teachings of such valuable symbolisms, and fail to impress them upon others, or carry out their precepts in our own lives, are we not culpable before each other and accountable to God for such neglect? These are momentous questions to Masons.

Now, as we follow these thoughts separately, let us see how nearly we fulfil our obligations to God.

The heart is not only the secret place of man's affections, but also theoretically the dwelling place of all the important truths or facts of life. It should be pure and holy. All of its conceptions should be right. Before we enter upon any important undertaking the heart should be perfectly free and clear of all doubts and prejudices relating thereto. No man can be a perfect Christian without this consent; neither can one enter fully into the work of a Mason without it. As upon entering upon the work of the Church we are supposed to engage in it with hearts purified from every stain, so the symbol of the heart in Masonry indicates that we were there first made a Mason: because there we first accepted the principles and doctrines that made us Masons. The heart is the symbolic word for the inner spiritual nature; the seat of God's communion with man; the conceiver of all good thoughts and evil designs, and the repository of all teachings, either good or bad. It is the essential eternal element of our nature that must render an account to God. How important, then, that it be pure in all its conceptions and actions! It answers to the symbolism of the temple Holy of Holies, the dwelling place of God. If Masonic symbolic teachings, then, are directed to this essential eternal element, how careful we should be to keep its purity intact, and to be thoroughly prepared to give a good account of words, actions and thoughts when we meet in the Grand Lodge on High!—*Voice of Masonry.*

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The Candidate's father, Bro. JOHN G. MANBY, was initiated in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 292, Liverpool, in 1859, and on his removal to London joined Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, and the Chapter, and continued to be a subscribing member of the same until his death, which took place in January 1883. He leaves a widow and four young children very inadequately provided for.

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RAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

N especial Grand Lodge of this Province was held on the 9th inst., at Southampton, for the purpose of condoling with the on, the Prince of Wales, and the Duchess of Albany, con- ent upon the death of the Duke of Albany. In the unavoidable nce of Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, Bro. Beach presided, sup- ed by Bros. W. Hickman, Le Fevre, Loveland, W. J. Hickman, ng, Lord Taylour, Emanuel, Jellicoe, Daw, Cawte, Cross, Gieve, sell, Hobbs, Gibson, Webb, Bemister, Robinson, Arlidge, Picker- Firth, Blackman, O'Neill, Knight, Stephens, Walton, Berry, son, Bigs and Vare. Bro. Beach, in eloquent terms, proposed, Bro. Hickman seconded, that addresses be passed to Her Most cious Majesty the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and H.R.H. Duchess of Albany, on the great loss they had sustained by the ented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. This proposal was pted, and the addresses were agreed to.—*Portsmouth Times.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

HE Mark Master Masons of the Province of Devon held their annual meeting in the College Hall of the College at Newton ot on Thursday afternoon, 10th instant. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Tanner-Davy, J.P., P.G.M.M.M. of Devon, presided. Bro. C. nce-Bate, F.R.S., D.P.G.M. was unable to attend through a death is family. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodges held at gnmouth and Torquay since the previous annual meeting were d and confirmed. The Secretary presented his report, which con- ulated the Lodge and the brethren of the Province in general at success of several of the Lodges during the past year, through ch there had been an increase of fifty-one members in the Province e the last Prov. Grand Lodge was held. The Treasurer reported t he had received during the year £25 11s 6d, balance from the vious Treasurer; £23 0s 6d, fees; £26 10s 9d, dues; total 5 4s 9d; current expenses for the year, £31 18s 2d; balance in d, £33 5s 7d. The Treasurer also read the report of the Board of neral Purposes, which recommended that a grant of fifteen guineas uld be made by the Prov. Grand Lodge towards the expenses of the ption of Grand Lodge of England Moveable Meeting, which is ected to be held in the autumn; also that five guineas be given to Mark Benevolent Fund, the same to appear in the Steward's list Bro. Maddely. It was announced that the St. George's Lodge, 15, held at Exeter, by whom the invitation of the Grand Lodge to l its Movable Committee under its banner had been made, had lved that each of its forty-eight members would give half a sove- n towards the expenses also, and that there would be no difficulty ising more money to meet the expenses if required. The visit of Grand Lodge would, it was hoped, be a perfect success, as many e brethren as could attend should be present. The Grand Lodge visiting the Province would bring honour to the Provincial Grand ter, and tend to further the prosperity of the Order in the Pro- e. The five guineas would give the Province a vote to the Bene- nt Fund at each election. The reports were unanimously ived and adopted. The Prov. Grand Master called the attention be Province to the sad trial of the Royal Family in the recent xpected decease of Right Worshipful Bro. Prince Leopold, Duke of ny. It was unanimously resolved that addresses of condolence sympathy should be sent from the Provincial Grand Lodge to the en and the Duchess of Albany. The Prov. Grand Master and the incial Grand Secretary were appointed to undertake the duty. Provincial Grand Master explained that the absence of the uty Provincial Grand Master, Bro. C. Spence Bate, had arisen his recently having lost his wife. A vote of condolence and pathy was accorded to Bro. Bate, and the Provincial Grand er asked to present it. The following were invested as the . Grand Master's Officers for the ensuing year:—

C. Spence Bate 35	Deputy P.G.M.
W. Vicary 215	Prov. G. Senior Warden
Alfred Latimer 85	P.G. Junior Warden
John Lane	P.G. Master Overseer
George N. Burden 316	P.G. Senior Overseer
Captain W. H. R. Saunders 316...	P.G. Junior Overseer
Rev. Ilbert Cross 9	P.G. Chaplain
J. B. Westlake 50	P.G. Reg.
Dr. Jervis 215	P.G. Treasurer
G. F. Gratwicke 15 (re-appointed)	P.G. Secretary
W. H. Cawse 16	P.G. Assistant ditto
J. T. Williams 22	P.G. Senior Deacon
G. C. Serle 215	P.G. Junior Deacon
I. Wills 15	P.G. Supt. of Works
A. Tout 76	P.G. Director of Ceremonies
George Huxham 15	P.G. Assistant ditto
W. H. Woolcock 23	P.G. Sword Bearer
J. Haywood 215	P.G. Pursuivant
William Ollis 35	P.G. Stewards
J. T. Crossley 64	
H. Rogers 96	
James Gidley	P.G. Tyler

Thanks were voted to Brother the Rev. G. Townsend Warner, M. the Principal of Newton College, for the use of the hall, and Br Olver, Pope, and Martin for their valuable assistance in provid for the holding of the present Grand Lodge at Newton. The n business was to consider the following notice of motion, given by B H. Stocker P.P.G.D. P.M. No. 15, seconded by Bro. E. T. Fulf P.G.S. of England P.P.G.M.O. P.M. No. 15, "That the R.W. t P.G.M.M. be respectfully requested to invite the Grand Lodge of E land to hold its autumn moveable meeting in Devonshire, under banner of St. George's Lodge, No. 15, and that the Province pled itself to use every effort to give the Grand Lodge a worthy welcom This motion was unanimously adopted. The Lodge was then clos with the usual forms, and the brethren adjourned to Poole's Glo Hotel, where they dined together. The P.G.M. presided.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will ho a Lodge of Emergency on the 25th inst., at the Hall, Re Lion Square, at one in the afternoon, to prepare an addre of condolence to Her Majesty the Queen and the Duche of Albany on the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Alban Past Grand Master.

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PANMURE LODGE, No. 139.

THE regular meeting of the above was held on the 7th inst., the Masonic Hall, No. 8A Red Lion-square. Bros. J. H. Ha kins W.C.N., W. Poore as J., Allen S.C., Pulman P.C.N. Scrib Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots wer taken for the admission of Bros. J. Faulkner, Magrath, Pipe, Duffi of Panmure Mark Lodge, and Von Joel, of the Thistle Mark Lodg which were unanimously in their favour. These candidates wer elevated by Bro. W. Vincent P.C.N., who performed the ceremony i his usual efficient manner. Some other business followed, and the Lodge was closed until first Monday in May.

The Prosperity Chapter of Instruction, which has hitherto met at the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall Street, is discontinued, and instead thereof, the Eastern Star Chapter, No. 95, will meet at the same place, on the second and fourth Friday in every month, at a quarter to seven o'clock p.m.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Im provement was held on Thursday, 10th inst., at the hour of 8, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road Canonbury. Comps. A. Hubbard filled the chair of Z. Dean H., Edmonds J., Foster Shaw S.N., Sheffield P.S This Chapter holds meetings all the year through.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has accepted the invi tation of the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, t deliver his Masonic Lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," Explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremony of the Firs Degree, on the occasion of their meeting on the 30th inst. at the Alfred Tavern, Roman Road, Barnsbury, when large gathering of North London brethren may be antici pated.

Obituary.

With feelings of deep regret we announce the death which occurred on Saturday last, after a short but severe illness, of Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. Our deceased brothe was initiated in the Joppa Lodge, No. 188; he served every office, with credit to himself and satisfaction to the breth ren; he passed the chair in this Lodge, and was its Secre tary for many years. The M.W.G.M. His Royal Highnes the Prince of Wales, on his installation, invested our brother with the Collar of Grand Pursuivant. He wa P.Z. of the Joppa Chapter, No. 188, and one of the founders of the Lodge of Montefiore, No. 1017; he served the office of W.M., and was Secretary at the time of hi death. His loss will be mourned by his sorrowin daughter, family, and a very numerous circle of Masoni and other friends, by whom he was universally respecte and will be deeply regretted. May his soul rest in peace.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

ON Thursday, the 10th inst., a special Grand Lodge was held in the Apollo (University) Masonic Hall, for the purpose of passing addresses of condolence to Her Majesty the Queen, Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., on the death of the Provincial Grand Master, His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G. There was a large attendance of brethren from all the Lodges in the Province, who appeared in Masonic mourning. The Lodge was also draped in mourning. Bro. Reginald Bird P.G.D., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, presided. Bro. the Rev. H. Adair Pickard P.G.C. gave a most feeling address, and proposed that the following votes of condolence should be carried by the Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. F. P. Morrell P.G.D., and was supported by Bro. the Rev. R. W. M. Pope and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The votes were all unanimously agreed to.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

We, the Freemasons of Oxfordshire in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, respectfully approach your Majesty with the expression of our deep grief at the great loss which your Majesty has sustained by the untimely death of our dearly loved and much lamented Provincial Grand Master, your Majesty's highly gifted and illustrious youngest son, H.R.H. Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, K.G.

During his residence in this City as a member of the University, we, as Freemasons, enjoyed special opportunities of becoming acquainted with the many graces of His Royal Highness's character from the time when he first condescended to patronise our mysteries and join in our assemblies.

While continuing to manifest a special interest in this Province by his fraternal rule over it, H.R.H., by his many acts of brotherly kindness, had endeared himself to Freemasons throughout the length and breadth of the country, when it seemed good to the Great Architect of the Universe to call him from our midst.

With the example of his illustrious father ever before his eyes, the first aim of H.R.H. during his brief span of life was to increase the happiness of your Majesty's subjects by encouraging and actively assisting all efforts tending to promote the welfare of his fellow-creatures.

Himself a sufferer, he sympathised with the sufferings of others, and on all occasions showed that he adopted as his own the maxim that Charity is the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart.

While thus expressing our condolence, our fervent prayer is that the Great Architect of the Universe may endue your Majesty with fortitude to support the heavy trial which has so suddenly overtaken you, and that He may vouchsafe to you a continuance of that health and strength which are so precious to all your Majesty's faithful subjects.

To H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany.

We, the Freemasons of Oxfordshire, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire to express our ardent grief at the irreparable loss which your Royal Highness has sustained by the untimely death of our dearly beloved brother and much lamented Provincial Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G.

It was in this ancient City that your beloved husband first formed that connection with Freemasonry which he maintained until the closing hour of his existence—he joined in our meetings—he presided over our deliberations—and by his courteous demeanour and urbanity of manner he attached the hearts of all in this Province to himself.

We welcomed your Royal Highness into this realm as a member of the Royal Family, and we rejoiced still further when you graced our Festivities by your presence in this University at the last commemoration.

And now in this sad hour of your grief we offer our condolence on the awfully sudden termination of that wedded life which we had trusted it might have pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to have prolonged for many years to come, and we pray that the Father of the Fatherless and the God of the Widow may sustain and protect your Royal Highness and your infant daughter in this your hour of supreme trial.

To H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K.G., Grand Master of England.

Most Worshipful Sir,—We, the Freemasons of Oxfordshire, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, respectfully approach your Royal Highness with the expression of our deep grief at the great loss which your Royal Highness has sustained by the untimely death of our dearly loved and much lamented Provincial Grand Master, your highly gifted and illustrious brother H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., Past Grand Warden of England.

From the time when he first saw the light of Masonry in this ancient city, we, as Freemasons, enjoyed special opportunities of observing and appreciating the many excellences of character displayed by his Royal Highness, and it was thus with special gratification that we hailed the selection made by your Royal Highness when you appointed him to preside over us in this Province.

The duties of this high office he discharged for eight years with such zeal and ability as to win the esteem and affection of every member of the Craft, not only in this Province, but throughout the Kingdom.

We feel most keenly the grievous loss which has been sustained by your Royal Highness, by Freemasons in general, and by this Provincial Grand Lodge in particular, but while mourning for his departure, we dare not repine at the edict of the Great Architect of the

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ON Wednesday, the 16th insta
Officers of the Huddersfield
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March last, there was a religious ser

...and our efforts. We wish this institute every success at Goole. On the 7th of March my Deputy consecrated and dedicated the old Lodge of St. George's, Doncaster, 243, in its new premises, Nether Hall. The warrant for the Beaumont Lodge at Kirkburton, No. 2035, will be formally opened by my Deputy on 8th May. A copy of the Revised Book of Constitutions has been supplied by the Board of General Purposes to the Worshipful Master of each Lodge on the roll of G.L. of England; but I desire to mark this important event to my province, by presenting a specially-bound pedestal copy to each of our 67 Lodges. This Revised Book of Constitutions marks to my mind a new epoch in the history of Freemasonry. The original copy having been in force with slight alterations since the Union in 1813. It will now be necessary to re-appoint our Advice Committee to bring into harmony our Provincial Grand Lodge bye-laws with the new Book of Constitutions. For this business I hope I may rely upon the assistance and co-operation of the brethren who so ably devoted their time to an examination of the amendments of the newly revised Book of Constitutions. It affords me satisfaction to state that the "Special Building Committee," appointed on the 5th December last, of which my Deputy is a member, has met several times since in Freemasons' Hall, that contracts have been let for the restoration of the beautiful hall, and that it will be completed and ready for the use of the Craft this month, the work being carried on and completed with amount received from the Insurance Company as compensation for the late fire. Our Charity Committee met at Wakefield on the 22nd March. There were eleven applicants for your charitable support. Their report will shortly be presented to you. I ask every Lodge Charity Steward to read this report to his Lodge, and direct attention to the support so urgently needed. Last year 530 votes were lost to us by deaths. I appeal to all of you to help the Charity Committee in their arduous labours by generous contributions to our several Institutions. Our lessons of Freemasonry teach us much of the instability of human affairs, and therefore it is well to remember that we benefit ourselves by the good we try to do for the happiness of those who are unfortunate, helpless, and forlorn. We mourn to-day the death of the Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany. Both Houses of Parliament have moved addresses of condolence to Her Majesty on this national bereavement, and have spoken through Her Ministers in graceful terms of the high mental qualities of the deceased Royal Duke. But we, also as Freemasons, desire to express our grief and sorrow on this irreparable loss sustained by the State and the Craft, and to place on the records of this Provincial Grand Lodge the feelings which animate us on this mournful event. The royal Prince whom we have lost was not marked solely by his birth and Masonic rank, but with rare gifts with which Nature had endowed him, and which he had assiduously cultivated, and which he was devoting for the good of this country, and to the encouragement of every useful, scientific, and benevolent work. There is another Royal Lady who feels this shock, and who graced Huddersfield with her presence last autumn—the Duchess of Albany; and our Masonic sympathies extend to her as well as to the Queen and the Prince of Wales. To one and all of the Royal Family of England our hearts are moved to place on record this testimony of our sympathies, and to offer our tribute of responsive condolence for the loss the Queen, Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, and the Craft have sustained. His Royal Highness was to have presided at the Boys' Eighty-sixth Annual Festival on the 26th of June. We have to lament the loss by death of several prominent members of the Craft of West Yorkshire, among whom are Bro. Mark Dawson, late Mayor of Bradford; Bro. S. O. Bailey, Bradford, who was connected with the Bradford Historical and Antiquarian Society; Bro. William Foster, of Hornby Castle, late High Sheriff of Lancashire; the Rev. Dr. Neary, of Ossett; Bro. Anton Englemann, late of Harmony Lodge, No. 600, Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden, and Founder of Lodge No. 874, now 600, Harmony, who died at Frankfort, on the 17th March; and several others. Bro. Motley Ward's example has been followed in our charity subscription list by a son of the late Bro. W. Foster, of Pentalpha Lodge, No. 974, by a donation of fifty guineas to the Girls' Festival, to be held on the 21st May. And now, Brethren, comes the most delicate and the most perplexing part of my duties as your Provincial Grand Master, the exercise of my prerogative under clause 87 of the Book of Constitutions. With 887 Past Masters and Worshipful Masters, the difficulty of appointing officers for the ensuing year is an onerous one, although the Grand Lodge has placed two more at my disposal. I know I have only the means of recognising the fewest of these yearly increasing claims. One appointment I venture to make is Brother Wright Mellor, the Worshipful the Mayor of Huddersfield, as my Senior Grand Warden, in acknowledgment of the splendid reception of the late Duke and the Duchess of Albany. I thank the other Lodges of Huddersfield for their co-operation in this day's proceedings, and all of you for the attention you have given to this address, and I now ask your earnest consideration to the business on the agenda paper.

Bro. Tew Deputy Provincial Grand Master, then addressed the brethren on matters affecting the working of the Craft. He deprecated a system of private communications to the Provincial Grand Master instead of through the ordinary channel of the Secretary's office.

Votes of condolence to Her Majesty the Queen and the Duchess of Albany on the recent death of his H.R.H. the Duke of Albany were carried.

The Officers were appointed for the ensuing year as follows :—

Bro. Wright Mellor, J.P., P.M. 275 ...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
George Motley Wand. J.P., P.M. 302	P.G. Junior Warden
Rev. R. Bullock, M.A., Chap. 1211 } Rev. W. T. M. Sylvester, Chap. 1542 }	P.G. Chaplains
Jas. H. Gration (elected) P.M. 1513	P.G. Treasurer
C. S. Sunderland P.M. 1301 ...	P.G. Registrar
Benjamin Hutchinson P.M. 290 ... } Jose h Lowenthal P.M. 275 ... }	P.G. Senior Deac
W. Wagstaffe Barlow P.M. 302 ... } Reuben Williamson P.M. 521 ... }	P.G. Junior Deacc
Thomas Winn P.M. 1211	P.G. Supt. of Wo
Joseph W. Monckman P.M. 1018...	P.G. Director of C
Hugh Sugden Holdsworth P.M. 408	P.G. Deputy ditto
Thomas Pickles P.M. 258... ...	P.G. Assistant dit
George Pearson P.M. 1034 ...	P.G. Sword Beare
James France P.M. 208	P.G. Standard Be
Alfred Austin P.M. 306	P.G. Ditto
John William Phillips 139 ...	P.G. Organist
Herbert G. E. Green 1010 ...	P.G. Assistant Sec
John Seed P.M. 1302	P.G. Pursuivant
William Cockroft P M. 307 ...	P.G. Assistant Pu
R. Schott P.M. 296, T. Whitaker P.M. 448, R. Ackrill P.M. 1001. J. Wright P.M. 600. J. Bedford P.M. 304, J. Brailsford P.M. 1779	P.G. Stewards
Joshua Lee P.M. 290	P.G. Tyler
Jonas Sheard 308	P.G. Assistant Tyl

The Annual Report of the Charity Committee was prese adopted.

Sir Henry Edwards P.G.M. then presented the Provinci Lodge with three additional full sets of Provincial Officers' and jewels and two standards richly embroidered with devices. He also presented to each Lodge a handsomely-bo of the Revised Book of Constitutions, for all of which a ur vote of thanks was accorded him.

After other business of the Province had been transa petitions for relief considered, the meeting terminated.—*Post.*

P.G.L. OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WI

A SPECIAL meeting of this Province was held at the Hall, Southampton, on Wednesday, 9th inst., to adopt a of condolence to Her Majesty the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, on the lamented death of the Duke of Albany. There was a numerous attendance of from all parts of the Province, the majority of the Lodges t presented. Bro. Beach presided, supported by Bro. Hickm amongst those present were Bros. Le Feuvre, Pickering, Bunt jun., Waterworth, Rev. Watts, Wheeler, Major Walsh, Trodd, Firth, Rebbick, E. H. Elers, E. A. B. Elers, Rawlins ham, Major Douglas, Everett, Dew, Phillips, Bemister, Gibson Hobbs, Stevens, Dyer, Smith, Groves, Miller, Knight, Cox, Scott, Berry, Martin, Weekes, Cawte, Algar, Rosoman, Walton, Emanuel, Futcher, Evans, Gould, Stevens, Longland Adams, Patstone, Pearce, Brown, Passenger, Murray, Fromell, Calthorpe, Robinson, Jenkins, Robertson, Go Arlidge, Grier, Jellicoe, Laverty, Phillips, Powell, Loveland, T Good, Williams, Burchett, King, Bailey, Powell, Marks, Hickman, Bigks, Exell, Harrington, Carter, Smith, Vare. brethren wore emblems of mourning. Grand Lodge havin duly constituted, the Provincial Grand Master, in an eloquent proposed that a humble vote of sympathy and condolence be to Her Majesty the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Duchess of Albany, upon the lamented death of the late Leopold. The resolution was seconded by Bro. Hickman, a ported by Bro. the Hon. Somerset J. Gough Calthorpe, as a me Grand Lodge, and Bro. Best, on behalf of the Oxfordshire P. of which the deceased Prince was the chief. Bro. Le Feuv submitted the draft of three addresses, and these were unani approved and adopted in silence. The Dead March in "Sau then played by the Provincial Grand Organist, and the proc having concluded, Provincial Grand Lodge closed in du Similar addresses were also adopted in Provincial Grand Roy Chapter, in whose proceedings many of the before-me brethren took part as Companions.—*Portsmouth Times.*

An Emergency Meeting of the Provincial Grand of Leicestershire and Rutland was held on Wedn afternoon, at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, Earl F Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, pres Addresses of sympathy and condolence with the Quee Prince of Wales as Grand Master, and the Duch Albany, on the occasion of the lamented death of the of Albany were passed.

The following Festivals have been held durin week at Freemasons' Tavern :—

Tuesday, 15th—Cadogan Lodge, Salisbury Lodge, Leigh Wanderers' Chapter; Wednesday, 16th—Buckingham and C Lodge, Grand Stewards' Lodge, Oak Lodge; Thursday, 17th Service Vocal Union, Linnman Club, Globe Lodge, St. Mary's Universal Lodge; Friday, 18th—Jordan Lodge; Saturday, Primrose League.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Sudden changes of the temp sorely try all persons prone to rheumatism, sciatica, tic doloreux, an similar maladies scarcely less painful, though of shorter duration. first attack of stiffness or suffering in any muscle, joint, or nerve, should immediately be had to fomenting the seat of disease with hot b rubbing in this remarkable Ointment, which will assuage the uneasine part, subdue inflammation, and reduce the swelling. The Pills, simultan taken, will rectify constitutional disturbances and renew the streng remedy heretofore discovered has proved so effective as the Ointm Pills for removing gouty, rheumatic, and scrofulous attacks which a ages, and are commonly called hereditary.

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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, 19th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 188 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Karl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
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-street, W., at 8
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 21st APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
1—Grand Masters', 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, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
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.
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 9 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (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.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 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

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. (Instruction)
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
984—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, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1440—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. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
R.A. 286—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 951—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 22nd 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, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, 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—Jeppa, 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)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
940—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
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)
1448—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Tarmen-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7 30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., 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)

R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, H
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemas
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, De
R.A. 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapt
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenha
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (f
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, De
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, B
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1875—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpoo

R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Que
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park S
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak H
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighto
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbu
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hil

WEDNESDAY, 23r

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbur
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate,
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southw
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampst
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhal
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Aver
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crow
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean St
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Belham, at 7
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court,
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon R

1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air S
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitec
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Ol
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Ma
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwa
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palm
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, W
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John S
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobell
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Sta
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cambers

R.A. 12—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Willi
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Qu

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shre
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lan
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbur

1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-s
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thr
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Ha
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New

R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Ho
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 24th

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-s
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lo
90—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptfo
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Reg
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, L
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 H
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower To
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-st
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, C

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, West
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green,
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near S
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-roa
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' A
1484—Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosv
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masoni
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. M
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Stree
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaur
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John'
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel New Southga
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensingto

R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, V
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Ho
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Taver
at 8 (Instruction)
R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel.
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-s
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Bre
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgat
584—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, I
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, N
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-s
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, St

1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lanc
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpo
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1789—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, He
1826—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple street, Ne

R.A. 87—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
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
R.A. 1098—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 34—St. Andrew Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 25th 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—Jernsalem, 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, 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)
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.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne

SATURDAY, 26th APRIL.

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)
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. 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

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, No. 144.—For years past it has been the established custom for the members of the above Lodge to work the Fifteen Sections on Good Friday; last Friday proved no exception to this rule. The brethren mustered in good numbers, and under the excellent direction of Bro. Arden, the much respected Preceptor, as Worshipful Master, the business of the evening was performed in a most satisfactory manner. First Lecture—Bros. Morrison, Alexander, Markland, Coop, Coolstrom, Sedgwick, Cleghorn. Second Lecture—Bros. Burgess, Payne, Stuart, Smith, Dairy. Third Lecture—Bros. Markland, Stuart, Smith.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 17th instant, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Present—Bros. J. Bedford Williams W.M., Stringer S.W., Catt J.W., Banks Treasurer, S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., Penrose S.D., Ingram J.D. and I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Hutchings Preceptor, J. W. Freeman and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, advanced to the third, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Freeman personating the candidate. Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by Bro. Williams, Bro. Smith candidate. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Langdale's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday the 12th instant. Present—Bros. Smith W.M., Turner S.W., Ferrar J.W., Fenner acting Secretary, Weeden S.D., Cross J.D., Bleakley I.G., Hirst acting Preceptor, and others. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and Lodge was advanced to the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hirst acting as candidate; Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Smith vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Weeden. Bro. Fenner answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. Lodge resumed, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Fenner worked the second section of the lecture. Bro. Weeden worked the first section of the first lecture. Bro. Turner was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. A vote of thanks was cordially awarded Bro. Smith, this being the first time he had occupied the chair of K.S. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693. Tavern, Highbury, N. On Monday, 21st instant, this Lodge meet at seven o'clock. Bro. Clark W.M. Faith, 141, will be chair, and open and close the Lodge. At 7·30 the annual will take place, Bro. Isaac P.M. 1693 P.Z. 188 in the chair, ar Forge P.M. 1950 W.M. 619 in the vice chair. The musical ar ments by Bro. Collings Org. 1693. Tickets, 4s each, can be either of the above brethren; of the Stewards, or of Bro. J. L lingridge Secretary 66 Thornhill Road, N. We are con Bro. Baker will supply an excellent supper, and a numerous a ance is expected.

SENSATION WINE SALES.

IN a room crowded with buyers, bidding from the windows passage for want of easier posts of vantage, Mr. A. Sou the wine broker, offered at the Commercial Sale Rooms, and s three hours 12,000 dozens of claret of the vintage 1874, the pr of the celebrated Chateau Margaux, formerly the property Viscount Agnado, the wine bearing on each bottle the brand Viscount's estate, which brand (in France at all events) it crime and misdemeanour even to imitate colourably, much le forge. Probably the success of this venture may have induced largest wine merchant in Belgium," who is also described a "holder of the finest stock of wines in that country," where has been "established 200 years" to reduce his enormously mulated stock by public auction, under the auspices of the "r mer of the wine market," Mr. A. Southard. On Thursday Charles Quinet, of Mons, caused to be placed before the trade without reserve, one of the finest assortments of high class v ever submitted, a stock such as probably does not exist in country. The clarets were of the vintages 1874, 1864, 1862, back to 1848, 1846 and 1841, all in magnificent preservation good condition. Sauternes of similar age and backs of 1862, 1841, and even of 1834. There were also red champagnes—"s of course—wines very much esteemed by the fastidious consu of Belgium, but scarcely known in this country; and these about the only lots in the catalogue not greedily appreciated. the greatest sensation of the day was the sale of old Burgun The wines of 1874, only bottled 5 years ago, seem to have benef by the halo cast over them by their association with the prin growths of Chambertin, Romanée-conti, Richebourg, and Vo dating back from 1864 to 1846, for they too fetched good pri while the biddings for the choicer wines were of the most spir description. The oldest and largest and best of the wine trade w evidently interested spectators, if not actual buyers. Amor others was noticed Mr. Alderman de Keyser, evidently glad of opportunity to restore the balance of power to some of his old b which must have latterly been a little disturbed by an enorm accession of business consequent upon the increase of the size of magnificent hotel. But perhaps more interest was attached to operations of a certain lesser light of the Corporation, who acti as is well known, professionally for the firm of Spiers Pond, appeared to buy with marked determination. A hundred doz of wine at 90s, several scarcely smaller parcels at 66s, 72s, and 8 went to make "a big bag" for the enterprising and popular caterer and when they gave 121s per dozen for the Chambertin vintage 18 a question naturally occurred to one as to what would have to paid for a dinner at the Criterion in future! The connoisseur of w may be accustomed to the sensational results of Pall Mall auctio but they are limited in their nature, and are mostly confined "private buyers," but 7,525 dozens of the choicest old clarets, B grandies, &c., have never before been submitted and disposed of cash buyers, and that in a space of three hours. Trade may "bad" in England, but when the trained and experienced buyers the wine market dare venture to take over from Belgium such cos wines as these under notice trade must either be better here than Belgium, or the habits of the people in that thrifty country are indu ing them to avail themselves of the results of our over-improvi civilisation, or the temptation to employ the increasing wealth of C England in the most costly and elegant indulgences.

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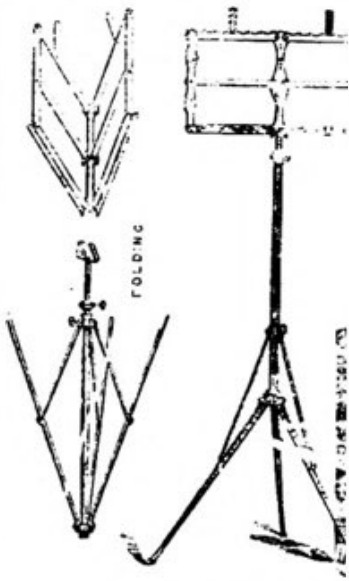
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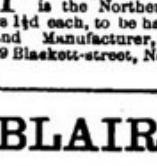
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ORGANIZERS OF CHARITY.

IT is very doubtful whether there are many brethren, among the number who hear of the grand amounts annually collected on behalf of the three great Masonic Institutions, who have any idea how the bulk of the sums which are subscribed are raised. They may know that at the yearly Festivals the London Lodges sent up a total of so much; that on each occasion some one or other of the Provinces headed the list of country contributions (with a total of £1000, £2000, or upwards), but if we inquire as to the component parts of these totals, or of the grand one of the year—be it £40,000, £45,000, £50,000, or more—they are at a loss to answer; and we believe there are few beyond those who have actually served the office of Steward who can form any idea of the labour represented by "the charity work of a year;" while even among the Stewards themselves there are some who have done little more than hand over the voluntary contributions of the brethren of their own Lodges, supplemented by a gift of their own. There are, indeed, very few who can testify to the amount of hard work and perseverance that is needed—not only just prior to the annual Festivals, but also continuously, week by week, and month by month, to arrive at the results ultimately achieved. Were it possible to analyse the lists of the several Stewards we should find that the body of donors interested in providing the grand total of the year on behalf of our Institutions was indeed very large, the number of names, at a very rough estimate, being considerably over fifteen thousand, while in not a few cases the amounts accredited might be again subdivided, as in the cases of Lodges, a donation of five or ten guineas from one of which might represent a gift from forty or fifty brethren. But it is not only the brethren whose names appear on the respective Stewards' lists who help to swell the annual totals; there is a great amount of work being carried on by brethren whom we may justly denominate "Organizers of Charity." Men who are not content when they have contributed as far as they are personally able to do, but who are always at work to secure donations from others. We need not look further than to the rules of the Institutions themselves to learn how the work of these brethren is appreciated, votes being now given to those who, without actually serving the office of Steward, have interested themselves in obtaining sums from their friends; but even this branch does not complete the list of those who are actively working for the good of the less fortunate members of the Craft.

It is now some time since that the first Charity Association—having for its object the securing to each of its members Life Governorships of one or other of the Masonic Institutions by small periodical payments—was started, but at the present time we imagine the brethren who are not acquainted with, or are working for, one or other of the many now established, are in the minority, while the sums raised through these channels forms no insignificant part of each year's total. It is to the brethren who manage these Associations that the Craft is indebted for no small share of the success which has lately attended the Charities, and too much praise cannot be given to them as a body. We believe it was Bro. Nicholas Wingfield, P.M. 169 and 1155, who originated this scheme of obtaining Life Governorships by ballot, his original Association terminating about 1869, after having met with hearty support among the friends of the founder in Bermondsey and Rotherhithe. We hear of the North Eastern Masonic Charitable Associa started in 1870, with Bro. J. J. Wilson P.M. 813, &c President, Bro. J. Bellerby P.M. 65, &c Vice Presi J. Newton P.M. 174 Treasurer, and James Terry 228 Hon. Sec. This Association, at its completion, a the end of 1873, showed that a total of £1090 had contributed to the Institutions through its Stew Since then many kindred Associations have been bro to a successful termination, some showing more satisfac returns as regards amounts; others a falling-off, not account of any lack of enthusiasm, but because it is always possible to obtain a membership large enoug realise such a result as was then achieved. It woul useless here to attempt to give any detailed list of Associations now at work, for their number, both London and throughout the Provinces, is very great; in all of them the same good feeling exists, and the good cause is the one worked for—the raising of m for the benefit of the Masonic Institutions. It must in be a pleasure to the pioneers of the movement to w the progress of the scheme they were so enthusiasti associated with.

We recently recorded the completion of one of t Associations, to-day we chronicle the close of another, the start of its successor, and so we go on week by w Indeed, it is seldom but we could record somethin interest in connection with this particular branch of p tical Freemasonry, the success of which has now been established. It is true that the totals raised by each cessive Association, so far as comparison has been poss have shown somewhat of a falling off, but this is not du any waning of interest in the Associations themselves, arises from the fact of their being so much more nume now, and consequently more confined in the circles which they can enlist supporters. Associations sta years ago drew their members from several Lodges Lodges of Instruction, whereas, at the present day, n of the former, and most of the latter, are working ciations on their own account, and thus it is that have to look to their own circle only for co-operation.

In the Provinces it is not at all uncommon to find Associations being conducted in connection with the vincial Grand Lodge, or under the direction of some o more prominent officials of the district, and there als may trace many of the five and ten guinea donatio which go so far to make up the total of the year—to ciations such as we have referred to, and which, with brethren who conduct them, must ever occupy a minent position on the list of "Organizers of Charity.

Another branch of this subject, and one to which atte might well be directed at the present time, is the formati connection with private Lodges of Benevolent Funds. F from which it may be possible to relieve distress amon members without its being necessary to put their before the world at large. Benevolence which is qu and quickly administered is, at all times, far to be ferred to that which has to be discussed among compar strangers, and may be weeks in reaching its recipient there can surely be no better method of administe benevolence than by the establishment of Benev Funds in connection with our Lodges. We have seen, during our visits to private Lodges, what possible to do where a Charity Fund exists in a L and the opinion thus formed enables us to recom

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the general adoption of the plan. Here, also, there is room for the active Organizer of Charity, who may make it his particular duty to urge the members, whenever they are able, to add a little to the "invested" money standing to the credit of the Charity Fund, and thus, in a few years, will a total be raised which, in case of need, it will be found very useful to possess. It is not unknown to our readers that there are Lodges in which Charity Funds exist, the accumulations of which have reached, not only hundreds, but also thousands; and when we remember that each of these had a small beginning—perhaps were commenced with a five guinea vote from the Lodge—it behoves us all to set about making a start in our own particular Lodge. There are numerous ways by which these Funds can be augmented, and many ways in which they may be made of use in more extended charity operations than is, perhaps, intended at their formation; but these and their general development can only follow an energetic start. That there is every day a greater call for individual work on behalf of Masonic Charity is becoming more and more apparent, and we hope that our present remarks may induce some few at least to make a start in the work of organization, without which our Charities would soon show a marked diminution, for it is hardly to be expected that the large totals now raised can be continued, unless the circle of operations is further extended, and energetic efforts are made to induce more general support being given than is now the case.

OUR SCHOLASTIC INSTITUTIONS.

THE Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Saturday last at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Colonel Creaton, Past Grand Treasurer. After the minutes of last Quarterly Court had been read and confirmed, Colonel Creaton was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer. The General Committee were also re-elected.

Bro. Robert Grey then rose to propose the following Motion:—

> "That in consideration of the valuable services rendered to the Institution by Bro. Charles Hammerton, Honorary rank, with the privileges attaching thereto, be conferred upon Mrs. Hammerton."

Bro. Grey, in brief but forcible terms, recapitulated the services Bro. Hammerton had rendered to the Institution. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Frank Richardson, and received unanimous assent. Scrutineers for examining the Voting Papers were then appointed, and shortly afterwards the poll was declared open, for the Election of Twenty-Three Girls to the benefits of the Institution. In another page will be found the List of Successful Candidates, we append the names of those who did not succeed. We give also the number of votes credited to each. The lowest candidate on the List of those successful polled 1137 votes.

Unsuccessful Candidates.

No. on List	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
16	Searle, Frances Alice	665	441	1106
14	Bromley, Maude Mary	355	673	1028
12	Betts, Edith Ellen	5	997	1002
8	Wheeler, May Amelia	410	481	891
26	Beilby, Jessie Louisa	—	843	843
23	Wright, Beatrice Elizabeth	—	783	783
25	Hurst, Olive Ann	—	714	714
22	Bush, Florence Wilson	—	680	680
2	Hutchings, Jane Wheeler	431	199	630
11	Heath, Fanny	141	439	580
21	Relph, Florence Eleanor	—	502	502
4	Godfrey, Mabel Harriet	5	132	137

THE Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Brother George Plucknett, who later on was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Institution, occupied the chair. The General Committee were re-elected. The following motion, of which notice had been formally given was brought forward by Brother Robert Martin:—

> To insert as Section 2 in Law 63, after the word "thereof"—
> "A Lodge or Masonic Body may, under similar conditions, place a duly qualified Boy in the Institution, by an annual payment of Fifty Pounds, in lieu of such sum of One Hundred and Seventy-eight Pounds, provided that the Lodge or Masonic Body [illegible] give such guarantee for the conti Pounds during the time such Boy sh General Committee may require."

Brother Martin, as representat laid clearly before the Governc motives which actuated the brethi desire to carry their motion. ensued; an amendment, which, l by the proposer of the motion, v end the proposition was negati those present inclining to the charge would have a tendency to a proprietary character than Godson next proposed that Rule read as follows:—

> "All Candidates for admission to the before the passing of this Resolution accepted Candidates) shall, before a examination, or be certified by a com examination, as follows:—If the Ca years at the time of admission, the Standard of the Government Educati the ages of nine and ten, he must pas over the age of ten years, then he mu the Third Standard of the same."

Here, again, some considerab spent in discussion; the result, h Godson carried his point.

Brother Raynham Stuart's Nc the House and Building Committ

> "*That* this Court do authorise the purch being Nos. 1 to 4 Lindum Villas, Woo attached thereto, being in all upwar the New Preparatory School, at a pri
> "*That* a Spacious Hall, available for Div Purposes of the Institution, be erecte land (the property of the Institutio present building, at a cost not exceed
> "*That* the plans and suggestions submi Bro. Robert Berridge, for the accomm in the New Buildings for the Prep adopted by this Court, on an estimat
> "*That* it be referred to the House and Bu these Resolutions."

Received unanimous assent. Th Scrutineers was then made, and three Boys as Pupils of the Instit We refer those interested to our A the List of Successful Candidates, number of votes polled by those this occasion.

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No. on List	Name
34	Besley, James Campbell
18	Seagrave, James Pullen
9	Beaumont, Reginald
33	Cooper, Charles Bernard
25	Gisbford, William Taylor
26	Barber, Christopher W. G.
47	Matthews, Richard Cephas
29	Gore, James Ambrose
36	Sharland, William F.
50	Harvey, Lewis John T.
3	Gale, Horace
42	Dawson, Stanley Claude
1	Cummings, Charles Brown
53	Knight Samuel William
22	Hildred, Benjamin Meeds
38	Gloster, Harry Percy O. (withdrawn
28	Allan, John Sinclair B.
31	Warner, Arthur
46	Perkins, Frank
52	Heinke, John Leathart
30	Bailey John Augustus M.
14	Longman, Frederick W.
43	Moore, Arthur
19	Graves, Harry Robert
16	Green, James Murray
45	Mushens, Alfred Thompson
12	Mitchell, Reginald A. L.
51	Manning, Frank Kingsley
24	Crutchett, Albert Edmund
20	Davis, Frederick Teilo

The proceedings, both on Satur with the customary votes of thank Scrutineers. The lowest succes Boys' List polled 1760 votes.

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THE LATE DUKE OF ALBANY.

ON Thursday, a Special Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of voting addresses of condolence and sympathy with Her Majesty the Queen, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Master, and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, on the much regretted death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, Past Grand Warden, and to arrange for their presentation. The Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master presided, Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., acted as Deputy Grand Master, General Brownrigg, C.B., as Past Grand Master. The other Grand offices were filled by the Earl of Milltown Senior Warden, Victor A. Williamson as Junior Warden, Revs. H. G. Morse and W. Oswell Thompson Chaplains, Æneas McIntyre, M.P., Registrar, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Secretary, Wendt Secretary for German Correspondence, Gooding and Devonshire Deacons, Sir Albert Woods D.C., Bolton Deputy D.C., Thrupp A.D.C., Lieut.-Colonel Peters Sword Bearer, E. Bowyer Standard Bearer, Cusins Org., Buss Assistant Sec., Littell Pursuivant, and Sadler Tyler. Among the Prov. Grand Masters who were present were Col. Sir Francis Burdett (Surrey), Sir Walter Burrell, Bart., M.P. (Sussex), Sir E. A. H. Lechmere (Worcestershire), Col. J. A. Lloyd-Philipps (South Wales West); while among Past Grand Officers there were the Earl of Onslow and John Havers Wardens; Revs. Bent, Dr. Cox, Woodford, Hill, Dr. Sedgwick, and Martyn Chaplains; Clabon, Rucker, Plucknett, Burney, Hughan, Wheeler, Peirce, Case, Fenn, Philips, Hutton, Richardson, Grey, Scott, Hogg, Gumbleton, Baron, Peter de Lande Long, Dumas, and Bird Deacons; Woodman, Greenwood and Nunn Sword Bearers; Pigott, Lewis-Thomas and Dumas A D.C.'s; Willing Organist, Cubitt and Wright Pursuivants, Hyde-Clarke Rep. G.L. Columbia, the Marquis of Hertford, Sir Matthew White Ridley, &c. After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, the circular convening the meeting was read, and the Grand Secretary announced that he had received letters from the Earl of Lathom and other distinguished Grand Officers, expressing regret at their inability to attend; also their entire concurrence in the object of the meeting. The Earl of Carnarvon then rose and said:—

BRETHREN,—It becomes my duty to undertake the melancholy task of asking your concurrence in three addresses of sympathy and condolence with Her Majesty the Queen, His Royal Highness the Grand Master, and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany. My words need not be many on such an occasion, for there is but one thought in the minds of us all, and any expression of sympathy with those who are suffering from this untimely and sudden bereavement will readily find an echo with you. From all parts, indeed, of the country, from Parliament, from the courts of quarter sessions from churches, from municipal assemblages, from wherever Englishmen have come together, has gone up a unanimous and very touching sound of sorrow; and now I have to ask Grand Lodge to join them in that same public tribute of deep regret. Brethren, I need scarcely remind you of the part that His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany took in Masonic affairs. When in the University of Oxford, or shortly afterwards, in the Apollo Lodge he became Worshipful Master of that Lodge. He became then afterwards Junior Grand Warden of England in this Grand Lodge, and finally he became the Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire; and, I believe, in each and all of those situations he endeavoured to fulfil the duties that were incumbent upon him, as he certainly took the liveliest and most marked interest in all that concerned the welfare of the Craft. English history has more than once had occasion to lament some young prince cut off in the prime and pride of life, and many students will remember the expressions of national sorrow which those deaths have called forth; but never, I think, has there been greater sorrow felt and manifested than on this particular occasion, and never was there more real cause for it. The life of the Duke of Albany was a short one measured by mere lapse of years; but in that short period he succeeded in making a career for himself, and leaving a mark upon his own generation. He had many difficulties to contend with. He was cut off by constitutional delicacy of health from the profession of arms, and was unable to serve, as does his brother, in the naval service of the Queen. He was hindered all through life by repeated checks and interruptions which arose from feeble health; and yet in spite of all that he made his mark upon his time, and he left in the this reason, that there was no good cause which he was not read plead and in which he did not interest himself; and whilst he, his studious habits and his literary tastes, knew how to throw a ce thoughtful grace around almost everything which he said, more this, over and above this, you might always detect the feelin sympathy and the kindliness of a true and affectionate heart; and I think, it was that gave him this hold upon his contemporaries. has been cut off in the middle of that career, in the midst of all promise, and has been taken away, as the best very often are t away, in youth. Brethren, your sympathies will be, I am satis heartily and freely accorded to those illustrious members of family who mourn his loss—Her Majesty the Queen, our illustr Grand Master the Prince of Wales, and the bereaved Widow. T of these you will, I am sure, join with me in proposing a hear vote of condolence and sympathy. If there be any one thing w could specially deepen your sorrow on this occasion, and could n this vote even more unanimous than I know it will be—it woul the recollection, which must be fresh in your mind, of that tone and noble letter which we saw from the Queen, published or few days ago. In that letter she has taken, as on former occas also, her loving subjects into her confidence. The duties of K and Queens and Princes in this generation of ours are difficult delicate, but where they are discharged with the affection of t subjects they become comparatively easy. That affection Majesty has in no common degree, and that affection and those m of loyalty must be her consolation in the midst of this great bere ment. Brethren, I have to ask you to agree to the three addres to Her Majesty the Queen, to His Royal Highness the Princ Wales, the Grand Master, and Her Royal Highness the Duches Albany.

Bro. W. W. Beach, Provincial Grand Master Hampsh and the Isle of Wight, in seconding the motion, said:—

In the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lath I have the pleasure of seconding these resolutions. After the se ments which the Pro Grand Master has so eloquently expressed i unnecessary to say much. All Englishmen mourn the loss of Duke of Albany, cut off in the prime of life, with such bright mise for the future. He identified himself with many of the suits of Englishmen; he gave up much time to literary pursu and also in the cause of charity he showed himself an eloqu advocate and assistant. But if Englishmen generally have caus mourn his loss, we, as Freemasons, have a double reason for d so. He took the most active interest in the welfare of our anci Fraternity from the moment he was initiated into Freemasonry. served an office in the Apollo Lodge, and speedily became Master; and none can testify better than I am able to do to duties which devolve upon the Master of that Lodge—how nec sary it is for him to make himself acquainted with the active wo ing of the Craft, and to practise all those offices which w necessary for an able and accomplished Master of a Lodge possess. He then rose to higher distinction, but he never re quished that active interest in the welfare of the Craft which at moment of his initiation he seemed to have contracted. Broth we need not entertain a doubt that if he had been spared to us would have achieved further distinction, and given greater pron for the future. But we must lament his loss, and if we do so, th who are so nearly and dearly connected with him must do so double, nay in a tenfold degree; and therefore it is with greatest gratification that I have the honour of seconding the mot that an address of condolence be presented to the Queen, one to Grand Master, and one to the Duchess of Albany.

Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, havi read the addresses, the propositions that they be severa presented was carried *nem con.* The Earl of Carnarv said the Prince of Wales would sign and present the dresses to to the Queen and the Duchess of Albany, and (the Earl of Carnarvon) would sign and present the addr to the Prince of Wales. Grand Lodge was then closed ample form.

PROFESSIONAL MEN IN AUSTRALIA.—It can never be too stron insisted upon, that professional men, as a rule, cannot get on well in Australia as in Europe. Members of the legal profession numerous in New South Wales, and it is necessary to success they should have some knowledge of the land system of the Colo For hard working medical men, content to bide their time, th are plenty of openings in the country districts, and surgeons acc tomed to practice in the mining or rural districts would have difficulty in forming a connection. Schoolmasters possessing requisite qualifications can readily obtain employment under Department of Public Instruction, but there are comparatively chances for those accustomed only to the work of classical edu tion. Clerks, book-keepers, shop assistants, and the like are required. These form a large proportion of the unemployed Sydney, as do the unskilled labourers. Agricultural workers their families can always obtain employment, as can domestic vants, but farm managers, bailiffs, and superintendents have to le much before they are competent to undertake the charge of Colo farms. Persons practically acquainted with the working of reap and binders and other agricultural machinery can do well, as almost any one having a knowledge of the principles of scien farming.

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SYMBOLS.

MODERN divisions of Masonry are symbolic of the divisions of the workmen at the temple of Solomon —the apprentices, workmen and masters, who were variously denominated burden-bearers, builders and masters of the work. In the Masonic Fraternity these are merely symbolisms; for practically they are only degrees representing these ancient facts, and as soon as the Third degree is reached all are Masters upon a common level. In early practical Masonry they were carried out as facts. The symbolism gives us good ideas of the facts of real life in the divisions of the work of the human family, showing the natural divisions of labour according to the laws of nature. Throughout the whole history of the human race we find a lower strata of people, who, from indolence in early life, from force of circumstances or some natural disposition of mind, are destined through life to bear the heavy burdens for the rest. The second class, from natural inclination, developed by some unknown law of mind, cling to mechanism and trade in their various branches, while others, also guided by the law of taste, select the higher callings or professions, and in a certain sense become the leaders of human society and thought. Were this not the fact, all employment would be of equal grade, and all men must of necessity be each his own labourer and mechanic in all things pertaining to human industry. This being the case, everything would be of rude construction, because no man would have time, opportunity or disposition to bring anything to perfection, but this law of the sub-division of labour allows full development in each branch of human industry, so that mechanism, art, science and literature, are constantly approaching a character of perfection which is very admirable. Without this law the human family would be to-day where it was thousands of years ago. But, with it, see the improvement in, and the high character of, thought; the power of steam, the universality of commerce, the railroad bands uniting different sections of a vast nation, the electric wires binding nations, the perfection and beauty of mechanism in every department, the unfolding mines of mineral wealth, and so throughout all the work of the human family. In this symbolism, then, we are not confined merely to Freemasonry, but by it are led to behold one of the most beautiful symmetrical laws of the Divine mind. This law of God is so well developed that it must continue as long as time lasts. It is not, however, a matter of necessity that the burden bearers should always be destined to poverty, for that is, to a certain extent, the result of a species of tyranny exercised over the burden bearer by the higher classes, which may, in time, be so removed as to place the lower classes in a higher degree of personal comfort. The symbolism goes still further than this general classification of the employments of men; for each employment has sub-divisions in its lower, middle, and higher classes of workmen. There is not a band of railroad labourers but has men who are leaders, and so through all occupations to the highest grade of thinkers and writers, each man being relegated to that class of workers for which his industry or ability has qualified him. This symbolism of grades may be safely carried to an almost boundless extent, and is certainly the most important of the symbolisms of the Fraternity, the rest being merely adjuncts or helps to develope or beautify. It is of the greater importance because of its being taken from the only architectural structure ever made on earth under the direct superintendence of the Divine mind. Carried still further, it may very well represent also the divisions of the temple, in the courts for the people, that for the priests, and the holier place for the dwelling of the Shekinar; then in a still higher sense the dwellers in the heavens, though this, perhaps, had better be reserved for the symbolism of the temple itself. It leads also to the thought that there is a necessity for preparation for whatever occupation may be chosen in life, and that he who is thoroughly prepared will best succeed in his undertaking. No man should enter these degrees without that preparation, nor should he pass through this life without a preparation for that which is to come.

Mackey's work on "The Symbolism of Freemasonry" takes up the general issues and the main points without delineating the minor points or parts; while the "Manuals of the Lodge" and "Guides" generalize a great deal and leave some of the parts of direct symbolism untouched. We do not propose to correct any of the arguments of these

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The hoodwink leads us into another branch of thought. Though physically unable to behold what is taking place around us, we are to be made aware that he who holds our hand is our friend, and that as long as we follow his leading no danger can possibly occur to us. We must trust him as such. Under his guidance we will be led into that which is for our greatest good. For the time being the guide is not only a leader but a controller of our actions. We are not always our own guide. Many times we are blind to our best interests, but the kind counsel of a trusted friend, if properly followed, will lead to the enhancement of our welfare. The child follows the direction of parents, the soldier the command of his general, the Christian the commands or mysterious directions of his God, none knowing the result of his passage through the dark and mysterious path, but a faithful adherence to this leadership is best for the follower. If at any time during these leadings the follower were to claim the light, and assert what he might consider his prerogative, the result might be disastrous to his best interest. A wise follower, therefore, considers, "My guide is in the full enjoyment of the light and results to which he wishes to bring me; I will, therefore, follow, and in due time all that he now enjoys will be mine." It is not always best for us to know the reason of our blindness, but in due time there comes a revelation of all the reasons of these mysterious things.

The cable-tow properly signifies to draw, or lead. At first it seems to have been used as a means of drawing or controlling, and may symbolize the binding covenant by which Masons are united and while it reminds us of the passage, "I drew with the cords of a man, with bands of love,"—Hosea xi. 4, it may not be drawn therefrom. Had there been a refusal upon the part of the candidate to submit to any of the forms of initiation it would have been easy to have led him away.

Combined, the last two symbols are those of secrecy, and involve the thought that all the candidate is now to learn of Freemasonry is to be secretly kept in his heart, and that all things Masonically committed to his mental care are to be as inviolable as if only within his own breast. They both teach, also, that during this period of time he is altogether in the hands of others, to whom for the time being he has entirely committed himself, having surrendered his will and rights; and having thus committed these important matters they will be returned to him in their full value, so soon as he has become united to the Brotherhood by the tie that binds them together. He is not to forget that through life he is many times led by circumstances, and sometimes by a kind special providence, in paths he knows not, and that in such circumstances he is quietly to submit until the time comes for the development of the reasons of the leading.

The door of the Lodge signifies asking for entrance into a state of mind or knowledge which we do not possess. "Ask and ye shall receive; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you," for all within a door are thought to be in possession of certain comforts which are desirable to him without; but a total stranger, having no right to any of these comforts, cannot expect to gain admittance; but his guide, a friend, who has access to the household and a right to its privileges, and whose knock is understood and who will vouch for the fidelity of his friend, has the right of introducing and extending the hospitality of the home. The door cannot be opened except by the door keeper, at the order of the leader of the house, and then only at the call or knock of one fully authorized to demand admittance, hence is a perfect barrier to any one not acquainted with the rules of the home. It signifies obstructions in the pathway of the traveller, who is upon a road hedged in by impassable and immovable barriers, and who finds his only means of exit from his surroundings through a movable barrier which, though thoroughly secured, has a means of removing with the only requirement of asking. It teaches, that all through life there are barriers in the way of progress, which can only be removed by patience, industry, perseverance and faith; that though we may many times be surrounded by barriers which seem inaccessible and immovable, yet to the faithful ones there will always be provided some avenue of escape, and that though we may be unable to discover the means of delivery from our enthralment, a kind friend may be near at hand to lend us aid. Sometimes human help fails, but God is always at hand to help, requiring only our trust and confidence in Him.

Music in its enlivening power will always give confidence, even in the darkest hour of man's adversity. Wh will drive away the clouds of gloom and despair. Wh fear, in any surroundings, has seized a man, the charms music will quiet it and inspire confidence. If led by cor and in blindness, if fear takes hold of the heart, it dispe and warns him that there is no approach of dang Under its inspiring influence he is always ready to proce It is, in subdued tones, the attendant of sorrow; in loud accents the companion of joy. It teaches that all throu life there should be cheerfulness and joy in the heart, looking upon the bright side of life and casting away t gloom, and that however dark the future, no man shou give way to dismal forebodings. Looking upon the brig or musical side will furnish joy and happiness to many life, when otherwise it would be continual sorrow.

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SUMMER FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to suggest, with reference the letter you published from "RUSTICUS" in your issue of the 12 instant, that if the Lodge of which he is a member converted th banquet into a light supper, having previously arranged that t regular business of the Lodge should be contracted within the n rowest limits consistent with order and propriety, the two or thr hour's enjoyment of the fresh air during the approaching summ season would become an agreeable possibility, while the period th occupied might be still further extended if the speeches were d pensed with altogether. I feel that, in offering this suggestion, may be proposing a course which the sticklers for routine proceedin will object to, or which, having regard to the Lodge arrangemer and other circumstances, such as distance to be travelled out a home again, the train or omnibus service, &c, &c., may not be fou suitable, but as your correspondent states none of these particula he must take my proposition for what it is worth. At all events, fr what he says as to the experiment having been successfully tried one form, I imagine there should be no great difficulty in combini duty and pleasure in such a manner as to satisfy each witho detriment to either.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

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THE OLD STORY, WITH ADDITIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your number of 8th March contai two American articles, the first is headed "The Old and the New in which the writer says:—

"When Christ came the religion of the Pharisees was overrunni the Jewish Empire. As wild poisonous vines will take possessi of a noble fruit tree, and will year after year make the tree blossom and leaves and fruit grow less and less, so as to make roo everywhere for the luxuriant but sickening verdure of the usurpe so the simple truths of religion are often silently approached a entwined and strangled by creeping plants whose blossoms yield fruit and whose leaves are full of poison. Thus the valuab doctrines which had beautifully grown in the times between Mos and Isaiah had at last become entangled with the weeds of Pharisei and what had been a garden was becoming a wilderness. This w the crisis which called into new life the 'repentance' of John a the 'regeneration' of Jesus, and all that eloquence which overflow from the Sermon on the Mount into the Gospels and letters of t Apostles," &c.

The above nonsensical remarks would have been in the right pla if introduced into a sermon, or if written for a purely Christi paper. But these notions are entirely out of place in a Mason paper. For what have we, as Masons, to do with either Christianit or Phariseeism? and who is able to decide whether Christianity Phariseeism is the true religion? or whether either of them is a tr religion? If Masonry means *a union of the good and true of a religions*, then I maintain that it is simply *impertinent*, on the pa of any Mason either to magnify his own creed, or to depreciate th creed of another, either in a Lodge, or in a Masonic paper. Pharisecism is a tree filled with nothing but "sickening verdure an poisonous leaves," then Jews should never have been permitted t get into a Masonic Lodge; and if, on the other hand, there are goo and true men among the followers of the Pharisees, then the Pharise tree cannot be *altogether* covered "with sickening verdure an poisonous leaves." I believe Phariseeism is not without faults but who can point out a religious-ism that is free from faults. But the writer of this nonsense had read, in the October number 1868 o

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the Quarterly Review, the article on the Talmud, by Emanuel Deutsch, or if he had read Renan's life of Christ, he would have learned that the character of the Pharisees was very much misrepresented by the writers of the Gospels, that instead of the Jews having degenerated at the time when Christ was born they were really more religious, more sincerely God-fearing, moral, just, and humane, than their ancestors had been during the period between Moses and Isaiah. But assuming, for the sake of argument, that all the Pharisees to which the Gospels refer were really nothing but humbugs and hypocrites, even then it seems to me simply ridiculous for an American Masonic luminary to point the finger of scorn at the hypocrisy of the Pharisees, while he is himself participating and approving of the humbug and hypocrisy practised in American Masonic Lodges.

The second article is headed "Light of Ages." One brief specimen from this will suffice for my purpose. Referring to the marriage at Cana, in the fourth Gospel, the writer informs us that—

"The miracle at Cana is an allegory of the sun producing the juice of the grape from water through the usual course of nature."

This Masonic luminary thus rambles through all ages, histories, and mysteries, perverting the meaning of every writer, in order to prove that the Gospels, the Apocalypse, the Egyptian mysteries, Homer's Iliad, the monks of Thibet, the priests of Hindostan, of Samothrace, of Eleusis, of Rome, of China, &c., were all either Masonic or Freemasons. Now, with all due respect to the admirers of that kind of *stuff*, I ask whether such a commentator on history and the Christian Scriptures does not justify the sneers and ridicule heaped upon the Masonic Fraternity, as well as the abuse we receive from the Catholic and some of the Protestant churches?

In conclusion, I sincerely thank you for republishing the said articles, because they furnish additional evidence to what I have repeatedly asserted, viz., that Masonry in America *is a mere mongrel*.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE, No. 1305.

THE annual meeting of this influential Lodge was held on Wednesday, 23rd inst., at the Langham Hotel, Bro. Edward White in the chair. The business was the installation of Bro. Frank C. Mouflet as Worshipful Master; to raise Bro. Walter Smith; and to initiate Mr. Richard Wright and Mr. James M. Hastie. The W.M. having completed the ceremony of raising, Bro. W. Smith proceeded to instal Bro. Frank C. Mouflet as W.M. for the succeeding year. This ceremony he conducted in a most impressive and earnest manner. Bro. Frank C. Mouflet W.M. elect then proceeded to the appointment of Officers, viz., Bros. Hill S.W., Halliday J.W., Smith S.D., Durrans J.D., J. L. Baker Secretary, Chaplin Treasurer, Spurgin I.G., Kift as Organist. The Tyler was re-elected. The next feature of the day's proceedings was the initiation of Mr. R. Wright and Mr. J. M. Hastie, and in performing the ceremony the Worshipful Master followed well in the footsteps of his predecessor P.M. White, and gave earnest of the way in which the ceremonies would be carried out during the ensuing year. A vote of thanks having been passed to the Auditors, the brethren adjourned to banquet, and in the interval of the toasts a selection of music, under the direction of Bro. Kift, was performed, the artistes being Madame Adeline Paget, Miss Pauline Featherby, Bros. James Kift and Egbert Roberts. The musical programme was a grand success, the ladies especially delighting all with their fine rendering of the songs. A handsome jewel, unanimously voted, was presented to P.M. White, not the first he has deservedly won by his services to Masonry. Bro. Mouflet, in his reply to the toast of the Worshipful Master, expressed a hope that he might succeed in a measure in emulating the impressive manner in which Bro. P.M. White had conducted the ceremonies. He would do his best to make his year of office a prosperous and pleasant one. Several distinguished visitors were present.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Monday, the 14th inst., when there were present:—Bros. J. Blenkin W.M.; P.M.'s T. B. Whytehead, J. S. Cumberland, G. Balmford, J. T. Seller, C. G. Padel; Sir F. Milner, Bart., S.W., and many Officers and brethren. At the conclusion of the business of the evening, Bro. J. Blenkin W.M. moved and Bro. Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., M.P., seconded the following resolution, which was carried unanimously: "That the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of the Eboracum Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1611, desire to express the grief experienced by them in the loss of their Royal Brother the late Duke of Albany, Past Grand Warden, and to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, their heartfelt sympathies in the deep affliction they have sustained, together with the hope that the Grand Architect of the Universe may console and support them in their bereavement." It was ordered that copies of the resolution be forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen and the Duchess of Albany, as well as the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, on Tuesday, 22nd instant. Present—Bros. Rich W.M., Haynes S.W., Mann J.W., Dyson S.D., Stafford J.D., Mitchell I.G., Moss Preceptor, Walker Ferry, Gildersleeve, Maidwell. [illegible] having answered questions, was [illegible] Bro. Stafford was elected a mem[illegible] Lodge having been closed, the br[illegible] Prosperity Charity Association. Brown P.M. and Hon. Secretary [illegible] the result of the first Association. [illegible] had paid into the Charities, as [illegible] £341 5s; Boys School £189; Girl[illegible] had been raised with the small[illegible] expenses. It was then proposed [illegible] tion be formed, to be called the [illegible] tion, with the following Officers:— G. Schadler I.P.M. 65 Vice-Presid[illegible] W. Walker J.W. 65 (32 Laure[illegible] Committee—D. Moss 1275, G. T. [illegible] P.M. 65, Stafford 65, Sainte 193, [illegible] Secretary R.M.B.I., W. C. Bush P[illegible] leeve 193, Buggins 65. Sixty-fou[illegible] as members, and £12 15s 6d was p[illegible] The first ballot was taken for [illegible] successful in securing the prize.

New Concord Lodge of [illegible] usual meeting of the above Lodge [illegible] Jolly Farmers Tavern, Southgate [illegible] supported by Bros. Weeden S.W [illegible] ceptor, Perl Secretary, Smith S.I[illegible] The usual preliminaries having be[illegible] advanced to the second degree, an[illegible] to be raised, and was entrusted. [illegible] and the ceremony of raising was r[illegible] candidate. Lodge was resumed, a[illegible] to be passed. Bro. Weeden was [illegible] meeting. A Committee was after[illegible] deration the propriety of removi[illegible] motion to consider this matter [illegible] cussion will take place next week[illegible] accept this intimation to attend, if [illegible] benefit by the free expression of op[illegible]

Kingsland Lodge of Ins[illegible] Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on [illegible] opened, and after the minutes of la[illegible] firmed, Bro. Bellis I.P.M. 1901, [illegible] Hopper 1677, was elected a memb[illegible] the chair on Monday, 28th April. [illegible] the members and visitors (nearly [illegible] was excellently served by Bro. Bal[illegible] The harmony of the evening was m[illegible] 1693, Townley, Akehurst, Baines, [illegible] Hawkins; and a most enjoyable [illegible] Chairman, Bro. Forge Vice-Chairm[illegible]

New Finsbury Park Lodg[illegible] —At the weekly meeting, on Tues[illegible] Wood Tavern, Present—Bros. Gil[illegible] S.W., Mercer J.W., Berry Secreta[illegible] Bros. Hubbard, Derry, Knights, [illegible] opened in due form, and the minut[illegible] confirmed. After Lodge had been [illegible] third lecture was worked by Bro. G[illegible] raising was rehearsed. The secon[illegible] were then worked by Bro. Fenner. [illegible] and third degrees, and Bros. Hub[illegible] Bro. Berry was then elected W.M. [illegible] ness being ended, the Lodge was c[illegible] evening, at eight o'clock.

AUSTRALIAN FORESTS.—"The Of[illegible] Australia," issued by Mr. George [illegible] tralian publisher, contains a large [illegible] and from it we learn that forests of [illegible] many valuable descriptions of wood[illegible] products of New South Wales, and, [illegible] and properties of them become d[illegible] ing always to their increased co[illegible] amongst the indigenous trees is the [illegible] about fifty varieties in all, yielding [illegible] purposes, not the least of which a[illegible] the Northern parts of the Colony [illegible] flourishing on the eastern side of t[illegible] valuable timber, as well as that in [illegible] Sheltering fig-trees of different ki[illegible] fruit being poor and insipid, whil[illegible] ferns of all sizes are to be met w[illegible] nook at the mountain's foot. The [illegible] Wales exceed those of the whole [illegible] 10,000. The acacia, or wattle, wit[illegible] has about 300 different varieties.

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LARGE photographs of the Temp[illegible] fire, on 4th May (suitable for fram[illegible] securely packed, sent to any address in th[illegible] receipt of cheque for 15s. Masters of Lodg[illegible] old Temple for their Lodge rooms.

MASONIC RELICS OF DR. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

ALTHOUGH it has been one hundred and fifty-three years since Dr. Benjamin Franklin was made a Mason, in the city of Philadelphia, and ninety-four years since he died, in the same city, some of the relics illustrating his Masonic career are still extant. One of his descendants, Bro. A. D. Bache, Paymaster U.S.N., of this city, possesses some valued ones, and his brother, Dr. T. Hewson Bache, recently had others. On Saturday last, Bro. Bache did us the favour to show us Franklin's "Masonic Trowel." It came to Bro. Bache through General Hartman Bache and Bro. B. F. Bache, Franklin's grandson, who accompanied him to France, and by whom he was educated abroad. This trowel has the Franklin crest upon it, and was long supposed to be a fish knife. It is of solid silver, has an ebony handle, and is extremely interesting. Its owner, Paymaster Bache (who was made a Mason in Yokohama Lodge, No. 1092, Japan, in 1869), rightly values it highly. A few years ago Dr. T. Hewson Bache, of Philadelphia, possessed Franklin's Masonic Apron, which he received from Dr. Fox. He kept it for a long period in one of his book-cases, behind the books, but upon looking for it several years ago, it had disappeared He supposes it to have been stolen. Both of these Masonic relics were of primary importance, and one of them, fortunately, still remains. Bro. Bache also showed us a peculiar and characteristic portrait of Dr. Franklin, being the copy presented to him while he was in France on Feb. 14, 1780. Its design is original and striking. It represents Diogenes with his lantern, which he holds over a medallion-framed portrait of Franklin. Underneath is the Latin inscription, *Stupete Gentes, reperit virum Diogenes*—"Be astonished, O ye nations, Diogenes finds a man;" and also beneath that "Benjamin Franklin, Ministre Plenipotentiaire a la Cour de France pour la Republique des provinces de l'Amerique Septentrionale."

In this connection, we may mention the Stevens collection of Franklin's papers, recently sold by Henry Stevens, of Vermont, to the U.S. Government for 35,000 dollars, and now in the Department of State at Washington, and about to be edited, in part, by Edward Everett Hale, who will give new details, gathered from them, concerning Franklin's career in France. So novel and valuable are these papers that it has been said that their discovery requires that the history of the American Revolution should be written anew, so far as regards the policy and action of the governments of France and England towards this country, and the secret history of the war. These papers were found in an old tailor's shop, in St. James's, London, in 1840. The finder kept them in his possession for some ten years, offering them for sale successively to the British Museum, to Lord Palmerston, and to successive American Ministers to the Court of St. James. Mr. Abbott Lawrence put him in correspondence with Mr. Henry Stephens, who purchased the collection in 1851. It included 2938 documents, 2310 of them having never been printed, and all of which are of primary importance. Mr. Theodore F. Dwight, Librarian of the State Department at Washington, reported to James G. Blaine, Sec. of State, upon their historical value, whereupon Secretary Blaine recommended Congress to appropriate the amount necessary for their purchase, £7,000, which was done, and the unique collection is now the property of the U.S. Government, the purchase having been consummated in London, July 11th, 1881. We have before us, by the courtesy of Bro. A. D. Bache, the full official catalogue of this Stevens collection of the Franklin papers. It covers one hundred closely printed pages. We have reason to believe that they may contain some references to Masonic events, for Franklin was present in the Lodge of the Nine Sister Muses, Paris, when Voltaire was made a Mason; afterwards officiated as one of the officers of the Lodge of Sorrow, held in his honour, and was elected an honorary member of a Lodge in Rouen. We observe that there is in the collection a printed copy of the Eulogy on Franklin delivered by Bro. William Smith, D.D. (who was Grand Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania), before the American Philosophical Society and both Houses of Congress, at Philadelphia, in March, 1791; the original draft of Dr. Franklin's letter to General Washington, introducing Gen Lafayette (all of whom were Masons); and a printed copy of the Pro-

States, on the presentation of the sword of Washin and the staff of Franklin, Feb. 7, 1843. The governi of the United States may well be proud of the posse of this unique collection of historical papers, al miraculously preserved from destruction, and when are completely examined, edited and published, we t it more than likely there may be discovered some inte ing and valuable references to Dr. Franklin's care a Freemason while in France, and also in Pennsylvan *Keystone.*

The Grand Festival will take place on Wednesday Several important changes will be made with regar what are considered the permanent offices, but we hav desire to forestal the appointments, by giving det Doubtless those who are anxious for enlightenmen this point will find no difficulty in gratifying curiosity. For ourselves we are content to await result, which will be officially declared at so shor interval.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement, on Th day last, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's R Canonbury, Comps. Hubbard filled the chair of Strugnell H., Knight J., Foster Shaw P.S., Radcliffe The ceremony was carefully rehearsed.

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 19th April 1884,

Colonel J. CREATON, Treasurer of the Institution, in the Chair.

After the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of 23 Girls into the Institution, from a list of 35 APPROVED CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

No. on List		Votes	No. on Poll
5	Mary Tanner	2427	1
7	Florence Alice Weber	1905	2
6	Florence Ann Motion	1765	3
21	Rose Ethel Vowels	1760	4
19	Lucy Harrison	1677	5
34	Fanny Margaret White	1660	6
15	Beatrice Mary High	1633	7
24	Marion Bloomfield	1623	8
10	Eleanor Alice Johnstone	1531	9
13	Amy M. Owen	1410	10
18	Emily J. Hall	1402	11
33	Marion A. Warner	1358	12
1	Minnie Woodward	1356	13
9	Hilda J. Lyon	1289	14
32	Lilian E. Thomas	1287	15
29	Rose L. Haworth	1285	16
17	Emily Pinder	1267	17
20	Edith D. Canon	1252	18
27	Lilian C. Fruh	1234	19
35	Mabel H. Wood	1217	20
30	Louisa H. Pincombe	1154	21
28	Kate J. Gooch	1144	22
3	Annie L. Ochsenbein	1137	23

The numbers of votes recorded for unsuccesful Candidates can be obtained on application 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 21st day of April 1884,

W. Bro. GEORGE PLUCKNETT (P.G.D.), V. Pres., Treasurer, in the chair.

A ballot took place for 23 Boys, from an approved list of 53 Candidates, reduced to 52 by the withdrawal of No. 35, Gloster Harry Percy Owen.

The following were declared to be the successful Candidates:—

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	27	Blount, Arthur	2911
2	5	Williams, A. F.	2764
3	44	Haigh, C.	2426
4	6	Pratt, Alfred	2380
5	11	Coleman, F. F.	2295
6	15	Booker, H. W.	2253
7	23	Whiting, R. H.	2241
8	49	M'Gill, D. F. G.	2228
9	40	Green, E. Bramble	2220
10	35	Canty, W. G.	2212
11	39	Gibson, J. W.	2210
12	4	Delafons, R. W.	2184
13	32	Manby, L. B. J.	2106
14	21	Habgood, W. G.	2029
15	13	Pawsey, T. E.	2094
16	2	Douglas, F. C. A.	2091
17	7	Howe, John	2089
18	37	Anderson, E. H.	2083
19	8	Shaw, John	2034
20	17	Lillywhite, W. J. M.	2032
21	41	D'Oyley, J.	2002
22	10	Walters, J. E.	1839
23	48	Jones, H. P.	1760

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.

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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

A SPECIAL meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, 16th April, for purpose of adopting an Address of Condolence on the occasion of lamented death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master for Oxfordshire, P.G.W., The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at half-past two o'clock the Right Honourable the Earl Ferrers, Prov. Grand Master, was supported by Right Worshipful Bro. W. Kelly P.P.G.M. Bros. G. Toller jun. D.P.G.M. P.G.S.B. England, J. T. Th Prov. S.G.W., W. S. Allen Prov. J.G.W., the Rev. A. P. Daw Prov. Grand Chaplain, A. H. Burgess Prov. Grand Registrar, S. Partridge Prov. Grand Secretary, S. Cleaver Prov. G.S.D., Griffith Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, J. Young Prov. Gr Director of Ceremonies, C. Gurden Prov. Grand Assistant Director Ceremonies, T. B. Laxton Prov. Grand Organist, B. Wood Provinc Grand Pursuivant, R. R. Cole Grand Assistant Pursuivant, and Br C. Oliver, J. E. Benzeley and J. B. Fowler Prov. Grand Steward also Bros. Rev. W. Langley P.M. 50 1130 W.M. 2028, C. E. Strett and M. J. Walker P.P. Grand Wardens, the Rev. C. Henton Wo P.P.G.C., F J. Baines P.P.G.S.D., R. Michie W.M. 279, W. Wilkins W.M. 1007, R. S. Toller W.M. 1560, and many others, includi Bros. C. H Cromwell Marsh 199, Dover, and Frederick Nicholls 19 Kent, as Visitors. The Roll of Lodges and of Provincial Gra Officers having been called over and duly responded to, the Rig Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provinc Grand Secretary to read the draft of an Address of Condolen which had been prepared in the following terms:—

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c. &c. &
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF ANTIENT FREE A
ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,

We, the Provincial Grand Master, the Past Provincial Grar Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the present a past Provincial Grand Officers and other members of the Provinci Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland, in open Lodge asser bled, beg leave to offer through you, Most Worshipful Grand Maste to all the members of the Royal Family, the expression of our pr found regret and tender sympathy in this season of bereavement.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, we beg you, Sir, present our loyal homage, and to assure Her Majesty that in ou several homes is deeply felt the shadow of the irreparable los caused by the decease of her son, and that at such a time as thi the heart of England beats in union with her own.

To your Widowed Sister, her Royal Highness the Duchess c Albany, we beg you, of your goodness to say, that beyond the imme diate circle of the Royal Family, the late Prince Leopold i mourned by none more truly than by the Brethren of the Order b adorned, and in which he deservedly ranked so high.

TO YOU, MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, and to the Roya Princes, your brothers, now absent on foreign service, we, your humbl but true brethren of the Craft, respectfully offer our fraternal sup port in deepest sympathy since we feel that a Freemason is never s truly "brother to a Prince" as when his Prince is stricken with on of the sorrows of our common humanity—the loss of an estimabl and dearly-loved brother.

TO ALL YOUR ROYAL HOUSE we tender the support of our prayers that He who cares for the fatherless and the widow may have you ever in His holy keeping, and that after happy and honoured lives on earth, you may be re-united in the home beyond the grave; there "to shine as the stars for ever and ever."

FERRERS Provincial Grand Master.
WM. KELLY Past Provincial Grand Master.
G. TOLLER JUN. Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
S. S. PARTRIDGE Provincial Grand Secretary.

Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
16th April 1884.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master said, that as the head of the Craft in this Province, it was right and fitting that he should move the adoption of the address which had just been read. The language of the address was very happily selected, and he felt sure that in a suitable manner it expressed the feelings of the brethren, and conveyed everything that they could wish to say on so mournful an occasion. After making appropriate allusion to the interest evinced by the late Prince Leopold in all Masonic matters, and to the admirable manner in which His Royal Highness had fulfilled the many great and onerous duties of his high rank and distinguished position, and particularly to the eminent manner in which he cultivated and encouraged the liberal arts and sciences, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master concluded by proposing that the address should be adopted and presented to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master. Bro. Toller, in seconding the adoption of the address, fully agreed with the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master in his remarks respecting the language contained in the address, and also as to the great loss sustained in the sudden and lamented decease of the Duke of Albany,

higher Masonic rank, and who in his short life had, by his amiable and courteous manner, with his many good and excellent qualities, already taken a deep hold upon the affections of the people.

The resolution, on being formally submitted, was unanimously approved, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

MARK MASONRY.

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THE MOVEABLE GRAND LODGE AT YORK.

PREPARATIONS for the Moveable Grand Lodge at York on the 9th May are progressing rapidly At a meeting of the Committee of the Province of North and East Yorkshire, held at York a few days ago, at which the Provincial Grand Master, Brother J. W. Woodall, presided, a local executive was appointed, consisting of Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M. Prov. G. Sec., J. S. Cumberland P.M. Prov. G.D.C., and J. Todd P.M. Prov. G. Treasurer, and a general plan of the arrangements for the day was unanimously approved. The Grand Mark Master Mason, Lord Henniker, having signified his intention of opening Grand Lodge at three o'clock p.m., the brethren will be summoned for two o'clock p.m., and Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened in the Assembly Rooms, Blake Street, at 2·30, and the Provincial Grand Master will proceed to move a vote of condolence on the death of the Duke of Albany. At three o'clock p.m. the Grand Lodge will enter in procession, and after the usual formalities will be opened in ample form. The principal business will be the constitution and consecration of the Streanshalh Lodge, No. 337, a warrant for which has been granted to be held at Whitby, and the installation of its W.M. designate, Bro. W. H. Marwood. Streanshalh, or Stoneshalch, is the old Saxon name of Whitby, so called, says Bede, from a watch-tower which stood on the cliff. The name afterwards became Whiteby or Whitby, meaning, no doubt, White Town. At 5·30 a collation will be held in the great hall of the Art Exhibition, at which the Grand Master will preside, and at 8 o'clock there will be a vocal and instrumental concert to which all Master Masons and ladies introduced by them will be admitted at a trifling charge. In the Art Exhibition are several valuable collections of pictures, &c., and these galleries will be open to the brethren without any extra charge. There is every prospect of a large muster of members of the Mark Degree, and should the weather prove fine we anticipate for those who are present a most enjoyable day. We may add that for those who care to see something of York and its interesting antiquities, and who reach that city in good time, provision will be made for their access to the Minster, the Philosophical Societies' Gardens, the City Walls, the Masonic Hall, and other places of interest, and Bro. T. B. Whytehead's services will be at the disposal of those who wish to be introduced to the Masonic archæology of "Alma Mater Latomorum."

The consecration of the Davison Lodge of Mark Master Masons was fixed to take place yesterday, at the Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square; the Right Worshipful Brother Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. (Prov. G.M.M.M. Middlesex and Surrey) officiating as Consecrating Officer, assisted by V.W. Brother F. Davison (Grand Treasurer and Deputy of the same Province), V.W. Rev. Ambrose Hall (P.G. Chaplain), and other Grand and Provincial Grand Officers. We hope to give a detailed report of the proceedings in our next issue. The Officers designate were Henry Faija W.M., James Inglis S.W., Robert A. Meyer J.W., and W. H. Gimingham Secretary.

YORK LODGE (T.I.)

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at York on the 15th inst., at which there were present:—Bros. J. S. Cumberland P.M. as W.M., G. Balmford P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., C. G. Padel P.M., J. T. Seller S.W., A. T. B. Turner J.W., F. Smith M.O., G. Simpson S.O., W. B. Dyson J.O., W. Lackenby S.D., H. C. Pickersgill J.D., G. Lamb I.G., J. A. Banks Reg., and several brethren. The Lodge having been opened it was announced that the Prov. Grand Master of N. and E. Yorkshire asked admittance. A deputation was formed, and the Prov. Grand Master was introduced and saluted. Ballots

No. 56 (S.C.), and for Bro. W. Brown also for the following candidates: Major McGachen P.M. 1991, S. J. D 1611, and these brethren were elec and Stephenson were duly advanced place of a brother to serve on the Pr tion of the Grand Mark Lodge on t resulted in the selection of the W.M absent through indisposition. Bro. moved, "That this Lodge desires to its heartfelt sorrow at the loss of the Master of England, and to convey to Queen and to the Duchess of Albany severe affliction, together with an a that the Grand Overseer of the Un them in the great trial under which This was seconded by Bro. J. S. Cu carried. After the close of the Lodg at the Exhibition Hotel, where an ex by Bro. Churchill.

CONSTANTINE L

THE Annual Festival of this Lod 17th April, and passed off most commenced with the admission of after which Bro. Lewin P.G.S.D. f year, installed as W.M., the ceremo by Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate I.P.M. W.M. then invested his Officers for Bros. the Rev. E. H. Crate Gra Eustace S.W., Mills J.W., Clowes Rev. W. Morgan Jones Chaplain, J.G.D. England Secretary, Rix P.M. man J.D., Amos Org., Renshaw I.G. of thanks was passed to the Install ability in performing the ceremony o the brethren dined together at the dency of the W.M., when the usual M teresting feature of the evening's p of a gold P.M.'s jewel to the W.M. on his second year of office. The pre terms by the I.P.M. Bro. the Rev. E earnest and efficient manner in whi duties, and the respect in which h evidenced by the fact that all the jewel. The W.M., who was complete terms, returned thanks for the gift value most highly. He felt great inte and in the Constantine Lodge particu should be able to work together in t success as they had done in the past.

BRO. JOHN PROBER MYDDELTO

THIS entertainment took place on in a most satisfactory manr Miss Ambler, Miss Woodhatch, Miss and Miss Eve Lynn; while Mr. Sa Brereton aided Bro. Probert in ca programme. The demands on our spa details, but we cannot let the opportu Miss Elsie Joel on the artistic way in w Bird;" Madame Jenny Pratt, always Segreto," and "The Skipper and his an enthusiastic encore. Miss Ambler Old Love and the New," and also dist part songs. Miss Eve Lynn must also contributed two songs, "The Brave both of which suited his voice to a suffering from hoarseness, ably acquit were "The Distant Shore," "I arise pretty serenade; and "Oft in th in response to a vociferous de Robert Barker proved himself an a harp; he played two solos, "Autumn, and met with a most favourable recep have omitted to mention the other pe above must be our plea for craving Mr. H. J. Stark, Mus. Bac., and Mr. the conductors.

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BRO. WILLIAM GOMM.

It is only within the last few hours that the announcement of the death of this esteemed Craftsman has reached us. Bro. William Gomm, P.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, and for the past three or four years its Treasurer, departed this life, after a short illness, on the 29th ultimo. Our worthy brother was a man of simple tastes, but he possessed a warm heart, and was ever ready to help those in distress. Of ample means, he never refused to listen to an appeal properly authenticated; and merely asked for a guarantee that the applicant was deserving of his assistance. Those who knew him best fully realised this, and knew beforehand they would never appeal in vain. We tender to the members of his family our deep sympathy in the loss they have sustained.

BRO. DONALD M. DEWAR,

ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY OF THE MARK GRAND LODGE.

IT is with sincere regret that we announce the very unexpected death, on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, of Brother Donald M. Dewar, the much-respected Assistant Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c. Bro. Dewar had been only absent from his post during some two or three days, when the sad intelligence of his decease became known, and, as a matter of course, even those who knew him but slightly were as much grieved as surprised at the unlooked for announcement. Our late Brother, during the five or six years he had held the important and responsible office of Mark Assistant Grand Secretary, had so endeared himself to all who came in contact with him, officially or otherwise, by the uniform kindness and courtesy of his demeanour, that we are convinced every one, on hearing of his death, will feel as though he had sustained some great family bereavement. But the sorrow will be greatest in those branches of Freemasonry of which he had been for so long one of the brightest ornaments. Bro. Dewar had worked most assiduously, and it will be no detraction from the merits of others who had worked with him that he had rendered almost incalculable service to the Mark and other Degrees, and that a considerable share of their present prosperity was due to his zeal, energy, and ability. He had taken a leading part in all the principal events which grace their history during the past few years, and very great difficulty will be experienced in selecting a successor who will fulfil the duties which his death has made vacant as ably and as courteously as he did.

The chief interest in connection with Bro. Dewar's Masonic career attaches to his official position in the Mark Grand Lodge. We know him to have been a Craft and Arch Mason of great experience, but we know him best in the capacity we have mentioned. His post was in the Offices of the Mark Degree, Red Lion-square, and there till within the last few days he was to be seen labouring quietly, but none the less successfully, to advance the prosperity of his Order. He had held high office in his Grand Lodge—that of G.M. Overseer—before his appointment to the Assistant G. Secretaryship, but the distinction pertaining to the former is as nothing by comparison with that which he had achieved in the latter. In the former case he was one of several brethren who all enjoyed the same rank and privileges; in the latter he stood alone, and there is no questioning the fact that whatever he put his hand to, he carried out loyally and well. The same must be said of him in the various other positions he held—as a member of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council, as P.P.G. Recorder of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and as G. Secretary of the Grand Council of the Allied Degrees, while we may be sure it was no idle distinction that was conferred upon him when the Supreme G.R.A. Chapter of Vermont appointed him its representative near the Mark Grand Lodge of England, and the Grand Councils of Louisiana and Michigan chose him in the same capacity near our Grand Council of R. and S.M. He was also Unattached in the Order of Rome and the Red Cr Constantine, and was not only a Life Governor of th Schools and the Benevolent Institution, but had also s the office of Festival Steward to each of these Chai the Mark Benevolent Fund having likewise received him much valuable assistance, both as a liberal supp and as a warm advocate of its claims for support. In f the duty now devolving upon us is a sad one, we h least the consolation of knowing that of no brother it be possible to pen a brighter or more honourable r than of Bro. Donald M. Dewar, and we trust the l ledge that his qualities of mind and heart were so gen appreciated will be accepted by the members of his f as in some slight measure an alleviation of their sorrow.

DINNER AND PRESENTATION TO BROTE HARBOUR.

BROTHER Joseph Harbour, who lately retired from the Gov ship of the Incorporated Society of Licensed Victuallers the Licensed Victuallers' School, the arduous duties of which discharged with eminent advantage to both during the past months, was entertained on the 17th inst., at a banquet Holborn Restaurant, given him by his late colleagues on the Co tee of Management and a numerous body of friends in the Wh and Retail branches of the Trade, and presented with a va service of plate, purchased with the subscriptions of his colle supplemented by a sum of one hundred guineas unanimously for the purpose at the recent Quarterly Court of the Incorp Society, in grateful recognition of the valuable services render him to both branches of the Institution during his year of The post just vacated by Bro. Harbour, entailing on its occupa duty, among the rest, of providing for the annual expenditure School (now exceeding £7,000), is necessarily an onerous and ous one, under the most favourable circumstances; but last ye ordinary difficulties were immensely aggravated by the adverse dition of trade, which, as we well know, exercised a most unfort influence on the interests of all Benevolent Institutions depe for their support on the voluntary contributions of their pa Over the exceptional difficulties of his term of office, howeve late Governor so completely triumphed, that his year has closed the splendid total of upwards of £7,300 obtained for the funds School, a result which, so far as the Subscription Fund is conce entitles it to rank as the sixth best year it has had since the lishment of the Fund in 1807. Among the principal circumstan which the Institution is indepted for this unhoped for success most inauspicious year must be mentioned the fortunate issue o Anniversary Festival, held at the Crystal Palace in June last, the presidency of Captain Townshend, of the firm of Samuel Al and Sons, Burton-on-Trent, the subscription and donation li which occasion reached the sum of £5,300. Bro. Harbour has throughout his year sustained, also, by the continued liberality Wholesale Trade and its numerous connections, and one pic particularly good fortune fell to his lot in the receipt of a legs £200 from the executors of the late Mr. James Marsh, of No hill. With the zealous and hearty co-operation of his colleague has, in a word, made an exceedingly good year for the Institu under circumstances most unpropitious for the work he had u taken, and he had the further satisfaction of handing over to hi cessor, in the highest state of efficiency, and with improved pros the noble School in Kennington-lane which he had so energet worked for and so ably administered.

Mr. William H. Beauchamp, who occupied the chair at the ba on the 17th, in well chosen words proposed the toast of the eve "The health of the late Governor, Mr. Joseph Harbour," and made the presentation, which, he said, was the principal objec which they had met. The testimonial took the form of a S together with a Silver Tea and Coffee Service, and other article Mr. Harbour, and a suite of jewellery for Mrs. Harbour, in recog of the valuable services she had rendered in superintendin domestic arrangements at the School. The several articles we elegant design and admirable workmanship, and were supplie Bro. Youens, of Brixton Road, whose taste and ability in prov such matters are now recognised by many members of the Knowing as we do the merits of the Institutions Mr. Harbou lately been at the head of, and the care required to fill the post has done, we can but add our congratulations to him on the of his labours and the recognition they have met with at the of his fellow workers.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, on Mo 28th inst., at the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at seven o' precisely. Bros. Ager 957 W.M., Hemming I.G. 1287 S.W., S.D. 1744 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Burroughs, Saunders, Edm Harvey, Hemming, Gush, Sillis. Second Lecture—Bros. S Ferrar, J. C. Smith, Martin, Denison. Third Lecture—Bros. Ku Storr, Scurrah. Bro. Storr S.W. 167 Hon. Secretary.

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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 APRIL.

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)
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. 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

MONDAY, 28th APRIL.

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, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (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.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 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)

46—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)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—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. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 29th APRIL.

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, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, 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)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
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, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., 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.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)

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
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1506—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 30th APRIL.

GRAND FESTIVAL, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
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, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
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, Belham, 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
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8

1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel,
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edwar
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Str
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, J
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Po
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Ca

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-s
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Gr

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Coo
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gre
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Can
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereh

1063—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, B
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Ja
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Stra
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instru
1953—Prudence and Industry, George H

R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Dunco
R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hote
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street,
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THURSDAY

27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leaden
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern,
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-stre
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, I
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepne
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant,
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Low
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee Hou

1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stargate,
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Gr
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road,
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, High
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmo
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Maso
1445—Prince Leopold, City Arms Tavern,
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Mason
1568—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Gr
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. S
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Re
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. J
1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Stree
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Sou

R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate S
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tave
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord'
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle, 7 at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hote
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock,

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Ha
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room,
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Ol
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hin
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmon
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventr
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackbur
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill,
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Bev
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arm
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-un
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northamp
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolv
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somer
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, D
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plum
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, So

1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury,
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-plac
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Staly
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Li
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Li
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devons
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Dar
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield,
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, M
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney St
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, F
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thorn
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park S
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Isling
R.A. 496—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms,
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Ru
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Shef

FRIDAY, 2nd

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemaso
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxfo
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chel

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780—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Panelagh, 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.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
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
443—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
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
1735—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart, Romford
R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 360—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 3rd MAY.

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)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, President of the Board, was in his place, whilst Bros. James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune occupied the Vice Presidents' chairs. Grants to the amount of £285, recommended to the Grand Master at the March meeting, were confirmed; and then the new list was considered. Of thirty-six petitions one was dismissed, and six were deferred. The remaining were relieved, a total of £1000 being voted.

The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed at the Southern Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1158, held at the Pheasant, Stangate, back of Astley's Theatre, on Thursday, 8th May, by Bro. C. H. Wilkes, W.M. 1158. Lodge will be opened at 8 p.m.

The following Festivals have been held during the week at Freemasons' Tavern :—

Monday, 21st—Grand Master's Lodge, Royal Albert Lodge of Instruction, British Lodge; Tuesday, 22nd—Italian Ball, Royal York Chapter, Lodge of Prudent Brethren, Lodge of Industry, Old Pauline; Wednesday, 23rd—Chemical Society; Thursday, 24th—Society of Chemical Industry, Grenadiers' Lodge, Polish National Chapter; Friday—Surrey Amicables Ball, Jerusalem Lodge; Saturday, 26th—Artists' Benevolent Fund.

Thanks to the assistance rendered by some kind-hearted friends, Mr. Walter Austin, the Director of the Cottage Mission Hall, managed to provide an Irish Stew Dinner for nearly five hundred of the crowd of children shivering in the bitter "Nor-easter" outside the doors of the Hall in Salmon's Lane, Limehouse, on Wednesday last. But still many of the crowd had to go back to their comfortless homes hungry as they came. The sight was a pitiful one, and no human being could look on unmoved at such a scene of misery. It is hoped funds will be forthcoming to enable Mr. Austin to keep his weekly dinners going. Contributions will be gladly and thankfully received by the Bankers, the London and South Western Bank, 7 Fenchurch Street, E.C.; by Miss Napton, Superintendent, 804 Burdett Road, Limehouse, E.; or by Mr. Walter Austin, at the Offices of the Mission, 44 Finsbury Pavement, E.C.

"CANDIDATES FOR OFFICIAL POSITIONS."

From the Hebrew Leader.

We notice an editorial in the *Masonic Advocate*, of Indian on the subject embraced in the title of this articl which is based upon the announcement by one of the candida the position of Deputy Grand Master at the coming Commun of Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of New York, in that he is a candidate, or to put it more correctly that "It i my purpose to be presented to the Grand Lodge F. and A. I as a candidate."

On the strength of the announcement the *Advocate* sighs fo old times when such things did not exist, and in deprecati position of Masonic affairs in New York, as to office-hunting the New York Masonic press to task for not condemning i says:

"One of the good old-fashioned ideas of Freemasonry is, t preferment among Masons should be based on actual merit. 1 therance of this idea it has been held that the office should se man and not the man the office. Such a thing as being a can for official position within our time as a Mason was unknown. any one to announce himself as a candidate for any office wa sufficient to defeat his election. Such an announcement woul been regarded as an assumption of superiority over his brethre no worthy Mason would presume to claim, much less for th concede by voting for him. If a Mason was ambitious to recei honours of official position, he well knew that he could secure only by exhibiting such qualifications as would recommen worthy to receive them, of which his brethren and not himself s be the judge. * * *

"Among the old Masons there still exists generally this Conser spirit, but in the rapid growth of Masonry during the last d they are now seemingly in the minority. They are overshadow the 'young America' idea, crowding itself to the front in Ma as everywhere else. Self-constituted candidates for office in t Bodies are becoming nearly as numerous as in political convent

Then follows the letter of announcement of a veteran I whose purpose it is "to be presented as a candidate for the po of Deputy Grand Master," the concluding paragraph says:

"We have watched in vain for a word of condemnation o part of the editors of Masonic departments in the New exchanges. They evidently approve the announcement, or afraid to speak their sentiments."

We hardly think the New York exchanges should be subj these strictures, when we refer to the course pursued by them ir years. Our impression is they have been independent in their c for the right. Perhaps it may be more properly said the Ma press have become indifferent to smaller irregularities anent G Lodge elections in consequence of their continued reference to overshadowing annual political Masonic evils of a greater na which grew until these evils had the strength of scandal and be the subject of animadversion by the press everywhere. We certainty speak of our own course, and are fearless in the discl of our duty.

We admit we were surprised at the manner in which the wo of the announcement under consideration was presented, and a opinion it would have been better had it never been written a although we know of no reason why any old or young brother not "permit his name to be offered" for the suffrages of the Fr nity for so honourable a position; it is a laudable ambition. will be quite content if the issue that will be presented in Ju which implies a future Grand Master—does not assume any gr amount of lack of Masonic dignity or a violation of any more nounced infringement of custom and usage. Utopian ideas hav yet found practical foothold in New York Masonic modes.

The Australian Public Debt.—Although the Australian C nies have of late appeared rather frequently in the English m market, their indebtedness is lower than that of almost any c country, being only £10 per head, as against £24 in France Spain, £22 in the United Kingdom, £18 in Italy, and £1 Belgium. It should moreover be remembered that the whol the money borrowed, especially by New South Wales, is b expended in the construction of railways and other produ works, and not to defray the cost of destructive wars; conseque it is represented by assets of even greater value than the amo borrowed.

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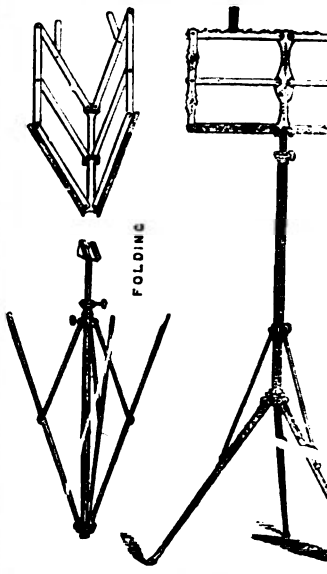
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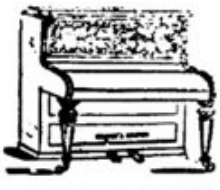
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CHARITY ORGANIZATIONS.

HAVING last week devoted some attention to the doings of a class of brethren who make it their pleasure to advance the interests of the Masonic Institutions, either by soliciting support from others, or by taking an active interest in the work connected with the Charities, rather, it would seem, on behalf of the circle to which they belong than on their own individual account, we feel we cannot do better, in continuance of the subject, than to review the work that has been accomplished by some of these "Organizers of Charity," and, at the same time, refer to any peculiarities connected with the particular work on which they have been engaged, so that, as far as possible, our readers may know what is being done in various part of the country, and may also be able to decide for themselves which programme is the best to adopt, and which the most likely to lead to ultimate success, should they feel disposed to engage in somewhat similar undertakings. We have recently received the "Report of Committee, Statement of Accounts, and List of Members for 1883," of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, and a study of its contents is admirably adapted for the first of our proposed reviews, more particularly because we find here a record of the working of a form of Organization which will be new to most of our supporters—the London section of them at least—and further because herein is expressed the regret of the Committee at the retirement of the Founder, in the person of Brother Bodenham, "who—as convener of the first meeting of the Association, held 6th April 1871, and from that time to the close of the year 1883—has been a most active and earnest worker in the cause of Masonic Charity in Staffordshire."

This return of the Staffordshire Association for 1883 is the Thirteenth Annual Report submitted, and in presenting it the Committee congratulate the members on the continued success of their efforts in the cause of Masonic Charity, which resulted last year in the sending up of £593 5s to the three Institutions: £393 15s to the Boys, £152 5s to the Girls, and £47 5s to the Benevolent, and this in addition to grants made, under a separate fund, for the education of children while residing at their own homes. The Province was represented at all three of the Festivals of 1883, and although our readers may perhaps be aware of the amounts taken up by each of its Stewards, it will no doubt be news to them to learn that of the £775 9s actually contributed no less a sum than the £593 5s we have already mentioned came directly from the Charitable Association connected with this District, thus showing what great assistance such organizations are to the Stewards in making a show at the Festivals, and what benefit they are to the Charities themselves in swelling the totals contributed. No doubt the several Stewards did their best to obtain outside donations, but this is difficult at all times, and becomes particularly so in a Province where such perfect organization exists, and consequently we find but few individual subscriptions beyond those received through the Association, the bulk of the difference between the total from that source and the amount taken up having been contributed by the several Lodges. We therefore have a most respectable year's total, made up, not by the generosity of a few, but by the hearty co-operation and smaller donations of almost every brother in the county. This is, without doubt, a result of which Bro. Bodenham, the Staffordshire "Organizer of Charity," very proud. A few years back there was no ready me of collecting this money, and the probability is that nott like the amount would have been forthcoming last y had not Bro. Bodenham, or some other Craftsman, sta the Association to which so much is now traced, and wl we hope will continue its good work for many years come.

In thus detailing what was done by Staffordshire year, we have perhaps gone somewhat from the course should have pursued in reviewing the Provincial Cha Association, the first reference to which should undou edly have been to explain its actual objects, and these given in the Rules as:

(A). The increase of the number of Life Subscril and Life Governors to the Royal Masonic Charit

(B). The formation of a systemetic Benevolent Fu for the following purposes:—

1. The education and advancement in life of children of distressed or deceased Freemasons the Province of Staffordshire.

2. To give assistance in elections to the Masc Charities.

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The B Fund provides for the working expenses of Association, and for the distribution, at the discretion the Committee, of amounts for the benefit of the child of Freemasons, who have been subscribing members t Lodge or Lodges in the Province for at least three ye Under these heads we find that last year there expended a total of £84 3s 9d, viz., in working expe £32 15s 0d, and in grants £51 8s 9d, the latter item b distributed among seven families. This total was s £28 odd less than the total receipts, so that the balanc bank was increased during the year to that extent, stood, at the close of the twelve months at £162 15s while the balance at the same date on account of A Fund was £492 1s 0d.

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As we have already said, the Association has been in existence since 1871, and up to the present time the amounts contributed to it from the members of Lodges in the Province total up to £3,999 3s 6d, of which sum £3,452 11s 0d was subscribed to the A Fund, and £546 12s 6d to the B Fund, the subscriptions during the whole term, from the several Lodges being as follows:—

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347	Noah's Ark, Tipton	24	3	0			
418	Menturia, Hanley	412	13	0	103	18	0
419	St. Peter's, Wolverhampton	72	9	0	5	0	0
451	Sutherland, Burslem	206	17	0	3	15	0
456	Foresters, Uttoxeter	82	1	0	21	15	0
460	Sutherland of Unity, Newcastle	220	10	0	28	9	0
482	St. James, Handsworth	284	11	0	22	13	6
526	Honour, Wolverhampton	130	4	0	18	10	0
539	St. Mathew's, Walsall	225	15	0	71	15	6
546	Etruscan, Longton	274	1	0	21	10	6
624	Abbey, Burton-on-Trent	296	2	0	90	3	6
637	Portland, Stoke-on-Trent	164	17	0	20	2	0
662	Dartmouth, West Bromwich	82	19	0	4	9	0
696	St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury	47	5	0	3	1	0
726	Staffordshire Knot, Stafford	420	0	0	74	12	0
966	St. Edward's, Leek	47	5	0	3	2	0
1039	St. John's, Lichfield	181	13	0	16	3	0
1060	Marmion, Tamworth	1	1	0	5	5	0
1520	Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock	96	12	0	10	6	6
1587	St. Giles, Cheadle	4	4	0	5	7	0
1792	Tudor, Harborne	21	0	0	5	0	0
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The above figures show a state of affairs which we may describe as all but perfection. It is to be hoped that in future summaries there may not be even one blank among the list of Lodges, and then we think we might say the Province of Staffordshire occupies a position as regards Charity Organization better than any other in the Kingdom; as it is, we almost doubt whether there is any other which excels it.

The amount contributed to the A Fund during 1883 was £573 6s 0d, and of this £420 0s 0d was expended in the purchase of eighty Life Subscriberships, 16 of which were appropriated to brethren who had completed their payments, while the remaining 64 were balloted for. During the year, 87 new accounts were opened, 24 by old members commencing a new series, and 63 by new aspirants for the title of "Supporter of the Masonic Institutions," while as regards the B Fund we have already given the figures for the year. The Committee desire specially to urge upon the brethren "the necessity for increased support to this B Fund, as in the future many cases will have to be assisted, whose election to the London Schools cannot be relied on in consequence of the greatly increased number of votes required to secure election." This is a subject which will call for considerable attention at no very distant date, the difficulty of carrying an election at the present day being a matter of grave importance to all associated with the Institutions.

The Association has regularly-appointed Stewards for the Elections, and the way in which the brethren appointed to the office report their doings is not the least interesting of each year's work. It is here also that the members will feel the loss of Bro. Bodenham, who, with Bro. Humphreys, has conducted the cases of the Province for some years past. There are other good men ready to take the post vacated by Bro. Bodenham—indeed, it would be very strange if among so many workers there were not—and there is no doubt but that the choice of the members will fall on the most capable.

We think we have now said sufficient to show the thorough success which has attended the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, and also to show that its founder has fully entitled himself to be ranked among the "Organizers of Charity." In conclusion, we can but quote the concluding remarks of the Committee in their Report, when, in speaking of Bro. Bodenham, they say:—

To him the Province is indebted in the first instance as the Founder of the Association, and, afterwards, for 10 years down to 1880, for undertaking the arduous duties, either as Secretary or Treasurer (occasionally both); the Elections at same time having been conducted by him with marked success at considerable personal cost and trouble. While ceasing to be so active a worker, it is to be hoped that [illegible]

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S. Mullins, and Charles Green
Bearers; R. Turtle Piggott,
P.A.G.D.C.'s; C. J. Jekyll P.G
T. Cubitt, and W. Clarke P.G.
other brethren present were Br
Hogard, W. Medwin, Barcla
F. T. C. Keeble, Fred. Binckes
Terry, G. P. Festa, Bradshaw
A. M. Broadley, E. F. Stor

J. Mason, Rev. Dr. Maguire, Berridge, Freeman, J. D. Langton, W. H. Lee, W. Dodd, W. W. Morgan, &c. &c.

After the Grand Lodge had been opened, Grand Secretary read the minutes of the meeting in March, as regarded the election of the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer. These minutes having been confirmed, Sir Albert Woods proclaimed the Prince of Wales by his titles as having been installed as Grand Master.

The Earl of Carnarvon then stated that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been pleased to appoint him again as M.W. Pro Grand Master, and that His Royal Highness had also re-appointed the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom as Deputy Grand Master.

The following were then appointed and invested as the other Grand Officers for the year :—

Bro. Lord Cremorne	Senior Grand Warden
The Lord Mayor of London	Junior Grand Warden
The Rev. Canon Tristram, The Rev. Dr. Robbins	Grand Chaplains
Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C.	Grand Treasurer
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	Grand Registrar
Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke	Grand Secretary
Ernest E. Wendt, D.C.L.	Secretary German Cor.
Baron de Ferriers, M.P., F. Davison	Grand Senior Deacons
James Smith Eastes, Edward Letchworth	Grand Junior Deacons
Horace Jones	Superintendent of Works
Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter)	Director of Ceremonies
Alfred Richards	Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies
Major Edward Lovcock	Grand Sword Bearer
James H. Matthews, Lieutenant-Colonel Taylor	Grand Standard Bearers
Professor E. M. Lott	Grand Organist
H. G. Buss	Assistant Grand Secretary
W. Stephens	Grand Pursuivant
Henry Garrod	Assistant do.
Henry Sadler	Grand Tyler

The following were appointed Grand Stewards :—

Brothers James Holah 1, C. O. Tagart 2, Fred West 4, John Hallett 5, A. E. Craven 6, E. W. Rushworth 8, W. Bedford Liddeard 14, Samuel Hill 21, J. J. Boyd 23, E. C. Stebbings 26, C. C. Black 29, W. E. Ramsden Wood, M.D., 46, James Ford 58, George Penn 60, Thomas Lough 91, Chester Cheston 99, Benjamin Horatio Paul 197, and Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson 259.

The Earl of Carnarvon, before closing Grand Lodge, felt he might make a few remarks, which would be quite in harmony with the feelings of the brethren. The first was one of satisfaction at finding themselves once more within the familiar walls of their Temple. There might be larger, more spacious, even grander rooms, but he confessed—after having known the place for so many years, and having been allowed to take so considerable a share in the business carried on therein—he felt very great satisfaction in finding it again available. He feared it had lost some of its ancient decorations, but many of them could be replaced, while, with regard to those for which there was no substitute, the brethren could only remember them with affection. Now, a word as to a more painful subject. They had lost one who was well known in the Craft; who was an excellent Mason, discharging the duties of the Order with all those high qualities which befit Masonry. He had filled high offices in Grand Lodge, being for many years Grand Organist, and, afterwards, by the favour of His Royal Highness, receiving the rank of Past Grand Warden. He alluded to the late Sir Michael Costa, and he was quite sure that among those who knew him personally there would be but one feeling, of affectionate sorrow and regret at his loss; while those who knew him only at a distance, and as no inconsiderable figure in Masonry, there would be a feeling of sympathy and concern. Having paid this brief tribute, he proceeded to close Grand Lodge.

An adjournment was then made to Freemasons' Tavern, where the customary banquet was provided by the Grand Stewards, the company being here presided over by the Provincial Grand Master for Kent, Viscount Holmesdale,

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After Grace had been sung, the Chairman proposed the health of the Queen. He thought it would be best, considering the recent bereavement of the Royal Family, to omit the usual cheers on the reception of this toast. Her Majesty had always shown a benevolent spirit towards the Craft, and had also been a most liberal Patroness of the Charities of the Order. This was followed by the proposition of the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. No doubt many brethren there present could remember the time when the Princess was first seen in this country, twenty-one years since, and all would agree that both she and the Prince of

ing up that spirit of affection which had always been chara
of the English people. In proposing the health of the
Worshipful the Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale refer
the meeting, nine years since, at which His Royal Highne
installed as Grand Master of the English Craft. There
one among them but would acknowledge that from that day en
benefit had accrued to the Order. The brethren would acc
toast of their Grand Master with great pleasure that day, whe
remembered that, although he was not then among them
taking great interest in a ceremony abroad which must call
mind that of twenty-one years ago, in which he was one of t
principal actors. "The Sister Grand Lodges of Scotlan
Ireland" was next proposed. When brethren from foreign ju
tions came among them the Masons of England were desirou
they should see their working; they were also glad whe
brethren were among their visitors, as on the present occasion.
he was pleased to say they had present a brother from the
States—Brother Levey—and with the toast he should cou
name. Bro. J. M. Levey regretted that the task of resp
should have fallen upon him, more especially because the
representative—Bro. Brackstone Baker—was present, and co
greater justice to the toast, particularly as he could have resp
not only for the State of New York but also for several o
After all, what could he say beyond what had been repeated
after time by brethren across the water—that their hearts
with affection towards the Grand Lodge of England, which
looked up to as a child does to its mother; and that they sin
hoped the fraternal feeling that existed might never be brok
disturbed. Bro. Brackstone-Baker followed, and then the Cha
proposed the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters. He apologise
the absence from the present festivities of the two noblemen wh
so long filled these offices; they were both away on busine
would undoubtedly have attended. Bro. John Havers P.G.W
posed the Provincial Grand Masters, of whom the Chairman wa
of the most zealous. They all performed their duties in a m
which left nothing to be desired. Lord Holmesdale replied. I
always his desire to do his duty, and it had afforded him
pleasure to take the chair that day in the absence of the E
Carnarvon, who had fully intended to be present. The health o
District Grand Masters was given from the chair, and replied t
Bro. Sandeman (P.D.G.M. Bengal), and then the Grand Warden
the other Grand Officers Present and Past were honoured. To
toast Lord Cremorne, Senior Grand Warden, responded. He
deeply sensible of the high honour conferred on him, and
pressed his gratitude to the Chairman for proposing, and
brethren for drinking, the health of the Grand Officers so hea
The present Grand Officers would do their best to em
the work of their predecessors. Lord Holmesdale next
the Masonic Charities. At no Masonic gatherings were the C
ties of the Order forgotten. They had achieved a success w
was highly gratifying to every Mason. If his memory served
it was £54,000 which was collected last year for the three Ins
tions. This was a result of which every one must be proud, and
only so; they must also be proud of the Secretaries of t
Institutions, to whose efforts so much of their success was due.
Hedges, R.M.I.G., responded; he rose with a very great amou
pleasure to acknowledge on behalf of the Masonic Charities the
kind way in which the Chairman had proposed, and the brethren
received the toast. At that late hour of the evening he felt he
not detain them with any lengthened remarks. He knew the cha
and attractions of the adjoining room were too strong to admit of
brethren remaining in that heated atmosphere; but he begged t
permitted, in the name of the Masonic Charities, not only to ack
ledge the very kind manner in which the toast had been recei
but, addressing that assembly as a representative assembly of
Craft, he wished to express on behalf of the Institutions the Se
taries' sincerest acknowledgments for the liberal and gene
support which at all times was afforded them. The Festival of
Boy's School for 1883, when they had the honour of his Lordsh
presidency, must long be a red-letter day in the annals of
Institution; it was a day which must be remembered by them
a great amount of pleasure and lasting gratitude. The Festiva
the Benevolent Institution, celebrated in February last, was on
great success, and one for which the executive of that Institution
the deepest gratitude. If he might be permitted to detain them
two minutes longer he would like to say a word on behalf of the G
School. That Institution was anxiously, yet hopefully, look
forward to that day three weeks, when it would hold its Annivers
Festival. Lord Brooke, Prov. Grand Master for Essex, would
side, and he trusted, and he would even entreat, on behalf of t
Institution a similar amount of support to that afforded to the ot
two. The Province of Essex had been working very hard to supp
its Grand Master. That county had, however, experienced a v
untoward circumstance by the late earthquake, although it
slight compared with the earthquakes experienced in other lan
Still the effects had been sufficient to require subscriptions to a fu
for the relief of the sufferers by it, and that must make some diff
ence in the amount that Province subscribed to the Girl's Sch
Nevertheless, he hoped and trusted this unfortunate event wo
lead to renewed efforts on behalf of the Girls' School. Thanking
Grand Stewards for the invitation he had had that evening, he ho
their efforts would not be relaxed on behalf of the Masonic Institutio
The toast of the Grand Stewards, proposed by the Chairman a
acknowledged by Bro. J. W. Fuller, President of the Board, brou
this part of the proceedings to a conclusion, and the remainder of t
evening was spent in the Masonic Temple, where a most enjoyal
concert was given under the direction of Bro. Jekyll (who acted
Bro. W. G. Cusins P.G. Organist. Bro. Jekyll was assisted by M
Clara Samuell, Miss Woodhatch, Bros. Henry Guy, Brereton, Jo
Foster, G. T. Carter, Dalzell, W. Winn, Henry Parker and Sig
Papini (violin soloist).

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THE SALUTATION TAVERN AND ITS VICINITY.

(Continued from page 243.)

TO those who remember the Salutation Tavern as it was, with its close smelling rooms and the dingy passage entrance from Newgate street, the new building, as established under the magic influence of Bro. Liebmann, offers the strongest possible contrast, and when the decorations and fittings are complete, we venture to say there will be no handsomer or better-appointed house of its kind in the metropolis. It will, of course, be understood that the proprietor has had to confine his operations to the space originally marked out, but he has made the most of his opportunities, and if the ground covered by the new hostelry is no larger than it was in the days of Coleridge and Lamb, the accommodation provided within its four walls is undoubtedly on a more extensive scale. In fact, all is changed, with the solitary exception already noticed, namely, that the same jovial spirit of hospitality will be found in the present tavern as in its predecessor. It may not, probably will not, again occur, that one of our most brilliant poets will seek refuge in its parlours from the busy haunts of man. Magazine proprietors and antiquaries may no longer be

> "desired on Monday night to meet,
> *At Salutation Tavern*, Newgate-street,"

but frequenters of the City will find in Bro. Liebmann one who ministers both to the comfort and pleasure of his patrons, and, once they have visited his premises and learned to appreciate his "Salutation," no poetical invitations will be needed to induce them to repeat the experiment.

We have spoken of the Salutation Tavern as it was in bygone days, when, in spite of its dinginess, it enjoyed the reputation of being a well-found House of call, not only among residents in the neighbourhood, but likewise among visitors from remoter districts. Under the new auspices it bids fair to maintain, and even enhance, that reputation. What money can do in order to combine elegance with comfort has been done by Bro. Liebmann, who has spared no pains or expense in setting his new house in order. He has in the first place shown his wisdom by inviting the co-operation of people who are known to be competent business and professional men. Messrs. Wylson and Long, of King William-street, Strand, are his architects; Messrs. Pickersgill Brothers, of West-street, Soho, are his builders; and Mr. Robert Eddie his Clerk of Works. With the assistance of men of this calibre it is not astonishing he should have succeeded in erecting a tavern that will meet the requirements even of more exacting patrons than the general public. The house is substantially built from roof to basement, the rooms are lofty and commodious, the offices ample and well-appointed, and the communications between the several parts of the establishment such as leaves nothing to be desired in respect either of safety or rapidity. Even the apparently insuperable difficulty of making attractive the narrow entrance to the Tavern from the main thoroughfare has been successfully met, and the old unsightly passage looks quite brave with its elegant mosaic pavement and the handsome swing mahogany glass doors.

But it will be as well, perhaps, if, in imagination, the reader will be so good as to accompany us on a tour of inspection throughout the premises, and for this purpose we cannot do better than take him, not to the topmost floor of all, where are situated the sleeping apartments of the servants of the house, but to that immediately beneath, which, seeing that it contains the kitchens and attendant offices, is, after all, of the greatest importance in such an establishment as this. Here will be found all the latest and most approved appliances that are necessary in the practice of the culinary art, the cooking range in particular being admirably fitted and possessing very great capacity, so that in one part of it two lambs, or at most two sheep, may be roasted whole. The service arrangements are likewise excellent, there being no need for the slightest delay in serving the various dishes and courses, while one feature may be noted here, though our remarks are equally applicable to the other floors, namely, that all the flooring, which has been supplied and fitted by Messrs. Dennett and Ingle, is fireproof.

Descending to the floor immediately beneath, we find ourselves, on the one hand, in a large and handsomely-fitted dining-room, where quite a hundred guests may sit down to table without in the slightest degree inconveniencing one another. Separated from this by folding-doors is another room, devoted to the same purpose, which, in case it should be wanted by a small private party, may be kept separate and distinct from the principal room; or, should the guests be too numerous for the larger apartment, by un-hanging or folding back the doors, the two rooms may be made into one. This is unquestionably a great convenience, as especially in Masonic gatherings it is not always possible to determine beforehand even approximately the number of brethren who intend remaining for the banquet. These rooms occupy one-half of the floor, the other half being occupied by the Masonic Temple, with ante-room for the Tyler's use. Here Bro. Liebmann has laid himself out to provide Lodge accommodation, which, given an equal expenditure of money and the same display of taste, is capable of being equalled, but cannot certainly be surpassed. Even the minutest details of fitting and arrangement have been attended to. Everything is of the handsomest, and the utmost care has been taken that the brethren, when in Lodge assembled, shall enjoy the greatest possible amount of comfort. But the feature which will strike the visitor most forcibly is, that the harmonies have been most scrupulously preserved. There is the most complete uniformity of design throughout, while the decorations and appointments are in keeping with the purposes for which the apartments are intended. The Temple itself is most commodious, and has been so built that the chair of K.S. will occupy its proper place, due east, the windows being likewise so placed as to conform

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decorated with Masonic symbols
completed, will be, in the strictest
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have been filled in with elegan
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the principal and other Officers of
four in number, each with a fanl
placed at the east end of the room
the north-west. In the fan over
Grand Master's jewel and chair of
side are filled in with two handsom
tesselated pavement. The windo
effectively coloured; the two comp
containing in the one case the Mas
other the jewel and collar of a Past
remaining windows being decorat
one of the Grand Officers. The ro
handsome ruby cut glass gas burne
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be required from the Tyler's roo
worthy of notice is that the door
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pletely shuts out the door from the
same time gives an appearance of
which even the most indifferent vis
preciate. The Tyler's room is a
arranged apartment, well furnished,
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panies. Thus, the whole floor, leav
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mirably designed for a Masonic Lod
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proximity to each other, and so arr
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room enabling that officer to com
attendants elsewhere, so that once
there is no need for any of them to
during the period assigned either to

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Bro. Liebmann's arrangements on
laying particular stress. There ar
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the Salutation and similar houses,
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personal contact with the attendan
enjoying at home.

We must not omit to mention tha
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the best makers, while the fittings a
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has achieved, and as by the provision
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the Masonic public for support,
meet with that reward which his
and the exceeding taste he has sho
His great aim has been to please the
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A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge meeting of Devon was held on 23rd ult., at the St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating the "Lodge of St. George," which has been founded on temperance principles. There was a grand assembly of Provincial Officers, Past Masters, and Masons, there being nearly 400 present. The large hall was utilised for the occasion, and was handsomely decorated with flags, fern trees, ferns, flowers, andexotics of the most choice description from the conservatories of Right Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe and M.W. Bro. L. P. Metham, of The Elms. The Provincial Grand Master of Devon (Lord Ebrington) was accompanied by the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall (Lord Mount Edgcumbe), who officiated as Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the unavoidable absence of V.W. Bro. G. R. Rogers, of Exeter. There was a very large company present. In consequence of the much lamented death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.M. of Oxfordshire, P.G.W., it was ordered that Masonic mourning should be worn. When the Lodge had been opened in due form, the Provincial Grand Master said that he should like to propose a resolution, which was not upon the agenda paper viz., a vote of condolence with Her Majesty and the Duchess of Albany on the sad bereavement they had sustained through the death of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold. A Fraternity which prided itself on its loyalty as much as its antiquity was not likely to be behind the rest of the people of England in the expression of feeling of respect and sympathy for the Royal Family, whether in weal or woe. The Queen had graciously acknowledged, in her beautiful letter to her subjects, the great sympathy she had received in her sorrow from the people of England, and had said that these expressions comforted her and her daughter-in-law in their terrible bereavement. There was a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of England to-morrow to pass votes of condolence with the Queen and the Duchess of Albany, and he felt that they would like to send their vote of condolence with the rest. He would ask their assent to such a vote without addressing them further.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, on rising, said he had the greatest possible pleasure in seconding the resolution.

The P.G.M. thought that they could not do better than couch their vote in the same language as the Grand Lodge would adopt, and he, therefore, suggested that the wording of their resolution be deferred until this question had been decided by the Grand Lodge.

The resolution was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe proposed that the suggestion of the P.G.M. with regard to the wording of the resolution be acted upon, and that the whole matter be left in his hands.

The P.G.M. expressed his willingness to undertake the duty.

The P.G. Secretary having announced to the P.G. Master that certain brethren, having obtained a warrant from the G.M. of England, desired to be constituted into a regular Lodge in antient form, the P.G.M. desired the P.G. Secretary to read the warrant from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, and this V.W. Bro. Brewer did. The brethren of the new Lodge having, at the request of the P.G.M., signified their assent to the Officers named in the warrant,

Bro. C. Croydon delivered an impressive and eloquent oration on the subject of Masonry. It was as follows:—R.W. Prov. G. Master, The high honour you have conferred upon me in desiring that I should deliver an address to this Grand Lodge is one that I cannot over estimate, and only fear. I shall fall short in that which is expected from me, but if my eloquence should fail me, I trust my earnestness will plead for my egotism in having undertaken the task. I can only say that

> "I shall speak with earnest mind
> What is in me; self-rewarded
> If I aid, though unregarded,
> The advancement of my kind."

Worshipful Brethren and Brother,—It has been customary on all occasions like the present, when a new Lodge has been consecrated, to mark the event by the delivery of an address to the brethren assembled, reminding them of the great and important obligations they have taken upon themselves as men and Masons. Events such as we are now celebrating form good stand-points from which to take a survey of the past, as far as it regards Masonry itself, the special Masonic Society in which we move, and above all the high and dignified position the individual Mason occupies in that Society. It not only forms a stand-point from which to look back o'er the past, but it becomes, as it were, a new beacon light to incite in us increased efforts in the future; it forms a new nucleus, around which another band of brethren shall assemble, and from whence shall flow all those streams of kindly affection, sympathy, and brotherly love. The great and important lessons which the past history of Freemasonry teaches us containing, as it does, the elements of all that is great, and good, and noble of veneration for, and submission to, the will of the most High, and a conscientious performance of the active duties of our daily life, should be indelibly imprinted on our minds. The earlier history of Freemasonry presented striking and important features as far as regards the civilisation and improvement of man, ever different in its requirements from those of to-day. There were times when it may be said that the Arts and Sciences owed their very existence to the secrecy of Masonic Lodges and the fidelity of the brethren. This was at a time when ignorance, superstition, and bigotry reigned supreme; but in modern times, when the general education of the people and the diffusion of knowledge have become so universal, this part of its mission has become in a great measure obsolete, giving to the brethren of our day more time to cultivate the moral and social virtues and the grand principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. The ancient history of Freemasonry can scarcely be considered on an occasion like the present, but the history of Freemasonry to every individual brother may be considered to mean that sonry, where he is taught to look on and understand the symbols of the Craft and then learn the deep and instructive they inculcate; it is there the foundation stone will be laid, hence, step by step, he is led on, imbibing by the way the moral lessons and religious truths that are to build up the structure of his Masonic life. To you, Worshipful Brethren, first appeal, you are placed in the foremost rank as rulers Craft, you have been selected by the brethren to receive the honour the Craft can give, or the Lodge bestow on any of its m On you they have conferred this honour as men to be trust brethren to be loved, as Masons well skilled in all the charges, regulations, and landmarks of the Order, to whose ju they can defer in all cases of difficulty, doubt, and danger. you received this high honour you entered into a solemn eng to be strict in your moral conduct, to conform to the laws country, to obey all those who are placed in authority over live in unity and brotherly love with all mankind, to avoid in ance and excess in all things, and in all the actions of your l justly and honourably with all men. In proportion as the ho have received is high and dignified, so will your responsibilit increased; those whom it has pleased the Most High to end wealth, rank, and honour, have great responsibilities place them; that which they receive, they receive in trust; they the custodians of the general happiness of their kind. Hence you receive that high honour you took upon yourselves to govern your brethren with all firmness, but kindness of hear hold the weak, confirm the wavering, instruct the ignoran the strong, and in all things follow the teachings of the volume which has been given as a rule and guide for you Brethren, as you are aware, such is the peculiar nature of c stitution that, as some must teach and govern, others of m must learn to submit and obey. Obedience is one of the gre ciples of Freemasonry, for only as you are obedient to t yourselves can you expect obedience from others when at a you shall be placed in authority as a ruler over them. Your must be exemplified in every act of your lives, for to the all things are trusted. Faith, hope, and charity are taught the three great moral virtues; but the greatest of these is and of what does it consist? not merely in extending the benevolence and doling out the minted coin; besides this it the rendering to your neighbours—and Masonically the whole your neighbour—every kind office that justice or mercy may soothing his affliction, pouring the healing balm upon the t spirit, teaching him to look to higher and better things, an unto him as you would that he should do unto you. Wo Master designate of Lodge St. George, you will this day be e to a post of high honour and dignity. I congratulate you trust reposed in you by your Brethren, and the confirmation trust by the R.W. P.G.M. The task before you is an arduou that man who advances from the rank of his fellow men prof to teach a more useful, higher, holier life, requires a great am moral courage to undertake the task, and need seek that from on high which alone will enable him to carry out his p You start out from among your fellow men in your own l better man than they are, or how professedly could you teac better things. See that your every act and word, nay, every th be pure; that your precept and example go hand in hand, ar place before the outer world the spirit of Freemasonry in its and its noblest form. Your name will be emblazoned on the of the Lodge as its first Master. Let that name remain pu unsullied, not only to the termination of your official career, bu latest moment of your life, and then shall your children's c look with joy and rejoicing upon that record of a noble name thren of Lodge St. George, you will have this day assisted to i rate a new Lodge, starting somewhat on new lines, or, at leas new resolves; you will have placed your Worshipful Maste pedestal where your moral support will be required to mainta with honour and dignity, and I pray you to remember that, as form the mountains and minutes make the years, so will the a lated acts of the individuals of a society stamp that communit a good or bad repute. Be sure, then, that the conduct of ea of you be such as shall aid in establishing the good repute Society of which you are members. And thus, my Brethren, firm resolve of purpose, and acting on the purest principles of m and virtue, you have, in carrying out your Masonic duties, led and holy life, how patiently you can afford to wait until th when, as all things earthly, you shall pass away; and oh! how how glorious, will be that moment when you shall he Archangel's trumpet summoning you to the Grand Lodge abo the voice of the High and Mighty One exclaiming, "Well don good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of your Lor

The P.G.M. said he was sure the brethren would expres acknowledgments to W. Bro. Croydon for his splendid address

The P.G.M. pledged the Masters and members of the new to obey the laws and constitutions of the Lodge, the Lodge was them placed in the proper position, covered with white W. Bro. W. Hearder then sang in splendid style the solo fr Creation, "In Native Worth." Several brethren sang the Psalm as an anthem. The music for this was specially compo W. Bro. John Hele, Mus. Bac., P.P.G.O. Cornwall. The P.G. lain offered in an impressive manner the first part of the de prayer, and subsequently the P.G.M. gave the invocation, a P.G. Chaplain followed by reading the first sixteen verses 2nd Chapter of the second book of Chronicles. The Lodge having been uncovered with solemn music, the ceremo consecrating the Lodge, with corn, wine, and oil, followed Brethren chanted, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth goodwill towards men." Whilst the P.G. Chaplain was offeri second part of the dedication prayer the W.M. and Ward St. George's Lodge deposited the working tools of the three

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upon the table. The brethren sang as an anthem some verses from the first book of Kings, and the P.G. Master then declared the Lodge duly constituted and dedicated, and pronounced the final benediction. Before closing the Lodge the Prov. Grand Master said he must express on behalf of the Lodge their thanks to the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Cornwall for his presence amongst them on that occasion, and for kindly undertaking the duties of Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Their thanks were also due to the brethren who had taken so much trouble to arrange and beautify that room and to those who had conducted the musical part of the ceremony. He trusted that these two things were an augury that the meetings of the Lodge would be conducted in harmony and its path strewn with flowers.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, who on raising was accorded a most hearty reception, said that he wished for a long continuance of the friendly feeling which had always existed between the Provincial Grand Lodges of Devon and Cornwall. He should always remember the grand gathering of the two provinces in the Plymouth Guildhall, when, with the kind co-operation of the respected and much-lamented predecessor of the present P.G.M., a most cordial welcome was given to the Grand Master of England. The noble lord said it would always be his pleasure and duty to try and carry out that feeling of harmony which had hitherto existed between the two Provincial Lodges.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and W. Bro. C. Croydon, at the request of the P.G.M., opened the St. George Lodge for the first time, and subsequently, in an able manner, installed the W.M. elect W. Bro. G. R. Barratt P.M. P.G. Steward, who invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year :—Bros. C. Croydon P.M. I.P.M., John Lynn P.M. P.P.G.S.B. as S.W., E. Aitken-Davies P.M. P.P.G.S. Wks. as J.W., the Rev. W. E. Darby Chaplain, Josiah Austin P.M. P.P.G.O. Treasurer, James Gifford W.M. Sec., J. S. Sloggett S.D., J.T. Bond J.D., James Griffin P.M. Dir. of Cer., C. G. Withell A. Dir. of Cer., A. Brickwood Hutchings P.M. P.G.Std. (Cornwall) Organist, W. Cann I.G., J. Ray Plimsaul S. Steward, H. M. Bing and F. Couch Junior Stewards, J. Gidley P.M. Tyler, J. Griffin Charity Steward, and G. R. Barratt Representative on the Committee of Petitions. Several brethren heartily congratulated the W.M. on his well deserved appointment of being Master of a Lodge founded on such excellent principles, especially considering the fact that the Lodge numbers seventy-three members, and several propositions for initiation were announced. The W.M. bore testimony to the great assistance he had received at the hands of Bro. J. Gifford Secretary, who had been most energetic in his efforts to found the Lodge. The brethren of St. George, together with a large number of friends, subsequently banqueted together at the Congregation Hall, Courtenay-street. The room was beautifully decorated with flowers, moss, and flags for the occasion, and presented an attractive appearance. It was decorated by Bro. F. Hodge, florist, under the able direction of the W.M., Secretary, Treasurer, and other members of the committee. The banquet was supplied by Bro. H. Matthews, of Bedford street, who is to be complimented on the excellent spread. The W.M., Bro. G. Barrett, presided, and was supported by a large number of the Provincial Officers who were at the consecration, and, among others, by Bro. I. Latimer, J.P., P.M. 189, and P.P.G.J.W.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Many were the congratulations offered to Bro. Barratt on his election, and the W.M. responded in suitable terms. He read a number of letters from various brethren, regretting their inability to attend. Among these were letters from Lord Wolseley, Bros. P. S. Macliver, M.P., Edward Clark, Q.C., M.P., Admiral Glasse, W. B. Richardson, M.D., W. J. Hughan P.G.D. of England, and Dr. Merrifield of Plymouth, most of whom congratulated Bro. Barratt and the Officers of the Lodge for founding a Lodge on such grand principles. Bro. P. Howard Davis J.W. of Wolseley Lodge (the first temperance Masonic Lodge), Manchester, replied to the toast of the Visitors. In doing so he said that his Lodge was consecrated twelve months ago, in the presence of over 1,850 Masons, and the W.M. announced that there were 67 joining brethren, and 27 candidates for initiation. St. George Lodge was started on the same principles as the Wolseley, and there were now eighteen temperance Masonic Lodges on the roll. They had either obtained charters, or were applying for warrants. They were very much struck with the name St. George in Manchester, and they had decided on starting another temperance Lodge, the St. George of all England. Bro. Davis advocated the formation of a Benevolent Fund in connection with St. George Lodge.

During the evening Bro. E. A. Lyons gave a very amusing reading, Bro. Kinton Bond a good recitation, and Bros. Hearder, Dyke, H. J. Barter, Davis, and J. Rendle excellent songs. The Masonic glee choir also rendered glees and choruses. The gentlemen who took part in the musical service at the P.G.L. were Bros. Barter, Dyke, Firks, Gillman, Goodall, Hearder, G. Hele, Rendle, Congdon, Dawe, and others.

The P.G.M. of Devon would have been present at the banquet but for an important engagement. The P.G.M. of Cornwall did not, therefore, put in an appearance.

GRAND LODGE OF NATAL.

THE half-yearly meeting of this Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Smith-street, on the 28th March. There was a large attendance of the members of the Craft. The meeting was opened by the R.W. Bro. R. I. Finnemore, R.M., D.G.M., who said: Brethren, I have, as your District Grand Master, convened you today for several reasons. In the first place this is the anniversary of the formal opening of our District Grand Lodge, and it is necessary to appoint new Officers. In the next place it is desirable that no

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A MOVEABLE GRAND LODGE will be held, on the invitation of the R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master, the Dep. Prov. Grand Mark Master and the Brethren of the Province of North and East Yorkshire, at *The Assembly Rooms*, Blake Street, York, on Friday, the 9th of May 1884, at which all legally advanced M.M.M. may be present. Grand Lodge will be opened at 3 o'clock prompt.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G.J.W.)
Grand Secretary.

OFFICE:—8a Red Lion Square, London, W.C.
24th April 1884.

BUSINESS.—Open Grand Lodge in form. Consecration of the Streanshalh Lodge, No. 337, Whitby, and installation of Bro. W. H. Marwood, W.M. Designate, by the M.W. Grand Master assisted by his Grand Officers. General Business. Close Grand Lodge.

A Banquet will take place at 5·30 o'clock precisely, in the Grand Hall of the York Fine Arts Exhibition Building. Tickets 4/- each (exclusive of Wine), including admission to the Picture Galleries.

N.B.—To facilitate the arrangements for the comfort of the Brethren attending the Banquet, application for Tickets must be made not later than Monday, 5th May, to W. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, Provincial Grand Secretary, 20 South Parade, York.

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GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS,
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Burton	,,	7·1	8·56	9·50	12·12	12·35	3·17	6·8	7·32	12·16	*2·49
Nottingham	,,	7·35	9·25	9·50	12·41	1·0	3·15	6·15	8·16	11·48	*2·35
Derby	,,	7·40	9·27	10·32	12·45	1·25	3·55	6·47	8·20	12·45	*3·27
Sheffield	,,	9·10	10·52	12·0	1·55	2·20	4·48	8·0	9·38	1·46	*4·21
York	arr.	10·39	12·50	1·58	3·12	4·20	5·53	9·33	12·0	3·36	8·23

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DERBY, May 1884.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, L on Wednesday, the 7th day of May instant, at six c in the evening.

The Regulations for the Government of the Supreme Grand ter during the time of public business to be read.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be r confirmation.

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investit Officers for the ensuing year.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that the examined the accounts from the 16th January 1884, to the 15t 1884, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows :—

	£	s	d		£
Balance Grand Chapter - -	1246	7	7	Disbursements during the quarter -	221
„ Unappropriated Account -	209	7	4	Balance - -	1458
Subsequent Receipts -	429	5	6	„ in Unappropriated Account -	205
	£1,885	0	5		£1,885

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

The Committee have likewise to report that they have re the following petitions :—

1st. From Companions Thomas Samuel Curteis as Z., W Henry Cronk as H., Adam Young as J., and six others for a Cl to be attached to the Knole Lodge, No. 1414, Sevenoaks, called the Knole Chapter, and to meet at the Old Assembly F London-road, Sevenoaks, in the county of Kent.

2nd. From Companions Thomas Forrester as Z., Robert as H., Joseph Malcolm Kerr as J., and Seven others for a Chap be attached to the Ellesmere Lodge, No. 730, Chorley, to be the Earl of Lathom Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic R Town Hall, Chorley, Lancashire (Western Division).

3rd. From Companions Joseph Clever as Z., Louis Hirsch Robert Berridge as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attach the Amity Lodge, No. 171, Greenwich, to be called the Chapter, and to meet at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-stre the City of London.

4th. From Companions Robert Nendick Banks as Z., Wi Masters as H., Thomas Emmott Skidmore as J., and eight othe a Chapter to be attached to the Sincerity Lodge, No. 428, North to be called the Sincerity Chapter, and to meet at the Angel H Northwich, in the county of Chester.

5th. From Companions Benjamin Lamb Wells as Z., Thomas as H., George Lawrence Shackles as J., and seven others Chapter to be attached to the Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511, Hor to be called the Alexandra Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hornsea, in the East Riding of the county of York.

6th. From Companions John James Meakin as Z., James Su as H., William Dumville as J., and six others to be attached t Lodge of Harmony, No. 935, Salford, to be called the Starkie Cha and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street, Salford, Lanca (Eastern Division).

7th. From Companions John Henwood Thomas as Z., H Massey as H., Thomas Minstrell as J., and six others for a Cha to be attached to the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, Brixton, to be c the Gallery Chapter, and to meet at the Brixton Hall, Acre Brixton.

8th. From Companions Stephen Barton Wilson as Z., Ch Belton as H., Frederick Binckes as J., and seven others for a Cha to be attached to the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, London, t called the Royal Naval Chapter, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall

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

The Committee have also received a petition from the Princi and members of the Royal Albert Chapter, No. 907, London, pra for a Charter of Confirmation, the original being lost.

The Committee recommend that a Charter of Confirmation this Chapter be granted.

A complaint having been received from the Grand Superintend of Northumberland against Companion Paul Smith, P.Z. of Chap No. 24, Newcastle-on-Tyne, for having wilfully disregarded a s tence of suspension passed on him by the said Grand Superintende in having attended a meeting of his Royal Arch Chapter after rece of such sentence, the Committee have summoned Companion P Smith to attend Grand Chapter on the 7th May to answer charge.

An appeal from the said Companion Paul Smith, P.Z. Chapter

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the Committee recommend that Grand Chapter do not hear it until Companion Paul Smith makes due submission to the Grand Superintendent of his Province for the contempt of his authority.

The Committee beg to report that there now stands to the credit of Grand Chapter, in the Three per Cent. Consols, a sum of £3,200, and in the Bank of England (Western Branch) a balance of £1,458 8s 9d, and they recommend, as no immediate claim is likely to be made on the funds of Grand Chapter beyond the ordinary current expenses, that the folowing grants be made to each of the Masonic Charities, and the amounts paid to their respective Trustees :—

The Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls	£500
The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys	£500
The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons ...	£500

The Committee further recommend that a sum of £500 be expended on the purchase of an organ to be presented by Grand Chapter to Grand Lodge—to replace that destroyed in the recent fire at Freemasons' Hall.

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

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
16th April 1884.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

In consequence of the much lamented death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., Third Grand Principal, Grand Superintendent of Oxfordshire, it has been ordered that the Grand Chapter, and all subordinate Chapters, be placed in Masonic mourning for the space of three months from the 4th of April.

The mourning to be worn by Companions individually to be as follows :—

Grand Officers present and past, and Principals and Past Principals of private Chapters—Three rosettes of black crape on the badges and one at the point of the chain or collar just above the jewel.

Other Companions—Three black rosettes on badge.

POLISH NATIONAL CHAPTER, No. 534.

THE installation meeting took place on Thursday, 24th April, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Comp. Palmer as M.E.Z. and the following Officers :—Comps. Lowden H., Dr. Jackson J., Dr. Jagielski S.N., Oliver Bryant P.S., Bieling First Assistant, Geflowski Second Assistant, and Banks Janitor. The Audit Report was read ; it was of a very satisfactory nature. Bro. H. Reed P.M. Great Northern Lodge was then entrusted, and in due course exalted to the Supreme Degree ; especial praise is due to Comp. Dr. Jagielski for the manner in which he acted as P.S. All business being completed, the brethren retired to dinner. In speaking to the toast of the Queen and Royal Arch Masonry, the M.E.Z. referred to the untimely death of the Duke of Albany P.G.J., and requested that the toast should be drunk in silence. Comp. Paas then proposed the health of Companion Palmer, and thanked him for the manner in which he had performed his duties. Comp. Palmer having replied, next proposed the toast of the evening, viz., that of the new Companion, Bro. Reed P.M. Great Northern Lodge, who thanked the M.E.Z. for having exalted him, and also for the very impressive manner in which the proceedings had been conducted. He could not have believed that the ceremony would have been so beautiful, and he felt that a lasting impression had been made on his mind. The health of the various Officers having been proposed and duly honoured, the Janitor's toast brought to a conclusion a very pleasant evening.

The members of the North London Chapter of Improvement held their weekly meeting at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday, at 8 o'clock, when Comps. Brasted occupied the chair of Z., Hunter H., Radcliffe J., Sheffield S.N., Shaw P.S. An instructive evening was the result.

The ceremony of installation of Principals will be rehearsed at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, on Tuesday next, 6th May, at half past 5 o'clock, by Comp. Maidwell Z., Webb H., J. S. Fraser J., all of the Stanmore Chapter, 1549. On the same evening, at half past six o'clock, the ceremony of exaltation will be rehearsed.

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25th ult., at the Masonic Ha
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Past G.M., and to H.R.H. the
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THE adjourned installation meetin
Masonic Hall, Reading, on Mon
present—Bros. S. Bradley W.M., We
J.W., Moffatt M.O., Glasspool S.O.,
Rev. R. P. Bent P.G.C. Chaplain, S
Ravenscroft Secretary, Collins S.D
Lindars I.G., James Steward, Hemm
Margrett, Stephens D.P.G.M., Flanag
Vowles, Ferguson, Thompson, Syde
Bros. Kirchhoffer G.J.O., Davison G.
D'Almaine W.M. 225, Rev. F. W. Tho
55, Benham P.M. 54, Harvey M.O. 37
Coleman, Kennedy, and others. Th
Lodge were read, confirmed, and sign
reported that the floral wreath voted
sented at the St. George's Chapel on t
addresses of condolence to Her Most
H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany were t
by the W.M. and P.M.'s. A ballot w
Wells, W. A. Simmons and C. F. Sim
brethren, being in attendance, wer
degree of M.M.M. by the W.M., wi
Taylor, 99, presiding at the organ.
then assumed the throne and instal
into the chair of A., in a very impres
W.M. appointed and invested his Off
I.P.M., Homann S.W., Glasspool J.W
Creed J.O., Rev. H. Wells Chaplain, T
Lindars Secretary, Collins S.D., Ferg
Ravenscroft Organist, Hickie I.G., Vo
Hemmings Tyler. The W.M. had m
first duty in the Lodge by presenting
I.P.M. Bro. Bradley, which was ac
Bro. Glasspool proposed that the sum
to the Mark Benevolent Fund, the a
of Bro. Pulley Prov. Grand Secretary.
unanimously. Bro. Ravenscroft, Secr
retire from the Lodge, and in his ab
proposed, and Bro. Pulley Prov. G.
presented to Bro. Ravenscroft, in reco
to the Lodge as Secretary for the past
by acclamation. Bro. Ravenscroft the
addressed by the W.M., who commun
last proposition. Bro. Ravenscroft ex
the unexpected honour which had bee
he should ever wear the jewel with pr
of the pleasant performance of the d
for non-attendance were then read
Henniker, Bro. Binckes Grand Secret
Lodge being closed, the brethren ad
Hotel, where a sumptuous dinner was p
Afterwards the usual Loyal and Maso
and a very pleasant evening enjoyed,
Bro. Taylor, and others.

Any of our readers who have
or Female Funds of the Royal B
confer a favour by entrusting th
approaching Elections.

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BOYS' SCHOOL.

IT is doubtless well known to the readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE that on the occasion of the Annual Visit of Stewards to the School "Our Boys" engage in a Series of athletic competitions, and, as usual on such occasions, prizes have to be provided. Now, there is no fund—of a permanent description—from which prizes can be furnished, and therefore an annual struggle ensues to raise the sum needed for the purpose. There are always a few, we may say a very few, who contribute something, but their number is not sufficient to satisfy the cravings of the "growing generation," or the honours their rulers consider them entitled to. As a consequence, the "Prize Fund Subscription List" has to be worked upon by its few supporters for a very extended period. Indeed, we have only just received last year's balance sheet, and this, too, when the coming season is all but commenced, and a start should have been made with a list for next June's assemblage. Bro. Rev. Dr. Morris, the Head Master of the School, we know will be pleased to receive contributions for the 1884 Prize Fund, or, should our friends desire it, they may be sent through us. The following is a statement of last year's account.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ATHLETIC SPORTS FUND.

Midsummer 1883.

RECEIPTS.	£	s	d
Bro. H. Marshall	2	2	0
E. Thurkle	2	2	0
P. Saillard	2	0	0
E. Bowyer	1	1	0
Per Bro. G. P. Festa	6	8	0
C. E. Soppet	2	17	6
G. Kenning	1	2	6
R. Morris	0	8	0
F. Binckes	7	9	0
	25	10	0

EXPENDITURE.	£	s	d
Prizes	25	0	0
Sundries	0	10	0
	25	10	0

J. J. BERE, Hon. Sec.

Wood Green, N., 29th April 1884.

THIRD CITY MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

IT must be a matter of very great gratification to the Committees of the three Institutions to hear of any fresh means being devised to add to the sums raised, year by year, by the brethren of England for the purposes of Masonic Charity, and when these means are of a character likely to make the increase of no inconsiderable extent, and also of no short duration, the gratification must be greatly intensified. Such is the case with the Third City Masonic Benevolent Association, the first meeting of which was held at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on the 28th ult., when a most successful start was made, 81 shares being taken up on that occasion, with a fair prospect of further additions ere long. It is the ambition of the Hon. Sec. (Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs) to have 115 or 120 members from the commencement, as it is then expected that a clear one hundred will continue to the finish, and a total of 1,000 guineas thus emanate from the Association during the four years it is customary for these organizations to run. We understand that two or three brethren have joined the Committee since the start, and it is but fair to hope that each of these may introduce a few subscribers, but as they cannot be relied on to complete the number considered necessary to raise the One Thousand guineas desired, the Committee will be glad to receive a few names of brethren, either in London or the Provinces, who will join the Association. We may add, we are personally interested in the matter, and if any of our readers desire to join shall be pleased to receive their names and subscriptions;—one shilling per share per week.

The members of the Richmond Lodge, No. 2032, will hold their first regular meeting on Tuesday next, the 6th inst., at the Station Hotel, Richmond, when a very considerable addition to their numbers is anticipated There are no less than eleven propositions from brethren desirous of joining the Lodge, in addition to ten candi- Tuesday next, Brother Blasby the W.M. and the Offic having made every provision for the comfort and enj ment of the brethren, while a due share of attention been given to the arrangements for the anticipated ce monies. We shall give a report of the proceedings in next.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec, and its subordinate Lodg have met with a most serious rebuff at the hands of Provincial Parliament, which, at its meeting held on 17th ult., rejected, on the second reading, a Bill, int duced by Mr. White, to relieve the brethren of the Quel Constitution from the operation of the laws direct against Secret Societies. The Quebec brethren thus fi themselves unable to hold a meeting unless they cho to violate the laws of the country in which they reside- step which would hardly be consistent with the teachir of Freemasonry or the dictates of common prudence.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jo Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 26th ult. Present Bros. Cross W.M., and a numerous assemblage of the brethren. T being the last Saturday in the month, Lodge closed early, and members of the Masonic Association held their sixth monthly me ing, when, sufficient subscriptions having been received, the seve and eighth Life Governorships were balloted for. Brethren desirous becoming Life Governors or Life Subscribers of one or other of Institutions are reminded of this easy method of doing so. T Association presents an especial feature, inasmuch, as not havi been long started, the arrears are small. A meeting of brethren terested in the testimonial to the late Preceptor, Bro. Pearcy, w take place on Saturday next, 4th May, at the Jolly Farmers, Sou gate-road, N.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeti was held on 28th April, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End Road. Pres —Bros. Sinclair W.M., E. W. Clements S.W., A. G. Clements J.W Barnes Treasurer, Stewart (Secretary) S.D., Oxley I.G. Business: Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previc meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation w rehearsed, Bro. Oxley acting as candidate. Brother Stewart work the first and second sections of the lecture. Brother Sinclair w unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instructi Brother Barnes proposed and Brother Clements seconded that a vo of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Brother Sinclair for the ve excellent manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony for t first time in this Lodge. This was carried unanimously. Broth Clements was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A mee ing was held on Monday, 20th April, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Taver Highbury, N. Bros. Turner W.M., Dixie S.W., Jordan J.W., For Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, Goddard J.D., Cosgrove I.G Trewinnard Preceptor; Past Masters Killick and Mallord. Lodge w opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read a confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Coop candidate. Lodge opened in second and third degrees. A vote thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Turner (one of the la initiates in the mother Lodge) for having so ably performed th ceremony this evening, it being the first time he had occupied th chair. Bro Trewinnard Preceptor will rehearse the ceremony installation on Monday next, 5th May, Bro. Dixie in the chair.

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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 MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
143—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)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1273—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 5th MAY.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C, at 7 (Instruction)
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)
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).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (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.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1591—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8A 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
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
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
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
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
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

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
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1284—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
1543—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1576—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester

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
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull

TUESDAY, 6th MAY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, 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)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
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
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
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, Kenn
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-s
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersga
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwi
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Boro
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Le
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-stre
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwic
Metropolitan Chapter of Improveme

R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tave
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Ta
R.C. 79—Orpheus, 33 Golden Square,

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Tem
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, B
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemason
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victo
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, L
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liver
248—True Love and Unity, Freemas
365—Royal Yorkshire; Masonic Club
384—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The P
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle,
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkeston
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-str
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverp
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall,
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton C
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Hav
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honi
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, L
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverst

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salf
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hal
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, R
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashto
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exc
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms,
1473—Bootle, 148 Berry-street, Bootle,
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Gr
1760—Coleridge, Sandringham House,
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, Sou

R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Mas
R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Ch
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms,
R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, N
R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devo
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, Nev

WEDNESDA

Special Meeting of Grand Lodge, at Pe
Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, B
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton
30—United Mariners', The Lugard,
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle,
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Le
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred,
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel,
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern,
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, So
962—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farrin

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Hi
1478—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edwa
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Taver
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh St
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms,
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Flee
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, P
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gres
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, C

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air
R.A. 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound H
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, G

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-stre
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot,
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall,
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, U
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-s
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Comm
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons'
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic H
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskir
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverp
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvo
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Ke
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Ll
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hote
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Roper
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Can
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower

1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liv
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, D
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle H
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwi
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel,
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hal
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-str
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Room

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1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
1342—St. Leonards, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1003—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. 3[illegible]—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 6[illegible]—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 8th MAY.

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)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, 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.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
751—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)

1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stockwell, 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)
1426—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Chiswick-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1596—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (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. 765—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hastingden
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester

369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
440—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
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543—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
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
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1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
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1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
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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
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1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
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1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
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1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, 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
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R.A. 861—Hwlffordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
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R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 9th MAY.

Moveable Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Assembly Rooms, Blake Street, York, 3 p.m.
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.
108—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. (Instru
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8.
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)
1288—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (
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-r S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camber
R.A. 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Lovelenhall
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
K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Avro and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
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
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
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
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 10th MAY.

173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instructio
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 (Instructio
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-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham

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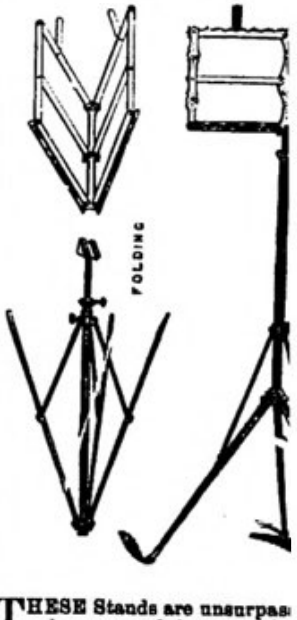
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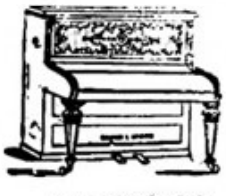
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THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

IT is a fortunate thing for those who value the reputation in which English Freemasonry is held by the outer world that the Charity which its members boast of as one of their grandest principles should occasionally present itself in a practical form, and that some of the good the brethren take credit for accomplishing should be carried out in such a way as to be apparent to other than members of the Mystic Tie. Were this not the case the brethren might run the risk of being considered as black as their opponents paint them, and in some cases this is black indeed. As it is, however, we feel that, in England at least, Freemasonry is hardly looked upon as being a source of trouble, either to the Church or the State. We recently read the letter which the Pope has thought fit to publish against Freemasons, and we were almost inclined to regret that we ever had associated ourselves with so vile a body as Freemasons are there made out to be, when our thoughts were diverted into another channel by a reminder as to what Freemasonry really is. This change was brought about by the fact that at this season of the year a duty devolves upon us;—to direct attention to the Institution which we name at the head of this article, the Annual Meeting, and Election for the benefits of which takes place on Friday next, the 16th inst. Although we may be accused of taking things somewhat out of their prescribed order, we have decided first to consider the Election, notwithstanding the fact that it is secondary to the Annual Meeting, some of the business of which we shall refer to later on.

The task which presents itself when we attempt to review the claims of the several candidates seeking a participation in the benefits of the Male and Female Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is one of the heaviest which falls to us in the execution of our duties, and look at it from whatever point of view we may we can find no satisfactory method of treating the subject, or of drawing comparisons, for the simple reason that all the candidates appear worthy, while all are of an age which entitles them to the respect of the younger brethren or the sympathy of the older ones.

We know that, in the case of the annuitants, none are in a position to provide for themselves, while the same can hardly be said with any certainty as regards either the Boys or the Girls who come forward as candidates. The rules of the Benevolent Institution stipulate that any brother in receipt of £40 a year, or any widow in receipt of £30, is ineligible. There is no such limit, or indeed any limit, attached to the candidates for the Schools, the friends of whom naturally feel that no matter what the position of the applicants may be, they are entitled to a place in the Schools, provided they can secure a sufficient number of votes. As is well known to our readers, this want of a limit has led to troubles in the past, and will, no doubt, lead to more in the future, but all this is avoided in the case of the Benevolent Institution, the aspirants for which must really belong to a necessitous class, or else put forward their claims backed up with false pretences, a line of action which, considering the searching inquiry to which each application is subjected, seldom proves anything but a failure. We think this limitation a feature of great importance, and shall never feel satisfied until something of a similar character is imposed on the candidates for t Schools, but this is only one of many arguments whi might be urged in favour of the Benevolent Institution.

We are often asked to give an opinion as to which is t most deserving of the three Institutions? In reply adopt for ourselves the line taken up by the "Vicar Bray"—each is best, in turn,—

"Until the times do alter."

At present it is the turn of the Benevolent Instituti and it is our duty to demonstrate that it has greater clai than the other two. This we can hardly do better than following the arguments of the respective Secretari The Girls deserve first consideration, because they are weaker sex, and are less fitted to struggle through without assistance, than are their brothers. But, says B Binckes, the Boys should have our first care; if we l after them while young, they will, in the ordinary cou of things, look after the girls later on. Both these ar ments are overruled by Bro. Terry, who, while appeal for the Benevolent Institution, truly points out that i had not been for the Old People we should not have either boys or girls, and not only should we be with boys and girls but we should likewise have had neithe Boys' School nor a Girls' School, while without the c tributions of brethren in years gone by the very Fund which these aged Masons and their Widows are r appealing would have had no existence. It may be t that some of those who now appear as applicants Annuities have never contributed, directly, to the fund the Benevolent Institution, but there is certainly not among them but has done so indirectly, and they therefore appealing for the benefits of a Fund for wh they have each done something. Surely then they deserving of especial consideration. Another feature favour of support being given to the Old People is that t election on the Annuity Fund is often the last ac Masonic kindness which can be performed for them. Th is especial satisfaction in knowing that the last years brother or his widow were rendered comfortable by exercise of Masonic benevolence, and it generally happ that far greater appreciation is shewn by them for assistance they receive than is the case in that of the and boys cared for in the other Institutions, not a fe whom never appear to give their benefactors a thou when once they are relieved from the restraint school life.

Now a word as to the actual applications which being made for the benefits of the Benevolent Institut The ballot papers for Friday next give a list of thirty-e male and eighty-two female candidates. The for however, has been reduced to thirty-seven by the deat F. A. Chaplin, No. 24, on the list. These thirty-se old Masons will have to compete for fourteen vacar (three of which will be deferred), while for the eighty- widows there are eighteen vacancies (three of these deferred), so that we have a total of one hundred nineteen candidates, of whom thirty-two only can elected, unless the number of declared vacancies increased previous to the opening of the poll; the co usually adopted, to compensate for the deaths which o between the issue of the ballot papers and the da election. This gives us upwards of seven candidate every two vacancies; not divided equally, however, strongly in favour of the Male Fund, for the benefit

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which the applicants number upwards of five for each two vacancies; while, as regards the Female branch, the proportion is over nine for two vacancies. We do not think any good would result from even a brief outline of the past history of the several candidates appearing in our pages, as each of the voters has been supplied with particulars, and most are by this time acquainted with the position of the applicant they intend to support. We cannot individualise any case concerning which further particulars are needed, nor do we feel justified in selecting any one as calling for universal support; each must depend on personal friends. We trust, however, at the head of the poll will be found those who are truly the most deserving. We echo the regret of very many brethren when we say we are sorry an election is necessary, but until the annual income is very much increased, or the number of calls for assistance very much reduced, these annual contests will be necessary, and so long as they continue there will always remain a great amount of hard work for those who seek a participation in the benefits provided by the Institution.

The business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting of the Institution, which is held previous to the Election, is of the usual routine character, with the addition, on this occasion, of a feature which will doubtless receive every consideration. This feature takes the form of a proposition by Bro. Charles Lacey (V.P.), P.M. 174, to reduce the limit of income disqualifying applicants, and also the amount of the annual annuities. The proposed alterations are as follows. In Law 2, (Male Fund) page 22 of the Rules and Regulations, which reads

> II. No Brother having an income of £40 per annum, or who is otherwise in a situation to provide for himself, shall be admitted to the benefits of the Institution.

to substitute £30 in lieu of £40.

In Law 4 (Male Fund) page 22, which reads

> IV. The amount of the annuity shall be £40 per annum.

to substitute £32 10s in lieu of £40.

In Law 2 (Widows' Fund) page 23, which reads

> II. No Widow having an income of £30 per annum, or who is otherwise in a situation to provide for herself, shall be admitted to the benefits of the Fund.

to substitute £24 in lieu of £30, and

In Law 4 (Widows' Fund) page 24, which reads

> IV. The amount of the annuity shall be £32 per annum.

to substitute £26 in lieu of £32.

By this it will be seen that the idea of Bro. Lacey is to reduce the actual outlay of the Institution as regards individual recipients for the purpose, as he states, of allowing a larger number to be benefitted without a greater expenditure of money than is at present possible. This is a matter that requires, and it will undoubtedly receive, full consideration, and we are convinced will be approached in that spirit of calm deliberation which should at all times characterise our assemblies.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

A SPECIAL Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Fitzwilliam Hall, Peterborough, for the purpose of laying, in Masonic form, the chief corner-stone of the central tower of Peterborough Cathedral. After the Grand Lodge had been opened, it was adjourned to the Cathedral, where the ceremony of laying the stone was performed by the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, in the presence of a large number of Masons of the Province of Northampton and Huntingdon, and the neighbouring Provinces of Lincoln, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridge. Lord Holmesdale, Lord Cremorne, the Lord Mayor, Col. Shadwell Clerke, Captain Philips, H. B. Marshall, and most of the Grand Officers of the year were in attendance. The stone was laid with all the ceremonial usually observed on these occasions, and in the afternoon a luncheon was served. The Bishop of Peterborough proposed the health of the Earl of Carnarvon, who was present that day as the representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who, in consequence of that family and national affliction which all deplored, was unable to be present. The Earl of Carnarvon in reply said he felt greatly the honour of the cordial welcome that they had been pleased to give him. If he might say so, he felt that it was a delight

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members of the Grand Lodge together. The very sad event which had recently taken place—the death of their Past Grand Master the Duke of Albany—was one which called forth the warmest and most heartfelt sympathy, he might say all over the world; most certainly it had done so wherever there was a subject of the British Crown, and he felt such was particularly the case among Masons. The Masonic brethren would give place to no body of men in the British Empire as regarded loyalty to the British Crown. To Mark Masons the death of the Duke of Albany was a very heavy blow, and they could feel his loss very greatly when they remembered how much he had been among them during the last few years. The brethren would recollect that during the speaker's first year of office it was his privilege to instal His Royal Highness into the office of Past Grand M.M.M., while in the second he had the pleasure of presenting him and the Duchess of Albany with a gift from the brethren of the Mark Degree from all parts of the world, and it was then hoped that both the Duke and Duchess of Albany had long and happy futures before them. The brethren had lost one whose geniality must lead them to look back on his presence among them with the greatest pleasure, and as one who approached Masonry in a true Masonic spirit. He (Lord Henniker) felt that a few words only were necessary on such an occasion to enlist the sympathy of the brethren, yet he could but speak, before he sat down, on the loss which he believed the country generally, as well as Masonry, had sustained by the death of His Royal Highness. Each Prince of the Royal Family had chosen an active and useful career. The health of the Duke of Albany had prevented his following a life similar to that his brothers had chosen, but it had also attached him to a line which made the English people look to him as their future leader in literature, in Masonry, and the intellectual arts so important to all of us, as tending to soothe us in our troubles and take the edge off the rough-hewn stones and stumbling-blocks of our stormy and unhappy lives. He had endeared himself not only to those who knew him personally, but also to the public at large. He felt he might say that the death of the Duke of Albany was not only a great loss to the Masonic body but also to the country generally. Now he should like to say one word about Her Majesty the Queen. All knew how Her Majesty had borne her great and terrible sorrow; that she had borne it with her usual fortitude and courage. They could but feel how great the blow had been to her, from the fact that the Duke of Albany had perhaps lived with the Queen at home more than any of her sons, and of course, from his constant ill-health was a source of anxiety to her. They could but feel that the blow which she had received had come upon her with redoubled force. All knew there was no joy and no sorrow among the people of England that the Queen did not share in, and he thought they would indeed be cold on such an occasion if their sympathy was not of the warmest and sincerest kind. He should also like to say a few words as regarded H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany. All hearts must be drawn to her just now—to her who so lately came to make her home amongst us, and who, as he had already said, they had so recently joined in wishing, with the Duke of Albany, all the happiness that they might have reason to look forward to. But now she was left a widow among us, and he thought that she had found warm hearts to mourn with her. He concluded by asking the brethren to pass votes of condolence to Her Majesty the Queen and to the young widow H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, and was sure he should call forth but one feeling, that of the warmest sympathy with the Queen, the Duchess of Albany, and the whole of the Royal Family, not only in the Grand Lodge but also among Mark Masons all over the world. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M.M.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, seconded the resolution, and the addresses were unanimously voted. Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, Past Grand Master, proposed that an address of condolence be presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which proposition was seconded by Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Provincial G.M.M.M. Middlesex and Surrey, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Frederick Binckes, Grand Secretary then formally announced the decease of Bro. D. M. Dewar, his late Assistant. He was followed by the Grand Master, by the President of the General Board, and by the Grand Treasurer, who all spoke of the respect they entertained for Bro. Dewar, and expressed their willingness to unite in any movement which might be started to show the appreciation of Mark Masons generally of their late brother's devotion to the cause. Grand Lodge was afterwards formally closed.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTIO FOR GIRLS.

IN another part of this week's issue we refer to the volent as the Institution of the hour, but we also that it is not likely long to retain that position. Very intervals usually suffice to separate one from another great Masonic charitable events of the year, and as so we have got clear of one, another comes upon us. S the case at the present time. The Annual Meeting and tion of the Benevolent Institution is fixed for Friday and five days later (on Wednesday the 21st inst.) we the Ninety-sixth Anniversary Festival of the Girls' S We have so recently referred to this subject in a g way that we not intend to devote much space to the on the present occasion, but there one or two points we may well touch on to-day.

Coming events, we are told, cast their shadows b This may be so in many instances, but it certainly i the case with the Girls' School Festival, or at least part of it which most concerns the general body of su bers,—the total amount of money subscribed for the It not unfrequently happens that when we get as nea Festival as we are now to that of the one for the School, we can realise an idea of what is to be expec the way of a total, but in this case we cannot obtai really reliable estimate. Very few of the Provinces, afraid, will run into average totals, but we should like somewhat near the mark. As an instance we will sing Essex, the Province which this year supplies the cha for the Girls' Festival. Now what may we expect Essex? It certainly cannot be classed as an inferior d from a subscribing point of view, but we know that other calls on its benevolence. It is urged the earth of a few days since will materially affect the total it wil up for our Girls. We might perhaps be nearer the m we say that the tales of the earthquake will do so, cannot believe that anything really spent in relief fo casualty ought to affect the Festival, and yet we are that if one thousand, two thousand, or more, goes to distress at home, those outside will not get so much. us hope that the result will prove otherwise, and th brethren of the district will as liberally support the M Girls' School now as they would have done had ther no special distress nearer home to the relief of whic were asked to subscribe.

Essex has twenty-two Lodges, and from these, we stand, there will be nineteen Stewards. It is not for dictate, but would it be too much to expect that Lodge in the Province should try and support Provincial Grand Master. We do not know those presented, but we hope for the sake of that unanimity should exist among Masons that they may send Steward ere it be too late. Which Lodge will first to reduce the minimum of those not represented should like to hear that our appeal had brought for more Steward, at least.

As regards the amount to be expected from the man's own district. Are the brethren keeping a su in store for us? We have made some considerable in and can get no clue as to the likely sum that is c up. We can only hope it may exceed our most san expectations. Nineteen Stewards from twent Lodges in such a district as Essex, with its P cial Grand Master at the head of affairs, should pr a good round sum. Would £1200 be too much to ex —sixty guineas per Steward as an average. That tainly a large sum to collect, but it is within the ra possibility, if only united action be taken by the Pro Perhaps we have put the figure too high, but we d cerely hope that Essex will come forward with a figure total, and we earnestly urge on every friend Charities in the district to work for such a Upwards of £1000 is not too much to expect, as been exceeded time after time by Provinces s in every respect, as regards number of Lodges, numb Masons, and number of Stewards. We do not thin Masons of Essex require continued urging to do thei but the need is urgent, and it is to be hoped they w their utmost, if only for the purpose of setting an ex to those who may come after them.

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THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.*

IN this volume, Bro. Gould is occupied with the most difficult portion of his task, and we are not employing exaggerated terms of praise when we say that he appears to have exhibited the same thoroughness in his investigations which has characterised his work in the preceding volumes. He will probably, nay even certainly, not meet with the same sympathy from his readers with the conclusions he has drawn—at least in respect of his first chapter, but this must not be allowed to detract from his general merits as a most conscientious writer, whose principal object is to determine the truth. We have again and again pointed out the fault which has been committed by the majority of Masonic historians, to wit, their determination to clothe every tradition that has been handed down to us with as much circumstantiality as possible. On the other hand, as we have also again and again pointed out, the latest school of Masonic investigators seems anxious to go to the very opposite extreme of rejecting everything which cannot be reasonably well authenticated. This class of student must have chapter and verse for every proposition it lays down, and there is too much reason to fear that many cherished traditions, which may be accepted as reasonable, will be rejected quite as peremptorily as even the most monstrous assumptions of writers of the Oliver School. We must take the liberty of pointing out that this chariness of accepting only what is capable of demonstration by the means ordinarily employed in determining historic truths is likely to prove almost as unsatisfactory in its results as an extreme readiness to accept anything and everything, no matter how casual or slight may be its bearing on the subject.

The few remarks contained in the opening paragraph of his new volume sufficiently indicate the plan on which Bro. Gould has conducted his latest inquiries, while his treatment of the Wren tradition as clearly indicates the extreme severity with which he is resolved on carrying out his plan. It is no doubt true enough that as yet we have failed to obtain such evidence as will serve to establish as an absolute fact that Wren was a member of our Fraternity, but though there may be no such evidence forthcoming to the effect that he was a Freemason, there is, on the other hand, nothing which justifies the assumption that he was not. Yet, after what we readily concede is a most careful study of the circumstances, extending over nearly the whole of Chapter XII., Bro. Gould is enabled to see no other way out of his difficulty than by dismissing the acceptance of "the great architect—at any period of his life—into the Masonic fraternity" as "a mere figment of the imagination." We must protest against this stern denunciation of a cherished belief, merely because it is incapable of being demonstrated as a fact; in this case, at all events, the probabilities are in favour of the belief. But let us follow the author through the successive stages of his arguments, so that the reader may have an opportunity of judging for himself if Bro. Gould's conclusion is justified by his premises.

Speaking generally, we see nothing exceptionable in the statement that the historian "is concerned with facts and not with possibilities;" but this represents only a part of the historian's duty. He must be careful not to substitute or mistake possibilities for facts, but he is not called upon to discard wholly the possibilities which more or less remotely affect a disputed point. It is in the nature of things that what is impossible can never acquire the status of a fact; but setting impossibility aside, as being, so to speak, the zero of possibility, we must not forget that there are degrees of possibility which no historian can afford to leave unconsidered in his treatment of a question. For instance, in this case of Wren's alleged membership of our Society, the historian has no option but to discard it as a fact, but he will not be thoroughly alive to his duty if he discards it as a possibility, so reasonable as to approximate very closely to a fact. On the other hand, the proposition that Adam or Moses was a Freemason is a possibility so far removed from the status of a fact that it may at once be describe words, while the historian found facts and possibil otherwise than endeavou possibilities by their sever bability. If we apply this of Wren, we shall find ths a better fate than to be pc of the imagination."

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* *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

tion was not printed or in any way alluded to until 1844," and has consequently "exercised no influence whatever in shaping or fashioning the belief (among Masons) which, from 1738 onwards, has universally prevailed as regards the connection of the great architect with the ancient craft," neither can it be said to have influenced Anderson in making his statement. Thus Aubrey's memorandum and Anderson's statement must have been made independently of each other, and possess that greater value which belongs to all independent statements when they fortuitously corroborate each other, and especially when the people who made them were contemporaries of the events or circumstances they claim to describe.

No one who has even glanced at the volumes of Brother Gould's work which have thus far appeared will dream of charging him with having treated his subject in a half-hearted or perfunctory manner, and we agree with him that it is an evidence of wisdom on his part to have had "mortality before him," and not risked leaving his work in an unfinished state in the hope that some new evidence might present itself. Yet, in the case of this particular tradition about Wren, it is greatly to be regretted—and we imagine none will regret it more keenly than Bro. Gould himself—that he did not take the advice of those friends on whose judgment he places so much reliance, and instead of attempting "to deal exhaustively" with the matter, leave it—as it ever has been, and is very likely to be—an open question. Instead, however, of exhibiting, in circumstances so extremely delicate, that discretion which is reasonably expected from such a writer, he has plunged headlong into the very thickest of the critical battle, and in the vain hope of achieving that recognised impossibility of proving a negative has laid himself open to many a fatal thrust. Moreover, the question of Wren's membership of our Society, though highly interesting, is not one of paramount importance. If we succeed in establishing it as a fact, we shall do no more than convert what is now only a reasonable probability into an absolute certainty. The obscurity will be removed from that passage in Aubrey which has received from Bro. Gould so harsh a designation, and Dr. Anderson's character for trustworthiness will be enhanced. But the cause of Masonic historical truth will have made no serious progress; no new link in the chain of evidence which carries us further forward into the seventeenth century will have been forged. We shall be, to all intents and purposes, as we have been, with the exception that Wren's name will have been added for a certainty to our roll of worthies. On the other hand, if we assume that Bro. Gould has proved his negative and that Wren never was a Mason, what follows? The passage in Aubrey will remain as obscure as ever, and we shall have it established in one more instance than is known already that in dealing with history Anderson's zeal was often permitted to outrun his discretion. But was it worth the expenditure of so much time and trouble to build up an elaborate argument extending over some fifty pages in order to achieve a purpose so comparatively valueless?

We have said that the question of Wren's membership is not one of paramount importance, by which we must of course be understood to mean that it cannot materially affect the evidence already known to exist, of there having been a non-operative element in Masonry long anterior to the year 1717. No amount of argument can destroy that. But there are many reasons why it is desirable that the evidence we already have, should, if possible, be strengthened, and the chief of those reasons undoubtedly is, that in such case, Masonic history will be less amenable to the charge of being indebted for its facts principally to the imagination of sundry enthusiasts, who have pieced together such information as they could lay their hands upon and instinctively shaped for themselves certain theories that would combine them all. We purpose, therefore, following Bro. Gould through the other points of his argument, but to do so with justice we must embody such remarks as we are desirous of making in a further paper.

(To be continued.)

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F.S.A., F.R.H.S.

ON Tuesday evening, 29th April, the Freemasons of the Pr of Leicestershire and Rutland presented to their Right Wo ful Past Provincial Grand Master a life-sized portrait of hims be hung in the Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester, in of the portrait which, as the brethren of the Province well kno for many years appeared on the walls, but which it was ger thought was not a faithful representation of the esteemed br The portrait had been very generally and liberally subs for, and Brother James Luntley, the well-known and succ artist, of Beeston, Nottingham, was specially engaged to the portrait, and a most faithful likeness of Brother was produced. We may state that the cost of the po without the frame, was about eighty guineas, and it was ger regarded not only as an admirable likeness of Bro. Kelly, really a first-class work of art. It has been placed in the M frame of the original portrait, and will now permanently rem the walls of the Masonic Hall. On the frame is a plate beari following inscription:—"Presented to the Right Worshipfu William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.H.S., Past Provincial Grand Mast the brethren of the Province. Tuesday, 29th April 1884." to a variety of engagements, Masonic and otherwise, a num subscribers to the portrait were unable to be present at the pre tion on Tuesday, but upwards of forty assembled at a grand be in the Masonic Hall, and the proceedings were altogether of interesting character. Bro. George Toller jun. P.G.S.B. En Deputy Provincial Grand Master, occupied the chair, and Bro. Michie W.M. 279, being the oldest Lodge in the Province, fill of the vice-chairs, and Bro. F. J. Baines P.P.G.S.D. P.M. 52 second oldest Lodge in the Province, occupied the other vice The following other brethren were amongst those present:—Br Kelly F.S.A. F.R. Hist. S., &c., Rev. W. Langley P.P.S.G. Stretton P.P.S.G.W., C. E. Stretton P.P.S.G.W., Miles T. W P.P.J.G.W., J. Orlando Law P.P.G.J.D. P.M. 279, C. Gurden G.A.D.C., W. Millican 1560, J. Vaughan P.M. 86, 279, 10 Oliver P.P.G.P. P.M. 1007, R. Taylor P.P.G. Sup. Works, Fowler I.G. 1560, T. Macaulay, R. S. Toller W.M. 1560, I. Hart Harris S.W. 1560, E. Watson I.P.M. 1391, R. Symington S. Holmes, W. H. Lead 279, G. A. Anderson 1391, W. P. Matc Spurway I.G. 279, J. B. Waring S. 523, Rev. W. R. Hurd 1391, Barrow, J. Metcalfe, F. B. Wilmer, E. Jeeves S.D. 11 Newton 279, W. A. Fielding S.D. 279, A. Foster, L. Ball, G. J.D. 2028, and many others. Letters of apology for non-atter were read from R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers Grand Master, Bros. Rev. C. Wood P.P.G.C., W. Napier Reeve, Allen, Wing, Dawson, Luke Turner, Joseph Young Prov. G.D. During the banquet the following telegram was received fr Howe and Charnwood Lodge, 1007, then holding its meeting Bull's Head, Loughborough:—From the members of the Hov Charnwood Lodge now sitting. The W.M. and Bro. E. P. S Secretary, tender to R.W. Bro. Wm. Kelly, the Chairma brethren, fraternal greetings and hearty good wishes, and Bro. Kelly's life may long be spared. The usual Loyal and M toasts having been duly honoured, the Chairman next rose t pose the health of their honoured guest, R.W. Bro. Kelly—t which we need hardly say was received and drunk with enthu In a very able speech Bro. Toller briefly sketched the high tinguished Masonic career of Bro. Kelly, mentioning incid some of the very many useful and valuable services which d period of nearly fifty years the esteemed brother had rendered Craft throughout the Province, and concluding by presenti portrait of Bro. Kelly in the name of the subscribers, coupled request that it might be permitted to hang on the wall of the M Hall. The uncovering of the portrait was the signal for lou continued applause, and the health of Bro. Kelly was heartily by all, accompanied on all sides with cordial greetings and good wishes for his long life and happiness. R.W. Bro. acknowledged the compliment in a deeply interesting s in which he reviewed at length his associations with Freemaso the Province, and gave numerous historical reminiscences of th gress of the Craft. The Chairman afterwards proposed a v thanks to Bro. Clement E. Stretton, who had so ably and so effe acted as Secretary to the Portrait Committee. The toast was h drunk, and was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Stretton. Bro ridge P.G. Secretary proposed the health of Bro. George Toll Chairman, paying a well-merited tribute to him for his se The Chairman suitably acknowledged the toast, and the procee which had been pleasantly varied by very excellent songs, con shortly afterwards, all agreeing that the gathering had been nc of a deeply interesting, but also one of a most enjoyable charac

The following Festival Meetings have been held at masons' Tavern during the week, ending 10th May:—

Monday, 5th—Joppa Lodge, Unions Lodge; Wednesday, 7t Mary's Hospital, United Lodge, Grand Chapter Club, French Ball; Thursday, 8th—Lodge of Regularity, Pilgrim Lodge day, 9th—Britannic Lodge, Bedford Lodge; Saturday, 10th—P Lodge.

AMATEUR GARDENING FOR TOWN AND COUNTRY, the first n of which has just appeared, is an attractive illustrated peri well edited, and embracing topics relating to the Home G Villa Farm, Poultry Yard, and Housekeeper's Room. As a p weekly journal, published at a penny, *Amateur Gardening* bi to meet with a hearty reception.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THE regular meeting was held on 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C. Bros. G. Bean W.M., A. Martin S.W., J. Dewsnap J.W., L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary, Wall S.D., G. M. Lyon J.D., L. Davis Steward, A. G. Dodson P.M. D.C., I. Benjamin I.P.M.; P.M.'s H. M. Levy, L. Alexander, S. Hickman, L. M. Myers, O. Roberts. Visitors—Bros. R. La Feuillade 1387, J. Shaw 1987, F. Matthews 1766, S. Marks late 188. After preliminaries, Mr. Coombes, who had previously been balloted for, was duly initiated into the Order by the W.M. The W.M., in feeling terms, informed the brethren of the death of Bro. E. P. Albert P.M. P.G.P., who all respected. It was unanimously agreed to send a letter of condolence to his daughter and his sorrowing family. This was seconded by Bro. L. Alexander P.M. An acknowledgment of the letter sent to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. G.M. on the death of the Duke of Albany had been received, through the Grand Secretary, and the letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes. A candidate for initiation at next meeting was proposed, and the resignations of two brethren were accepted. The Lodge was then closed until October. A sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins, followed. The W.M. in due course proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. and V.P. responded to the toast of the Joppa Benevolent Fund. The Fund at one time had nearly reached £1400, but by giving to deserved brethren large grants, it amounts now to only £730. He hoped the brethren would give their mites to help the widow and orphan so that they should not apply to G. Lodge. The following contributions were announced:—Bros. Coombes 21s, J. Levy 10s 6d, Grenwall 21s, J. Dewsnap J.W. 21s, Mussared 10s 6d. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiate. Bro. Coombes was a son of an old and respected member of the Lodge, and all were proud to see him among them. The toast was very appropriately responded to. Bro. Coombes hoped to follow in the footsteps of his father, who it was gratifying to know was so respected. Bro. I. Benjamin I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the W.M., said the brethren had seen how ably that brother had worked to render the ceremony perfectly. He hoped during his year of office the Officers would render him every assistance. The W.M., in response, said it was no easy duty to occupy the chair; if he could do anything to conduce to the comfort of the brethren, his services would always be at their disposal. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bros. Brown and Marks. Bro. I. Benjamin responded for the Past Masters. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Treasurer, regretted Bro. Lyon's absence, from indisposition. Bro. L. Lazarus, an old P.M., had kindly, at almost a moment's notice, taken upon himself the arduous duties of Secretary, in the place of our late Bro. E. P. Albert. The work had been done satisfactorily and in a manner that reflected great credit on him. He trusted he might retain the office for many years. Bro. L. Lazarus, in responding, thanked the brethren for their marks of appreciation; it was a labour of love to him, and his services for the good of the Lodge were always at their command. The several toasts of the Wardens, Officers, and Tyler, followed. The W.M. provided a very excellent selection of music, superintended by Bro. P. E. Van Noorden. Miss Clara Myers, Miss Reba, Bro. H. Prenton, and Mr. Walter Van Noorden assisted.

SYKES LODGE No. 1040.

THE installation meeting of this well-known and flourishing Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Great Driffield, on the 16th ultimo. There was an unusually large number of members present, and the proceedings throughout were marked with the utmost enthusiasm. The brethren assembled in good time under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. H. Holgreaves, who was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Bains S.W., Wigmore J.W., Bielby as S.D., Highmoor as J.D., Wrigglesworth I.G., and Potts Tyler. There were also present P.M.'s Elgey, Dunn P.P.G.P., James Scott Wilson P.P.G.P., P.M.'s Esau Wilson, Chadwick, Porritt, Piercy P.P.G.S.W., Bryan 294, Winterbottom 734, Gray 734, Creaser 734, Cheeseman 1605; Bros. Bordass, Roberts, Walter Highmoor, Pickering, House, Sellers, Watson, Bowman, Golding Westoby, Smith, Hind 57, Severs 734, Kemp 734, &c. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, a successful ballot was taken for Mr. A. W. Stanley, contractor, Hull. The report of the Audit Committee was read, which showed the funds of the Lodge to be in a highly satisfactory condition. Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., J.P., P.G.D. of England and Deputy P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire now assumed the Master's chair, and Bro. Porritt P.M. P.P.G.J.W. the W.M. elect was presented by Bros. Holgraves and Esau Wilson to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. All the M.M.'s having retired, the ceremony was performed in a manner which gave great satisfaction to the Board of Installed Masters. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted in a most hearty manner, and afterwards invested the following Officers:—Bros. Holgreaves I.P.M., Bielby S.W., Bordass J.W., Elgey Treasurer, Esau Wilson Lecture Master, Bains Chaplain, James Scott Wilson Secretary, Robinson S.D., Highmoor J.D, Elgey Almoner, Tate Organist, Watson I.G., House and Overend Stewards, Potts Tyler. At six o'clock the brethren adjourned to the Bell Hotel, where a very enjoyable and instructive evening was spent.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The usual meeting of the above Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Jolly Farmers Tavern, Southgate Road, Brother Dixie presiding,

S.D., Ferrar J.D., Turner I.G., was opened, and the accustomed ceremonies of raising and passing Powell acting as candidates. B worked the first section of the perfect harmony, and adjourned brethren of the Percy Lodge of I to work the Fifteen Sections, hav I. P. Cohen Preceptor will pres Powell J.W.

AMHERST L

THIS Lodge, celebrated for ite than usual with Visitors on Installation of the W.M. elect, Lodge was opened in due form an firmed, after which Bro. Syden at the previous meeting, was pas Dodd presented, on behalf of Bro elect, to Bro. T. J. Baker, the P collar and chain for the acceptanc suitable words accepted the same would enjoy health to wear it dur might be handed down as an heir ters. Bro. A. W. Duret P.M. then and it being announced by the Master the Viscount Holmesdale be was admitted with due honou manner. Bro. C. E. Birch having P.M., gave his assent to the ancie the chair of K.S. in a Board installed Master having been sa manner, he appointed the followin I.P.M., C. J. Craig S.W., E. S. St G.S. Treasurer, J. W. Jewell P. S.D., W. Sparrowhawk J.D., P. H Ross Organist, J. Hamlin and C. South Tyler. The very efficien Master performed the ceremony Two gentlemen were proposed for the Lodge was closed, after a pe from the visiting brethren. The in the adjoining school-room, whic occasion. The W.M. gave the us manner, and to that of the Prov Bro. Spencer Prov. Grand Secre pleasure he experienced in attendi reception he had met with from the the work of the Lodge, especially performed, and with such Officers on and prosper. He had had a gr Secretaries of the Province, and be Lodge (Bro. Jewell) was most pro and correspondence, and he must assessing so excellent an officer. Th the I.P.M. said it was a pleasent Baker a Past Master's jewel, from Lodge, in acknowledgement of his year. Bro. Baker in responding t the very handsome jewel he ha incentive to him to devote more ze spoke in highly eulogistic terms of the Masonic spirit which had ev Lodge, would be still more earnest W.M. Other toasts were given Tyler's toast then brought the me the evening were much enhanced Parker and J. I. Cantle P.M. observed Bros. Alfred Spencer P.M P.M. P.P.G.S. (North Wales), E. J. H. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O. (Kent) Walter Jardine P.M. 329 (Cape F. D. Vine W.M. 173, J. I. Cant P.M. 538, W. H. Cronk P.M. 1414 Edward Harvey S.W. 1314, W. J. W.M. 1619, T. Durrans J.D. 1305, Glenn P.M. 19, T. F. Tyler S. 1 Barber, H. M. Hammond 569, W. H 913, T. J. Woods 1475, W. F. Pack many others. The menu was furni while the toast list, with quotati arranged by the Secretary.

RICHMOND LO

THE first regular meeting of t crated so recently as the 25 last, at the Station Hotel, Richmon W.M., Bro. B. E. Blasby P.M. 7 brethren were present:—C. I. Digl P.M. 1260 J.W., W. F. Reynolds P. P.M. 975 Secretary, J. P. Houghto D.C., T. Callander A.D.C., H. Sap B. Banks Tyler. Visitors—W. T. 211, J. J. Gunner W.M. 780, C. E Organist 1623, W. Hill 1922, C. H. F. J. Croger 1679, A. Kent 211. A tion meeting had been read and co

Middlesex, J. W. Manjson 975, J. McLean P.M. 177, F. A. Crew 1368, J. M. Lucas 780, J. W. Sperring 780, W. Clifford 975, W. E. Scantlebury 975, F. C. Moufiet W.M. 1305, and J. Munro 820. In each case the result was in favour of the candidate, and thus a goodly muster of worthy Masons has been added to the roll of members of the Lodge. In addition there were no less than ten candidates who expressed their desire to join the Order. The ballot was taken for there, and with a like successful result. In due course, four of these gentlemen presented themselves to receive the benefits of Masonic Light, namely, Messrs. Aldin, Covell, Rowland, and Aldridge. In each case the ceremony—in order that it might not lack impressiveness—was performed separately; Bro. Blasby exercising his prerogative in favour of the three candidates first named, while Bro. Digby, the S.W., took the chair and initiated his friend Mr. James Aldridge. We need scarcely add the work was correctly and impressively carried out. The bye-laws of the Lodge as recommended by the Committee were approved, and after routine work, hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was supplied by Bro. Munro, and after the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the customary loyal toasts, which were supplemented by the singing of the National Anthem and God Bless the Prince of Wales. In speaking of the toast of the Grand Officers Present and Past, Bro. Blasby referred to the unavoidable absence of Bro. Joshua Nunn, who had taken so lively an interest in the establishment of the Lodge. On the occasion of the Consecration of the Lodge they were honoured with the presence of a very large number of the representative men of the Craft, and though it could scarcely be expected they would be so fortunately circumstanced at many of their meetings, still he (the W.M.) felt he expressed the sentiments of the members when he stated they hoped those who attended on that occasion would repeat their visit. Bro. Blasby then made graceful allusion to the many sterling qualities of the late Duke of Albany, a Past Grand Grand Officer, and one who always evinced a deep interest in all the doings of Masonry. The several Lodges were draped, and the brethren wore the insignia that denoted their grief, and testified their respect for the late Prince. He would ask the brethren to recognise the toast on this occasion in a suitable manner, but in a suppressed form. After due honours had been done, Bro. Morgan delivered Tennyson's "In Memoriam" lines, the effect of which was rendered more deeply impressive by Bros. Egbert Roberts and Collings, who played the "Dead March" on the organ and pianoforte. In replying to the toast of his health, Brother Blasby expressed his gratification at the success that had attended the formation of the new Lodge, and assured the brethren he appreciated the honours they had conferred on him in appointing him its first Master. The Initiates were next toasted, and each in turn acknowledged the compliment. The Joining Members also received a hearty greeting from the Lodge, and those who were present responded in suitable terms. The proceedings throughout were of a most agreeable character, and some capital singing emanated from Bros. Egbert Roberts, John Probert, Julian Croger, A. Kent, &c. Bro. J. A. Collings accompanied throughout the evening, and the meeting altogether was a most agreeable one, the claims of the Charities of the Order being fully recognised, and substantial amounts contributed to the list of the W.M., who has undertaken the duty of Steward at the approaching Festival of the Girls' School.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on Monday, 5th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End Road. Present—Bros. Clements W.M., Sinclair S.W., Oxley J.W., B. Stewart Secretary, Hammond J.D., Stewart D.C.; also Bro. Wakeham 1278. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro Wakeham acting as candidate. Bro. Wakeham answered the questions leading from the first to the second degree. Bro. Sinclair was unanimously elected W.M. for the next Lodge meeting. Bro. Stewart proposed, and Bro. Oxley seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Clements for the able manner in which he had worked the ceremony in this Lodge. This was carried unanimously.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, 5th inst., at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Dixie W.M., Weeden S.W., Jones J.W., Forge Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, Cosgrove S.D., Turner J.D., Isaacs acting Preceptor, Ware I.G.; P.M.'s Mullord, Cusworth, Western, and other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Trewinnard, Bro. Dixie candidate. The W.M. was saluted in the three degrees, and he invested the Officers, and the Installing Master gave the various addresses in a most efficient manner. The W.M. (Bro. Dixie) then rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Monday, 12th inst., when Bro. Weeden will occupy the chair.

HIGHBURY QUADRANT HALL.

ON Friday evening, the 2nd inst., a most successful concert was given at the above hall by the students of the Highbury and Islington Organ School and College of Music. Miss Berrie Stephens, the Principal of this establishment, is certainly a most persevering young artist. She has much to congratulate herself upon in the fact that several of her pupils sang with a taste and finish that would have done credit to any vocal academy in England. We tender our most hearty congratulations to Miss Stephens on the result, and fully recognise the care and attention she must have bestowed in the production of such an array of talent as was placed before her audience (upwards of 1000 persons) on this occasion. To see Dr. Stainer's Sacred Cantata, "The Daughter of Jairus," as announced to be performed by the students of the Highbury and Islington Organ School and College of Music, excited our curiosity. We have come to the decision, however, that in these days of progress the ladies are certainly capable of even more than hitherto we had given them credit for.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement Thursday, 8th May, at 8 o'clock, Comp. Gregory was M.E.Z., Carter H., Brasted J., George S.N., and S P.S. This Chapter of Improvement hold its meeting through the summer season.

CHARITY.

"The greatest of these is charity."

THERE is no word in the English language which contains a depth and height of meaning as the word Charity. In its common signification it is used to designate that disposition of which invites to almsgiving, and he is esteemed a charitable man "bestows his goods to feed the poor." But the word is used more comprehensive and exalted sense in the great Light of Ma There we read of giving all one's goods to feed the poor w having charity. He would be thought a very charitable man should bestow all his goods upon the poor, and as a rule such a would be possessed with this noble principle to a wonderful e But a man might do this and yet be very uncharitable. He migh to increase his fame, in which case he would be much more than charitable. He would lack that fervent love of his fellow b which lies at the foundation of all true charity. And the affords many examples of this kind. Instances are not rare donations are made in a pompous manner, which reveals the a of the donor. And who has not known people to bestow on stra with great liberality when a true charity would have dictate bestowal of a small moiety, and the appropriating of the rem upon a destitute family at home? But to appear generous i eyes of the world, causes many to assume the guise of charity, they possess little of its genuine spirit.

True charity is closely allied to disinterested benevolence. I not take time to catechise the needy, further than to know wh they are worthy of confidence, or, in other words, are not impo It asks nothing about party issues or sectarianism. It kno nationality, but regards the race as the children of a common p and, Samaritan like, delights in binding up the wounds and for the needy, even though their nationality be unknown. A heeds the calls of the destitute as quickly when alone as whe multitude is present to applaud. Indeed, true charity is modes retiring. It prefers that the left hand should not know what i by the right.

And it may be said, without boasting, that Masonry incu such charity. Its spirit is the very opposite of that osten which would parade its good works before the gaze of the worl would rather its votaries should steal away to the homes of the to the couch of the suffering, as quietly as the dew of Heaven upon the tender plants, and soothe and refresh by deeds of lov words of kindness. And in these times of parade and show it seem refreshing to find some of the seeds of true charity inating and springing up into a healthy growth, even if and unknown to the busy bustling world. It does afford gratifi to know that one Institution at least can do good quietly and se and can foster a charity which goes even beyond the bestow goods upon the poor and suffering of earth, and provides a where the king has to meet upon the same level with the poo ther who earns a scanty living for his dependent family by his toil.

Masonry has no sneers for the poor, no frowns for the h unfortunates of earth. It does not honour men for their wea birth, but rather for their moral worth and intrinsic goodness Its lessons are all grand, but none more truly so than its less Charity.—*Freemason's Monthly.*

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE half-yearly meeting of this body was held at Sheffield on the 23rd ult., under the banner of the Britannia Lodge, No. 53, when there was a very general muster from the Province. The Britannia was opened by the W.M. (Bro. Unwin P.S.G.W.) and his Officers at 4.15 p.m., and at 4.30 the R.W. Prov. G.M.M. (Bro. C. L. Mason) accompanied by his Deputy (Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis) and other Officers, entered the room, when the P.G. Lodge was duly opened and the usual salutations given. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, in response to the salutation, then delivered the following able address to the brethren:—Brethren,—I thank you for your kind salutation and hearty reception to-day. Since we met in Leeds in October last, two events of great importance have occurred which will in no mean degree affect the future interests of our Order. At the meeting of Grand Mark Lodge in June last, the M.W. Grand Master announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was about to join the Order. Although some may have thought that such a step as this was a first indication of what some brethren have longed for, viz., an amalgamation of our Order with the Grand Lodge of the Craft, yet, as our Most Worshipful Grand Master then pointed out, the Prince did not wish that his taking the degree should in any way be construed as a desire on his part to see the Grand Mark Lodge amalgamated with the Grand Lodge of the Craft; and, for my own part, I cannot see why it should. It might as well be said, when the Prince of Wales became Grand Master of the Order of the Temple, it was from a desire to see all Masonic Orders united under one head. Such a thing is not possible; and day by day, as the Mark Lodges increase in number and importance, a union becomes more and more unlikely. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was advanced to this honourable degree on the 30th October last, and installed as a W.M. the same day. On the 4th of December he was elected a M.W. P.G.M.M.; and at a special meeting of Grand Mark Lodge, held on the 8th of December, sent, and it was one of the largest and most important meetin Grand Mark Lodge ever held. Apart from any selfish motiv think the accession of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the high he now holds will be beneficial to the Order. From this let me your thoughts to what I consider a very great loss to our Ord I mean the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. He was the of the Royal Princes who was advanced to our degree, and I th may say, without fear of contradiction, that it was to his appr tion of our Order that we have now his Royal Brother as one of number. H.R.H. was advanced in the University Lodge, No. 5 the 25th November 1875; was elected to, but had not filled, the of W.M.; and in 1881 was elected and invested as a M.W. P.G.M and it was with great pleasure that I, with other members of Provincial Grand Lodge, on the 5th December 1882, attended G Mark Lodge, and took part in the presentation of that wedding subscribed for by Mark Masons all over the habitable globe. same evening he consecrated the Grand Mark Master's L I believe he took a great interest in Freemasonry, and had his life spared he would have raised the prestige of the Craft still hig but upon this we must not dwell; may we say, with all reverenc respect, *Requiescat in pace*, "till the day dawn and the shadow away." I shall ask you shortly to pass a vote of condolenc Her Majesty the Queen and also one to the widowed Duchess.

A few words about our Order. Is it of ancient origin or o modern institution? Closely connected with it is that of Ma Marks. We are told by those who have a right to speak that, pri the Union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813, the Mark Degree regularly worked in many Lodges, but at the Union it was rigidl cluded. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland governs the Degree in that country, and it was reported in 1865, by a comm appointed to investigate the subject, "In this country, from time memorial, and long before the institution of the Grand Lodge of land in 1736, what is now known as the Mark Masters' Degree wrought by the operative Lodges of St. John's Masonry." Wh any ceremony was used in the conferring of the Degree is not k at present; but we may fairly hope that, as time progresses, an minute books are more carefully studied, some definite inform may be obtained. In Scotland and Ireland it is a necessary prelu the Royal Arch. Let us, however, bear in mind that formerly only Degrees were given in an ordinary Lodge—the Entered Appre and the Fellow Craft—the Third Degree being conferred in G Lodge only; but more about this at some future meeting. This is patent to all—that Masons' Marks have been found on buildin the greatest antiquity, and that the marks found on the stones in building the Temple of Jerusalem have proved the correctne the Bible statement that Phœnician artizans were employed, "That Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew the sto The study of Masons' Marks is one that may well commend itse our notice, and I hope, ere long, we may be favoured with a p specially on the subject.

The present Grand Mark Lodge was formed in June 1856 and prises several Lodges which have worked the Degree for ab century. Its growth, at first slow, has of late rapidly increased there are now between 300 and 400 Lodges working under the En Constitution. At the same time, I am sorry to say there has not very great increase in our own Province, but rather, may I s backward tendency. We have on our roll in West Yorkshire nomi eight Lodges. Two working under warrants of confirmation (Immemorial), viz.—

14 Prince Edward, Eastwood, warrant of confirmation dated May 1862.
T.I. Old York, Bradford, warrant of confirmation dated November 1873.

And six other Lodges, viz.,

53	Britannia, Sheffield, warrant dated		21st January 1861:
58	Fearnley, Halifax	,,	13th October 1865.
110	Integrity, Wakefield	,,	11th March 1870.
111	Copley, Leeds	,,	20th June 1870.
127	Portal, Dewsbury	,,	25th January 1871.
137	Truth, Huddersfield	,,	9th August 1871.

So that during the last thirty years we have had no increase i number of Lodges.

No.	Name.	Members.	P.M.'s & Of
14	Prince Edward, Eastwood	22	22
53	Britannia, Sheffield	94	14
58	Fearnley, Halifax	37	20
110	Integrity, Wakefield	(no return)	
111	Copley, Leeds	45	15
127	Portal, Dewsbury	(no return)	
137	Truth, Huddersfield	23	14
T.I.	Old York, Bradford	59	16

Now, although nominally we have eight Lodges on the roll, practi we have only six Lodges; and from the balance-sheet attached t summons convening this meeting, we find two of these had n ditions last year to their number. Brethren, why this apathy? I Degree worth nothing? Has it no symbolical teaching? I know is in Freemasonry, like everything else, a time of ebbing and o flowing. Trade is bad, and it is said Masonry is a luxury, and higher degrees greater luxuries, so that we must deny ourselves wait for brighter and more prosperous days. There are others ignore the Degree altogether; but these I will dismiss without a Masonry is a science, and the several Degrees are successive s "She does not unfold her mysteries to all who seek her shrine." hath been said of our Degree, "It assists in strengthening the affections, it teaches us the duty we owe to our Brethren in partic and the whole family of mankind in general, by ascribing praise t meritorious and dispensing rewards to the diligent and industri May I ask, and ask not in vain, for the kind co-operation of Brethren in resuscitating the dormant Lodges in this Province, e by re-kindling new life into their dying energies, or by the tra

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of their warrants to districts where the Degree is more understood and appreciated, so that when my term of office shall expire, I may hand over to my successor a roll of active Lodges, worked by zealous and loyal Mark Master Masons.

I offer to my Brethren of the Britannia Lodge my hearty and sincere thanks for their kind invitation to hold the meeting last October under their banner; and when that, under peculiar circumstances, could not be accepted, so kindly renewing their invitation for the present meeting, and for their kindness in making the preparation for and hearty welcome of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge this day; and I am sure I may, at the same time, convey the thanks of every member of this Provincial Lodge.

Brethren, before I sit down, let me for one minute call your attention to the last anathema that has been hurled against us as Freemasons. We are told that "Freemasonry, which is ever assuming more terrible proportions, aims at the ruin of the Throne, the Altar, and of the public welfare." The classification of Freemasonry, Socialism, and Communism under one category, and the declaration that their common object is the subversion of all civil society, and the destruction of religion, is as far as regards Freemasonry such an utter disregard for all Truth, that the language used in the Encyclical about to be issued is incredible. We, as Freemasons, know better than this. Does the teaching of "the correction of irregularities and the subjugation of our passions" lead to the dishonour of God, our Sovereign, or the welfare of society? Those charges have been made before, and they will be made again. One of the newspapers states that the information on which the Encyclical is founded is on a mass of documents which some short time ago was communicated to the Pope by a personage in a high position who once was a Freemason. That I emphatically deny,—not that our ritual and symbolic teaching may have been communicated, but that there is nothing in Freemasonry, as practised in England or the United States of America, that can, even in the most distorted form, be made the groundwork on which to build such statements. Resting assured in the dignity and grandeur of our Order, and firm in conscious rectitude, let us quietly pursue our course, unimpeded by such attacks, so that we may be enabled in all Truth to say,—

Have we mark'd well, Great Overseer,
A work to last beyond our time?
Each his allotted task fulfilled?
The glory and the praise be Thine.

In this degree we find the Truth,
On earth below, in Heaven above;
The corner stone of every work
Should be *unselfish*, *lasting* love.

Still will we work, and working pray,
Trusting that in a better land
Our mystic keystone may be raised
And fitted by Thy Master hand.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, in a feeling speech, then spoke of the great loss which the Order had sustained by the sudden death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, M.W. P.G.M.M., and moved that the condolence of this Provincial Grand Lodge be forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen and also to H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, and that the same be entered on the minutes. This was forcibly seconded by the W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, supported by other Brethren, and carried unanimously.

The only visitor present was Bro. Morton, P.G. Sec., Lincolnshire.

Bro. Monckman, P.P.G.W., on behalf of the Old York Lodge, T.I., having invited the R.W. Prov. G.M.M. to hold the annual meeting at Bradford in October next, the P.G. Lodge was duly closed, and the Brethren spent an exceedingly pleasant evening together until the time arrived for the various trains to take them to their respective homes.

CONSECRATION OF THE KINTORE LODGE, No. 333.

AN important addition to the roll of Lodges in the degree of Mark Master was made on Tuesday, the 29th ult., by the consecration of the Kintore Lodge, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., under most favourable auspices, and in the presence of a large number of Grand Officers and other distinguished members of the Order. It was expected that the proceedings would be honoured by the presence of the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore M.W. G.M.M.M. elect, who had taken great interest in the formation of the Lodge which bears his name, and had promised to attend. Unfortunately, however, his Lordship, who had travelled from Scotland expressly, took a severe chill on the journey, and was thus prevented from attending a meeting where his absence was deeply regretted. The R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master Middlesex and Surrey, who had undertaken to perform the consecration ceremony, was also unexpectedly detained elsewhere, and deputed the R.W. Bro. Fredk. Binckes P.G.W. (G. Secretary), to officiate on his behalf. Bro. Binckes was supported by (amongst others who had omitted to sign the attendance book) the R.W. Bros. A. M. Broadley P P.G.M. Mediterranean, Frederick Davison Grand Treasurer D.P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey, the V.W. Bros. H. C. Levander G.R. of Marks, James Stevens P.G.J.O.; Bros. H. Lovegrove P.G.D. Wks., F. H. Cozens P.G. Org., Thomas Poore P.G.I G., T. C. Walls P.G.W. Middlesex and Surrey, J. Mason, Clements, &c. The Founders of the Lodge, seven in number, viz., Bros. G. H. Newington Bridges 22, Thomas Edmonston 22, J. Hepburn Hastie 104, Charles Fountain 104, Philip Dakers 41, B. R. Bryant P.M. 22 and W. H. Thomas 104 were present, as were also Bros. W. H. Saunders S.D. 238, R. J. Voisey S.W. 22, George Waterall 104, Thompson Old Kent T.I., W. Liddall 104, Goss 22, &c., and in attendance for advancement were Bros. G. Norrington and J. R. Routledge of the Royal Leopold Craft Lodge 1669, Capt. C. H. [illegible] and R. A. Marshall of the Macdonald Craft Lodge 1216, G. J. Venables of th 1539, W. G. Temple of the St. Pa of the United Pilgrims Craft L punctually at the hour named i Temple the commencement of th The pedestals and furniture of draped in crape, relieved by silv and cushions; and, in accordan Grand Lodge, mourning was wor late Royal Highness the Duke of Order. A Mark Lodge having by Bro. B. R. Bryant P.M. 22, B as J.W. and T. Poore as S.D., above named, were introduced a admirable working of Bro. Brya perfect and eloquent style of del that rendered by Bros. Poore as whole ceremony was without fau teresting introduction to the mor The Grand Officers having been Binckes P.G.W. and Grand Sec appointed the following brethr Broadley Orator, T. C. Walls Stevens Director of Ceremonies. mony of consecration in ancient the invocation and the dedicati Broadley was listened to with es sion was received with Masonic s

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BR

We are assembled here to-da rites and ceremonies to place one of Mark Masonry. If anything fact that our labours this evening Mark Lodge to the master roll of in the circumstances surrounding about to consecrate. The Kinto destined to commemorate and p office in the Mark Degree of one the past confidently inspire us of Mark Masonry during the tim guide its destinies. The elevati so distinguished a member of the Scotland as Lord Kintore is no u we feel that it cannot but more union of Mark Masters on both s address has from a remote perio part of the consecrating ceremony tion of our Lodges. I know of no to compress any general disquisi masonry into the short space wh with propriety occupy, and I mu ambitious an effort and limit the f to what I conceive to be the chars the Mark Degree. I assert wit history of the rise, progress, and Mark Master Masons finds no parallel, in the annals of the Craf to-day who can look back throu when that Grand Lodge was first ture to say that its present pros surpassed the most sanguine expe its founders. To what, then, must success of the Mark Grand Lodge individual energy and high admi rulers, as well as to the untiring l Grand Secretary, that veteran in Binckes—but it seems to me there activity to account for the proud po For myself, I have no difficulty in inherent value and peculiar intere cisely of two features of the inhere Mark Degree that I purpose speak to the wholly unequalled archæolo as well as to the practical and co teaching. I conceive that both the not a little to the general popularit if I endeavour to make my meanin own personal experiences as a hun beyond the seas. My lot happene haps than any other in the Masonic Tunis, Carthage, Malta, the Knight honoured memories each of those calling into existence. It is on suc appreciate perhaps better than any treasured up in the teachings of th my privilege to explore with Mas ruins of the wondrous city of Cart terror of the day of her zenith—w traces of those ancient Tyrian bui Masonry, our operative prototypes, indirectly those art treasures which patterns for all time. The creato architects and sculptors of these ex names in undying characters, and tinguished each man his work by m this day is practised—I mean th legends come to us from the peri edifice which crowned the Mount of that in the process of building that tools was not heard. Why? Becau in the quarries, and the marks mild

of admiring Masons. Descending through history and examining the ancient temples, military erections, and domiciles of the several ages, we still find Masons' marks in use amongst the builders, and whether we examine the ruined cities of Jordan, the walls of Jerusalem, the palaces of Venice, the cathedrals of England and the Continent, the wall of Hadrian, the mosques of Constantinople, still the same silent, yet speaking, story comes to us—the story of the fraternity of builders, whose marks, handed from father to son, record on the old stone the deeds of those who wrought them. There is no break in the story, which continues even to this day, on which we have met as Mark Masons, to perpetuate the principles which guided our forefathers. Each Mason had his mark, which he indented on his completed stone, and the plan or tracing board, committed by the master builder to the Overseer's care, is referred to to guide the Masons in the progress of their work. Each Mason is *known to his Overseer by his mark*, just as he was in the days when Hiram, the widow's son, wrought in the quarries of Mount Moriah. So much for the Operative side of the history of Mark Masonry, and the archæological associations which distinguish our Order. But at the same time it can hardly be contested that as Speculative Mark Masons we have an origin coeval with that of our Operative brethren. The workers in stone of the present day have lost their Speculative knowledge, which is preserved by us. The Operative and Speculative bodies of Masonry became divorced about the time that the spoliation of the monasteries in England by the eighth Henry caused the building profession to fall into comparative disrepute. The monks had been the great patrons of the Freemasons, and, their patronage removed, the occupation of the architectural fraternity was well-nigh gone. But the speculative teaching, though dormant, was not lost, and was revived, as we believe, by our brethren at the commencement of the eighteenth century, who found it amongst the treasures which they banded themselves together piously to preserve, and which has come to us from them through various channels—to be at length condensed and perfected in the ritual which we now practise under the Grand Mark Lodge of England. At the present moment the Grand Mark Lodge of England occupies so splendid a position that any Mason may indeed be proud to be enrolled under its banner. It enjoys the fraternal recognition of every orthodox body working the Mark Degree, and it can boast of a succession of Grand Masters second in social rank, as well as in Masonic knowledge, to none in the world. No teachings could be purer than those inculcated by its symbolism; none could certainly be more cosmopolitan. Charity, hospitality, constancy, and courage under difficulties, perseverance—such, my brethren, are the practical lessons taught us each time that we witness the beautiful ceremonial of the Mark. Can we wonder, then, at our success? The brightness of the present, the calm survey of the past, the cheering prospects for the future, should unite every one of us in our determination to do our duty in upholding the best interests of this ancient and honourable Order. Brethren, I cannot do better than conclude with the words of one of the oldest Mark rituals—"While virtue is your ruling principle, hope will always find a residence in your bosom. Under the frowns of fortune keep this consolation in your mind, that he who has a due faith in the dispensations of his beneficent Creator and a becoming charity for his fellow-creatures will be sure of receiving that just reward which is the consequent attendant on good and virtuous actions."

Bros. Davison and Levander assisted in distributing the consecrating elements, accompanied by grand honours and appropriate choral service under the direction of Bro. Cozens. The constitution of the Kintore Lodge having been thus completed, the W.M. designate, Bro. G. H. N. Bridges, was presented to Bro. Binckes for installation. On the completion of that ceremony, the investiture of Officers for the year was made in the following manner, viz.:—Bros. T. Poore acting I.P.M., Thomas Edmonston S.W., J. H. Hastie J.W., C. Fountain M.O., P. Dakers S.O., B. R. Bryant P.M. 22 J.O., C. H. Nevill Secretary, J. W. Routledge R.M., G. Norrington S.D., H. C. Ingram J.D., G. J. Venables I.G., R. A. Marshall D.C., W. G. Temple W.S., J. S. Terry C.S., T. B. Potter Tyler. The election of Treasurer was deferred to the ensuing meeting. The addresses to Master, Wardens, Overseers and Brethren having been delivered by the Installing Master, the W.M. addressed the Lodge in feeling terms, expressive of thankfulness for the inauguration of the Lodge, and his hope that order, peace and harmony might ever be associated with its proceedings and its future progress. In recognition of the services which had been rendered by the Grand Officers on this occasion, he proposed that thanks be recorded, and honorary membership be offered to, Bros. Binckes, Broadley, Davison, Levander, Stevens, Walls, Lovegrove, and Poore. This was unanimously agreed to, and Bro. Binckes thanked the Lodge on behalf of himself and the several brethren named. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, and partook of a liberally-provided and well-served banquet. At dessert the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given with commendable brevity, and were responded to with equal consideration for the convenience of the Visitors, who had long journeys before them. Reference was made to the loss which the Order of Mark Masonry had sustained by the lamented death of the Duke of Albany, and the mourning which that loss had occasioned had its effect upon the customary hilarity with which the introduction of a new Lodge is associated. Nevertheless, a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present, and the Worshipful Master's hope that good luck would attend the numbers seven (represented by the founders of the Lodge), and thrice lucky threes (represented by the number of the Lodge), was cordially endorsed by members and visitors alike. We are requested to state that a Mark Lodge of Instruction, working under the sanction of the Kintore Lodge, will be held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on alternate Friday evenings. It will be supported by well-known and skilled professors of the ritual of the degree, with Bro. Thomas Poore P.G.I.G. as Preceptor.

THE regular convocation of Grand Chapter was held Wednesday, 7th instant, when Companions J. Ha presided as Z., Dr. Wendt as H., and J. A. Rucker a The business, of which we last week published the age was of routine character, and was speedily transacted. was announced from the chair that the following C panions had been appointed by the M.E.Z. as G Officers, and those who were present were in due co invested with their respective collars.

Comp. The Earl of Carnarvon	-	Pro Grand Z.
The Earl of Lathom	-	Grand H.

The vacancy caused in the third chair by the deat the Duke of Albany, was left vacant.

Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke	-	Scribe E.
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Griffiths Smith	-	3rd Standard Bearer
Major Edward Loveock	-	4th Standard Bearer
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E. M. Lott	-	Grand Organist
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Henry Sadler	-	Janitor

The Report of the Committee of General Purposes adopted, and the prayers of the petitions recommen were in each case acceded to. The suggestion from Committee that Grand Chapter do not hear the appe Comp. Paul Smith until he had made due submissio the Grand Superintendent of his Province was adop and the several grants proposed were carried. In course Grand Chapter was closed.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institu for Boys held its meeting on Saturday last, at Freema Hall, Brother Raynham W. Stewart, Past Grand Des in the chair. The brethren passed a resolution to sel £5,000 stock belonging to the Preparatory School B ing Fund, in order that they might complete the purc of some property at Wood Green, and commence operat at once. Three petitioners were placed on the lis candidates for the October election. Outfits of £5 granted to four former pupils of the School, and £10 granted to another. One application for an outfit deferred. The House and Audit Committees for the e ing twelve months were then nominated. Brother C Matier expressed a wish to retire from the Audit C mittee, but on request that he should not do so, he pl himself in the hands of the Chairman and Secretary. proceedings closed with the customary vote of thank the Chairman.

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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 MAY.

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.
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-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
R.A. 1283—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham

MONDAY, 12th MAY.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
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)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 205 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (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, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
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. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8a 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
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
465—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
666—Mortague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
892—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
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1175—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
1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
1861—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey

R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 142—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 379—Unity, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 13th MAY.

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, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, 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)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Barnsley-road, Sheffield

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, An
1331—Emblematic, Red Lion, York
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cann
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern,
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Ken
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn
1471—Islington, Champion, Alderg
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Bo
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship H
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, L
1902—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hal
1669—Samson, Regent Masonic Hal
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-str
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern,
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulw
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall,
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvem
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junctio

33—Social, 33 St. Giles Street, N
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys In
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Trur
184—United Chatham of Benevolen
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liv
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Mau
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms,
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertfor
406—Northern Counties, Masonic H
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall,
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetl
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maiden
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Lis
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Chiswick
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town H
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel,
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hot
726—Staffordshire Knot, North We
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, To H
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, S
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hot
913—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, H

1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sand
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley,
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street,
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Seveno
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutto
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portm
1545—Bridon, Masonic Room, North
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Ton
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute,
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall,

R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall,
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gov
R.A. 365—Judea, Masonic Club, Han
R.A. 299—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, C
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Ha
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons'
R.A. 1065—Derby, Masonic Rooms, E
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Tun
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, I

WEDNESDA

3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road,
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall,
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton
30—United Mariners', The Lugard,
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, L
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred,
538—La Tolerance, Moriand's Hotel,
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balha
784—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern,
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, S
930—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound,
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Ponpin'
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farri

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, Ti
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, H
1306—Lodge of St. John, City Arms T
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hote
152[illegible]—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edw
160[illegible]—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tave
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms,
169[illegible]—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloan
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern,
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel,
1966—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel,
2033—University of London, Freemas

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, A
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, G
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheeth
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bra
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Hayn
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall,
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn,
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athe
289—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmo
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Sout
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gr
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glos
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Pri
708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampto
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Ru
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Ru
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bail
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw,
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Ca

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall,
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-stre
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Churc
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Read

1348—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
1366—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1542—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1408—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1432—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1518—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1562—Llanidloes, Talgwythen Arms, Llanidloes
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.

R.A. 30—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 96 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 1649—Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

THURSDAY, 15th MAY.

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)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
744—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)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1237—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1331—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.)
1458—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (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.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1960—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. 317—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. 743—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, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
R.A. 1382—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)

43—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
96—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
205—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
269—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
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
538—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley

1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—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
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1337—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1338—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1672—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton

R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 16th 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.
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-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—Banelagh, 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.
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1296—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.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
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
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
462—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Bowdon
641—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—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
R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
R.A. 41—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
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
K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 17th MAY.

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)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instructio
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.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
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.

410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
R.A. 63—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 1107—Roy 1 Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—A mee
was held on Tuesday last, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tav
Leadenhall-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Sainte W.M., Walker S
(Hon. Sec.), Haynes J.W., Dyson S.D., Rich J.D., Steed I.G.;
Bros. Weil, Lazarus, Hermann, Schadler, and S. Heidenreich
dence 632, New York. The minutes of previous meeting ha
been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehear
Bro. Hermann candidate. Bro. Hermann answered the quest
leading to the second degree, and retired. Lodge opened in se
degree. Bro. Sainte vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Rich.
Weil having answered the questions leading to the third degree,
ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Walker was elected W.M. for ens
week. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed and adjourne

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thur
last, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Pe
W.M., Cooper S.W., Thomas J.W., Speight P.M. Secretary, Gre
S.D., Pitt J.D., J. Bedford Williams I.G.; Bros. Bolton, Free
Hutchings Preceptor, and Stringer. The ceremonial work comp
the rehearsal of the ceremonies of passing and initiation,
Stringer and Penrose respectively personating the candidates. L
was then closed in due form.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. L
dale's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 3rd ins
Bros. Giller W.M., Powell S.W., Gush J.W., Cohen Preceptor, F
Acting Secretary, Weeden S.D., Turner J.D., Dixie I.G.; also
Woolveridge, Hirst, Ashton, Richardson, A. Mallord, F. Perl
After preliminaries, Bro. Cohen worked the fourth and fifth sec
of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Powell was u
mously elected W.M. for the next meeting night. The New Co
Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, having sent invitation to wor
Fifteen Sections, on the 21st instant, it was unanimously resolv
accept the same. A Committee, consisting of Bros. I. P. C
A. W. Fenner, R. W. Galer, and A. J. Dixie, was deputed to
upon Bro. R. Pearcy, who is at present prostrated by illness
present him with the illuminated testimonial subscribed for
brother Masons, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

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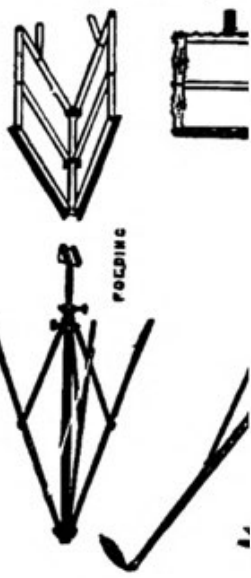
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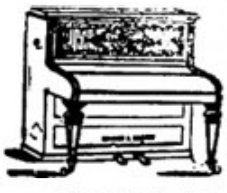
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THE EVE OF THE FESTIVAL.

THE time is now fast approaching when the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held. Before another issue of the FREEMASONS' CHRONICLE appears most of its readers will have been made acquainted, either by personal attendance at the Festival, or by reports in the daily papers, of the result of this year's appeal on behalf of "Our Girls." Little remains to be said in addition to what has already appeared in these pages concerning the general arrangements, all of which have been made with that care and regard for the comfort of visitors which has characterised similar gatherings in the past. The Festival will take place on Wednesday next, at Freemasons' Hall, London, the hour of the banquet being fixed at 6 p.m. Lord Brooke, M.P., R.W. Prov. G. Master Essex, will occupy the chair, and although the number of Stewards who will support his Lordship will not be so large as many wished, it is yet hoped they will prove themselves none the less hearty in the good cause than those who have preceded them in years gone by. It is idle for us to speculate as to the result, for, as we last week pointed out, there appears to be little chance of arriving at a correct estimate. We have said what amount we should like to see sent up by Essex, and a similar scale might be applied to the other Provinces, with the best of results, but in any case we hope the total will be sufficient to provide for all the expenses of the coming year, even if it is not large enough to allow of something being added to the invested funds.

The annual visit of the stewards to the Institution at Battersea is this year fixed for Monday next, the 19th inst., when the usual entertainment will be provided by the pupils, and the prizes will be distributed. We have very great pleasure in tendering our thanks to the Baroness Burdett Coutts, who has kindly consented to distribute the prizes, and whose support of any good cause—always so readily given—is ever received with gratitude. We have no doubt that the Institution will long have occasion to remember the interest she and her husband (who is the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards) are taking in this year's Festival, not only on account of the monetary benefit it will derive, but also from the remembrance of having enlisted the sympathy of one who is justly entitled to be ranked among England's benefactors.

The first part of the entertainment on Monday will commence at 4.30 p.m., and will conclude at 6.30, by which time the company will be ready for the refreshment usually provided by the Committee. At 7.30 the Calisthenics and Marching Exercises will be gone through, and after an hour or two spent with the pupils, the guests will return to their respective homes. The applications for tickets of admission to this entertainment are, as usual, far in excess of the number at disposal, and if a few are disappointed at not receiving the coveted admissions, they must content themselves with the feeling that it is not the fault of the executive that the number has to be limited, but rather that the space available will only accommodate so many, and therefore it would be unjust to the stewards themselves to issue such a number of invites to others as to inconvenience all who attend.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

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WE have been very careful to point out in this case Wren's alleged membership of our Society that has never yet been proved to be a fact by any of the recognised methods employed by historians in demonstrating their several propositions, and no one would have been surprised had Bro. Gould completed his examination of the circumstances by tendering the Scotch verdict of "not proven." But it will doubtless have occurred to many those who have carefully read this portion of his work, indeed it has occurred to us, that he has set himself decidedly against the theory of membership, for some unexplained reason, but probably because he conceived it to be his duty to approach as close as he dared, having the fear of Masonic susceptibilities before his eyes, towards a summary rejection of this tradition on the ground that thus far at all events it was incapable of being proved by direct evidence of a perfectly trustworthy character. This will, perhaps, explain why, after a very careful study of the whole, as well as of the several parts of Chapter XII., we seem to have been insensibly forced to the conclusion that Bro. Gould has momentarily forgotten himself as the historian and betaken himself to the *rôle* of the advocate. It is certain that he has missed no opportunity of enlarging on the merits of whatever evidence is opposed to the tradition; while he has made light of such as favoured it, and ignored altogether, or very nearly so, those reasonable probabilities which almost justify our acceptance of it as a fact. The passage in Aubrey is "obscure;" the statements in Dr. Anderson's Constitutions of 1738—though this, as we have stated, is only a matter of opinion—"are quite irreconcilable with those in his earlier publication of 1723." Then, in the latter, while Inigo Jones and Sir Edward Coke are "included in the category of Freemasons, Sir Christopher Wren is only mentioned in a professional capacity," from which "it may safely be inferred, that the triumvirate"—Anderson, Payne and Desaguliers—"charged with the preparation of the first code of laws, and the first items of Masonic history, published by authority, had at that time no knowledge of Wren ever having been a member of the Society." Again, "between 1723 and 1738, though a large number of Masonic books and pamphlets were published, in none of these is Wren alluded to as a Freemason;" "the newspapers during the same period," to the extent of Bro. Gould's research, and with the few exceptions he notes, "are equally silent upon the point under consideration, and there is no reference to Wren in the Rawlinson MSS. at the Bodleian Library." As to Wren's Grand Mastership, we are told that he could not have occupied in the 17th century a position which was not created till the second decade of the 18th, while, as to his membership of Antiquity, its extreme unlikelihood is asserted on the ground of the inferior social rank of its members as compared with those enrolled in the fourth of the "Four Old Lodges," which had among its seventy members "*ten* noblemen, *three* honourables, *four* baronets, knights, *seven* colonels, *two* clergymen, and *twenty*-esquires." Of course, the remark about the Grand Mastership is quite natural, if we are to assume that Anderson intentionally applied it in the sense in which it had been understood since 1717; indeed, we are not unwilling to accede for the sake of argument that the author's propositions, whether taken separately or cumulatively, are not with

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considerable weight. What we have to complain of is, that in his examination of the circumstances, the utmost possible prominence appears to have been given to everything that tells against the tradition of Wren's connection with the Craft, while what tells in its favour is either passed over in silence or treated lightly and as of comparatively no moment. Herein, as we have once already suggested, we seem to see the cloven foot of the advocate peeping out from beneath the cloak of the historian. For instance, not one word is said about Anderson, the author or compiler of the 1738 Constitutions and History, being one and the same with the Anderson who compiled the Constitutions and "first items of masonic history" in 1723, while his coadjutors in the latter—Payne and Desaguliers—were still alive and in the full possession of their intellectual powers when the former work was published. True we are told that Anderson's statements in 1738 are "quite irreconcilable with those in his earlier publication of 1723," and it will be said at once that this negatives our assertion. But what we mean is, that no importance appears to have been attached to the fact of the two works having been produced by the same man as author or compiler (the fact is referred to incidentally at page 12), and consequently that his statements in the later of the two, if they do not demand from us a greater readiness of acceptance on the ground of their having been made after more matured deliberation, are certainly not less acceptable than the statements contained in the earlier. In both cases the task of compiling the Constitutions was entrusted to Anderson by Grand Lodge, and in both, therefore, he would fulfil his duty under exactly the same sense of responsibility. Moreover, it was in consequence of a formal resolution passed by Grand Lodge in 1735 that Anderson printed in his second edition the names of Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, and Grand Wardens, and to this we must attribute the more precise statements about Wren, which were made public in the 1738 Constitutions.

But, urges Bro. Gould, the statements made by Anderson about Wren in 1738 are "quite irreconcilable with those in his earlier publication of 1723," though he does not indicate in what respect they are irreconcilable one with the other. In 1723, Wren is spoken of, not as being a Freemason, but as "the ingenious Architect, Sir Christopher Wren." In 1738 he figures in different Masonic capacities, being mentioned as one of the Grand Wardens appointed by the Earl of St. Albans in 1663, the fact of his knighthood having been slightly antedated in the sentence containing this information being interpolated; while he is spoken of several times as Deputy Grand Master, and also as Grand Master in 1685 and again in 1698. Here there is no irreconcilability between the two descriptions, unless—but the suggestion is absurd on the very face of it—we are to understand Bro. Gould as laying it down that if Anderson's description of Wren in 1723 as "the ingenious architect" is right, that in 1738 of the same personage having been at different times a Grand Warden, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Master, is necessarily wrong. We should not have been surprised if Brother Gould had regarded the two versions as being reconcilable on the same ground as was suggested some time back in the *Freemason*—the suggestion being endorsed as probable by Brother Hughan—in the case of William Kerwyn, Freemason, who died in 1594, and is referred to by Bro. Gould at page 155 of this volume, namely, that in his (Kerwyn's) instance architect and Freemason were interchangeable terms; but as to the irreconcilability of Anderson's statements, the mere suggestion of their being so is amazing.

Here is another suggestion to which we think objection may reasonably be taken. At page 6 in the paragraph in which the author points out that, as Aubrey's memorandum about Wren's approaching initiation in 1691 was not printed or in any way alluded to until 1844," it could "have exercised no influence whatever in shaping or fashioning the belief (amongst Masons) which, from 1738 onwards, has universally prevailed as regards the connection of the great architect with the ancient Craft," he follows this up instantly by stating, "indeed, the statements of Aubrey (1691) and Anderson (1738) are mutually destructive. If Wren was only 'accepted' or 'adopted' in 1691, it is quite clear that he could not have been Grand Master at any earlier date; and, on the other hand, if he presided over the Society in 1663, it is equally clear that the ceremony of his formal admission into the fraternity was not postponed till 1691." We have already argued that if Aubrey's statement, not being alluded to till 1844, had no influen brethren, "from 1738 onwa of our Society, neither ca in making his statement i tutions published in the quently these statements differing as to details, agre connection with the Frat more value from their havi each other, and that, too, by something of what they we believes they are "mutual reasons for his belief as i monstrous a proposition to with the Craft may have be that having, as "the ingeni instance brought officially i as an operative body, he sub enrolled amongst them as w been wont to designate a s Mason? It must be remem expressly invited by Grand "all the Grand Masters t beginning of Time," togeth Grand Masters, Grand Ward likely to suppose that he wo thought it worth his while t Grand Master, when appli not used exactly in the sense by the brethren for whom h of the 17th century and t constituted, as regards Free and as invariably happens w veiled in obscurity, so that Gould must experience gre mysteries. And, naturally portion of the period which tion is that in which the inf was growing weaker and we tive element had not as yet s strength to justify its claim superiority. Still, what app been clear enough to Anders Wren, and, like most men stances, he probably assume less familiar with what onl current history.

In placing this suggestio the example set us by Bro. G propositions, of not attachi importance. But the suggest we bear in mind that Wren, a would certainly have been b operative Masons, while the imagining him, as the man acceptance or adoption as a Lodges. Again, as to his Lodge No. 1 (Antiquity), w distinguished personages wer a little below the surface, we s sonable in this. Wren's prin were carried on in the City Westminster, and his great must have necessitated his c diate vicinity of the edifice. that he should have been asso met close by the Cathedral i at a distance? The latter quotations from the 1738 Co years after this"—that is af to have "erected the Cross o "*Sir Christopher Wren* ne *Master*, yet the *Old Lodge* ne continued their stated meetin able stress laid upon far less mention by name of the "*Old* diately after that of Wren's n a connection between them, nued their stated meetings few more." Here again we the suggestion; being chiefl is possible to single out point ably on Wren's alleged mem when grouped together, abo us, influence our judgment.

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remarks for the present, we will take leave to refer. Bro. Gould is careful to suggest that, though the Masonic writers of last century were "*uninfluenced* by the singular entries in the Aubrey MSS.," still we must be "on our guard not to assume too confidently that none of the Fellows of the Royal Society who joined the Fraternity between 1717 and 1750 were aware that one of their own number—Aubrey was chosen an F.R.S. in 1663—had recorded in a manuscript work (which he deposited in their own library) the approaching initiation into Masonry of a former President of the Royal Society. It is improbable that so curious a circumstance was wholly unknown to Dr. Desaguliers, Martin Folkes, Martin Clare, or Richard Rawlinson, all Fellows of the Royal Society and zealous Freemasons. If we admit the probability of some one or more of these distinguished *brethren* having perused the manuscript in question, it affords negative evidence, from which we may not unfairly conclude that the allusion to Wren failed to make any impression upon them." The most prominent of the four Fellows named by Bro. Gould is undoubtedly Desaguliers, and if we assume that he who played so conspicuous a part in the doings of both Societies was aware of Aubrey having recorded in his MSS. the contemplated initiation of Wren into Masonry, we may go a little further and assume that he communicated his knowledge of the record to his friend and old coadjutor, Anderson, who—though both he and Desaguliers may have been aware of the initiation from their own personal knowledge of all the circumstances—may have been very glad to hear of such independent testimony to the truth of one of the facts he was about to publish, namely, that Wren was a member of the Craft, and yet did not consider it part of his duty to repeat it or draw any distinction between Wren's association with Masonry when Master of Work, and his more complete association with it from 1691 onwards, that is, from the date of his alleged acceptance into the Craft as a speculative member. We have noted this and our previous suggestions, not, as we have said, because we are disposed to entertain them very seriously, but in order to show Bro. Gould and any who may be inclined to follow his example, that for every conjecture he may feel disposed to raise in favour of his apparently pet theory that Wren was not a Freemason, it is possible to raise up another which may be made to tell with equal or almost equal effect against him. Theorists, like the man who is in a hurry to cross a road, will do well to look both ways.

(To be continued).

THE BOND OF BROTHERHOOD.

THE unlikeness of Freemasonry to any other human society, and its superiority to them all, is exampled in no one of its characteristics better than by its bond of brotherhood. It is the Bond of bonds, and introduces to the Brotherhood of brotherhoods. 'Tis in every respect the reverse of Shylock's bond, and is all unwritten. 'Tis a kindred tie, an evidence of the closest possible relationship. Impalpable as air, it is yet a three-fold cord, that is not quickly broken. Blood cannot inherit it—Freemasonry is no society of the Cincinnati. Our line of descent is maintained by continual accessions of new material—the Temple is always building, and yet never completed. Only the Temple not made with hands will be perfect and finished.

An eloquent writer has observed that "a bond is necessary to complete our being, only we must be careful that the bond does not become bondage." Both branches of this assertion have been abundantly proved to be true. Many are the bonds voluntarily assumed by men for the purpose of advancing their happiness, and yet how few of them justify the confidence reposed in them. That which is usually esteemed the closest tie of all, wedlock, how useless has it often proven to be, to permanently bind those who enter into its bond! When the bond becomes bondage, then comes divorce. Freemasonry avoids the perils of this tie by its peculiar usages, proving thereby most conclusively that it is "a law unto itself." While it is true that he who is once a Freemason is always a Freemason, and cannot absolve himself from his voluntarily assumed obligations, nor obtain absolution from any authority outside of himself, there is yet a permissible middle course—any Brother may become a non-affiliate. In other words, he may, if he will, sever his active connec-

service; he may be a Freemason at large, paying noth into the treasury of the Craft, and resigning thereby cert related privileges, but he cannot surrender the Light received once for all, nor blot out his knowledge of sec imparted in good faith, and in like good faith accepted be kept sacred and inviolate for ever. True, no Brot will become a non-affiliate except a half-hearted, a misc spirited, an intellectually blinded, or a daft Freemason; if for any reason one becomes reduced to such a conditi he has the optional resort of non-affiliation. More t this he cannot do. The indelibility of Freemasonry is the indelibility of orders in the Church—it cannot be gotten, cancelled or effaced.

So much for the bond; now for the Brotherhood which it introduces. The candidate for Freemasonry se it because he feels that he needs the impartation of Truth, and the boundless sympathy and aid which tinguish its membership. Rugged Carlyle, a man of men who most stood alone, least mingling with his fello was yet so conscious in his inmost soul of the power human sympathy, that he said, "Infinite is the help t man can yield to man." The truth of this assertion intensified if we say, Infinite is the help that a Freema can yield to a Freemason. Not merely help of the gros kind, although all of that, but also that finer, deep purer help, which grows out of the Masonic fellowship kindred minds. No man better than a Freemason reali this fact, and no Freemason ever stated it more pointe than Bro. Sir Walter Scott, when he wrote:—"From time that the mother binds the child's head, till the ment that some kind assistant wipes the death-damp fr the brow of the dying, we cannot exist without mut help." To the most fortunately circumstanced, friends and brotherly love are grateful, while to the unfortun they are indispensible. We cannot have too many frie and no friend sticketh closer than a Masonic brother. may be well with us now, but what of the future? W can read it, who can foretell it? Our Brother Bulwer, L Lytton, was right:—"Whatever the number of a ma friends, there may be times in his life when he has one few." Cultivate your friends. Cherish them. Make th if possible, doubly yours—once in the bonds of Brot hood, and again by personal sympathy and fellowship.

There are other bonds of so-called brotherhood? yes, but how frail! Distress overtakes you, and t disciples pass you by on the other side. Calumny ass you, and they at once believe in the foul aspersion. so the true Freemason; not so Freemasonry itself, in essence and spirit. It is for sunshine and storm, for w and woe, for happiness and distress. A joy to the joy it is no less a helping hand to the sorrowful and distress Its compass is wonderful, covering in its diapason the of highest felicity and the wail of deepest distress.

Do any despise the bond? Alas, a few do. But t we are all human, and the greatest of Popes—the poet, told us, too true, that "to err is human." Freemaso assumes to work no miracles. It can improve the n but it cannot renew him. It may be deceived in accep him, and if so he is a dead branch. But it is ra deceived. The scrutiny is close, the tests are numer the chances to impose upon it are few. The Bond Brotherhood is only for the elect, and he who is appro by the Fraternity as a fit ashlar to go into its spiri Temple, proves, in very large majority of instances, t indeed a good man and true and worthy of all accepta by the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.—*stone.*

The new Temperance Lodge, King Solomon, No. 2 will be consecrated by the Grand Secretary, Colonel Sl well H. Clerke, at 33 Golden Square, on Saturday, 31st M at four p.m. After the ceremony the brethren adjourn for banquet to the Holborn Restaurant, all int cating drinks being excluded. Dr. B. W. Richard F.R.S., is the W.M. designate, and Harry Tipper, The Grove, Hammersmith, the Acting Secretary.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs. Influenza.—The soothing perties of these medicaments render them worthy of trial in all diseases c respiratory organs. In common colds and influenza the Pills, taken inter and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficac When influenza is epidemic, this treatment is the easiest, safest, and s Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circul through the lungs, relieve the over-gorged air tubes, and render respir free, without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressin spirits; such are the ready means of saving suffering when any one is att with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which so persons are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.

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CONSECRATION OF THE BEAUMONT LODGE, No. 2035.

THIS interesting event took place at Kirkburton on Thursday, 8th inst. The past and present members and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of West Yorkshire, of whom there were a very large number present, met at the Lodge room, at the Royal Hotel, at half-past one o'clock, and great difficulty was experienced in getting accommodation for the whole of the visitors, the room being somewhat small for such an occasion.

Brother Tew W.D.P.G.M., occupied the chair; and the following brethren, Officers and members of Beaumont Lodge, No. 2035, supported him:—Brothers Rev. P. F. J. Pearce P.M. and P.P.G. Chaplain, Rev. W. P. Ingledew Chaplain, W. Schofield W.M., W. Fitton S.W., Ben Stocks J.W., Ed. Smith Treasurer, Chas. Hargreaves Secretary, Geo. Sykes P.M. D.C., B. Oxley, W. H. Cook S.D., H. Calverley J.D., J. W. Cocking I.G., H. Field W.M., W. H. Jessop P.M., L. B. Brierley W.M., Hy. Shaw W.M., Allen Jackson P.P.J.G.D., R. Senior, J. R. Brooke, H. Barden, W. T. Sugg, and A. L. Mitchell. There were also present the following visitors:—Bros. G. Goldthorpe S.D. 242, W. King I.G. 208, E. Fairburn P.P.G.S.B. 337, J. Kaye P.M. 275, J. Martin P.M. 301, J. Woodhead P.M. 1462, B. Booth S.D. 1462, Rev. J. T. Wilkinson P.P.G.C. 652, R. W. Jubb A.D.C. 275, G. E. B. Dickenson 1462, Geo. Pearson P.G.S.B. 1034, T. A. Greenwood 521, H. Clayton 521, W. Mitchell P.M. 290, John Varley S.D. 521, A. Armitage J.W. 521, J. Barker P.M. 1102, J. S. Sheard W.M. 521, J. Eccles M.M. 521, Geo. Ainley M.M. 149, W. E. Wimpenny I.G. 652, T. Sellers P.M. 1783, H. T. Gardiner P.M. 458, H. W. Wrigley P.M. 149, R. H. Armitage W.M. 275, W. Bailey M.M. 1102, J. Shaw P.M. 337, H. Smith Prov. Grand Sec., H. Wright M.M. 439, W. Harrop P.P.G.D. 290, Joe Wood P.M. 290, J. Day P.P.G.M. 275, J. L. Pugh P.M. 131, J. Brown M.M. 1301, J. Craven P.P.S.G.W. 275, G. W. Rhodes P.M. 275, Allen Haigh P.P.G.D.C 290 and 1514, W. Haigh P.P.G.P. 149, J. Kendrew M.M. 521, W. Rice T. 521, B. Hutchinson P.M. 290, T. Ruddock P.M. 275, J. Newton P.M. 1019, J. Shaw P.M. 1645, C. Wood 149, J. Lee P.G.T. 290, T. B. Fox P.M. 208, W. D. Quarmby S.W. 208, J. Fenna M.M. 208, Thomas Pickles P.M. 258, G. Hesketh P.M. 1462, A. Ainley M.M. 290, E. Dyson M.M. 521, J. Turpin M.M. 521, J. Brook M.M. 1783, J Thorp (Liverpool) 1502, M. Rosenthal Sec. 1798, B. Holmes P.M. 910, S. Boothroyd W.M. 652, J. Seed P.M. 1302, R. Williamson P.J.G.D. 521, J. H. Taylor I.G. 290, T. Winn P.G.C., H. Redfearn P.M. 149, J. Ellis P.M. 149, J. E. Smith M.M. 1102, H. Oxley P.M. 495, J. H. Pearson W.M. 1301, J. Cowgill M.M. 149, G. M. Marchant M.M. 1783, H. Holdsworth Sec. 1783, A. Hellawell M.M. 1783, W. Vickers P.M. 1019, J. J. Vickers M.M. 290, C. S. Sunderland P.G.R., F. Preston W.M., J. R. Dore P.M., and J. E. Bottom 1514, &c. The proceedings were commenced by the assembly singing the hymn "All people that on earth do dwell." The Lodge was then opened by the R.W. Brother Thomas William Tew, J.P., Deputy Grand Master of the Province, and Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England. The Provincial Grand Chaplain offered up prayer, and read a portion of Scripture from 2 Chronicles iii., and after solemn music, the Provincial Grand Secretary read the petition for dedication. The Provincial Grand Registrar addressed the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and asked him to dedicate the hall, and on the request having been acceded to, the Provincial Grand Secretary called upon the Worshipful Master for the warrants of constitution, minute book, and bye-laws of the Lodge No. 2035. The Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works examined the appointments of the Lodge, and reported that all was correct. An anthem, commencing "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity," was sung by Bros. Blagbro, Joe Wood, Joe Varley, and Garner, after which the Provincial Grand Chaplain read a portion of 1 Kings viii., and offered the first portion of the dedication prayer. A lengthy ceremonial of consecration and dedication of the Lodge room was then gone through.

Bro. T. W. Tew afterwards gave the following address: BRETHREN,—The institution and the dedication of the 67th Lodge in this Province, and of the 2035th Lodge of the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, is, I hope, a Masonic event of such importance as to merit a few brief but customary observations on the consecration of a new Lodge, under the jurisdiction of Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, our beloved and popular Provincial Grand Master. This occasion which, I hope, has been an interesting one, may be also deemed a suitable opportunity for allusion to the circumstances which have brought about an application for a new warrant for this Lodge, now called the Beaumont Lodge, at Kirkburton. A record of Masonic work in this Province since 1822, when there were but 19 Lodges in the then constituted Province of West Yorkshire, must abound in both pleasing episodes as well as melancholy reminiscences of the operative and speculative labours of great and good Masons who have gone to their eternal home—let us hope in the Grand Lodge above—and a faithful chronicler has not only the gratification of enlarging on the increase of the Lodges and the career of the Craft in West Yorkshire, but he is bound to allude to those incidents which have almost every year cast a gloom over its progress, and tinged the harmony of its advancement and affection amongst us with sorrowful reflections. "We have rejoiced with those who do rejoice," and we have "mourned with those who weep." The Craft has within the period since 1823 taken a large and benevolent part in aiding all kinds of charitable and useful institutions. It has also never been slack in tendering homage where homage was due, or testifying its sympathies to the memory of friends and relatives of departed worth—as in the death of the late Bishop of Ripon—or, as its Charity Committee can record, putting its principles to the test by the practice of the most liberal charity, which virtue is inculcated upon us in every step we take in the different degrees, and "blesses him that gives as well as him that receives." Our last Charity Report speaks of facts which need no further comment, of the number of recipients of our bounty, and of those young orphans who look up to the Lodges as their guardians, and those Freemasons whom unavoidable circumstances have reduced to the lowest depths of povery and despair, who regard us as the comforters of old age. The records, then, of history of the brethren in the unto charity and to good wor to inconvenience for the bene ness, magnanimity, toleration the Freemason's belief, and a Freemasonry may well be pr May I hope that West Yorksh a stately and superb edifice, humanity's best, on a true devout humility to render our our fellow creatures, and an e derful works of the Almigh Jehovah's work in man and this Lodge a corner stone into foundation stone in Solomon's corner-stone which the builde and become the chief corner st the "strength," and the "beau for life is one and indivisible. Rock of Ages." Stand like a t its strength, so that you shall Kirkburton is an historical civi parish is full of archæological parish of the townships of Ki Hepworth, Thurstonland, Cart braces a large part of Holmf Kirkburton township proper ha industry of the place is chiefly the seat of the Earl of Dartm Storthes Hall, now tenanted by distant from the place where Parish Church of Kirkburton— where divine service will be Chaplains, and the sermon preac Provincial Grand Chaplain, the an edifice of interest to all of Its registers date back from th servation. Indeed, it is said the out England where the register served. The father of the pres the age of 87, having officiated told that the Rev. R. Collins—a vicar, is to be one of the first in as well as a goodly number of g ing districts which I have catalo of Bro. William Fitton, of Mold known and respected by all the well, and we shall see him in G schoolmaster, Mr. A. Hargreaves, the indefatigable Secretary of th be invested Worshipful Master of already a Past Master and a Pa West Yorkshire. He was educ School, as also were Bro. Fitton under the tuition of the late Mr. J.W., has been about 13 years a Bro. Barnicot, also one of the fo ployer of labour in this dis member of the eminent fir of Shepley. Bro. Past Mast and Bro. Fitton were both four which I consecrated 12th Decem dock was the first Worshipful Ma service to Masonry throughout H cial Grand Lodge of West York their exertions. I could mentio Jessop and Allen Jackson, both P Field, W.M., of the Wharncliffe L the Beaumont Lodge. The founde and as a compliment to, Mr. Beau miles from here. He is not a Ma for his gift of 21 acres of land for the hospitable manner in which he of Albany and the Duchess on th to Huddersfield in October last t spect the Fine Art and Industr address of welcome from the Free Mr. Beaumont is abroad, yet it i the Beaumont Lodge and receiv Mason's badge which is more an Roman Eagle, more honourable th der in existence." Under these Grand Master thought fit to recom a new Lodge at Kirkburton, and I the good-will and support of all th the Beaumont Lodge, No. 2,03 acquisition both to Masonry and placed. This Lodge then is surrou These are your grand treasures. Th The lecture of the first degree—th the mind. The charge and the le study of the liberal arts and scie polish and adorn the mind, and " mendable virtue." The third degree subject of death, and teaches us th man death has no terror equal to th but to look upon dissolution as the to a holy and pure life in the Grand is that of opportunity—the oppor opportunity a treasure like the ma more than your share; you cannot

staff of a Lodge. And another treasure there is—the treasure of association. It is a treasure for the living. It is to enjoy the full and intense vitality of a pure life; to seek the fullest cultivation of the powers of mind and body; to be roused to self-sacrifice and devotion, and to think it a duty to aim high, to walk in the footsteps of the patriarchs and prophets of old, to revere the wisdom of Solomon, to comprehend his character, and to imitate his lofty virtues. Truly believed and sincerely acted on, our traditions and associations would justify the value we set upon our Lodges. But were it otherwise that the four earthly treasures of "knowledge," of "tradition," of "opportunity," and of "association," were to be forgotten and neglected, and Lodges to substitute carelessness, idleness, banquet extravagance, ignorance of ceremonies, and disobedience to the authority of the chair, then it would be better to return the warrant to the supreme authority, and let your Lodge, as greater institutions have done before it, go into grey and honourable oblivion. But, Brethren, I believe your work will be wrought with diligence, and rendered with cheerfulness, your faces bright with the oil of gladness, yet bold with the wine of cheerfulness, and that, "breast to breast, knee to knee, foot to foot," and let the grasp of your hands be firm and generous. You will seek "purity of action;" "truth," that your speech may be simple and clear; "love," that your friendship may sound, and that the brotherhood and the Craft may be to you no shadow, but a Masonic reality. But that these things may be, place your right hand on the volume of the sacred law, and with the compass in the other, fix your eye and heart on its sacred teachings, for there is no treasure like its own treasure, and its mysteries veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, unravelled and loved, and liked and practised. Brethren, you have in your ancient Church the symbol of the mystery of salvation—an ancient cross. The middle stone lay in the vicarage garden for twenty years before the other two pieces came to light. The middle piece was embedded in the rubble when the east chancel wall was taken down in 1850 and rebuilt. All the pieces belong to one cross, and the subject is "The Crucifixion." These old walls must have been built before 1300. This cross was perhaps set up with prayer in the ninth century, and adorned an older and more primitive structure. It is a gritty freestone abounding in the neighbourhood of the Farnley or Greenside rock, and easily carved. The figure on the cross has been a body erect, living—the head upright, the arms extended at right angles. It represents the "Son of Righteousness" nailed to the tree. We shall see this ancient symbol of the Christian faith shortly. It symbolises the revelation of the genuine secrets of a Master Mason. To look up to it, to believe in it and the story it unfolds, the story of the Cross is not only true Christianity, but true Masonry. But the lapse of time warns me to cease, and with the expression of fervent gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U., who hath in the past protected our ancient and time-honoured fraternity, and the sincere prayer that He will continue to watch over the Craft and this new Lodge as a means of doing good in this neighbourhood by brotherly intercourse and affection, with hearty good wishes to all present, I offer my congratulations for the progress and prosperity of the Beaumont Lodge, No. 2035, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England.

On the conclusion of the address the anthem "Hail, Masonry sublime," was sung.

The brethren, whose regalia was draped, then formed in procession from the Beaumont Lodge, No. 2035, to St. John's Parish Church.

An organ voluntary was played by Bro. J. Marshall as the brethren passed up the nave to their seats. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. T. M. Sylvester, M.A., Rector of Castleford; the lessons being read by the Rev. Canon Bullock, M.A., of Holy Trinity, Leeds; and an appropriate sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. P. F. J. Pearce, P.P.G.C., who took for his text 1 St. Peter, ii. 17—"Fear God," and Job i. 9—"Doth Job fear God for nought?" The rev. gentleman said—In the limited time during which I have any right to attempt to hold your attention, it is quite out of my power to give with accuracy and clearness even a superficial statement of the character and objects, and of the various and valuable principles which constitute the truth and glory of Freemasonry. It may also be well that I should at once say that to a general assembly like this it is outside my wish and intention to make any distinct references to the secret practices of the Order. I am not placed here in any way to gratify the inquisitiveness of those who from mere curiosity are desirous to get some insight into what we, as Freemasons, regard as great and invaluable secrets. This pulpit is too responsible a position to the preacher and the glorious old Church and the Holy worship, in which we have all seemed so heartily to join, are too sacred and solemnising to allow of any utterance other than those which have as their distinct motive and object the glory of God and the best welfare of men. And yet with such proper restrictions I am justified in briefly answering, and I shall be expected to answer, some of the very many natural questions which have already risen to the lips of those who know that to-day a Masonic Lodge has been consecrated in this ancient village, and have seen our imposing procession to the kirk, and joined with us here in our solemn worship of the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe. I hear such ask, What is Freemasonry? Who originated it, and when? What does it teach? At what does it aim? Who may be and are Freemasons? And I briefly answer that Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols; that it had its origin in a far distant age, its essential features being traced back to the earliest days, and known and followed by the enlightened and religious in every generation. Its teaching is that of the Holy Scriptures, and while it eschews all religions, as it does all political, controversies in the convocations of its adherents, it yet teaches the highest theology, and insists on those principles of justice, equity, mercy, and truth, without which humane and wise government would be impossible. It aims at making its followers patriots, and to live in amity with all men, furthering by all means their good and just rights. It inculcates strongly the value and virtues of fraternity; demands the possession and exhibition of religion both in its godward and manward aspects; and insists upon loyalty and emphasis—"Honour all men; love the brotherhood; fe honour the King." And it receives into its ranks only th are proclaimed to be, and known to be just and upright fre mature age, sound judgment, and strict morals; asserting man, whether initiated into the mysteries of the Craft or r rightly bear the title of a Free and Accepted Master Mas does not in the best sense of the words exhibit the charact man who fears God. If this be considered a very high esti can only say it is that which I have gathered from the ur lectures and the ceremonies of our splendid ritual, and objected that some initiates belie it and give an entirely impression of the teaching and influence of Freemasonry, I a fied in saying that such men are not Freemasons at all, never received or entered into the true obligations and spirit of its ples and vows. That a terrible responsibility rest upon every Freemason knows, and by such reprobated conduct the brotherhood as much harm as the mere professors of Chri who deny their professions by their lives, do to the church Now, to some extent from the evil lives of such unworthy m of the Order, and to some extent also from the ill-conceiv unjust criticisms which have been unsparingly launched agai Fraternity by its ignorant and prejudice opponents, it has com that many persons regard Freemasons' Lodges simply as pla excessive and expensive eating and drinking, and Freemason selves as existing for no other or higher end than personal enj This is utterly untrue of the brethren as a whole, and if true particular instances, it is because our purposes and principles h set at defiance. Brotherly love, relief and truth, faith, hope, purity, peace, and godliness, these are our watchwords, th aims, these our ambitions. And they must be so until the dies, and may she die when these cease to be so! You will see fore, that a true Freemason must be both a godly and unselfi unselfish in the sense in which every Christian man is called be so. For a Freemason is a man who "fears God"—that is lives a religious life by serving God and man, and while love is its spring and motive, and His glory its supreme object, looks for personal advantage. He fears God. He serves Go looks for reward. The criticism of the outside world, like sneer against Job, has much truth in it; we do not fear God a Him for nought. He does not expect us to do so. But the cr like the sneer of our great enemy, has a lurking lie in it, for means to say is that we simply and only serve God for what get. The rev. gentleman enlarged upon these thoughts, and that it was Freemasonry and religion, which he considered to and the same thing under different names, secured to its disciples, and he closed his sermon thus: "Let me urge you, my ren, to aim more than ever to vindicate your right to you and privileges. Study more closely the principles of the Orde nearly copy its eminent examples, foster its spirit, deve intentions. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fe Honour the King."

A collection was made at the end of the service, in aid of t Schools, which realised £11 15s 3d.

After the service the brethren again formed procession, reverse order, the senior Lodges leading back to the Bo Lodge. On reaching the Lodge room, Bro. W. Schofield was in as W.M., and the Wardens and other Officers invested. The Provincial Grand Master then closed the Provincial Lodge Marshall P.P.G.O., playing on the harmonium appropriate A large number of gentlemen were proposed for initiation.

A banquet afterwards took place in the Girls' Schoo where upwards of 100 brethren sat down; and the usual toast given and duly responded to. The School-room had been pr decorated by Messrs. Senior and Yardley, of John William Huddersfield, and the tables and windows were filled with flowering plants, kindly lent by Chas. Hey, Esq., and others collation, which was a cold one, was provided in an excellen by Mr. David Thornton, of the Royal Hotel.

The first meeting for the formation of the Beaumont was held on the 8th December 1883, and the following is a list founders:—Bros. John Barnicott M.M. 275, Reuben Senior 1462, Benjamin Oxley J.W. 1783, William Schofield W.M. P.P. 290, George Sykes P.M. 290, Charles Hargreaves M.M. 401, G. Poppleton S.D. 1783, William Fitton P.M. 1783, Henry P.M. 521, Rev. Percy F. J. Pearce P.M. and P.P.G. Chap. 273 Cook M.M. 290, W. T. Sugg P.M. 149, Edward Smith J.W Ben Stocks M.M. 290, Henry Barden J.D, 1462, J. W. Word P.M. 1462, William H. Jessop P.M. 521, Allen Jackson P.P.G. J. W. Cocking M.M. 275, J. R. Brook M.M. 290, Alexan Mitchell M.M. 1783, Harry Field W.M. 1462, L. B. Brierly W. and Henry Calverley M.M. 1514.—*Huddersfield Weekly News.*

The following Festival Meetings have been held at masons' Tavern during the week, ending 17th May:—

Monday, 12th—Leigh Lodge, St. George's and Corner Stone University College Volunteers; Wednesday, 14th—Univers London Lodge, Lodge of Fidelity; Thursday, 15th—United P Chapter; Friday, 16th—University Lodge.

At the New Cross Lodge of Instruction, Chester Arms, A street, N.W., on Tuesday evening, the 27th May, at seven o'cloc precisely, by fifteen brethren of the Doric Lodge of Instr Bro. B. Candick P.M. 1421 will preside; Bros. W. Musto 1349 S.W., W. H. Myers P.M. 820 J.W., J. T. K. Job I.P.M. Lecture: Bros. Smith, Valentine, Hirst, Richardson, W. J. Friedeberg, Stewart. Second Lecture: Bros. Smith, Moss, Myers, Stephens. Third Lecture: Bros. Musto, Job, West. Ernest Smith Hon. Secretary.

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THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Yearly Meeting of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held yesterday, the 16th instant, in the Large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Colonel Creaton Past Grand Treasurer presided, and there was a very large assemblage of brethren. Bro. James Terry, Secretary, read the following Report, which was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:—

REPORT.

The Committee of Management have much pleasure in submitting to the Governors and Subscribers a Report of their proceedings during the past year:—

The Annual Festival was held by direction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., the Grand Patron and President, on Tuesday, the 26th of February last. The Grand Treasurer, John Derby Allcroft, Esq., had very kindly undertaken to preside on the occasion, but unfortunately at the last moment he was prevented by illness from carrying out his intention, and his place was filled by Sir John B. Monckton P.G.D. and President of the Board of General Purposes, who advocated with much ability and earnestness the claims of the Institution, which, coupled with the staunch exertions of a Board of Stewards composed of three hundred brethren, produced the sum of £14,665 13s—this being the largest amount ever contributed on a similar occasion in aid of its funds. To all concerned in bringing about a result so eminently gratifying the Committee respectfully tender their most grateful thanks.

At the election in May 1883 there were upon the funds of the Institution in all 332 annuitants, namely 165 men and 167 widows, while to-day there are no less than 120 candidates, namely, 38 men and 82 widows, whose claims to be admitted into the Institution have been severally approved. With this lamentable fact before them, and the knowledge that only 22 vacancies—namely fourteen men and eight widows—had occurred since the last election, the Committee decided at their meeting in February last upon increasing the number of annuitants still further by placing ten additional widows upon the Fund, thus raising the aggregate on the two Funds to 342. Since then there have died five men and five widows, so that the numbers to be elected to-day on the respective Funds would be nineteen men and twenty-three widows. But having regard to the unprecedented success which attended the Festival held as already described in February, the Committee recommend to the Governors and Subscribers to elect five more men and five more widows, so that the full number now about to be elected will be twenty-four men and twenty-eight widows, the aggregate number of annuitants being thus increased to 352, towards whose support the large annual sum of £12,624 must be provided. There are likewise twenty-three widows to each of whom is assigned during the first three years of her widowhood a moiety of her late husband's annuity, the sum annually required for this further expenditure is £460; and it is believed that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution stands almost, if not quite, alone in granting this boon without requiring these poor women to go through the trouble and anxiety of an election.

The Committee in thus announcing their readiness to take upon themselves the responsibility of providing for this additional number of Annuitants, feel it to be their bounden duty to point out that the increased expenditure thus involved can only be met by a continuance on the part of the Craft of that generous support which they have so readily tendered in the past.

The Committee take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the Supreme Grand Chapter for its recent liberal donation of £500, and the United Grand Lodge for its renewed vote of £70, wherewith to provide the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coal during the winter months.

They are also desirous of conveying their most cordial thanks to the Honorary Surgeons of the Institution, Henry John Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for their great kindness in ministering to the ailments and relieving the sufferings of those Annuitants who have been under the necessity of seeking medical advice and assistance.

The Committee have much pleasure in reporting that the building at Croydon is in a complete state of repair, and they trust that the gas which is now being laid on in every room, will have the effect of still further promoting the comfort and convenience of the residents.

The Committee are naturally proud of the high position held by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution amongst similar Institutions in this country. They are convinced that the annual statement of accounts, here annexed, will be found to disclose a truly wise and economical administration of the funds of the Charity, and they appeal to the influential and important body of the Governors and Subscribers, as well as to the whole Craft of English Freemasonry, for a continuance of that full and unreserved confidence by which they have been heretofore sustained in the discharge of their somewhat arduous and most responsible duties.

In conclusion, the Committee express an earnest hope that as their previous appeals for support have never yet been allowed to fall unheeded, so they may be justified in looking forward even to an increased measure of active sympathy from the Brethren, and be thereby enabled to reduce still further the very large number of unsuccessful candidates. They are fully sensible of the pain which being made to-day on the responsibilities of t still so many whose necessities must contin least a further period of twelve months, an mention of their anxiety to effect this object tion at an early period.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts the year ending the 31st March 1884, toget of the permanent income of the Institution.

MALE FUND.

Balance 31st March 1883		
RECEIPTS.		
Donation from Grand Lodge	800	
Do. Grand Chapter	100	
Do. Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	6051	
Annual Subscriptions	969	
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	1117	1
Rent of Field	9	
Cash withdrawn from Call	1250	
Interest on Cash at Call	16	
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Annuitants	6440	
Salaries: Office	422	1
Collector—Commission	252	
Messenger	5	
Provincial, &c. Expenses	67	1
Medicine for residents at Institution	12	1
Warden	20	
Pension to late Gardener and Gardener's Salary	54	1
Rates and Taxes	47	1
Repairs, Painting, &c. and goods supplied	141	1
Stationery, Printing, &c.	185	1
Advertisements	15	1
Postages, &c. including expenses of Election	196	1
Petty expenses	18	
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	51	1
Hire of Hall on day of Election	2	1
Rent, &c.—Office	45	
Do. of Field	16	
Purchase of Stock	1033	1
Votes of thanks to Stewards	19	1
Placed at Call	1000	
Premium on Collector's Guarantee Policy	3	1
Bankers' Charges	2	1
Coals for Residents	35	
Redemption of Tithes	7	1
Architect's Commission	5	1
Assistance in Office	9	
Balance on this Fund		

WIDOWS' FUND.

Balance 31st March 1883		
RECEIPTS.		
Donation from Grand Lodge	800	
Do Grand Chapter	50	
Do Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	6672	
Annual Subscriptions	1183	11
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	725	10
Rent of Field	9	
Cash withdrawn from Call	750	
Interest on cash at Call	9	17
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Annuities	5629	
Salaries—Office	422	10
Collector—Commission	256	3
Messenger	5	
Provincial Expenses	67	14
Medicine for Residents at Institution	12	10
Matron	62	
Gardener's Salary	28	12
Rates and Taxes	47	17
Repairs, Painting, &c., and goods supplied	141	18
Stationery, Printing, &c.	185	17
Advertisements	15	17
Postages, &c., including expenses of Election	201	19

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Petty expenses	18 8 6		
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	51 18 1		
Hire of Hall on day of Election	2 12 6		
Rent, &c.—Office	45 0 0		
Do. of Field	16 18 9		
Purchase of Stock	1033 15 0		
Placed at Call	1000 0 0		
Votes of thanks to Stewards	19 11 11		
Premium on Collector's Guarantee Policy	3 15 0		
Bankers' charges	2 11 6		
Coals for Residents	35 0 0		
Redemption of Tithes	7 10 3		
Architect's Commission	5 13 0		
Assistance in Office	9 9 0		
		9329	2 11

Balance on this Fund - £3,981 3 0

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Balance 31st March 1883	59 16 4		
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	29 7 6		
	89 3 10		

DISBURSEMENTS.

Repairs	15 17 3		
Balance on this Fund	**£73**	**6**	**7**

Total Balance as per Auditors' Report £7,500 2 4

The Permanent Income of the Institution is as follows:—

MALE FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	800 0 0		
Do from Grand Chapter	100 0 0		
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	1117 15 8		
		2017	15 8

WIDOWS' FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	800 0 0		
Do from Grand Chapter	50 0 0		
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	725 10 1		
		1575	10 1

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Dividends on £1000 Stock in Government Funds		30	0 0
		£3,623	**5 9**

Signed J. CREATON, Past Grand Treasurer, Vice-Patron, Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
16th May 1884.

The motion that stood in the name of Brother Charles Lacey, of which due notice had been given, and to which we have already devoted some amount of consideration, was withdrawn, the proposer expressing a wish to adopt this course in consequence of the very liberal response made by the Craft at large to the appeals by the Stewards for the year. The poll was then declared open for the Election, the result of which will be found in another column. The customary votes of thanks to Chairman and Scrutineers closed the proceedings.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JAMES WILLING JUN.

ON Tuesday evening, 13th inst., a meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, with the object of presenting Bro. James Willing jun. with a testimonial to mark the high esteem in which he is held by his Masonic brethren, fellow citizens, and other friends. The meeting was a large and influential one, including many gentlemen connected with the Press and the theatrical profession, and a large number of Masonic and other friends. The President of the evening (who was also the President of the Testimonial Fund) was Bro. J. R. Stacey, of the *Morning Advertiser*, the chair on his right being of course occupied by Bro. Willing, and that on his left by Bro. Stiles, the honorary Secretary to the Fund. Among the friends of Bro. Willing present on the occasion we observed Bros. A. Leon (Spiers and Pond), E. Swanborough (Strand Theatre), J. H. Bennett (*Standard*), W. T. Madge (*Globe*), Dumphy (*Morning Post*), W. G. Thane (*Standard*), Du Val of Egyptian Hall renown, W. Harris, C. J. Scales, J. H. Batty, J. T. Buston, C. J. Taylor, Willis, Dawson, Capt. Hobson, J. N. Hare (General Omnibus Company), C. Hudson, Dr. Dunn, W. W. Knight, James Terry (Secretary of the Masonic Benevolent Institution), W. W. Morgan (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), E. C. Massey, and many others too numerous to mention. In the first place the Chairman called upon the meeting, like loyal men, to drink the health of Her Majesty the Queen, and like good Masons to couple with that toast His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of Freemasons, and the Craft; and the company having done due honour to this somewhat comprehensive toast, Bro. Stacey rose, and said that he believed all present were aware that the object with which they had met that evening was to do some little honour by showing some little evidence of regard for the esteemed brother whom they had known for so many years. He remembered with pride his introduction to Bro. Willing, fifteen or sixteen years ago, in the work of Masonry. Bro. Willing made astonishing progress and left competitors behind in Masonry as he did in other undertakings. His compeers found that before they could attain his position in one Lodge, he was founder of several Lodges, many Chapters, and Steward many times to the Masonic Charities. In all the offices of Freemasonry Bro. Willing had done good suit and service; he had done everything as a good and true Mason to further the cause of Masonry in every way. Therefore it was the wish of his friends to try to do him honour as a good Freemason and as a citizen of the world. They could look back on his career during the last fourteen or fifteen years and recall his steady and increasing success. But however successful he had been Bro. Willing was always known as a most energetic citizen, a genial friend, and an honourable and just man of business. For the rest, a few of Bro. Willing's friends had consulted together as to the way in which they could mark their esteem, and it was no sooner known that the movement was initiated than friends from all directions pressed forward and asked to have the privilege of assisting in the work. Turning to the guest of the evening Bro. Stacey said: My dear Bro. Willing, we beg most sincerely that you will be pleased to receive from us this token of our esteem and regard for you. May you live long to enjoy it, and when in the course of time you have fulfilled your earthly career, may it be handed down and remain as an heirloom in your family. We trust you will live very many years to look upon and use these tokens of the regard of your friends, and that when, in God's time, your earthly life shall end you may leave this to remind your successors that, as a loving husband, an excellent father and most sincere friend, you were loved by your contemporaries, and that they may read upon this bauble that you were held in high esteem by your fellow citizens and brethren in the Craft. The Chairman then called upon Bro. Stiles, the hon. Secretary to read the inscription on the central piece of plate, which was as follows:—

J. W. M. A. P. W.

"This dessert service was presented to James Willing jun., W.M. 1987, P.M. and Treasurer 1507 and 1744, P.Z. and Treasurer 1507, &c., &c., by numerous Masonic and other friends, in appreciation of his zealous services to Freemasonry, his many kindly acts, and in token of their sincere respect and esteem. May 1884."

Bro. Willing said, Mr. President, Gentlemen and Brethren,—I feel inclined to say brethren altogether on the present occasion,—I do not remember ever to have risen on an occasion when I wanted so much to say something to the purpose, or when I felt less able to give expression to my thoughts. When any person has been for many years before the public, as I have been, and sees his many friends putting aside their business avocations and the various serious pursuits they have in life to come together to do him honour, as you have come here to do me honour to day, it must be a source of the greatest gratification to him, and he must know that such an occasion can only come to him once in his life. I appreciate the assembly of gentlemen here this evening more than any testimonial, however great its value, that you have given me. Mr. Stacey has alluded to many things this evening—first of all to what I have been able to do in connection with Freemasonry. I have always done my best, because I believe in the tenets of the Craft; and a labour that a man delights in becomes a pleasure. As for as a citizen of the world, I may say that my success I have in a great measure to thank the President for. He was constantly telling me of the importance of the business, and I can assure you that the kindness of his disposition, his placing himself always at my disposal, helped my success greatly, and I do not think that any man could secure such a success as attended me as a young man unless he had a good friend at his back ready to help him at all times. Mr. President and Gentlemen, for this splendid testimonial which you have been kind enough to give, I thank you. I know you have desired that my wife and family should participate in the recognition you have kindly made to me, on account of the absence from home that Masonry entails. In their name, as well as for myself, I thank you, but I can assure you that, as far as I am concerned, if any incidental pleasure can be given to the husband and father, the wife and children look upon it with added pleasure. I have never seen a handsomer service than you have given me, and it will remain with me as long as I live, and afterwards will be handed down to my children as a memento that at one time in life, at all events, I was held in good esteem. Whatever I may have done in the past, in the future my earnest and hearty services will be at your disposal, and I shall look back to this hour as one of the proudest of my life. Several other toasts were subsequently proposed and honoured, the principal speakers being Dr. Dunn, Bros. Terry, Hudson, Stiles, Swanborough, Harris, &c. Among others the health of Bro. Willing senior, who was absent from indisposition, and of Bro. Douglass, of the Standard Theatre, who was specially engaged at the theatre that evening, was proposed. The value of the presentation of plate is about 300 guineas.

Mr. Charles Duval, who is still giving his monologue at the St. James's Hall Drawing Room, has introduced several new items into his programme, and now nightly recites, in the character of an Irish Peasant, the remarkable ballad poem of "Shamus O'Brien." A very pretty and vivacious little actress and singer appears in the musical interval, and Miss Letty Lind, the young lady referred to, renders a couple of character songs with much quaint originality, and will probably prove an attraction.

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AT the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on Friday, 16th May 1884,

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 27 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 36 candidates, and 31 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 32 candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.

	Votes		Votes
Jones, John Thomas	2168	Fitzwater, Charles	1342
Gaskell, Joseph	1993	Nuttall, John	1338
Wilcox, Christopher	1963	Wilson, John	1328
Wood, Henry	1941	Wade, Andrew	1320
Jackson, Thomas	1888	Heigho, Daniel...	1314
Main, William Henry ...	1747	*Barker, Samuel M.	1300
Goodchild, James	1647	*Burton, James	1245
Richardson, William... ...	1517	*Hill, William	1223
Kingsbury, John	1501	*Smith, Samuel...	1123
Stahr, Christian G. C. ...	1479	*Reid, Alexander	1033
Ellis, William	1433	†Bradley, Samuel	1017
Towning, John L.	1419	†Greenhill, Samuel	784
Gardner, Hannibal	1406	†Bowler, George K. B. ...	661
Shaw, James	1406		

WIDOWS.

	Votes		Votes
Haynes, Eliza	2337	Chapple, Elizabeth	1592
Bowen, Emma	2040	Jagar, Magdalene	1541
Mardon, Sarah Anne	1913	Ellis, Elizabeth Furss	1530
Wood, Annetta T. H.	1865	Atkinson, Nancy	1516
Buckley, Caroline C. H. V. ...	1809	Coates, Sarah	1506
Polkinghorne, Jane	1850	Croad, Susan	1502
Child, Elizabeth Mary Ann ...	1807	Highland, Eliza	1417
Russell, Mary	1758	*Taylor, Maria	1399
Wakefield, Ann	1713	*Hargreaves, Amelia	1394
Scurr, Agnes Sophia	1713	*Allen, Eliza	1381
Beattie, Ellen G....	1712	*Matthews, Mary	1375
Emmerson, Zelie...	1700	*Ives, Jane Elizabeth	1356
Stubington, Fanny	1660	†Crisp, Mary	1169
Pearson, Louisa	1643	†Potter, Ellen	1127
Thomas, Elizabeth Mary ...	1638	†Smith, Mary	1103
Perridge, Rebecca	1637		

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.	
Ensell, George		Isaac, Frances	1091
Woolrich, Henry		Elliott, Isabella	1014

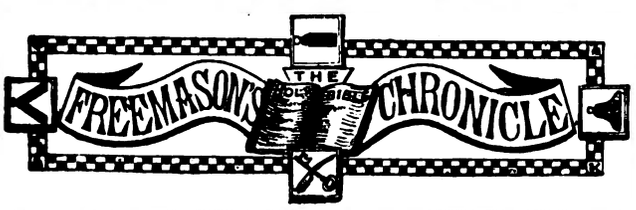
The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election.

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,
JAMES TERRY, P.Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts,
Secretary.

16th May 1884.



INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LILY OF RICHMOND LODGE, No. 820.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Greyhound, Richmond, when Bro. Geo. C. Young P.M. was, for the second time, installed in the chair of King Solomon. The ceremony was very impressively performed by Bro. W. H. Myers P.M., the Secretary of the Lodge, but the attendance at the Lodge duties was small. Later on, at the banquet, the numbers were increased and a spirit of conviviality prevailed. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the new Master invested the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. R. N. Fenwick S.W., G. T. Salmon J.W., Cleaveland Phillips P.M. S.D., Toovey J.D., Heath I.G., Giles P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Myers P.M. Secretary, and Chas. Hammond W.S. Amongst the members present during the evening were Past Masters G. Townsend, Foster Reynolds, Pye, and I.P.M. Chas. Hubbard. The visitors included Bros. E. J. Allen P.M. 733, W. McDonald P.M. 1445, N. E. Western S.W. 1693, Woodman S.W. 1950, W. Hawtine 1677, Geo. Armison 975, G. A. Payne P.M. 933, Forge W.M. 619, Collings Org. 1693. After the service of a very substantial banquet, the W.M. (Bro. G. Young) gracefully proposed the usual Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. Bro. Hubbard I.P.M., in proposing the health of the new Master, said the latter had passed through the various offices of the Lodge before, and he trusted in this, his second year of office as Master, he would have to rule over a prosperous Lodge, and receive the loyal support of the various Officers. Bro. Hubbard, who wore the uniform of the Herts Yeomanry—having travelled specially from Watford to be present—said the discipline of a Lodge was very like that of the corps whose uniform he wore. Unless the chief had the strictest obedience from the officers and the members he could do nothing. In the Yeomanry the officers exacted the strictest obedience while in the field, but when off duty they chatted and smoked with the men as equals. It was the same in a Lodge; there should be the strictest discipline in the Lodge and good fellowship out of it. Bro. Young, in response, hoped they would find in him a good Mason and a jolly good fellow. He promised to preserve the harmony of the Lodge and to so conduct its ritual that it should not dwindle down to the status of a mere Odd Fellows society. He hoped the end of the year would find their numbers increased, and that the members would have to acknowledge that he had conducted the Lodge with greater success than when he occupied that chair in 1881. In response to the toast of the "Masonic Charities," Bro. Hubbard, who is Steward this year for the Girls' Charity, congratulated the Lodge on its position with respect to the Charities. In his first year of office he had taken up £115, in his second year £144, and this year he hoped to take up one hundred guineas. The other toasts were "The Visitors," to which Bros. Townley, Payne, McDonald, and Western responded; "The Past Masters," and "The Officers of the Lodge." During the evening there was some agreeable pianoforte selections and vocalism by Miss Thomas, and Bros. Woodman, Heath, Townley, Allen, J. A Collings, and the W.M.

JOHN CARPENTER LODGE, No. 1997.

THE installation meeting of this important civil Lodge, founded by and for old scholars of the City of London School, of which Bro. Alderman Sir Henry E. Knight, then Lord Mayor of London, was installed first Master twelve months ago, was held on Friday evening, 9th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bro. Alderman Sir Henry E. Knight opened the Lodge and presided while the formal business of reading the minutes, receiving the Audit Committee's report, &c. was transacted, but he said that owing to weariness from his many engagements he felt himself unequal to the task of installing the W.M. elect, and therefore craved the indulgence of the brethren that he might vacate the chair in favour of Bro. P.M. James Pinder, their worthy Secretary, who at his request had undertaken to perform the ceremony. Bro. Pinder then assumed the Master's collar, opened the Lodge in the second degree, and addressed the Lodge as to the rules regulating the election of the Master, and called upon them to declare whom they had elected to succeed their present Master. Bro. Sir H. E. Knight thereupon presented Bro. Augustus William Stead as the Master elect to receive the benefit of installation. The ceremony was then performed by Bro. Pinder in a manner which won for him the unanimous approbation of all present; and Bro. A. W. Stead was formally installed into the chair of K.S., and was afterwards proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees of the Order; after which the newly-installed Master invested his Officers as follow, showing from the appropriate and kindly words he addressed to each, as he was invested, that he fully appreciated the importance of his office, and that he was fully competent to discharge the duties attached to it. Bros. Noton S.W., Honeychurch J.W., Hutton P.G.D. Treasurer, Pinder Secretary, Tayler S.D., Wilkinson J.D., Wilson I.G., Norris Master of Cers., Shaw Steward, Saker Assistant Steward, Inskipp Assistant Secretary, Goddard Tyler. Bro. Pinder, after the investiture of the Officers, concluded the ceremony by reciting in the most perfect manner the three addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and the general body of the brethren. Prior engagements prevented several Grand Officers, and a number of other distinguished Masons, from being present, and their letters were read by the Secretary. Not the least interesting portion of the proceedings consisted in the presentation of a very handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Alderman Sir Henry E. Knight. The presentation was made by Bro. Hutton P.G.D. the Treasurer. Bro. Hutton said, I feel that I am speaking on behalf of one and all of my brethren when I say that they, as myself, feel under a very deep debt of gratitude to you for accepting the duties of Master of this Lodge at the time when you were discharging the arduous and almost incessant duties of Lord Mayor. I believe it is unique in the annals of Masonry and in the annals of the Municipality of London for the Lord Mayor to rally about him those who have been brought up in the same school to assist in founding for them a Masonic Lodge. I have no doubt that the feeling thereby conveyed, and which no doubt found a very strong response in your breast; I have no doubt that the feeling has done very much good to every one of us. It has in my own case taken me back to the scenes of my boyhood and manhood, and made me recollect with pleasure that we all radiated from the same centre, and that in founding this Lodge we have fixed a rallying point at which those who recognise the ties of early association may meet and again have another object in common. We cannot lose sight of the efforts you have successfully made during your arduous year of office always to be present at our meetings. I was very sorry that business in the United States prevented my being present at the Consecration of the Lodge, but whenever I have been present it has been my privilege to see you perform your work as Master. It is my pleasure to know you personally, to watch your career, and to see it culminate in that highest office which the voice of your fellow citizens could bestow upon you. It is therefore to me a great pleasure to have the privilege of pinning upon your breast this jewel, which, I may say, has been voted to you by your schoolfellows. We all of us hope that you will live long to wear it, and that we may be spared for many years to see it on your breast. Bro. Ald. Sir Henry E. Knight replied as follows:—Brethren, I must say I have been taken very much by surprise; I did not expect that this honour would have been done me, and was deeply impressed by the very handsome manner in

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which this jewel has been awarded by the brethren of the Lodge. Bro. Hutton has, in a speech in which he has shown very great regard for me, brought under your notice the circumstances under which I became connected with the foundation of this Lodge. Those circumstances were unique, and you as a body are especially unique. Circumstances enabled me to be the founder of a Lodge which is unique, because it has for its object the bringing together more especially those, as he said, who have emanated from a common centre. I was, as you are all aware, busily engaged during the latter part of the last year, and I did not think, and scarcely dared to hope, that I could have so shaped events as to be present at the various meetings of the Lodge. But by looking a little ahead I was enabled, fortunately for myself, to keep myself free for all the Lodge meetings, and having taken the work in hand I managed to get here and do it. I accepted the office, although it is many years since I have been an active Mason. It was not only the work in the Lodge that I had to lay myself out for, but I had to set an example to future Masters, knowing that that example would be maintained, so that the Lodge might hope for all time that each Master would do the whole work falling to his share. I cannot claim credit for having done that work so well as Bro. Hutton has pointed out, but I can say that of all the work I had to do last year the greatest was to revive the knowledge to enable me to go through the work of the Lodge. Many and many a night after I got to bed I have lain awake trying to piece together the various parts of the ritual I had to perform. And whenever I got hold of a brother at odd times—on a railway journey for instance—I have appealed to him as to the part I was in doubt about, and have got him to go through it with me; and it was only by thus making use of every spare moment that I was able to perform the task I had undertaken. Whatever, however, has been the labour of this call upon me I am amply rewarded by the way in which you have recognised my work. Also, because it has brought me in connection with many former acquaintances in my life, and that Bro. Hutton has been enabled to speak of me in terms which I value most highly. I do not think we could pay a greater compliment to any man than to be able to say, "I believe by your walk in life you have been tolerably successful in carrying out the principles of Freemasonry." I must not detain the brethren, but without saying a few words I should have felt that I was not showing myself grateful for your kindness. To my past Officers I return thanks for the manner in which they have supported me, and to the brethren for the way they have obeyed my commands. While we continue to carry out these principles there can be nothing but prosperity before us, and I hope that our connection may be continued for many years, that we may meet under the Masonic roof when we cannot meet at any other times, and that we each of us may derive satisfaction from being able to meet in friendly converse and social chat, and taking ourselves away from the cares of the world two or three times a year for happiness, comfort, or consolation. We shall retire from these meetings benefited and refreshed, and shall each of us gain much by keeping in mind the principles of Freemasonry. W.M. and Brethren, I beg to thank you again for the handsome jewel you have presented to me. Among the guests present were Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, who, by the way, is an honorary member; Bro. H. D. Stead P.M. 1297, &c., father of the W.M.; Thomas How P.M. 12, J. D. E. Tarr J.D. 1293, J. M. Chapman W.M. 1299, C. E. Ferry P.M. 65, W. E. Smallman 507, A. W. Willis 1491, J. F. Hadden 766, E. Woodman S.W. 1950, J. G. Prickett 613, J. Hawkins P.M. 1693, J. J. Wooley J.W. 15, H. Ashton Mozart, S. Leigh 201, J. Laidlaw Cross 90, J. W. Hanson 1706, F. Bevan 1706, and E. C. Massey P.M. 1297. After the closing of the Lodge, the members and their guests dined together under the presidency of the W.M., and after the cloth had been withdrawn the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the chairman and cordially received by the company. In proposing the first toast the W.M. feelingly referred to Her Majesty's recent bereavement, and the loss which the Craft also had sustained in the death of the Duke of Albany. The Grand Secretary responded for the Grand Officers, and referred to the zeal displayed by the Earl of Carnarvon as Pro Grand Master, mentioning in particular the ceremony at Peterborough on the preceding Wednesday, where the Earl of Carnarvon, supported by a large gathering of eminent Masons, had laid the foundation stone of the portion of the Cathedral that is to be re-erected. The Grand Secretary said it gave him great pleasure to revisit John Carpenter Lodge, which he had the privilege of consecrating twelve months ago, when he had also installed the then Lord Mayor as the first W.M., and he was extremely pleased to learn that they had prospered. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Sir Henry E. Knight, who said that he was satisfied that the brother who succeeded him would, no less than he (Sir H. E. Knight) had done, desire to see everything done in a proper manner, and that he was satisfied Bro. Stead, who was a well-skilled Mason, would carry on the work in an efficient manner, and that twelve months hence they would be able to congratulate him upon the progress the Lodge had made under his rule. Bro. Stead thanked Sir Henry Knight for the very kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the Brethren for their cordial reception of the toast. It had long been his desire that there should be a Lodge established as an outcome from the City of London School, and he felt deeply indebted to Sir Henry Knight for having assisted in its formation, because there could be no doubt that the success they had achieved was attributable to his co-operation. He trusted that during his year the brethren would provide him with plenty of work, and that at the end of his term of office they would be able to congratulate each other on the further progress made by the John Carpenter Lodge. A number of other toasts were proposed, including the Visitors, the Past Master, the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers of the Lodge, before the proceedings were brought to a close with the Tyler's Toast. In the intervals between the toasts some very effective songs were given by professional brethren, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. J. W. T. Chapman, assisted by Bro. H. Ashton, Bro. T. W. Hanson, and Bro. F. Bevan.

SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

WITHOUT wishing to offer any disparagement to large Lodges, or to those whose members are desirous of making them so, we can but confess that we much prefer small assemblies, especially when at the close of the day's work the brethren adjourn to the social board. We have frequently referred to this subject, pointing out advantages which are associated with smaller gatherings though unknown to larger ones, and although there may be some few corresponding benefits attached to numerously attended meetings, we yet feel that our choice is with those where the company number some twenty or thirty only. On such occasions the brethren appear to be on more jovial terms with each other than is the case where eighty or ninety are assembled, and seem to enjoy themselves, if we may say so, in a homely manner, rather than in a semi-professional way, as is sometimes the case at large meetings. This is natural, as it necessarily follows that with a company numbering close on one hundred it is impossible for all to be known to each other; and notwithstanding the introduction each may have to the other from a Masonic point of view, there is a feeling that many present are comparative strangers, a feeling which cannot be wholly removed no matter how ably a Master may preside, or how well he may be supported by his Officers and Past Masters. The annual meeting of the Samson Lodge, which took place on Tuesday, the 13th, at the Regent Masonic Hall, Regent Street, W., was a truly representative gathering of joviality and good feeling. We account for this from the fact that the assembly was not a large one, that the W.M. and Officers did their best to entertain the brethren, and that, generally speaking, all were known to each other or personally introduced by friends, a proceeding hardly possible in an assemblage of three or four times the number. The Lodge was presided over by Bro. H. Aarons, the W.M. of the past year, who was supported during the holding of the Lodge by Bros. Isaac Quincey (W.M. elect) S.W., H. W. Casperd J.W., Baron D. Barnett P.M. Sec., B. A. Kingsbury S.D., B. Fuld J.D., J. S. Miller D.C., A. Glück I.G., Ochse P.M., Lover P.M., W. H. G. Rudderforth P.M., &c. The business was of a varied nature, comprising the working of the third degree, the initiation of candidates, and the reception of joining members, in addition to that usual on the occasion of installation ceremonies. This latter was most ably worked by Bro. Lover P.M., who placed Bro. Quincey into the chair, and performed the other duties of his high office in a most efficient manner. In due course the W.M. appointed the Officers of the year, as follows: Casperd S.W., Kingsbury J.W., M. D. Loewenstark P.M. (absent) Treas., Barnett P.M. Sec., Fuld S.D., Glück J.D., Miller, I.G., Lover P.M. D.C., Rudderforth P.M. Steward, Lancaster Assistant D.C., Levey Assistant Steward. The installation ceremony having been completed, and other business disposed of, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in the well known style of Bro. Nicol's establishment. At the conclusion of the repast, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, remarking that among the numerous subjects of Her Majesty none would be found more loyal than those who were associated with the Masonic Craft. The toast of the Grand Master required little or no introduction. The mention of the name of His Royal Highness was always sufficient to call forth a hearty response. The Prince of Wales took great interest in Freemasonry, and attended its meetings as often as he was able to do. The same might be said of the other rulers in Freemasonry, and of the Grand Officers generally, who all did their best to advance the interests of the Order. Bro. Aarons, the I.P.M., having assumed the gavel, toasted the W.M. Those who had been associated with Bro. Quincey could testify to his jovial disposition, while his ability in the duties required of him would speak for itself. He always performed his work well, and with credit to himself. The W.M. returned his thanks. He had been told, when he joined the Samson Lodge, that he was foolish in doing so, but he had lived to prove this otherwise. He had always got on well in the Lodge, and he hoped his fortune would continue now that he was its ruler. He next proposed the toast of the Initiates, to which Bro. Thos. Vercoe Rogers replied in an able manner; indeed, we do not remember many occasions on which an initiate has appeared to so thoroughly grasp the state of affairs as Bro. Rogers seemed to have done on this his first night in Freemasonry. He was followed by the other newly-admitted brother, who also spoke in a way which many older Masons might envy. He thanked the brethren for his reception among them. He had often dreamed of what Freemasonry consisted, and was now pleased to find his desire to join in its mysteries gratified. Having put his hand to the plough, he trusted he might never desire to turn back, but that he might go on and on until, at his death, he might be remembered as one who was a credit to Freemasonry. Bro. Demeter Pick, the joining member, followed. He had always had a desire to join an English Lodge, and now felt he had made a good choice in selecting the Samson. The W.M. then proposed the health of his predecessor, referring to his many good qualities, his jovial disposition and the ability he had displayed in the ruling of the Lodge. On behalf of the members he had much pleasure in presenting a P.M.'s jewel, which he hoped Bro. Aarons would prize and long wear among them. The jewel was a very handsome one, and bore the following inscription:—

Presented by the
Members of the Samson Lodge, No. 1668, to
Bro. H. AARONS P.M.,
as a mark of their respect and esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. during his year of office.
13th May 1884.

Bro. Aarons tendered his sincere thanks for the kind words of the Master, the hearty approval of the brethren, and the jewel they had presented to him. He had attained the summit of his ambition in the Samson Lodge—that of a P.M.—and hoped he might live for many years to wear the mark of esteem his brother Masons had presented him with. The W.M. heartily proposed the health of the Visitors,

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several of whom responded, and then the toast of the Past Masters was given. It was enthusiastically received, and acknowledged by Bro. Ochse and Lover. The health of the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Installing Master was coupled in one toast. The W.M. felt that all regretted the absence of the Treasurer, but must rejoice in the presence of the other distinguished brethren included in this toast. Bro. Lover, in the course of his reply, said he was ever ready and willing to render any service in his power to the Lodge. He had filled the office of I.G. at its start, had passed its chair as W.M., and had performed the ceremony of installation of its Master, not only once, but on some few occasions. He was still ready to do what he could to advance its interests, and trusted he should always act so as to receive the approval of his brethren. The Officers were next honoured, and the toast having been responded to, the Tyler was summoned, and he concluded the proceedings. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Kingham P.M. 721, J. Burdett 1293, G. Dorme 35, W. A. Dawling 2012, J. Field 317, W. R. Barnett W.M. 1901, J. J. Taffs P.M. 186, S. Rowe South Africa (Netherlands Constitution), S. Barnett W.M. 185, J. A. Gartley W.M. 205, W. H. Benjamin W.M. 1317, T. Clark 28, J. J. Bell P.M. 1178, C. Kosminski, 185, &c.

KENT LODGE, No. 15.

THE regular meeting of this ancient and flourishing Lodge was held on the 14th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. Stinson W.M., Legge S.W., Woolley J.W., Dr. Sleeman P.M. Treasurer, Dukes P.M. Secretary, James S.D., Cammell J.D., Pritchard I.G., Potier D.C., Wells P.M. Steward, Saunders Organist; P.M.'s Hirst I.P.M., Posener and Ball. Visitors—Pooken P.M. 1536, Smith jun. I.P.M. 1839, E. Levy 780, Hanson 1706, Serjeant W.M. 1227, Legge 1227, Newbold P.M., Bradgate 55, Ray late 15, Weingott late 15, Smith I.P.M. 1538, Simon 1997, Clark P.M. 1227, Smith sen. 1839, Holt 1766, Walesby 813, Levett 452, McBean P.M. 194, Robertson W.M. 1538, Bartlett 1347, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Downs and Mortimer were raised to the third degree very perfectly and impressively by the W.M., who also gave the traditional history. Bro. McCleary was passed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Grimmett, Scott and Towers, who were duly initiated into the Order. All the ceremonies were very ably worked, and every Officer was perfect. Hearty good wishes were given, and Lodge was closed until the second Wednesday in October. The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a sumptuous banquet and dessert was provided by Bros. Gordon and Hamp, that gave great satisfaction. The W.M. proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts in appropriate terms. Bro. Hirst I.P.M. said any member who was versed in Freemasonry must have seen the excellent manner in which the W.M. had performed the ceremonies of raising, passing and initiating. Those ceremonies had been carried out in a manner that could not be excelled. This was the last meeting until October. That night they met in considerable numbers, and he hoped to meet them in equal numbers at the next assembly. The W.M., in reply, said his motto as regards speech was Brevity. His aim and desire was always to please. He trusted he had worked the ritual to their satisfaction, and hoped on the completion of his year of office to receive the same expressions of approval as greeted him at his installation. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Initiates; those brethren, judging by their introduction, would doubtless be a credit to their Lodge and to the Craft in general. After the toast had been acknowledged, the Visitors were complimented. Other toasts followed in quick succession, and the proceedings throughout were of a most agreeable character.

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CHARITY ORGANISATIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your article on this subject is gratifying beyond measure, as showing both what a little energy and perseverance is capable of effecting for our Charities, and likewise that few brethren need henceforth allege it as a reason for not contributing towards the funds of our Institutions that the narrowness of their means will not allow of their doing so. I have seen in your columns particulars of the balance sheets of other Masonic Charity Associations, chiefly metropolitan, in which the periodical payments are less heavily felt, but I do not remember to have read of any plan similar to that organised in the Province of Staffordshire, from which so much good has been derived. It is not stated whether the one guinea per annum to the A Fund and the five shillings to the B Fund must be paid in one amount, but even if that is indispensable, the benefits held out to the subscribers are so clear, and the advantages to the Charities so obvious, that I imagine most brethren will be willing to put up with the inconvenience of a temporary pressure on their funds, rather than forego the advantages which may possibly result to them under the Staffordshire arrangement. In any circumstances, the large sum raised by the Organisation—only a few shillings short of £4000 in little more than twelve years—will be noted with general satisfaction, while the existence of a separate and distinct fund for the payment of the working expenses, and the grant of assistance under certain conditions to the children of local brethren is a feature which cannot be too highly praised. However, I need say little more on the subject. The fact to which you have given due prominence, namely, that in the year 1883 alone, £420 out of the £573 contributed to the A Fund was expended in the purchase of eighty Life Subscriberships to our different Institutions needs no embellishment. It is what some people call a "big fact," which there is no getting over or explaining away, and I can only hope the example thus set by Staffordshire, and acted upon with such success by it for a considerable term of years, will be followed by other Provinces, of whom there are several who might do so with great advantage to the Institutions and still greater credit to themselves.

I remain, fraternally yours,

ALPHA.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Lacey's propositions, as described in your article of last week, are well worthy of consideration. There is no doubt of their having been conceived in a spirit of moderation, and, in the event of the heavy demands on the resources of the Institution being continued, there is equally no doubt that something will have to be done to lessen it, if not in the particular direction indicated by Bro. Lacey, in some other, which may possibly be in the end more extreme still. But I would suggest that no such reform should be attempted, at least until every other class of suggestion has been pretty well exhausted. Thus, as the Annuities on the two Funds, at the figures at which they respectively stand now, are by no means excessive, I would suggest their continuance for the present, neither would I propose to reduce the incomes which the Male and Female Annuitants are respectively permitted to enjoy apart from the annual sums paid to them by the Institution. But might we not first of all try the effect of making the qualifications of candidates for the two Funds more stringent in respect of age, raising the minimum limit for Males from sixty to sixty-five, and that for Females from fifty-five to sixty? Then, if little or no relief is afforded by this change, we might take a further step in the same direction of stringency and require Male candidates to have been registered Master Masons for twenty instead of fifteen years, and subscribing members to a Lodge or Lodges for fifteen years of that period; corresponding and proportionate alterations to be made in the case of candidates for the Widows' Fund. I would also suggest—and I am not aware of the suggestion having emanated from any other brother—that in the case of brethren who have been concurrently members of two or more Lodges, such concurrent membership should not be allowed to count, until *after* they have been registered Master Masons for (say) fifteen years, and subscribing members for ten years of that period. My reason for submitting the latter proposition is, that membership of more than one Lodge is unnecessary, save in very rare cases, and consequently, that it entails on the brethren so subscribing an amount of expense which, as being unnecessary, and therefore extravagant, should be discouraged as much as possible.

I am not wedded to this kind of reform, but it might be worth trying as a first step or steps towards reducing the number of applicants for the benefits of the Benevolent Institution.

Fraternally yours,

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MUSIC FOR THE FESTIVALS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I lately received a request from the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to send in a list of artistes for the forthcoming Festival on 21st May.

As it is considered an honour by myself and brother artistes to obtain the Festival (but *not* a pecuniary profit), I forwarded a list of the best leading vocalists of the day. Four or five more brethren had also been ordered to send a similar list. However, none of the brethren, after they had each taken a good deal of trouble, in corresponding, calling, and even personal expenses, have been successful.

We were informed that a lady had the music. This lady is not connected with Masonry, neither her father, husband, nor brothers being Masons.

I ask you, is it reasonable that four or five brethren should be put to trouble and expense to compete, &c., with such unprofitable results?

As Masons, we think we have a right to be considered *first*. We work in Masonry all the year, and for years, and I ask you, would the Musical Committee give the music to a lady if they were not personally interested?

In the interests of my fellow artistes, I ask you the favour of inserting this in your valuable paper, and remain, with high respect,

Yours faithfully,

ONE OF THE COMPETITORS.

We are compelled to hold over several important features of interest in connection with the events of the week.

The Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, will hold its first meeting this day (Saturday), the 17th inst., at the Roebuck Tavern, Turnham Green, W. The brethren assemble at 8 o'clock, Bro. W. Ayling will be the Preceptor.

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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 MAY.

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)
1339—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1534—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
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.

410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1558—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
R.A. 69—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 19th 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, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.

1158—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1462—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 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. 1502—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
M.M. 234—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
383—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge
434—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
533—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
735—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
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
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1308—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham

R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
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. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
R.A. 1081—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 20th MAY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, 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)
860—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
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, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., 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.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
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. 1365—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
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
846—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
884—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 106 High Street, Croydon
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1069—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1115—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
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Sugeley

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. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 510—St Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 704—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 21st MAY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
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)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Belham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
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)
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, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
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. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1598—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
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
346—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
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)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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
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
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 (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1631—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom

R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
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. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Newstead, Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

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THURSDAY, 22nd MAY.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
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)
90—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, 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)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (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.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1632—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (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.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1960—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. 167—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
R.A. 763—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, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
73—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
303—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
349—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
894—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford

1235—Stanley, 314 Great 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)
1636—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1692—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 293—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 304—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 23rd MAY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
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, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
862—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)
1296—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.
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.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
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. 153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 1066—Walton, Skelmersdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards, Heath, Sussex
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 24th MAY.

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
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1634—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.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
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1962—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—On Tuesday, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bros. Walker W.M. and Secretary, Bentley Haynes S.W., Dyson J.W., Roberts S.D., Steed I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Daniel, Webb, Smith. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Steed candidate. Bro. Steed answered questions leading to third degree, and after being entrusted the ceremony of the sublime degree was rehearsed. Bro. Bentley Haynes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 7th May, when Bro. Robt. Smith J.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in his usual able and impressive manner by Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. 697 P.P.G.C. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Geo. A. Eustace I.P.M., Saml. H. Ellis S.W., John Thos. Bailey J.W., Rev. E. H. Crate P.P.G.C. Chap., Richd. Clowes P.S.G.W. Treas., Thomas Rix P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Sec., Rev. W. Morgan Jones S.D., John G. Renshaw J.D., Thos. Eustace P.M. P.P.G.S.B. D.C., A. F. Amos Org., G. P. Hasell I.G., A. J. Norman, A. J. Ward, S. S. Parsons, and H. C. Welch Stewards, S. Munson Tyler. At the conclusion of the business, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Crate for his kindness in performing the ceremony of installation. Between 50 and 60 brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, a sumptuous banquet being provided by the hostess, Mrs. Guiver. After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and an excellent programme of vocal music was ably performed by Bros. Osmond, Turner, Gowers, Amos, and Sparling. Altogether the festival passed off most successful. Among the brethren present, either at Lodge or banquet were:—Bros. Richd. Clowes I.P.M. 650 P.G.S.W., Thos. J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 P.G. Sec., Alfred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.J.G.W., A. R. Clench P.M. 697 P.P.S.G.W., C. Osmond W.M. 51 P.P.G.O., John J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., S. Lord W.M. 433, J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec. 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., C. Blyth P.M. 433 P.P.G.P., H. G. Everare W.M. 650 P.G. Stwd., M. L. Sanders J.W. 650 P.G. Stwd., R. H. Ives S.W. 51, W. Rudham 1977, E. A. Basham 1977, Thos. Willis 1977, C. Dibben 1024, E. Gowers J.W. 1024 P.P.G.O., A. Smith S.W. 433, Thos. Wilson 433, John Potten 168, and the following members of 697:—Thos. G. Mills I.P.M. P.G.P., G. Hervey P.M., A. Gosling P.M., J. Street P.M., Percy Mitford, John Howe, A. J. Ward, J. Ashdown, S. S. Parsons, H. Welch, H. Burton, J. Horncastle, W. Pepper, W. Jelley, L. F. Manley, H. J. Skingley, A. S. B. Sparling, A. J. Norman, H. Langstone, W. M. Tricker, H. C. Williams, C. T. Thorn, &c.

LODGE OF EMULATION, No. 1990.

AT the meeting of the above Lodge, at the Freemasons' Club-Landport, on Saturday, 10th inst., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre P.G Secretary attended for the purpose of installing Bro. G. Felton Lancaster P.P.G.D. as the W.M. for the ensuing year. This Lodge is composed of Past Masters of the Craft in the Province, of whom there was a large attendance. A special vote of thanks was awarded Bro. Le Feuvre for his kindness in attending to conduct the ceremony. Bro. Lancaster appointed the following as Officers for the year:—Bros. Dr. J. R. O'Connor P.P.G.W. acting I.P.M., R. Loveland Loveland P.P.G. Reg. S.W., R. J. Rastrick P.G. Treasurer J.W., Rev. J. N. Palmer P.P.G.W. Chaplain, W. Edmonds P.P.G. Reg. Treasurer. S. R. Ellis P.P.G.D.C. Secretary, F. Newman P.P.G.W. S.D., A. Barfield P.P.G.D. J.D., H. Martin Green P.G.W. D.C., C. H. Liddell P.P.G.S. Organist, T. Francis I.G., R. Eve P.P.G.W. and R. W. Beale P.P.G.S. Stewards. It was resolved that a vote of thanks be passed to Bro. J. R. Hayman for his services as the first W.M. of the Lodge, and that the same be engrossed on vellum and presented to him. After the business of the Lodge, the brethren sat down to dinner, the post-prandial proceedings, in accordance with the custom of the Lodge, partaking of the character of a smoking concert, interspersed with toasts. A preliminary Committee was formed for the purpose of carrying out a concert in aid of Masonic charity, to be given at Southsea during the Regatta week.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End Road. There were present Bros. Sinclair W.M., Cohen S.W., Eastland J.W., Barnes Treasurer, Stewart Secretary, Tyer S.D., Brown J.D., Oxley I.G. and E. W. Clements. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Clements offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed. Bro. Stewart worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the W.M. Bro. I. P. Cohen worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Cohen was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Brown P.M. 169 was elected an honorary member of the Lodge.

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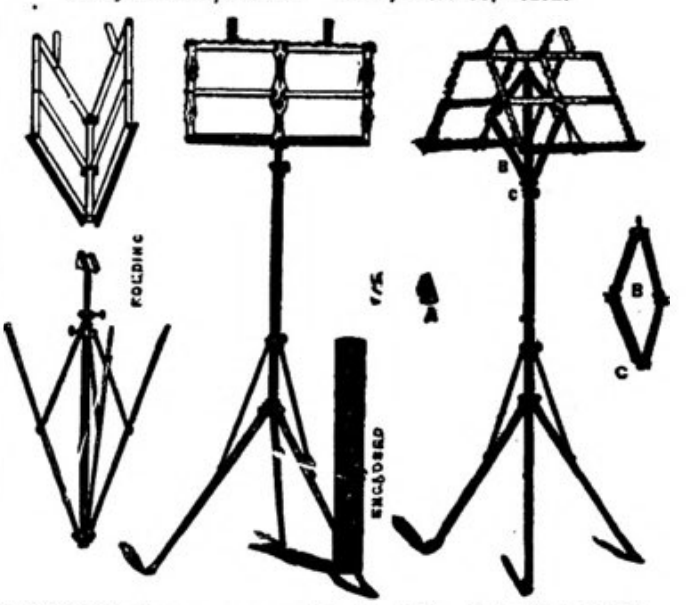
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

IT is with infinite pleasure we approach the task of chronicling the event of the week in regard to this the oldest of the three Institutions so closely connected with the Mason Craft—the Festival in aid of the Funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Ninety-sixth Anniversary Festival was held on Wednesday, and the result must be intensely gratifying to the executive of this popular Institution. The Festival itself was preceded, as usual, by the annual visit of the Stewards to the Schools, which took place on Monday, when the Baroness Burdett-Coutts most graciously undertook the duty of presenting the Prizes to the Pupils who had more especially distinguished themselves during the past year. Her Ladyship was accompanied by Lady Tenterden, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Spencer Chapman, Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, and Bro. Burdett-Coutts, the last named being this year the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards. Her Ladyship was received by Bro. Colonel Creaton Past Grand Treasurer, Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D., and other members of the Committee, and inspected the establishment, expressing herself much gratified with the general arrangements. The company assembled in the Large Hall, where the accommodation provided was taxed to its fullest extent; indeed, many were unable to find room to witness the proceedings and enjoy the entertainment.

We append the official programme :—

Part I.

Hymn—(to be sung by all present) "Old Hundredth."

Trios—"Marche des Ruines d'Athènes"—Beethoven—36 hands.

Trios—"Der Freischütz"—Weber—36 hands.—Grace Bartrum, Emily Cecil, Ellen Dalafons, Minnie Gough, Gertrude Hare, Julia Harvey, Kate Hebblethwaite, Louisa Johnson, Mabel Lewis, Florence Mason, Mabel Osmond, Annie Parker, Alice Pope, Florence Popkiss, Amy Rogers, Agnes Stephenson, Inga Wilkinson, Adelaide White.

Recitation—"Wedding among the Flowers"—1st Part—Ann Taylor—Ellen Ashton.

Duets—"Scherzetto"—Maude Valérie White—24 hands.

Duets—"Gavotte Stéphanie"—A. Czibulka—24 hands.—Ethel Allison, Grace Bartrum, Emily Cecil, Ellen Delafons, Minnie Gough, Minnie Howle, Cecily Jardine, Mildred Okell, Alice Pope, Agnes Stephenson, Susanna Tippler.

Recitation—"Wedding among the Flowers" 2nd Part—Ann Taylor—Ellen Ashton.

Prizes to the Highest Pupils—

Susannah Mary Norrish, the Gold Medal for Proficiency, given annually by Brother William Paas, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn. Clara Kingcombe, the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, given annually by the Institution, with £5 given annually by Brother William Winn. Mary Anne Johnson, for Proficiency in Music (Royal Academy Examination), £5 given annually by Brother William Winn.

Prizes given by the Institution :—

For Passing Cambridge Examination in 2nd Class Honours—Susanna Mary Norrish.

For Passing Cambridge Examination in 3rd Class Honours—Mona B. Hennet, Clara Kingcombe, Julia Harvey, Edith M. Potts, Eleanor Spurging, Gertrude Mey, Kate Parker, Kathleen Collins.

For Passing Cambridge Examination—Minnie S. Ansell, Katherine A. Peele, Ada B. Tanare, Mary Anne Johnson, Edith Hicks, Alice W. Cecil.

Part II.

Part Song—"Make the Car of a Golden King-cup"—Sir Michael Costa.

Recitation—"La mort de Jeanne d'Arc"—Delavigne—Fanny Oberdoerffer.

Toy Symphony—Haydn—18 performers. Ethel Allison, Rose Bridgeman, Ruth Byers, Maude Carter, Emily Cecil, Ellen Delafons, Minnie Gough, Kate Hebblethwaite, Edith Hicks, Charlotte Macmillan, Gertrude Mey, Mabel Osmond, Eleanor Peele, Alice Pope, Florence Popkiss, Nina Prideaux, Agnes Stephenson, Mary Wyatt.

Recitation—"Curfew shall not toll to-night"—Alice W. Cecil.

Quartette—"Dichter und Bauer"—F. Von Suppé—24 hands.—Effie Bellamy, Rose Bridgeman, Lucy Busher, Maud Carter, Alice Cecil, Agnes Deeley, Mary Ann Johnson, Gertrude Mey, Rosina Symon, Ada Tanare, Mabel Ward, Mary Wyatt.

Class II.—Mary A. Wyatt, Proficiency.

Class III.—Catherine F. Hide, Proficiency.

Class IV.—Susanna H. M. Tippler, Proficiency.

Class V.—Ada M. Watson, Proficiency.

Class VI.—Florence James, Proficiency.

Class VII.—Maude Hill, Proficiency; Needlework, Edith M. Potts, Laura S. Spurr, Evalina Mary Hill, Minnie C. Goddin, Florance E. Wilton; Machine Work, Amelia J. Hocking, Frances A. Swain; General Usefulness, Marion Whyatt, Mary Rugg; Order and Attention (as proved by Conduct Marks throughout the year), Annie Elizabeth Hill, Rosa Pauline Pelham.

Part III.

Part Song—"Tell me where is fancy bred"—J. G. Calcott.

Lecture Française—de "John Bull et son île"—Max O'Rell—Susanna M. Norrish.

Recitation—"Henry IV. and Prince Henry"—Shakespeare—Ada B. Tanare, Alice W. Cecil.

Pianoforte Solo—"Scherzo, Trio and Allegro Op. 2, No. 3"—Beethoven—Mary Anne Johnson.

Recitation—"Clapham Junction" (a parody)—Ada B. Tanare.

Symphonie—"No. 1, in C major"—Haydn—24 hands.—Kathleen Collings, Maude Cowley, Mona Hennet, Edith Hicks, Mary Ann Johnson, Geraldine Keighley, Clara Kingcombe, Gertrude Mey, Eleanor Peele, Mabel Ward, Ellen Waud, Clarissa Wright.

Prizes given by Friends of the Institution :—

By Bro. C. E. Atkinson, for Religious Knowledge :—Clara Kingcombe, Eleanor Spurging.

By Bro. Robert Grey, for Theory of Music (as distinguished at the Cambridge Examination) :—Susanna Mary Norrish, Julia Harvey.

The "Wentworth Little" Memorial Prize, for Music (2nd Prizes) :—Mabel Ward, Clarissa Wright, Eleanor Peele.

By Bro. and Mrs. Louis Hirsch, for Music (3rd Prizes) :—Ethel Allison, Emily Cecil.

The "John Boyd" Memorial Prize, for Drawing :—Katherine Peele, Ellen Waud, Rosamond Laybourne, Alice Pope.

By Bro. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., for French :—Fanny Oberdoerffer.

By Mrs. Crick, for Elocution :—Ada Tanare, Alice Cecil, Ellen Ashton.

The Supreme Grand Council of the 33rd Degree, for Good Conduct (1st Prize) :—Maude Cowley.

By Bro. Frank Richardson, for Good Conduct (2nd Prizes) :—Gertrude Mey, Mona Hennet.

By Mrs. Edgar Bowyer, for Needlework (1st Prize) :—Amy Laura Kirke.

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work :—Bessie Reed, Minnie Howle.

The "Yates" Memorial Prize (per St. James's Lodge, No. 482), for Domestic Duties (Cookery) :—Maude Cowley.

By Bro. H. Matthews, for Cookery (2nd Prize) :—Mary Anne Johnson.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Cookery (3rd Prize) :—Adelaide Brunskill.

By Bro. Robert Grey, for Calisthenics and Deportment :—Ellen Waud, Eveline Pelham.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Amiability (Selected by her Schoolfellows) :—Annie Edith Corney.

We do not feel called upon critically to comment on this performance in its entirety; but a few words from us may not be out of place. The musical selections throughout were eminently successful; the pupils undoubtedly work well together, and the most unqualified praise is due to the ladies to whom the musical instruction of the children in the Institution is entrusted. We were greatly pleased with the Recitation—"Wedding among the Flowers" (in two parts) by Ellen Ashton, who went through this popular work with a care and precision that denoted most careful

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study. Fanny Oberdoerffer was very successful, and delivered with excellent accent Delavigne's "La Mort de Jeanne d'Arc." "Curfew shall not toll to-night," was effectively rendered by Alice W. Cecil; while the selection from Shakspeare's Henry IV., Second Part, was in good hands when entrusted to Ada R. Tanare and Alice W. Cecil. Should we, however, have another opportunity of hearing these young ladies in this same selection, we would recommend they transpose parts. The deep intonation of the fair representative of the youthful prince would be more suited to the character of the King. We say this in no spirit of invidious comparison, but merely throw it out as a suggestion. Both did well, and each was deservedly applauded. At the conclusion of the Entertainment the Baroness Burdett-Coutts delivered the following address:—

A request has been made to me to say a few words on the present occasion. It is a request with which I feel bound to comply, and which in one sense is a simple pleasure, inasmuch as it enables me to testify the gratification of myself, and the friends who have accompanied me, at all we have seen and heard in this Institution. But the day is wearing on, and I feel I ought to be brief. It is very difficult to compress into a few words all I should like to say, together with the thoughts passing through my mind even as I speak. Yet one point is paramount, and that is congratulation; and I will therefore first offer those congratulations to myself, on being present to-day. It was with pleasure I accepted the proposal kindly conveyed to me to distribute your prizes, but it is with enhanced pleasure that I now thank the managers of this School for the privilege of taking part in its annual examination. It is always a delight to be associated in the remembrance of the young with those bright days which, like that of to-day, will become to them cherished memories; but besides this, it is a gratification to me to be connected in ever so slight a degree with those who, as managers and teachers, carry on the work of this great School—a work of education wisely conceived and brilliantly carried out—in every detail perfect; but this, while it is a source of satisfaction, is scarcely a subject for surprise in the work of a Masonic School. I would, secondly, warmly congratulate the scholars on their success, both individually and collectively; and above and beyond this, on their position as scholars and children of this Institution. Tenderly yet judiciously trained for their own welfare in life, they are also trained for the welfare of others, in whatever station of life they may hereafter occupy, possibly to remain as teachers (just as I understand is the case now) under the roof which sheltered them; or, as carrying about the seed of good sound work to whiten the harvest of humanity. They will never forget that to them, through their education, is entrusted the power to implant on the minds and hearts of those with whom in after life they may become connected, those precepts and those habits which, inculcating virtue, renders life under every variety of condition noble, useful and therefore happy. And now, thirdly, I have my heartfelt congratulations to offer to all those engaged in the direction and guidance of this School—to its managers, and to its teachers in every department—not only my own personal congratulations, but as all are more or less concerned in the question of educational work, and deeply interested and anxiously observant of its action upon national character—I venture to congratulate you on behalf of an outside public, for I may fairly claim to be its representative to-day—being myself only linked to your body through your courtesy for a few moments. We therefore congratulate and thank you for the blessings you are conferring on the country through the girls you are here training. They inherit no ignoble heritage, and you are preparing them to carry on in the future the noble line of English women of whom the country has so much reason to be proud, for though we have inherited a great deal from our forefathers—men useful and good—whose great names are handed down to us from generation to generation; men who carried out, wherever they went, the fervent desire to make this country honoured and respected; but side by side with these throughout our English history have been its women. If we feel pride in our forefathers, if they have been true and good, so have our foremothers (if I may thus coin the term). They have given to us, they have trained the sons, the husbands of the past, and their grandmothers were those who with their grandfathers watched over the honour of the nation in its domestic life. From generation to generation the women of England have carried out in the fullest manner all that gives dignity and comfort to life. The names of many are household words, and will never be forgotten. Lady Jane Grey, Rachael Lady Russell, Mrs. Fry, the devoted wife who effected her husband's escape from prison under the eyes of his jailors, and many more will doubtless suggest themselves, as I speak, and be remembered as types of our mothers and grandmothers; but in the past as in our present the names of quiet heroines remain unknown till that day when the name of each will be written on the "White Stone" of Scripture. Then, as now, and as—let us fervently hope they will do in the future—these earnest, quiet heroines carried to their graves the great work of life, and left a precious inheritance to their children, the example of a pure, honest, truthful, loving nature. If the Higher Education which is at present rather the cantword for female education gives to those who come after us women equal to those of the past it will do all any one can wish to see effected. In reference to the discussion upon education, which constantly presses itself on public attention, much difference of opinion must exist, and to all really thoughtful it must cause anxiety; but there seems to be one unquestionable duty for all; some may approve, some may disapprove the tendencies of modern education, but every one should strive, as is done in this Institution, to direct it beneficially, collecting (as the bee does from even poisonous flowers) all that is useful for the needs of the present, cultivating the disposition as well as the intellect, and preserving to our girlhood and womanhood,

> "A heart within whose sacred cell
> The peaceful virtues love to dwell,
> Affection warm, and faith sincere,
> And soft humanity were there."

A cordial vote of thanks to her Ladyship was proposed by Bro. Col. Creaton. The company then partook of refreshments; the usual calisthenic exercises were most successfully carried out, and the evening was brought to a conclusion after the disciples of Terpsichore had disported themselves to the honour of that festive goddess.

We will now refer to the proceedings of Wednesday, and at the outset tender our hearty congratulations to the Chairman of the day, the Right Honourable the Lord Brooke, M.P.; to the brethren of his Province, and indeed to the Craft at large, on the very satisfactory result of their exertions. Amongst those who supported his Lordship were:—Bros. R. J. Fennimore D.G.M. Natal, Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain, Horace Brooks Marshall Grand Treasurer, Colonel J. Creaton Past Grand Treas., F. A. Philbrick Grand Registrar, D.G.M. Essex, President of the Board of Stewards, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, E. Letchworth G.D., Dr. Jabez Hogg, J. A. Rucker, Robert Grey, Peter de Lande Long, Frank Richardson Past Grand Deacons, Griffiths Smith G.A.D.C., John Messent P.G.S.B., Col. Peters P.G.S.B., Jas. H. Matthows G. Std. Br., Edgar Bowyer P.G. Std. Br., W. Burdett-Coutts W.M. 2030 Treasurer Board of Stewards, C. Hammerton Chairman Board of Stewards, T. J. Ralling Prov. G. Sec. Essex, Alderman Savory, Herbert Dicketts, J. Faulkner, Fredk. Binckes Secretary R.M.I. Boys, Jas. Terry Sec. R.M. Benevolent Institution, F. R. W. Hedges Sec. Girls' School, Rev. Dr. Morris LL.D., Henry Smith Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, A. Lucking, Richard Clowes W.M. 650, Provincial G.S.W. Essex, R. Vassar Vassar-Smith P.G.J.W. Gloucestershire, Henry C. Caseley 114 P.P.G.W. Suffolk, Rev. F. B. Sheppard P.M. 1543 P.P.G.W. Essex, W. H. B. Tomlinson, J.P., P.M. 154 P.P.G.W. W. Yorks, Rev. J. Marsden P.P.G. Chap. S. Wales (W. Div.), D. P. Cama P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, A. McDowall I.P.M. 1962 P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, Clement Tudway P.M. 592 P.P.G.D.C. Gloucestershire, W. F. Smithson P.M. 1001 P.P.G.D.C. West Yorkshire, Robert Berridge, F.R.G.S., P.G. Steward, James R. Cassell P.M. 46 P.G. Steward, W. Cunningham Glen 197 P.G. Steward, F. Sumner Knyvett P.M. 1494 P.G. Steward, John Mason P.P.G.D. Middlesex, E. C. Mather, E. G. Harwood Mayor of Bolton, Samuel Bland High Sheriff of Gloucester, &c.

The banquet was capitally served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, lessees of the Freemasons' Tavern, under the superintendence of Bro. Edward Dawkins, and hearty congratulations were offered to the several Stewards through whose exertions so satisfactory a result had been achieved.

Lord Brooke, in proposing the health of Her Majesty the Queen, the Most Gracious Patroness of the Institution, said it was useless for him to dilate on the toast. In no place had Her Majesty a more affectionate reception than in the hearts of Freemasons. The Queen had made herself beloved during a long and prosperous reign by those personal qualities, both private and public, which should endear her to the nation. When they had to regret the loss of one of the best beloved of their Order (the Duke of Albany) the heart of every Freemason in the country went forth in the deepest sympathy with Her Majesty the Queen. In speaking to the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family, the Chairman alluded to His Royal Highness's admirable discharge of his Masonic duties. With the rest of the Masonic body, he had sustained a great loss in the death of the late lamented Duke of Albany. It was naturally a painful subject to allude to, and particularly so to himself (Lord Brooke), for his earliest recollections of Freemasonry were connected with the Duke of Albany, in whose presence he had the honour of being initiated, in an Oxford Lodge. He also had the honour of being installed as Provincial Grand Master of Essex by His Royal Highness. It was a great pleasure to the Duke of Albany to go down amongst the brethren of Essex, and he (Lord Brooke) had been requested on many occasions to assure the brethren of that Province of Prince Leopold's great pleasure at the cordial reception extended to him by them. With regard to the Princess of Wales, she had made herself beloved throughout the kingdom by her charming manner and every attribute which became a high-born lady. From the moment she set her foot on English ground she found a warm corner in the heart of every Freemason. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, in replying for the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, said if any of the brethren

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present had had the privilege and pleasure that he had, at Peterborough, of seeing Lord Carnarvon perform the ceremony on behalf of the Prince of Wales, he was sure they would say his Lordship was an ornament to Freemasonry. There was a scene, however, far superior, at the meeting at the Girls' School on Monday last, when they saw the results of Freemasonry in the glorious and beautiful assemblage of children, and heard from the lips of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts words of such eloquence and wisdom as he ventured to say had seldom been heard in any Masonic assembly. Bro. Fennimore, District Grand Master of Natal, in proposing the health of the Chairman said, although he had been but a short time in England, he had seen sufficient to know that this toast was well worthy of the brethren's favourable reception. From what his Lordship had said, he could see that a melancholy interest attached to his installation as Prov. Grand Master for Essex. The death of His Royal Highness the late Duke of Albany was deeply deplored by all, and one of the last injunctions impressed upon him, before leaving Natal, was to convey the heartiest expressions of the regret and sympathy of the Natal Masons to the brethren here. He wished to say how much he appreciated the kind sympathy he had received from the brethren, and how pleased he was to see so distinguished a gathering that evening. He would like to say many other things, but time was short, and while thanking them very much for their reception, he would propose the health of the Chairman, Lord Brooke. The Chairman, after expressing thanks for the cordial reception given him, thanked the brethren of Essex and his Deputy, Bro. Philbrick, for the manner in which they had supported him. This was only one of the many acts of kind feeling and friendship which they were always ready to shew him. He felt the result of the evening would be a grand pecuniary success, and it would be greatly due to the efforts of the brethren of his Province. The Chairman next proposed the toast of the evening, Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. This was the object uppermost in the minds of the brethren. They had, he trusted, in various ways been striving to do to the best of their ability all they could to promote the success of the Institution of which he was speaking. It had usually been the custom for those who were about to take the chair to attend the meeting previously held for the purpose of giving away the prizes to the girls; but another engagement prevented him doing so. The thanks of the brethren were, however, due to the excellent lady the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who on Monday went to Battersea Rise and distributed the prizes to the girls who had won them. It was only one of the acts of kindness which that eminent lady had performed during her exceedingly able career, a career which had been of so much benefit, not only to the City of London, but to the whole country. If he might be allowed, without troubling the brethren too much, he would read an extract from a letter which the Baroness had written to Bro. Hedges, the Secretary, in which she said: "I am glad to have again an opportunity of thanking the Committee for the personal pleasure of Monday, which will not be effaced readily from my memory. I saw the signs of a very important and useful national work which you are carrying out at the Masonic Girls' School." These sentiments of the Baroness, so admirably expressed, he was sure were shared in by every one present. They had most of them probably attended there on a similar occasion, and he would not detain them at great length in describing the various merits of the Institution; but he would like, first of all, to recall their memory to the fact that the Institution was founded in 1788, and that during the course of the School since its establishment 1350 girls had been educated, maintained, and clothed within it, from the age of 8 to the age of 16. They received a sound English education, and were most worthily and excellently prepared for the various duties which might fall to their lot in future life. Although he thought it was right they should be brought up to the refinements of education, still, for the position of those girls who attended the School, he thought it necessary they should be fitted so far as possible for the life which was before them. If they would allow him to say so, he thought there was further testimony to the excellence of the School in the fact that 15 girls went up to the University examination and all passed successfully, nine with honours. There was also another important fact that the teachers of the School were every one of them, with the exception of the head mistress, girls who had been educated in the Institution. It appeared to him to be a most excellent practice, because having been there a great portion of their lives they must know, naturally better than any other person, what the requirements of the Institution were, and would be able to impress on those who went there the great advantages which they themselves had obtained. Most heartily he wished prosperity to the School, a prosperity which he thought was assured from the fact that at this moment there were 239 girls enjoying the benefits of the Institution. He was aware that the cause of the Institution had been advocated by many much more able men than he. The brethren had seen in that chair illustrious men; men who had made their mark in the country, as well as members of the Royal Family. He therefore felt that it was an honour to preside, and he could only trust most heartily that this occasion might be one of pecuniary success to the School, and that when the Secretary announced the figures they might be proud of what had been done. He thought the brethren would like to know that the next Festival of the Boys' School would be presided over by the Lord Mayor, a most popular Mason, who, notwithstanding his many engagements, had been able to find time to take the chair at the School Festival, which was fixed for the 28th June. For himself he wished the Boys' Institution every success on that occasion. He pointed to this to show what Freemasonry could do. When they were asked by the uninitiated what was the use of Freemasonry, he thought they might point to the manner in which its great Institutions had been so admirably sustained for many years. Col. Creaton, Past Grand Treasurer, and Treasurer of the Institution, responded, and thanked Lord Brooke for taking the chair that evening. Bro. Hedges, the Secretary, then read the list of subscriptions, which we give elsewhere. The Chairman next proposed the Sister Institutions, and said he could not but thank the Stewards, and, first of all, those of his own Province—which was not a rich one—for the very kind, hearty, and cordial manner in which they had worked to support him that day. It must be gratifying to the Stewards who put their shoulders to the wheel to bring up £13,000. Every one knew the times were bad; but he sincerely trusted they would be better for every one. It was a fine thing to feel that the great Charitable Institutions, even if there was distress or not in the country, were most thoroughly supported. He felt sure those efforts of benevolence would have their reward in renewed prosperity. Brother Binckes replied, and strongly appealed for support on the occasion of his Festival. There were several other toasts honoured, and then the brethren joined the ladies in the Temple, where an excellent concert was given, under the direction of Madame Mathilde Zimeri, the artistes being Miss Marian McKenzie, Mr. Hirwen Jones, Brother Gilbert Campbell, Mr. Charles Oberthur (Harp), Miss Maria Norton (Pianoforte), with Bro. Wilhelm Ganz P.G.O. at the pianoforte. Bro. James Hayho was the Toastmaster of the evening.

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Official Directory for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall. Thirteenth year of publication. Edited by William James Hughan, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, P. Prov. G. Secretary of Cornwall, &c., &c. With an Appendix, containing Annals of the Cornish Craft by the Editor. Royal Cornwall Gazette, Truro, 1884.

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THESE are welcome additions to our collection of Provincial G. Lodge Calendars, and as both are old friends we need not devote too much space to a repetition of our praises, the merits which have evoked these praises in respect of former years being quite as conspicuous as ever. That of Cornwall, which is the elder, and consequently the better-known of the two, is by the veteran Hughan, who has furnished a most useful and interesting sketch in the form of a chronology of Freemasonry, what he calls "Annals of the Cornish Craft." In these Annals our worthy brother has noted the leading events connected with the Lodges, Chapters, and brethren of the Province. There is also a list of the Provincial G. Officers still living, and much valued information respecting the great central Charities and other matters of general or local importance. The Oxfordshire Calendar has been most carefully compiled by Bro. Bowden on the same lines as in previous years, and is as remarkable for the quantity of information vouchsafed as for the admirable method with which it has been arranged, and the accuracy of the details. Every one seeing Bro. Bowden's Calendar will be reminded of the great loss sustained by the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, whose name figures in these pages as chief of the Province, the publication having been issued when the illustrious Prince was still among us. We congratulate both brothers on the quality and appearance of their respective Calendars.

Early History of St. John's Lodge, F. and A.M., Philadelphia, 1731 *to* 1738, *the earliest Lodge in America.* By Clifford P. MacCalla.

THE contents of this little work have already been published in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and it is only necessary we should congratulate Bro. MacCalla on this further evidence of the remarkable success which has attended his efforts to unravel the history of the Craft in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, but especially in its capital, the City of Brotherly Love. Few Masons have laboured as devotedly as Bro. MacCalla and, what must be still more gratifying to him personally, it has been the lot of few to have had their labours crowned with so signal a degree of success.

Le Monde Maçonnique. April 1844.

THIS is an exceptionally good number, containing, as it does, in addition to the concluding portion of the article entitled "La Morale," a long and interesting letter from Corfu, the usual sketch of Masonry for the previous month, and other contributions of merit.

The *Kneph.* May 1884.

THE important feature of this number is the first portion of Chapter I. of "Records and Documents relating to Freemasonry as a Speculative Society," by Bro. John Yarker, the subject dealt with being the "Ancient Craft Constitutions."

Obituary

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Bro. I. Benjamin I.P.M. Joppa Lodge, No. 188. Bro. Benjamin was cut off in the prime of life, after a short illness of less than a week. He was highly respected, and will be deeply regretted by his sorrowing family, and the members of the Joppa Lodge. The funeral took place at the West Ham Cemetery, on Monday last.

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The following represents the respective amounts collected by the several Stewards, as announced at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on Wednesday last.

LONDON.

Lodge		£	s	d
Grand Stewards	Br. R P Spice	15	15	0
1	Br. A P Youle	14	14	0
2	G A Ames	67	6	0
Chapter				
2	Comp. E Letchworth	47	15	0
Lodge				
4	Br. H P Hughes jun.	15	15	0
5	E J Paine	52	10	0
6	Lord Cremorne	21	0	0
7	A Hill (see also Lodge 21)	7	7	0
8	S G Glanville	17	17	0
10	Rev. S Maude	33	12	0
11	A J Probyn	23	12	6
14	W B Liddiard	26	5	0
18	R C Sudlow (see also Lodge 263)	68	5	0
21	A Hill (see also Lodge 7)	44	2	0
25	A W Stead	36	15	0
26	E Milner	39	18	0
28	E M Money	45	3	0
29	J H Bott	15	9	6
33	E B Saunders	56	14	0
46	J R Cassel	80	17	0
91	T A Logan	28	7	0
95	Howard Raff	32	11	0
99	Chester Cheston	85	1	0
140	C E Spark	32	8	0
143	Rev. J Hawes	79	5	6
162	W Holmes			
172	H R Cope	21	0	0
173	F D Vine	74	11	0
177	W M Foxcroft	60	14	0
185	F Croaker	46	17	0
186	T E Tallent	10	10	0
192	H A Pratt			
193	Bedford Lemere	26	5	0
194	S J Weston	53	18	6
197	W Cunningham Glen	12	12	0
198	J C Carr	25	0	0
211	W Radcliffe	70	8	6
222	G C Finnis	65	2	0
Chapter				
255	D P Cama	59	17	0
Lodge				
259	Robert Grey	131	5	0
263	R C Sudlow (see also Lodge 18)	11	11	0
435	J J Brown	28	7	0
511	George Read	32	11	0
548	H Carman	137	11	0
657	F A Warner	19	3	0
720	J R Garrow	22	10	0
733	S R Walker	42	0	0
742	H Cox	45	13	6
813	L C Haslip	21	0	0
Chapter				
820	Comp. C Hubbard	113	8	0
Lodge				
822	Br. J C Partridge			
907	S H P Moore	30	19	6
975	M Graham	10	10	0
1150	T H Gardiner	38	17	0
1155	F Morgan	110	0	0
1196	E Liebmann	89	5	0
1257	G T N Farman	71	8	0
1259	I Charlton	105	0	0
1298	G Bigley (see also Herts)	55	13	0
1319	Charles Wellard	24	3	0
1329	B R Bryant	50	0	0
Chapter				
1339	Comp. H E Frances	31	10	0
Lodge				
1365	Br. A McMillan	23	0	0
1381	H M Appleton	41	8	6
1383	R Stuart Lane	108	3	0
1397	C W C Webb	44	2	0
1593	G W Armstrong	63	19	0
Chapter				
1604	Comp. G Boulton	172	3	6
Lodge				
1608	Br. H J Turner	110	5	0
1613	J Corke	50	0	0
1614	G Coleman	153	5	0
1615	Lt.-Col. C Wolsley-Cox	26	5	0
1622	W Clauson-Thue	31	10	0
1623	H J Lardner	38	17	0
1635	J Edmeston	60	0	0
1642	Samuel Smout	176	8	0
Chapter				
1657	Comp. J Derby Allcroft	131	5	0
Lodge				
1669	Thomas Edmondston	40	0	0
1671	H Warden	200	11	0
1679	H John	40	3	0
1681	William Honeyball	78	15	0
1704	W H Crosier	44	2	0
1716	W J Rundell	48	6	0
1724	P F Walker	23	2	0
1768	F R Spaull (see also North Wales & Salop)	8	8	0
1790	H M Hobbs	221	0	6
1804	G A Haynes	17	17	0
1820	Rev. R F Hosken	39	18	0
1827	T D Sewell	10	10	0
1839	A Stokes	18	2	0
1900	F R W Hedges	94	10	0
1900	G P Festa			
1924	Wilmer Hollingsworth	115	0	0
1962	A McDowall	264	12	0
1964	William Bellingham	109	4	0
1974	H S Andrews	17	17	0
1986	Col. Marmaduke Ramsay	84	0	0
2012	George Gardner	69	15	0
2030	W Burdett-Coutts	157	5	0
2032	B E Blasby	62	6	0
Rose Croix Chapter, No. 10				
	Comp. W G Lemon	31	10	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

	R Berridge	36	15	0
	E Bowyer	52	10	0
	Colonel Creaton	21	0	0
	W J Crotch	10	10	0
	J A Farnfield	21	0	0
	R T Fennell	37	16	0
	C Hammerton	120	0	0
	P de L Long	10	10	0
	E C Mather	10	10	0
	J H Matthews			
	J Mason	53	11	0
	T Hastings Miller	10	10	0
	Colonel J Peters	10	10	0
	Frank Richardson	53	11	0
	J A Rucker	10	10	0
	Ald. Savory	22	1	0
	Griffiths Smith	21	0	0
	Rev. A F A Woodford	12	12	0
	James Stevens	21	0	0

THE PROVINCES.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

Lodge				
945	George Saxby	42	0	0
1770	John Thickens	25	15	6

CHESHIRE.

537	C J Clover	14	14	0
979	Thos E Gibson	21	0	0
1045	Capt A H Gilbody	20	0	0

CORNWALL.

	Controller S G Bake	12	12	0

DERBYSHIRE.

506	T E Yeomans	73	10	0
625	Samuel Robinson	42	0	0
731	J Bland	89	10	0
802	W L Ball	10	10	0
884	J M McLeod	53	11	0
1179	J E Whitehead	21	0	0
1235	J Stanley	66	3	0

DURHAM.

Province	Thomas Bradley	120	0	0

ESSEX.

51	F A Philbrick			
160	H V Harper			
214	F W Imbert-Terry			
276	Arthur Mead			
453	John Glass			
650 & 697	Richard Clowes			
1000	W G Brighten			
1280	Joseph Bell			
1312	Col. W V Tufnell			
1343	H C Borradaile			
1437	A J Manning			
1457	J P Austin			
1543	F J Snell			
1543	Rev. F B Sheppard			
1799	R J Patten			
2005	Wm Herbage			
2006	D S Baynes			
	A Lucking			
	R D Poppleton			
	Geo Cooper			

Including a donation of £52 10s from the Chairman, £1,000.

DEVONSHIRE.

Chapter		£	s	d
112	H W Madeley	38	17	0
Lodge				
164	Rev R T Thornton	15	15	0
1402	G J Pepprell	10	10	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

82	Fredk Ticehurst	5	5	0
Chapter				
82	W R Porcher	34	13	0
Lodge				
246	T E Gandy	36	15	0
246	John Balcombe	10	10	0
493	Alfred Woodward	78	15	0
493	Samuel Bland			
493	H Hunt			
592	C Tudway	89	5	0
702	H S Stephens	14	14	0
761	H John Small	48	6	0
839	John Weston	36	15	0
1005	W T Byett	47	5	0
1005	R V Vassar-Smith	15	15	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

35	Asher Barfield	16	16	0
309	Edward Goldsmith	21	0	0
394	J D Barford	89	5	0
804	Wm Dart	54	18	6
1069	R J Rastrick	63	0	0
1363	H Ingles Davis	50	8	0

HERTS.

869 & 1298	G S Bigley (see also London)	55	13	0

KENT.

558	John Eldridge	42	0	0
709	S W Shaw (see also Lodge 1965)	47	5	0
784	Benj Wood	44	0	0
1223	Chas E Birch	15	0	0
1223	W Sparrowhawk	5	5	0
1314	H V Bond	124	18	6
1314	Edward Harvey	169	1	0
1414	Rev T S Curteis	38	9	0
1965	S W Shaw (see also Lodge 709)	75	12	0

EAST LANCASHIRE.

44	J Rait Beard	52	10	0
146	J F Skelton	10	10	0
317	W J Cunliffe	94	10	0
317	James Wilson			
317	J W Edwards			
346	William Lamb	21	0	0
815	Major H L Rocca	21	0	0
1009	G W Wilson	64	1	0
1723	Nathaniel Nicholson	15	15	0
1723	E G Harwood	21	0	0
1723	John Barratt	10	10	0
1723	J W Taylor	10	10	0
1723	Matthew Fielding	10	10	0
1723	Miles Settle	10	10	0
1798	Morris Rosenthal	15	15	0
1993	J Edward Iliff	7	7	0

WEST LANCASHIRE.

703	J W Mycock	21	0	0
730	Thomas Forrester	20	0	0
823	William Brassey	10	10	0
1182	John Williams	36	15	0
1313	P Murray Hunter	47	5	0
1375	A G Collins	28	7	0
1384	W J Thompson	36	15	0
1387	Thomas Schoefield	5	5	0
1476	Henry Gardner	26	5	0
1505	Peter Thomas	36	15	0
1505	H H Smith	36	15	0
1505	Robert Foote	10	10	0

MIDDLESEX.

1194	G T Cowley Gambrill	31	0	0
1237	Ebenezer Poore	50	7	6
1326	J J Marsh	22	11	6
1494	F Sumner Knyvett	52	10	0
1503	William Taylor	30	0	0
1512	J W Hiscox	21	0	0
1733	J Nicholas Ward	10	10	0
Chapter				
1777	Comp. H B Marshall	105	0	0
Lodge				
1793	Br. R Welby Forge	31	11	6

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NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

Province	F R Spaull (see also London) - -	59 17 0
1336	J Oswell Bury -	10 10 0

OXFORDSHIRE.

340	Thomas Lucas -	30 2 0
1703	Rev. Dr. J Payne -	10 10 0
1895	W A Simmons -	21 0 0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

Province	Major A T Perkins -	71 8 0

SOUTH WALES (East Div.)

Province	D C Jones - -	160 0 0

SOUTH WALES (West Div.)

Province	Rev. J Marsden -	262 10 0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

Prov. & 526	C W Graham -	100 0 0
Prov. & 1792	J R Leo -	80 19 6

SUFFOLK.

Province	H C Caseley -	131 5 0
81	W P T Phillips -	32 11 0
936	N J Beale - -	84 0 0

SURREY.

777	C Belton - -	36 15 0
1638	C Edward Oldridge -	42 0 0
1872	J E Bowen - -	
1872	W R Grove - -	10 10 0

SUSSEX.

732	Francis Daniel -	170 2 0
Invicta	Rose Croix—Capt. S B McWhinnie -	67 4 0

WARWICKSHIRE.

502	Dr. J H Simpson -	48 6 0
739	A W Williamson -	42 0 0

WILTSHIRE.

Province	Thos. Ponting -	85 11 6

WORCESTERSHIRE.

377	J W Consterdine-Chadwick - -	105 0 0
377	A F Godson - -	
377	G W Grosvenor -	

N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

236	William Lawton -	84 0 0
1010	F W T Thorp -	10 15 0
1611	John T Seller -	36 15 0

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BRO. JOHN PINE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Some of your readers have doubtless seen some of Bro. Pine's handiwork, and all have read about Pine's engraved Lodge lists. But beyond these facts, I believe no writer for a Masonic paper has ever taken the trouble to collect any further information about that personage; Bros. Mackey, Mackenzie, Rob Morris, Oliver, and other noted writers, were too much absorbed with collecting and compiling imaginary histories about Pythagoras, Numa, the Rosicrucians, the Kabbala, the Ancient Mysteries, Knights Templar, and all kinds of sectarian humbuggeries; hence, they never thought to write about Pine and many other Masonic worthies, and even in our standard literature very little could I find about Pine. As, however, a few scraps of information are better than nothing, I will just give a few items that my limited means of research enabled me to find. First:—

"In the Mastership of Dalkeith, a list of all the Lodges was engraved by Bro. John Pine in a very small volume, which is usually reprinted on the commencement of every new Grand Master and dispersed among the brethren." (Anderson's Constitutions 1738). Second:—

"Pine—Engraver of the lists of Lodges from 1723, and of the frontispiece to the Book of Constitutions of 1723, and of the vignette in the edition of 1738." (Kenning's Cyclopædia). And third:—

"It would seem highly probable, that Eman Bowen and John Pine were in some way connected in their business as engravers, the former, it may be, executing the order of the latter. The earliest edition of the engraved lists has no frontispiece, and bears the printer's name in very small letters at the foot of the last page. The list for 1724, however, has a distinct heading, and exhibits Pine's name in fair sized type on the first page." (Gould's "Four Old Lodges").

The above is all the information about Pine I could find in Masonic works. With regard to the 1723 Lodge list, the well-known Bro. Robert Macoy, of New York, in 1878, kindly lent me a copy of the said Lodge List. It was not a book, as described by Anderson, but nine loose cards, engraved on one side only; neither pages nor Lodges were numbered. I knew which was the first page, on account of the picture of the Goose and Gridiron annexed to the first Lodge; but of the remaining eight pages, I could not tell the first from the last. I think in your issue of 31st August 1878, a letter of mine appeared headed, if I recollect rightly, "Two Masonic Geese," with a woodcut of the "Goose and Gridiron" from the said Pine's Lodge list.

I have lately come across an edition of Hogarth, by John Nichols and George Stevens, 1808-10, where I found (vol. I. p 73) that in 1735, William Hogarth and several other artistes, among whom was Pine, had petitioned Parliament to protect their works from unscrupulous pirates, and an Act of Parliament was accordingly passed for that purpose; the said act is given in full. It secured the copyright for fourteen years from the day of first publishing any work, to which was added the following proviso:—

"That John Pine, of London, Engraver, who was then about to publish a set of prints copied from several pieces of Tapestry in the House of Lords and his Majesty's Wardrobe, and other drawings relating to the Spanish Invasion in 1588, should have the same benefit of the Act as if he had been the inventor and designer of the said prints."

In the second volume, facing page 302, there is a picture of Pine, engraved from a portrait painted by Hogarth, with the following comments in the text on the above page:—

"Mr. Pine (the celebrated Engraver) in the manner of Rembrandt, Mezzotinto (about the year 1746), by Mr. Ardell, Price 2s. The original was in possession of the late Mr. Rumby, the Surgeon."

"There is a second head of Mr. Pine, a Mezzotinto; both his hands leaning on a cane, printed for George Pulley, at Rembrandt's Head, the corner of Bride Court, Fleet Street.

"I have called this a second head, but know not which of the two was first published. In the first edition of the present work, I had described this plate as an unfinished one; but have since met with it in a perfect state."

There is a plate in the second volume of the said edition of Hogarth called "Gates of Calais." In the centre of this plate, Pine figures in the garb of a fat friar, so I am informed in the index; the face, however, is too small to be recognised. From Bryan's Dictionary of Painters and Engravers I culled the following brief notice:—

"John Pine.—To this gentleman, who was a native of England and a man of letters, we are indebted for several splendid and interesting works, for which he engraved many of the plates. The principal of them are the ceremonies used at the revival of the Order of the Bath by George I. The prints from the tapestry in the House of Lords representing the destruction of the Spanish Invasion, and a superb edition of Horace, the text engraved and illustrated with ancient bas-reliefs and gems. The Pastorals and Georgics of Virgil were published by his son after his death, ornamented in a similar manner with printed type. Mr. Pine also engraved a few portraits, among which are an etching of himself, and a mezzotint bust of Mr. Garrick, taken from a cast. He died in 1756."

There was recently sold at auction in Boston a mezzotint picture of Pine. The engraving was about eight or ten inches long, it was exactly like the engraving in Hogarth, only of larger size. I saw a quarto edition of Bryan's Dictionary of Painters, &c. in four volumes. The portrait of Pine in it is the same size as in Hogarth, but no additional information was given in the text.

And from the "Gentleman's Magazine" of 1756 I copy the following obituary notice of Bro. Pine:—

"May 15th.—Mr. Pine. Bluemantle pursuivant at arms, engraver to the King's signet and stamp office."

That is all I could collect about Bro. Pine. I hope it will stimulate some other brother to do better.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 9th May 1884.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Referring to report in your issue of 17th, giving result of elections on 16th, of candidates into or upon the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will you permit me, through same channel of information, to state in common fairness to the two Devon widows elected that day, and their private friends, who from the first have with their votes and influence supported the two cases in question, that Mrs. E. M. Thomas obtained 1500 votes out of her total polled from her own exertions, and therewith elected herself. Mrs. E. Chapple, in a like manner, obtained 1150 votes from her individual efforts outside Devon. Therefore the actual votes polled by Devon for the two widows were very few in number, as may be seen by the total of votes polled, as given in your issue of the 17th inst.

I remain, yours faithfully,

CHAS. GODTSCHALK,

Ex-Representative of Devon at the Masonic Charities, London.

11, Hanley-road, Hornsey Rise,
London, N., 19th May.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Counsel for the delicate.—Those to whom the changeable temperature is a protracted period of trial 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 tonsels, 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 Pill's are highly commended for the facility with which they successfully contend with influenza; they allay in an incredibly short time the distressing fever and teasing cough.

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POWERS OF GRAND MASTERS.

MUCH diversity of opinion exists as to the powers and prerogatives of Grand Masters. On the one side are the strict constructionists, who hold that a Grand Master of Masons is the Executive of the Grand Lodge that elects him, and that he is clothed with certain defined powers, to be exercised only within the limits indicated by the constitution of such Grand Body. It is his right and privilege to exercise authority as it is expressly delegated to him, and in conformity to the enactments of the Grand Lodge over which he presides. He fulfils the functions of his office by enforcing the laws and regulations of the Craft, but he may not go one line beyond the authority of the Constitution, which prescribes the duties and powers of Grand Masters, and to which he is subject as much as the humblest member of the Fraternity in the jurisdiction over which he presides.

According to this view Grand Masters have no *prerogatives* worth speaking of. Their power is defined and limited. Their authority does not include the right to grant a dispensation allowing any thing to be done that is forbidden by law. It is not within their province to set aside edicts and regulations of the Grand Lodge, except as such power is expressly given to them.

On the other side may be found Brethren who earnestly contend against the limiting of the powers of Grand Masters. In the opinion of this latter class there are certain prerogatives which are attached to the office of Grand Master, and it is not within the province of Grand Lodges to dispossess a Grand Master of the rights and privileges thus acquired. It follows, therefore, according to this view, that in the exercise of a fundamental power a Grand Master may by dispensation set aside the rules and edicts of the Grand Lodge, whose highest executive officer he is, and that he may do, or allow to be done, some things which are forbidden by the written law.

Our judgment inclines us to take this side of the case. We think that the system of Masonry is such as to require the investiture of Grand Masters with large powers. In most Grand Lodge constitutions something of this kind is declared, the statement being, as in one form, that "Grand Masters are possessed of authority specially delegated to them by Grand Lodge, and are also entitled to all the powers and prerogatives conferred upon such officers by the Ancient Constitutions and the usages and landmarks of the Craft." Evidently there is a primary, *ex officio* authority, besides the precise powers that are of Constitutional provision. The prerogatives, out of which such authority springs, may be of rather uncertain and indefinite character, but according to our thought there is no question as to their existence in some form, and of their rightful exercise within proper bounds. We cannot believe that all the powers of Grand Masters depend upon the legislation of Grand Lodges, or that they are wholly derived from the bestowal of these organisations.

It is sometimes asked whether a Grand Master does not violate his obligation in issuing dispensations that set aside constitutional provisions, and on what ground he is able to justify his action in permitting a law of the Grand Lodge to be disregarded! Was it ever contemplated by the Body which elected him that he should do anything of this sort? We have no means of knowing the precise terms in which the Grand Masters of the various jurisdictions are obligated to the performance of their duties. We have before us, however, the formula used in one of the oldest jurisdictions, and among other binding clauses it contains the following: "That I will maintain and preserve the prerogatives appertaining to the office of Grand Master of Masons, and transmit the same to my successor in office unimpaired. That I will maintain and enforce the constitution and edicts of this M.W. Grand Lodge, and the general regulations of Free masonry; nor will I suspend them, or any provision thereof, until after due examination I shall be satisfied that the best interests of the Craft will be promoted thereby."

Several generations of Grand Masters, as we are assured, have taken this form of obligation in Grand Lodge. They were never troubled as to their right to set aside edicts and regulations when the good of the Craft seemed to demand such action. They had taken an obligation, at the time of their installation, by which they were as solemnly bound to maintain the *prerogatives* of Grand Masters, as to execute and enforce the laws of Grand Lodges.

Just what these prerogatives are, is, as already hinted, a difficult matter to decide. Whether by virtue of authority thus derived, a Grand Master may "make a Mason at sight," the candidate being a minor, as was done not long ago in one of the larger jurisdictions, involves questions which must be determined in large degree by ancient usage. And even if the prerogative is found to be sufficient to warrant this course, there ought yet to be great hesitancy in regard to taking such a step. Technically, by the inherent prerogatives of his high office, a Grand Master may claim the right to make Masons at sight; but it does not accord with the proper administration of Masonry in these days that such a right should be exercised. It had better remain in entire abeyance.—*Fremasons' Repository.*

CHANGES IN THE RITUAL.

WHILE the world is constantly pursuing its eternal round in obedience to the laws of Nature, and apparently arrives at the same point this year as it did the last, we know that such is not the fact,—because then there would be no procession of the equinoxes, and by a parity of reasoning we see that, morally, the inhabitants of our gradually but almost imperceptibly changing globe change their ideas and methods of life. So in our institution, a gradual change is taking place, and generation by generation we are getting into new ideas without altogether losing sight of the old. Take, for instance, the ritual as administered in the last century, when the whole three degrees of Symbolic Masonry could be conferred in an hour. We have so far improved on that process that now it requires at least an hour for each. Whether this lengthening out is an improvement is a question upon which, personally, we entertain an opinion of the most adverse character, feeling quite certain that we could eliminate from the present ritual enough to reduce it almost, if not quite, to its earlier proportions, and that too, for the benefit of the Craft, thus giving the Lodges more time for other matters than the mere rehearsal of the words accepted as needful to the presentation of the several degrees. We shall not, of course, undertake any such task, because during the little while we have to stay we cannot afford to incur any unnecessay enmities; but we rejoice to know that, by common consent, there is a tendency to quit the nonsense of the monument representing Time standing still and clipping the flowing locks of a beautiful virgin, and we abide in hope that by some Masonic procession it may come about that many things added to the original ritual by monitor makers may be dropped into space and left to shift for themselves. Any brother familiar with the ritual and with English literature, can find for himself many quotations from authors not born when the first ritual was in force, and hence of no relation to Freemasonry except as illustrating the idea contained in the original text.

Now, while we know that the tendency is to enlarge rather than to retrench, and while we are perfectly aware that the great majority believe the present form to be the only true, genuine, original Jacobs; while we cannot prevent the continuous motion of the earth, still it seems to us that we might call a halt on the ritual, and as comets are supposed to drop their constituent parts in the air, to fall here and there upon the planets whose course may meet theirs, so it would be well for us if we could shake off our superfluous words and let them find their place in some other part of the Universe.

While we approve of the close attention to the ritual while it remains as at present, we are none the less of opinion that it is working harm to the Craft and shutting off opportunity for more healthful occupation, and we most earnestly believe that if the ritual were shortened by one-half and the residue of time given to social converse, the decadence of attendance and membership would be arrested and a new era of prosperity be inaugurated. Think it over, brethren.

—*New York Dispatch.*

The usual meeting of the Board of Benevolence took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, Bro. J. Brett Senior Vice-President occupying the President's chair, Bro. C. A. Cottebrune the Senior Vice-President's, and Bro. F. Davison Grand Deacon that of Junior Vice-President. The attendance was large. The General Committee of Management, which was first held, passed the programme of business for the next Grand Lodge on the 4th of June. At the Board of Benevolence the brethren confirmed the recommendations made at the April meeting to the amount of £235. On the new list there were 38 petitioners, and after a sitting of four hours, 33 of these were relieved, with a total sum of £1075.

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LEIGH LODGE, No. 957.

THE installation meeting of this excellent working Lodge was held on the 12th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Bramley; Von Joel S.W. and Worshipful Master elect, Woodruff J.W., J. Diprose P.M. Treasurer, Cottebrune P.G.P. Secretary, Corbey J.D., George I.G., P.M.'s Marx, James, Pratt, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Kent 571, Girling 1641, Blundell P.M. 742, Reid 186, Blum P.M. 511, Vincent P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Williams P.M. 1056, Wilson 1366, Smith 1563, Dickeson W.M. 179, Coop 141, Collens W.M. 766, Smeed 1585, Stead W.M. 1997, Lambourn 87, Mason P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Sich, Norris P.M. 181, Smith 1744, Sillis 1744, Hawkins P.M., Dickie 1744, Hampden P.P.G.S.W., Herts. Eastman 179, Peacock 201, Elwood 179, Field 1744, Ray 1624, Hughes 179, May P.M. 673, R. Perry 1382, Hemming 1287, Kew 179, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The Auditors' Report, which showed the Lodge to be in a flourishing condition, was unanimously adopted. In due course, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Von Joel S.W. and W.M. elect was presented, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., who performed the ceremony with his usual ability. On the admission of the brethren, the customary salutations were given, and the W.M. appointed and invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. Bramley I.P.M., Woodruff S.W., Corby J.W., Diprose P.M. Treasurer, Cottebrune P.G.P. Secretary, George S.D., Moffrey J.D., Klein I.G., Marx P.M. D.C., Ager Steward, Harnett A.S., Woodstock P.M. Tyler. Bro. Taylor P.M. 114 presided at the harmonium. Ballots were next taken for the admission of Messrs. J. Harris, W. Blunt, J. T. Robinson, W. J. Miller, and W. Parkyn. The newly-installed Master, though but a young Mason, showed his capacity for office by initiating these gentlemen into the Order, and conducting the ceremony in a faultless manner, that reflected great credit on him. We may add here that the new Officers were equally perfect: indeed, it was a pleasure to listen to the ceremony. Bro. Bramley said it was now 21 years since this Lodge was founded. They had only one of the Founders with them; Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P. was present at the consecration of the Lodge on the 15th of May 1863, when Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson officiated as the Officer of the day. Brother Cottebrune was the first Worshipful Master. He (Brother Bramley) was proud to say their Lodge had now attained its majority; it had hitherto always been successful, and with regard to its future, under the guidance of the present Master nothing need be feared. To Bro. Cottebrune the Lodge owed its present position. This worthy Brother's services have been recognised in the highest quarter, and he has been honoured by having the purple bestowed on him. In his more direct association with the brethren, in his capacity of Secretary, he has won the esteem and respect of one and all. The brethren fully appreciated his services, and desired to mark their appreciation in an acceptable form. All were aware Bro. Cottebrune was in possession of jewels; jewels which he had received for good suit and service done the Mason Craft, and it was fully recognised that the work he had undertaken, during his long Masonic career, was ever carried out with a care and persistency that demanded and met with success. His labours had necessarily kept him much away from home, and doubtless his family had frequently missed his genial society. The brethren, fully alive to this, had decided to hand him over, for the use of Mrs. Cottebrune, a cheque for a small amount, which they trusted would be accepted somewhat as a solatium for the loss she has sustained by her husband's enforced absence, consequent on the demands Freemasonry made on his time. In handing over the gift of the brethren, he (Bro. Bramley) hoped it might be accepted by Mrs. Cottebrune in the same spirit in which it was offered. Bro. Cottebrune, in feeling terms, returned thanks for the kindness of the members of the Lodge. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, that a letter be sent to Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, announcing that the Lodge had completed its majority; wishing him health and long life, and regretting his absence on this auspicious occasion. Hearty good wishes were then given by the Visitors, and Lodge was closed until the second Monday in October. The banquet took place in the large hall, which was artistically decorated with an elegant trophy, while flowers were in abundance. Credit is due to Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and Bro. E. Dawkins, for the sumptuous repast provided. There were 90 guests present. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the loyal toasts. With the toast of the Pro G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers of the G.L. of England was coupled the name of Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P., who, as Founder, Preceptor and Secretary of the Lodge, received a cordial reception. Bro. Bramley I.P.M. next rose; the duties of a Master of a Lodge, he said, were many and onerous. Amongst other things he was called on to look after the sick and afflicted; to visit them and minister to their necessities, so far as he possibly could. The Worshipful Master of their Lodge was equal to this; he took a pride in carrying out his duties, and as to his capability for work that had been evidenced that evening in the way he had initiated the five candidates who had presented themselves. He (Brother Bramley) called on the brethren to wish their new Master health and strength to preside over them, and a happy and prosperous year of office. In replying to the toast Bro. Von Joel said he saw around him many old and sincere friends; several Visitors had put themselves to great inconvenience to do him honour by attending at his installation. He sincerely thanked Bro. Bramley for the kind remarks he had indulged in in proposing the toast; he was much gratified also in noting the reception given him by the members of the Lodge. It was not his intention, however, to indulge in long speeches, so would refrain from occupying their time any further. The next toast given was the health of the Initiates, and suitable response was made by those referred to. When introducing the toast of the Past Masters, the W.M. made allusion to the zeal displayed by those who were present. Bro. Cottebrune's services as Installing Master of the day were specially alluded to; the Immediate Past Master, Brother Bramley, had won golden opinions by the way he had carried out the duties of his year, and each of the others, in turn, were referred to and thanked for their services. It was his (Bro. Von Joel's) privilege to present Bro. Bramley with the jewel voted him by the brethren of the Lodge at their last meeting, which they all trusted he might live long to wear. Bro. Bramley thanked the Lodge for its valuable gift. He trusted they might long see it on his breast; he should never forget the circumstances attending its presentation. To Bro. Cottebrune he was especially indebted for the way in which he had conducted the installation. This could not possibly have been excelled. The remaining toasts received full recognition, and during the evening allusion was made to the liberal support given by the Lodge to the Masonic Institutions. During the evening Bros. Hawkins, Vine, Smith, Dickeson and Eastwood contributed to the harmony. Bro. Wilson kindly officiated as toastmaster.

THE LOCAL FREEMASONS AND THE PORTSMOUTH SCHOLARSHIP.

ON the 12th December last a grand ball was held at Cawte's Assembly Rooms, Southsea, for the purpose of aiding the funds for establishing a Portsmouth scholarship at the Royal College of Music. The various Lodges of the borough divided the expenses between them, so that the total proceeds might be handed over to Alderman J. G. Whitcombe, who has just received a cheque for £65 18s 9d from Mr. Ernest Hall, who, in conjunction with other prominent members of the ancient Craft, rendered valuable assistance in carrying out this successful effort. Alderman Whitcombe has sent the following letter, which, with a balance sheet, is being circulated amongst the Lodges:—

"Dear Sir,—In acknowledging the receipt of cheque for £65 18s 9d, the proceeds of the grand Masonic ball, let me heartily and gratefully thank you and your brother Masons of this noble Order for this true and valuable evidence of your desire to assist in the grand work to secure the the scholarship that will prove for all time invaluable to the youth of Portsmouth. In addition let me recognise the generous example you set, which should be a stimulus to others who organised entertainments for the same object, and by their energetic efforts for the completion of the scholarship have now really made it a question that three or four months will solve. Please convey my warmest thanks to your Masonic brethren for all their kindnesses, and specially accept the same yourself. From, my dear Sir, yours faithful and obliged,

J. G. WHITCOMBE, ex-Mayor."

—*Portsmouth Times.*

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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 3rd 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.

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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 31st of May.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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PRINCE EDWARD OF SAXE-WEIMAR LODGE, No. 1903.

THE installation of the W.M. of this Lodge (Bro. W. Latham Cox) took place on the 14th inst., in the handsome Lodge-room at the Masonic Hall, Portsmouth, under very auspicious circumstances, and in the presence of a large number of members of the Craft, including Bros Broadley, Barrister-at-law, P.D.G.M. of Malta (known to fame as the senior counsel of Arabi Pasha at the historic trial, which ended in his expatriation to Ceylon, the learned gentleman having been retained by Bro. R. Eve, solicitor, of Aldershot), General the Hon. Somerset G. Calthorpe P.P.G.W. England P.P.G.M Hants and Isle of Wight, Frost P.M. Prov. S. Warden, Rastrick P.M. Prov. G. Treas., Le Feuvre Prov. G. Sec., Binckes P.G.S. England Secretary of the Royal Masonic Boys' School, Emanuel P.M. Prov. G. Reg., Hickley P.M. Prov. S.D., Robertson P.M. Prov. G.S., Saunders W.M. Prov. G.S., Rev. Dr. Ring W.M., Rev. A. L'Argent Bell Prov. G. Chaplain, Rev. G. Pickering W.M. Prov. G. Chaplain, Woodhouse P.M. 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The Secretary announced the receipt of letters acknowledging the votes of condolence passed by the Lodge to H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany on the death of her husband, and to Admiral Montressor on the death of his son Lieutenant Montressor, late a member of the Lodge, who was killed in the recent campaign in the Soudan. A satisfactory balance sheet was presented, and a vote of thanks accorded to Bro. Casey, public accountant, for professional services rendered as one of the auditors. The W.M. appointed his Officers as under: I.P.M. Bro. Page, S.W. Bro. Long, J.W. Bro. Lieut. Knowles R.N., Chaplain Bro. Rev. P. H. Good, Treas. Bro. Threadingham, Sec. Bro. Emanuel, S.D. Bro. Dr. Royston Pike, J.D. Bro. Stevenson, I.G. Bro. Livesay, Org. Bro. Sylvester, Director of Ceremonies Bro. Sam Knight, Stewards Bros. Capt. Pigott and Reader, Tyler Bro. Mansell, Assistant-Tyler Bro. Carter. A telegram, expressing regret at being detained by Parliamentary duties, was received during the sitting of the Lodge from the Prov. G.M. (Bro. Beach, M.P.), and a letter of apology was announced from Sir H. Drummond Wolff, M.P., who is a member of the Lodge. At the installation banquet which followed the W.M. presided, and there was a good attendance. The catering of Bro. Maybonr, of Butcher-street, Portsea, was very satisfactory. At the conclusion of the repast the W.M., in appropriate terms, gave in succession, "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," reminding the company that His Royal Highness was not only a member of the Lodge, but that not very long since he had visited the Lodge. The W.M., in submitting "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom D.P.G.M., and the Officers of the Grand Lodge," said they were specially honoured in having present a Past Warden of England (General the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe), and it was indeed an honour, because since the constitution of the Lodge, some three years since, they had not had a Grand Officer among them. Earl Lathom had very kindly expressed a wish to be present and accepted an invitation, but at the last moment had been kept away by Yeomanry Cavalry duties in Lancashire. General the Hon. S. G. Calthorpe in reply said it was customary at all Masonic gatherings to drink the health of the Grand Officers, and although he was one of them he thought that upon the whole they deserved it, because they did not attain that position without having gone through a certain amount of toil and borne the heat and burden of the day. In days gone by he had worked tolerably hard at Masonry, not only with personal pleasure, but feeling that he was not only doing good to others but to himself. Every one who had studied Masonry must feel that it was an elevating science, and the higher they got in the Order the more must they appreciate its very admirable characteristics. The W.M., in giving "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master Bro. Beach, M.P." described him as a wonderfully enthusiastic Mason, and thought the Province ought to be proud of having such a Master. All regretted exceedingly that the P.G.M. was not able to be there, but he worked so hard for Masonry that they would be glad if his absence that night gained for him a little rest. Bro. Frost, in responding, congratulated Bro. Page upon the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Lieut. Bourke, R.N., proposed "The R.W. Deputy P.G. Master Bro. Hickman, and Officers of P.G. Lodge." He thought they might safely say that their P.G. Lodge was equalled by few and second to none. Theirs was a very strong Province indeed, owing to their unanimity and the excellent working qualities of their P.G.M., ably and adequately assisted by his Officers. He thought the roll of Lodges would compare favourably with any other Province in England, and this was due to the good Masonic feeling which had distinguished the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, which had resulted in their having in office brethren who understood their work and who took an interest in Masonry. The brother who was mainly responsible for the hard work of the Province—Bro. Le Feuvre—was present, and he assured him that he had a hearty welcome from the Lodge, and that the more they saw him the more they liked him. Bro. Le Feuvre, in responding, referred to the fact that he attended three years since at the constitution of the Lodge, when the chair was filled by Lord Charles Beresford, the Duke of Connaught being present, and said that since then they had seen it flourish. He had met their W.M. in London, he being among the brethren anxious to impress their mark upon the laws of the Craft, which, as they had been settled, let them hope would so remain for more than a generation. They were perfectly satisfied that in the W.M. they had a brother who was likely to be worthy of the Saxe-Weimar Lodge. It had been the W.M.'s pleasure, when serving as S.W., to come from Lincoln monthly to perform the duties of the Lodge, and this proved to him, if proof were necessary, that the Lodge had a W.M. who would not allow time, distance, or trouble to interfere with the discharge of his duties. He congratulated the brethren upon the result of their efforts in connection with the Charities, saying that they had been very fortunate indeed, under the guidance of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, to have secured the election of no less than

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three children—one to the Girls' School, and two to the Boys' School. Considering the number of vacancies in the schools at the last April elections, there was no Province in the Kingdom—and there were ten or a dozen larger than theirs—that had achieved such a measure of success, which was owing to good management and unanimity. He asked them to bear this in mind for the future, and to remember that whilst as single Lodges or individual subscribers their votes were almost valueless, united they had very great strength. The W.M., in giving "Bro. Broadley R.W. P.D.G.M. of Malta," said he fancied that only a few present had seen him at home in the Masonic world. He was most at home in the small Lodge of St. John and St. Paul at Malta, where he had seen him working the degrees in his shirt sleeves. He had also seen him very happy afterwards at the banquet of bread and cheese and lager beer, which, with the thermometer at 110 in the shade, they were uncommonly glad to get. He was his Masonic father, having initiated him, and any one who had seen Bro. Broadley in his Masonic home could not but bring away a lifelong remembrance of him. He asked them to give him a hearty welcome, to show that they thoroughly appreciated his kindness and consideration in having, at great personal inconvenience, been present that day. Bro. Broadley ably responded, remarking that after the lapse of five years he was present at the installation of one of his initiates. He mentioned that seven years ago, at Tunis, the site of ancient Carthage, he had helped to plant an English Lodge, which had borne and would bear in future, most remarkable fruit, and that five years ago he was installed for the second time as W.M. of the Lodge, No. 1835, by the first W.M. of the Saxe-Weimar Lodge—Lord Charles Beresford. He referred in eulogistic terms to the W.M., spoke in warm terms of approval of the manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed by Bro. Page, and concluded a vigorous speech by proposing the health of the W.M. The W.M., who had a most enthusiastic greeting, said he was proud of being Master of the Lodge. It was a grand position that they had placed him in, and one reason for being proud of it was that Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, who kindly gave his name to the Lodge, although he was not a Mason, was the full Colonel of his Regiment, and he was the only Officer of it who was a member of the Lodge. He explained that Lord Charles Beresford intended to have been present, but on the date being altered found that an important engagement would keep him away. He next proposed the Immediate Past Master, mentioning that Lord Charles had said of him, "What a Mason he is." He had a very pleasing and gratifying duty to perform, on behalf of the members, headed by their first W.M., Lord Charles Beresford—to present to Bro. Page a small token of the esteem in which he was held by the Officers and members of the Lodge. For two years he had filled the chair, and no man (he did not care where he came from) could have been a better Master than Bro. Page. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M. with a silver salver, bearing the crest of the Lodge and the following inscription: "Presented to Worshipful Bro. Thomas Page by the Officers and Members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1,903, on his leaving the W.M.'s chair, after his second year of office, as a mark of esteem and regard, 14th May 1884." Bro. Page, who had a most cordial greeting, appropriately responded. Last year they presented him with a beautiful jewel for services rendered. He did not think himself worthy of that jewel, and he thought himself much less worthy of this mark of goodwill. They could not expect him to talk like the gallant defender of Arabi, but if the tongue could speak what the heart felt it would say a great deal more than he had. He thanked them for this kind appreciation of his services, and said that to have installed his successor was a labour of love. He warmly acknowledged the instruction he had received from the Father of the Lodge, Bro. Townsend. Bro. Major Haldane proposed "The W.M.'s and Representatives of Neighbouring Lodges," who severally responded. Bro. Quinn P.M. gave "The Visitors," and Bros. Binckes and Cousens (Lincoln) returned thanks. The last toast was "The Officers of the Lodge," introduced by the W.M. and acknowledged by the Wardens. The speeches were interspersed with harmony, by Bros. Sylvester, Emanuel, &c.—*Portsmouth Times.*

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

A HIGHLY interesting ceremony in connection with the regular meeting of the Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak, gave considerable éclat to the general business of the evening, more particularly that a majority of members and the numerous visitors alike had no prior knowledge of what was to take place. The W.M. Bro. Charles Henry Phillips, opened the Lodge at 6 o'clock, supported by the following Officers, viz., W. Bro. Walter Hopekirk I.P.M., H. Maunder Williams S.W., Henry Stokes J.W., W. Bro. John Hammond P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex Secretary, Rev. J. Wilson Haffenden Chaplain, J. W. Hartley S.D., H. Hooper J.D., and G. W. Knight I.G. Amongst the members present were Bros. J. Fuller, F. Wootton, W. H. O'Reilly, N. R. Mackinnon, D. Baird, C. Longhurst, W. Moodey, R. Neilans, G. R. Langley, S. S. Young, J. Foster, and others. The visitors were the M.W. Bro. George Davies P.M. P.D.G. Sec. Punjaub, W. Bros. R. A. Matthews P.M. Prov. G.J.D. Gloucester, James Stevens P.M. 720 1216, 1426, &c., W. H. Williams P.M. 104, A. J. Bellis I.P.M. 1901, James Harling P.M. and Treasurer 30, W. E. Davey S.W. 1512, S. Richardson J.W. 183, J. A. Danks 1669, F. Baxter 1216, G. H. W. Tear 72, W. Vilven 1056. The R.W. Bro. Colonel Ramsay, who is a member of this Lodge, occupied a position of honour on the left of the W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting and of a Lodge of Emergency held for the passing of five brethren were read and confirmed. Bro. C. Longhurst was raised to the third degree; and Messrs. Saml. Scott Young and Benjamin Foster were initiated into the Order. The highly impressive manner in which the W.M. Bro. Phillips conducted the respective ceremonies, with a most unusual correctness of ritual and perfection of detail, was worthy of and received expressions of praise from all present, and his Wardens and Deacons also performed their part of the work in a most satisfactory manner. The Honor Oak is but a young Lodge, but there appears to be an amount of earnestness amongst its Members which bids fair to make it a most honourable addition to the Craft. If so much is done so well in the "green leaf," what may not be fairly expected from it in the "dry?" We could wish, however, that the practice of "resuming" the Lodge from higher to lower degrees, without closing the M.M. and F.C. Lodges during the evening, was avoided, for it certainly is not correct Masonry. With this remark alone we do not hesitate to say that "work" on this occasion was worthy of imitation by all our Lodges. A notice of motion to raise the joining fee was not in order, and the consideration of the subject was deferred. The Audit Committee's Report was received. A sum of ten guineas was voted to the list of Bro. Ramsay, who was about to represent the Lodge as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Reference was made to the intention of the Lodge to form a Masonic Benevolent Association; and announcement was given of the intended opening of the Honor Oak Lodge of Instruction, on the 19th inst., under the auspices of W. Bro. James Terry, who had undertaken to perform the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation on that occasion. With this the ordinary business of the Lodge terminated and the W.M. then in brief terms introduced formally to the Lodge the V.W. Bro. George Davies P.D.G. Secretary Punjaub, for whom he claimed their attention. Bro. Davies, who was cordially received by the brethren, said: Permit me first, Worshipful Master, to tender to you fraternal greetings from the District Grand Lodge of the Punjaub, by whom I am deputed to present the following address to the Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Ramsay, now a member of your Lodge.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE PUNJAUB.

To the Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel MARMADUKE RAMSAY, Past R.W.D.G.M.

R.W. Sir and Brother,—We, Col. A. S. Stewart R.W. D.G.M., Col. G. B. Wolseley Wor. D.D.G.M., Col. T. T. Boswell, C.B., Wor. S.G. Warden, Henry Whymper Wor. J.G. Warden, with the other Worshipful brethren in District Grand Lodge assembled, with fraternal and hearty greeting, do hereby tender you our great regret that the state of your health necessitates your removal from India, and the resignation of the high office as head of the Ancient Order of Freemasons in this important Province of India, entrusted to you by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order.

We beg hereby to express our sense of the great service you rendered to the cause of Freemasonry during the ten years you ruled this District, from 1872 to 1882, during which time the number of Lodges was increased from 11 to 19, and the membership from 296 to over 600, and the financial position of the D.G. Lodge established on a sound basis. During those years the beautiful Freemasons' Hall was made over to D.G. Lodge, suitably furnished and adorned, and the Punjaub Masonic Institution attained a degree of prosperity never contemplated by its most ardent supporters. Its annual income increased from less than 2000 rupees to over 8000 rupees. And in addition to all this, you generated by your zeal and fraternal spirit the true principles of Masonry—the "Fatherhood of God" and the "Brotherhood of Man."

In congratulating you on what you were able to do for Masonry in promoting the best interests of men, you will be pleased to learn that the same spirit still prevails throughout the district, and that in truth it can be said we have peace within our walls and prosperity within our borders.

Signed on behalf of the R.W. D.G.M., the Wor. D.G.M., the Wor. Grand Wardens, and the other Wor. Brethren in District Grand Lodge assembled,

C. H. PHILLIPS W.M. 1986 for District Grand Lodge.
GEORGE DAVIES Past District Grand Secretary.

London, 14th May 1884.

W. Bro. Davies then proceeded to the following effect:—

"W. Sir, Masonry being universal, I am persuaded that a succinct synopsis of the labours of R.W. Bro. Colonel Ramsay during the ten years he ruled the district of the Punjaub will prove interesting and instructive to you all. When Bro. Ramsay was called to the charge of the Punjaub, the prospect of Masonry there was gloomy in the extreme, and the late W. Bro. Col. Baseri, whom he succeeded, seriously contemplated returning his warrant to England, and working under the rule of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal. There were at that time only eleven Lodges in the district, with 290 subscribing members, and two of the Lodges were in abeyance. Grand Lodge was heavily in debt: had used up every penny of the Fund of Benevolence money; and although it had been in existence upwards of four years not a penny had been dispensed in Charity, nor a single child brought on the Educational Fund. When Bro. Ramsay made over the charge of the District, after ruling it nearly ten years, there existed nineteen strong Lodges with over six hundred subscribing members, the District Grand Lodge being in possession of a magnificent hall of its own, beautifully furnished, having no debts of any kind, and a considerable sum to the good; in addition, the Fund of Benevolence had £400 to its credit, and had expended £1500 in Charity. The Punjaub Masonic Educational Fund, after educating thirty children, had a balance of £3,000 invested in Government Securities, its income having increased from about £90 per annum to £1000 per annum, this income being derived from purely voluntary subscriptions from members of the Order during his tenure of office. No ballot had ever been taken for children, as room was made for every applicant and no child was ever refused, nor was any application for relief made to the District Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence ever left unattended to. If you will permit me, I will give one case to illustrate the many. A brother with a wife and large family was struck down by sunstroke; the doctor said that unless he was removed to the Hills at once he must sink; his wife was absolutely without means; by that evening a sum of £120 had been raised and made over to the wife, a furnished house at

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Dalhousie provided for their reception, secured, and arrangements made to remit £15 a month for their subsistence, until it was possible for him to return to the Plains, which he did some six months afterwards, perfectly recovered. In this single instance will be found illustrated the spirit which characterised Bro. Ramsay's administration of the District. One more instance; a W. Brother in the prime of life dying, left a widow and children quite unprovided for from no fault of his own, she, having the ability, was assisted to the extent of £400 in establishing a school in the Hills of India, the result being that she is now at the head of a flourishing institution. Bro. Ramsay's purpose was to help all needing help to help themselves. What I have stated refers to the Grand Lodge only, but this by no means represents the benefits which followed his administration, as each of the nineteen Lodges caught the spirit of the District Grand Master, and vied with one another in promoting the best interests of their fellows. It was indeed ten years of noble work, and what was accomplished proves "how good a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Addressing Bro. Ramsay, Bro. Davies said:—"And now, Right Worshipful Sir, I present you, in the name of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjanb, their best and heartiest greetings and this Address, which will indicate to you the feelings of respect and reverence which is entertained by them towards you; and may the G.A.O.T.U. prosper and bless you all the days of your life." Bro. Davies' earnest and forcible speech was listened to with deep attention, and on the presentation of the beautifully illuminated parchment to its honoured recipient, a burst of well-merited applause betokened the satisfaction afforded to all present. The R.W. Bro. Col. Ramsay, with evident emotion, which for a few moments could scarcely be controlled, said:—"W. Bro. Davies and W.M., I trust you will convey to the R.W.G.M., the D.G.M., and the brethren of the Punjaub, my heartfelt thanks for the Address which they have so kindly forwarded to me. The ten years that I ruled the District are ten years full of pleasant memories, fruitful beyond expectation; but I have no desire to take the whole credit to myself, as no one is more sensible than I am how impossible it would be for any single man to bring about such results unaided. From the moment I assumed charge of the District, brethren from all quarters tendered me their loyal support, and it is to me a delightful retrospect that I have never made an appeal for help in cases of need but that I received double what I asked for. With such a District to govern, the attainment of such results was easy; however skilfully the head may devise, the hands are needed for its successful carrying out, and not only the hands, but each joint of the body must perform its allotted task, and this was done by the brethren of the District, one and all; and by no one was I more cordially assisted than by yourself, W. Sir, who was throughout all those years my D.G. Secretary. To me the pleasing memories of those ten years will ever be dear, and I shall always reflect with satisfaction that I was the directing head of a District that educated, maintained, clothed, and started in life, in positions far above those occupied by their parents, 30 boys and girls, and that the claims of all "poor and distressed" were fully and cordially met. I trust I shall be permitted still to render some assistance to the cause of Masonry, which is dear to my heart. In conclusion, W. Sir, let me assure you it is an additional pleasure to me to receive this Address in a body of a Lodge which received me in so cordial and fraternal a manner as the Honor Oak has done, and I thank you for your kindness in allowing the presentation to take place within its walls. Bro. Ramsay then resumed his seat. Bro. W. Hopekirk P.M. having expressed to Bro. Davies, on behalf of the Lodge, the pleasure his address had afforded them, and congratulating its members that so highly honoured a brother as Col. Ramsay was enrolled amongst them, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the V.W. Bro. Davies, and that honorary membership of the Lodge be offered for his acceptance. This was carried by acclamation, and Bro. Davies, evidently taken by surprise, returned his warmest thanks for the compliment paid to him, taking occasion, at the same time, to extol the work of the Lodge as he had seen and heard it carried out by the W.M. and his Officers. Bro. Hopekirk referred to the recent decease of Bro. Ambrose, one of the earliest initiates in the Lodge, and a vote of condolence was passed, to be conveyed to the widow, and this was supplemented by other practical and substantial assistance. All business being ended, and the business was such as all earnest Masons could but thoroughly enjoy, the Lodge was closed. Time was pressing on visitors from a distance, and the speeches after supper were laudably condensed. Several of the brethren assisted to keep up the harmony which had prevailed throughout the evening, and at last the brethren separated, gratified to the fullest extent with all that had transpired, and with music in their hearts vibrating to the chords of "Loyalty and Charity," which had been so frequently struck during the unique and interesting proceedings.

EARL OF LATHOM LODGE, No. 1922.

ALTHOUGH somewhat late in reporting the annual meeting of this Lodge, we hope its members will not think us unmindful of its welfare, or unappreciative of the manner in which they have carried on the Lodge in the past. From accounts we have received, we believe the Earl of Lathom Lodge to be in a flourishing condition, reflecting credit on the illustrious name it bears, and generally working for the good of the Masonic Order. This year's installation took place on Thursday, the 17th ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, on which occasion Bro. J. Wentworth T. Chapman was placed in the chair of K.S. The hour of meeting was 2 p.m., and shortly after that time the Lodge was opened, the minutes of the last Lodge were read and confirmed, and the Report of the Audit Committee was considered. Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. William Deacon was raised. Bro. Charles Andrew Marshall was passed; and, the ballot being in favour, Mr. William Burridge was regularly initiated. The newly appointed Master invested the following as his officers for the year, viz.:—Bros. G. W. Evans S.W., J. Turle Lee J.W., A. Runacres P.M. Treasurer, E. Witts P.M. Secretary, C. Evans S.D., A. J. Clarke J.D., W. G. Cannon I.G., C. Sims D.C., J. M. Spencer W.S., A. W. Firkins A.W.S., J. G. Albert Organist. At the conclusion of the Lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the Carlton Hall, Tunstall-road, Brixton, where a most enjoyable banquet was served by Bro. C. G. Slawson, of Old Kent-road. This was followed by the proposition of the usual toasts, and a well-arranged selection of music. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bros. Collens and Vincent, both of whom are, at the present time, Masters in their respective Lodges. In proposing the toast of the I.P.M., Bro. Chapman referred to the services Bro. Taylor had rendered to the Lodge, and tendered the thanks of the members to him. He also had the pleasure of presenting him, in the name of the members of the Lodge, a Past Master's jewel, of a similar pattern to that given before from this Lodge (it has a diamond centre, with the Earl of Lathom's crest, and the name of the Lodge embossed on the border). On the back of the jewel was the following inscription:—

Presented to
Brother R. J. Taylor P.M.,
by the brethren of
the Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 1922, in appreciation of his efficient services as W.M. during the year.
April 1883-84.

There was a numerous assemblage of visitors, the comfort of whom was much enhanced by the admirable arrangements made for them by Bros. Taylor and Chapman. The visitors were Bros. J. Collens W.M. 766, J. Warren W.M. 1348, R. J. Vincent W.M. 1963, T. Taylor I.P.M. 1558, W. G. Dickins P.M. 860, G. Wrigglesworth P.M. 975, T. W. James P.M. 957, M. S. Larham P.M. 1216, C. S. Barker P.M. 1632, J. R. Johnson S.W. 1320, J. S. Stokes J.W. 1558, R. Stokoe J.W. 1963, A. W. Stead S.W. 1997, H. White S.D. 1257, and Bros. Treacher 1475, A. Stead 1622, J. Hyde 1662, H. Collins 141, Low 1587, Turner 144, Ashton, and Bevan 1706.

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CONSECRATION OF THE YORK LODGE AT CAMBRIDGE.

THE Province of East Anglia added one more Lodge to its list on Wednesday by the consecration, at Cambridge, of a Lodge named in honour of its first Worshipful Master, Bro. James Neal York, of Newmarket, an ardent Mason in the various degrees of the Craft. Bro. York is Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons in Cambridge, and a Past Senior Warden of the other Mark Lodge in the University town—the Freeman, No. 105—and now becomes the head of the York Lodge, No. 334, which will hold its meetings at the Lion Hotel. There was a fair attendance of Mark Masons present on Wednesday, including the M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Grand Mark Master of England and Wales and Provincial Grand Mark Master of East Anglia; the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master of the Province; Bros. Williams P.G.S.D. P.M. 104, York the W.M. designate, Lewin P.G.S.D. W.M. 145, Tracy Provincial Grand Secretary P.M. 70, Matier P.G.W., Chennell S.W. designate, Bays 105, Caldwell P.M. 112, Gelhard W.M. 112, Abbott P.G.A.D.C. 70, Trevor Jones S.W. 112, Shepherd J.O. 105, Elkington, J.O. 70, Bonnett 142, Armitage J.O. 112, Dunsford M.O. 92, Weldon S.D. 112, Browning J.W. 112, Jones S.D. 112, Lucia 105, Anningson M.C. 112. The Lodge room at the Lion Hotel had been very tastefully laid out, under the directions of Bro. Papworth, the Secretary, who had been indefatigable in making all arrangements for the consecration. The brethren, who were all in mourning, assembled shortly after two p.m., under the presidency of Bro. Tracy as W.M., when the following were advanced to the M.M. Degree: Bros. A. H. Moyes P.M. 88, Edward Hill P.M. 88, Jennings W.M. 441, Thompson W.M. 88, McCallum S.W. 88, Vinter J.W. 441, Pashler J.W. 88, Papworth S.D. 88, Purchas J.W. 88, Beales 88, Whitehead 441, Hills 88. The Provincial Grand Secretary having read the petition and warrant, the Grand Mark Master, in his charge to the Founders of the Lodge, said that he supposed that the York would be the last Lodge he should consecrate as G.M.M., as his term of office was drawing to a close; but he was glad it had fallen to his lot to consecrate that, as it was also in the Province of East Anglia and in the University town of Cambridge, in which he was educated, and which had such pleasant recollections for him. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn congratulated the Province on the auspicious occasion. He hailed the establishment of the new Lodge as a sign that Mark Masonry was making its influence felt. The Lodge having been consecrated, the installation of the W.M. was carried out by the Grand Master, after which Bro. York appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Chennell S.W., Moyes J.W., Hills M.O., Jennings S.O., Thompson J.O., McCallum Registrar, Vinter S.D., Pashler J.D., Papworth Secretary, Purchas Organist, Beales Director of Ceremonies, Whitehead I.G., Wood and Unwin Tylers. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. A. H. Moyes, Bro. Edmund J. Morthock was unanimously elected Treasurer. The Lodge was then dedicated and constituted. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the Grand Master for coming to Cambridge to consecrate the Lodge, while he had many other onerous duties to perform both in connection with Masonry and with the House of Lords. He had conferred a great honour upon the Lodge, for which he (the W.M.) was greatly obliged. The Grand Master, in reply, expressed the great pleasure it had been to him to be present, though his private and public duties made it difficult for him to be with them. He congratulated the W.M., and hoped his year of office would be a prosperous one, and that the Lodge would go on increasing. The proceedings were then brought to a close in due form, and a banquet followed, at which the W.M. presided, when the usual toast list was gone through and duly honoured.—*East Anglian Daily Times.*

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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 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, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.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
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MONDAY, 26th 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, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
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.
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).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (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.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 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
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
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, 27th MAY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
58—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
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)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., 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.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, .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
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1669—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1696—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
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. 176—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, 28th MAY.

2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
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)
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—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (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)
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, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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. 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)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
1261—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
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
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R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 29th MAY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, 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)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (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.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (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.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
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, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
909—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, 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, 30th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.
141—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
764—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
781—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)
1425—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1506—Chandos, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1612—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)

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R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 75—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond

453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens

SATURDAY, 31st MAY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
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
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 15th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Present—Bros. J. Penney W.M., J. Bedford Williams S.W., Thomas J.W., B. R. Banks Treasurer, S. K. Speight P.M. Secretary, Stringer S.D., Smith J.D., Catt I.G.; P.M. Bro. Hutchings (Preceptor); also Bros. W. T. Hunt jun., Penrose and Greener. Lodge opened, and minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second and third degrees, and ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Penrose candidate. Lodge was then called off, and on resuming, the chair was occupied by Brother W. T. Hunt jun. Lodge closed to the first degree, after which the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Smith candidate.

On Thursday, Bros Thomas W.M., Stringer S.W., Bedford-Williams J.W., Speight P.M. Sec., Ingram P.M. I.G., P.M.'s Bros. J. J. Hutchings Preceptor, and Penrose. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Penrose candidate. Lodge was then called off, and on resuming was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 17th inst. Present—Bros. Cull W.M., Hunter S.W., Strugnell J.W., Eldridge S.D., Kidder J.D., Bleakley I.G., Cohen Preceptor, Galer Secretary; also Bros. Richardson, Lorkin, Fenner, Harding, Cross, Rhodes, Giddins, Smith, Jackson, Airey, Dixie, Gribbell, Weeden, Sutton, Ferguson, Moss, Turner, Powell. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, when Bro. Cull worked the Fifteen Sections, assisted by Bros. Giddens, Jackson, Eldridge, Bleakley, Hunter, Airey; Kidder, Lutton, Weeden, Ferguson, Dixie; Gribbell, Strugnell, and Giddens. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Jackson, of the Great Northern Lodge, and Bro. Simpson, of the St. Nicholas Lodge, were elected members. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Cull for his able working, and also to the brethren who had assisted him. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned.

St. John's Lodge, No. 221.—The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at 6.30 p.m. Present—Bros. Edwin Melrose W.M., Peter Bradburn S.W., Compton J.W., Brockbank Treas., Walker S.D., Siddorn I.G., Cuerden and Briscoe Stewards, Ferguson P.M. P. Prov. G.S.W., Morris, Swarbrick, Chirnside, Forrest, Elliston, Sugden, Halliwell. Visitors—Rev J. A. Gibbon Chaplain 37, Fogg 1723, Bolton 1723, Kershaw 1723, Nightingale 146, Melrose W.M. 1144. After preliminaries, Mr. Shaw-Henshaw, proposed as a candidate at the last Lodge, was duly ballotted for, elected, and forthwith initiated as an E.A. by the W.M. and Bro. Isherwood, the working tools being explained by the J.W., and the customary charge delivered by Bro. Brockbank Grand Steward Scotland. Three candidates were proposed for initiation, after which the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8 p.m.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 861.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., 14th May. Bros. Pinder W.M., Byott S.W., Lambert J.W., Stroud J.D., Gieseke I.G., Millington Secretary; also Bro. Batchelor, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Batchelor candidate. Bro. Batchelor answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Batchelor candidate. Bro. Batchelor answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Pinder worked the first section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Byott and Batchelor were elected members. Bro. Byott was elected W.M. for ensuing week, the Officers in rotation. Lodge was then closed.

On the 21st instant, Bros. Byott W.M., Gieseke S.W., Legg J.W., Clark Treas., Mullington Sec., Pitt S.D., Probert J.D., Sergeant I.G., Pinder P.M. Preceptor, also Kramm, Turbefield, &c. Lodge was opened, and minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Kramm candidate. Bro. Turbefield, being a candidate to be passed to the second degree, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Turbefield candidate. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Gieseke was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Lodge was closed.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—At the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, on Wednesday, the Fifteen Sections were worked by the members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction in response to an invite. Present—Bros. Cohen P.M. 205, Powell S.W., Galer J.W., Cusworth P.M. Preceptor, Perl Sec., Fenner P.M. S.D., Chubb J.D., Smith I.G.; also Weeden, Dixie, Ashton, Recknell, Harrower, Turner, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the usual preliminaries having been observed, the Sections were worked as follows: First Lecture—Bros. Galer, Turner, Powell, Fenner, Galer, Ashton, Powell; Second Lecture—Bros. Cusworth, Ferrar, Weeden, Powell, Dixie; Third Lecture — Cohen, Galer, Dixie. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded to the brethren who had assisted to bring the meeting to a successful issue. Lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards dispersed, having enjoyed a pleasant and instructive evening.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At the meeting held on Tuesday, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, there were present—Bros. Watkinson W.M., Wardell S.W., Baker J.W., F. Carr Sec., Smyth S.D., Clark J.D., Jenkins I.G., P.M. Bro. Brasted Acting Preceptor; Visitors—Bros. Rogers, Turnbull, Christian, Robinson. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Robinson answered the necessary questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. Christian worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree, when Bro. Wardell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Honorary membership was conferred on Bro. Brasted P.M. for his great assistance to the Lodge in acting as its Preceptor, in the enforced absence, through illness, of Bro. Wallington, the esteemed Preceptor.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, 13th inst., at Bro. Baker's, Cook Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Weeden W.M., Kidder S.W., Jones J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Dixie S.D., Rhodes J.D., Goddard I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor; P.M.'s Killick sen., Mullord, Cusworth. After preliminaries, the third degree ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Collingridge candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. Lodge was closed in the three degrees. Bro. Jones, W.M. of the Campbell Lodge, No. 1415, will rehearse the ceremony of installation on Monday next, the 27th inst.

On Monday last, Bros. Forge W.M., Western S.W., Rhodes J.W., Collingridge Sec., Cusworth S.D., Cook J.D., Ware I.G.; also Hall P.M. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Snook candidate. Lodge was closed in due form.

A meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday. Comp. Gregory filled the chair of Z., Edmonds H., Strugnell J., Sheffield S.N., Wood P.S. A pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

Bro. G. J. Dunkley (better known as G. S. Graham) will be installed W.M. of the Ewell Lodge, No. 1851, on Saturday, 24th inst. The Lodge meets at the Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.

The following Festival Meetings have been held at Freemasons' Tavern during the week, ending 24th May:—

Monday, 19th—Grand Master's Lodge, British Lodge; Tuesday, 20th—Royal Caledonian Asylum; Wednesday, 21st—Royal Masonic Institution for Girls' Annual Festival; Thursday, 22nd—St. George's Chapter, Mount Moriah Lodge, Bedford Chapter, University of London Lodge; Friday, 23rd—Jerusalem Lodge; Saturday, 24th—Army Pay Department, 79th Cameron Highlanders.

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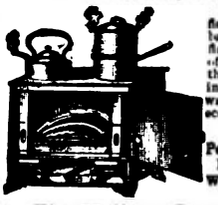
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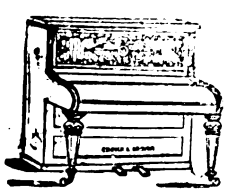
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EVERY member of the English Craft must be delighted with the manner in which the Ninety-sixth Anniversary Festival of this deservedly popular Institution passed off on Wednesday, the 21st instant, and the success of the preliminary meeting, held the Monday previous, for the purpose of distributing the prizes to the pupils to whom they had been adjudged. A great result had been achieved at Bro. Terry's Festival in February, and a greater still at Bro. Binckes's in June of last year; and, as it rarely happens that all three Institutions score well in succession, it was felt by many that the announcement of Subscriptions and Donations which it would devolve on Bro. Hedges to make, might very possibly, and even probably, show a considerable falling off from the splendid totals announced on the occasions referred to by his brother Secretaries. Happily, this anticipation was not realised, and the proceeds of our latest Charity Celebration exceed £13,000, which, all things considered, must be set down as eminently satisfactory. This, at all events, was the opinion of Lord Brooke, the Chairman of the day, who openly expressed the pleasure he had experienced when the result was made known; the Stewards and their friends who were present, by heartily acclaiming the remarks of the President, made it clear that they also were satisfied with the Subscription List to which their efforts had so largely contributed; Bro. Hedges said little, but his countenance betokened the feelings which actuated him, while the rest of the Craft must have read the announcement the day after the Festival with almost precisely the same sense of gratification. The School is popular, because its work is done so admirably, and gifts are seldom grudged when it is known they will be appropriated to some useful purpose.

We have found it to be almost invariably the case that each of our Masonic Festivals is characterised by some special feature of its own, which distinguishes it from the rest of these festive celebrations, and in the present instance this distinctive feature will be found in the very complimentary remarks of Lady Burdett-Coutts, when she so kindly distributed the prizes the Monday preceding the Anniversary. It is unnecessary to remind our readers of the prominent part taken by the Baroness in whatever is calculated to promote the happiness and prosperity of mankind, but it may be useful to point out that one result of her numerous philanthropical labours is an intimate acquaintance with the working of philanthropical institutions such as few can point to; and praise, therefore, from her, is praise indeed. As a philanthropist it was natural that she should take an interest in a School supported almost entirely by the voluntary efforts of kindly-disposed people. It was equally natural that, as the daughter of one Mason and the wife of another, she should exhibit a special degree of interest in a Masonic Charity. But the additional interest which Lady Burdett-Coutts evinced on this occasion can only be accounted for by the successful working of an Institution which was then, beyond what may be justly ascribed to these two circumstances, for the first time brought within the scope of her personal experience. Hence, when in the passage quoted by Lord Brooke from her letter to Bro. Hedges, we find her writing,—"I am glad to have again an opportunity of thanking the Committee for the personal pleasure of Monday, which will not be effaced readily from my memory. I saw the signs of a very important and useful national work which you are carrying out at the Masonic Girls' School,"—we cannot help feeling that the annually-recurring labours of the brethren in support of this School are productive of permanent good, not only to the young people who are more immediately concerned, but likewise to society at large, of which they constitute only an infinitesimal part. Remarks equally complimentary of the Girls' Institution may have been made by others, but they will not have the same authority with the public as those uttered by this beneficent lady, whose experience of institutions of this kind is so immeasurably beyond that of other people generally. Equally worthy of appreciation are the words of thanks she offered in the School, for, when addressing the Committee in particular, she said, "We therefore congratulate and thank you for the blessings you are conferring on the country through the girls you are sustaining." We all know the duties of the Committee are of a very responsible character, and it must be a pleasure to all of us to learn, from a lady so well qualified to speak, that the Committee worthily acquit them in the fulfilment of their trust.

The presence of Lady Burdett-Coutts at the prize distribution, the leading part she took in the proceedings, and the important testimony she voluntarily offered to the efficiency of the Institution, constitute, in our opinion, the distinguishing feature of the Girls' School Festival for the current year. But in our anxiety to show that the interest taken in the Charity by this philanthropical lady is very warmly appreciated, we must not lose sight of the kindly zeal exhibited by the Chairman, or the arduous endeavours so successfully made by the Stewards and Bro. Hedges, to ensure a liberal measure of support for the School during the current year. Lord Brooke won his spurs as a Masonic Festival Chairman in capital style. It was a pleasure to hear him speak so heartily, and what he said was so very much to the point that we shall not be surprised to hear of other attempts being made to secure his services in a like capacity at some future celebration. He had his reward in this respect, that his Province loyally and generously supported him. We knew, of course, that Essex would do its best, but we were not quite prepared for so liberal a contribution after the £400 it raised for Bro. Terry in February, and in face of the losses caused by the earthquake. To Essex, therefore, as to its Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke, the Chairman of the day, we offer our hearty congratulations on the result of the Festival. To the Board of Stewards generally are likewise due the thanks of all English Freemasons. London, with 117 Stewards, raised over £6,300, and the Provinces £6,737, there being no less than eighteen three-figure lists included in the former amount, while twenty-eight out of our forty-one Provinces lent a helping hand in raising the latter. Of the London Lodges which distinguished themselves we may mention No. 1962, which raised £264 12s, Bro. A. McDowall being its representative; No. 1790, which, per Bro. H. M. Hobbs, sent up £221, and No. 1671, for which Bro. H. Warden was Steward, handed in £200. The Abbey Lodge No. 2,030, by the hands of its esteemed W.M., Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, made a grand beginning by giving in a list of £157 5s, and this

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though it was consecrated only a few months since. Comp. J. Derby Allcroft, Past Grand Treasurer, as Steward for the Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1,657, raised £131 5s, while Comp. H. B. Marshall, Grand Treasurer—though his name figures among the Middlesex Stewards—may be mentioned here as contributing 100 guineas in his character of representative of Chapter No. 1,777. As to the provinces, Essex appropriately headed the list with £1,000, West Yorkshire being next with £900. Kent raised over £561; Gloucestershire, £417 18s, since increased to £429 9s; East Lancashire, £365; Derbyshire, £356; Middlesex, £354; West Lancashire, £316; Hants and Isle of Wight, £295; South Wales West, £262 10s; Suffolk, within a few shillings of £248; and Sussex, £237. Among individual Provincial Stewards the credit of having raised the largest amount belongs to Bro. Rev. J. Marsden, who, as representing the Western Division of South Wales, took up £262 10s.

We have mentioned that Bro. Hodges is entitled to our heartiest congratulations at the success which attended this Festival, but we should not be doing him justice if we closed these few remarks without bearing testimony to his unremitting exertions to insure this success. He enters into the spirit of his duties most thoroughly, and spares himself neither time nor trouble when he sees or thinks he sees a way of doing some service, be it never so small, to the Institution with which he has now been associated for close on six years. He has done well in this instance, and we sincerely trust we may never have a less successful result to chronicle on his account.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

WE look forward with pleasure to the publication of the Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Committee of Management invariably have a good account to render of their proceedings, and though there are people who will contrive to find some fault with the arrangements or expenditure, we are satisfied the bulk of the brethren will be as gratified with the present, as with preceding, records. Our attention is called in the opening paragraph to the result of the Festival in February last, when, by the exertions of the Chairman and his Board of Stewards, the goodly sum of £14,665 13s was raised for the service of the Institution. This, as is pointed out, is the largest amount ever realised at a Festival of this Institution, and fully justifies the sense of satisfaction to which the Committee have felt it their duty to give expression. It would have been well enough had previous successes been only equalled; it is pre-eminently gratifying to know they have been surpassed.

The feelings with which the paragraph that follows must have been received are doubtless of a somewhat mixed character. The knowledge that the Institution was rich enough to support 332 old men and women, and render comfortable their declining years, must have given pleasure to everybody, but the fact of there being still so many applicants on the lists for admission into the Institution will no doubt give rise to a certain feeling of despondency that, no matter how successful are the efforts made to help those of our old folks who are too aged and too poor to help themselves, there seem to be almost always at least twice or thrice as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled. The Committee did what they could conscientiously to grapple with the difficulty, and at their meeting immediately preceding the Festival had resolved on increasing the number of Female Annuitants by ten. When the Anniversary was found to have been so productive they went still further, and recommended that five Male and five Female Annuitants should be elected, and the Governors and Subscribers to whom the proposal was submitted unhesitatingly acquiesced in it. But even after this additional provision had been made, there still remained fourteen old men and fifty-four old women whose recognised claims to assistance must be deferred for at least another twelve months, and even longer in the case of those to whom the ordeal of the ballot may again prove unfavourable. This may very properly be described as a "lamentable fact."

As regards the rest of the Report, we may dismiss it more briefly. It was wise to caution the friends of the Institution against relaxing their efforts. Charities of this kind are only kept on their legs by dint of extraordinary efforts, again and again renewed. Even the biggest Festival return on record must be exhausted sooner or later, especially where, as in this case, there are more people to provide for. The paragraph about the economical administration of the funds of the Institution was very wisely interposed. Early in the present year some one, with more leisure at his disposal than he could conveniently manage, expressed his belief—casually no doubt, and for want of something better to do—that the cost of management was excessive; but he did not succeed in impressing this belief on other people, and the only result was that poor Bro. John Mason, the Collector, woke up one fine morning very much as a man does after a severe attack of nightmare, and found his services to the Institution were being extravagantly remunerated—that is, in the opinion of this self-constituted critic. However, the present statement of account discloses a liberal, and therefore a wise and truly economical, expenditure, but no extravagance, and there is every reason to believe that the hope expressed later on by the Committee about the same confidence being reposed in them in the future as in the past will be realised.

Having noticed the salient features in the Report itself, we must now turn to the statements of account annexed, that of the Male Fund claiming priority of attention. The balance remaining from the previous year amounted to £3,246 15s 3d, and the receipts to £10,313 11s 7d, making a total debit of £13,560 6s 10d. As the expenditure only reached £10,114 14s 1d, the balance to be carried forward to the new account is £3,445 12s 9d, or, in round figures, about £200 more at the close of the account than at the beginning. The principal items of receipt are,—£800 from Grand Lodge, £100 from Grand Chapter, £7,020 7s 5d in respect of Donations and Subscriptions from Lodges, Chapters and Individuals, and £1,117 15s 8d in respect of Dividends on Government Stock, together with a sum of £1,250 "Cash withdrawn from Call," this being an item of account only. The principal Disbursements are £6,440 on account of the Annuitants, £679 14s 9d Salaries, Commission, and Messenger; £141 18s 5d for Repairs, Painting, &c.; £185 17s 10d Printing and Stationery; £196 15s 5d Postages, &c. and expenses of Election; £1,033 15s purchase of Stock, and £1,000 "Placed at Call," also an item of account only. To state the case briefly there was spent in Annuities £6,440; in the purchase of Stock £1,033 15s; at Call £1,000; and for all the other heads of Service together, £1,670 19s 1d.

The Widows' Fund discloses the following figures:—Balance from previous year, £3,110 6s 3d; receipts—including £800 from Grand Lodge, £50 from Grand Chapter, £7,855 12s 3d in respect of Donations and Subscriptions, and Dividends £725 10s, with £750 cash withdrawn from call—together amount to £10,199 5s 7d, giving a total debit of £13,310 5s 7d. The disbursements reach £9,329 2s 11d, so that the balance remaining to be carried forward to the new account is £3,981 3s, or in round figures, £870 more than it was at the close of the old one. The principal heads of expenditure are the same as in the Male Fund, the items being for annuities £5,629; for office salaries, commission, and messenger, £683 13s; for repairs, painting, &c., £141 18s 5d; stationery, printing, &c., £185 17s 10d; postages, &c., and expenses of election, £201 19s 5d; purchase of stock, £1,033 15s; placed at call, £1,000; or, as under the Male Fund, annuities, £5,629; stock, £1,033 15s; at call, £1,000; and for all other heads of service put together, £1,666 7s 11d. The Sustentation of Building Fund Account is of little importance, but the small balance remaining in hand of £73 6s 7d, added to the balances on the Male and Female Funds, helps to swell the general balance for the whole Institution to £7,500 2s 4d. As regards the income derived from permanent sources, it amounted for the year to £3,623 5s 9d, of which £1,600 was derived from Grand Lodge, £150 from Grand Chapter, and £1,873 5s 9d from dividends on Government Stock.

Having considered briefly, yet we trust sufficiently, both the Report and the figures which are annexed to it, we shall take the liberty of drawing attention to one point in connection with the former which has probably presented itself to the mind of every brother who has had occasion, as we have, to watch the progress of the Institution during the last few years. We allude to what the Committee have rightly enough described in this and previous Reports as a "lamentable fact," namely, that in spite of all that has been done of late to meet the demands made upon the resources of the Institution, there is almost invariably a great excess of candidates over vacancies. Bro. Lacey, in

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consequence of the very generous response made in February last to the appeals of Bro. Terry and the Board of Stewards, gracefully withdrew the motion of which he had given notice for a revision of certain of the regulations which affect the candidates, and, as a matter of course, those of them who ultimately succeed in getting elected as annuitants. But the difficulty with which he was desirous of coping will have to be met some time, if not next year or the year after. It is out of all reason to suppose the Craft will be able to satisfy always the constantly increasing applications that are made for assistance from the two Benevolent Funds. There were, at the beginning of last year, 332 annuitants; there are now 352: and already on the list of applicants, there are for election on the Female Fund nearly twice as many as the Governors and Subscribers elected only a fortnight since. Two questions arise, and must be grappled with. In the first place, how is it that, with such large periodical increases in the number of annuitants, the number of candidates so far from exhibiting any appreciable diminution, goes on increasing by periodical, if not by regular, leaps and bounds? The other is, what degree of increase in the number of annuitants must be reached before the Committee will have the courage to cry, Halt? It is clear, as we have said already, that they cannot go on proposing further additions from time to time to the present number. It is equally clear that the Craft have already taken upon themselves—in respect of this Institution alone, to say nothing of the two Schools—a very serious amount of responsibility, which it will tax all their energy and resources for many a long year to meet. Far be it from us to say or do anything which may have in the remotest degree the effect of arresting the flow of that charity which is the quintessence of Freemasonry. Far be it also from us to suggest that among the candidates are to be found a class of people for whose benefit the Institution was not founded. But every one must be struck with the indisputable fact we have stated, that the number of candidates goes on steadily increasing as the number of annuitants on each Fund is increased. These two increases, that of the annuitants and that of the candidates, ought not to stand to each other in relation of cause and effect, but it looks very much as if they did so stand; and what we are now anxious to learn is, to what point do the Committee consider they may carry their policy of extension, so that thenceforward there may be a reduction in the number of candidates in conformity with the laws which, in cases of this description, usually determine the relation between cause and effect. We shall gladly offer every facility in our power for the discussion of this very serious question.

POPE LEO'S ENCYCLICAL LETTER AGAINST FREEMASONS.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

DURING the pontificate of the late Pope Pius IX., Freemasons occasionally amused themselves by discussing the question, whether he was a Freemason; but we have not heard this "soft impeachment" brought against the present Roman Pontiff, Leo XIII. We never believed that Pius IX. was a Mason, and we are even more confident that Leo XIII. (will he pardon us?) is a *profane*, so that we must say to him, and to all others like him, in the language of Virgil, *Procul este, profani!* "Avaunt, ye profane!"

On the 20th day of April 1884, in the seventh year of his pontificate, Leo XIII. issued his Encyclical Letter to "all venerable Patriarchs, Primates, Archbishops and Bishops in the Catholic world, who have grace and communion with the Apostolic See." It is a formidable document in length, and in length only. It would fill six solid columns of the *Keystone*. It must have fatigued the pontifical mind, and wearied the secretarial hand that prepared it. It opens with the following recital concerning previous Encyclicals, that missed their mark, and then it deliberately misses it again:

The Roman Pontiffs, our predecessors, watching constantly over the safety of the Christian people, early recognized this capital enemy, rushing forth out of the darkness of hidden conspiracy, and, anticipating the future in their mind, gave the alarm to princes and people, that they should not be caught by deception and fraud.

Clement XII. first signalized the danger in 1738, and Benedict XIV. renewed and continued his Constitution. Pius VII. followed them both; and Leo XII., by the Apostolic Constitution, *quo graviora*, recapitulating the acts and decrees of the above Pontiffs about the matter, validated and confirmed them for ever. In the same way spoke Pius VIII., Gregory XVI. and very often Pius IX.

These previous anathemas all failed, notwithstanding many Roman Catholic temporal potentates reinforced them with their personal influence and aid:

Many princes and rulers of States agreed with the Popes, and either denounced Masonry to the Apostolic See, or by appropriate laws condemned it as a bad thing, in Holland, Austria, Switzerland, Spain, Bavaria, Savoy and parts of Italy.

How was it (in Leo's opinion) that this great combination, this giant conspiracy, failed? Freemasons have no Encyclical Letters to hurl back at their adversary, they are beneath playing a game of spitball. While the present Pope vainly endeavours to conceal the true reason of the failure of the deliberate efforts of so many of his predecessors in the alleged chair of St. Peter, supported as they were by the active aid of divers subservient Kings and Emperors, he says:

Their paternal care did not always and everywhere succeed, either because of the simulation and shrewdness of the Masons themselves, or through the inconsiderate levity of others, whose duty required of them strict attention. Hence, in a century and a half, the sect of Masons grew beyond expectation; and, creeping audaciously and deceitfully among the various classes of the people, it grew to be so powerful that now it seems the only dominating power in the States.

He herein recognizes the total failure of the Roman tactics, and unintentionally pays a high tribute to our ever-widening Fraternity, which, as he says, "grew beyond expectation."

But what are the crimes against mankind, or morality, or religion, alleged against Freemasons by the present Lion of the Vatican, or "prisoner of the Vatican," which? No crimes whatever against *mankind*, or *morality*, or *religion*, but only against "Holy Mother Church," and the Roman Pontiff! That is to say, the charge is made (but not proven, for it cannot be proven), that Freemasonry is inimical to a particular form of religion, to wit, the Roman Catholic. Freemasons are charged with the desire "to destroy the Church established by God." Now, every one knows, and in America we have just been so instructed afresh, by that able Jesuit, Monsignor Capel, that the Pope teaches that there is, and can be, but *one* Church—the Papal, and that *all others* are corrupt, degraded, false and destroying. But Leo, at the same time, asserts that his Church stands in no danger from Freemasonry:

It has indeed come to this, that we have serious fear, not for the Church, which has a foundation too firm for men to subvert it, but for those States in which this society is so powerful, or other societies of a like kind, and which show themselves to be servants and companions of Masonry.

It is for the State he fears, then, not for the Church! What Jesuitry! Why has he not the manliness to tell the truth, and shame the devil, if indeed Freemasons represent the devil? A few years ago Gladstone, in a notable pamphlet, exhibited the Roman Pontiff in his true colours as a *friend* of the State. Not a bit of it! He knows no one but *himself*. The Church, all States, and the world itself, exist for him, or ought so to exist. But this is not written among the Masonic Landmarks, and hence Freemasonry is anathematized. Nothing will satisfy this Lion's maw but the world!

Yet his Popeship is betrayed into a fatal admission when he says:—"It is true, Freemasons generally admit the existence of God!" Yes, these vile men, whose deliberate purpose is to destroy society, to wreck States, to abolish the Church, that is the Pope's Church, these believe in God, pray to Him, and practise the three cardinal virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity!

Again, Freemasonry itself is bad, very bad, as bad as it can be; but there are many individual members who are excellent men (he must mean you, Brother reader, and perhaps us). Hear the Thirteenth Leo:—

What we have said, or will say, must be understood of Masonry in general, and of all like societies, not of the individual members of the same. In their number there may be not a few who, though they are wrong in giving their names to these societies, yet neither are guilty of their crimes, nor aware of the final goal which they strive to reach.

There may be hope for even the Roman Pontiff. He does not lack all charity. He admits, well, altogether too much for the force of his own argument.

But what other crimes are alleged against Freemasons? We cite a few:

The sect of Masons is established against law and honesty.

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It desires to overthrow all the religious and social orders introduced by Christianity.

It does not allow any teacher to be believed on his official authority.

The sect of Masons aims, unanimously and stedfastly, at the possession of the education of children.

It is the real, supreme aim of the Freemasons, to persecute, with untamed hatred, Christianity, and they will never rest until they see cast to the ground all religious institutions established by the Pope.

What a congeries of misstatements! The truth is Pope Leo XIII. is no more inimical to Freemasonry and Freemasons, than he is to every religious body outside of the pale of his own particular church; but he dare not *now* use the language to the latter that he does to the former. Time was when his predecessors pursued, to the stake, the predecessors of Christians of other names, while now, since the invention of printing, the diffusion of knowledge, and the spread of civilization, he dare only fulminate paper bullets against the Fraternity of Freemasons. The leopard has not changed his spots, but, like the white elephant, is only whitewashed. Trust him not. He has the will to destroy all his fancied adversaries, had he the power he would.

But enough. Let us hasten to the end of this Encyclical Letter. Leo says :—

We, by our authority, ratify and confirm all things which the Roman Pontiffs, our predecessors, have ordered to check the purposes and stop the efforts of the Masonic sect, and all those which they established to keep off or withdraw the faithful from such societies.

It may seem to some that Masons never impose anything openly contrary to faith or to morals, but as the scope and nature is essentially bad in these sects, it is not allowed to give one's name to them or to help them in any way.

And then, in conclusion, he thus invokes the blessing of the saints :

Let us invoke for this purpose the mediation of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, that against the impious sects in which one sees clearly revived the contumacious pride, the untamed perfidy, the simulating shrewdness of Satan, she may show her power, she who triumphed over him since the first conception.

Let us pray also St. Michael, the prince of the angelic army, conqueror of the infernal enemy; St. Joseph, spouse of the Most Saintly Virgin, heavenly and wholesome patron of the Catholic Church; the great Apostles, Peter and Paul, propagators and defenders of the Christian faith. Through their patronage, and the perseverance of common prayers, let us hope that God will condescend to piously help human society, threatened by so many dangers.

What will be the effect of this Encyclical Letter? We can reply only for English-speaking countries; in these it will give Freemasonry a "boom" which will certainly result in swelling the numbers of the applicants for its mysteries. It is reprinted, in full, in all the leading daily newspapers, and almost every reader, whether Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, or belonging to what other denomination he may, will recognize the falsity of its facts, and the vanity of its aim. Leo XIII. has fired a blank cartridge.

It should be distinctly understood, that while Freemasonry is entirely unsectarian, its religion, if religion we call it, being only that in which all religious men agree, we cannot but recognize the fact, that the Popes of Rome have repeatedly, and unjustly, made Freemasonry their target, and hence we may, and must, speak of the papacy as we would of no other religious power, exposing its errors so far as they relate to ourselves. Its professed aim is to subvert Freemasonry. This repeated efforts have demonstrated it cannot do. The least we can do, in reply, is to expose the falsity of its assertions, and reassert the purity, the nobility and the morality of our time-honoured Craft.

By issuing his present Encyclical Letter against all Freemasons, Leo XIII. has fairly exposed himself to just criticism. We would not bandy epithets with him, but we would characterize him as the would-be despot of the world. The more power he loses, the more he desires to have. It may be, it has even been so whispered, that America will ultimately be his home. We trust not. He is always and everywhere only *dynamite*. Happy is that country which is most remote from him, and just and honoured is that people whom he regards as his enemy.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.—Sores, wounds, ulcerations, and other diseases affecting the skin, are amendable by this cooling and healing unguent. It has called forth the loudest praise from persons who have suffered for years from bad legs, abscesses, and chronic ulcers, after every hope of cure has long passed away. None but those who have experienced the soothing effects of this Ointment can form an idea of the comfort it bestows, by restraining inflammation and allaying pain. Whenever this Ointment has been once used, it has established its own worth and has again been eagerly sought for, as the easiest and safest remedy for all ulcerous complaints. In neuralgia, rheumatism, and gout the same application, properly used, gives wonderful relief.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 4th June 1884, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th March for confirmation.

2. The Minutes of the Special Grand Lodge of the 24th April for confirmation.

3. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 30th April for confirmation.

4. The Minutes of the Special Grand Lodge, at Peterborough, of the 7th May for confirmation.

5. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.

6. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.

7. Election of a Grand Lodge Auditor.

8. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

(For list of names of the Brethren nominated for the several Boards and Committees see below).

9. 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 Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 90, London	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, London	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, No. 261, Taunton	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Surrey Lodge, No. 416, Reigate	75	0	0
A Brother of the Portland Lodge, No. 1037, Portland	50	0	0
A Brother of the Sutherland Lodge, No. 451, Burslem	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Phœnix Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth	50	0	0
A Brother of the Fowey Lodge, No. 977, Fowey	75	0	0
A Brother of the Athol Lodge, No. 74, Birmingham	100	0	0
A Brother of the Beadon Lodge, No. 619, Dulwich	100	0	0
A Brother of the St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 1447, Barton-on-Humber	150	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 783, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, Newcastle-on-Tyne	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. Thomas Lodge, No. 142, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, London	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the All Souls Lodge, No. 170, Weymouth	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Granite Lodge, No. 1328, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627, London	150	0	0
A Brother of the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, London	50	0	0

10. 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 beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of May instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £5,830 10s 1d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100; and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library £17 1s 2d.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
20th May 1884.

At the Meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 20th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz. :—

The Board have heard with great regret that Brother Sir John Monckton has signified his wish not to be re-appointed President for the ensuing year. While tendering to him their best thanks for the able and efficient manner he has presided over them during the past year, and for his unfailing courtesy to all the Members, the Board desire to express their high appreciation of the distinguished services Brother Sir John Monckton has rendered to the Craft during the ten years he has occupied the Chair, and particularly of the zeal and ability he has dis-

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played in conducting the many arduous and important duties which during his period of office have been undertaken and successfully discharged by the Board and its various Committees.

(Signed) RALPH CLUTTON,
Vice President.

11. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 16th May 1884, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

12. Appeal of Brother Thomas D. Marston, of the Lodge of Hope and Perseverance, No. 782, Lahore, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of the Punjab, relative to the election of a joining member of that Lodge by acclamation.

N.B.—The papers relating to this appeal 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.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION:—

(1) By Brother CHARLES FREDERICK HOGARD, P.M. No. 205.

To add to Rule 19, of the Book of Constitutions.

"Election of Grand Treasurer.

"If more than one Brother is nominated the names shall be printed in a list, a copy of which shall be delivered to each member present at the Grand Lodge. The balloting lists having been delivered to the members of Grand Lodge are to be collected by the Scrutineers appointed for that purpose, and are not to be signed. In order to carry out the above law, eight Scrutineers are to be elected at the General Committee previous to the Grand Lodge in March, and eight other Scrutineers are to be nominated by the Grand Master or presiding Officer at that Grand Lodge. The Scrutineers are to collect the lists from the Brethren to whom they have been delivered, and shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the ballot. They shall then retire and, having ascertained the numbers for the respective candidates, shall present the report in Grand Lodge. But if their report be not ready by the time the Grand Lodge is about to be closed, the Grand Master or the presiding Officer shall, after closing the Grand Lodge, receive the report in his private room, and in such case a copy thereof, verified by the Grand Secretary, shall be immediately posted up in the Grand Secretary's office, and remain during one week for the information of the Craft."

(2) By V.W. Brother Lieut.-Col. JOHN CREATON Past Grand Treasurer:

"That the sum of £70 be voted from the funds of the Board of General Purposes; that the same be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to provide the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter months."

List of Brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes:—

MASTERS.

WILLIAM BOHM	92
WILLIAM BRISTOW	2041
THOMAS W. C. BUSH	1728
RICHARD DONNE HANCOCK	136
SAMUEL HILL	21
FREDERICK T. C. KEEBLE	1426
THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER	1964
HUGH HEUGH RIACH	1118
LEOPOLD G. GORDON ROBBINS	10
THOMAS C. WALLS	1503

PAST MASTERS.

CHARLES BELTON	777
HENRY BISHOP	66
RALPH CLUTTON	143
ALBERT ESCOTT	1593
GIOVANNI P. FESTA	1900
GERARD FORD	271
CHARLES HAMMERTON	1339
NATHAN BRYANT HEADON	1426
WILLIAM GEORGE LEMON	1601
JOHN LAWRENCE MATHER	1471
ALFRED MEADOWS, M.D.	4
JAMES STEVENS	1216
FRANCIS J. STOHWASSER	569
EDWARD F. STORR	22
JAMES WILLING JUN.	1507

List of Brethren nominated for the Colonial Board:—

JAMES BRETT, No.	177
FREDERIC W. COLES, "	1150
GEORGE HALDANE (Lieut.-Col.), "	1615
JOHN ANDREW MAITLAND, "	92
EDWARD GARNET MAN, "	143
CHARLES R. RIVINGTON, "	2
WILLIAM STEPHENS, "	1489

List of Brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons:—

BUSH, THOMAS W. C.	P.M.	1728
COTTEBRUNE, CHARLES A.	"	1257
DAIRY, CHARLES	"	141
GOODALL, WILLIAM H.	"	1567
MCPHERSON, HENRY	"	890
MOORE, GEORGE L.	"	169
MURLIS, WILLIAM J.	"	1642
TATE, ROBERT PERRY	"	860
TATTERSHALL, ALFRED H.	"	140
WILLING, JAMES JUN.	"	1507

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 2036.—The Waitohi Lodge, Picton, Marlborough, New Zealand.
2037.—The Prinsep Lodge, Howrah, Bengal.
2038.—The Portcullis Lodge, Langport, Somersetshire.
2039.—The Londonderry Lodge, Sunderland.
2040.—The Warde Lodge, Westerham, Kent.
2041.—The West Kent Volunteer Lodge, Wilmington, Kent.
2042.—The Apollo Lodge, Liverpool.
2043.—The Kendrick Lodge, Reading, Berks.
2044.—The Seymour Lodge, Seymour, Victoria.
2045.—The Wharton Lodge, Willesden, Middlesex.
2046.—The Robinson Lodge, Maidstone, Kent.
2047.—The Beckenham Lodge, Beckenham, Kent.
2048.—The Henry Levander Lodge, Harrow Station, Middlesex.

N.B.—The Revised Edition of the Book of Constitutions (1884) may be obtained at the Grand Secretary's Office, in 8vo and 32mo, price 1s 6d a copy, bound in cloth.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1884 can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.—On Monday evening last, a number of members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction and friends met at Ladbroke Hall, the occasion being the presentation to Bro. Davis, Preceptor of the Lodge, of a testimonial in consideration of his long and valued services. The presentation was preceded by a dinner, which having been done justice to, the usual and patriotic toasts were given and responded to. The Chairman, Bro. F. C. Frye, W.M. 1642, then proceeded in eulogistic terms to state that Bro. Davis, after his indefatigable exertions in connection with the Lodge, had been deemed by the brethren worthy of some substantial mark of their approval. A committee was formed, and a subscription started, with the result that 58 members of the Lodge had subscribed; this included nearly every member of the Lodge of Instruction. In presenting to him, in the name of the Lodge, a handsome piano, by Broadwood, he need not mention the pleasure it afforded him. He only hoped he would not stay at home to practise music instead of attending Lodge meetings in future. Bro. Parkhouse, Treasurer, could not but add words of praise in favour of Bro. Davis, who had performed the duties of Preceptor to the Lodge of Instruction so satisfactorily during the past six years. He was pleased to mention that no member outside the Lodge had subscribed to the testimonial, which he hoped would also be useful to the juvenile Davises. Bro. Davis, in returning thanks, felt that the kindly feeling of the brethren more than repaid his services. His career as a Mason (9 years) had been comparatively short, but he had always felt it a pleasure to be of use to other brethren, who, perhaps, had not so many opportunities of studying the Craft as he had had. It was gratifying to himself and others that the work was got through in such a kindly manner. The Instruction Lodge could command seven Masters, all of whom were perfect in working. He did not think any Lodge could boast of better workers. In thanking them for their handsome testimonial, he begged to assure them it would not by any means tend to lessen his attendance at the Lodge. He still hoped to be with them many years. A vote of thanks to the Treasurer, Bro. Parkhouse, and Secretary, Bro. Smout, was responded to by the respective brethren. The Committee was responded for by Bros. Rogers, Bartle, Gillingham, Webster, and Wood, all of whom spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Davis's excellent services. The health of the Chairman of the evening was proposed by Bro. Murlis, who mentioned that he was not only a good Mason, but greatly interested in the Masonic Charities; the toast was suitably acknowledged. The concluding toast was the Visitors, responded to by Bros. Wakeham (of Kensington Lodge) and Westcott (of Star Cross, Devonshire). The proceedings of the evening were enlivened considerably by some excellent songs and recitations by the brethren, with accompaniments on the presentation piano, the inscription on which is as follows:—

"Presented to Bro. G. Davis P.M., by the Members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, as a mark of esteem, and in appreciation of his valuable services as Preceptor for a period of six years."

Among those present were:—Bros. Murlis P.M. Secretary 1642, S. H. Parkhouse P.M. Treasurer, E. M. Lander P.M., J. S. Atkins P.M. P.P.G.R. South Wales, Gillingham W.M. Gooch, Webster S.W. Unity, Chapman S W. Urban, J. Bartle S.W. 1642, Woodmason J.W. 1642, Buckland S.D. 1642, Wood J.W. 1642, Rubenstein, French, Taylor, Wadham, Rogers, Tomlinson, S. Elborn P.M. 511, Hatton, &c. The Vice chair was taken by Bro. S. Smout I.P.M. 1642, Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction.

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 2033.

CONSIDERING the heavy demands made on our space last week, by the Girls' Festival and its accompanying Prize Distribution two days previously, we feel sure that our readers will acquit us of intentional neglect in holding over till now the particulars of the consecration of this new and promising Lodge. The ceremony itself was a great success. There was a strong gathering of brethren of rank and influence in the Craft, and it is impossible to deny that with so experienced a Mason as Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, for its first W. Master, the Lodge enters on its career under exceptionally favourable auspices, while none can wish it a more prosperous future than ourselves. There is, however, one point to which we are desirous of referring, namely, that the University of London Lodge must, in the very nature of things, be somewhat of a class Lodge, and we venture very respectfully to suggest that the establishment of Lodges of this description is hardly in accordance with the received idea as to the universality of Masonry. It will, of course, be said there are Military Lodges; there are the Lodges particularly associated with the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge; there is the Kaisar-i-Hind for Anglo-Indians, and others that might be enumerated, which, seeing their members are elected from particular sets, are, to all intents and purposes class Lodges, though when they were established no alarm was raised about the universality of Masonry being endangered. This perhaps, may be explained. Military Lodges are a necessity of our military organisation, while the Oxford and Cambridge University Lodges, composed in each case of graduates and undergraduates, could hardly be said to have any justification at all for their existence, if they were not confined to men of these Universities. But though the University of London Lodge will be composed in like manner of London graduates and undergraduates, there is no corporate body in the case of the London University as there is at Oxford and Cambridge. In London the men are all scattered about; in Oxford and Cambridge they are concentrated in one neighbourhood. Consequently we are brought face to face with the possibility that the University of London Lodge will be composed chiefly, if not entirely, of men living in different parts of London and its suburbs, or even in the country, who would probably experience no difficulty in securing election into the Lodges in their respective neighbourhoods, but who think it necessary to go further afield in seeking admission into Masonry, so that they may associate in the Lodge only with men of their own social standing. But with all due deference to the authorities, this kind of exclusiveness is contrary to the spirit of Freemasonry. We see no objection to a Military Lodge; indeed, it is only in a Lodge attached to their regiment or corps that our military men connected with it could practise the rites of Masonry, but there is no such apology to be offered for constituting Lodges which shall be open only to men of a particular grade or class of society. The great object of Freemasonry is to bring together men of all ranks and degrees, but if we encourage this kind of class Lodge, we shall have our English Craft in time made up of a number of exclusive sets of men, who will readily enough associate with each other, if they happen to be of the same social standing, but not otherwise. Distinctions of rank exist outside the Lodge, but not in it, and, in order that we may preserve as far as possible the original idea that Freemasonry provides a common bond of union for men of all classes, we would have our authorities discourage as much as possible the establishment of Lodges confined exclusively to any particular grade. Having satisfied our conscience in this respect, we will return to the event of the day, Wednesday, the 14th May.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Pro Grand Master, had kindly undertaken the duties of Consecrating Officer, and he had for his assistants the Right Hon. the Earl of Milltown G.S.W. as Senior Warden, Sir Francis Burdett Prov. Grand Master Middlesex as Junior Warden, while the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain, officiated as Chaplain. In the enforced absence, through illness, of Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, who had promised to instal the first Master, Bro. Thomas Fenn Past Grand Deacon opened the Lodge, the Temple being placed at the disposal of the brethren for the purposes of the meeting, and then the arrival of the Pro Grand Master was announced. Lord Carnarvon at once took the chair, and in his opening address said the brethren had been summoned to consecrate and constitute this Lodge. The warrant had been obtained from the Grand Master, and he had the greatest satisfaction in undertaking the duties of Consecrating Officer. Of the character and prospects of the Lodge he would say nothing. Those who will take the first duties are perhaps the best representatives of its merits. They had his best wishes for its future welfare. It would be composed of members of the London University, who were not only eminent Masons, but eminent in all the walks of life they had made their own. He felt its success was assured. The ceremony was then commenced, with the usual formalities. The oration was given by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, who spoke as follows:—

BRETHREN,—I fear that in my oration to-day I shall but travel over well-trodden ground, for after so much has lately been said of the origin, history and principles of Freemasonry I can scarcely be expected to produce anything new. I would ask you then, Brethren, to bear with me for a few minutes whilst I endeavour to say what may be appropriate on this occasion, when we have met together to dedicate a new Lodge under the most distinguished patronage, and with the happiest auspices—a Lodge which is to be especially devoted to members of the University of London. Masonry has increased in a marvellous manner during the past few years, and when we see the highest and noblest in the land, and men of the greatest intellectual powers, pressing into its ranks, it is natural for us to ask the question, "What is it which makes Freemasonry so attractive." It cannot be charity alone, although we Masons maintain such magnificent charitable institutions that any man may well be proud of supporting them, for charity might just as well be practised without our rites and without our clothing. It cannot be morality, however beautiful the system is which is found in our Masonic charges, for all that we teach may be found in the Sacred Volume, and might easily be studied without Freemasonry. It cannot be only the pleasure of the social meetings which take place after our Lodges are closed, for social intercourse of the pleasantest kind may easily be enjoyed without Masonic work. All these combined no doubt offer some considerable inducements for men to join Freemasonry, but there must be something *beyond*, something *higher* than mere brotherly love and relief, great principles though they are,—yes, there must be something far deeper than this, which recommends Freemasonry to men of intellectual culture. If brotherly love and relief are all that Freemasonry contains, what is the object of guarding it so completely by signs, tokens, and words, so that only those lawfully initiated into its mysteries may become acquainted with them? Freemasonry is but a casket which contains a priceless jewel, and that jewel is *Truth*; and all our rites and ceremonies, our signs and passwords have been designed for the purpose of guarding this precious jewel and handing it down from age to age in all its purity and integrity. Just as in Grecian mythology Prometheus is said to have brought down fire from Heaven as a gift to man hidden in a hollow reed, so, concealed in our rites and mysteries, Divine Truth has been passed on from generation to generation, and we have the highest authority for the use of pass-words as a safeguard of our truths, even that of the Almighty Architect Himself, who, when he revealed Himself to Moses in the burning bush, gave him a password as a voucher for the truth of His message to the children of Israel. There seems to be little doubt that in very early ages, when guilds of Masons were first established, they were formed to preserve a Speculative as well as an Operative knowledge, and through many centuries these were handed down together to successive generations; but Operative Masonry received its death-blow at the dissolution of the Monasteries in the middle of the 16th century, whilst Speculative Masonry lingered on and was well nigh extinguished, until at the beginning of the 18th century it was revived, and gradually passed into that beautiful ritual which we practise to-day. It is Speculative Masonry which has preserved for us those precious truths of which I spoke. In every age of the world we find man as his intellectual faculties have become developed seeking after *Truth*. "What is Truth?" was the question of the Roman Pilate on his judgment seat. "What is Truth?" was the object of research to Pythagoras and Socrates and Plato and all the well-known philosophers of old. But what they sought for as something lost, something unknown, Freemasonry was quietly handing down from age to age. It teaches us the great truths of the existence of one God, the Maker and Creator of all things, and the common Father of all mankind; it teaches us that we all, as children of this one common Father, are Brethren; it assures us of the immortality of the soul, and tells us of a time when we shall be summoned to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore. He sets before us in the three Degrees a beautiful allegory of the life of man from childhood even to old age. It reminds us how we came into this world poor and penniless; under the fostering care of T.G.A.O.T.U. we have passed through the dangers of childhood and arrived at man's estate; we pass on by regular steps across the chequered flooring of the world, learning lessons as we go, looking up from nature to nature's God; in the third degree still more knowledge is given to us as we behold the emblems of immortality around us, and the bright star above whose light pierces even through the darkness of the tomb. Thus in each step of Masonry fresh truths are revealed and the best instruction given, how man must live on earth, how die, how rest in heaven, when he shall have ascended to those immortal mansions whence all goodness emanates. Still further, Masonry is the handmaid of religion, directing us to the volume of the Sacred Law to guide our actions and govern our faith. And as man is weak and liable to err, so does Freemasonry give him help along the path of life, so that every instrument he handles in his work may remind him of some moral duty. Thus, Brethren, I say Masonry is worthy of the noblest intellect of man, for the more we study it the more treasures do we discover in it, and the deeper do its lessons sink

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into our heart. I do not wonder then, Brethren, that you who belong to the University of London (which differs from the older Universities in that it is only an Examining Body) should seek in a Masonic Lodge a bond of union which may draw you more closely together, for in your Lodge work you will find food for the highest intellect, and after work is over you will enjoy the happiest social intercourse, all irritating topics of conversation being banished, so that whatever may be your creed, whatever your political views, angry discussion will be hushed and peace and harmony must prevail. And when I look at the names of those who are to rule and govern this new Lodge, I feel sure that their duties will be performed with the utmost proficiency, so that the brethren will have "forcibly impressed upon them the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry," and the loyalty which is due to God, our country, and our Queen, and that our noble ceremonies will be so worked as to leave a lasting impression on every initiate, for, believe me, the *first* impression of Freemasonry is everything; if a candidate sees and hears careless work and irreverent behaviour in the Lodge, is it likely that he can be seriously impressed with the truths conveyed in our ritual? In conclusion, may the favour of the Most High rest upon this Lodge. May it be a centre of love and harmony, of hospitality and truth. May each member be, as it were, a perfect and well-cemented stone, built into the Temple of the Most High. And may the object of all our work be "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, goodwill to men."

The ceremony was then continued, and completed with that regard to detail so characteristic of the work undertaken by the Pro Grand Master. Bro. Frank Richardson acted throughout as Director of the Ceremonies, and it goes almost without saying that the arrangements were perfect.

The Pro Grand Master said he greatly regretted that it was not in his power to close the evening with them after performing the ceremony. He had hoped to have had that pleasure, but engagements prevented. He could not leave, however, without offering hearty good wishes for the future welfare of the Lodge. When he considered who composed it, he was confident it would be successful. It had his sincerest wishes, and he trusted that a long career of honour and usefulness was before it. The chair was now taken by Bro. Thomas Fenn P.G.D., who conducted the installation ceremony. Bro. Philbrick invested the following as Officers: R.W. Bro. Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, R. N. Fowler M.A. M.P. G.J.W. W.M. No. 1 S.W., Bro. Alfred Meadows, M.D., P.M. No. 4 J.W., Bro. Sir Farrer Herschell, B.A., Q.C., M.P., Solicitor-General P.M. 1310 acting I.P.M., William G. Lemon LL.B P.M. 165 Treas., William J. Spratling B.Sc. W.M. 1924 Sec., W. R. McConnell B.A. 1610 S.D., A. E. Sansom M.D. 1494 J.D., John Carnow M.D. 121 I.G., Augustus C. Maybury D.Sc. W.M. 1293 D.C., and Frank E. Lemon LL.B 859 Steward. The Installing Master delivered the customary addresses, and propositions for joining and initiation were handed in. The W.M. then asked the brethren to concur in tendering their cordial thanks to the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Milltown, and other distinguished brethren who had assisted them, and he had the further pleasure of asking them to elect those brethren as honorary members. This was seconded by Bro. Ralph Gooding, and carried unanimously. The Earl of Milltown having acknowledged the compliment, Lodge was closed. The banquet was presided over by Bro. Philbrick. In proposing the health of the Queen, the Worshipful Master said it was peculiarly appropriate that the first toast of a new Lodge should be to render homage to the first lady in the land. This having been loyally honoured, the Worshipful Master gave the Most Worshipful Grand Master, remarking that his Royal Highness, amidst all his duties took a deep interest in the Craft. In proposing the health of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the other Grand Officers, the Worshipful Master said they had not only been honoured by the presence and active assistance of the Pro Grand Master, but by a galaxy of Officers any Lodge might be proud to welcome. Without arrogating to themselves any special claims, they felt it was a privilege to have so many distinguished Grand Officers with them on that occasion. They had with them many whom, since he first saw the light of Masonry, he had been taught to look up to. He need mention only the names of Bros. Sir F. Burdett, J. Havers, and Sir J. B. Monckton. The position these brethren occupied went far to show that the hold they had upon the Craft was great and well deserved. Sir F. Burdett responded. The health of the Consecrating Officer the Earl of Carnarvon, and the health, the better health, of his esteemed and respected friend Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S. was the next toast given by the W.M. He would couple with it the name of Bro. Fenn, who came forward in a time of difficulty to supply Col. Clerke's place. To Bro. Arnold, for the part he took they should be ever grateful; and to Bro. Fenn, they were greatly indebted for the beautiful rendering of the ceremony. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold returned thanks. He had accepted the invitation, not only because he would with pleasure have to assist in bringing a new Lodge into existence, but because his old friend Bro. Philbrick was to preside. Bro. Fenn said on the previous evening he had received an intimation from Col. Clerke that he should be unable to attend, and he willingly undertook the duties. Bro. Havers also replied, he wished the Lodge well through the infantile troubles inseparable from early life. Since his return to his dear friends he had taken no part that was more hopeful of Masonry in the future than the constitution of this Lodge. He wished it from the bottom of his heart all success, and concluding by proposing the health of the Worshipful Master. He had watched Bro. Philbrick's career in public life, as well as in Masonry, and it was with peculiar gratification that he had seen him appointed to the important office he now occupied. He carried great weight in Grand Lodge; this gave promise of the most thorough obedience to his ruling. The Worshipful Master said, by an accident he found himself in the position of W.M. The Lord Mayor should have been the first Master, but imperative claims of duty had prevented it. For himself, he would say that he would greatly have preferred to see the Senior Warden occupying his position. The University of London inherited a great name, and such place as it occupied in public estimation had been honourably earned. They could not boast of Theology, but in the school of medicine and the faculties of law and of science they were strong; he claimed that they were the first to extend the privilege of University training to the other sex. That Lodge would afford an opportunity for all to meet on neutral ground. They had yet to win their spurs as Masons, and no spurs were worth winning which were not secured by sheer hard work. The health of the Visitors was next on the list; without Visitors a Masonic Lodge was incomplete. In it many an old touch of friendship had been revivified. Around him he saw many Visitors who were distinguished in their various walks of life, amongst others the W.M. of the recommending Lodge, and Bros. Pope and Clarke, who on many occasions had been awkward opponents, but who on that evening might be trusted not to disturb the harmony of the meeting. Bros. Samuel Pope Q.C., and Clarke Q.C. responded, and then Bro. Whitmore added a few words. The other toasts were the Sister University Lodges and the Officers; and shortly afterwards the Tyler closed the proceedings.

Amongst those who attended we may mention General J. S. Brownrigg, K.C.B., P.G.M. Surrey, J. Havers P.G.W., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., Baron de Ferrières, M.P., G.S.D., Letchworth G.J.D., Sir Albert Woods G.D.C., Griffiths Smith A.G.D.C., Sir John B. Monckton, J. A. Rucker, F. Green, H. C. Levander P.G. Secretary Middlesex; J. S. Peirce, T. H. Devonshire, Dr. Gooding, and R. F. Gould Past Grand Deacons, Magnus Ohren Past Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, J. Nunn P.G.S.B., Rev. J. H. Gray P.G.C. Camb., Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., Dr. Mickley, R. Clowes P.G.S.W. Essex, H. B. Archer, Lieut.-Colonel Haldane, W. S. Gover, John Young, W. G. Lemon, W. W. Aldridge, F. E. Pocock, Barrow Emanuel, Richard Eve, E. J. Emanuel, R. S. Archbold, Hilton, Samuel Mullens, W. R. McConnell, S. Pope, Q.C., R. Luck, Charles Tyler, W. Adam, J. Spratling, G. Browne, W. Smithett, Dr. Sansom, J. Watson, T. Ralling P.G. Secretary Essex, Dr. Pinter G.L. Hungary, F. E. Lemon, J. A. P. Ingoldby, Alfred Cooper, E. Owen, Robins, Maybury, Fooks, LL.B.; Dr. Coffin, Matthews, A. Gibbings, Dr. Carnow, Lansdown, Wakley, W. W. Morgan, W. Lake P.P.G.R. Cornwall, Tagart, Montennis, Knyvett P.G.S., Whitmore, G. P. Festa, E. H. Thiellay, Dr. Meadows, &c.

THE COLOURED FRATERNITY.

[T is not without a great deal of interest we have watched the progress of the man of colour in our Fraternity of Freemasonry. Much has been said, and much has been written upon this subject, more especially in the States of Massachusetts and Ohio, and not a little in New York. That the coloured man as a class will at some future day become regular by some process we have no doubt, but as we have written before, and on more than one occasion, it is within the power of a few of the Officers of their Grand Body to hasten the day by the manner we have heretofore pointed out, and without a seeming disturbing of events, save it would require the stepping down of those holding Grand Office and coming under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Masons as all other brethren who are regular must.

But the honour of the Grand Officers of the coloured Fraternity, whenever it shall occur, will be greater than that ever held by any other Grand Officers of their class that have ever lived; for they will reap the plaudits and blessings of their own people at least for having ended an otherwise essential division between the races as to Freemasonry, and the outcome will be greater than on the surface may appear.

And what is that mode? Let the Grand Officers of the negroes favour the assembling of those coloured people who are in this City and are regular, let them petition for a dispensation for a Lodge, proceed to initiate those coloured Masons who are worthy until enough have been made regular for them to apply for another dispensation, and so on. In one year the result would be manifest. What would follow? In quick succession their Chapters, Commanderies and Scottish Rite Bodies would in like manner be regular. What further? One of the greatest schools of thought for the negro of union of sentiment between the races, of breaking down the race barrier, of educational advancement and the elevation of the coloured people, would ensue.

There are Lodges of coloured brethren in some of the States of this Union hailing under the regular Grand Lodges of White Masons. Why should there not be in New York? It would be a capital opportunity on the part of the coloured people to weed out the unworthy who are in their ranks, for the unworthy and cantankerous get in every Association, and some of the White Masons are blacker than their coloured brethren.

Who will win honours for the great community of coloured Masons in this regard? Is it not feasible, is it not judicious and expedient?

We hope to have further to say as to colour in Masonry, and also as to the connection of negroes with the higher branches of the great Brotherhood.—*Hebrew Leader.*

An interesting episode occurred at the Installation Meeting of the Honour and Generosity Lodge, No. 165, on Tuesday last. Bro. F. Adlard was present, and opportunity was taken to offer a special toast in his honour, this being the fiftieth anniversary of the day in which he was installed W.M. of this Lodge. Bro. C. Belton, who proposed the toast, referred to Bro. Adlard's long association with Freemasonry, and expressed his gratification at seeing him present on this occasion.

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By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

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Grand Secretary.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

THE members of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey assembled at the Masonic Hall, Woking Station, on Monday last, the 26th instant, at four o'clock, when there were present the Very Excellent Companion General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., Grand Superintendent; Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.H., Henry J. P. Dumas P.G.J., Charles Greenwood Past G. Dir. of Cers. G. Chapter England Prov. Grand Scribe E., Edwin Frost P.G. Registrar, H. Leigh Bennett P.G.N., J. R. Boor P.P.G.R., W. Askham P.G.D.C., Charles T. Tyler P.P.G.S.N., E. Baber P.G. Sword Bearer, S. P. Catterson 452 P.Z. 79 Z. 548, T. Cawley Eager P.Z. 1395, Mark Tanner, M.D., P.Z. Yarborough 811; Charles Greenwood jun. J. 410, James H. Hawkins Z. elect 65, Major Godson Godson 1149, W. W. Morgan, John Hooke 463, G. D. Lister Z. 410, Frederick Flood Z. 1149, Thomas Wood H. 1149, Joseph State 452, B. Hicklin J. 1149, Arthur H. Bowles J. 1395, Thomas Wakley jun. H. 1395, James E. Barton Z. 1395, L. G. Dundas H. 370, S. G. Kirchhoffer P.Z. 1395, A. F. Onslow P.S. 1395, C. Gibbes 1395, G. Tickner 1395, George Payne H. 1564, J. H. Parker Wilson, J. H. S. Craigie 1395, Harry W. Charrington 1395, Stamper W. Lambert 1556, Byron H. Ridge 463, H. J. Strong, M.D., P.G.J. 452, S. Taylor 21 Canada, George Yarley H. 463, C. T. Speight Prov. Grand Janitor, &c. &c. Prior to the meeting of Prov. Grand Chapter, the Companions of the Weyside Chapter, No. 1395, held a meeting, when a ballot was taken for Bro. Charles M. Hogg. St. Margaret's Lodge, 1872, who was proposed by Comp. Gibbes, seconded by Comp. Tyler. The result was in favour of the candidate, who will be exalted at a future meeting. The Companions having completed their own business, now prepared to receive the members of the Province. Provincial Grand Chapter was formally opened by the Provincial Grand Superintendent, when the roll of Chapters was called, and it is gratifying to be able to state that all the nine which constitute the Province were represented, The minutes of last meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Kingston, on the 9th June last year, were read and confirmed. The Report of the Finance and Audit Committee showed a balance due to the Treasurer, but this to a certain extent seems to have been anticipated. It was therefore suggested that the time had now arrived when it would be desirable that a small charge should be made, and that each subscribing member to Chapters in the Province be called on to contribute. This suggestion seemed to be in accord with the views of all present; the only objection raised being that the amount named was scarcely sufficient to meet the requirements of the case. General Brownrigg expressed himself much gratified at the ready response, but explained that any arrangement that might be come to must be brought forward at the next regular meeting of Grand Chapter. The result was that notice was given in due form. Those present, however, so fully entered into the general desire to free themselves from liability that a clearance of the debt was almost effected ere the Companions separated. Comp. G. Price was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and his past services were gracefully commented on by the Prov. Grand Superintendent, who then briefly addressed the Companions. After expressing himself intensely gratified with the excellent attendance, he said he now approached a duty that always gave him some amount of concern. It was well known to those present that he had only a very few collars practically at his disposal. When he joined the Province it could boast of but three Chapters, now they had nine on the roll. Amongst so many deserving aspirants he found it very difficult to make a selection. He thought he had exercised a very wise discretion, year by year, in re-appointing Comp. Arnold as Second Principal. Comp. Arnold was so earnest in all he did, and withal so assiduous, that the reliance he placed on his services freed him (General Brownrigg) from a vast amount of anxiety. Comp. Arnold, however, thought with him, that honour should be conferred on another Companion who, he might say, had been equally zealous. He referred to Comp. Greenwood. He had thereupon decided that he would this year appoint him as Second Principal; meanwhile he was assured he should still have the advantage of the services of Comp. Arnold. The Officers were then appointed and invested as follows:—

Comp. Charles Greenwood	P.G.D.C.	Prov. G.H.
Dr. Brodie	... ...	Prov. G.J.
Charles Greenwood jun.	...	Prov. G. Scribe E.
Edwin Frost	... ...	Prov. G. Scribe N.
E. Baber ...	... ...	Prov. G. Pr. Sojourner.
G. D. Lister	... ...	Prov. G. 1st A. Sojourner.
J. E. Barton, M.D.	...	Prov. G. 2nd A. Sojourner.
Stamper W. Lambert	...	Prov. G. Registrar.
Col. L. G. Dundas ...	...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer.
Frederick Flood	... ...	Prov. G. Standard Bearer.
J. Piller ...	... ...	Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.
George Payne	... ...	Prov. G. Asst. Dir. of Cers.
J. H. Parker Wilson	...	Prov. G. Organist.
C. T. Speight	... ...	Prov. G. Janitor.

General Brownrigg made allusion to the death of the Duke of Albany. Her Most Gracious Majesty and the Duchess of Albany, although almost overwhelmed with grief at the loss they had sustained, appreciated the sympathy displayed by all classes throughout the nation. He did not think it, however, necessary to keep open the sad remembrance by suggesting any special address of condolence from the members of his Province. After alluding to one or two other matters, the Grand Superintendent expressed his regret that this being the day fixed for the dinner of the Officers of the Regiment to which he belonged he must, of necessity, leave them at an early hour, and concluded by again thanking the Companions for attending in such goodly numbers. Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed. A capital cold collation was served by the Companions of the Weyside Chapter, who must be congratulated on the possession of most comfortable quarters wherein to hold their meetings. Comp. Arnold presided, and on the removal of the cloth the toasts customary to these occasions were done full justice to.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE regular Convocation was held on the 25th instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Comps. L. Lazarus Z., A. A. Henochsberg H., W. A. Littaur P.Z. J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., J. Da Silva S.N., J. W. Dewsnap P.S., P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, H. P. Isaac. Visitors—Bros. Spiegel 1339, J. Faulkner M.E.Z. 1423, H. J. Henochsberg 1665. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Myers, Genese, Jewell, and Munday, who had been previously balloted for, and unanimously accepted, were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the working of the M.E.Z., Principals, and Officers being perfect. The election of Principals for the ensuing year next took place; Comps. Henochsberg M.E.Z., Littaur P.Z. H, Da Silva J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, Emanuel P.Z. S.E., Phillips S.N., Dewsnap P.S., Goddard Janitor. Comp. Isaac I.P.Z. proposed, and H. M. Levy seconded, that the sum of two guineas be given from the funds of the Chapter to form a nucleus to present the worthy First Principal with a testimonial on his retiring, for the able and faithful discharge of his duties in the chair for the second time; and in token of the respect in which he is held by the Companions. A letter of condolence was proposed to be sent to the family of the late Comp. Albert P.Z. The resignation of two Companions was accepted, with regret. The Chapter was then closed until November. The company then adjourned to the Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, where a very excellent supper was supplied by Brother Liebmann, that gave great satisfaction. Among the toasts given were those of the Exaltees,—Companions Myers, Genese, and Jewell. Comp. Lazarus P.Z. proposed the health of the M.E.Z., paying a deserved compliment to Comp. Lazarus for his excellent working and able presidency. This was suitably responded to. The toasts of the M.E.Z. elect, the P.Z.'s, and Visitors met with a cordial greeting.

WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER, No. 766.

THE installation meeting of this popular Chapter was held on the 22nd instant, at the Cannon-street Hotel, Cannon-street. Companions Pilditch Z., Miller H., Smart J., Garrod P.Z. Treasurer, Worrell P.Z. S.E., Wilkinson P.S.; P.Z.'s G. Newman and Dr. Kempster. Visitors—Companions Spooner P.Z. 22, Hudson P.Z. 1507, Cumming 1403, Brander 1305, H. M. Levy P.Z. 188. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The Report of the Auditors was read and adopted. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. W. Jaques, Royal Savoy Lodge, and G. L. Kennedy, 1420, who were afterwards exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by Companion Garrod, who, by the courtesy of the M.E.Z., officiated, and performed the work with great ability. The other Principals and Officers were likewise perfect in their working. The installation of Principals was the next business. Comp. Miller was installed Z., Smart H., and Radford J., Comp. Garrod performing the ceremonies. The newly-installed Z. invested the following as Officers:—Pilditch I.P.Z., Garrod Trea., Worrell S.E., Wilkinson S.N., Brookes

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P.S., Reinhardt Janitor. A very elegant jewel was presented to the retiring Z., for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair during his year of office. Comp. Pilditch in suitable terms returned thanks for the gift. The Chapter was then closed until October. Later on, the company sat down to a very excellent banquet. On the removal of the cloth, the M.E.Z., who genially presided, proposed the Loyal and R.A. toasts. In speaking of the Exaltees, the M.E.Z. said the two Companions who had joined that evening doubtless would prove a credit to the Chapter. Personally he knew their qualifications, and hoped in the course of time they might occupy prominent positions in the Royal Arch. Comp. Jaques, in reply, expressed himself deeply impressed with the ceremony, and appreciated the zeal displayed by the Companion who rendered it. It would ever be his aim to work in this exalted degree. Comp. Kennedy followed; he also made some very pertinent remarks. Comp. Pilditch said it was a pleasing duty for him to rise to propose a toast, one that devolved on him today for the first time—the health of the M.E.Z. Comp. Miller is one who will undoubtedly be a credit to the Chapter. He has hitherto filled each office with honour to himself and satisfaction to his Companions. What he has done in the past he will continue to do in the future, and with confidence they might predict an enjoyable year of office. The M.E.Z. in reply thanked Comp. Pilditch for his kind expressions. To fill the chair of so important a Chapter as this had been the aim of his life. He hoped to do the duties to their satisfaction, and trusted at the expiration of his year of office to have the same kind feeling shown to him. The toast of the Visitors was next honoured, and each of those present responded; all paying a just compliment to Comp. Garrod P.Z. for his excellent working, and to the M.E.Z. for his able presidency. In speaking to the toast of the P.Z.'s, Comp. Miller stated Comp. Worrell was the first Z. in the Chapter; they also had Comps. Garrod and Dr. Kempster, now Comp. Pilditch joined; all had fulfilled their duties well, and were well known for their working; this was a guarantee any assistance he might require from them would be readily given. He asked for the toast a hearty reception. Comp. Pilditch I.P.Z., in a very able speech, responded; his heart was with the Chapter; if he had not done all the duties required of him, he had a very good helpmate in Comp. Garrod. He thanked them for the elegant jewel. Comp. Kempster followed; he said the Chapter felt honoured by Comp. Garrod receiving grand honours. Comp. Garrod said he felt a pride in the fact of having been selected for Grand Office. He was one of the Founders of the William Preston Chapter; his services were always at their command. The H. and J. were next complimented; both these Companions were able to fulfil any duties required of them. Comp. Smart responded for this toast, and Comp. Wilkinson for the Officers. Companions Nettleship, Pilditch and Hudson contributed to the harmony of the meeting. The Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

We are gratified to learn that a Chapter of Improvement is about to be established at Richmond. This will supply a long felt want, as there is no other within six miles. The opening meeting will take place at the Greyhound Hotel, on Friday, 6th June. Comp. D. Haslett P.Z. will be the Preceptor, and under his instruction we feel sure there will be nothing wanting to ensure success for the project.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement on Thursday evening, 29th May, Companion Edmonds filled the chair of Z, Sheffield H., Radcliffe J., Knight S.N., Shaw P.S. This Chapter continues to command good attendances.

The following Festival Meetings have been held at Freemasons' Tavern during the week, ending 24th May:—

Monday, 26th—Grenadier Guards, Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, De Grey and Ripon Lodge; Tuesday, 27th—82nd Regiment, 34th Regiment, 30th Regiment, Iron, Hardware, and Metal Trades, Herefordshire Society, Tuscan Lodge, St. James's Union Chapter; Wednesday, 28th—Smeatonian Society, Lodge of Antiquity, Evening Star Lodge; Thursday, 29th—Royal General Theatrical Fund, 62nd Regiment, 19th Regiment, 9th Regiment, Caledonian Society; Friday, 30th—60th Rifles.

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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Hudson's Language of Flowers Calendar. 1884. Davies and Davies, Lithographers, Mediæval Press, 71 and 73, St. Mary Axe, E.C.

Mr. W. Hudson, whose Depositories, Offices, and Show and Sale Rooms are situated in Wilton-road, and in close proximity to the Victoria Station, Pimlico, has published one of the neatest little pocket calendars which has been brought under our notice, its chief recommendation being that it is out of the common run of such publications. Great care has been taken in the compilation and arrangement of the contents; and, so far as our acquaintance with this language extends, the meanings ascribed to the different flowers appear to be correct. The arrangement is alphabetical, and in the case of the better known flora some appropriate lines from Wordsworth or other poet are quoted. The style in which the Calendar is printed and published is highly creditable to Messrs. Davies and Davies.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Friday, 23rd inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew, under the presidency of Bro. J. J. Gunner the W.M. He was supported by Bro. W. D. Becket S.W., F. Botley J.W., W. Hilton P.M. Secretary, C. E. Botley S.D., C. Maton J.D., T. J. Arnold I.G., James Tarling D.C., and the following Past Masters:—G. A. Littlewood, B. E. Blasby, Walter Goss, C. F. May, W. Gardiner, H. Potter, &c. During the meeting the ballot was brought into requisition on behalf of Bro. Herbert Ingles Davis, who was regularly admitted as a joining member of the Lodge. Bros. Walter Alfred Hanchet, Edwin Winter, and John Brooks were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The most important event of the day was the election of a Treasurer in place of the late Bro Gomm, whose recent decease has been the subject of the greatest regret, not only among the members of this Lodge, but also among all who knew him. The choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. B. E. Blasby, who was accordingly invested by the W.M. We do not think the members of the Royal Alfred could have made a better selection than they have done. Bro. Blasby is well-known to all of them as one who has the interests of Freemasonry at heart. He is a zealous supporter of the Charities, and in many other ways is well suited for the office to which he has been appointed, and to which, no doubt, he will add lustre. After the transaction of some other items of business, the Lodge was closed and the brethren repaired to the banquet hall, where an enjoyable evening was spent. At the conclusion of the banquet, the W.M. gave the usual toasts. In proposing the first, he remarked that wherever the British Empire extended, the name of Her Majesty the Queen was justly revered and honoured. Recent bereavements had caused her much distress, but her trouble must have been greatly lessened when she saw the amount of sympathy felt for her by her subjects. Speaking of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the W.M. was glad to see that the Grand Master had at last sought that repose he so well deserved. The Prince of Wales was one who had an immense amount of responsibility, and had to work very hard in discharge of the duties he took on himself to fulfil. In no cause was he more energetic than in the cause of charity; in this respect he followed the example set by his Royal Mother, and was invariably to be found in the foremost rank in all good works. He had conferred additional lustre on the Masonic Order by again agreeing to act as its Grand Master, which position it was to be hoped he would long retain. Bro. Gunner next proposed the toast of the Grand Officers. Those at the head of affairs had a great amount of work to perform, which work they had hitherto carried out to the entire satisfaction of the Craft. The recent appointments in Grand Lodge were very popular, as evidenced by the applause which greeted the several brethren when they were formally invested. In no case was this more apparent than with the Lord Mayor of London, whose elevation to the office of Grand Warden called forth an additional round of applause. Bro. Blasby next assumed the gavel. It had been entrusted to him in order that he might propose the toast of the evening—the health of the W.M. From the time that Bro. Gunner had been initiated he had worked hard to attain the position he now occupied. He had worked that evening, and indeed always, in a most creditable manner, and had shewn great efficiency in the work of Freemasonry which he had been called to carry out. Much of his success was due to the care with which he had always worked up for the various positions he had been appointed to, while not a little of it was owing to his punctual attendance at the Lodge of Instruction. As W.M. he had carried out the duties in a most satisfactory manner, and they could but hope that he might long continue among them to give the Lodge the benefit of his experience. Bro. Gunner was very much obliged to Bro. Blasby and to the brethren for the way in which the mention of his name had been received. He was really proud to occupy the position he did in the Royal Alfred Lodge; to see himself so well supported by Past Masters and others as he was then was an additional pleasure. He most sincerely wished the Royal Alfred Lodge and its members success and prosperity. If the brethren held together and worked together they would not only retain for the Lodge that grand reputation it had so long enjoyed, but they would also add additional lustre to it. The toast of the Past Masters followed. Before referring to those who were then present the W.M. would like to say a few words of one who had been taken from among them—Bro. Gomm. Their dear old Brother and Past Master, respected by all who knew him, had been summoned to the Grand Lodge above. Although no longer with them in person, it would be many years before he would be forgotten by the brethren. Bro. Gunner said he had taken upon himself, as W.M. of the Lodge, to have a wreath prepared, to be placed on Bro. Gomm's coffin; as a last token of respect from the Royal Alfred Lodge; he did not know whether this would meet the approval of the members generally, but he felt it was nothing more than they ought to have done for one who had served them so faithfully as Bro. Gomm had done. (We need hardly say that the approval of the brethren was unanimous. It was the general opinion that the W.M. had acted most judiciously). The W.M. concluded the proposition of the toast by a reference to the several Past Masters then present, and wished them all hearty good health. Each in turn responded, all expressing the pleasure they felt in advancing the welfare of the Lodge, and promising to do all in their power to further its interests. The health of the Visitors was next given, and to this toast each of the guests replied. The newly-elected Treasurer and the Secretary were then honoured, the reception given the former showing the popularity of his appointment. He assumed the office with great regret, on account of the cause which rendered it vacant. The death of Bro. Gomm caused a vacancy in the Lodge which it would be all but impossible to fill. He had pleasure in undertaking the duties attached to the office, and felt that the example set him by its late holder would be an excellent one for him to follow. Bro. Hilton P.M. and Sec. referred to the time, now 17 or 18 years back, when he and Bro. Gomm had been initiated together in the Lodge. They had worked side by side ever since, until the death of Bro.

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Gomm had put an end to their companionship. The loss of so dear a friend was a severe one to him, and one which he could but feel acutely. He hoped he might be able to work with Bro. Blasby in the same friendly spirit as he had worked with their past Treasurer. He had little doubt but that he should do so, and trusted their united efforts might prove beneficial to the Lodge. The toast of the Officers was next given; this having been acknowledged, the W.M. proposed a special one in favour of Bro. Tarling, whose long and faithful discharge of the duties of Steward called for some special recognition. The W.M. spoke in the kindest terms of Bro. Tarling, and his sentiments met with a hearty response from the brethren, one and all of whom appeared to fully appreciate the way in which the D. of C., attended to their comforts. A reply from Bro. Tarling brought the proceedings to an end, and the Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated. Among the visitors present were Bros. Hodges P.P.S.G.W. Berks and Bucks, Taylor P.M. 511 1767, Forrest 355 1993, Tongue S.D. 534, Houghton S.W. 1768 2032, Hales 1624, Johnson P.M. 865 946, Page Organist 1326, Green 1137, Edwards J.W. 1662, Sagg P.M. 452.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.

A MEETING of the above Banner Lodge was held on Friday, the 23rd inst., at the Old Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present—Bros. Poulton W.M., Greenfield S.W., Allison J.W., Hollidge Treasurer, Osborn Secretary, Payne S.D., Larter J.D., Heyse I.G., Thomas Tyler, Wright Organist, Dettmer D.C., Homan W.S., Smith A.W.S., P.Ms.' Weston, Norris, and Osborn; Bros. Dearing, Dresden, Garner, and numerous brethren. Visitors—Rohrs P.M. 946, Wohlgemuth P.M. 946, Kew P.M. 179, Horst P.M. 15, Terry P.M. 228 P.G.S.W. Hants, Western W.M. elect 1693, Forge W.M. 619, Ford S.W. 1803, B. W. Ford J.D. 1803, Ditton J.D. 1567, Dickey Secretary 1744, Sillis S.D. 1744, Woodman S.W. 1950, Osborn I.G. 1897, James S.W. 795, Horner 1494, Baynes 1897, Probert 340, Martin 382, and others. The Lodge presented an interesting sight with the handsome banners of the P.M.'s and Master elect ranged in order. The minutes of the Lodge having been read and audit approved, P.M. Weston, as acting W.M., performed the ceremony of raising Bro. Small to the third degree, in his usual well-known impressive manner. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. Weston P.M. acting as the Installing Master, with the assistance of Bro. Osborn P.M., who delivered one of the charges. The work was absolutely faultless, and so well rendered as to call forth universal praise from the Visitors. The W.M. appointed Bros. Allison S.W., Payne J.W., Larter S.D. Bro. Hollidge having resigned the office of Treasurer, held by him for three years, to which P.M. Weston had been elected, was appointed Junior Deacon, he being desirous to have a working collar. The rest of the Officers consequently remain as before. Lodge being closed in ancient form, the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet provided by Bro. Baker. The usual toasts were given by the W.M., who, in returning thanks for his health, which was proposed in flattering terms by Bro. Poulton I.P.M., alluded to the fact that he was the first initiate of the Lodge who had attained the proud position of its W.M., and to the good feeling that had existed from the first between the brethren of the Lodge and himself. He also told the brethren that as he was, so to speak, the new bridge, they must not forget the eminent services rendered by the Past Masters as the old bridges to Freemasonry. The W.M. presented I.P.M. Poulton with a valuable jewel, voted by the members, and in so doing expressed a sincere wish that he would long be spared to the Lodge. Bro. Terry having made a stirring speech in favour of the Old People, and interesting addresses having been given by the Visitors, some of whom spoke of the W.M. as an old and respected friend of many years' standing, the brethren separated, one and all expressing great satisfaction with the whole of the proceedings. Before leaving the table the W.M. was presented with an exquisite and costly bouquet for his lady. The musical arrangements were under the direction of our excellent Bro. Wright. Vocalists—Miss Coyte Turner and Miss Amelia Wright; Bros. Probert and Payne.

EWELL LODGE, No. 1851.

THE brethren of this Lodge assembled on Saturday last, at the Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 3.30 o'clock precisely, when the W.M., Brother George Moss, opened his Lodge, assisted by his Officers and the following Visitors:—W. S. Dunkley S.W. 1777, J. G. Albert 43, G. Hards 1694, Charles Coombes 1694, W. H. Wingfield J.W. 1360, W. R. Marston P.M. 55, T. Youens 1287, W. Pendick W.M. 1321, M. Hoggs P.M. 63, G. Lambert P.M. 720, L. Mills Past Master 49, C. Pinnock 1658, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211. After the minutes of last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, the Report of the Audit Committee was submitted and passed. The Worshipful Master elect Bro. G. J. Dunkley P.P.G. Organist Middlesex was then presented, and regularly installed by the retiring Master, who rendered the ceremony most efficiently. The following brethren were appointed Officers:—Bros. Parker S.W., Davies J.W., Baber Treasurer, Saul Secretary, Sibley S.D., Rush J.D., Room D.C., Youens I.G., O'Connell Organist, Dupree W.S., Wedgwood Assistant W.S., Walkeley Tyler. After the usual addresses and routine work, Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the banquet room, where a capital repast was provided by host Bond. The after-dinner speeches were brief but to the purpose, the W.M. displaying those genial qualities that are so characteristic with him, and expressing the intense gratification it afforded him at reaching his present elevated position in the Craft. The services of the retiring Master received full recognition, and the evening was enlivened by some excellent singing, the W.M., by request, favouring the meeting with his popular organeophonic selection.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A regular meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. Present—Bros. W. W. Ridley W.M., R. Dowsett I.P.M., J. H. Hawkes S.W., R. C. Prickett J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Ivey P.M. Secretary, W. Ravenscroft S.D., H. Creed J.D., T. J. Pulley P.M. D.C., Hickie Org., Cordrey I.G., J. Greenaway Assistant Sec., Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Hurley, W. Ferguson, and J. T. Brown; Bros. Rhind, Slaughter, Egginton, James, E. W. Ridley, Kemp, W. Margrett, Bennett, F. Brown. Visitor, Bro. J. F. Tarrant, Southern Star, 1158. After formal opening of the Lodge, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. F. Brown and R. Kemp, candidates for passing to the second degree, gave satisfactory proof of their proficiency, and were entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second. Bros. Brown and Kemp were readmitted, and passed to the degree of F.C. The whole of the ceremony was correctly performed by the W.M. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, when the ballot was taken for two joining members, proving clear in each case. A notice of motion, by P.M. Margrett, was discussed in his absence, and resulted in another notice of motion, by P.M. Hurley, offering to the Lodge of Union an increased rent for the hall, on condition that an extended lease be granted. A notice of motion was given, by Bro. Richard Dowsett I.P.M., "that the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge be voted to the R.M.I.B., and that the same be added to the list of the W.M. who will represent the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Institution." After the usual ceremonies the Lodge was closed according to antient form and adjourned.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 29th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, Bros. Smith W.M., Thomas S.W., Catt J.W., Speight P.M. Secretary, Penrose S.D., Banks J.D., Ingram I.G.; also Bros. Good P.M., Greener, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Penrose candidate. Lodge was then called off; on resuming the chair was taken by Bro. Speight P.M., who rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Lodge was resumed, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Brother Smith for the able manner in which he rehearsed the ceremony of initiation.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, 26th inst., at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Jones W.M., Crosbie S.W., Western J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Trewinnard Preceptor; P.M.'s Hall, Osborn, Kidder, Cusworth. Lodge was opened, and minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second degree, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Cusworth acting as candidate. The W.M. was saluted in the various degrees, and invested his Officers. Bro. Jones gave the addresses in a very efficient manner. Bro. Talfour, 228, was elected a member. Lodge closed and adjourned till Monday, 9th June, when Bro. Crosbie will take the chair.

The annual meeting of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will take place at Kingston-on-Thames, on Monday, the 16th June.

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SATURDAY, 31st MAY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
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
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 2nd JUNE.

1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
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
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
361—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1060—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1061—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
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
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1543—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
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. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 2—Phœnix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 3rd 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, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hote', 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)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
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)
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., 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.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1385—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
364—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.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
949—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields

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—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 4th JUNE.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
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, Moriand'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)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
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)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
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
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
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
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
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
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
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 (Inst.)
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
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
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, 5th JUNE.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, 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)

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)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (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.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
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, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
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
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
264—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
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.
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1068—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
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
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alforde 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
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
R.A. 439—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 908—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 6th 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, 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)
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
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)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
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.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
243—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
455—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
653—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
908—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1538—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.
1654—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
R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 7th JUNE.

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)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1634—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
306—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1323—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 27th inst., at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Dyson W.M., Sainte S.W., Walker (Secretary) J.W., Weil S.D., Steed I.G.; also Bros. Maidwell, Webb, A. Mitchell, Haynes. Lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes read, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. A. Mitchell candidate. It was proposed and seconded that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes for the admirable manner in which Bro. Dyson fulfilled the duties of W.M. for the first time. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Sainte was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. It was proposed and seconded that this meeting be adjourned till Tuesday, 10th June, in consequence of the Whitsuntide holidays. This also was carried. This being the meeting night of the Second Prosperity Charity Association, the brethren proceeded to ballot for a Ten Guinea Governorship, which resulted in favour of Bro. Charles Holland, J.W. Strawberry-hill Lodge, No. 946.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—The weekly meeting was held on Saturday, at Bro. Langdale's, the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road. Bros. Cross W.M., Turner S.W., Giller J.W., and a fair attendance of members. After the reading and confirming of the minutes, the first section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Cohen, the Preceptor. The rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation followed, Bro. Richardson candidate; then the ceremony of passing, Bro. Fenner candidate. Both ceremonies were rehearsed in a very careful manner by the W.M. Lodge was closed to the first, and Bro. Turner was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. A. W. Turner, P.M. 1693, will rehearse the ceremony of installation this (Saturday) evening, when he hopes to have a numerous attendance of the brethren. Lodge opens at eight punctually.

Beadon Lodge, No. 619.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 21st inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich. After opening the Lodge, Bro. Forge the W.M. raised, in a most impressive manner, Bros. Hayden of the William Preston Lodge, and Ferguson of John Carpenter Lodge, to the third degree. After the closing of the Lodge the members and visitors sat down to a neatly-served dinner. Among the visitors were Bros. Hawkins P.M. 1693, Hayden, Ferguson, Western W.M. elect 1693, Woodman S.W. 1950, Rhodes 1524, Gurney, Dale, Collings Organist 1693, and Townley 201. During the evening songs, &c., were given by Bros. Townley, Woodman, Hawkins, Ferguson. The meeting was a very successful one, the genial presidency of Bro. Forge adding to the enjoyment of all.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 861.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., on 28th May. Bros. Pitt W.M., Legg S.W., Byott J.W., Giesecke S.D., Pinder Preceptor, Serjeant I.G., Millington Secretary, A. Clark Treasurer, and Batchelor, Lodge opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Batchelor answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Batchelor candidate. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Serjeant was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present:—Bros. Wardell W.M., Baker S.W., Smyth J.W., T. Clark S.D., Watkinson I.G., F. Carr Sec., Jenkens J.D. Past Master Bro. Brasted Acting Preceptor; Bros. Forss, Catling, Marsh, Christian. After preliminaries, the ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. Catling candidate, Bro. Wardell rehearsed the ceremony of installation, placing Bro. Marsh in the chair of King Solomon. This brother invested the officers. Bro. Wardell gave the addresses in a most perfect manner. Bro. Christian worked the first section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Baker was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

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CLASS MASONRY.

AMONG the arguments used in favour of Freemasonry, both by those who have undertaken to defend it from the attacks of its enemies, and by those who have desired to place its merits before the world at large, there is none to which greater weight has been attached than that of its Universality. It has always been argued that men of every class, of every creed, and of every opinion (alone excepting the Atheist), may claim its privileges, and that to one and all the same rights will be freely conceded. Freemasonry knows no distinction, provided a candidate comes duly recommended, and in this respect stands almost if not quite alone among the many organizations of mankind. Not only is Freemasonry universal in theory, but we find that actual practice fully confirms the principle—men of every description have been admitted to a participation in its mysteries, and are still to be found ranged under its banner, so that we have the actual records both of the past and the present as witnesses that it is not universal in name alone. The term "Class Masonry" is really a misnomer, there is no such thing as Class Masonry, nor can there be, for however much the class or character of a Lodge may be different from that of all others, the class distinction applies to the Lodge only, and not to Freemasonry as a whole, or to its members individually. It is not necessary for us to give a list here of a part even of the numerous Class Lodges which are to be found working under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England. Nearly every section of Modern Society has its own particular Lodge, known as such by a distinctive name, or by the written or unwritten rules which govern its members, but in all of them the same system of Freemasonry is practised, the same principles are taught, and the same Masonic rules are laid down for the guidance of the members, as is the case in Lodges which profess to be of the most cosmopolitan character. We have Temperance Lodges, Dramatic Lodges, Jewish Lodges, and, indeed, as we have already said, every class of Lodge, but we have only one system of Freemasonry taught in them all, and that is entirely free from class distinction, no matter to what extent the Lodge may be fettered, or what limits may be placed on its membership. Class distinction has really nothing Masonic about it, nor can it ever be introduced into true Freemasonry. Any hard and fast rules excluding all but a certain section from any particular Lodge, are, in our idea, unmasonic; and we very much doubt whether they could be maintained on appeal. On the other hand there may not be anything to prevent the members of a Lodge agreeing among themselves that only a certain class of candidates shall be proposed, although we do not approve of even that distinction being enforced, as it not only narrows the ideas of the Lodge as a body, but also because the distinction which thus presents itself, and which really applies to the Lodge only, is very apt to be vested with greater importance and made to appear as applying to Freemasonry at large.

We remember on the occasion of a visit to one of the so-called Jewish Lodges a remark being made by a Christian member that his friends had told him he made a great mistake in joining a Jewish Lodge, that he would never rise to any office in it, and that he would find himself out of place. All these forebodings the speaker proved to be incorrect, but the impression which resulted, not only among many of the other members of the Lodge and the visitors, but also among the initiates of the day was anything but in accordance with the principles of the Craft. We were certainly very much surprised to hear the remarks which followed during the evening. Brethren who had been many years members of the Order, some of whom had attained the highest rank their Lodges could bestow, failed to grasp the situation, or at least failed to express what to our mind was the only rational view of the matter. They deprecated the remarks which had been made in the first place, they complained that anything like Jewish Freemasonry should be recognised, they considered that so unmasonic a title as "Jewish" should be at once disassociated from Freemasonry, but not one of them seemed to understand that the title Jewish applied to the Lodge only, and not to the Freemasonry taught in it; and it was not until the close of the evening, when the Treasurer was called upon to respond to the toast of his health that anything like a correct view of the matter was given. By that time very many of those who had heard the preliminary remarks had left, and no doubt several of them went away with the idea that the Lodge they had attended was working in opposition to one of the grandest principles of the Order. That instead of teaching universality, it was promulgating views which concerned a section of humanity only. Now what are really the facts of the case? In England there are a few Lodges which are termed Jewish Lodges, but, as in all instances of class nomenclature the distinction only applies to the Lodge, and not to the system of Freemasonry worked in it. Indeed, we may go further, for the distinction implied by this title does not even apply to the Lodges, but to the festivities which follow the several meetings. By their religious teaching Jews are prohibited from partaking of meats killed or cooked in some of the methods customary in England, and to obviate any difficulty which might arise these Lodges have, for years past, had their banquets prepared under the direction of a Hebrew chef. The difference at the table is so small that to the ordinary observer nothing unusual would be noticed, but to many Jews the neglect of such an arrangement would mean their enforced absence from the periodical festivities. We believe this alone is the distinction attached to a "Jewish Lodge," and to shew that the distinction does not in any way affect the working of Freemasonry we believe there is not one of the so-called Jewish Lodges but has had, at one time or other, Masters who professed other than the Hebrew faith, and who have been recognised as in every respect equal to those who did profess it. Thus then are we able to dispose of the distinctiveness of one of the sections of Class Masonry, and it would be equally easy to show how little other class titles have to do with the general plan of Freemasonry were it not that we considered we have said enough on the subject to enable our readers to argue for themselves and decide how inconsistent it is to associate the distinctive features of Class Lodges with Masonry at large.

Having said thus much, to shew the error of the term "Class Masonry," we shall conclude the subject with a few words as regards Class Lodges. We have written on this subject from time to time, as new Lodges have been formed which at their start have laid down rules of exclusiveness or distinction which are uncommon, and, however much may be said in favour of this distinctiveness we think it is always best to let the rules which enforce it take the

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form of an understanding among the members rather than a written law published to the world, and unalterable without great trouble. We are especially adverse to the title of a Lodge being of such a character as to imply that it is a class Lodge; it not unfrequently happens that the tastes of the members will not always be the same, and after a time the name of the Lodge may imply something exactly opposite to what is professed by its members. This is particularly noticeable in the case of Lodges bearing "locality" names, when, after a few years' existence, it has been found desirable to remove them to other districts; but the inconsistency is not confined to "locality" Lodges alone, as perhaps some of our readers may know. There are instances in which Lodges have been started, and carried on for a time, as Class Lodges, that are now of a truly universal composition, having no particular reference to their title, and for that reason attracting attention as curiosities. All this might be avoided if a stricter adherence to the principle of universality were observed. Not only should brethren prove themselves, by their actions as Masons, to be members of a truly cosmopolitan order, but they should also avoid anything which might be mistaken for a departure in the opposite direction, and of all things should they avoid anything in the name or description of their Lodge which might lead to an error of this character.

THE EVOLUTION OF MASONRY.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

IT is only in fable that Minerva springs full armed from the brain of Jove; only in fable does Masonry spring from a single mind. Like all human institutions it is an outgrowth from something that preceded it; an evolution, not a creation *de novo*. No demigod in some far-off past sent it spinning full-orbed down through the centuries; it grew, little by little, from out the accumulating needs and experiences of mankind.

If we were to touch Masonry only in its symbolic and legendary aspect we might at first be impressed with the idea that the Institution is a survival in a direct line from the myths of antiquity, taking on a local colouring as it was transmitted through the medium of Jewish monotheism; and the tendency to give this aspect an undue and misleading importance is very strong, owing to the large part which its symbolism and legends have played in its so-called historical literature. Indeed that literature has mainly consisted of attempts to connect Masonry through these with the mysteries of the ancients, where it has not, as in many instances, started with the assumption of such a connection. The reason for this is not far to seek. The love of the marvellous, and the susceptibility to it, if not innate, is yet so strong in the human mind that there is always a tendency to try to connect that whose origin is lost in obscurity with some supernatural agency; to link it with the mythical past and thus take it out of the prosy domain of cause and effect in which the life of to-day is admitted to move. This tendency is by no means likely to be weakened by initiation into an institution whose methods of teaching are so realistic. It offers to the novitiate the untried and unknown; hangs before him an impenetrable veil, and allows him to people the beyond with the creatures of his imagination. Approaching it with the idea that it is a very occult thing, his mind is in a condition well fitted to receive its traditions and allegories as the sober verities of literal fact.

When we remember that all which the great body of the Craft knew of its history had, like its legends, been handed down by oral tradition, and that they were without guide to show the boundary lines of either; that all the elaborate works on Masonry in exisence have been written since most of its prevailing legends had become a part of its lore, and that their writers had received these legends at first as all equally a heritage of a far-off past, it is easy to see that their fabulous stories were the fruit of the misleading realism of Masonic teaching, rather than of a conscious purpose on their part to mislead their readers.

How much they took for granted, and how little they put to the proof we begin to comprehend when we learn that the rites of Masonry were limited to one very simple ceremonial—that of Initiation—until the second decade of the eighteenth century. The honorary distinctions of Fellow Craft and Master existed for awhile previous to that time, but they were simply honorary, and the conferring of them involved the communication of no additional secrets, no ceremonial that required even the temporay absence of the youngest Entered Apprentice. What in the modern sense are known as "degrees" were unknown to Masonry.

The intelligent Mason will not fail to note, therefore, that those legends and ceremonials which most nearly resemble in their structure the ancient mysteries, were not incorporated into Masonry until a period so recent that modern historical research safely and surely excludes them from any successive connection with those mysteries, by Masonic descent. The additions that have been made to the legends and ceremonial of Masonry during the last century and a half do indeed embody myths resembling the myths of antiquity; but this proves nothing except that those early myths—representing the powers and elements of material nature, and the movements of the heavenly bodies—had so stamped themselves on the plastic mind of the infant race, that in its maturity it has been unable to wholly free itself from their influence. All the great religions that have followed them have been more or less moulded by them; and if mankind is ever freed from this early bias it will be only through that philosophy which teaches us to look within, and not without, for our divinities. That some of the symbols of the Masonry which preceded the addition of these newly incorporated rites are identical with those used in the most primitive worship, when light and darkness were the divinities of good and evil, proves no more than that those who composed the societies out of which Freemasonry was finally evolved shared the common heritage of the race, and not that any aspect of Masonry is in a direct or exclusive sense a survival of primitive mystic rites.

Approaching Freemasonry on its practical side, and attempting to trace, in such a general way as the limits of a brief article will permit, the lines of its development, probably the earliest known example of associations of artizans, or craft-guilds, were those encouraged, if not instituted, among the Romans by Numa, which, whether identical or not with the mediæval guilds of Saxon, British and Frankish growth, were doubtless the outgrowths of the same needs and experiences.

Plutarch enumerates nine of these Roman *collegia*, one of which, that of the builders, inasmuch as it was a fraternity of artisans, possessed at least one feature in common with what we know of the beginnings of Freemasonry. Contemporary with the Roman *collegia*, and nearly contemporary with them in their origin, were the Greek *Eranoi* or *Thiasoi*, which were numerous at Rhodes, in the islands of the Archipelago, at the Piræus, and other important places. "These societies," says L. Toulmin Smith, "partook more nearly of the character of the mediæval guilds than did the Roman; the members paid contributions to a general fund, aided one another in necessity, provided for funerals, met in assembly to deliberate on their affairs, and celebrated feasts and religious ceremonies in common. Strict rules against disorderly conduct were to be enforced by fine; he who did not pay his yearly quota to the society was excluded, unless he could show good cause of poverty or sickness."

The guilds of the Middle Ages were of three principal classes: the *frith* or *peace-guilds* which were associations for defence, based on mutual obligations, "sworn communities for the protection of right and the preservation of liberty;" *social* or *religious*, for devotions, orisons, charities, the performance of miracle, and other plays, the setting out of pageants, and the providing of minstrels; and the trade guilds, divided into *guilds-merchant* and *craft-guilds*. The essential element of all these was mutual help in sickness and poverty, and it was the absence of this element in the *collegium* so far as is known, that has led some of the ablest writers to deny its identity with the latter guild, though analagous in many respects. Some eminent writers, however, affirm this identity. If historical research discovers sufficient data to fully determine this question it will probably be found that in this case there has been no departure from the general law of evolution along existing lines; and that from the experience of the *collegia* was finally evolved the central idea of the guilds.

One of the features possessed in common by the *collegia* and the mediæval Craft-guilds was the acknowledgment by the State of their right to an internal polity of their own, and, inasmuch as they were doing the work of the State in keeping their own members within the bounds of behaviour which characterizes good citizenship, their freedom from exactions. This is referred to because out of this peculiar relation to the State was probably evolved whatever of mystery attached to these bodies, apart from the merely technical secrets of their operative handicraft; secrets which artizans in all ages have guarded with more or less jealousy, a jealousy which manifest itself to-day in the placards marked "No Admittance," which we often see on the doors of workshops where some new process or trick of art is being carried on, still performing their primitive function as a clumsy makeshift for letters patent.

Of the members of these Craft-guilds, those who composed the masons' or builders' craft were necessarily the most nomadic, moving from place to place and country to country, as the ever-shifting scenes of human activity demanded their skill at new centres. Enjoying peculiar privileges, as we have seen, in their relations to the State, means of recognition between them, not subject to loss by chance or separation, became a necessity in order to determine at once who were entitled to such privileges; and out of that necessity grew the ritualistic language which constituted then, as it does now, the credentials of the craftsmen.

If it were not foreign to the purpose of this outline sketch, it would be interesting to dwell on the influence of these voluntary associations in keeping alive through the Dark Ages the germs of civil and religious liberty. From the *Collegia* and *Eranoi*, down to the guilds of northern and central Europe which went to decay when the Reformation brought larger liberty for all, they were democratic in their organic basis, and republican in their form of government, each constituting even in that early time a sort of model commonwealth, an example of what might be the relations of men when freed from the tyranny and rapacity of their temporal and spiritual rulers.

It is impossible to tell to what influence was due, or at what time began, the differentiation of the Masonic from the other Craft-guilds. We have seen that the essential principle of the guild is the banding together for mutual help, particularly in sickness and poverty, but this obligation was based on stated contributions, which ceasing, the obligation lapsed. This feature is embalmed in the very name of the organization. Says Toulmin Smith: "The meaning of the word *guild* or *gild* is closely connected with the origin of the institution. *Gild* or *geld* was Old English for a set payment or contribution, *zelden* or *zyldan*, to pay (whence also the present *yield*); the primary meaning was payment, and the company of those who paid became known by this chief title to membership."

To whatever impulse due, the process of development which in the other guilds became arrested, in the mason-guild went on until the

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worth of human fellowship was recognised as something higher than mere mutual aid on the basis of a *quid pro quo*; and when fellowship became the essential element of the society, the fraternity of Freemasons was born, and the differentiation was complete. This change had been accomplished at a period antedating our earliest attainable knowledge of the Institution. As far back as our knowledge goes, the fundamental law respecting relief has been the same as it is to-day, laying upon each individual brother the duty of relieving, to the extent of his ability, the wants of a distressed fellow; a duty not to be shifted upon the Lodge or any other organization. This law makes no provision for cash premiums, but grounds the obligation to relieve the distressed solely upon the sacred relation of fellowship. It is this feature that makes Masonry alone, of all the numberless societies that have the relief feature in some form or other, a genuinely charitable institution.

This character we must maintain, or it must die and give place to some organization that will maintain it. The law which governs the development of institutions is identical with that which governs the evolution of species, and does not permit of permanent retrogression from higher to lower forms. Science teaches, however, that temporary retrogression is possible when the forces which produce development are overborne and cease for a time to exert their due influence; and the adverse forces which surround Masonry are to-day so strong that it behoves us to keep this fact in mind.

The *quasi* recognition accorded by some Grand Lodges to so-called Masonic benevolent societies, the propositions that have here and there cropped out to convert the Grand Lodge itself into a directory of a great mutual life insurance company, and the increasing tendency to regard the cessation of cash contributions to the Lodge treasury as an excuse for denying not only the privileges of the Lodge, but the general rights of a Mason—those contingent not upon his membership in the Lodge, but upon his fellowship in the great fraternity—all show the dangerous extent to which our ranks are recruited from among those who bring into the Institution from other societies, methods and habits of thought totally at variance with the principles which characterize a charitable Institution, methods and habits of thought that belong to the guild stage of development from which Masonry so long since emerged.

Whether Masonry has reached the highest point of the line along which it has been developed, or whether it contains the germs from which shall spring something still higher, is a question which only the future can answer; but we may be sure that its essential principle, which through unselfish fellowship seeks the perfection of human character, whether finding its expression in the Masonic or some other form, will still survive.

THE MODEL MASON.

ANCIENT Masonry had many models, and noble ones, too; and so has modern Freemasonry. The Temple of Solomon was a wonder of architectural beauty, conspicuous, without and within, for the lavish use of the gold of Ophir, and scarcely less distinguished for its outer porch, and its remarkable brazen pillars, decorated with lily work. If there ever was a typical fane or symbol in stone, it was this Temple. Ancient Masonry had other and prior works of art, but none so grand so imposing, so beautiful; none erected under the auspices of so distinguished a triad of Masons as Solomon and the two Hirams; none that has had so lasting a history, or in equal degree has attracted and held the attention of the civilized world through all the generations that have succeeded its erection. Modern Freemasonry has done well in clustering around it the teaching it imparts to its initates. It is the text of a noble discourse, the landmark of a notable fraternity, a fit type of that "Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Operative Masonry had no nobler model. But it had others. Many of the glorious edifices, religious, royal and public, of after times owed their construction to those whom we cannot but consider the successors of the builders of King Solomon's Temple. Now, especially, may we admire, respect, and almost reverence, the deft handiwork, the honest and conscientious building, the symbolic teaching, embodied in the Gothic structures of the middle ages in Europe. These were the last, and only less than the best, of the works of Operative Masons in any era of the world's history. They merit mention next after Solomon's Temple. Models are they all, material models, without equals in modern times for their architectural grandeur. But we are only concerned with these, now, by way of introduction and contrast.

Modern Freemasonry has many models, and noble ones, also. Freemasons are not fashioned in any cast-iron mould. They are many men, of many minds, and of many physical sizes; but all are whole, sound, perfect. You do not see, in a Masonic procession, men with one eye, a single arm, a fragmentary leg, or, in short, deaf, dumb, lame or blind. We do not have deformed or butchered men among our models. They may become the one or the other afterwards, but that is their fault, or misfortune, not ours. At initiation they must be whole, perfect in all their parts, or else they cannot typify that perfection which is the very purpose of Freemasonry to inculcate. It may sound very well, in the estimate of some, to say, Why not accept a lame man, a deformed man, an unfortunate who was born whole, but mutilated by accident; but it is not Masonry. Masonry, theoretically, knows no such thing as deformity or imperfection. It aims high. It does not seek to embrace mankind: It is composed of a select, peculiar people. If the world included a large majority of fragmentary men, there might be an *appearance* of reason in the plea for the reception of such men into Masonry; but it does not. We have a wide choice for material, and there is no reason why we should not, in accordance with our ancient teaching, receive only the physically perfect, men without blemish, sound in all their members.

So much for the physical Mason. All Masons are, or should be, models in this respect. But let us now turn away from the material, to another aspect of the model.

Spiritually, there is unity in variety among Freemasons. There is freedom of thought and feeling to a degree not found in any other organization. Having been from the beginning a cosmopolitan fraternity, it was limited by no sectarian, political or national lines. It is for noblemen among mankind everywhere. There are a thousand models, all excellent, and yet all dissimilar. And these divergencies are paralleled by the individual models among Masons, of whom we shall now speak.

Brother Jinks is a model Mason; and yet some say he has only one idea. What of that, if it be a good one? He says, the corner-stone of Freemasonry is Charity; hence, whenever an opportunity arises in the Lodge for the display of this cardinal virtue, he manifests it to the fullest extent. He is nothing if not charitable. No application for charity fails to elicit his support. He would rather give ten unworthy men than deny one worthy one. He avoids the latter by giving all petitioners. A most amiable man is Brother Jenks. He sometimes plays "high Jenks" with the treasury, but his intention is commendable, and we put him in one of the niches as a model. Much as it gives, Freemasonry gives too little away in charity. Listen to the annual report of the Committee on Accounts.

Brother Charles is another model Mason. He is the talking member, he always has something to say, on every subject. What a dull Lodge it would be without him! He is not always right, but who is? At all events he is not a stone. He has a tongue, and he uses it. Some of the always silent members, who cannot be provoked on any occasion to hear the sound of their own voices, in the Lodge, deserve to have their tongues extracted, overhauled and put in tune. Members that can talk and won't talk, ought to be made to talk.

Bro. Jones is still another model Mason. He is not only never absent from his Lodge, but he is always present at the opening. In summer and winter, in good weather and bad, in health or indisposition, he is there. Such a brother is a tower of strength, a magnet, a first-class model. As an example his value is inestimable. To say nothing of the efficacy of his counsel in debate, his constant presence is of itself a priceless benefit. He is a landmark that is not removed; and may he never be, until he shall be translated to the Grand Lodge above.

Brother Brown is a model, also. He is a pre-eminently useful, handy member. He is always ready to take a place, or station. Let who will be away he is there, and there to fill any place to which he is called. Some brethren, when called upon in an emergency, are "going to leave the Lodge shortly," or are "rusty," or "beg to be excused," but Brother Brown is not one of these. He is always ready, always willing, always looking for an opportunity to be useful. The sluggards call him officious. That is a small matter. We style him a model, and the more we can have like him the better.

How different are these models (not to name many others besides), and yet how valuable they all are to our Fraternity. To cool the ardour of any one of them would be to do a lasting injury to the Craft. They take a pride in all they do. They are self-sacrificing, arduous, enthusiastic, plentiful in good works. Let us have more like them. They maintain the character of Freemasonry for physical perfection, for charity, for attention to the business of the Lodge by giving it their continual presence and counsel, for punctuality in attendance, for devotion to the work, and readiness to aid in its execution. With such models to continually characterize it, Freemasonry cannot fail to go on, prospering and to prosper. Brother, are you any kind of a model?—*Keystone.*

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication was held on Wednesday, when the M.W. the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon presided. There was a very fair attendance of Officers present and past, as well as lay members of Grand Lodge, who doubtless had assembled more especially to elect the several Committees, which is generally considered the special feature of the June Communication. Amongst those present were Bros. Lord Cremorne G.S.W. Dr. Cox as G.J.W., Dr. John Robbins Grand Chaplain, Horace B. Marshall Grand Treasurer, F. A. Philbrick G. Registrar, Sir J. B. Monckton Pres. Board Gen. Pur., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec., H. Buss Assist. G. Sec., Dr. Wendt G.S. Ger. Cor., Baron de Ferrieres and Fred. Davison Grand Senior Deacons, E. Letchworth Grand Junior Deacon, Lieut.-Col. Taylor Grand Standard Bearer, Horace Jones Grand Superintendent of Works, Sir Albert Woods (Garter) G.D.C., Griffiths Smith Assistant G.D.C., Stephens Grand Pursuivant, H. Garrod Assistant Grand Pursuivant, Matthews Grand Standard Bearer; J. Havers Past Grand Warden, H. D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal, Revs. Ambrose Hall, H. A. Picard, C. W. Arnold, T. Cochrane, H. G. Morse, C. W. Spencer Stanhope, J. Studholme Brownrigg, Past Grand Chaplains; Col. Creaton Past Grand Treasurer; J. Glaisher, R. Grey, J. M. Case, W. A. F. Powell, John Sampson Peirce, Col. H. Somerville-Burney, Brackstone Baker, T. H. Devonshire, T. Fenn, J. H. Scott, Peter de Lande Long, Ralph Gooding, Robert F. Gould, Raynham W. Stewart, Charles A. Murton, Frank Green, H. Maudslay, Dr. Jabez Hogg, H. E. Gumbleton, Henry J. Dumas, Charles Hutton Gregory, J. E. Saunders, Past G. Deacons; Magnus Ohren, Raymond H. Thrupp, Thomas Dolling Bolton, James Lewis Thomas, Edgar Bowyer, Col. James Peters, George Lambert, C. Greenwood, James Brett, C. A. Cottebrune, T. Cubitt, L. F. Littell.

After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, attention was called to the fact that a system of canvassing for votes by means of printed papers was being adopted. Bro. Britten, who drew attention to this grievance, desired to know from what source these documents emanated, and whether they were paid for or sanctioned by the Board of General Purposes. The Pro Grand Master expressed his disapproval of these papers, and Bro. Sir John Monckton reminded the members of Grand Lodge that he had on former occasions said, and he repeated the assertion, the Board of General Purposes had nothing do with the issue of these papers; he knew nothing about them; they did not pay for them, and he did not know who did.

Bro. James Stevens, as one of the candidates, also protested; he considered himself prejudiced by these canvassing papers.

The Earl of Carnarvon said Sir John Monckton as President of the Board of General Purposes, had told the brethren the papers was not issued by the authority or with sanction of that Board. It seemed to him the documents derived authority from no known person, and though it might be impossible to prevent their issue, he was free to say he did not approve of it. He thought it was probable that after this expression of opinion some change might take place.

The balloting papers were then distributed, and the election of members of the Board of General Purposes proceeded. Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D. was appointed Chairman of the Scrutineers. The minutes of the several meetings of Grand Lodge, as given in the agenda paper printed by us last week, were next read and confirmed.

The Grand Secretary reported receipt of letters from the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and the Duchess of Albany, in reply to the votes of condolence passed on the 24th April. After these letters had been read, the Earl of Carnarvon moved, and Bro. H. D. Sandeman P. Dist. Grand Master of Bengal seconded, that they be entered on the minutes, which was unanimously agreed to.

Lord Carnarvon then rose; he said:—

BRETHREN,—Before we proceed to the next business which stands on the agenda paper, I have a communication of an important character to make from the Grand Master. Every one here present has probably seen an encyclical letter of the Pope which appeared in many public prints with reference to Freemasonry in general. I believe it would not be our duty if, on this the first and earliest occasion we meet after the publication of that encyclical, we were to separate without some notice of it. I have felt it my duty from this chair to propose to you the course which I think it is wise and dignified for us to take. It is a duty which none of us can covet, but which, like many other duties, we are sometimes bound to accept. I shall only speak in that measured language of respect which is due to the head of the Roman Catholic Church. All the more do I say this, and feel it, that I sincerely respect him, not merely as the Roman Pontiff, but as a statesman who, succeeding to a great post—a great political post—in critical times, has shown his statesmanship with ability, and, I think, discretion. The letter to which I have to call your attention is a very long one; it contains a variety of topics, some of which intimately concerns us. I think this encyclical falls into two great errors. In the first place it confounds all Masonic bodies in all parts of the world in a common and sweeping charge of condemnation, and it next proceeds to confound all these Masonic bodies with infidels, or, as it terms them, "naturalists in religion," and the revolutionists and anarchists in politics. I hold here a copy of this encyclical, and I observe that it imputes, amongst other things, these charges to the whole Masonic body without discrimination and without qualification. It charges us with treating matrimony in the lightest possible spirit, and regarding it as no bond or tie; it accuses us of separating education from religion and morals; and it charges us with a dissemination of vice and vicious principles for the purpose of corrupting the morals of the young; and, lastly, it imputes to us all those monstrous charges which are included under the titles of sedition, revolution, socialism, and communism. It is my duty, and I hold it to be the duty of Grand Lodge this night, on the first occasion which has been given to it, to protest against these unfounded charges, and in protesting to affirm, with all the force and all the solemnity that we can bring to bear, that they are founded upon a complete and total misapprehension of Freemasonry. Brethren, I am not here to night to defend all Masonic bodies in all parts of the world. As we desire to stand perfectly clear ourselves, so let us not take any ground that is not absolutely correct. I grieve to think that there are some Masonic bodies that have laid themselves open to many of the charges which this encyclical letter contains, but, on the other hand, I fearlessly deny that there has been anything, directly or indirectly, by word or by deed, aught that can sully the fair fame either of this Grand Lodge or any Lodge under its rule. If I desired to appeal for evidence on this subject, where should I turn? I should point to our own rules, our ancient charges, our Book of Constitutions, one and all breathing a spirit of religion, and of obedience to the law. I hope I may go further, and, taking the Masonic bodies of England as a whole, I may point to our different Lodges and to our members, and say that in life, in morals, they are not unworthy of their great professions: and, lastly, I should turn to that long line of illustrious rulers who have governed this Craft, whose pictures till last year, before this hall was consumed by fire, hung on these walls, and, above all, to our present Grand Master himself; and I would ask any one, any fair and impartial bystander, whether it was conceivable that an Order founded I say upon those laws, governed by those traditions, ruled by those rulers, could ever be open to the monstrous charges which I have just now read. I am convinced, brethren, that social order and religion have no stronger friends, nor truer pillars to rest upon, than the Masonic bodies of England. I deeply regret, brethren, that any person in the position of the Pope should have been so far misled by false representations as to put his hand—I am sure most undesignedly—to such a mis-statement of facts as this encyclical contains. I wish that anything I can say or that we could do here would open his eyes to the facts of the case, but, whether this be so or not, we have one duty to ourselves and to the ancient and venerable Order that we represent, and it is this—in the most temperate language that we can command, but at the same time the most decisive, to protest against this charge, and to spread far and wide our protest against it, and with this object and with this purpose I beg now to move—

"That this Grand Lodge has seen with great regret the recent encyclical letter, in which the charges of atheism, sedition, and vice are made against Masonry in general without discrimination; and that this Grand Lodge, whilst it does not deny that meetings for political and seditious purposes have in some instances been held under the pretence of their being Masonic Lodges, can only express its astonishment and regret that English Freemasonry should by some strange misapprehension of facts be included in this sweeping charge, which the law, practices, and traditions of the Order, as well as the position of its rulers, clearly prove to be utterly without foundation."

Bro. John Havers P.G.W. seconded the resolution; he thought they were deeply indebted to the Pro Grand Master for the thoughtfulness which had made him bring this subject before the brethren, and for his constant care and attention to the work of Grand Lodge. He thanked his lordship for the admirable manner in which he had put before them that evening the resolution he moved. As he had said before to his lordship, this resolution was not necessary for Freemasons; they knew it was not necessary even for Roman Catholics, because, while they should treat them with the greatest respect, they were free to do, say, and think what they liked; but there might be in this wide world of ours some good, dear old ladies, of both sexes, who had the idea that Freemasons were rather a bad class, and these would be reconciled by those great and beautiful words which had fallen from their chief. Having said this much, he begged to second the resolution.

The Earl of Carnarvon having put the resolution, said he had the satisfaction of declaring that it was carried *nem con.*

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The announcement was then made that Sir John B. Monckton had requested that he should no longer be appointed President of the Board of General Purposes. Sir John B. Monckton had served a long time, and great labours and very heavy work often passed through his hands. Lord Carnarvon said it would not surprise Grand Lodge if he added that the Most Worshipful Grand Master had conferred on Sir John Monckton, on the occasion of his retirement, the rank of Past Grand Junior Warden. In that honour, so well conferred by his Royal Highness, Sir John Monckton received a hearty Masonic welcome, as well as a personal one, he was sure, from every Freemason.

Sir John Monckton was then formally invested and saluted.

It was announced that the M.W. the Grand Master had appointed Brother Thomas Fenn P.G.D. to succeed Brother Sir John Monckton, and Lord Carnarvon formally invested Brother Fenn as President of the Board of General Purposes. Intimation was then made that Brother R. P. Harding, who has recently been appointed Chief Receiver in Bankruptcy, desired to relinquish the post of Auditor to Grand Lodge, and Brother Hopkinson P.M. No. 14 proposed that Brother Standish Harding succeed his father. This was seconded by Brother Knyvett P.G.S., and agreed to.

With respect to the remaining business, the representatives of the Colonial Board, as nominated, were accepted. The several recommendations for grants were all agreed to, and Brother Pnilbrick, Q.C., as Grand Registrar, announced that the appeal from the Punjaub would be withdrawn. He wished, however, to draw attention to a subject which would be of interest to the brethren everywhere. There had grown up a usage in the Punjaub to elect joining members of Lodges by so called "acclamation." Now, he wished it emphatically to be understood the only way in which a joining member could be elected to a Lodge was by ballot. If a Lodge were permitted to dispense with the plain written law of the Book of Constitutions, by electing a member by show of hands, they might go so far as to elect a Master or a Treasurer in the same way. Every brother, however young, was to exercise his unbiassed vote, without being swayed by the weight or authority of old Masons. If a Master was elected by show of hands his appointment would be illegal, and the Senior Warden would not be eligible for the chair next year. It would lead to interminable confusion, and he begged to draw attention to the irregularity. Brother Hogard's motion :—

> To add to Rule 19, of the Book of Constitutions.
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> "Election of Grand Treasurer.
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> "If more than one Brother is nominated the names shall be printed in a list, a copy of which shall be delivered to each member present at the Grand Lodge. The balloting lists having been delivered to the members of Grand Lodge are to be collected by the Scrutineers appointed for that purpose, and are not to be signed. In order to carry out the above law, eight Scrutineers are to be elected at the General Committee previous to the Grand Lodge in March, and eight other Scrutineers are to be nominated by the Grand Master or presiding Officer at that Grand Lodge. The Scrutineers are to collect the lists from the Brethren to whom they have been delivered, and shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the ballot. They shall then retire and, having ascertained the numbers for the respective candidates, shall present the report in Grand Lodge. But if their report be not ready by the time the Grand Lodge is about to be closed, the Grand Master or the presiding Officer shall, after closing the Grand Lodge, receive the report in his private room, and in such case a copy thereof, verified by the Grand Secretary, shall be immediately posted up in the Grand Secretary's office, and remain during one week for the information of the Craft ;"

was discussed, and some amendment suggested, but its further consideration was postponed till next Quarterly Communication. Colonel Creaton's proposition—

> "That the sum of £70 be voted from the funds of the Board of General Purposes; that the same be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to provide the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter months ;"

was unanimously agreed to.

Grand Lodge was then closed, the Pro Grand Master announcing that he would receive the Report of the Scrutineers, as to the result of the Election for the Board of General Purposes, in his private room.

The following are the brethren who were elected, with the number of votes credited to each.

John Lawrence Mather	183
Thomas Hastings Miller	152
William Bristow	142
Giovanni P. Festa	142
Ralph Clutton	137
Alfred Meadows, M.D.	123
James Willing jun.	119
Thomas W. C. Bush	118
James Stevens	117
Thomas C. Walls	112
Edward F. Storr	112
Frederick T. C. Keeble	102
Samuel Hill	99
Leopold G. Gordon Robbins	93

The following were the brethren nominated by the Grand Master :—T. Fenn President, Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Æ. J. MacIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Sir John B. Monckton, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., E. Saunders, J. A. Rucker, R. F. Gould, F. Davidson, E. Letchworth, and Alfred Richards.

HAMPSHIRE AND THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

A CIRCULAR which, according to custom has been issued in this Province, detailing the success of the P.G. Lodge Committee in reference to the elections to the Charities, shows that the suggestion was not strictly correct that the successes of candidates from this Province were due exclusively to this committee. It appears that in respect to the widows, the votes of the committee were used in support of Mrs. Madeley, widow of the late W. B. Madeley, of the Royal Sussex Lodge, 342, Portsea, and the Gosport Lodge, 903, Gosport. The votes so received were not sufficient to secure her election; but will be available and no doubt ensure her the annuity at the next period of election. The votes of the province for the Girls' School were used in support of the (successful) candidature of Kate Irene Gooch, daughter of the late Bro. George Gooch P.M. Hengist Lodge, 195, Bournemouth ; and the Boys' votes received were polled for Edward Bramble Green, son of the late Bro. G. A. Green P.M. Lodge of Harmony, 309, Fareham, and P.P.G.D. ; and also for Herbert J. McLeod Lillywhite, son of the late Bro. John Lillywhite P.M. Phœnix Lodge, 257, Portsmouth, and P.P.G. Reg. The unexpected success of securing the election of both these was accomplished by borrowing 1200 votes, which it will require the whole voting strength of the province next October to repay. The *Freemason* in its analysis of returns to last week's annual festival of the girls' school, presided over by Lord Brooke, when the total contributions reached £13,037 14s, says:—Hants and the Isle of Wight, with its forty Lodges, is a strong Province, and what is of greater moment still in relation to these festive gatherings, its presence in the list with a liberal sum set down against it may be looked upon as a certainty, though as a matter of course the amount it will contribute will vary with the circumstances attending each successive Festival. For instance last year, when Bro. Beach, its P.G. Master, occupied the chair at the Girls' Festival, it raised over £1,300, but notwithstanding this great effort, it followed up its beneficent work by handing over £375 to the Boys' School in June last, and inaugurated the present festive season by raising over £373 for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February. On Wednesday its six Stewards placed £295 7s 6d to the credit of the Girls, thus increasing its total for the current year up to the present time to over £670. The following is given as the list of Stewards and the contributions they brought together :—

Lodge	35	Bro.	Asher Barfield (Cowes) ...	16	16 0
"	303	"	Edward Goldsmith (Fareham)	21	0 0
"	394	"	J. D. Barford ("Peace and Harmony," Southampton) ...	89	5 0
"	804	"	William Dart ("Carnarvon," Havant)	54	18 6
"	1069	"	R. J. Rastrick ("United Brethren," Southsea) ...	63	0 0
"	1373	"	H. Ingles Davis ("St. Hubert," Andover) ...	50	8 0

The "Benevolent" elections (our contemporary adds) were very severe, the widows especially so, the highest widow polling 2,237, and the lowest of 31 (let us note this) 1,103. The highest male candidate polled 2,163 and the lowest 681. Let all those who cavil at or anathematize Freemasons ponder over the one fact that the first two Festivals of our much maligned Order in 1884 have produced £27,000. Of what earthly society can it be said at this hour that it is doing so much and so well for charity.—*Portsmouth Times.*

Holloway's Pills.—Sudden transitions from heat to cold, or from cold weather to warm sunny days, favour the development of manifold diseases, which may in most instances be checked and rendered abortive by an early resort to these purifying, regulating, and strengthening Pills. This well-known and highly-esteemed medicine affords a safe and easy remedy for almost every constitutional wrong which unhealthy climates, rapid changes, or dietetic errors, can engender, and effectually removes any weakness self-indulgent habits may have induced. In all conditions of the system bordering on disease such as are indicated by apathy, listlessness, and restlessness, Holloway's Pills will prove especially serviceable in getting the vivacity of mind and body appreciated by both sound and sick.

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GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND AND WALES, &c.

THE regular half-yearly meeting of this Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, 3rd inst., in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, London. It was with great regret that the brethren heard that a severe accident prevented the attendance of their Grand Master, Lord Henniker, whose conduct of the affairs of the Mark Degree has won for him the esteem of Mark Masons throughout the jurisdiction. The Earl of Kintore, Right W. Deputy Grand Master, occupied the chair, and was supported by Sir Pryce-Pryce as Deputy Grand Master, Capt. N. G. Philips Senior Grand Warden, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke as Junior Grand Warden, William Roebuck as Grand Master Overseer, E. C. Mather as Grand Senior Overseer, Captain Kirchhoffer as Grand Junior Overseer, Rev. C. de Crespigny Grand Chaplain, F. Davison Grand Treasurer, Levander Grand Registrar, Fred. Binckes Grand Secretary, George Cooper Senior Grand Deacon, Ralling Junior Grand Deacon, Robert Berridge Grand Director of Ceremonies, George Dalrymple and Edward Friend Grand Assistant Directors of Ceremonies, S. G. Bake Grand Sword Bearer, W. Watkins Grand Standard Bearer, Lott as Grand Organist, Banks Grand Inner Guard, Taylor, Tomkins, March, and Cumberland Grand Stewards, and Speight Tyler. There was also a brilliant assemblage of Past Grand Officers and brethren who had attained distinction in the Provinces.

The first business on the agenda was the confirmation of the minutes of the Grand Lodge held on 4th December last, of the Special Grand Lodges held on 8th December and 25th April, and of the Moveable Grand Lodge held at York on the 9th May, and this having been done the Report of the General Board was brought forward; this was taken as read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Among the recommendations arising out of this Report were (a) "That the Collars of Present and Past Grand Officers be distinguished by gold embroidery, or other distinctive mark, to be approved by the Board." On the proposition of Brother Robert Berridge, seconded by Brother Alfred Williams, this was approved by Grand Lodge; (b) "That £50 be voted from the Benevolent Fund, to the widow of the late Brother D. M. Dewar, Assistant Grand Secretary." Brother Rev. Canon Portal moved this proposition, stating that it was contemplated that in addition to this grant a subscription should be opened for the benefit of Mrs. Dewar. Donations to which Fund were to be limited to one guinea, and it was anticipated that about £800 would be realised. Referring to the proposed grant from Grand Mark Lodge, he felt that the brethren could not better show their appreciation of Brother Dewar's services than by voting it. Brother F. Davison seconded the motion, which was also supported by the Earl of Kintore, and eventually carried unanimously; and (c) grants from the Benevolent Fund, as follows:—

£20 to the Widow of a Brother of the Thistle, No. 8, and Keystone, No. 3, Lodges.
£20 to the Widow of a Brother of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 39.
£15 to the Widow of a Brother of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 177.
£15 to the Widow of a Brother of the United Service Lodge, No. 69.
£15 to a Brother of the St. John's Lodge, T.I., Bolton.
£15 to the Widow of a Brother of the Canynges Lodge, T.I., Bristol.

Rev. Canon Portal also formally moved these grants, which were agreed to. He then proposed "That the report of the General Board be adopted." He would first of all ask Grand Lodge to assent to the proposal of the Grand Master that the replies to the addresses voted in the Special Grand Lodge recently held should be entered on the books as soon as received; the absence of the Prince of Wales abroad having so far delayed them. He quite agreed with the Grand Master, who wished they should be recorded. He had also to express his very great regret—which he was sure would be shared by all—at the unfortunate differences which had arisen between their Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of Quebec. He had no wish to open up a very disagreeable subject, but must say, in the Grand Mark Lodge of England's defence, that if the Grand Chapter of Quebec had approached them in a different spirit, and used different language, that the differences might long ago have been adjusted; he still hoped that as soon as that body had placed itself in a legal position as regards the law of the Dominion, and had got itself sanctioned, that it might be possible to arrive at a reasonable solution of the difficulties which at present exist between them. No efforts on the part of the English would be wanting to secure this, and either by the aid of the United States' Chapters, which would be gladly accepted, or by the intervention of the Grand Ladges and Chapters of Ireland and Scotland, it was hoped a settlement could be made. He did not desire to move the adoption of the report without stating his wishes on this subject, which he believed were endorsed by every other member of the General Board. The motion was seconded by Bro. Williams, and carried. The Acting Grand Mark Master then proceeded to confer the rank of Past Grand Warden on Bro. Davison Grand Treasurer. He felt very great regret that the Grand Master was not able to be present, for he would have been the very first to express the high appreciation and regard which he had for the services Bro. Davison had rendered to Grand Lodge during the ten years he had occupied the position of Grand Treasurer. The system of accounts of Grand Lodge had been placed on a different basis to that formerly in force. Brother Davison was anxious to inaugurate the new work, and whatever might happen after that, they on their part were anxious to grant him the honour for the services he had already rendered.

The President of the General Board (Rev. Canon Portal) bore testimony to the careful way in which Bro. Davison had watched the accounts and supervised them, suggesting anything that could be urged towards their better arrangement. He had pleasure indeed in seconding the motion. As had been stated Brother Davison had inaugurated a different system of keeping the accounts. That was the last year they would see him with the Grand Treasurer's jewel on his breast, and they all felt that the honour which Lord Henniker wished to bestow upon him, but which he could not unfortunately personally bestow, could not be given to a worthier brother. The motion was carried, and Brother Davison was invested by the Earl of Kintore as a Past Grand Warden.

The Earl of Kintore then quitted the chair for the purpose of being installed as Grand Mark Master Mason. He was presented by Sir Pryce-Pryce to the Rev. Canon Portal, who assumed the chair and said it gave him very great pleasure indeed to receive the presentation, and he should immediately proceed to give the benefit of installation to their most worthy Deputy Grand Master. It would, he was sure, be especially agreeable to Grand Lodge to see the brother then before them installed upon the throne, because he was the representative of Scotch Masonry, to which the Mark Degree owed so much. At a time when the Mark Degree was at a very low ebb in England, kept alive by some dozen or so of Time Immemorial Lodges here and there, it was worked in Scotland with very great efficiency, both under the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge. It was perfectly well-known, and would be in the remembrance of several of those present, that in times gone by, when they were a far weaker body than at present, that they had considerable cause of complaint against the Grand Chapter of Scotland. That was a page which all were glad to turn over and to forget. But what they should not forget—on the contrary, should find great pleasure in remembering—was not only that the Degree owed very much to Scotch Masonry for its continuance, but that when once the Grand Chapter of Scotland had seen that they were well able to maintain the degree in England they were foremost in giving the right hand of fellowship and acknowledging them as a Grand Lodge in England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. He would also add that in these times, when they heard so much of the Monro doctrine, that there should only be one supreme authority in any one country, a principle which is all very well in a way, but which may be ridden too hard, it was gratifying to find that the Grand Chapter of Scotland had stood firmly by the Time Immemorial and historical principle that you may have Lodges under different jurisdictions in one place, all working in perfect harmony with one another, just as they once worked in England in harmony with Lodges and Chapters under the Scotch Constitution, as well as in the Time Immemorial Lodges, and now with Scotch and Irish Lodges in the Colonies. All this the Grand Chapter of Scotland had freely granted, and it was satisfactory, he said, to place upon the throne that night so distinguished a Scotch

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Mason as the Earl of Kintore, who, he was sure, would do all he could to cement the kind feeling which existed between England and Scotland. He hoped he might even see that it had further reaching consequences than it had at present. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and the Earl of Kintore was placed in the chair, and saluted according to ancient custom. In acknowledging the salutation the new Grand Master said he had often been told, and he believed it was sound doctrine, that a man speaks best who uses fewest words to express his thoughts. He felt a difficulty in finding any words which would adequately give expression to the sentiments which he entertained and felt at that moment. He was well aware of what was expected at his hands. He knew, and he hoped the brethren would believe, that his earnest endeavours, and his utmost ability, would be at the service of Mark Masonry in England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. He could do no more than his best, and his best he promised. The brethren took him, so to speak, as a servant without a character; he had not, for many years, been connected with the English G.L. He came from the northernmost part of the kingdom, and not only for himself, but in the name of Masonry in Scotland, and especially of the Provincial Grand Chapter of which he was Principal, gladly accepted the high office they had given him in the Grand Lodge of England. He could also say that of all the congratulations he had received from his friends none had been so cordial or so hearty as those from office bearers in the Grand Chapter of Scotland. He was sure that Canon Portal would agree with him that that augured well for the cordial and friendly relations which at present existed between the two bodies. His only regret was that he came as the immediate successor of so brilliant a Grand Master as Lord Henniker had proved himself to be. Truly the interests of their Grand Lodge had not suffered at his hands. All wished him recovery from the injury he had met with. It was hoped he would have been present, but being absent the Grand Mark Master hoped he should have authority from the brethren to convey to his predecessor the regret all felt at his unfortunate accident. In conclusion the Earl of Kintore said that nothing should be wanting on his part to continue the good work which had been carried on during the reign of Lord Henniker. Brother Davison was then re-elected G. Treasurer. In acknowledging the compliment said he had certainly intended to retire from the office of G. Treasurer, which he had held for ten years. It was, however, thought inadvisable, on account of the death of Bro. Dewar, that a change should be made at the present time, and therefore he had consented to remain another year, at the end of which time he should have great pleasure in proposing some brother to succeed him in the office.

The other offices in Grand Lodge were filled by the following appointments:—

Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton ...	Deputy G.M.
Colonel Lord John H. Taylour ...	G. Senior Warden
Sir Charles James Palmer ...	G. Junior Warden
Henry Venn	G. Master Overseer
Joseph Lancaster Hine	G. Senior Overseer
John Spite Cumberland ...	G. Junior Overseer
Very Rev. Dean Currie... ...	G. Chaplains
Rev. F. H. Richardson	
H. C. Levander	G. Registrar
Frederick Binckes	G. Secretary
R. Townley Caldwell	G. Senior Deacons
C. W. Duke	
Edward L. Shepherd	G. Junior Deacons
C. W. Radway	
Robert Berridge	G. D. of Ceremonies
J. W. Thorpe	G. Asst. D. of Ceremonies
John Charles Cox	
R. W. Edis, F.S.A.	G. Supt. of Works
Henry Haigh	G. Sword Bearer
B. R. Bryant	G. Standard Bearers
John Batley Atkinson	
William Ganz	G. Organist.
William Morris	G. Inner Guard
E. H. Thielley, J. Lane, R. Plumbe, J. Inglis, C. F. Hogard, F. W. Driver, H. Stephens, W. E. Stewart, J. W. Monckman, J. Unwin jun.,	G. Stewards
C. E. Stretton, E. C. Patchitt ...	
C. T. Speight	G. Tyler

General Board—(appointed by the Grand Master)—Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., President; Thomas Cubitt, Robert Berridge, Alfred Williams, W. Roebuck, O. H. Pearson, and R. P. Spice. (Elected by Grand Lodge) Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, Herbert Dicketts, Charles H. Driver, J. L. Mather, and Henry Venn. Bro. Binckes (Grand Secretary) then announced that an invitation had been received from the St. George's Lodge, No. 15, to hold the Moveable Grand Lodge in Devonshire, an invitation which the Grand Master said would be accepted. Grand Mark Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in the efficient manner which characterises the present management of the Freemasons' Tavern.

Yet another Lodge was added to the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England on Saturday, 31st ult., when the Lodge of King Solomon, No. 2029 was consecrated by Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, assisted by Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar as S.W., John Messent P.G.S.B. as J.W., Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D. of C, Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D C. as I.G., and Wilhelm Ganz P.G.O. as Organist. We shall publish a full report next week.

LODGE OF AMITY, No. 171.

THE second meeting of this Lodge for the season was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Tuesday, 3rd instant, when a large number of the brethren assembled. After Bro. Carter had been passed to the degree of F.C., Bro. Wendover was installed in the chair of King Solomon by Bro. F. C. D. Fenn I.P.M. On the conclusion of business, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when a most enjoyable evening was spent. The toasts were eloquently rendered by the W.M., and the pleasures greatly enhanced by the addition of an excellent musical programme under the direction of Bro. Charles Stevens. The brethren present were E. Wendover W.M., Loring S.W., Tannahill J.W., Fenn I.P.M., P.M.'s Harcourt Treasurer, Clever P.M. Secretary; P.M.'s J. Clever, Bateman, Batty, Cooper, Whiteley; Goodinge, Van Essen J.D., Dipple I.G., Frigout D.C.; Bros. Maddick, Dodd, Smith, Farlow, Nash, Arnold, A. A. Frigout, Ham, Carter. The Visitors were Bros. Duke, Wood, Hovenden, Hall, Shepherd, Hunt, Wood, Moore, Chanery Thomas, Stevens Willing, &c.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th instant, at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford. Bros. Williams W.M., Smith S.W., Pitt J.W., Speight P.M. Secretary, Prior S.D., Cohen J.D., Ingram I.G., Freeman P.M., Penrose, Greener, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Penrose candidate. Lodge was called off, and on resuming was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Brother Prior, of the St. James' Lodge, No. 769, was elected a member. Brother Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday. Lodge was closed in due form.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—Held at Brother Langdale's, The Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, Islington, on Wednesday, the 4th instant. Brother Western presided; he was ably assisted by Bros. Hall S.W., Ashton J.W., Powell acting Preceptor, Turner S.D., Galer J.D., Fenner I.G., and others. The usual formalities were duly observed, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, when Brother Powell answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, including the traditional history. Lodge being resumed, Bro. Hall was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

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INAUGURATION OF A GRAND LODGE.

From the South Australian Register, 24th April 1884.

THURSDAY, 17th April, was a great day for Freemasons in South Australia. There was celebrated with much ceremony on that day an event which is wholly without parallel in the annals of the mystic craft in the Colony. In the formation of a Grand Lodge here our Masons have been much more fortunate than their brethren in all the other colonies; for though the latter have undertaken a similar enterprise they did it handicapped by a disheartening lack of unanimity, whilst the South Australian Order is helped along by a remarkably strong feeling of union and concord. It is no secret, however, that a slight constitutional difficulty has arisen, and that the action of the leaders of this movement may at the moment be somewhat distasteful to some sections of the mother Institution in the Old Country, but they are persuaded that the enterprise is one which the exigencies of the position demand, and one, moreover, whose fitness and rightness will doubtless very soon be recognised wherever its wherefore and successful consummation are known.

It will be half a century next October since the first Freemason's Lodge was opened in South Australia. The late Sir George Kingston, the third Past Master in succession to Bros. W. H. White and J. F. Taylor, brought the necessary charter from England with him. Since the first meeting was held—in October 1834—in connection with the formation of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 43, E.C., the Order has made steady progress, not only under the English Constitution, but likewise under the Scotch (inaugurated here in August 1844) and the Irish (established November 1855), which are now, with the exception of one Lodge, to be amalgamated into one harmonious whole. There are at present in South Australia 33 Lodges, the proportion of membership being as follows:—English Constitution — Friendship 132 members, Harmony 84, United Tradesmen 145, Fidelity 41, Kooringa 45, Unity 192, Truth 74, McDonnell 110, Clare 45, Union 62, Prince of Wales 46, Mount Gambier 48, St. John 30, Duke of Edinburgh 80, Areas 73, Governor Jervois 53, Flinders 63, Victoria 54, Concord 27, Princess Royal 24—Total 1428. Irish Constitution—Duke of Leinster 276, East Torrens Lodge of Faith 73, Light 59, St. John's 38, Mostyn 48, Kincraig 44, Wooroora 34—Total 572. Scotch Constitution — Adelaide 164, St. Andrew's 135, St. Vincent's 29, St. James 32, Concordia 47, Holdfast 20—Total 451. From this it will be seen that there are no fewer than 2,451 subscribing Freemasons in the colony.

For some time it was felt that a union of the Lodges under the head of a "Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia" was a consummation greatly to be desired. Bro. H. M. Addison W.D.G.T. was the foremost in acting prominently to accomplish that object. Circulars were issued to representative brethren in the colony, and the first active step was taken on 30th July 1883, when a meeting was held in the banquet-room at the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders-street, to discuss the proposal. That meeting was convened by Bro. Addison, and was presided over by Bro. H. C. Mais P.D.G.S.W. P.M. In moving the resolution "That it is desirable that a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia be formed, and that immediate steps be taken to that end," Bro. Addison maintained that the Order had now grown to the possession of such strength as to be well able to walk alone. Replying to an objection that the amalgamation would be unconstitutional, he said, "I can see nothing unconstitutional in it," and he fortified his position with elaborate quotations from eminent Masonic jurists. After a long discussion the motion was carried almost unanimously, an amendment to the effect that the alteration should be subject to the consent of the Grand Lodge of England being lost by an overwhelming majority. A great deal of correspondence followed, and many difficulties opposed themselves; but they were at length overcome, and the most satisfactory unanimity was ultimately shown in the adoption of the project, which was taken up very heartily by the Executive Committee, whose membership is as follows:—English Constitution—H. C. Mais P.G.D.S.W., Saul Solomon D.G.J.W., H. M. Addison D.G. Treasurer, T. E. F. Seabrook D.G.P.B.G.P., L. L. Furner D.G.J.D., W. L. Ware D.G.S.D.R. Irish Constitution—F. A. Kleeman P.G.J.W., A. M. Simpson P.P.G.J.W., J. G. Williams P.G.S.D., J. H. H. Vockins P.M. E.C. and S.W. 455 I.C., Jas. Shaw J.W. 408. Scotch Constitution—Hugh Fraser D.G.J.W., John Ramsay D.G.J.D., W. B. Webb D.G.D.C., W. Sketheway P.M. 555, J. Anderson P.M. 555.

All the preliminary work satisfactorily accomplished, the representatives of the Lodges considered the important matter of the selection of the gentlemen to hold the distinguished position of the First Grand Lodge Officers in South Australia. It was at last decided that the Chief Justice (Bro. S. Way) should be invited to occupy the post of Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason. This he consented to do, and there was no opposition to him. As the next to the final step to the securing of the object which has been so earnestly worked for during many months, the convention of delegates met on Wednesday, and besides electing the Officers, formally established the Grand Lodge, and then "called off" till next day. The following is the result of the election:—

Bro. S. J. Way	Grand Master
H. C. E. Mueeke	Past Grand Master
H. E. Downer	Deputy Grand Master
A. M. Simpson	Senior Grand Warden
J. Ramsay	Junior Grand Warden
Rev. F. S. Poole, M.A.	Grand Chaplain
Otto Laurenti	Grand Orator
T. J. King	Grand Inspector of Lodges
W. S. Ware...	Grand Treasurer
W. B. Webb	Grand Registrar
S. Solomon	Grand President Board of General Purposes
J. H. Cunningham...	Grand Secretary
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W. Baldwin	
J. Shakespeare	Grand Organist.
E. W. G. Hosking	Grand Assistant Secretary
W. M. Hugo	Grand Pursuivant
J. W. Castine	Grand Assistant Pursuivant

The scene of the installation ceremonies, which were of the most brilliant and impressive character, was the Town Hall, which, with its numerous ante-rooms had been undergoing extensive preparations for some days previously. Everything was in readiness by half-past 9 o'clock on Thursday morning. From that time until nearly an hour later the brethren began to file into the spacious room, and (under the direction of the Stewards and other Officers) to take the places allotted to them according to their rank in the Order. Shortly after 10 o'clock all were seated, awaiting the entrance of those heads of the Institution, who were, a few moments later, obeying the dictates of a laudable spirit of self-sacrifice, to vacate the honourable posts held by them in one or other of the three Constitutions, and to give way to the successors who have been chosen to fill the more representative and distinguished positions which the amalgamation had made possible of attainment. And no better proof of the sincerity of their motives in so strongly toiling for the new order of things could be given than the display of this self-abnegatory spirit. By hard work in the Lodges they had, many of them, gained high distinctions; but, unasked, and solely for the sake of principle, they surrendered them, and permitted others to enjoy, and heartily welcomed others, as they entered upon the enjoyment of the fruits of their toils. No one was more appreciative of this than those successors, and the Chief Justice's subsequent recognition of this was as gracefully conveyed as it was richly merited.

But to come back to the hall. The spectacle at this time was curious and highly picturesque. Perhaps it would not be hard to prove that it was the most brilliant scene ever presented within the principal hall of our city. To begin with, there were there gathered more than a thousand brethren, representing all excepting two of the Masonic Lodges in the colony, and a few distinguished visitors from England and other distant places. All were clad in regulation evening dress, which, with its accompanying white lambskin or kid gloves, is held to be *de rigeur* at any solemn or special ceremony in connection with the Order. (As to those gloves, it should be mentioned, in passing, that they have a special significance in Masonry. They are regarded as a "symbol of purification.") The deep black of the evening dress formed a capital background for the display of the beautiful insignia of the Order. It added somewhat of ornament

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even to the dull lambskin apron of the modest few Entered Apprentices who were present. It set off to greater advantage the slightly more pretentious badge of the progressing "Fellow Crafts." It increased in larger degree by comparison the intensity of the bright hues and the dazzling spangles of the decorative aprons of the Master Masons. It heightened the effect as a part of the picture of the rich jewels—the squares and compasses and levels and plumbs and other ornaments puzzling to the "profane," but highly significant—of the dignitaries of the Order. An important part of the strange picturesqueness of the scene was lent to it by the regalia of the still higher officers—the rich silk and satin collars, resplendent with handsome trimmings and edgings and stars and what not, reflecting all the hues of the rainbow. And above all, the bright-ribboned gold and silver jewels, denoting eminent services or high rank, sparkled and glittered, as the sun, shining only at intervals on so dull a morning, lit them up with its rays. In a word, the whole celebration, it may honestly and unexaggeratively be said, partook of the character of a grand pageant, in which all was beautiful and nothing gaudy. Those who made the arrangements and those who carried them out so effectually are deserving of high praise and warm congratulation.

The grouping of the various ranks of the Order was strictly in accordance with Masonic precedent. To describe, first, the eastern part of the hall:—Presiding at the organ, whose tone, by the way, has greatly improved since its tuning, was the Grand Organist, Bro. J. Shakespeare, on either side of whom was a brother assisting in the manipulation of the stops, and so on. In front of them and upon the ordinary platform was a choir of some twenty voices. Acting as conductor stood Worshipful Bro. Philip Sansom, Grand Senior Deacon. To this gentleman is justly due the observation that the members of the choir under his direction were chosen by merit of their excellence alone, and regardless of their rank in the Order. The result was the realisation, so far as their numerical capacity went, of almost the perfection of Masonic music. An important part in this department of the ceremonial was taken by Bro. M. Morgan, acting efficiently as trumpeter. Behind the conductor were placed, on a handsomely-carpeted dais, the official seats (with emblematical gravings) of the Grand Master Mason, his Deputy, and the holders of the next two or three slightly less distinguished grades of Masonry. Down the middle of the hall, with the Grand Master's "Throne" closing up a long perspective, in which other noteworthy objects were the Ark and the Senior Warden's chair, was an otherwise clear space along which the various grand processions were subsequently to pass. Posted at regular intervals, and flanking this passage-way, were numerous well-chosen Stewards, distinguished by blue-and-white rosettes, and holding aloft their staffs of office. In the body of the hall were the ordinary Masons, and on each side of the "tesselated square" which intervened between the chief seat of honour and the Senior Warden's chair were ranged the principal officers of the Institution, with the Junior Warden in his customary place south of the square, and with the Secretary on the northern side as his *vis-à-vis*.

The organ pealed forth a voluntary as, at half-past ten o'clock, Wor. Bro. H. M. Addison P.D.G. Treasurer E.C., P.M. 505 E.C. took the chief place of Worshipful Master, by virtue of his high office as Chairman of the Masonic Union. On the previous night there had been held a Convention of Delegates to make final arrangements. That had closed in the first degree, in which it now resumed with customary form. Immediately after it closed again, and Brother Addison then, after having announced that the Right Worshipful Bro. Muecke P.D.G.M. S C. had been selected to act as Installing Master, vacated the chair, which the Installing Master occupied. Another short voluntary on the organ preceded the opening of the Grand Lodge, which was marked by the offering of a special prayer, written for the occasion by Bro. the Rev. F. S. Poole P.D.G. Chap. E.C. The choir then rendered with grand impressiveness the Opening Ode. The Installing Master next read his authority to instal Brother Chief Justice Way as the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of South Australia, and thereupon the Director of Ceremonies was instructed to summon the newly-elected Grand Lodge Officers. The summons was obeyed on the instant, and presently these important officials were admitted, convoyed by a strong force of brethren, with great pomp. As, thus escorted, they marched towards the dais at the eastern end of the hall the organist played spiritedly the well-known "March of the Masons," whilst the full choir gave its words, full of significance to all true Masons, with correct interpretation as to music, and with evident feeling as to the sentiment. Towards the close the music became gradually subdued, and as it presently died away in slow and solemn measures, all the brethren, alike of high rank and of low degree, bowed reverently, whilst the Chaplain again made special supplication. The vast congregation, led by the organ playing *pianissimo*, and the choir singing softly, caught up the solemn Masonic "So mote it be" response, which a moment afterwards was replaced by a strongly contrasted substitute—the exultant chorus "Holy! Holy! Holy Lord." The soloist was Bro. H. Oelmann, whose rendition was really excellent and in a high degree praiseworthy.

The great feature of the ceremonial now began. Whilst the brethren again reverently bowed their heads, with their hands upon their breasts, the Chaplain prayed:—

Supreme Governor and Controller of Mankind, by whom Kings reign and Princes decree justice, be pleased to vouchsafe to this Thy servant now about to be called to this high office in our Brotherhood Thy heavenly blessing. May he prove a true and diligent guardian of the principles, privileges, and usages of our Order, and may he, through Thy favour, be strengthened to the discharge of those duties to which he is now solemnly and specially to be pledged.

Again the brethren gave the solemn Masonic response, which presently swelled out into the ancient Hymn of Praise. This was sung by the whole Brotherhood, to the tune of the Old Hundredth, and the familiar strains, caught up by over a thousand voices, sounded grandly inspiring. The newly chosen Grand Master (Bro. S. J. Way) was then conducted to the altar by the official convoy who had received him when he entered. As he knelt before the Masonic shrine the choir sang softly the Invocatory Anthem, beginning "Father of love, we call, &c." Still kneeling, the Grand Master took the solemn obligation administered by the Installing Master. He was then conducted to the east in due form. The Installing Master (who conducted the whole ceremony in a way which was highly creditable to his memory and to his methods) delivered to him a solemn charge. He enlarged upon the dignity and the importance of his high office, a position requiring the possession of sound judgment, tact, and brotherly kindness. The office of Grand Master was one of great antiquity and respect. It was one of the highest dignities to which they as Masons could aspire. He who enjoyed it should therefore possess certain very important qualities. As a man he should be of unquestioned integrity, free from a domineering spirit, and having all ill-tempered passions kept strictly in subjection. As a citizen he should be loyal to his Queen, obedient to the laws, and always yielding freely to the dictates of humanity. As a Freemason he should hold manfully and boldly to the ancient and respected and well-tried landmarks. He should be meek and not overmastered by the lust of power. Elevated above his fellow-Masons, he should never forget that it was they who raised him. And these were only a few of the many qualities which his high and important post required of him.

The Installing Master then invested him with the insignia of office, and he was enthroned, being saluted by all the brethren in accordance with the time-honoured form. Thereupon was sung the "Anthem of Rejoicing," composed by Bro. J. Shakespeare P.D.G.O. The anthem was followed by a flourish of trumpets and drums, and, after proclamations had been made in the east, and subsequently in the west and south, the Masons joined in singing the hymn—"Hail Masonry Divine."

The Grand Master delivered an address, which he concluded in the following terms:—Brethren, hitherto, in South Australia we have under our different Constitutions been labouring in three bands or parties, and to the casual observer we were seemingly engaged in the formation of several independent edifices having no perfect connection with each other. Now happily the partitions which divided us have been destroyed, and the temporary supports and scaffolding have been removed, and lo! we find ourselves, side by side in one united brotherhood, in one new Masonic temple, with the same volume of the sacred law, the same square, and the same compass for our guidance before us. I cannot doubt that if we determine to work willingly with the same zeal, and in accordance with the same law which has hitherto been our guide, we shall see Masonry advance in South Australia, and if that be our chief aim we shall have the approval of the Great Architect.

R.W. Bro. H. E. Downer P.G.M. Deputy Grand Master elect was next obligated, invested, installed, and greeted with a loyal salute. The anthem "Let all nations praise the Lord," was then sung. The other Officers were next installed in their respective positions, and afterwards the anthem was rendered by the choir. The proclamation of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia as being duly formed and constituted was then made in the usual way.

At this stage Bro. James H. Cunningham G.S., on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented to the Grand Master a petition bearing warm testimony to the self-sacrificing services of Bro. Addison, and concluding—"We humbly pray that the noteworthy and meritorious services of our Worshipful Brother be recognised, and we would respectfully suggest that he have conferred upon him the distinction of P.D.G.M. in token of the appreciation of the Craft of the services referred to."

The Grand Master—In reference to this petition, I may say there is no brother of the Craft who more fully appreciates the value of the services of the Worshipful Bro. Addison than I do; and it gives me greater pleasure than I can express that my first official act as the Grand Master Mason of South Australia should be to present some little recognition to him. I ask you, Bro. Addison, to accept the office of P.D.G.M. in this Lodge, with all its rights and privileges.

Brother Addison—I most heartily thank you for the very high honour you have conferred upon me. I am fully sensible of that honour, and I beg you not to measure the sincerity of my thanks by the number of my words.

On the motion of the Grand Master seconded by the D.G.M., a vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master, Bro. Muecke M.W. P.G.M., for his services that morning, and to the Lodge generally during many years past.

Brother Muecke on rising to respond, was received with a hearty Masonic salute. He thanked them cordially for the resolution they had been pleased to pass in his honour. He felt this would be a red-letter day in the annals of Freemasonry in South Australia.

The brethren then joined in singing the National Anthem. The Chaplain delivered a special closing prayer. The Benediction was pronounced, and the Lodge closed, the choir singing the second verse of "The March of the Masons."

The banquet began punctually at 8 o'clock, and was in its different way as brilliant from a spectacular point of view as the preceding and more largely attended ceremony earlier in the day had been. There were about 400 Masons present. Messrs. Beach and Co. performed the catering very excellently. They made the room bright with ornaments of various kinds. On the dais at the eastern end of the room was the principle table, running north and south. Round this were seated the Grand Lodge Officers according to their degree, the M.W. Grand Master Mason, of course, presiding. At the rear of these distinguished Officers were, on either side of the platform, large mirrors surrounded by ferns and flowers. The comparatively subordinate positions at the heads of the other tables were occupied by several prominent members, notably Bros. A. M. Simpson, P. Sansom, J. Ramsey, and J. C. Kanfmann. Bro. Seabrook acted as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Vockins, Secretary to the Banquet Committee, superintended the arrangements generally, and performed his task thoroughly well. Bro. Shakespeare acted as Organist.

The M.W.G.M. read an apology from the Installing Master (Bro.

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Muecke), who was unavoidably absent. The following telegrams, which sufficiently explain themselves, were read:—"Grand Master Farnell and Officers of Grand Lodge of New South Wales send fraternal greetings to the Grand Master and Officers of South Australia on the inauguration of their Grand Lodge.—Nicholas Weebres, Grand Secretary, New Masonic Hall, Sydney." "Hearty good wishes and congratulations on erection Grand Lodge, South Australia, Grand Lodge of Victoria, H. W. Holloway, Secretary, 825." "The Provincial Grand Master of Royal and Oriental Freemasonry for Australia, and Grand Representative for Grand Lodge of Italy, new Grand Lodge of New South Wales, sends his courteous and fraternal greeting on inauguration of Sovereign Grand Lodge of South Australia. All hail—R. Paterson Negus."

The M.W.G.M. (His Honour the Chief Justice) gave as the first toast the Queen and the Craft. Her Majesty, who was the descendant and mother of Freemasons, enjoyed the unique experience of being the daughter of a Grand Master and mother of a Grand Master. Her Majesty's father, his Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, did great service to Masonic unity when Grand Master of the English Masons of York, and assisted to bring about the happy union in England resulting in the English Grand Lodge. They as Masons in South Australia had shared the latest sorrow of Her Majesty. She had lost a son who for his virtue and accomplishments was a pattern of princely excellency, and they as Masons had lost one of the brightest ornaments of the Order, and one who, if his life had been preserved, would have been a strong pillar in Freemasonry. The late Duke of Albany was not an ornamental Mason, but a practical worker in the Craft. Only a few months before his death [their Brother Mais had the privilege of witnessing the installation of their late Royal Brother as Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire.

The reception of the toast was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The M.W.G.M. proposed Sister Constitutions. Bro. William Fiveash P.M. I.C., responded, and said the telegrams read were an earnest of the recognition which would be extended everywhere to the Grand Lodge of South Australia. Grand Chaplain the Rev. F. S. Poole, in the absence of Bro. Muecke, proposed the M.W. Grand Master. Whilst his position as Chief Judge of this important Province would shed some lustre upon the Order, it was only fair to add that his occupancy of the chief place in the Order would add some lustre upon himself. The M.W.G. Master(His Honour Brother Chief Justice Way) responded gracefully and well. V.W. Bro. S. Solomon P.B.G.P. proposed the W. Installing Master (Bro.Muecke) in terms of the highest compliment. The toast was honoured with great enthusiasm, and in the absence of its subject V.W. Bro. W. B. Webb V.W.G.R. responded. His Honour Bro. Justice Boucant V.W.P.G.T. I.C., proposed the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. H. E. Downer, in the absence of V.W. Bro. H. Fraser P.G.J.W. The R.W. Bro. H. E. Downer R.W.D.G.M., responded. Bro. J. H. H. Vockins P.M., followed with the toast the Grand Lodge Officers. V.W. Bro. A. M. Simpson G.S.W., and V.W. Bro. J. Ramsay G.J.W. acknowledged the compliment. R.W. Bro. H. M. Addison P.D.G.M., who was enthusiastically received, proposed the South Australian Constitution. The S.G.D. (Bro. J. A. Cockburn) eloquently responded. V.W. Bro. O. Laurenti G.O., proposed Success to Private Lodges. W. Bro. Sansom G.S.D. responded in graceful language, clothing appropriate sentiments. W. Bro. F. H. Wigg proposed the Executive Committee and R.W. Bro. H. M. Addison P.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. H. M. Addison acknowledged the compliment. G.S.B. Bro. L. G. Madley proposed the Visitors, and a suitable response was given by Bro. Turner, of Port Pirie. V.W. Bro. O. Laurenti proposed the Press. The toast was responded to on behalf of the journalists present. During the night songs were sung by Bros. Oelman, J. W. Rail, and T. Shanks. The proceedings did not close till midnight.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire will be holden at the Town Hall, High Wycombe, on Monday, the 16th instant, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master. The Great Western Railway Company have kindly consented to grant return tickets at single fares to brethren, on production of their summonses, at the booking offices of the Great Western Railway, from the following stations:—London, Windsor, Reading, Oxford, Newbury, Abingdon, Swindon, Faringdon, Aylesbury, Marlow Road, and Maidenhead; and at all stations of the South Western Company on the London, Wokingham, and Reading Railway between Waterloo and Windsor.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, on Thursday evening. Companion Edmonds filled the chair of Z., Hunter H., Radcliffe J., Knight S.N., Foster Shaw P.S. This R.A. Chapter of Improvement is rapidly increasing in numbers, and we can recommend Companions to pay a visit. The proceedings commence at 8 p.m. prompt.

The following Festival Meetings have been held at Freemasons' Tavern during the week, ending 7th June:—

Monday, 2nd—Dragoon Guards: Tuesday, 3rd—Grand Lodge of Mark Masters; Wednesday, 4th—Grand Officers' Mess, 18th Royal Irish, 7th Royal Fusiliers; Thursday, 5th—Royal Engineers, 90th Regiment, 8th Hussars, Linnæan Club; Friday, 7th—Odd Volumes.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 3rd inst., in the Subscription Rooms, at Stroud. The Right Hon. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Right Worshipful Grand Master of Gloucestershire, presided over a large attendance of the brethren. He was attended by W. Bro. J. Brook-Smith, M.A., Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Bros. J. Mullings 592 Prov. G.S.W., F. G. Roberts 1008 Prov. G.J.W., W. R. Porcher 82 Prov. G. Registrar, Rev. Dr. Kynaston W.M. 82 Prov. G. Chaplain, W. H. Gwinnett 82 Prov. G. Treasurer, E. Trinder 592 Prov. G. Secretary, R. N. Hooper 1363 Prov. G.S.D., R. A. Matthews 493 Prov. G.J.D., W. R. Felton 246 Prov. G.S.W., J. S. Tanner 592, and E. Hulbert 1067 D.C., R. V. Vassar-Smith W.M. 839 Prov. G.P. and Charity Secretary, W. C. Heane 1067 Prov. G.S.B., J. A. Matthews 82 Prov. G. Organist. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire, Colonel Charles Lyne, and his Deputy W. Bro. S. G. Homfray P.G.A.D.C. represented the Province of Monmouth, and W. Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., P.Prov. G. Registrar G.S.D. represented Grand Lodge of England. Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the Prov. Grand Master, in sympathetic terms, proposed a vote of condolence with the Queen, H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the death of the late Duke of Albany. This was seconded by the D. Prov. G.M. and adopted. The Grand Treasurer (Bro. Gwinnett) and the Charity Secretary (Bro. Vassar-Smith) then read their respective reports. The Treasurer's report showed a considerable balance in hand, and the report of the Charity Secretary was of an especially satisfactory character. It showed that there had been a steady increase in the voting power of the Province at the elections of the Masonic Institutions, and that during the past year, though the Province had been called on to make no special effort, there had been about £1,250 subscribed in support of the Charities of the Order. Both reports were adopted, on the proposal of the Provincial Grand Master, who paid a warm compliment to the Charity Secretary upon the work on behalf of the Charities which he had taken up so thoroughly as a labour of love, and discharged so efficiently. Incidentally Sir Michael Hicks-Beach stated that he had promised to take the chair at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, next February, when he hoped to be supported by the Province in the same generous spirit as when he presided at the kindred Festival of the Girls' School, three years ago. The announcement was received with applause, and was followed by a proposal by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master that a sum of £74 10s (to make up 100 guineas) should be voted towards the funds of the Benevolent Institution, in the further endowment of the chair of Provincial Grand Lodge. This was carried by acclamation, and Sir Michael thanked the Lodge for this commencement of the subscription list. Bro. Gwinnett was re-elected by acclamation Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Bro. Phillips was again appointed Tyler. After other business had been disposed of, the Prov. Grand Master proceeded to the appointment and investiture of his Officers for the year, as follow:—

Bro. T. Partridge, M.D., P.M. 702 P. Prov. G.J.W.	Senior Warden
R. V. Vassar-Smith W.M. 839 P. Prov. G.P.	Junior Warden
George Norman I.P.M. 246 ...	Registrar
Rev. T. M. Middlemore-Whithard Chaplain 82	Chaplain
W. H. Gwinnett P.M. 82 P.G.T. ...	Treasurer
E. Trinder P.M. 592	Secretary
H. Small W.M. 761	Senior Deacon
H. C. Frith I.P.M. 1005	Junior Deacon
J. A. Matthews I.P.M. 493 ...	Superintendent of Works
H. Stephens I.P.M. 702 ... ... } F. A. Carter W.M. 1607 ... ... }	Dirs. of Ceremonies
R. Blizard W.M. 951	Sword Bearer
F. Millman ... ... } G. C. Hewitt W.M. 1363 ... ... }	Standard Bearers
Williams	Organist
W. P. Hadley I.P.M. 270	Pursuivant
H. Phillips	Tyler

Provincial Lodge having been closed, the brethren dined together at Badbrook Hall.

ALHAMBRA THEATRE.

IT is announced that during the Summer Season the performances at the Alhambra will commence at eight and terminate at eleven o'clock. The tuneful "Beggar Student" is still running successfully, and the Whitsun holiday season has been signalised by the reduction of the price of admission to the gallery to 6d. Millöcker's opera is superior in dramatic idea and in musical execution to several works that might on the surface appear akin to it, and the two grand ballets—with Mdlles. Pertoldi and Palladino as *première danseuses*—fully sustain the prestige of the house in this branch of spectacular attraction. The next production will be a new version of Burnand's popular "Black Eyed Susan," supplemented by grand ballets.

THE CRITERION.

THE amusing, though somewhat extravagant, farcical comedy of "The Great Divorce Case," was revived here last Monday. Mr. Charles Wyndham played with unrivalled lightness, putting us in mind of the late Charles Matthews in his best days. Miss Rorke gave a character and finish to the part of the servant drudge that sets us longing to see her as "Nan" in "Good for Nothing." The other characters were fairly rendered. Mrs. Edmund Phelps distinguished herself as the suspicious and irrepressible Mother-in-law.

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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 JUNE.

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)
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
R.A. 173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1273—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 9th JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1435—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (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, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
2030—Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster. (Emergency)
R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8a 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.
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
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham

1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
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
1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
1861—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey

R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 557—Vallctort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Queens Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley
K.T. 56—Hugh de Papens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn

TUESDAY, 10th JUNE.

55—Constitutional, Redford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, 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)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
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, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instructon)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1692—Sir Hugh Middleton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., 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.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

83—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
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
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
728—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1466—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. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge
R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 11th JUNE.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
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, 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)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 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, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
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. 1524—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

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
587—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
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
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)
1312—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
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1517—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite

R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 88—Pythagoras, Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 360—Merilish, Grapes Inn, Stonecclough, near Manchester
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 12th JUNE.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)

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87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, 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)

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
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.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1673—Lewisham, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1956—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, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.

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)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
369—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
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
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
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
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
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
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
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
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 13th 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.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
R.A. 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
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
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
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
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 14th JUNE.

176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
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)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House 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-street, W., at 8

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
R.C. 48—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723, BOLTON.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, on Wednesday, 28th May. Bros. Harwood W.M., Barratt S.W., Cosgrave J.W., Nicholson P.M. Secretary, Tong S.D., Bardsley J.D., Smith Organist, Derham I.G., Roiley Tyler; P.M.'s Brookbank Grand Steward Scotland, Morris 221; Bros. Whewell, Arden, Collins, Fogg, Kershaw, Bolton, Priestley, Goulburn, Parkinson, and Morris, Visitor—Bro. Higson P.M. 348. Lodge was opened in first degree, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. announced that he, with Bros. Nicholson, Settle, Fielding, and Barratt, had served as Stewards at the recent Festival of the Girls' School, and that the amount collected on behalf of that Charity was £13,000, and the contributions collected by the Bolton Stewards over £70. It was resolved that the best thanks of the Lodge be given to the W.M. and other brethren who had nobly contributed to the Masonic Charities, and that each of the brethren entitled to wear the same be presented, at the expense of the Lodge, with the Charity Medal of the Order. Hearty good wishes were expressed, after which a portion of the ancient rules and charges was read by the Senior Warden of the Lodge, which was closed in peace and harmony at 7·15.

Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622.—The brethren of the above Lodge met at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Thursday, the 29th ult., the last meeting until September. There were present Bros. Preceptor Rose W.M., Hilton S.W., W. Hamlyn J.W., Stone S.D., Wishart J.D., Addington I.G., T. Grammant Secretary, as Officers; also Bros. J. Hamlyn, White, Gaze, Carter, Glanville, Inglefield, J. J. Brinton, Voisey, H. Vickery, Laurence, Murché, J. Vickery, Tuck, Kimpton, Dunn, Loader, Briant, F. Cock, Kettle-White, Vincent, B. Smith, Lindsey, Elgar, Price, Bird and Clauson-Thue. Lodge having been opened in due form, the brethren proceeded to work the Fifteen Sections, under the direction of the W.M. First Lecture—Bros. Stone, Stone, Wishart, Stone, Murché, Channon, and Hilton; Second Lecture—Brothers Stone, Grammant, Voisey, Hilton, and Voisey; Third Lecture—Brothers Murché, Vincent, and Grammant. The work was accomplished in two hours and twenty-five minutes, without a hitch. The brethren are all members of the Lodge. Bro. Channon P.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Rose for the invaluable services he had rendered to the Lodge as Preceptor. All present would endorse what he stated, namely, that a more able and painstaking Preceptor could not be found; they all rejoiced to see Bro. Rose restored, after a recent severe illness. Bro. J. J. Brinton seconded the proposition. He could endorse all that Bro. Channon had stated in reference to their esteemed Preceptor. If any brother failed to become conversant with Freemasonry, not only in letter but in spirit, under the Preceptorship of Bro. Rose, the fault must rest with him. Bro. Rose possesses a thorough knowledge of all that is required, and is always ready to impart what he knows. He (the speaker) therefore cordially seconded the proposition. The S.W. having put the resolution to the Lodge, it was carried unanimously. Bro. P.M. Rose, in an eloquent speech, acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Loader then proposed a vote of thanks to the brethren who had assisted in working the sections. This also was carried unanimously. Bro. Clauson-Thue hoped that the brethren, during the interregnum, would visit the Peckham Lodge of Instruction, held at the Lord Wellington, 516 Old Kent-road, every Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock, also under the Preceptorship of Bro. Rose. Lodge was then closed in due form.

On Saturday, at St. Matthew's Church, Brighton, the marriage of Bro. Sayers, of the firm of Sayers and Marks, of Brighton, with Miss Hannah Pickford, niece of Mr. John Cooper, of Aldersgate-street, was celebrated, in the presence of a large assemblage of the friends of bride and bridegroom. Amongst the wedding presents, was one given by the employés of the bridegroom, consisting of a very elegant Pompeian timepiece, and a silver mounted inkstand, with the following inscription:—

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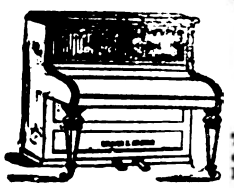
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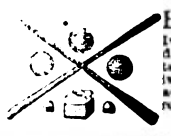
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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Eighty-sixth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be celebrated within the next few days, and with it the great Masonic Charitable Festivals of the year will be relegated to the events of the past. The two Festivals which have preceded it this year may justly be looked back on as successes. What will the coming one prove itself to be? We need hardly say that a successful result is ardently desired; we may go further—a success is really needed. The way in which the Masonic Institutions are carried on leaves little or no margin for curtailment of the current resources. The expenditure is kept so close to the income, no matter how much the latter may increase year by year, that the smallest falling off seriously affects the prospects of the future; therefore, when the prospects are not of the brighest it behoves us to look carefully round to discover if anything is possible to be achieved that will add to the regular sources of income. We do not wish to imply the outlook at the present time, so far as the Boys' School is concerned, is particularly unfavourable; for, taken as an ordinary year, we think the coming anniversary should realise an average amount. Still, there are one or two points which give it a somewhat special character. Last year's Festival was the most successful ever known in connection with any charitable Institution, whether associated with Freemasonry or not—the gross result having reached the sum of £23,500—and it is but reasonable to anticipate a heavy falling of in this year's total, but such a falling off will not necessarily prove that the School is declining in public favour, for it must be borne in mind that last year's exceptional result was due to the attraction of additional privileges offered as an inducement for brethren to subscribe towards a Special Fund for building the Preparatory School; but the mere fact of so large a sum having been realised last year is in itself a subject for consideration. Special efforts were then made, and the effects thereof are not unlikely to be felt this year. although the actual experiences thus far—gained in connection with the Festivals of the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School—would lead us to hope that they will not materially affect the total shortly to be announced. There is also the old cry, that "times are bad." We think there is more truth in this cry at the present time than has been the case for many years past. There can be no question that in many branches of trade business is in a worse condition than it can be remembered to have ever been before, and the surprise to many is, "whence the Masons get the large sums which they devote to Charity" But perhaps our strongest point in urging support for the Institution at the present time is to be found in a reference to the loss it, and Masonry in general, has sustained in the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. It will be remembered His Royal Highness had consented to preside at the coming Festival, and from his known devotion to the cause of Education it is but fair to suppose he would have made a special effort on behalf of "Our Boys." Then, again, the mere fact of a Prince of the Blood Royal presiding, would have been taken advantage of to shew the way in which the services of the Royal Family to Freemasonry are appreciated. All this, however, has been upset by the lamented death of His Royal Highness, and the Boys' School will be among the many who will be affected by the sad occurrence. We may consider the School as exceedingly fortunate in having secured the services of so popular a gentleman as the Lord Mayor of London to fill the gap so unfortunately created. There is little doubt but that he will do all that lies in his power to bring the celebration to a successful issue, and that he will be zealously supported by a large number of brethren throughout the country is equally certain. We feel sure, however, he will excuse us when we suggest that even his earnest efforts will not fully compensate for the absence of one of England's best loved Princes.

There is little of a special character that can be said in reference to this year's Festival. It is to be held on Saturday, the 28th inst., at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, and like many which have preceded it in connection with the Boys' School, will be graced by the presence of the ladies at the festive board. We are pleased to know that the interest of the fair sex in the Masonic Institutions is year by year increasing, and feel that these annual reunions and actual participations in the festivities of the day have much to do with the improvement. We know the practice of all dining together is not in accordance with the views of the other two Institutions, but the Boys' certainly do well in continuing the innovation. We should certainly like to see a movement started to induce a few of the ladies to come forward as Stewards, as we feel that by so doing a new field of operations would be opened up which might eventually prove of considerable value. It may be an opportunity will some day present itself, when an effort will be made in such a direction; meanwhile, we can only ask the ladies to do all they can to add to the lists of their male friends, even if it is not possible or politic for them to start on their own account.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman R. N. Fowler, M.A., M.P., Junior G. Warden of England, &c., will have the assistance of a representative body of Stewards, the number of whom, at the present time, reaches about two hundred and eighty; and although his Lordship has the disadvantage of being without any particular Province at his back, he yet has a call on the whole of the Metropolitan brethren, who ought to be able to render him more local assistance than any of the Provincial Grand Masters could expect from their respective districts, but unfortunately the organization of London as a Masonic centre is not so complete as the most imperfectly organized Province, and there is really very little to be expected from the spirit of emulation which should promote friendly rivalry among the Stewards and Brethren of the Chairman's district. In the President of the Board of Stewards—Bro. Lt.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., D.L., and Vice-Patron of the Institution, Prov. G. Master for West Yorkshire—the Chairman of the day has a staunch supporter, and the leader of a Province strongly imbued with the spirit of benevolence. West Yorkshire does not go half-heartedly to work in the cause of Masonic benevolence, as its totals—Festival after Festival—will abundantly prove, and it is not very likely that its list, now that its ruler is at the head of the Board of Stewards, will be below the average. There is also a strong array of Hon. Presidents and Vice Presidents, the former comprising Bros. Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), P.G.W. G.D.C.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G. Chaplain, Vice President of Institution; Thomas W. Tew, J.P., P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire; Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C.,

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Grand Treasurer, Patron of Institution; George Lambert P.G.S.B., Patron of Institution; Edgar Bowyer Past G. Standard Bearer, Vice Patron of Institution; among the latter are Bros. Joseph C. Parkinson, J.P., D.L., P.G.D., Patron of Institution; and Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D., Vice Patron of Institution. These, with Bro. Charles Belton, No. 1, W.M. 165, P.M. 777, P.P.G.W. Surrey, &c., Vice President of the Institution, as Honorary Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, form the heads of the band to which we look for the provision of the coming year's funds. We have often said that much of the success of a Festival depends on the exertions of each individual Steward, and in such a case as the present, when arrangements which were likely to lead to a successful issue are upset by an unforeseen calamity, is this particularly so. It therefore behoves us to urge on all who have enrolled their names on the list to do their utmost, while to those who have not, we may repeat there is yet time in which to get together a goodly sum.

UNITED GRAND LODGE AND THE POPE'S ENCYCLICAL.

THE Pro Grand Master is to be congratulated on the moderation of the course he adopted when he proposed that United Grand Lodge should meet the Pope's wholesale denunciation of Freemasonry by a firm but respectful remonstrance. There is, we fear, too much reason for believing that, in some countries at all events, the Masonic Lodge is utilised for political purposes, and that plots and conspiracies against lawfully constituted authority are encouraged, if, indeed they are not occasionally hatched, at these so-called Masonic meetings. But it must be obvious to every one that the Freemasons of England cannot be justly charged with the faults committed by other members of the Fraternity residing outside its jurisdiction, any more than the Pope himself, and the College of Cardinals, can be held answerable for the iniquities perpetrated by Christians who reject the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, or who nominally accept those teachings, yet reject them in practice. The position and influence of Freemasonry in this country will not be weakened because Grand Lodge, which is the guardian of its honour as well as the exponent of its principles, admits unhesitatingly that all its professed members in foreign countries are not as jealous of its purity as the obligations they contracted on acceptance into its ranks require them to be. On the contrary, when it is known that this admission has been made by the Supreme body which first enunciated the principles of Freemasonry as they are laid down in the Constitutions of Masonry, it is more than probable that the respect in which we are held among earnest sober-minded people will be very appreciably increased. Those who claim for themselves and their opinions an absolute immunity from error create a sensation, no doubt, but it is never of a very enduring character. Sooner or later, the weakness of the claim becomes apparent, and the respect they at first excited becomes changed into something very much like ridicule. Had Lord Carnarvon gone so far as to assert, in respect of Freemasonry as a whole, that the charges laid against it by the Pope and his advisers had no foundation whatever in fact, he would very soon have been reminded that Freemasonry, whatever it may be in theory, is not the same in practice everywhere. In fact, by the course he has adopted he has succeeded in very cleverly turning the tables upon the author of the Encyclical, who has been unwise enough to anathematise the whole Society, because parts of it are known to have conducted themselves unworthily.

In the speech in which he introduced his motion to the notice of Grand Lodge, Lord Carnarvon exhibited precisely the same spirit of moderation. He suggested no retaliatory course against the Roman Pontiff. Instead of meeting anathema with anathema, he pointed out that the Pope, as the head of the Romish branch of the Catholic Church, was entitled to our respect, and that in his political capacity as a statesman, who had succeeded to an exalted position in critical times, and had acted for the most part wisely and with discretion, the same measure of consideration was due to him. But having conscientiously discharged this duty, he at once set himself to the comparatively easy task of exposing the fallacy of the Pope's arguments against Freemasonry generally, and the impolicy into which he had been betrayed of condemning the whole body for the faults of some of its members. The charges laid against us were stated *seriatim*, and, as he summed them up, included pretty well everything that might legitimately be described as irreligious and immoral. According to the Encyclical, Masons entertain no respect for matrimony, which they regard as a tie that may be broken at the will of those who contract it; they exclude ministers of religion from taking part in the education and instruction of children, and insist that, in teaching morality, nothing shall be introduced which can possibly have the effect of binding man to God by the holy sanction of religion. Other and, if possible, still more heinous crimes are laid to our charge, and finally, it is said, our ultimate purpose is to destroy that social order which Christianity has succeeded in establishing, and erect in its stead a new system based on the principles of disorder. Our readers know well enough that these charges are absolutely without foundation, while non-Masons can easily satisfy themselves of the truth of this assertion by referring to our Book of Constitutions, wherein are clearly set forth the principles on which our Society has been established.

It is easy enough to understand why the head of a Church which has ever been distinguished by a bigoted attachment to its cherished dogmas should fall foul of a Society which is as distinguished by the liberality of its respect for all dogmas which are worthy to be respected. But we confess it is not so easy to understand how it is that a ruler possessing the discretion which is usually ascribed to the present Pope of Rome should have wantonly exposed himself and the Church of which he is the head to the ridicule of the world at large. Nearly a century and a-half ago the then reigning Pontiff struck, as he imagined, a fatal blow at Freemasonry, but it glanced off harmlessly enough, and may even be said to have had an effect exactly the opposite of what was intended. At all events, Freemasonry increased in strength and importance, when it was known it had been excommunicated by the then Pope. It has gone on increasing ever since, and now with the Queen's eldest son for its Grand Master, and the highest and noblest in the land amongst its Grand Officers, it does strike one as being supremely ridiculous that the present moment should have been chosen for denouncing a Society which has won for itself the respect of well nigh all classes of Her Majesty's subjects.

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

LAST week we gave publicity in our columns to an account derived from the *South Australian Register* of the establishment of an Independent Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for that Colony. If for the moment we can divest our minds of all thought of the origin of the Lodges, which have thus united together and established for themselves a Supreme body, to which henceforth they are prepared to pay allegiance, we can have no hesitation in describing the establishment of such a body as being an event that is not only unique in the history of Australasian Freemasonry, but likewise as one that is both interesting and well calculated to impress people with a strong idea of the inherent vitality of the Craft. It is but the other day, as it were, that South Australia was an unknown country; now it is a flourishing British Colony with apparently before it a long career of prosperity. Half a century since, the few Freemasons it was able to boast of were sojourners in the land, without organisation for the practice of their rites; now the Craft is so numerous and so firmly established, that in the early part of this year the brethren consulted amongst themselves as to the desirability of setting up a house of their own, the result being the event which was so brilliantly and happily celebrated, as described by our South Australian contemporary, on the 17th and 18th of April last. The proceedings which culminated in this celebration, as well as the celebration itself, appear to have been conducted with becoming gravity and decorum. They seem to have been taken advisedly and with due deliberation, and what is more important still, to have received the sanction of a vast and overwhelming majority of the members of the three Constitutions. Thirty-two out of the thirty-three Lodges severally

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established by the Grand Lodges of the Mother Country have given in their adhesion to the new order of things, and henceforth the brethren in this distant colony will enjoy a state of actual independence—as heretofore to all intents and purposes they have enjoyed it, all but in name. Up till now they have had the management of their affairs pretty much in their own hands, but under three separate and distinct, and at the same time nominally subordinate, organisations, an occasional appeal, perhaps, to headquarters in London, Edinburgh or Dublin being about the only outward and visible sign that the local District or Provincial Grand Lodges were not in the enjoyment of absolute independence. Of course, the warrants for constituting new Lodges and certificates of Masonic membership were in all cases issued by the Supreme controlling power, and for these warrants and certificates the customary fees, as by law provided, were paid. But in all other respects, save in the one we have already indicated, our English, Irish, and Scotch brethren here enjoyed full liberty of action, and when the excitement begotten of the substitution of their own Supreme ruling power for the three previously existing has passed away, it strikes us it will puzzle most of them to discover in what material points there is any difference between their present and past condition. They were members of the great Masonic family of which the headship was shared among the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland; they are now a family in themselves, with their own chiefs to rule them, and their own code of laws to regulate and determine their interior and exterior relations. All that, speaking Masonically, is essential remains, and doubtless the old spirit of goodwill towards others will be manifested in all things and on all occasions. But the Lodges—all save one—have transferred their allegiance from the Supreme bodies which created them to a Supreme Body of their own creation. It is a change which most of us must have anticipated would occur sooner or later. Its occurrence may have come upon us somewhat in the manner of a surprise. Just as a man with a numerous family, though he may have some difficulty in realising it as a fact when it does happen, knows well enough that his younger will at some time follow the example of his elder children, and set up for themselves; so we who have seen or read of our Canadian, Nova Scotian, and other brethren erecting their own independent Grand Lodges must be prepared to see our Australasian brethren following, as those of South Australia have just elected to do, in their footsteps. The tie which unites together all the Masonic confraternities in the British Empire will remain, but there will be one more Grand Lodge, and, as a consequence, the home Grand Lodges will have fewer subordinate Lodges in their respective jurisdictions.

It will, no doubt, be urged that we are exhibiting towards our South Australian brethren a spirit of forbearance and consideration which has been denied to the brethren in other Australasian colonies. It will be said, for instance, that we have studiously ignored the very existence of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales, while, in the very teeth of that fact, we are now speaking of South Australia as enjoying, Masonically, a separate and independent existence. This is quite true, but the difference in the courses pursued by the brethren in the two colonies respectively justify this difference of demeanour. In New South Wales a very small minority of the Lodges have established themselves as a separate organisation, in direct opposition to the wishes of an overwhelming majority. In South Australia only one out of thirty-three Lodges has held aloof from a movement, which has since resulted in the establishment of a Grand Lodge in that colony. In New South Wales the bulk of the Lodges prefer remaining in their old allegiance; in South Australia they are all but unanimous in their desire for independence of the bodies which created them. Various reasons have been alleged in justification of the course pursued by the constituent Lodges of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales, the most conspicuous being (1) that the colony was unoccupied territory, that is, was territory at the time presided over by no Grand Lodge; and (2) that the so-called Grand Lodge was established by some thirteen or fourteen Lodges, whereas only three or four Lodges are required to take part in the establishment in order to give it the requisite validity. These reasons are so clearly in opposition to common sense and the testimony furnished by the existence even of the seceding Lodges themselves, that we need not be at the trouble of refuting them. The true reason for our acceptance of what has been done in South Australia, and our rejection of the claims of our recalcitrant brethren in New South Wales to have a Grand Lodge of their own, lies in the fact that in the former case the new order of things has been set up by a majority of 32 to 1, while in the latter case a feeble minority are attempting to override the wishes of the majority. We respect, even if at the same time we feel regret for, the decision at which the South Australian Lodges of all three Constitutions have arrived; we resent, as far as propriety will permit us, the conduct of the New South Wales few who are showing such contempt for the opinions of the many. It is enough for us that the South Australian brethren are men of rank and position, and those who seek some day to attain eminence have, with few exceptions, worked together with them for the purpose which they have now achieved, while in New South Wales the Masonic lights are nearly all of them opposed to any change in the existing order of things. We may have occasion to refer to the subject again, but, unless the circumstances which were reproduced in our issue of last week are presented to us under an entirely different aspect; in other words, unless, as is most improbable, our South Australian contemporary has misrepresented or exaggerated what has happened, we shall have no option but to reiterate our opinion, that the Grand Lodge recently established in this particular colony has been legally constituted, and should have its sovereign independence recognised forthwith.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday, 7th inst., when there were present:—Bros. J. L. Mather, Dr. Ramsay, A. F. Godson, Raynham Stewart, Jas. Moon, W. Roebuck, R. Berridge, C. F. Hogard, H. W. Hunt, T. Hastings Miller, Edgar Bowyer, Alfred Williams, Frank Richardson, A. E. Gladwell, Clement Stretton, F. Adlard, C. F. Matier, Thomas Cubitt, S. H. Parkhouse, G. P. Gillard, H. Venn, W. Wood, H. W. Hunt, and G. P. Festa. The minutes of the General Committee, held 3rd May, and of the House Committee, 23rd May, were read and confirmed. The House Committee and Finance and Audit Committee nominated at the last meeting were declared duly elected. Six petitions for admission to the School were received; one was ordered to stand over, four were passed, and one was accepted subject to the Grand Lodge certificate. Application for two grants were considered, and sums of £5 and £10 were granted respectively. The following notice of motion, by Bro. Controller Bake, relative to the validity of the votes of a deceased Life Governor, was duly received:—

"In future it is understood that when voting papers have been signed by Subscribers and passed on for the purpose of being used on polling days, that the vote shall stand good although the Subscriber may have died between the period of having signed the voting paper and the day of polling for which the voting paper was issued."

Or, in case the proposition is rejected, that in the Rules, after stating what votes the several Subscribers are entitled to, there be added in red print:—

"That should a Subscriber die before the day of polling named in the voting paper, the votes will be null and void, although he or she may have duly received the voting papers, signed them, and passed them on prior to their decease."

The Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. The Prince of Wales has granted a warrant for a new Lodge, the Wilson Iles, No. 2054, in memory of the late Dr. Wilson Iles, Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Hertfordshire. The Lodge will meet at the Four Swans, Waltham Cross, on the first Tuesday in the months of April, May, June and July. Bro. Richard Bird is the W.M. designate, W. Mackie S.W. designate, S. H. Moore, M.R.C.S., J.W. designate; Bro. J. Galt Fisher P.M. 1624 is the Acting Secretary.

The Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602, which has hitherto met at the Queen's Head, Essex-road, has secured a more convenient room, at the King Edward VI., King Edward-street, Liverpool-road. The members will hold their first meeting at their new quarters on Thursday, the 19th inst., on which occasion the chair will be taken by Bro. Weeden (a Mason well known in the north of London), who will be pleased to see as many friends as can make it convenient to attend.

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FREEMASONRY'S FUNCTION IN MODERN SOCIETY.

From the Voice of Masonry.

IT is difficult to be original in the treatment of Freemasonry. Its external aspects, its methods and its objects, have been explained and illustrated in every language in which science and literature address the human race. Its history has been traced and its antiquity demonstrated, until it has been connected with the origin of established society and of systematic industry. Its principles, few and simple, have been broadly unfolded, and their practical effect in promoting the growth of civilization conspicuously exhibited. Its symbolism and its ritual have been described to the fullest extent compatible with the preservation of those deep and sacred mysteries which, while they attest its universality, insulate and protect its institutional structure. Its relation to those architectual monuments of all ages and countries, in which *Wisdom* conceived what *Strength* executed and *Beauty* adorned, has been amply proved and generally acknowledged. Its abandonment of its purely operative features, and its concentration of its labours into those forms of action which, by way of contradistinction, are termed speculative, are part of the records of modern times. On all these phases of its existence and of its influence, erudition and eloquence have flowed with luminous perspicuity and truth.

But there is one point of view in which it appears to me that Freemasonry has not been adequately considered, and that is its function in modern society; and, without attempting to deal with this theme analytically or exhaustively, or indeed by any other than a suggestive process, I design to make it the central thought in the observations I have to offer.

In order accurately to comprehend the present attitude of Freemasonry within the limits I have defined—in other words, to enable you intelligently to follow me in the purpose I have avowed, and which I shall at least execute with brevity—it is essential that a certain order and sequence be observed; and I request you, therefore, to bear in mind a few subdivisions of the argument which is intended to support my conclusions. I shall pass, then, rapidly and comprehensively, but I trust clearly, through a development of my subject, expressed in these heads:—First: The true meaning and object of human life. Second: The actual condition of modern society. Third: The dangers and necessities of modern society. Fourth: The extent and manner in which Freemasonry, by its constitution and methods, helps society to avert those dangers and to meet those necessities. And, Fifth: As a corollary to these propositions, the elevated conception of his duties and obligations which should regulate the conduct of every Mason, who is, first, Free; and second, Accepted.

I am not a scientist nor a philosopher, and there may be serious defects in my arrangement, which, to a mind trained in technical logic, might almost be offensive; but I speak to plain and earnest men, imbued with love to God and to humanity, and I believe I shall be understood.

In the first place, then, individuals, communities, nations, races, the world, are all manifestations and expressions of human life, which is at once the invisible force that penetrates the whole, and the outcome and result of the whole and of each of its constituent parts. The life of the individual man, originating with the Creator, is at once the source and the origin, the type and the representative, of all the forms that life assumes. It is in one sense the birth of a destiny—the growth and the development of an immortal and personal existence. It has been poetically compared to the flight of a bird from window to window through the warm and perfumed atmosphere of a banqueting hall. It is in reality a hard struggle through opposing forces, an unending wrestle with the powers of evil, in which defeat entails moral degeneration and death. Its final object, through all the intricate machinery of society, taken in its broadest sense, is the perfection of man. The means by which that object is to be attained, which comprise the substance and essence of all true progress, are the use without the waste of the faculties in the direction of the true, the useful, and the permanent. All intelligence and all labour that are not woven into the one eternal purpose that moves the successive generations of men, that do not leave indelible impressions upon human life and human character, are misdirected, perverted and lost.

These generalizations, though a faint outline, are all I need to introduce the second branch of my argument, namely, the actual condition of modern society. But for the restrictions I have imposed upon myself, by a rigid adherence to the one point I have in view, this would be an almost illimitable topic. Condensation, however, is the very essence of my purpose. By modern society, I mean society in the aggregate, including individuals, communities, states, nations—the whole progressive family of man. What, then, is its actual condition, as bearing upon the conclusion I hope speedily to reach? It may be defined in a phrase as one of extraordinary and unprecedented activity. Great contests for the recognition of human rights, for the creation of opportunities for the exercise of physical, mental and moral powers, have been fought and won; and, although liberty is yet far from being established in large sections of the globe, humanity, relatively to the past, is free. In our own land, the true theory of government, based on the organic sovereignty of man, limited only by the decrees of the Almighty, and by the concessions necessary for the maintenance of law and order, has been adopted and applied. In other countries, in varying degrees, the tendencies towards that final result are everywhere distinctly marked. Science is penetrating the secrets of nature, and art is applying the discoveries of science. Knowledge accumulates and pervades the masses with startling rapidity. Comforts and luxuries multiply day by day. Invention turns the wheels of progress until the very air is full of sparks and flashes. Literature diffuses itself through all the strata of mankind. Labour is disciplined and aggressive. Capital is aggregated, and sometimes useful and sometimes dangerous. Wealth has enormously increased. And, through all the elements that are blended into modern society, thought penetrates and ferments.

But, in the third place, what are the dangers and what are the necessities of modern society? Its dangers in form are manifold; in substance they may be expressed in *the waste of energy*. All history is full of illustrations of the truth of this proposition as applicable to past ages, and it was never so true or so important as now. The pathway of the race is literally strewn with ruins. Forms of civilization, systems of government, theories of religion and moral, hypotheses of science, codes of legislation, diversities of manners, of fashions, of habits, have existed and passed away, because they were founded in the eccentricities in the unregulated passions, ambitions, and selfishness of men. And in our own day, and in some respects pre-eminently in our own country, we are reproducing these evils with greater intensity than during any former epoch. The very excellences of modern progress, its accelerated speed, its multiplicity of forms, its enlargement of scope and purpose, have quickened the pulse, stimulated the nerves and intellect, and fired the ambition of men, until they have sought to break down the barriers of discipline and to overleap the limits of their powers as defined in their own nature by the God who made them, and are deluging the world with those vanities which our first recorded Grand Master investigated and abandoned.

You will not fail to observe that, in the line of this discussion, it is no part of my plan to contrast and balance the good and evil in modern society; and that the views I present, applied and limited as they are, do not imply any doubt of the steady advancement of our race. Optimism and not pessimism, in my opinion, is the true abstract creed of every close student of history, past and contemporary; certainly of every such student who is possessed of a Masonic heart. But we are considering facts, which cannot be disguised or concealed, and which must be met and controlled; and we are considering them, too, on one side only, and with reference to a definite result. It is a profound truth that, in our generation, the waste of energy, which, to adopt a commercial simile, implies the extinction of capital, is fully commensurate with the increase of activity. The illustrations of this truth, which we encounter daily, are direct and abundant. I cannot enumerate them, but will allude to some of the most conspicuous. Agnosticism, which is a species of *nihilism*, is expending much of the intellect of the world in a ceaseless effort to dethrone the Almighty, and to plunge humanity into a sea of perplexity and scepticism, in which the rudiments of morality, as well as the essentials of religion, would be submerged and destroyed. And the speculations which the modern Agnostics are reviving, through the new facts and discoveries of science, end precisely where the speculations of the Greek infidels began. New social plans, inconsistent with the individual nature and history of man, with his family relations, and with order, subordination, and prosperity, are insidiously appealing, first, to the imagination, second, to selfishness and covetousness, and third, to the destructive instincts and passions. The province of law is invaded, and its principles and its precedents, which have marked step by step the regular growth of permanent civilization, are superseded by new doctrines of limitless flexibility and absurdity. Legislation is swelled in volume until even the free citizen, who is almost capable of being a law unto himself, is in a worse predicament than the Roman subject who sought in vain to decipher the decrees of Caligula. Books, periodicals, newspapers, are produced by a rule of progression which threatens to defeat the object of literature by rendering education impossible through the fixed limits to human capacity and to human endurance. Systems of instruction fluctuate and change with the seasons, and often discard the essentials of good citizenship. The departments of industry—muscular, mechanical and professional—are divided and subdivided, until they are as countless as they are incomprehensible. And in the midst of all this pressure upon the human heart and the human brain, a morbid desire for novelty and excitement usurps the place of duty; liberty drifts into licence; calm reflection ceases; character becomes weak, impressible and yielding; and dissipation is the only alternate to labour. Sometimes at night, in the streets of a great city, walking beneath the still majesty of the stars, and watching the phantasmal multitudes as they jostle each other in the wild rush for relief from the fever of modern life, I have asked myself where all this would end; whether a time would not come when the world itself—that is, the world of human beings—would go mad, and reason fly to brutish beasts, and the very power of repose and serenity sink back into the breast of Nature.

Of course there is a reverse side to this picture. But, at present, we are concerned only with the dangers of modern society, and with its necessities growing out of those dangers. I proceed to inquire, then—What is the remedy for those evils? The answer is plain and spontaneous—the remedy is *rest*. But what *is* rest? Surely not sloth, surely not torpor, surely not that placid contentment which indicates the satisfaction of an animal or of a savage whose daily wants are gratified to repletion? No! Rest is found only in balanced activity, from which all that is superfluous is excluded. It means the arrest of wasted energy. It means stalwart humanity, standing upon the rock, with its eye towards heaven, and all its faculties, calmly and resolutely bent upon the fulfilment of duty, upon the true, the useful, the lasting elements of a life which commenced in God and is to be projected into immortality. It means wisdom, clearly understood and inexorably applied. It means the rejection of all materials that do not fit into the human temple designed by the Supreme Architect for the temporary habitation of a pure intelligence, of a holy spirit, pervaded by truth and aspiring to angelic companionship. It means that conscious humility which sees the beginning of human life, and by faith forecasts its future. It means the definite recognition of the bounds that are without the widest range of human reason. It means the concentration of limited powers upon practicable objects. It means the apprehension of complicated facts through the light of unalterable principle. It means the obliteration of selfishness in the warm love of humanity. It means the develop-

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ment of individuality through the rational use of opportunities, through simplicity, through directness, through self-denial, and through self-abnegation. It means regulated industry—modest independence—sturdy integrity—softened by wide and exquisite sympathy. It means; in short, all these elements, issuing in that calm and sweet repose through which man, erect, self-poised, and moving forward and ever forward in the groove in which Providence has placed him, imitates the productive silence of all the creative forces on the earth in which he lives, and in the spheres of light which point the way to his eternal home.

Brethren of the Mystic Tie, have I not anticipated the fourth division of my subject, yielded up our deepest secret, delineated the Masonic character? If this be true, then the function of Freemasonry in modern society is already in some measure ascertained and defined. Without scheme or plan, without aggressiveness or organized interference, by its own internal constitution and by its action upon its own members, it exerts an influence which places it at the head of the conservative and yet progressive forces of civilization. Ancient, severe, changeless, it is the very type of immutable law. Beginning and ending in God, it antagonizes agnosticism, and it is freed from all doubt and fluctuation on the fundamentals of true religion. It is of all institutions the most unsectarian, because it exacts only that measure of faith which is essential to sound morality. It insists upon order and subordination, because without them the world would be a pandemonium. It demands definiteness and simplicity, because without them there would be little else than confusion and strife. It attacks no form of government, but supports all existing political institutions, while it fits its votaries for freedom and refuses its privileges to slaves. It deals solely with the individual, with his character and conduct in the parenthesis of mortality, and there in those particulars only concerning which there can be no honest and rational disagreement. It requires physical completeness at the outset of a Masonic career, as a presumptive guarantee for the equal performance of Masonic obligations, which also embrace those practical duties that are common to all men. It explores the heart, to determine its aptitude or inaptitude for the practice of virtue. It turns away the atheist and the libertine, the idiot and the lunatic, at its outer portal, because its mission is to build out of sound material, and not to reform or to restore. Having exerted its right of selection, it proceeds with a symbolic education, in which induction succeeds induction until the Masonic equipment is perfected. As God out of chaos organized the universe, as He brought light from darkness, as out of the principle of life He developed form, organism, symmetry, personality, the family, communities, nations, the entire composite order of mankind, so Freemasonry leads its children from darkness to light, from chaos to order, to wisdom, and to the full comprehension of the social bond. In all its stages, when once the outer door is passed and the preliminary lessons taught and received, the advancing neophyte is forced to realize the value of light, which reveals truth, as truth reveals the Infinite and the Infinite immortality. He finds, too, that the connection between Operative and Speculative Masonry, through a perfect system, furnishes him with a few simple principles, and with intelligible rules for their application to his daily walk and conduct. He discovers, or rather he is made to feel, that all desires, appetites, and passions, are to be used and not abused, and to be firmly held within the limits of moderation. He is also instructed in that kind of equality between men which forbids jealousy and protects every substantial right, while it does not attempt the impracticable task of controlling the accidents and circumstances of life by compelling all men to stand upon a dead level in the world of business and of conventionalism. He perceives, too, that uprightness and integrity are the basis of ordinary success as well of memorable achievements, and that men were created to work and not to prey upon their kind. And last, though greatest of all, he is introduced to that perfect charity which is identical with love, and which is manifested in sympathy equally with beneficence.

But why, brethren, should I pursue this detailed exposition of the relations of Freemasonry to modern society? You are impregnated with its philosophy, and its teachings are as familiar to you as household words. Some of you have grown aged and venerable in its service, and all of you presumptively shed its influence abroad upon the multitudes without its doors. You know, dear brethren, what the profane can conjecture only; that I am justified in claiming that Freemasonry does exercise, cannot fail to exercise, a predominant conservative function in modern society; that it guards the faculties and represses the vices of men; that its methods are founded upon that highest logic which leads only to truth and rejects the false and the superfluous, and upon that soundest morality which declines even to discuss a question of principle; that it abhors extremes, while it is definite and uncompromising in protecting individual, domestic and social life; that it regulates without extirpating human energy, human passions and human aspirations; that it represses the weaknesses and developes the strength of men, checks their self-sufficiency and egotism, and promotes manly self-respect and independence; that, while it scrupulously renders unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, it is the friend of liberty and the foe of tyranny; that it rests on no barren theory, is disfigured by no grotesque or hideous mummeries, but is held together by wisdom and by virtue inculcated by wholesome traditions and enforced by sublime secrets; that it does not feed diseased imaginations or perverted intellects, but that it is clean, pure, definite, exact and harmonious, uniting by a perfect arch the two sections of eternity that enclose our mortal life, and delivering, in symmetry and beauty, at the portals of the tabernacle "not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," the offspring of the womb who become the faithful recipients of its privileges.

With this realization of the office of our beloved institution, I trust I may compress the corollary to my argument into the expression of the hope that we may deeply feel the responsibility which our Masonic associations devolves upon ourselves; that we may fully comprehend and realize the strength and the beauty of those fleshly links that unite us with the past through the history and traditions of our Order; and that we may press on in fraternal accord through all the circles of the future, leaving behind us a trail of light which shall illuminate the minds and guide the footsteps of untold generations.

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CRYSTAL PALACE LODGE, No. 742.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, when the following Officers were present—Edward Avres W.M., F. A. Pullen S.W., J. Kay J.W., T. Foxall P.M. Treasurer, W. Land P.M. Secretary, William H. Toten S.D., F. Wright I.G., W. Seymour Smith Organist, B. Fullwood P.M.D.C., J. W. Lassam Steward, George Cole P.M., Charles D. Hume P.M., J. Blandell P.M., H. Cox P.M., George Weeks P.M., Dick Radclyffe P.M., W. W. Baxter P.M., Robert Roberts P.M., H. Finch P.M., H. T. Thompson P.M., &c. The Lodge having been opened with the customary formalities, the reports of the Audit and Benevolent Fund Committees were submitted. Bro. F. J. Ingram was passed, and then the W.M. elect was presented for installation. In due course he was placed in the chair of K.S., Bro. Hume P.M. carrying out the ceremony in a really impressive manner, even excelling his previous efforts in this respect. Having been saluted by the brethren of the Lodge the new W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, conferring the collars on the following brethren, viz.:—Kay S.W., Toten J.W., Foxall P.M. Treasurer, Land P.M. Secretary, Wright S.D., W. Morrow J.D., A. Levy I.G., W. Seymour Smith Organist, Fullwood P.M.D.C., J. Woodstock Tyler. The ceremony of installation was then completed, after which Bro. F. A. Pullen at once proceeded to shew his ability to carry out the duties of his office. The ballot was brought into requisition, first on behalf of Bro. Frederic Purkiss, of the Panmure Lodge, who desired to join, and then for Mr. William Richard Parker, who came forward as a candidate for initiation. The result was favourable in each case, and the latter gentleman was at once brought forward to receive the benefit of Masonic Light. Having been initiated he was regularly entrusted, and the business of the day thus brought to a conclusion. The brethren then repaired to the banquet room, when the remainder of a very enjoyable day was spent. Among those who visited the Lodge were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., W. C. Smith 1563, Arthur Cox 1471, R. Berwick 19, A. T. Chapman 834, P. Rose-Innes S.W. 1261, W. S. Pring P.M. 151, W. Minns P.M. 1755, E. West P.M. 1327, W. Gilbert P.M. 1327 P.P.G.J.W. Herts, W. J. Graham P.M. 700, W. J. Miller (Leigh), N. Burgess J.W. 1767, W. Banbery 217, R. T. Whitley P.M. 946 P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, H. Marchant 141, W. H. Allaway 1598, J. Laird W.M. 720, E. M. Lander P.M. 1642, C. Everist P.M. 720, J. Funge P.M. 69, H. Finch 134, E. J. Jones I.G. 134, T. W. C. Bush P.M. 185 W.M. 1728, J. T. Tanqueray S.W. 1965, F. Burnett 1965, George Lewis S.W. 1671, J. W. Morley I.G. 1891, Henry Glam 17, J. Barber Glenn 3, J. Holt 807, &c. At the conclusion of the banquet, and after grace had been said, the W.M. proceeded with the customary toasts. The first on the list—that of the Queen and the Craft—needed no words of introduction in so loyal a Lodge as the Crystal Palace had ever shown itself to be. It was heartily drank, and followed by the National Anthem. The toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order, was another equally sure of a hearty welcome. At all times, and in all places, the Prince of Wales had proved himself worthy of every esteem, and among Masons especially so. They were always pleased to do him honour. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the Grand Officers, referred to the recent action of the Earl of Carnarvon in Grand Lodge, concerning the Pope's letter. He considered the Earl refuted, in the most emphatic manner, the charges made by the Pope against Freemasonry, and he hoped, when His Highness received that flat contradiction, especially emanating as it did from such an authority as the Grand Lodge of England, which has the Prince of Wales at its head, and is backed up by such men as the Earl of Carnarvon, that he might see the error of his statements and be induced to offer some sort of apology. The Worshipful Master had pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of an old and esteemed member of Grand Lodge—Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. This brother, in the course of his reply, referred to the approval which had been expressed, and which would be expressed, at the action taken by the Pro Grand Master, to which reference had just been made. This was but another evidence of the way in which the Earl of Carnarvon performed the work which fell to him in his official capacity, and was but a pattern of how the Grand Officers generally fulfilled their duties. They were one and all willing at all times to undertake such work in order to benefit Freemasonry and Freemasons. Bro. Cottebrune was especially pleased to see the W.M. placed in the chair that night, as he could distinctly remember the day when he was initiated, and it was always gratifying to see the advancement of brethren who in year's gone by had stood before us as initiates. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Initiate. This he considered a most important toast in Freemasonry. Without initiates the Order must soon come to an end. Masters must naturally feel proud of their first initiate—he knew he did. He hoped the reception accorded to Bro. Parker that day, and the ceremony he had taken the chief part in, had made a lasting impression on his mind. If they had, he (Bro. Pullen) should feel he had done well in his first attempt at carrying out the duties of Worshipful Master. Brother Parker desired to tender his sincere thanks for the manner in which he had been received that day, for the way in which his health had been proposed and the hearty reception it had met with. He considered it a very high honour to be admitted into Freemasonry. He hoped he might become a good Mason, and as a true brother ever be a loyal subject of Her Majesty the Queen. The health of the Visitors was next honoured. The W.M. gave them a most hearty reception. It

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was at all times a pleasure to see visitors in a Masonic Lodge, he knew of no Lodge where they were more welcome than they were there. He hoped all would enjoy themselves. Bro. Bush P.M. 185 felt the W.M. had entrusted the toast to very unworthy hands, but nothing gave him greater pleasure than to reply to the kindly words which had just been spoken. On behalf of himself and brother Visitors, he tendered his sincere congratulations to the Master on the position he had that day been installed in. Personally, he felt assured that the work of the coming year would be properly done, and that the interests of the Lodge would be advanced, because he knew the way in which Brother Pullen had always carried out the true principles of the Order—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; and felt sure he would continue to act in the future as he had done in the past. He hoped he might leave the chair, as he was certain he would do, with the hearty approval of the members, and that not only would it be found that he had been honoured by the confidence reposed in him, but also that the Lodge had conferred honour on itself by the selection made. If the brethren who are to follow on in the chair of the Crystal Palace Lodge only acted as he felt sure Bro. Pullen would do, the success of the Lodge was assured, and the good name it had enjoyed in the past would be handed down to posterity. He sincerely hoped that both the W.M. and every member of the Lodge would enjoy every happiness in the future. Other Visitors also having responded to the toast, the I.P.M. assumed the gavel. In asking the brethren to drink to the health of the W.M. he was asking them to honour one who had filled his office, in the Crystal Palace Lodge with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Lodge. He felt sure that Bro. Pullen would carry out any duties he might be called upon to perform in a manner that would meet the approval of the brethren. In acknowledging the toast the W.M. expressed the pleasure he felt in being elevated to the position he then occupied. He should do all that lay in his power to properly discharge the duties of his office. He now had a most pleasing duty to perform—to wish long life and happiness to his predecessor—and in doing so he had the additional pleasure of presenting him with a P.M.'s jewel, which he hoped he would live to wear for many years to come. He felt that no one more fully deserved such a distinction than did his Immediate P.M. He congratulated him upon having ended his term of office in so auspicious a manner, and having finished a work the arduous nature of which he fully appreciated. Bro. Ayres tendered his thanks. He had passed through his term of office to the best of his poor ability. Whether or no he had been able to carry it through in a way which should have satisfied himself, had been decided for him by the way in which the brethren had so kindly voted the jewel with which he had just been presented. He had endeavoured to do his best for all with whom he came in contact; but especially was this the case in regard to Freemasonry; he hoped his efforts met some amount of success; he felt, from his reception that night among them, that they did. The next toast the W.M. considered was a very simple one to propose, as it required but very few words from him to ensure it a hearty welcome. The toast was —te Installing Master, Bro. Hume, and the Past Masters generally. They could but thank one and all of them for what they had done for the Crystal Palace Lodge. Bro. Hume did not feel himself able to respond on behalf of the many Past Masters around him. It had been his good fortune to place the present Master in the chair, as he had had the good fortune to do as regarded other of the Masters of the Crystal Palace Lodge in the past. If what he had done had but given the brethren satisfaction, he was amply repaid. Bro. Cox considered it was their privilege, as it was their pleasure, to do all they could for the Crystal Palace Lodge. It was nearly twenty-one years since he had been initiated in the Lodge; he had filled every office in it, and was proud to see it making such progress. The Installation ceremony had been well performed that day, and he hoped it would prove to be a specimen of what was in store for the Lodge during the coming year. He concluded by thanking the brethren for the assistance they had rendered him at the time he acted as Steward for the Girls' School. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was one that was sure of a hearty reception without any words of introduction from the W.M. The brethren who filled these two offices in the Crystal Palace Lodge were held, said the Worshipful Master, in the greatest respect, and he felt sure that no Lodge in England had better Masons on its roll than the two Officers he was then referring to. Bro. Land, the Secretary, replied. He thanked the company for the handsome manner in which they had just honoured the toast. He was happy to say that the Lodge had been brought into the position he desired for it many years ago,—that it should be among the foremost as regards Charity, that it be kept from running into debt, and that it should numbers among its members many of the shining lights in Masonry. The Lodge was now fifty-eight members strong, and of that number twenty-two were Past Masters of the Order—a fact which was in itself, he thought, a great credential that the Lodge was upheld. As regarded the funds of the Lodge, he was happy to say they were in a most satisfactory condition. The Lodge was Vice President of the Boys' and the Girls' Institutions, and of one branch of the Benevolent; he had had it on his mind to suggest that a sum should be voted from the funds sufficient to carry them half way towards the Vice Presidency of the other section of the Benevolent Institution, but their worthy Treasurer had come forward with the proposition that the whole of the amount needed should be voted at one time, and accordingly it would be his pleasure to propose on an early occasion a grant of fifty guineas on behalf of the Old People. There was very little doubt but that the proposal would be agreed to, and thus would the Lodge make a further advance on its great work of Charity. The toast of the Officers was next given. The W.M. felt he might rely on the assistance of the brethren he had that night appointed to office, and he would inform them that he needed all they could bestow. It was all very well to consider oneself perfect. It was one thing to rehearse the ceremonies in a Lodge of Instruction, and quite another to carry them through in a regular Lodge, surrounded, as he had been, by a brilliant assemblage of visitors and members high in the Order. It was but natural he should feel a little nervous on such an occasion. Bro. Kay returned thanks. It afforded him very great satisfaction to fill the position he did. He and the other Officers would do their best for the welfare and good being of the Crystal Palace Lodge. This brought the proceedings near to a finish; the Tyler was therefore summoned, and he having given the usual closing toast, the brethren separated.

HERVEY LODGE, No. 1692.

THE annual meeting was held at the George Hotel, Hayes, on 4th inst. Bros. Grinsted W.M., Gore S.W., Harman J.W., Hamilton Treasurer, Balding Secretary, Baldwin S.D., King J.D., Gore I.G., Bavin O.G., Lawrence, Fey, Howard, Sanders, Burkitt, Quick, Blaker, Dickins. Visitors—Bros. Fryer P.M. 181, Bishop J.W. 1892, Abrams 153, Cox I.P.M. 1654, Schadler P.M. 65, Pile I.P.M. 1892, Sidergin 16, West P.M. 1815, Todd 1815, and other members of the Craft. The business being ended, the brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, at Bromley, where an excellent banquet was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Lounds. The toast of the Queen and the Craft having been proposed from the chair, and duly honoured, the toast of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales was similarly proposed by the W.M., who said that the time of His Royal Highness their Grand Master was fully occupied with good acts, though no doubt he gave all the spare time he could for the good of the Craft. Bro. West sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast, that of the Most Worshipful Viscount Holmesdale P.G.M. and Grand Officers was proposed by the W.M., who believed that in Kent they could boast of having more Lodges than in any other county, of which no doubt they were justly proud. He had had the pleasure of attending Provincial Grand Lodge, and he would at this meeting refer to the great honour that had been conferred upon their Treasurer, Bro. Hamilton, who had held the office of Grand Senior Warden, and he could assure them that the excellent way in which he did his part did the Hervey Lodge great credit. Bro. Harman gave "The Lawyer's Patron Saint." Bro. Grinsted proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. Gore, who duly responded, and thanked the brethren for the way in which the toast was received, and trusted that if he were spared the office would be filled during his term with the success that had attended his predecessor. The next toast, the Installing Master, was proposed in an elegant manner by Bro. Newsome P.M., who said the way in which Bro. Grinsted had ruled this Lodge was a triumphant success. As a busy merchant, with but little time to give to Masonic procedure, it was surprising that he could pass through the curriculum in the way he had done. He was a pattern for every young Mason who looked forward to the chair. Bro. Payne sang "Always gay and free, boys." Bro. Grinsted, in acknowledging the toast, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which it had been received. He had always tried to do to the best of his ability. His successor in office would have superior advantages, as a Lodge of Lodge of Instruction had been formed. He had also heartily to thank them for the jewel which had been presented him. They all knew how pleased he was to receive it, and he should always esteem it as one of his greatest treasures. He was much gratified at the kindly way he had been treated in the Lodge during his term of office, which would be remembered as being the year in which the Lodge of Instruction was established, and he hoped that before the completion of the present year a Royal Arch Chapter would be formed in connection with the Lodge. Bro. Gripper P.M. proposed the Visitors, which toast was responded to by Bros. Schadler, Fryer, West, and Cox. The toast of the Past Masters was responded to by Bro. Newsome, who said that whatever had been done in the past was done from a pure love of Masonry. For his own part, he would assure them that they could depend on his attendance at every meeting of the Hervey Lodge for business, if he were within a hundred miles of its place of meeting. It was a cause his father always had at heart, and in that he should try to emulate him. He hoped that as far as the Hervey Lodge was concerned, it would be ever prosperous. Masonry was a powerful and ever-increasing institution, and represented he thought the biggest Charity in the world. The toast of the Officers was responded to by each in turn, and the Tyler's Toast brought the meeting to a close.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

ON Thursday afternoon, the 5th inst., the installation meeting was held, at the Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath. Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. E. Whittaker, and there were in attendance during the evening Bros. F. C. Pascall I.P.M., J. Sargeant (W.M. elect) S.W., H. Baber J.W., W. Foulsham P.M. Treasurer, F. Ridpath Sec., W. H. Ranson S.D., C. Tarry J.D., C. Steng I.G., J. Bavin Tyler, R. Hodge, G. J. Mathams, H. Hollands, W. Horton, H. M. Hobbs, J. Kilvington, T. Chamberlain, W. Best, R. Sparrow, C. Daniel P.M. 65, J. Clarke, E. Samuel, R. Astington, J. M. Gillingham, J. W. Russell, W. N. Simpson, C. White, T. Lane. Visitors—S. Clarke 1586, T. J. Cuthbert 1815, G. Schadler P.M. 65, G. C. Barry P.P.G. Org. Surrey, T. Poore P.M. 720, W. Pile I.P.M. 1890, T. S. Taylor P.M. 554 and 1421, J. Klein 1297, J. Browning 1328. The minutes of the last meeting having been duly confirmed, Bro. Foulsham proposed, and Bro. Pascal seconded, a motion to the following effect:—That the thanks of the Lodge be presented to Bro. H. M. Hobbs for his exertions in collecting the handsome sum of £221 for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Hobbs thanked the W.M. and brethren for their generous support, which had enabled him, with the assistance of other friends, to take up the third largest list of the 282 Stewards at the recent Festival. After other business the installation ceremony was proceeded with, the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Sargeant, being

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presented by Bro. C. Daniel P.M. 65 to the Installing Master Bro. W. Foulsham P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland, by whom Bro. J. Sargeant was duly installed in the chair of K.S.; the addresses were given in the most impressive manner by the Installing Master. The W.M. then invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. H. Baber S.W., W. H. Ranson J.W., W. Foulsham P.M. Treasurer, H. M. Hobbs Sec., C. Tarry S.D., F. Ridpath J.D., J. Kilvington I.G., E. Samuel D.C., W. Best Steward, W. Horton Assistant Steward, and J. Bavin Tyler. The names of two gentlemen having been given in for initiation at the next meeting, and hearty good wishes expressed by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed in ancient form. The annual banquet was afterwards held, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and suitably responded to. In the course of the evening the W.M. presented the I.P.M. Bro. E. Whittaker with a P.M.'s jewel, and in a few feeling words expressed the hope of the Lodge that he would long be spared to wear it as a memento of his successful year of office. The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. Astington, Kilvington and Smith, and the very efficient manner in which Bro. Burry, P.P.G. Organist Surrey, presided at the piano. Quite a feature of the evening was an admirable recitation of the "Jackdaw of Rheims," by Bro. T. Poore.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday last. Present—Bros. Richardson W.M., Bullock S.W., Ashton J.W., Ferrar S.D., Turner J.D., Woolveridge I.G., Gush Acting Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Gellen, Parker, Hirst, Gribbell, Fenner, Weeden, Western, and Gibbs. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Parkes offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Brother Galer, as candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge closed in the second, and Bro. Fenner worked the first section. Bro. Bullock was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his able working. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned to Saturday, the 14th instant.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 861.—Held at Bro. Serjeant's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, June 11th. Present:—Bros. Serjeant W.M., Byott S.W., Pitt J.W., Pinder Preceptor, Legg S.D., Gieseke J.D., Millington Secretary, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Lambert candidate. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Byott was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the meeting held Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., Bros. Crosbie W.M., Western S.W., Weeden J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Brock S.D., Turner J.D., Cusworth Acting Preceptor, Rhodes I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Fenner, Jones, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Goddard as candidate for raising answered the questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned till Monday, 16th June, Bro. Western having been elected to the chair for that evening.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creaton, Past Grand Treasurer, occupied the chair. The list of members of the Committee of Management for the ensuing year was read. A letter from the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., Past Grand Warden, Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire, expressing his consent to preside at the next Festival of the Institution, on the 25th February 1885, was read. The death of one annuitant, elected on the 16th ult., was reported. The members of the Finance and House Committees were re-elected for the ensuing year.

During the past fortnight Brother John Welford P.M., the head of the firm of Messrs. Welford and Sons, of the Home Farm, Willesden, has been honoured by a visit from several members of the Royal Household, to inspect his model farmyard and dairy, at the International Health Exhibition. Over sixty-six thousand persons have attended this Exhibition, including a large number of members of the Craft, to whom Brother Welford is well known. The process of milking and churning is shown to the visitors, and milk and fresh grass butter is sold on requisition.

The following Festival Meetings have been held at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 14th June:—

Monday, 9th—University Chapter; Tuesday, 10th—103rd Regiment (Royal Bombay Fusiliers); Wednesday, 11th—United Law Clerks, 91st Regiment; Thursday, 12th—Rose of Sharon Chapter, Benevolent Institution for the Relief of Aged and Infirm Journeymen Tailors, Caledonian Society; Friday, 15th—The Buffs, 12th Suffolk Regiment, 98th Regiment, Britannia Chapter Audit; Saturday, 14th—Pilgrim Lodge.

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ROYAL NAVAL LODGE, No. 239.

THE regular meeting of this excellent working Lodge was held on the 9th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, No. 8a Red Lion-square, Bros. H. W. Homann jun. W.M. P.P.I.G. Berks and Oxon, J. Hart S.W., G. R. Ousey J.W., Winnett S.O., J. McIntosh J.O., Goldney J.D., Ferguson I.G., S. B. Wilson G. Supt. of Works P.M. Secretary, Rawles Tyler. Visitors—Bros. S. J. Thompson I.P.M. 304 (Montreal), H. M. Levy 139, A. Millar 236. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. the Right. Hon. and Rev. Viscount Molesworth, Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910; F. R. W. Hedges, W.M. 1900; Rev. J. Robbins G.C. Grand Lodge of England 1910. The working of the Worshipful Master and Officers was in every way perfect. The installation of the Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Hart, then took place. Bro. Matier performed the ceremony in the usual perfect manner which characterizes his working. After the customary salutations, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. H. W. Homann jun. I.P.M., Right Hon. and Rev. Viscount Molesworth S.W., G. R. Ousey J.W., H. S. Goodall M.O., James McIntosh J.O., S. B. Wilson Treasurer, A. J. Hone Goldney Registrar of Marks, W. Winnett Secretary, F. J. Tyler S.D., A. Ferguson J.D, George Emblin I.G., Rev. G. Robbins C.C.G.L. of Eng. Chaplain, Daley Tyler. Applause followed the investiture of each officer, and Bro. Matier P.M. was congratulated on the conclusion of the ceremony by every brother and visitor. The Lodge was then closed until the 2nd Monday in July. The brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a capital banquet and dessert was provided by Bros. Gordon and Hamp. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Mark Masons' toasts. These included the health of the Right Hon. Bro. Lord Kintore M.W.G.M., and Bro. C. F. Matier Past Grand Warden responded. The toast of the Prov. G M. Sir Francis Burdett and the rest of the Grand Officers was responded to by G. R. Ousey P.P.G. I.G. Middlesex and Surrey. Bro. H. W. Homann I.P.M. said it was with great pleasure he had to propose the health of the W.M., whom they all respected, and all hoped he would be among them for many years. The W.M., in brief and appropriate terms, returned thanks. The toast of the P.M.'s followed; the W.M. was sure all present would be pleased to honour these distinguished brethren. The I.P.M. Bro. Homann and Bro. S. B. Wilson had both done their duty in the Lodge and in the Province. Bros. Homann I.P.M. and S. B. Wilson severally replied. With the toast of the Visitors the W.M. coupled the names of Bros. Thompson P.G.M.O., Miller and H. M. Levy, who in turn responded, and paid a just compliment to the W.M. for his able working, and to Bro. Matier as Installing Master. In speaking of the Mark Benevolent Fund the W.M. alluded to the death of Bro. Dewar, who always advocated the claims of this Fund. Though it might be said to be only in its infancy, it is making great strides, and will doubtless flourish. There was a brother present whose name he would couple with the toast; Bro. C. F. Matier, whose name is a household word in the Craft; while in the Mark degree he will shew them how able he is to follow in the footsteps of those who have preceded him. As Installing Master he had given them a proof of his great capabilities. Bro. C. F. Matier, in responding, said he felt honoured in assisting in consecrating the Lodge, when Bro. S. B. Wilson was the first W.M.; he felt a great pleasure in having to instal the present Master, who is in every way calculated to do honour to the Lodge. He regretted the absence of Bro. Binckes, whose eloquence was well known and appreciated. The Grand Mark Lodge had only been established since 1856, but it had nearly £4,000 in funded property. Bro. Matier then made a powerful appeal on behalf of the Fund. There were now eleven boys and four girls being educated, at a cost of 12 guineas per head; he hoped all present would support the Fund. In speaking of the Officers, the W.M. said he was sure they would be a credit to the Lodge; their working and capabilities were well known: he would call upon Bro. Ousey to respond. Bro. Ousey was pleased to see Bro. Rev. Viscount Molesworth elected to the office of S.W. This appointment would reflect credit and honour on the Lodge. The junior officers were all workers, and were ready to fulfil any duty required of them. Some excellent songs were given by Bros. Tyler, Winnett, S. B. Wilson and Emblin.

A convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday, the 12th instant, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury. Comp. Sheffield filled the chair of Z., Gregory H., Shaw J., Radcliffe S.N., Money P.S. Taking into consideration the time of year, there was a good attendance. A very profitable evening was spent.

We have been favoured with a copy of Bro. Sir John Bennett's Address on the "House of Lords," delivered some time since at Colchester. It is in our worthy brother's usually racy style, and no doubt will be read with interest by those who hold the same political views.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

BRO. Lieut.-Col. G. S. Tudor, R.W. Grand Master of this Province, assisted by his Deputy, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Foster-Gough, P.G. Standard Bearer, presided over the annual meeting of the Staffordshire brethren on Thursday, the 29th ult., at Hanley, under the banner of the Menturia Lodge, No. 418, the members of which body had spared no exertions to render the meeting a successful one, and we are pleased to add their efforts were not in vain. The Masonic Hall not being sufficiently spacious to accommodate the large assembly of brethren who were expected to attend, the Town Hall was engaged as the place of meeting for the business of the day, which commenced at noon, by the opening of the Menturia Lodge by its W.M. Bro. J. Bromley. At one o'clock the Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master entered the Lodge, and were greeted in Masonic form. The Prov. Grand Master stated that during the past winter his health had materially improved, and he hoped to be able to devote more time to the duties of his office than he had been in a position to do for some time past, the announcement being received by the brethren with loud expressions of satisfaction. There was a large number of members of the Province, altogether about 300. On the roll being called, all the Lodges were found to be represented, but it was stated that the members of the St. John's Lodge, Lichfield, were absent with one exception, in consequence of a ceremony which was taking place the same day at the Cathedral. The Prov. Grand Master then stated that in future the Prov. Grand Standard Bearers would take rank as Past Provincial Officers, and there were three extra Officers to be appointed. He spoke of the difficulty in selecting Officers when there were upwards of a hundred who were eligible and deserving men. He expressed his indebtedness to his Deputy for having reported to him from time to time what was going on in the different Lodges, and for assisting him in the selection of the Officers. The following appointments were then made (the Treasurer and Tylers being elected by the brethren) :—

Bro. J. B. Pieroy 418	Prov. G. Senior Warden
G. M. Waring 347	Prov. G. Junior Warden
Rev. W. F. Drury 624	Prov. G. Chaplains
Rev. E. D. Boothman 418... ...	
John Webberley 546	Prov. G. Registrar
J. Bodenham 726	Prov. G. Treasurer
W. Cartwright 460	Prov. G. Secretary
E. H. Croydon 460	Prov. G. Assist. Secretary
F. W. Tomkinson 451	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
H. Olver 1060	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
J. Rowley 539	Prov. G. Supt. of Works
T. E. Fowke 726	Prov. G. Dir. of Ceremonies
T. E. Storey 1914	Prov. G. Assist. D. of Cers.
T. Wardley 419	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
F. Weston 98	Prov. G. Standard Bearers
J. C. Clemesha 965	
F. Mountford 460	Prov. G. Organist
— Horder 1039	Prov. G. Pursuivants
F. J. Turley 1792	
H. Bagguley 460	Prov. G. Tyler
R. Tomlinson 726	Prov. G. Assistant Tyler

Bros. Jacobs, Hales, Bindley, and Pepper were appointed Auditors of the accounts for the ensuing year. The Prov. Grand Master said it was known to many of the brethren that he had promised to hold the Prov. Grand Lodge this year at Lichfield, when Bro. Hales, on behalf of the north of the Province, applied to him to hold it at Hanley, mentioning that it was the jubilee year of the Menturia Lodge. He did not like, without consulting the Lichfield brethren, to make the change, but they kindly and readily gave way in favour of Hanley. He now purposed holding the next annual meeting at Lichfield. He had had a correspondence with the Dean of Lichfield, who had asked him if the Freemasons of Staffordshire would contribute a statue to be added to those on the West Front of the Cathedral. He informed the Dean that he would bring the matter before the brethren, and he asked what he would suggest, and the cost. The cost, it appeared, would be about £38, and it had been suggested that as it was one of the legends of the Order that Edward III. was a Mason, and revised the Book of Constitutions, they should cause a statue of that monarch to be erected in front of the Cathedral. He moved that such a statue be provided, at a cost not exceeding £40. This was seconded by Bro. W. R. Blair and carried unanimously. Bro. Bodenham stated that the balance in hand at the end of the year amounted to £116 15s 3d, and the accounts were in perfect order. He suggested that the balance should be invested. Only once during the past ten years had the expenses exceeded the receipts, and he proposed that in addition to the sums invested they should annually invest the balance whenever there might be one. This was seconded by Bro. Bindley and carried. The brethren then left the Lodge-room, and a procession was formed, the volume of the Sacred Law being carried by four Lewises, namely, G. Tunnicliffe, Barlow, Stringer, and Devereux. The procession, which was a long one, and excited much interest in the town, proceeded to Shelton Church, where Divine service was held. The prayers were read by Bro. the Rev. E. D. Boothman, Rector of Shelton, who is one of the Prov. Grand Chaplains. The lessons were read by Bro. F. Brandon and Bro. the Rev. T. Lloyd 526. Bro. Mountford, Prov. Grand Organist, conducted the musical portion of the service, which included a solo during the anthem by Bro. Downing 460. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. W. F. Drury, the senior Prov. Grand Chaplain, who took for his text 1 Corinthians iii. 10, 11 : "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." At the close of the service the brethren returned to the Town Hall and the business of the Lodge was resumed. It was announced that the collection at the church amounted to £13 7s 3d. Of this sum £5 5s was voted to the rector of Shelton for his Schools, £3 3s to the preacher towards the funds of his New Church at Burton, and £2 2s to the Longton Cottage Hospital. The Rev. W. F. Drury was cordially thanked for his excellent sermon. The Prov. Grand Master referred to the great loss which Masonry had sustained through the death of the Duke of Albany, and said he had intended to call a Special Lodge, but that was rendered unnecessary in consequence of the Grand Lodge of England having passed a resolution in the name of Masons generally. After the transaction of some other business the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Mechanics' Hall, in the large room of which the banquet was held, about 250 attending it. The walls were adorned with the banners of various Lodges, and portraits of the late Earl of Shrewsbury and other eminent Masons, while the tables were decorated with vases containing plants and flowers, and the room had a very cheerful appearance. The Prov. G. Master presided, but he and the other brethren from the south of the Province having to leave early, the

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chair was taken by Bro. Piercy P.G.S.W. Before leaving the Prov. G. Master expressed himself delighted with the heartiness with which he had been received, and proposed the health of the Queen, which was duly honoured. The usual Masonic toasts followed, the speakers being Bros. Piercy, Warren, Bromley, Cartwright, Hales, John Webberley, and Marks, the latter of whom responded for the Visitors. Bro. T. Taylor proposed the Masonic Charities, remarking that he was glad to know that they were so munificently supported by the brethren. After referring to the value of the Masonic Schools, he said when he went up as a Steward to the Benevolent Institution he took with him £152 10s, which not only made him Vice-President but brought 16 more votes to the Staffordshire list. Bro. Derry responded; he said he had had an intimate acquaintance with the Charities for a great number of years, and he was able to speak in terms of the highest commendation as to the way in which they were managed. From the knowledge which he had gained he was as strong an advocate of the Charities as he was when first he became a Freemason. He found that in round numbers the expenses of management did not average more than 10 per cent. of the income of the Charities. Having spoken of the Old Peoples' Institution, and of the excellence of the education and training which the Girls and Boys received, Bro. Derry said he was going with Bros. Tooth and Bayley to represent the brethren of the Province at the next Boys' Festival. It was said that this was an expensive establishment. Each boy in this Institution costs £43 per annum for education, clothing, board and lodging. When he left the School he was fitted for any position in life that an Englishmen could occupy. If they got value for their money the price was not too dear. If they could place children of good natural parts upon the lines where they could gain a respectable livelihood and reflect in future life credit upon the Institution, they could not do a nobler thing than to aid the orphan. The future generals, admirals, and judges were to be found amongst the young of the present day, and the Freemasons, he was glad to say, were enabling orphans to rise to dignified positions. The Freemasons were in the position of foster-parents to these children; they were a wealthy Fraternity taking the position of the poor parents the boys had lost. He hoped they would give freely and lovingly, and God would bless them for so doing. Bro. Tooth, who was also called upon to respond, said that he should be able to take over £90 with him, and he trusted that he and the other two Stewards would take with them nearly £300. Bro. the Rev. W. F. Drury, in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the Stewards, and complimented the Mentoria Lodge upon possessing men of such business capacity. Bro. W. Hampton responded. Bro. T. Taylor in complimentary terms proposed the health of the Prov. D.G.C., and Bro. Fowke having responded, the proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a close. The speeches were interspersed with some admirable singing by the Silverdale Glee party. Other vocal music was supplied, Bro. F. Mountford presiding at the pianoforte.

CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF KING SOLOMON, No. 2029.

WE last week referred to the growing tendency in modern times to create Class Lodges, or rather Lodges having restrictions attached to their membership, which restrictions we urge go far to destroy the time-honoured idea as to the Universality of Freemasonry. Among these we mentioned so-called Temperance Lodges. In the first place, the title Temperance, as applied at the present time to total abstainers, is not only misleading, but actually incorrect; their teaching is total abstinence from all alcoholic drink, and not temperance in its use. For this reason we cannot endorse the spirit which attempts to identify these views with Freemasonry, which, as is well known, is free to all. Further, we cannot believe that any good can accrue to Freemasonry from its association in so marked a manner with the Teetotalers; on the contrary, we believe it is fully intended that the Craft, of which we are so proud, is to be used as a medium; as an additional means for diffusing the ideas of the Teetotalers throughout the country. This might be necessary, and might be of service to us all, were Freemasons as a body intemperate; but we challenge the most determined apostle of the Teetotal movement to prove that they are. One of the principle teachings of Freemasonry is Temperance, and we think that any departure from it, officially enforced by any of our Lodges, is in direct opposition to the true spirit of the Order, and that if such a view once becomes recognised in small or unimportant matters, there will be nothing to prevent its being enforced in others of weight and vital importance. If a Lodge is allowed to officially dictate what views its members shall have on any one particular subject, why should they not also have the decision of others—of religion, of politics, and indeed of everything which so far has been kept wholly distinct from Freemasonry? and if once that is permitted, the very foundation of our system will be disturbed. We cannot understand the need for such Lodges as the Lodge of King Solomon, which starts as a Lodge conducted on Temperance principles, and in which all alcoholic or intoxicant liquor is forbidden. The first "principle" it is quite unnecessary to refer to, as all Masonic Lodges must not only be started, but—in order to retain their right to the title—must continue as Temperance Lodges, in the general acceptation of the term, while the prohibition of all alcoholic or intoxicant liquors is, as we have already expressed it, entirely opposed to the teachings of the Order, which enjoins freedom of opinion and Temperance on all its followers. We can but notice that the actual "founders" of this Lodge are limited to the proverbial seven—to the seven whose signatures must be affixed to the petition before it can be entertained by the authorities, and in doing so express it as our opinion that when a Lodge is proposed which is to upset existing ideas, or to bring the practice of Freemasonry within confined and unusual limits, that the actual founders should appear to be more numerous than the Constitutions of the Order render compulsory. It may be said that subsequent events have proved that many more are ready to come forward, as soon as the Lodge is started, but these cannot be said to have taken any part in its foundation, or to be in any way answerable for the peculiar principles on which it is started, and which, from the fact of its already numbering non-abstainers amongst its members has clearly shown itself to be quite out of place as a strictly class Lodge. We can but think that the desire for office, which at the present time is somewhat difficult to obtain, except through influence—which, in this instance, perhaps, has been sought for by working on the eccentricities of prominent Teetotallers—is at the bottom of the "need" for this "Temperance" Lodge. All we can hope is, that in its working it may not be found to be so utterly opposed to the principle of Masonic toleration as first appearances seem to warrant.

The Lodge was consecrated on Saturday, the 31st ult., at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square, London, by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar as S.W., John Messent P.G. Sw. B. as J.W., Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., P.G. Chaplain as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D. of C., Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C. as I.G., and W. Ganz P.G. Organist as Organist. In addition to these brethren there was a strong array of other dignities of the Order and it may truly be said that the Lodge was brought into being under most auspicious surroundings. The routine of the ceremony of consecration is by this time well known to our readers. The first item in it wherein variety of treatment is possible is in the Oration, which on this occasion was delivered by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford. Addressing the consecrating Officer he referred to the frequency of late in which they had taken part in similar proceedings, and to the difficulty, which increased at each succeeding consecration, of saying something of interest. Great energy and activity had recently been displayed in increasing the number of Lodges, and all that could be advanced in praise of Freemasonry had been urged by distingnished orators in the past, who had left little for their successors to dwell upon. If, therefore, what he said appeared somewhat commonplace, he hoped the assembled brethren would accept the will for the deed. By their presence that day they showed their interest in that Masonic fellowship which, resisting the levelling influence for years, seemed to gather fresh life and vigour as the ages came and went, and which to him appeared to be more active now than at any part of its prolonged existence. In this divided and disjointed period, when party shibboleths and sectarian animosities were very many and prevalent in the world without, Freemasonry offered a shelter, a resting place, a point of contact, a centre of unity and peace for very many. It was thus he was able to explain the fact—for fact it was—that they managed to gather together within their Lodges men of different countries, sects, and opinions, and to unite in happy sympathies and harmonious works of charity persons of the most widely-opposed opinions and of different orders and ranks in society. They asked no questions, and imposed no tests. They did not even inquire into one another's specific creeds. In invoking a blessing on their proceedings, they had no warrant, as they had no desire, to interfere with personal views. In this wise and neutral position they declined to express any opinion whatever on religious theory and other matters which would lead to endless controversy. Freemasonry had other charms; like many of the ancient oracles it had more than one meaning for the patient seeker. From whatever side we approach it, we may gain instruction, improvement, counsel, and edification. It encourages sympathy, and warms friendship; it advocates fraternal interest and prudent hospitality; it warns us against secret conspiracies and illegal associations, bids us obey the laws of our own country, and respect those of others. It teaches the sanctity of private judgment, and the inviolability of universal toleration. We can afford to pass by attacks, from whatever quarter they may come, as being unworthy of notice. Revering God, and honouring all men, the English Grand Lodge would continue its useful and beneficent work at home and abroad, a witness to the great and unchanging principles of English Freemasonry. All hoped the Lodge they were about consecrating that day had a happy career before it, and that it might prove a source of vital energy and enduring concord to all who ranged themselves under its banner.

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At the conclusion of the Consecration Brother B. W. Richardson, the W.M. designate, was formerly presented and installed as first W.M. He in due course invested as his Wardens Bros. W. Chubb (Senior), and Harrison Branthwaite (Junior). Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.I.E., &c., who had been nominated for the post of Treasurer, was formally elected to that office, and also named as acting I.P.M. for the coming year. Brother Harry Tipper was the only other Officer whose appointment was made at this gathering, he being invested as Secretary; the other appointments were left to a subsequent meeting. After the addresses had been delivered the Consecrating Officer and his assistants were thanked for their services, and the compliment of honorary membership was conferred on them. Propositions from candidates, both for joining and initiation, were then handed in, and after a short address from the W.M. Lodge was closed.

The brethren repaired to the Holborn Restaurant, where a banquet was served in character with the tenets propounded by the founders of this new Lodge. But the lavish display of "temperance" beverages—whether due to the executive of the Restaurant, who desired to shew what they really could do under such novel circumstances, or to an over-estimate of the company's capacity for "modest quenchers" we are unable to say—did not coincide with our ideas of what should be provided at a "Temperance" banquet. We are somewhat old fashioned in our notions, and while we do not object to the time-honoured allowance of a bottle of wine a man, we must certainly issue a protest against more than three bottles a man of "uncertain" drinks, however harmless they may be guaranteed. We do not say this in a spirit of opposition to the desires of the founders, but as they have started on a crusade which will of necessity call down on them a shower of criticism, they must also be prepared for a little "chaff." There are doubtless many who would support them, but, unfortunately, for every one who urges the drinking of water or compounds of questionable composition, there may be found another who will come forward and tell us of the dangers existing in a glass of the former, or the evils which may be introduced into a bottle of the latter. The truth of this was exemplified on the occasion we are now commenting on, when Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, a surgeon of no mean ability, and a Past Grand Officer of England, painted in harrowing terms the condition of the present water supply. The Rev. Bro. Woodford in responding for the Grand Officers said he should be the most unconscionable of mortals if, after trespassing so long on their attention in Lodge, he again made a trial of their patience. If brevity be the soul of wit, it was also the perfection of Masonic speech. On behalf of the friends with him to-day he might say they were fully sensible of the honour done them. It was always a pleasure to answer the summons of the esteemed Grand Secretary and assist him in those arduous duties and peregrinations of his, when he undertakes the consecration of new Lodges. In speaking to the next toast, the health of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the W.M. expressed his high opinion of the Consecrating Officer's qualifications, and pointed out that the Order owed a great deal of its present unexampled prosperity to the admirable manner in which the duties of Grand Secretary were performed. Never at any time were they carried out more to the satisfaction and welfare of the Craft. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke said he was deeply appreciative of the kind words of the W.M., far too flattering, and of the warm reception accorded to him by the brethren present. He could truly say his heart was in his work, and all his best efforts were and would be continually directed to fulfil efficiently the responsibilities of the high office committed to him by His Royal Highness. He could assure the brethren his post was not quite a sinecure. He had had very great pleasure in taking the chief part in the ceremony that day, as representing the Grand Master, and he rejoiced to see so numerous an assemblage to start the new Lodge. He felt sure, from what he had witnessed that day that the Lodge of King Solomon was destined to have a successful career, and to fill a conspicuous position on the Grand Lodge roll. He had addressed them so often and so lengthily that day, that he should forbear from trespassing further on their attention than by proposing the health of their W.M. Bro. Richardson was well known for his activity in other sciences and other departments. He was fully assured he would most admirably discharge the duties which now devolved upon him, and that alike in his work and his rule he would seek to excel. It was rather a curious coincidence that their W.M. had been initiated by his present S.W.; he mentioned this because Bro. Richardson was an old Freemason and P.M., who, after some years of inactivity, had now resumed work in the Craft. He wished him all health, happiness, and success. In acknowledgment, the Worshipful Master said he felt very deeply indeed the honour conferred upon him by his brethren in selecting him as their first Worshipful Master. He should never forget their kindness; he should always endeavour to merit their confidence and approbation. He thought the time had come when he might fairly allude to the great end and object of the formation of the Lodge of King Solomon. It was founded, as all knew, as a Temperance Lodge, on distinctly Temperance principles; that is to say, on abstinence from alcoholic or intoxicating beverages at their social gatherings. As this was a very great and important reality, he desired more fully to explain himself. There were three points of view from which the Temperance question was approached by different minds. There was first a class who were affected with actual horror, as they were led to think of the dire effects of the Demon Drink. It was awful to them to realize that 80,000 persons died annually in these islands from the effects of drink, and that an overwhelming proportion of the criminality of the country might be traced to drink. They thought everything ought to be done to restrain such great and alarming evils. There were those, secondly, who took a utilitarian, somewhat selfish, but not unworthy view of the question. They thought that by abstaining from alcoholic effects and excitements, they might remove disease, augment health, prolong life, and generally add to their personal happiness, domestic comfort, and national wellbeing. He quite agreed with these, as with the first class, and thought their views deserving of every consideration. There was a third class who, like himself, looked at the drink question as a physical question. He could not, from scientific research or experiment ascertain that alcoholic drinks did any one any good, or in any way added to our physical health or mental well-being. On the contrary, he believed that the body was rendered stronger and more efficient for work, and the mind clearer and less easily wearied by abstinence from stimulants, and that Freemasonry, which was marked by very striking principles, and productive of many benefits to mankind, might attain, by the adoption of Temperance principles, a still more elevated position than it had ever yet reached. Therefore it was that Temperance Lodges were forming; therefore the Lodge of King Solomon had been consecrated that day; and while under his Mastership it would alway remain true to these principles. To all the brethren for their confidence and sympathy he was indeed most truly grateful, and could truly, with Hamlet, declare, "Beggar that I am, I am even poor in thanks; but I thank you."

Amongst the other speakers of the evening was Bro. Barratt of Plymouth, the Worshipful Master of St. George's Lodge, who made, in replying to the toast of the other Temperance Lodges, some interesting statements. He said that the principal of having such Lodges was rapidly spreading; there was a Temperance Lodge at Sheffield, the Wolseley at Manchester, the St. George's at Plymouth, the King Solomon in London, and a warrant had been obtained for the Londonderry at Sunderland. At the present time he knew there were seventeen petitions being prepared for as many Temperance Lodges in different parts of England, while in Ireland and Scotland there were many more. He sincerely believed they would do a great deal of good.

The musical arrangements of the day were entrusted to Bro. Ganz, whose splendid playing on the pianoforte was a feature of the evening that gave unqualified gratification.

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THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF SOUTH WALES (WESTERN DIVISION).

The death is announced, as having taken place on the 5th inst., of Col. John A. Lloyd-Phillips, who has for close on eleven years held the chief office in the Masonic Province of South Wales (Western Division), his appointment thereto bearing date the 24th November 1878. Col. Lloyd-Phillips was, without question, a thorough representative type of the men we look for as rulers of a Province. He was a jovial companion and never seemed so much at ease as when joining in festivities with the brethren where a rigid observance of ceremonial and etiquette could be dispensed with. In South Wales his loss will be severely felt, while throughout England the mention of his name will call to mind the deeds of one who strove to the best of his ability to advance the interests of those around him. His strongest claim on the Craft, outside his connection with Grand Lodge, was perhaps his Presidency on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution last year, when it will be remembered he was loyally supported at the Festival, both by the members of his own district and by the English Craft generally.

BROTHER RICHARD PEARCY.

We very much doubt if there is a regular attendant at one of the Northern Lodges of Instruction of the Metropolis who did not know the late Bro. R. Pearcy. He was one of those brethren who, gifted with an aptitude for learning themselves, are ever ready to impart their knowledge to others. Bro. Pearcy was one of our most painstaking Preceptors, and as such came into frequent contact with a large number of brethren among whom the news of his comparatively early decease will create the greatest regret, as in many ways our deceased brother had gained respect. His death took place on Tuesday, the 10th instant, at his residence, Packington Street, Islington. Brother Pearcy was initiated in the United Strength Lodge, No. 228, and served the office of W.M. therein. At the time of his death he was about sixty years of age. The funeral is fixed for this day (Saturday), at 2 o'clock, at Highgate Cemetery.

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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, 14th JUNE.

176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
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)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House 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-street, W., at 8

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
R.C. 45—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 16th JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (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.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 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. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 224—Menatachin, Criterion, Piccadilly
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W

Prov. Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks, Town Hall, High Wycombe
Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey, Albany Hall, Kingston-on-Thames
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. (Instruction)
424—Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
825—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
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—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

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. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 17th 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. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, 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)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
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, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8. (In)
1695—New Finsbury Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
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.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
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. 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

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
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
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Corwall
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
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
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
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. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 18th JUNE.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
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)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
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, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
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)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
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
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.
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
632—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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
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
1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Ball Hotel, Sandwich
1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
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 (Inst.)
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
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames

R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
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, 19th JUNE.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, 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)

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
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Bursiem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge

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523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford

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
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892—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—Equality, 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, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 20th JUNE.

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)
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)
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.)
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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street

152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
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—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
R.A. 52—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.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 21st JUNE.

196—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)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
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
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.

410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton

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REMUERA LODGE, 1710 E.C.

THE installation of Officers of the Remuera Lodge took place on 9th April. There was a very large number of visiting brethren, who thoroughly enjoyed the heartiness and good feeling exhibited by the members, and admired the elegant and comfortable appearance of the handsome and commodious hall erected by the members of this Lodge, and which they were pleased to learn was now their own property and free from debt. The furniture of the Lodge, particularly the pedestals, were greatly admired. They are artistic and in excellent taste, and thoroughly emblematic. These, we learn, are a gift to the Lodge by the retiring Past Master Bro. C. La Roche, and are his own workmanship, and therefore more valued by the Lodge over which he has presided during the past year. The Lodge was opened by Bro. La Roche. There was an unusually large attendance of Installed Masters, including Bros. Lodder D.D.G.M., Moat, Wade, Hewson, McCullough, A. V. Macdonald, C. Hesketh, Leers, Cooper, Page, Fenton, Elliott, Rees, George, Collins, Clarke, Walker, Gardner, Niccol. The W.M. and Officers of the Prince of Wales entered, and were received as a Lodge; also, the W.M. and Officers of the Albion Lodge. Bro. La Roche officiated as Installing Master with dignity and ability, showing a thorough knowledge and appreciation of the ceremony, and he delivered the charges with excellent effect. The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. P.M.'s Macdonald and Hewson, and after being installed he invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. T. T. Gamble S.W., B. J. Esam J.W., P. M. Cooper Treasurer, N. F. Giblin Sec., A. V. Macdonald Director of Ceremonies, C. Hesketh Organist, D. Fallon S.D., Darcy Irvine J.D., T. Kempt I.G., W. Mikkelson Tyler, and Hickson and Porter Stewards. After the business was closed the brethren and visitors were entertained at a well-spread banquet, served in the dining-hall upstairs.

LODGE ALBION, No. 2003 E.C.

THE installation of Officers of Lodge Albion, No. 2003 E.C., North Shore, which took place on the 8th April, attracted a great deal of attention. The District Grand Lodge of England, and the Waitemata, Prince of Wales, and Remuera Lodges were represented as Lodges. Among those on the dais were Bros. Lodder D.D.G.M. E.C., M. Niccol P.M. 418 and 586 S.C., Fenton P.M. 689 E.C., Elliott W.M. 689 E.C., Leers P.M. 1338 E.C., Clarke W.M. 1338 E.C., Cole P.M. 689 E.C., La Roche W.M. 1730 E.C., McCullough P.M. 533 S.C., Suiter P.M. 421 I.C., Wright Acting W.M. 348 I.C., Durance P.M. Ara, Cooper W.M. Remuera. The Albion Lodge was opened by Bro. Brassey, after which Bro. Lodder took the position of Installing Master. Bros. Clarke and La Roche took part in the ceremony, and the ritual was carefully adhered to and effectively given. The Installing Officer placed Bro. Gardner in the chair of King Solomon, and the latter then installed his Officers, as follow:—M. Niccol P.M. S.W., S. Vosper J.W., O. Mays Treasurer, W. S. Lyell Sec., W. B. Moore S.D., James Mays J.D., J. A. Beale Organist, C. Bailey I.G., W. H. Brown Steward. Following upon the installation of the Officers of the Masonic Lodge Albion, an At Home was given on the 15th April, in the Devonport Hall. Some sixty couples assembled at the hall, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE S.C.

THE regular Quarterly Communication of the above Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on 25th April, at eight p.m., Bro. Sir Frederick Whitaker R.W. Provincial G.M. in the chair, Bros. M. Nicol acting as substitute P.G.M., J. Slator P.G.S., W. McCulloch P.G.S.W., Ellisson P.G.J.W., Dr. Walker Organist. Other Officers of P.G.L. were also present. A vast amount of routine business was expeditiously despatched. The following Officers were duly installed by Bro. M. Niccol, with his wonted proficiency, viz., Bros. McLaron P.G.A., R. B. Symonds P.G. Bible Bearer, and Greenaway President of the Board of Stewards. The following brethren were unanimously elected members of the P.G. Committee:—R.W.M. Lodge St. Andrew, R.W.M. Lodge Manukau, and Bros. McCulloch P.M. and Ellisson P.M. It was notified that a dispensation had been granted by the P.G. Lodge to "erect" and consecrate a Lodge under the Scottish Constitution at Te Aroha, which would take place on Tuesday, 13th May. The Provincial G.M. intimated that it was not likely that he would be able to attend the consecration, which he very much regretted, but he requested as many of the brethren as could conveniently do so to be present on the interesting occasion. Much regret was felt at his inability to attend. Bro. Slator intimated that the brethren generally would be informed by advertisement in the daily papers as to the best and most expeditious method of getting to Te Aroha for the occasion. The Lodge was duly closed at ten o'clock.

The oldest Freemason in England has just gone to his rest, and his remains were interred in the churchyard of St. Peter's, near Ramsgate, on Tuesday, the 10th instant. Brother John Shepherd Witherden was a respected tradesman and inhabitant of Ramsgate, in the county of Kent, for a long period; he departed this life on the 4th instant, aged 96 years. Bro. Witherden, notwithstanding his great age, was active up to three weeks before he died, and retained his faculties to the end. He was initiated in the Union Lodge, No. 207, Margate, on the 23rd June 1825. Some time back he received a gift from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, which he highly prized, and has left in charge of his widow. As we have already said, Brother John S. Witherden was universally and justly esteemed and respected by those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. His life had been characterised by generosity and goodwill to men.

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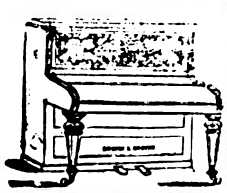
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TEETOTAL LODGES.

WE shall, doubtless, be excused if we take the liberty of once again referring to the subject of Temperance, or, as they should be more correctly designated, Teetotal Lodges. We are inclined to think the parade that was made the other day about the consecration of the King Solomon Lodge was not only a great mistake, but, seeing that Freemasons are presumably governed in what they do and say by Temperance, it was also a slight approximating very closely to an insult to the Craft. No particular body of brethren, such as the charter members of this new Lodge, have a right to ascribe to themselves as their special characteristic the exercise of a particular virtue. There are none among us who can truthfully affirm they have as it were had granted to them letters patent securing them the sole right to proclaim the merits of such virtue and enforce their observance. We are all of us, as a body, temperate men, and it is a libel on our fair fame to suggest we are otherwise. No doubt Bro. Richardson and his associate brethren have been actuated by the best of motives in what they have done; but even well-intentioned people should be put on their guard lest in their anxiety to confer a benefit in one direction, they are so unfortunate as to do an injury in another. Any slight good that might be effected on the outside world by the teetotal example of King Solomon Lodge must be more than neutralised by the harm done to Freemasonry itself. There is no room in our Fraternity for any of these numerous classes of extremists with which Society has the misfortune to be encumbered. There is no difference in degree, whatever there may be in kind, between the intolerance of the religious or political bigot and the intolerance of the social bigot. Hitherto we have succeeded in keeping our mystic circle free from the demoralising influences of the former, but if the authorities are so unwise as to go on sanctioning the establishment of Masonic teetotal Lodges, we shall sooner or later be subjected to the equally or even more demoralising influences of the latter. Of all the tyrannies that were ever practised of man, the most degrading, because at the same time the most revolting to our sense of justice and decency, is the social. We are only occasionally brought face to face with the religious or political tyrant, but the social tyrant is with us nearly always and everywhere. But what will become of our boasted good fellowship, which it is the object of the banquet to cultivate, if in certain Lodges it is to be in the power of one man—the W.M.—to dictate to the guests what kind of refreshment they shall or shall not be permitted to take? It will, of course, be retorted that we are under no sort of compulsion to visit these Lodges, but we have always understood that the interchange of friendly relations between the members of different Lodges, as being one of the likeliest methods of promoting good-fellowship, was one of the ancient landmarks of our Society. In any case, if we are to have some Lodges teetotal and others non-teetotal, we shall not only set up as it were an impassable gulf between them, but we shall do worse still, by establishing invidious distinctions between sections of a Fraternity, whose primary object is to enable men of all conditions and classes to meet together and establish among themselves good feeling in spite of the distinctions which characterise them. By setting up teetotal Lodges, we are in fact taking the first and a most effective step towards destroying that unity and harmony which it is our anxiety to secure.

Bro. Dr. Richardson, in replying to the toast of his health and success to the Lodge of King Solomon, had a somewhat difficult task to perform, but he performed it well. He explained clearly and unreservedly that the fundamental rule on which the new Lodge would be conducted was that of abstinence from all alcoholic drinks at their social gatherings. He said there were three points of view from which what he designated the Temperance question was regarded. There were, in the first place, those who looked with absolute horror on alcoholic drink, from its baneful effects generally, but chiefly from the large amount of criminality which was traceable to its influence. Others took a utilitarian and somewhat selfish, yet not unworthy, view. These considered abstinence from alcoholic beverages would have the effect of lessening disease, promoting health, prolonging life, and increasing our personal, domestic, and national happiness. The third class, to which he himself belonged, looked upon it as a physical question. He could not discover from the scientific researches and experiments he had made that alcoholic drink did people any good, or in any way added to their physical health or well-being. On the contrary, he believed that in the case of those who abstained from all such stimulants, the body was stronger, and the mind more vigorous and capable, therefore, of greater and more sustained efforts. These three classes of opinion are perfectly unobjectionable, but we fail to see what more they have to do with Freemasonry or Freemasonry with them now than at any time during the past history of the Society. Freemasonry, to begin with, is a great Temperance Fraternity. On all occasions it proclaims Temperance as an essential part of its system, as indeed Temperance must, in the very nature of things, be an essential part of every system of morality. But Temperance and Teetotalism, with which Bro. Dr. Richardson would have us confound it, cannot be synonymous terms. The latter not only pre-supposes the existence of Intemperance of a particular kind, namely, Intemperance in Drink, but it also assumes that the best, if not the only, way of coping successfully with this evil is, to compel men to give up one extreme in favour of its opposite. The teetotaller says in effect that the only cure for excessive alcoholic drinking is to abstain from it altogether, but this at least is an open question, and, as such, calculated to excite serious disputation. But in Freemasonry the discussion of religious or political questions is forbidden, and if we would preserve in our ranks the harmony thus obtained from being converted into discord, we must be careful to include in the same category of things forbidden the discussion of all those social questions which are likely to disturb the pleasure of our meetings. Thus a Teetotaller must no more be allowed to join or remain in Freemasonry in order that he may use it as a means whereby to preach Teetotalism than a Christian or a Jew may join or remain in it, in order the better to proclaim the merits of Christianity or Judaism. Freemasonry recognises no distinction of religious or political faith. Men of all creeds are welcome, if they are found personally worthy, but there will be an end at once of our boasted principle of toleration, if we provide a place in our midst for the Teetotaller, not because he is a right worthy good fellow, but because he is a Teetotaller, and therefore despotically opposed to the use as well as the abuse of alcoholic liquors. We venture so say there is not a single Masonic Lodge in the

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country which will not discourage by every means in its power the presence at its meetings of any brother who may indulge in drinking to excess. If Bro. Dr. Richardson and his brother Teetotallers of the Lodge of King Solomon have made up their minds to fight the Demon of Drink, they must do so, not as Freemasons, but as individual members or a section of the great British Commonwealth. Their purpose is laudable enough, but their proposed plan of campaign is most objectionable, and wholly incompatible with the tolerant principles of Freemasonry. They proceed on the assumption that there is only one way of conquering this Demon, that is, by total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors—which by the way are only intoxicating when they are taken to excess. In other words, these brethren—who it must be remembered are quite as intemperate by reason of their abstinence as their opponents are by reason of their excess, only their intemperance manifests itself differently and unobjectionably—we say, these brethren have the bad taste to place the temperate use and the intemperate abuse of drink on precisely the same footing. This idea of temperance and this mode of combating a particular form of intemperance are not provided for, either in the Ancient Charges or the modern Constitutions of Freemasonary, and we shall deeply regret if ever the day arrives when the perfection of those Ancient Charges and modern Constitutions is destroyed by the intrusion into the provisions of either of the Teetotaller's creed. We have, as in duty bound, ascribed to these good brethren a most praiseworthy desire to promote the well-being of the community, but we are fully persuaded they have made a capital mistake in mixing up the pursuits of Teetotalism and Freemasonry together, and the sooner they set about rectifying their mistake the better it will be for Teetotalism and Freemasonary, but especially for the latter.

WHY BRO. GOULD DISCREDITS WREN'S CONNECTION WITH FREEMASONRY.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

THAT Sir Christopher Wren was not a Grand S.W. in 1663, nor G.M. in 1685, had long since been conceded by every impartial Masonic student, but that Sir Christopher was at one time an active member of the old Lodge that used to meet at the Goose and Gridiron, near St. Paul's, in 1717, was received as a matter of fact beyond dispute. In the first place, the Lodge claims an unbroken tradition of Sir Christopher's membership of its organization. Secondly, it claims to be in possession of three mahogany candlesticks, also a mallet, presented to it by Sir Christopher Wren when he was a member thereof, and besides other evidence, which will be referred to hereafter. Guess then our surprise when we first had the pleasure, in 1880, of making the personal acquaintance of Bro. R. F. Gould, author of the "Four Old Lodges," &c., to hear him deny the very connection of Sir C. Wren with the Masonic fraternity! "But what have you to say (we urged) against Aubrey's testimony?" Aubrey was an intimate friend of Wren, they both belonged to the R.S., and in a MS. volume of Aubrey, still in possession of the Royal Society, Aubrey himself recorded as follows:

"Memorandum. This day, May 18th, being Monday after Rogation Sunday, is a great convention at St. Paul's Church of the Fraternity of the Accepted Masons; where Sir Christopher Wren is to be adopted a brother, and Sir Henry Goodric of the Tower and divers others. There have been kings that have been of this sodality."

The last remark, about the "kings of this sodality," we admit, originated either in Aubrey's or some other person's imagination. But the fact of Wren's admission into the Masonic fraternity on the above date seemed indisputable. Bro. Gould, however, gave us some reasons for discrediting Aubrey's evidence. Soon after our return to Boston, we informed Bro. Gould by letter that in a newspaper, viz., the *Postboy* of 1723, he would find the following obituary notice of Wren, viz.:

"London, March 5th. This evening the corpse of the worthy *Free-Mason*, Sir Christopher Wren, Knight, is to be interred under the Dome of St. Paul's Cathedral."

Bro. Gould eventually found the *Postboy* of the above date, and moreover he found in the *British Journal*, of March 9th, the following notice:

"Sir Christopher Wren, that worthy *Free-Mason*, was splendidly interred in St. Paul's Church on Tuesday night last."

The above paragraphs in two newspapers would seem to confirm the tradition of the Lodge of Antiquity of Wren's membership of the Masonic fraternity, but our friend Gould says:

"I find in my notes sixteen notices in all of Wren's death or burial, occurring between 26th February and 9th March 1723. Four are copied from the *Postboy*, and a similar number from the *Daily Post*. Two each from the *British Journal*, the *Weekly Journal or Saturday Post*, and the *Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer*. Single notices are given in the *London Journal* and the *Postman*. In none of these, except as above stated, is Sir Christopher designated a 'Freemason,' and this expression is not again coupled with his name in any newspaper paragraph that I have seen of earlier date than 1738." Again, he says:

"It will be observed that the *Journal* announcing *in the first instance* that Wren was a 'Freemason' had been previously selected as the advertising medium through which to recommend the sale of the 'Book of Constitutions,' and it is hardly to be wondered at that the editor of the *Postboy* should have deemed a title [Freemason] so lavishly bestowed by Dr. Anderson upon persons and personages of whom he had occasion to speak, including Inigo Jones, a predecessor of Wren in the office of Surveyor General, would be fitly applied to designate the great man whose funeral obsequies he was announcing."*

In short, Wren's Freemasonry originated in the brain of the editor of the *Postboy*. It is not improbable that the said editor was a Mason, hence he soon became afflicted with the Masonic *guessing fever*. But, be this as it may, the writer had probably read Anderson's Constitutions, and finding therein so many great men who were Masons, he improved on Anderson by Masonizing Wren. Anderson eventually seized the *Postboy's* hint, and improved upon it in his turn, by *Grand Mastering* Sir Christopher in his Constitutions of 1738. And, of course, Preston later on added further improvements, as we shall show hereafter. That a newspaper reporter may, however, *guess wrong*, or may even make a deliberate misstatement, especially so when writing about Masonry, will not be denied. But to illustrate the unreliability of newspaper reports, we will give a few instances, thus:

A paragraph was copied in the *Boston Post* from a Philadelphia paper stating that a Masonic record was discovered in Philadelphia of between 1731 and 1738, all in the handwriting of Benjamin Franklin; and the said paragraph has since been reprinted in the *Herald* and in the *Advertiser*, &c. Now, the truth is, *that not a word in the said record was written by Franklin.* The *Boston Transcript* of May 24, informed us that "In England, the first four Lodges were established June 24th, 1717." But the truth is, the said Lodges were older than 1717. Again, The leading spirits being Desaguliers . . . and Anderson." Now Anderson was not a Mason in 1717. And still again, "There are now 60 provincial Grand Lodges and twelve hundred Lodges in England." Wrong, again, Mr. Transcript. The *London Graphic* of 19th December 1874 made the Duke of Edinburgh a Mason, but the said Duke never was a Mason. The G.O. of France (probably misinformed by a newspaper statement) held a Lodge of Sorrow for Bro. Abraham Lincoln, but President Lincoln never was a Mason. But here is something still more funny. The London *Freemason*, of 1st July 1871, contains an account of a Masonic banquet given at Belfast to a squad of American Knight Templars, when, after the Queen's health was drank, the United States President's health was also drank; Bro. Gardiner, an Illinois Masonic luminary, in returning thanks for the toast, designed to compliment the American visitors, wound up thus: "One thing I can say about the President of the United States that you could not say of your Queen—he is a Mason." The announcement was received with cheers, and General Grant would have been Masonized, at least outside of America, if we had not contradicted it (see *Freemason*, 1871, pp 413—515). Nor can we forget the assertion made in 1730, in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, of there being then "in the province several Lodges." It is possible that one *self-constituted*

* "Having cited an opinion of Sir Edward Coke, Dr. Anderson says: 'This quotation confirms the tradition of *Old Masons*, that this most learned Judge really belonged to the ancient Lodge, and was a faithful Brother."—*Gould's History of Freemasonry, Vol. II. p 7.*

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Lodge may have met in Philadelphia in 1730. But Franklin's assertion about "several Lodges," may be added to the accumulated pile of newspaper exaggerations. We also remember when the London *Freemason* referred to our sceptical friend Bro. Woodbury as "The Rev. Bro. Charles Levi Woodbury." We could multiply many similar cases, but we trust that sufficient has been shown to demonstrate the unreliability of newspaper statements; hence, when such statements are unsupported by other testimony, they should be received with great caution.

But that is not all; Desaguliers, Rawlinson, Folks and Clare, all active and zealous Masons, were, like Wren, Fellows of the Royal Society. Dr. Rawlinson wrote a memoir as a preface to Ashmole's Works, in which Ashmole's statements about Masonry appeared; he also wrote a preface to one of Aubrey's Works; he collected a number of Masonic curiosities, viz., a Masonic MS., numerous newspapers or slips wherein Masonry was mentioned, a so-called exposé of Masonry, a MS. list of all the English Lodges up to the middle of the year 1733, &c., &c., all which curiosities he deposited in the Bodleian Library at Oxford; but there is no evidence that either of the said distinguished brethren were cognizant of Sir C. Wren having been a Mason. Anderson was appointed by the Grand Lodge in September 1721 (about seventeen months before Wren died), to draw up a Constitution. He doubtless took the utmost pains to collect from the old Masons all their MSS., traditions and general information; he learned from them that James I., Charles I., Charles II., William III., Judge Coke, and a host of others, were all Freemasons or Bro. Masons. If a solitary member of the old St. Paul's Lodge had known that their mahogany candlesticks and mallet (that is, if they were then in possession of the candlesticks and mallet), were presented to the Lodge by Sir Christopher Wren, or if even any member had known of Wren's former connection with their Lodge, Anderson would surely have been informed thereof, and would have called on the venerable Brother in order to learn something from him about Masonry. But while Bro. Anderson Masonized so many worthies, and unworthies too, he referred to Wren (in his 1723 Constitution) merely as "The ingenious Architect, Sir Christopher Wren."

Again, the Grand Lodge of England began to keep a record on 24th June 1723 (not quite four months after the burial of Wren). If, then, any member of the Grand Lodge had been cognizant of Wren's former connection with the Craft, we may suppose that some notice would have been taken and recorded about the demise of such a distinguished brother as Sir Christopher Wren. But the record is minus of a notice of that event.

Still again, a number of books and pamphlets relating to Masonry were printed between 1723 and 1738, all containing more or less historic items. A Constitution with a Masonic history was printed in 1726, and another in Dublin in 1730. Drake, the antiquary, delivered an historical address before the Grand Lodge of York in 1726. Prichard published his tirade against Masonry in 1730. Anderson replied to him soon after, so did "Euclid." In 1729, Bro. Cole engraved one of the old MSS., improved with numerous additions. Smith printed his Pocket Companion (with a history of Masonry) in 1735. It was reprinted in Dublin the same year, with further improvements, viz., it located Lodge No. 79 at Philadelphia. In 1736 Smith published another book, so he did in 1737, and early in 1738 he published the second edition of his Pocket Companion; and in neither of the said publications can we find that Wren was a Freemason. The whole evidence of Wren's Free. up to 1738 then rests upon the statement made in the *Postboy* of 1723 only.

Taking therefore into consideration the facts and omissions above shown, we think Bro. Gould was fully justified in rejecting a statement of an irresponsible and unknown newspaper reporter as *bona fide* evidence of Sir Christopher Wren's connection with the Masonic Brotherhood.

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The monthly meeting of the Board of Bevevolence took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Brett Senior Vice-President presided, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Joshua Nunn. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune acted as Senior Vice President, and Bro. Frank Richardson, Past G. Deacon, took the seat of Bro. Cottebrune (Junior V.P.) Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, announced that he had received several letters from petitioners who were relieved in May, thanking the Board for the assistance given. The brethren first confirmed grants to the amount of £190. The new list contained the names of twenty-seven petitioners. During a sitting which occupied over three hours the Board awarded a total sum of £855, twenty-two of the applicants being relieved.

The Mark Master Masons of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will hold their annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot, at two o'clock p.m., on Friday next, when the general business of the Province will be carried out. A banquet will take place at four o'clock, but in order to ensure the comfort of those who attend, the Masters of Lodges are requested to send to the Provincial Grand Secretary, High Street, Southampton, the names of those who desire to remain. This notice should be sent not later than Monday next.

Subscriptions are invited towards the fund being raised for the widow and family of the late Bro. D. M. Dewar, Assistant Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. Grand Mark Lodge has voted £50, and some other sums have been subscribed. The subscriptions are not to exceed a guinea. We trust a goodly amount will be realised.

We learn that the outgoing Board of G. Stewards invited the New Board to their closing dinner, in order to give them an opportunity of becoming acquainted with their duties and with each other. Bro. Fuller (President) was in the chair, and Bros. Torkington (Hon. Sec.) and Mills (Hon. Treas.) in the vice-chairs. In addition, there were several visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, F. Binckes, Major Coles, A. M. Broadley, J. L. Mather, C. F. Matier, &c.

The North London Chapter of Improvement held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 19th instant, at 8 o'clock, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury. Comp. Dean occupied the chair of Z., Gregory H., Shaw J., Knight S.N., Radcliffe P.S. The ceremony was ably rehearsed by the Companions, and a very pleasant and instructive evening spent.

The last tribute of respect it was in the power of his comrades to offer to the memory of their late Preceptor, Bro. Richard Pearcy, was paid on Saturday last, when his funeral took place at Highgate Cemetery. Amongst those present were Bros. Terry, Fenner, Weeden, Greenfield, Dearing, Norris, Western, Edmonds, Hughes, Holland, Gibbs, Sheffield, Hirst, Dixie, Dettmar, Wright, Morgan, Martin, Williams, Trewinnard, Bye, Dalton, Thomas, Vine, &c.

The Chapter of Temperance in the East, No. 899, attached to the Lodge of that name, was consecrated at Poplar, on Friday, the 13th inst. E. Comp. James Terry, Prov. G.J. Herts, performed the ceremony in his usual able able. He was assisted by E. Comps. Edgar Bowyer, as H.; Wm. Clarke, P.G.D. of C. Suffolk, as J.; and J. L. Mather, P.Z. 174, as D. of C. The following were afterwards installed by Comp. Terry as Principals: Comps. G. Graveley M.E.Z., B. Carter H., and Waller J.

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PROVINCE OF SURREY.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge took place on Monday last, at the Albany Hall, Kingston-on-Thames. The Right Worshipful Brother General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master, presided, and was supported by his Deputy, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain, and a very large gathering of present and Past Provincial Grand Officers and members of the Province, with Visitors from Metropolitan and many of the neighbouring districts. The reception and entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge had been entrusted to the members of the Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1638, and the way in which the arrangements were carried out gave the most unqualified satisfaction to the large body of Craftsmen who took part in the proceedings of the day. After Provincial Grand Lodge had been duly opened, the roll of Lodges was called over, and with but one exception all were represented. The report of the Finance and Audit Committee showed a very satisfactory balance to the credit of Provincial Grand Lodge, and the several recommendations for grants to the Charities—viz., £10 10s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £10 10s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and £10 10s to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—were cordially assented to. A further sum of £10 10s was voted in aid of the fund for the restoration of the Parish Church, at Kingston, a work that is now being vigorously pushed forward. Brother George Price was then re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the thanks of Prov. Grand Lodge tendered him for past services. The Provincial Grand Master, before formally investing his Officers, alluded in graceful terms to the hearty co-operation and assistance he received from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Arnold was invariably so attentive to the business of the Province, and, moreover, so universally appreciated and esteemed by the brethren, that he felt assured he could not do better than ask him to continue his services as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. General Brownrigg then stated that it had been his intention to confer the collar of Senior Grand Warden on Lord Onslow, but this brother was unable to be present that day, and as he made it a rule only to give the collars to those who were in attendance, he must pass Lord Onslow over for this year. The following brethren were then formally invested as Officers for the next twelve months:—

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C. T. Speight	Prov. G. Tyler
H. Saxelby 463, J. H. Jarvis 889, S. Parsons-Smith, M.D., 1556, Edwin Nicholls 1714, John Youlden 1981, A. Steele 1982	Prov. G. Stewards

General Brownrigg, in the course of his remarks, spoke of the loss the nation, and especially the Craft, had sustained by the death of the Duke of Albany. At the time when this sad loss was fresh in the minds of all, he had had it in contemplation, in accordance with what was being done elsewhere, to summon a meeting of the members of the Province. Grand Lodge, however, took the matter up, and he thought their action might be accepted as embodying the views of the entire Masonic body. He should not, therefore, suggest that any special letter of condolence—either to the Queen, the Duchess of Albany, or to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master—be entertained. He desired, however, that the sad event should be recorded on their minutes of proceedings, and that an expression of the sentiments of Provincial Grand Lodge might be recorded thereon. Reference was next made by General Brownrigg to the progress Freemasonry was making in Surrey. When he succeeded to the Provincial Grand Mastership, there were but nine Lodges, now they had twenty-six. For his own part, he did not desire to see a further increase in their number. He preferred that those already in existence should be solidified and strengthened. A feature he desired to see universally carried out he would now allude to. Some of the Secretaries throughout the Province were in the habit of occasionally sending him their summonses; he wished they would invariably do so. He sometimes had a few spare hours, and nothing gave him greater pleasure than now and again to pay a flying visit. By this means he could get an accurate idea of how the work of the several Lodges was being conducted. He thanked the brethren for the way in which they had supported him on the present occasion, and said he looked forward to another pleasant meeting on the 9th of July, at Redhill, when the Most Worshipful the Grand Master had it in contemplation to lay the foundation stone of the Chapel of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Schools. Owing to the Prince of Wales's absence from England the arrangements hitherto had not been matured, but notice would be given, and he trusted he might be well supported by the members of the Province. The P.G. Master then formally proposed that Prov. G. Lodge vote a sum of twenty guineas in furtherance of the objects of the St. Anne's Schools. This proposition, as well as the one in regard to the record on the minutes, referred to above, was seconded by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, and carried *nem con.* Amongst other matters to which reference was made, was a proposition to the effect that the yearly returns from the several Lodges should be made up to a fixed date in the year, say to the end of April. This elicited several expressions of opinion, but in the end the suggestion was adopted. The practice of the members of the Province, with regard to the utilisation of its voting powers, was next reviewed. Bro. Arnold explained the steps hitherto adopted by those who desired a concentration of the strength of the Province in this direction. He urged on those who had the privilege of votes to place them in the hands of the Provincial Grand Secretary, in order that they might be made available for the candidate or candidates to whom the Province had promised its support. This again brought out several suggestions. It appears that hitherto the Charity representatives of the Province have been in the habit of meeting at 33 Golden-square, in the afternoon of the day on which the respective Quarterly Communications of United Grand Lodge are held, but in the opinion of some of those who took part in the discussion the sphere of operations might be considerably extended, and it was suggested that a representative should be in attendance from each Lodge with power to act in its corporate capacity. The practice of, and advantages connected with, the lending of votes received full consideration, and we feel assured the brethren will eventually advantage themselves by carrying out some of the suggestions made. This completing the work set down for Prov. Grand Lodge, General Brownrigg reminded the brethren that the Provincial Grand Chaplain had arranged to preach a sermon at All Saints Church; he therefore desired they should attend him there, and he then proceeded to close his Lodge.

The banquet took place at the Sun Hotel, Kingston, where upwards of a hundred guests assembled to do justice to the repast provided by Bro. Bond, whose exertions received, as they merited, the highest approval. On the removal of the cloth the loyal toasts were given in terms that roived a cordial reception. In speaking of the Grand Officers, General Brownrigg expressed the gratification he felt in knowing that the Province of Surrey stood so well in that regard. Three years back, they had three representatives—Bro. Lord Onslow, Bro. Charles Greenwood, and Bro. Magnus Ohren. They were fortunate this year in again having the Province represented, by Bro. Lott, who had received the appointment of Grand Organist; with his name he would couple the toast. After a reply from Bro. Lott, the health of the Provincial Grand Master was proposed by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, who spoke of the deep interest taken by General Brownrigg in the welfare of the Province, and of the many qualities he displayed. This having been suitably acknowledged, the several other toasts received attention. Bro. Binckes replied for the Masonic Institutions, and expressed his acknowledgments for the great service rendered by the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey when he presided, last year, at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He (Bro. Binckes) trusted so esteemed a ruler as General Brownrigg might at an early date be induced to place himself at the disposal of the Institution with which he was more closely associated, when, doubtless, the members of his Province would as loyally assist him as they did on the occasion to which he had just alluded. The Worshipful Master of the Brownrigg, Brother Abel Laurence, acknowledged the compliment paid the Lodge over which he presided, and expressed the pleasure it had afforded his brother members to enact the part of hosts to Provincial Grand Lodge. The Musical brethren were thanked for their services, and the Press representatives were complimented. The Tyler was then summoned, and the parting toast was given. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bro. F. J. Hunt, R.C.M.L., who was assisted by Bros. Kenningham, Hanson, Stanley Smith, and J. Hodges.

We have great pleasure in appending, in full, the sermon preached before the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, by the Provincial Grand Chaplain the Rev. George P. Merrick:—

"The God of heaven, He will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build."—Nehemiah ii. 20.

Prophecy giving them assurance, and the ever-present aid of their father's God impelling them, a large band of returning exiles "asked their way to Zion with their faces thitherward" from a Babylonish land of captivity. Chiefs of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, members of the royal house of David, priests and Levites, the necessary ministers of the sanctuary, and a goodly company, numbering some 42,360 souls, besides their servants and maids, assembled themselves at a new Succoth to commence another exodus from a new house of bondage. The circumstances were widely different, however, and the auspices far happier than those of the first migration from the iron furnace of Egypt, nearly a thousand years before. An ignominious and degrading servitude, which an increasing severity had made intolerable, had driven them into a precipitate flight. But here was a land in which they were no longer strangers, in which they enjoyed the comforts of civilisation, which they were forsaking for the perils of a long and toilsome journey, for a home many years lost in unsettledness and barbarism. In the former exodus, they were pursued by a relentless taskmaster, bent upon placing them again under that yoke from which their necks were hardly yet free. Now, a royal mandate and special marks of a monarch's favour accompanied them, to undertake a well-defined national work in the restoration of their ruined homes and of the sanctuary of their God, which half a century had seen desolate. Success was almost certain to attend their undertaking, for the spirit which animated them was a single-minded obedience, similar to that which possessed the father of the faithful, Abraham, leading him in acquiescence to the Divine command, and under the promptings of a beneficent promise to go forth from his country, from his kindred, and from his father's house, to the land which God had given him for an inheritance. The good hand of their God was upon them, and in safety, and with "joy and singing," we are told, their

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journey was accomplished. They reached the land of their heritage, the cities of their forefathers, the home of their childhood. When, on their arrival, they beheld the holy city, saw that its form and beauty were heaped in ruins, its life and happiness wrapped in desolation, their spirits must have sunk within them, and their expectations and hopes must have died. The words of the prophet Isaiah must have found expression in their hearts, saddening their faces, bedewing their eyes: "Thy holy cities are a wilderness; Zion is a wilderness; Jerusalem a desolation. Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised Thee, is burned up with fire, and all our pleasant things are laid waste." And when the greatness of the work of restoration presented itself to their bewildered senses, when they realised how inadequate they were in number and talent—though they were a numerous company, and though they had a king's money, authority and friendship to aid them—then they must have felt themselves powerless to build a temple worthy of standing upon that foundation which had supported a magnificent structure, that with its marvellous beauty was deemed by Solomon in all his glory too mean a habitation for the King of heaven. But despondency was cast to the winds, and zeal and energy, and heart and soul, determination and industry, took its place. Faith, hope, and love, an ever blessed three, dispelled the hosts of doubt and despair. "When the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in their cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem." The building of the altar of the God of Israel was their first care, so that "the continued burnt-offering," that necessary part of their service, might be restored. They kept also "the feast of tabernacles, and of the new moons, and all the set feasts of the Lord that were consecrated . . . but the foundations of the temple of the Lord were not yet laid." The preparations, however, for this work were not neglected: for "they gave money to the masons and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Sidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar-trees from Lebanon, to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus King of Persia." In the second month of the second year after their arrival in Jerusalem, a grand religious ceremony, remarkable for its pomp and solemnity, declared the fact that the foundation of the Temple was laid. A holy, deep, and general exultation amongst the people marked this happy and auspicious event. But there were some among them whose spirits were depressed with what they saw, whose emotions were stirred up in a fashion not experienced by the rest. "Many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers," we are told, "who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice." The pitiful contrast which it exhibited to the golden Temple of the Son of David troubled their pious minds; and a holy jealousy that the glory had departed from Israel caused them to weep. Thus far, however, the work had proceeded, and God had prospered them according to their measure; but now new difficulties arose. Cutheans, whom the King of Assyria had brought in to colonize the country stolen from the transported ten tribes of Israel, were so incensed at not being allowed to join in the work of the restoration of the Temple, that they induced the King, Artaxerxes, by letters maligning the Jews as factious and rebellious, to suspend the building until further orders. With "force and power" the adversaries of the Jews executed the King's decree, and so ceased the work of the house of God which is in Jerusalem. Growing indolent, the Jews taking this decree as a Divine intimation that the time was not yet come, readily acquiesced—too readily it would appear—in the suspension of their work. Perhaps if the obstruction had been raised against the building of their own homes, they would have tried to set themselves right with the civil powers, and to procure the removal of the unjust edict. As it was, the house of God was neglected. On this, two prophets were commissioned by God to reprove the people for their past neglect, and to exhort and encourage them to prosecute the undertaking with renewed diligence. "Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, This people say, the time has not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built . . . Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses and this house lie waste? Now, therefore, thus saith the Lord of hosts, consider your ways . . . Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord." This was the reproof and exhortation; and further encouragement was given. God's presence was to be with them; His blessing was to attend their labours; and because the meanness of their building disheartened them, a most gracious promise was made to them." Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work; for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts . . . and the desire of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former . . and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts." If difficulties surrounded them, if a sea of perplexities well-nigh overwhelmed them, if their enemies were many and powerful, then the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel was, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain: before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain." If Satan himself opposed the work, if he assailed those engaged in it with desponding thoughts, or with a conviction of self-unworthiness, in a vision the Lord pleads their cause against the accuser, and rebukes the adversary to his face;" "Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment." If they regarded the whole undertaking unworthy of the Divine Majesty, unworthy of the notice of One so high, the Mighty Lord Himself demanded: "Who hath despised the day of small things?" The power of the Most High accompanied the word of the Prophets, and His Spirit effectually stirring up the hearts of His people, they "came and did work in the house of the Lord of hosts their God." They did not accomplish their purpose without further opposition, but God influenced the heart and will of Darius their king, and, the "great mountain becoming a plain," the work prospered accordingly. Under such auspices the building was conducted, and after twenty years of labour and of anticipation, the Temple was at length completed and dedicated. The "Faith," it has been said, "can receive no real injury except from its defenders." "Against its assailants those who wish to be safe, God protects." The narrative which we have now reviewed illustrates this remark. Not the Samaritans, not the pagan Persian governors, but the half-hearted, lukewarm, self-indulgent Jews themselves were the real obstacles to the restoration of the house of God. Their faithful and true-hearted leaders could fight with their avowed enemies, but could not cope with the miserable indifference of the people themselves. It is worthy of remark that the prophets' denunciations are not against the open adversaries of their faith and work, but against their own countrymen, who were only too ready to give way to opposition, to fly from delays and difficulties. So it has ever been in the history of the Christian Church. The powers of evil have never done it so much harm as have the compromising, vacillating, professedly safe, but really cowardly policy of its nominal friends and adherents. It would appear that it were the experience also of that society of which you and I, brethren, are members. The calumnies of avowed enemies could not work us the harm that the impositions in life and teaching of a false Masonry have done. When the Craft lives up to its religious and human duties, it cannot be charged with atheism or infidelity. Otherwise we are at a loss to understand the extraordinary charges which the Roman Pontiff has recently brought against our Order. Freemasonry, as known to Englishmen, is very different in its precepts and practices from that which has been pictured to the mind of his holiness the Pope. His lately published Encyclical letter formulates statements against the Brotherhood which our experience declares to be without justification. When a society dedicates the whole of its work to the great Founder of all society, does worship to His Supreme Being, inculcates reverence to His Sacred Laws, demands honour to His Holy Name, insists upon a literal and generous practice of justice, mercy, and charity, on the part of its members; re-echoes the words of our Prayer Book, to keep our bodies in temperance, sobriety and chastity, it seems incredible that it should be designated an atheistic and revolutionary thing. Our ceremonies and obligations, brethren, are so many external and verbal demonstrations of a creed which Heaven's own chorus sang, "Glory to God in the highest; peace on earth, goodwill towards man." The spirit of religion mantles all our Masonic acts. The fear of God is one of the cardinal points of its moral charter. "Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings," is the universal petition of Freemasonry. We ask for divine grace to enable us to cultivate to the fullest extent those powers which God has given us. We pray that our lives and actions may, under his direction, be controlled by Masonic line and rule—that line and rule being the square of God's Holy Word. We are taught humility as well as the instincts of a common humanity—are educated as partakers of one and the same hope, as heirs of a common duty to God and to man. Why, my brethren, our presence here to-day is an absolute contradiction to the statement of the Encyclical letter. We are brought together annually to take part in an authorised religious service in a sacred edifice, to show that we are workmen and servants in the great Temple of which the Divine Architect of the Universe is the founder; to declare that the ordinary affairs of life are ruled and governed and to be sanctified to the glory of Him who has marked out the limits of earth, and stars, and suns; to proclaim that brotherly love and union are a practical tribute of praise and gratitude to the infinite providence of the Most High—the Holy author of the supremest virtue—Charity. It is well that we should do so, for religion is the foundation of all worthy and enduring society. Religion is the fear of God, and its demonstration is good works. It is the standard which defines that which is good, true, beautiful and eternal. It is a code which places a penalty upon that which is evil, false, perverse, transcient. Without it, it is not too much to say, life is not worth living; for it is only the hope of reward and rest that sweetens the bitter experience of a sojourn in a scene where the principal features are change and decay, where as a writer in the Old Testament says, "Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upwards." These are the principles of Freemasonry, and so long as its rests upon the foundation of divine truth it will remain secure and sure; and time and it shall not lose their hold of each other until time is no more. If it seeks a new edifice, and builds it upon a basis other than that of religion, it will meet the fate of all human institutions—it will decay and die. Over the portal of its Lodges will be written the word, "Ichabod, thy glory hath departed." Lastly and briefly, I would observe that another answer to the Pontiff's letter is found in the fact that not only in its ceremonies and charities does Freemasonry declare itself to be a society established upon a religious foundation, but also in the particularly handicraft nature of some of its work. The brethren in England can look around them, and, pointing to many a glorious church and Temple dedicated to the service of the Most High, can assert truly that they are not only Speculative but also Operative Craftsmen. Many a porch, a front, a tower, many a sacred edifice which has been erected by the brethren is a silent testimony on tables of stone that they are in their Masonic capacity servants and worshippers of the Living God. To-day, my brethren, we are called upon to aid, as an act of faith and love to our Heavenly Father, and as a true demonstration of our principles, to contribute of our means and influence towards the restoration of the Church in which we are now assembled. An appeal has never been made in vain to Masons for alms towards such a work, and it is to be hoped, brethren, that your hearts and your hands will be open to-day, so as to assist in true Masonic fashion in making this edifice more perfect in itself, and more honourable to the builders. The more fit, the more costly, and more perfect it becomes, the more it is worthy of that service which

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has for its object the worship of the Great God whom we all acknowledge and serve. Let the text be our password: "The God of heaven, He will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build."

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

FAVOURED with delightful weather, the Masonic body in Berks and Bucks assembled at High Wycombe on Monday, 16th inst., for the purpose of holding the annual Provincial Grand Lodge, which was opened at about half-past one o'clock, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., who was supported by a goodly number of present and past Provincial Grand Officers and members of the various Lodges which are carried on in the two counties. The fact of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey being held on the same day, and the place of meeting being less convenient than on some occasions, somewhat affected the attendance, but all who were present apparently enjoyed their visit, particularly those who, at the conclusion of their Masonic engagements, repaired to Hughenden and inspected the church and Manor House containing the interesting memorials of Lord Beaconsfield. Among those who filled offices in the Provincial Grand Lodge were Bros. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg D.G.M., R. G. Barton G.S.W., Rev. F. J. Kiddle G. Ch., C. Stephens G. Treasurer (High Sheriff of Berks), Major Cooper King G. Registrar, Robert Bradley G. Secretary, Francis J. Ferguson G.S.D., Richard Dowsett G.J.D., A. J. Coales G. Supt. of Works, S. G. Hunt G. Dir. of Cers., E. C. Knight G. Pursuivant, &c. The rest of the brethren (many of whom were also wearers of the purple) included Bros. L. Poulton, J. Goddard, W. Morris, Rev. J. Atkins, W. E. Beal, C. Terry, B. Challenor jun., J. Tomkins, Dick Radclyffe, J. Andrews, S. Wheeler jun., D. Stevenson, W. W. Ridley, H. Jowett, G. W. Dixon, F. Weedon, J. Christmas, E. L. Hawkins, H. Martin, G. J. Cosburn, S. Knight, W. T. Toms, W. Graham, C. Hume, Whitehouse, Cantrell, J. O. Carter, C. W. Cox (Mayor of Maidenhead), R. Nicholson, B. Wilford, C. A. Vardy, W. Bloomfield, J. W. Dover, W. Summers, T. B. Linscott, Doran Webb, Christmas, Volckman, W. Humphreys, H. H. Hodges, M. Wheeler, Belcher, A. C. Hewett, W. Hemmings, J. Watts, &c. The P.G. Master first called upon the P.G. Secretary, who read the list of the Lodges in the Province, upwards of twenty in number, and it appeared that with the exception of the Watling-street and Vale of White Horse, all Lodges were represented. The Prov. G. Secretary said he had received letters from General Brownrigg Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, regretting their inability to attend. The Prov. G. Secretary next read over the roll of Provincial Grand Officers, after which it was agreed, on the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, that as the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Windsor last year, had been printed and circulated, they should be taken as read. The Financial statement of the Provincial Grand Treasurer was then presented, showing a balance in hand of £130 8s 10d. The report of the Charity Committee was also read. The receipts had amounted to £176 7s, and after making the usual grants to various Lodges for Charitable purposes there remained a balance in hand of £66 2s. The Prov. Grand Secretary read an interesting report as to the condition of the different Lodges in the Province, giving details as to the number of meetings, initiations, votes for charitable purposes, &c. The present membership numbered 815. Sir Daniel Gooch, addressing the brethren, referred to the report just read by Bro. Bradley as a very satisfactory one, showing, as it did, that the Lodges generally were in a good condition, and that Masonry in the Province was prospering. During the past year, as Bro. Bradley had informed them, the brethren of the Alma Mater Lodge, most of whom were members of Cambridge University, had petitioned to have their Lodge removed to Cambridge, and therefore the Alma Mater Lodge had ceased to belong to this Province. Sir Daniel said he could not conclude the few remarks he had to make without alluding to the great loss Masonry had sustained by the lamented decease of his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, who was not only a very excellent Mason, but who also distinguished himself in every position in life, and there could be no doubt that his untimely death was a great and severe loss, not only to Masonry but to the country generally. It was then proposed by the Provincial Grand Master, seconded by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and carried unanimously, that the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted out of the Provincial Fund to the Charity Fund, and also that certain sums which were agreed upon should be granted to various Lodges in the Province towards the support of the Charitable Institutions of the Order. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master said it afforded him much pleasure to propose that Bro. Charles Stephens be re-elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer. The Senior Grand Warden seconded the motion, which was supported by the Provincial Grand Master, who said he felt sure the brethren could not do better than re-appoint Bro. Stephens to the office, as he had for some years looked after their funds in a most satisfactory manner. The motion having been put and carried unanimously, Bro. Stephens returned thanks for the honour that had been done him, remarking that he should feel much pleasure in again accepting office. The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest the following brethren with the Provincial Charity jewel, viz.:—Bros. Walter T. Toms P.M. 574, H. D. Marshall 771, Richard Puttick 1501, and S. G. Kirchhoffer P.M. 1899. The brethren appointed by the Provincial Grand Master to fill the various offices in the Provincial Grand Lodge during the ensuing year were then invested with their insignia of office as follows:—

Bro. C. Terry 1410 ...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
W. Morris 1566 ...	Prov. G. Junior Warden
Rev. F. G. Kiddle 1787 ...	Prov. G. Chaplains
Rev. J. Atkins 574 ...	Prov. G. Chaplains
Charles Stephens 414 ...	Prov. G. Treasurer
B. Challoner 945 ...	Prov. G. Registrar
R. Bradley 414 ...	Prov. G. Secretary
J. Andrews 209 ...	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
J. Goddard 771 ...	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
S. Wheeler jun. 414 ...	Prov. G. Supt. of Works
D. Stevenson 840 ...	Prov. G.D. of Ceremonies
W. W. Ridley 1101 ...	Prov. G. Asst. D. of Cer.
H. Jowett 591 ...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
C. H. Hunt 1501 ...	Prov. G. Standard Bearers
Captain Golding 1899 ...	Prov. G. Standard Bearers
H. L. Harris ...	Prov. G. Organist
G. W. Dixon 209 ...	Prov. G. Asst. Secretary
F. Weedon 1887 ...	Prov. G. Pursuivant
J. Christmas 1787, H. Martin 591, M. J. Withers 414, Vowles 1101, D. H. Witherington 414, T. Linscott 795 ...	Prov. G. Stewards
W. Hemmings ...	Prov. G. Tyler

The newly-appointed Provincial Grand Officers having been conducted to their respective places, were saluted with the usual honours, and the Lodge was then closed in due form, the Provincial Grand Master stating that, in accordance with the arrangements made some time since, that the Lodges should be held alternately at Windsor, Wycombe, Reading, and Aylesbury, the next Provincial Grand Lodge would take place at Reading.

At three o'clock the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet at the Red Lion Hotel, Bro. Puttick catering in his best style, to the entire satisfaction of the company. The *menu* was most complete, and the wines of the best quality. Through the kindness of Bro. Dick Radclyffe, of the well-known firm of florists in High Holborn, the tables were adorned with a beautiful collection of flowers, arranged with much taste. The pleasure of the party was also enhanced by the admirable vocal performances of Bros. W. F. Summers and T. Smith, and Messrs. Gawthorpe and Shepley. The Provincial Grand Master successively proposed the toasts of the Queen and the Craft; the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon; the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Officers of England present and past, associating with the latter the name of Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg Past Grand Chaplain. In responding, Bro. Brownrigg referred to the labours of Grand Lodge in connection with the new Book of Constitutions, observing that in the discussions which had taken place the Provinces had fairly held their own; he hoped that the new Book of Constitutions would be generally approved. He went on to say that the honour now devolved upon him of proposing what he felt sure they would all regard as the toast of the evening, namely, the health of their much-esteemed Provincial Grand Master. Nothing new was to be said in reference to this toast, and nothing new was needed, because they all knew Sir Daniel to be a most excellent Provincial Grand Master, always ready to promote the interests of Freemasonry, and preside over their Provincial Grand Lodge in an able and genial manner. Sir Daniel Gooch, in reply, thanked the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for the kind words he had given utterance to; he also thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had drank the toast. It was always a pleasant and agreeable duty to attend Provincial Grand Lodge and spend a few hours with his Masonic brethren in Berks and Bucks. In conclusion, Sir Daniel proposed the health of the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Past Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, and Past Grand Officers of the Province, for whom the Provincial Grand Treasurer suitably responded. Sir Daniel Gooch next proposed the Visiting Brethren from the surrounding Provinces, replied to by Bro. E. L. Hawkins, Provincial Grand Secretary Oxon, who acknowledged the kind assistance he had received from Bro. Bradley in carrying out the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary in Oxfordshire, where Masonic matters had been somewhat neglected. He also expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing the admirable manner in which the affairs of the Berks and Bucks Province were conducted. The toast of the Masonic Charities was then proposed by the Provincial Grand Master, who said he felt very pleased they had with them that day Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, an admirable Charity, for which Bro. Terry laboured to the best of his ability. The Masonic Charities were well supported, but considering what a large and influential body the Masons were, they ought not to feel satisfied with what they accomplished already, as there was, in his opinion, plenty of room for extension as regards supporting those Charities. A vast deal of money was expended in less satisfactory ways, and he sincerely hoped, that although the help given to the great Masonic Institutions at the present time was creditable to the Masons as a body, those Charities might be supported to a still greater extent. Bro. Terry, in reply, said that in this Province it was almost unnecessary to advocate the cause of the Masonic Charities, inasmuch as they were supported by the Berks and Bucks Freemasons in a very systematic and business-like way. It was very kind of Sir Daniel to suggest that the brethren might accomplish still more than they had done for the Charities, and he ventured to hope that those Lodges which had not already decided to send up Stewards to the Festivals would take the hint. The amount subscribed for the Charities during 1883 exceeded the most sanguine expectations, and the total amount brought in had been greater than any previous year. The amount given for the Benevolent Institution was about £13,000, while £10,000 had been subscribed for the Girls' School, and £23,000 for the Boys' School, which was certainly a most noble response to the appeals made on behalf of the Charities. It was impossible for them to make an appeal outside their own limited circle, and none but members of the Craft were solicited, therefore it seemed almost as if a special Providence overruled the Masonic Institutions, inasmuch as, while many other Institutions depending upon voluntary support were lacking necessary funds, the Masonic Institutions had been so nobly assisted that they had been enabled to widen their portals and

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admit an increased number of children to the Schools, and also to provide for a larger number of annuitants. He went on to point out that if every Mason under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England would give but 5s annually to each of the three great Masonic Institutions, and if each Lodge would contribute one guinea to the same, they would have an income of seventy or eighty thousand a-year, and be in a position to provide for all deserving candidates without the delay, trouble and expense of contested elections. The Benevolent Institution Festival held some fourteen or fifteen years since was presided over by Sir Daniel Gooch, and he (Bro. Terry) was looking forward hopefully to the time when Sir Daniel would again occupy that position, and he trusted that when the occasion arrived the brethren of Berks and Bucks would heartily support their Provincial Grand Master and send up a sum of not less than £1,000. Bro. Terry concluded by an earnest appeal on behalf of the Masonic Charities, urging what he considered the prior claims of the Benevolent Institution, which looked after the welfare of needy Freemasons and their widows in advanced years. He heartily thanked the brethren present for the liberality with which they had supported the Charities. The Provincial Grand Master then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master and Officers of Wycombe Lodge, thanking them for the cordial reception they had given to the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Hunt, the Immediate Past Master, returned thanks. The Provincial Grand Master then proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Provincial Grand Secretary. Sir Daniel acknowledged the valuable services of Bro. Stephens, and also bore his personal testimony to the zeal and ability of the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Bradley, observing that no Province could be better served as regards the office of Provincial Grand Secretary than that of Berks and Berks. Bro. Bradley returned thanks in appropriate terms, assuring the brethren that anything he did in the cause of Freemasonry was a labour of love. The health of the Provincial Grand Stewards was then proposed, and Bro. Martin having responded, the Tyler's toast was given, and the company rose.

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LODGE OF KING SOLOMON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read the account in your columns and elsewhere of the consecration of the so-called Temperance Lodge, and regret exceedingly that so much prominence has been given to an event which, as I humbly conceive, involves a clear and deliberate violation of the principles of Freemasonry. Hitherto there has been absent from our system everything that could, by the remotest possibility, be interpreted or misinterpreted into a sense of partisanship. Now it seems the influence of our Fraternity is to be employed on behalf of Teetotalism, because, forsooth, Dr. Richardson, who is Master of the new Temperance Lodge, is pleased to think that Freemasonry, which has been already productive of many great benefits to man, may attain a still more elevated position if only it will adopt what he calls Temperance, but what are more commonly known as Teetotal principles. No one can have the slightest possible objection to this worthy brother or any one else entering the lists against excess in drinking, but I hold that he is bound to do this in his non-Masonic capacity. Yet, if I may be allowed to put this and that together, I should judge from what I have read that this King Solomon Lodge has been consecrated for the express purpose of using its influence on behalf of Teetotal principles, and that Dr. Richardson, who, it seems, is an old Freemason and Past Master, but for several years past has remained in a state of non-activity, has resumed his active connection with the Craft for the purpose of leading this Teetotal crusade against drink. Are the authorities aware that in countenancing these most irregular proceedings they are, for the sake of effecting a small and ephemeral benefit, doing a very serious amount of injury to the Craft? I know there are many brethren—men whose opinion is worth listening to—who consider the establishment of any kind of class Lodge—military Lodges alone excepted—is contrary to the spirit of our laws, and I am very certain they must be still more strenuously opposed to the establishment of partisan Lodges.

Dr. Richardson tells us he is one of those who think a man is all the better for abstaining from alcoholic drink, but this is clearly a matter of opinion only. There are others who consider he is all the better for indulging in it in moderation. Thus, at the very threshold of the argument, we are met by a distinct difference of opinion at the same time we find Freemasonry stands committed to the Teetotal view, and of course in opposition to those who are strictly temperate users of alcohol. Why, may I ask, is there anything less objectionable in this kind of partisanship than to the partisanship which directs its attention to religion or politics? If we are allowed to have Teetotal Lodges, why may we not be allowed our religious and political Lodges; and if our religious Lodges, why not Christian, Jewish, Mahommedan, and then, as a further step, our Romish, Anglican, Lutheran, Calvinistic Lodges? While, if we may have political Lodges, we must shortly expect to find Whig, Tory, Conservative, Liberal, Radical Lodges. In short, if Freemasonry is to be allowed to take sides in the social politics of the day, there is no reason against its taking sides in religious politics or politics proper, and there is an end immediately of our boasted principle of complete toleration within our ranks of all religious and political creeds. If we open the door to the discussion as between Lodges, or even in the same Lodge, of social questions, it means only opening it a little wider in order to find room for political and religious questions, and at once the very reason for the existence of the Society is destroyed.

The objection of an individual brother of no weight or influence in Masonry against the course adopted by the authorities in sanctioning the formation of a partisan Lodge will, no doubt, meet with the fate which his presumption in offering it entitles him to expect, but your humble servant is only one of many brethren who decidedly resent the idea of being ever called upon to defend their views about the Temperance question. We agree with Bro. Dr. Richardson as to the evils arising from an abuse of alcohol, but we disagree with him as to any evil arising from the use of it. We belong to that class of people whom Bro. Richardson is pleased to ignore entirely, and with whom, as a consequence, he can have no possible sympathy; I mean that class of people who think that wine, of which we read in the Sacred Volume of the Law, is intended for the use of man, as are all the other kinds of food, whether liquid or solid, which an All-Wise Providence has vouchsafed us for our nourishment and delectation. We also consider it a most unwise assumption of superior wisdom on the part of Brother Richardson that he should claim to lay down the law absolutely—even after his scientific researches and experiments—against the use of alcoholic drinks. Lastly, we are of those who think that Freemasonry has no more to do with Teetotalism than it has with drunkenness, except in this important particular, that while no well-conducted Lodge would dream of tolerating the latter, none would raise the slightest objection to a brother professing the former. A man must not get drunk habitually at our meetings, but he may adopt any method he chooses for the preservation of his sobriety, if he will but allow others the freedom of choice he claims for himself.

I fear I have trespassed largely upon your space, but in extenuation I plead the importance of the subject, and remain,

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

[Many of the points on which our correspondent lays so much stress are touched upon in the article on "Teetotal Lodges" which appears in another part of our columns. We would call "Q.'s" attention to our Editorial, and to express the gratification we feel on discovering that his and our views are so closely in accordance.—Ed. F.C.]

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Roebuck Tavern, High Road, Chiswick. Present:—Bros. J. H. Strong Hon. Sec. W.M., R. H. Wimpey S.W., J. Brown J.W., Rixon S.D., Wing J.D., H. Forze I.G., G. Gardner Treasurer, E. Ayling P.M. P.Z. Preceptor; Bros. Pidcock, Causton, C. F. Hughes, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation Bro. Pidcock candidate. The W.M., later on, drew the attention of the brethren to the announcement of the rehearsal of the ceremony of consecration which is to take place at the Chiswick Hall, on Saturday, the 21st inst., (to-day). It was stated that all preliminaries were arranged, and that a large gathering of the Craft might be expected. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. Pinckey, and a supper will be provided by Bro. Rixon. Before closing the Lodge the Preceptor complimented the W.M. on the able manner in which he had discharged his duties, this being the first time that Bro. Strong had presided. Lodge was then closed in due form.

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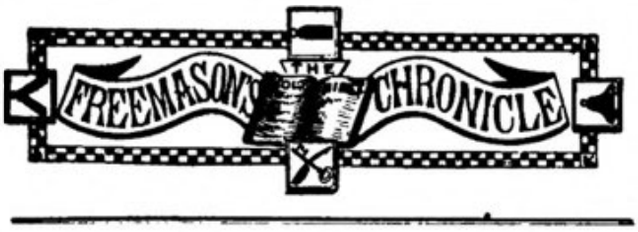
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THE CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

THE best means of providing for a greater number of the children put forward as candidates for the Masonic Schools, is a question which has received a considerable amount of attention in the past, and is one that is likely to call for even more in the future. It may fairly be expected that the number of candidates will continue to increase year by year, as they have hitherto done; and that unless the committees are enabled periodically to increase the accommodation of the Institutions, or some more stringent regulations are enforced previous to admission to the roll of those eligible for election, the lists of children awaiting an appeal to the poll will be swollen beyond all reasonable limits; while, instead of the applications being about four or five to the number of the declared vacancies, we shall have twenty or thirty applying for each scholarship offered, and, as a consequence, a far greater number will be sent away unsuccessful, and a far greater number of subscribers will be disappointed and disheartened. It is a very difficult matter to say what shall be done to remedy this state of affairs, but that a remedy is needed is beyond doubt. We do not think we may expect the accommodation of the Schools to be increased so as to keep pace with the increasing number of applicants, nor that the subscribers will agree to lowering the standard of the Schools, so as to render it possible to give admission to a greater number of pupils without increasing the total amount expended on them; neither do we believe the Institutions will ever pay amounts for the education of children at their own homes; but we think that individual Lodges and Provinces may adopt this latter course with a result alike successful and gratifying to all concerned. It is only necessary to refer to what is being done in one of the districts into which England is divided to discover what may be attempted in others, and to show how the brethren of one Province support a local Charity in addition to nobly doing their duty towards the central ones to prove how all may take a further part in this grand work of Freemasonry—the provision for the fatherless. We can scarcely do better than look to Cheshire for a pattern, and to the brethren of that district for an example in this respect.

We have before us the Twenty-first Annual Report of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution, and from it we learn that twenty-five children are being educated at the expense of this Charity, not from donations and subscriptions received during the year, but from the amounts received as interest on invested monies; and not only does this interest pay for the education of these twenty-five children, amounting in the aggregate to £182 4s 3d, but it is also charged with the working expenses of the Charity for the year, which, during the past twelve months have amounted to £38 0s 2d. It is true that last year's interest was barely sufficient to meet these two claims, but the deficiency, amounting to £23 17s 10d, is very small when we consider the amount of relief afforded, and that no part of the current year's donations have been appropriated in providing it, but merely the interest on invested monies. The actual amount received during the year from subscriptions, donations, and fees, was £306 13s 6d, which, together with £5 subscription from the R.W. Prov. G.M. Lord De Tabley, £2 subscription from Lady De Tabley, and the interest already referred to, amounting to £196 6s 7d, constitutes the total receipts of the twelve months. The Institution has funds in hand amounting to £4,631 2s 1d, of which £4,345 6s 3d is invested, the balance being in the North and South Wales Bank and in the hands of the Treasurer. The Report refers to the fact that the Institution has now gained its majority, according to the reckoning of human life, namely, twenty-one years, and also states that the work has progressed during the past twelvemonths without any let or hindrance. Four of the children were to go off the books, by reason of their age, and there were five candidates for the vacancies thus created. In concluding the Report for the year, the Committee state that no special exertion has been made, either by Lodges or individuals, in getting up Dramatic Performances, Concerts, or Lectures, to add to the funds, and they regret there is still a want of interest and support shown by many Lodges in the Province. They think it is incumbent on every Worshipful Master to bring the claims of the Institution prominently before his Lodge, and having made himself well acquainted with its working, to urge on all the members the importance of supporting it, both with purse and influence.

The brief outline we have here given of what is being done in Cheshire reflects the greatest credit on the brethren of that district, and, as we have said, is well worthy of imitation in other parts of the country. The Cheshire Charity has now been in existence twenty-one years, and is able to educate twenty-five children, and pay its working expenses out of the interest received on its invested funds. The amount available for investment has been increased during the past year by some £300, so that, at the rate of interest received by the Cheshire Charity, two or three more children may be immediately taken on to the funds, so far as payment for their education is concerned, and that too without disturbing the capital sum, or touching the subscriptions or donations which may reasonably be expected to come in in the future. It is not necessary for us to point to the benefits of such a fund as is here described. Cheshire, like other Masonic Provinces, has more claims made on its benevolence than the Central Institutions can provide relief for, and so, rather than send the unsuccessful away empty, the Province undertakes their education at their own homes, and thus gives the proverbial half loaf rather than no bread. When it is considered at how small a cost this is being done it almost seems surprising the system should not be copied, indeed, that it should not become universal. We feel sure the Cheshire Committee would be pleased to give advice as to the way to make a start, and we hope they may be called upon to do so at an early date. The relief that could be given, by an extension of the system, to the candidates who are unsuccessful at the central elections would be of the greatest service to them, and would prevent the oft-repeated taunt that Freemasons do not provide for even a moiety of those they themselves describe as really deserving.

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IMPORTANT STATEMENT.

WE have received a circular issued by a committee appointed at a meeting of Scottish Rite Masons, held at Lowell, on the 17th of April last. This committee was requested to prepare and desseminate a statement respecting the Rite, to the end that Brethren might be sufficiently informed so as not to enter spurious bodies. The four Brethren selected to set forth the facts relating to legitimacy of authority, &c., are as follows: Wm. F. Salmon 33, Hiram N. Hall 32, Chas. C. Hutchinson 33, and Wm. E. Livingston 32. Under the head of "Read and Reflect," the committee has sent out a circular statement that lays special stress upon several important points.

The committee begin by calling attention to the recognized law of Masonry, governing in the Scottish Rite as elsewhere, which provides that only unoccupied territory can properly be entered upon by a foreign Grand Body. A Supreme Council of thirty-third members is essential to the government of the Rite. Such a Council can alone establish subordinates. It can authorize the formation of subordinates in a country where no Supreme Council exists, as well as in its own jurisdiction, but the authority of the foreign body ends with the establishment of a Supreme Council in any given territory Then follow a number of statements concerning the history of the Scottish Rite organizations in this country. We summarize several of the more important statements:

1. A Supreme Council for the United States was regularly formed at Charleston, S.C., on the 31st of May 1801, and on the 5th day of August 1813 authority was given by this governing Body to divide the country into the Northern and Southern jurisdictions, and to create a Supreme Council for each jurisdiction.

2. Joseph Cerneau came to New York in 1807, and began to confer the degrees of the Rite, which of course he could only do illegally, a Supreme Council for the United States having been established in 1801. In 1815, two years after the organization of the Supreme Council for the Northern jurisdictions, he organized a body claiming to exercise supreme authority over the Rite in all parts of the United States. This Cernean organization, in 1832, merged itself into the "Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere."

3. In 1846 this Council was dissolved, but in 1857 H. C. Atwood claimed to revive it, limiting its jurisdiction at first to the State of New York, but soon enlarging its assumed scope of authority as as to include the "Northern Hemisphere." Atwood was expelled by the Grand Lodge of New York, and died an expelled Mason in 1860.

4. The Cerneau Grand Body came again into prominence under the direction of Edmond B. Hays, who, in the year 1861, gained over to his support Gr. Com. Raymond and Gr. Treas. Robinson, who left the Supreme Council for the Northern jurisdiction to join the opposing Body. Robinson succeeded Hays as Sovereign Grand Commander, but resigned in 1867, and was succeeded by Judge John L. Lewis, of New York, who brought about a union between the two Bodies. This union, it is claimed, clearly terminated the existence of the Cerneau Council.

5. Afterwards there was a revival of the defunct Council, and now it is said there are two branches of the "Cerneau," and one independent Council, all assuming to exercise authority in this country, and all equally illegitimate according to the committee's statement.

6. The Supreme Council for the Northern jurisdiction has had a continuous existence from 1813, and has been recognized by all regular Supreme Councils in every part of the world. It is also included among the Masonic Bodies designated legitimate by the G. Lodge of Massachusetts in 1883.

Here is the case in brief as presented by the Committee. According to their showing the Supreme Council for the Northern jurisdiction may rightly claim to control the Scottish Rite in the territory over which it assumes to exercise authority. The bodies created and sanctioned by it are regular and legitimate. The others are not.

We are aware that exceptions will be taken to some of the statements referred to; we also know that in the opinion of those of the other side there is much to be added to what is presented in the circular under review, in order to gain a clear understanding of the history of the Scottish Rite organization in this country. If any committee will briefly state the points relied on in favour of the "Cerneau" organizations, we shall be glad to summarize and review the same in like manner as we have dwelt with the work of the Lowell committee.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

THE DATE OF THE EXODUS.

PITHOM THE TREASURE CITY.

PROF. A. H. Sayce having congregated the latest discoveries in Egypt, gives us the following interesting and important information: Thus he states that Ramses II. was the Pharaoh of the oppression of the Hebrews, as has long been suspected by Egyptian scholars. His accounts of the wars of himself and his predecessors in Canaan show that up to the date of his death that country was not yet inhabited by the Israelites. Not only is no mention made of them, but the history of the Book of Judges precludes our supposing that Palestine could have been an Egyptian province after the Israelitish conquest. It must have ceased to be tributary to the Pharaohs before it was entered by Joshua. Morever, the name of the city of Ramses built by the Israelites in Egypt points unmistakably to the reign of the great Ramses II. himself. As has already been observed, the name was given to Zoon after its reconstruction by this monarch, whose grandfather, Ramses I., was the first Egyptian king who bore the name. As Ramses I. reigned but a very few years, while his successor, Seti I., associated his son, Ramses II., with him on the throne when the latter was but twelve years old or thereabouts, it could only have been during his long reign of sixty-seven years that Ramses II. brought the name by which he had been christened into vogue. It is possible that those Egyptian scholars are right who see the Hebrews in a certain class of foreigners called Aperiu, and employed by Ramses II. to work at his monuments; if so, we should have another proof that the Exodus could not have taken place until after his death. The identification, however, is rendered very doubtful by the fact, that long after the time of Ramses II. a document of the reign of Ramses III. speaks of 2,083 Aperiù as settlers in Heliopolis, and describes them as "knights, sons of the kings, and noble lords of the Aperiu, settled people, who dwell in this place." If, therefore, the Aperiu were really the Hebrews, we should have to suppose that some of them who had obtained offices of honour and influence in Egypt remained behind in Heliopolis, the city of Joseph's wife, when their poorer and oppressed kinsmen followed Moses and Aaron into the desert in search of the Promised Land.

However this may be, the question as to the date of the Exodus, and consequently as to the Pharaoh of the oppression, has now been finally set at rest by the excavations recently undertaken at Tel-el-Maskhuta. Tel-el-Maskhuta is the name of some large mounds near Tel-el-Kebir, and other places which were the scene of the late war; and M. Naville, who has excavated them for the Egyptian Exploration Fund, has found inscriptions in them which show not only that they represent an ancient city whose religious name was Pithom, while its civil name was Succoth, but also that its founder was Ramses II. In Greek times the city was called Heroopolis, or Ero, from the Egyptian word ara, "a storehouse," reminding us that Pithom and Ramses, which the Israelites built for the Pharaoh, were "treasure cities" (Exod. i. ii). M. Naville has even discovered the treasure-chambers themselves. They are very strongly constructed, and divided by brick partitions from eight to ten feet thick, the bricks being sun-baked, and made some with and some without straw. In these strawless bricks we may see the work of the oppressed people when the order came: "Thus saith the Pharaoh, I will not give you straw."

The Treasure-chambers occupy almost the whole area of the old city, the walls of which are about 650 feet square and 22 feet thick. Its name Pithom, in Egyptian Pa Tum, signifies the city of the Setting Sun; and since it had another name, Succoth, we can now understand how it was that the Israelites started on their march not from Goshen, but from, Succoth (Ex. xiii. 20), that is, from the very place where they had been working. Etham, their next stage, seems to be the Egyptian fortress of Khetam, while Pihahiroth (Ex. xiv. 2), is probably Pikeberet, which is mentioned in an inscription found at Tel-el-Maskhuta as somewhere in the neighbourhood of the canal that led from the Nile to the Red Sea.—*Hebrew Leader.*

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MASONS UNDER A FOUR-FOLD DISCIPLINE.

FIRST a discipline of *faith*. We must always feel assured that there are desirable experiences beyond everything that we have acquired. Souls there have been on this earth, and are now, who have known in direct vision and rapture, those truths of God and providence and redemption and immortal blessedness, of which others but feebly surmise or palely trust in and haltingly grope after. The first condition for advancement is that we shall not in idea limit the attainments of others by our own, but freely admit that what *we* most want *they* may already have. When I see an inferior person angered at a superiority he cannot assimulate, turning up his nose at it in fierce contempt, I feel grieved to the very roots of my soul at the profanation. It seems almost as if God himself, on his throne, might weep at it.

Second, therefore, a discipline of *docility*. Believing that secrets are possessed by many which they are unable to communicate to others by any mechanical transference, we are thereby exhorted to place ourselves in training to acquire the spiritual wealth which so enriches our superiors by the same processes of culture in intellect, sensibility, obedience, and teachableness, which they employed. The surest proof one can give of a vulgar soul and a low grade is to maintain that he knows the substance of all that anybody else knows. Divine is that docile genius which thrills and yearns before its teachers, before its exemplars, and before the unknown. Channing, on his death-bed, said, "I have received many messages from the spirit." And Thomas Aquinas, in his last days, when expostulated with for leaving his pen idle, replied that he now had, in single moments, visions of truth and glory which made all his life-long labours seem in the comparison utterly contemptible! The deepest signal of a course or depraved nature is spontaneously to deny assent, refuse allegiance, hang back in suspicious hesitation. But a frank trust in the declarations of men and nature, an instinctive tendency to accept and follow the hints of truth and good, signalises an open and generous character, which confides in the veracity and worth of others on the immediate evidence of its own. Bessemer, the great steel manufacturer, told the attendants of a prince who was visiting his furnace, that a man could pass his hand with perfect safety through a stream of molten iron. Not one of the servants dared to venture on the experiment; but the prince himself immediately thrust his own hand into the glowing current without the least misgiving.

Third, the truth and good whose existence we apprehend through its indications in others, although we know it not as yet in ourselves, brings us under a discipline of *desire*. To feel that there are no secrets, profoundly hid and costly, wooing us to their search, no prizes of dignity and joy, pure and lasting,—is to weary of existence and wish to fling up the game in disgust. Life is not worth living, desire fails, and the grasshopper is a burden, to one who holds that he has fathomed every mystery and found that there is nothing in it. And what a superficial prater, endowed with what a leathern soul, he must be who can declare that the secrecy of the creation is a pretence imposing only on the superstitious who dare not use their senses, he whose eyes are couched by courage to face the facts seeing that all lies clearly exposed in its utter shallowness and insignificance! He reverses the case,—the unmeaning shallowness of his spirit causing him to fancy the universe meaningless and empty. The sentiment of the pessimists growing so fashionable in our day, that there is no solid good or truth in anything, but that everything is full of delusion and misery, is the cry of disappointment, pain and despair, as arrogant and blasphemous is it is thin and wretched. When any one holds that nature is an illusion, man a mockery, and life a curse, it is an infallible symptom either of deteriorated physical health or of mental perversity, or of moral discord in the individual. By a blind, selfish sophistry he reflects his own state on all, and maintains with a flatulant and impious vanity that there is nothing anywhere except that which is in his experience. His cure lies in acquiring a docile faith that however nauseated and vacant *his* life may be, there *are* lives inestimably sweet, precious and noble. None but the morbid will question this. The soul of victorious fidelity, so far from feeling that there is nothing in anything, asserts that everything is in everything, since any point in the creation by its universal connections is bound up with infinite truth and beauty. If any one can remember Plato, who attained to the vision of the First Fair, First Perfect, and by his thought has inspired and lifted the scholars of sixty generations of mankind; of Fichte, whose soul travelled without stint for his country and his race, and whose indomitable intelligence solved the last riddles of the sphynx and grasped the secret of indestructible light; of Howard, who took the weight and guage of human woe, and sacrificed his life to lessen it;—if any one can think of these, and not burn with desire to emulate their examples, so far as his ability will permit, he cannot belong to their family, but must be of some meaner strain.

Then, last of all, when this threefold agency of faith and docility and desire bears its proper fruit it gives rise to a fourth discipline, namely, the discipline of *delight*. It is a joy to believe that, in spite of our individual error and sin and sadness and satiety, there are in the universe indestructible harmonies, and imperishable satisfactions, waiting for all who will observe the conditions for realising them. It is a joy of the most inspiring kind to feel that, scattered over the world, there are men and women in whose lives the laws of nature, the glories of wisdom, the charms of affection, the uses of power, the secrets of God and his empire, have come into consciousness with a prophetic fulness of bliss and peace which leave no aching void but make life an incomparable and inexpressible boon. And whoever admits this fact, feeling within him the capacity for experiences beyond his present actual, will at once find himself under a discipline of delight in the double direction of seeking to gain treasures from those above him, and to impart them to those below.—*Liberal Freemason.*

SINGAPORE.

AT a Yearly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Archipelago, held on the 2nd May, *inter alia*, the R.W. the District Grand Master, the Hon. W. H. Read, appointed and invested the following as Officers for the ensuing year:—

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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 JUNE.

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)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Royal Chapter of Improvement Union, Air-street, Regent-st., 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.

410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton

MONDAY, 23rd JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (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.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1636—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1801—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
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)

TUESDAY, 24th JUNE.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, 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, 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)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
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, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., 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.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, .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
373—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1368—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
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

WEDNESDAY, 25th JUNE.

2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
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—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
867—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1663—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
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. 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
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
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)
1219—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
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent

R.A. 275—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 326—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
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. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 26th JUNE.

Stewards' Visit and Distribution of Prizes, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green
General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
67—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 306 High Holborn, 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)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (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.
1538—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1960—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, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

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
349—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
595—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
78.—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 Great 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, 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
R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 27th JUNE.

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)
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)
1154—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)
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810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1713—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 342—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 686—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards, Heath, Sussex
K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel Eastbourne
R.C. 30—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 28th JUNE.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
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)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1634—Kocleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
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Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
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R.A. 1339—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone
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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—On Tuesday, 17th inst., at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, Bros. Walker (Sec.) W.M., Haynes S.W., Buggins J.W., Roberts S.D., Rich I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Pitt, Maidwell, Hermann, &c. Lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hermann candidate. Bro. Hermann answered the questions leading to the second degree. Bro. Moss gave a lecture on the moral tendency of the jewels. Bro. Haynes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned. Brethren will please note that next Tuesday will be Association Night.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, the 19th instant, at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, Bros. Williams W.M., Catt S.W., Penrose J.W., Banks Treas., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., Cohen S.D., Smith J.D., Ingram I.G., Hutchings P.M. Preceptor,; Prior, Dale, Greener, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Prior personating the candidate. Lodge was closed in the third degree and called off. On resuming the Lodge was closed to the first degree and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Banks candidate. Bro. Catt was elected W.M. for the first Thursday in July, and Lodge was closed. Brethren residing in the neighbourhood are cordially invited to attend this Lodge of Instruction.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, Islington, N., on Saturday last. Bros. Bullock W.M., Ashton S.W., Ferrar J.W., Turner S.D., Cross J.D., Coker I.G., Cohen Preceptor, Galer Secretary; also Bros. Richardson, Gush, Woolveridge, Dixie, Weeden, Manger, Powell. After preliminaries, Bro. Richardson offered himself as candidate; was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Cohen worked the first and second sections, and Bro. Fenner the third, fourth and fifth, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Ashton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent from the brethren of the Lodge, sympathising with the family of the late Bro. Pearcy in their deep distress. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his able discharge of the duties of the chair. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Saturday, the 21st inst.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—The last meeting of the session of this Lodge took place on 11th inst. Bros. Ridley W.M., Dowsett I.P.M., Hawkes S.W., Prickett J.W., Stranscm Treasurer, Ivey P.M. Secretary, Ravenscroft S.D., Creed J.D., Pulley P.M. D.C., Hickie Organist, Greenaway Ass. Sec., Cordrey I.G., Collins Steward, Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Hurley, Blackwell, Ferguson, Margrett; also Bros. Brown, Egginton, Ridley, Biggs, Tegg, Parkes, Kemp, Rhind, Sparrow. Visitors—Bros. Westall P.M. 1714, Cottrell P.S.G.D.W. Gibraltar, Tarrant 1158, Rayner 414, Ruddock 414. Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Brown and Kemp, being candidates for raising, gave satisfactory proof of their efficiency in the former degree, and were entrusted. After these brethren had retired, the Lodge was opened in the third, and the candidates were re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The former part of the ceremony was performed by the W.M. with his usual correctness. The latter part by the I.P.M. Bro. Dowsett, and by P.M. Bro. Margrett. The explanation of the tracing board was given by Bro. P.M. Margrett in a masterly manner. Upon resuming the Lodge in the first degree, the W.M. read a notice of motion by Bro. P.M. Hurley: "That the Grey Friars Lodge do offer to the Lodge of Union the annual sum of £30, in lieu of the present rent of £25, provided that the present agreement be cancelled, and that a new agreement for ten years be granted. The payment of the increased rental to commence from Midsummer 1884." This was seconded by P.M. Blackwell. Bro. Margrett, as an amendment moved, "the previous question." Bro. Pulley seconded the amendment. On a show of hands Bro. Hurley's proposal was declared to be carried. The I.P.M. in pursuance of notice of motion by him, "that the sum of ten guineas from the Lodge funds be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and that the same be added to the list of the W.M., who will represent the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of that Institution," proposed its adoption; it was seconded by Bro. Ferguson, and carried unanimously. The W.M. also moved, "That in Bye-law No. 1 the word 'May' shall be substituted for the word 'June.'" This was seconded by the I.P.M., and carried. The W.M. nominated Bro. Stransom for the office of Treasurer. Bro. Pulley gave notice of motion "that in Bye-law No. 1 the word 'Monday' shall be substituted for the word 'Wednesday.'" A candidate for initiation was proposed by Bro. Rhind, and seconded by the W.M. The Secretary read a letter addressed to the W.M. by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home department, acknowledging the letter of condolence to Her Majesty" on the occasion of the death of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., by the Grey Friars Lodge, and that Her Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously." The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned to October.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Western W.M. elect 1693 W.M., Brock W.M. 299 S.W., Turner J.W., Collingridge Sec., Jordan S.W. 141 S.D., P.M. Isaac. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cohen acting as candidate. Bro. Crosgrove answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Crosgrove acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in second degree. A letter of condolence to the widow of Bro. Pearcy having been voted, the Lodge was closed in due form. Bro. Brock was elected to the chair. Bro. Isaac P.M. 1693 will rehearse the ceremony of installation on Monday, 23rd instant. Bro. Dettmar, Sir Hugh Myddelton 1602, and Bro. Cohen, Montefiore 1017, were elected members.

Gallery Lodge, No. 1928.—The regular meeting was held on Saturday last, at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, under the presidency of Bro. Thomas Minstrell. Dr. Griffiths, the Inner Guard, presented to the Lodge three handsome old chairs, and a vote of thanks was passed unanimously for the gift. Two candidates were balloted for, the ceremony of initiation to be performed at the July meeting, when the new Master will also have to be elected. The brethren supped at Kennington Oval, and the Treasurer, in the course of the evening, explained that the funds of the Lodge were in a prosperous condition, and hoped that the Lodge would always remember that it was during Bro. Minstrell's Mastership that this happy state of things had been brought about. Bro. Herbert Wright, one of the Lodge Stewards, informed the brethren that the annual picnic of the Lodge would take place next Saturday fortnight, when the brethren and their friends would proceed by South-Western Railway to Windsor, view the objects of interest there, lunch at the Castle Hotel, drive to Virginia Water, and back to the Castle Hotel to dinner, and in the evening have a dance at the Town Hall.

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THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from page 307.)

IN the second part of our examination of Bro. Gould's theory about Wren, we remarked that for every conjecture he might feel disposed to raise in its favour, it would probably not be very difficult to suggest another which might be made "to tell with equal, or almost equal, effect" against it. Here, for instance, is another which may be added to the list of the suggestions we have already offered against Bro. Gould. Wren died on the 25th February 1723, and the *Postboy* for February 26—28 contains an obituary notice of him, while the same journal for March 2—5, in speaking of his interment, designates him "that worthy Free Mason;" the *British Journal* of the 9th March following suit and applying a similar designation to Wren. But, says Bro. Gould, "It will be observed that the journal announcing, *in the first instance*, that Wren was a 'Fremason,' had been previously selected as the advertising medium through which to recommend the sale of the 'Book of Constitutions,' and it is hardly to be wondered at that the editor of the *Postboy* should have deemed a title so lavishly bestowed by Dr. Anderson upon the persons and personages of whom he had occasion to speak, including Inigo Jones, a predecessor of Wren in the office of Surveyor General, would be fitly applied to designate the great man whose funeral obsequies he was announcing." In other words, we are particularly invited to *reject* the evidence of the *Postboy*—so far as its statements may be held to possess any value—because it chanced to have been selected as the medium for advertising the "Book of Constitutions" of Freemasonry. We have but to imagine ourselves living a century and a-half hence and the Bro. Gould of that day dispassionately suggesting that some statement made by the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE or *Freemason* about a contemporaneous event in Freemasonry must be looked at askance or rejected because those organs "had been previously selected as the advertising media" for recommending the sale of the revised "Book of Constitutions" of 1883, in order that we may be in a position to appreciate the full significance of the remark contained in the passage we have just quoted. In 1723 there was no Masonic Press, but the *Postboy*, because it took an interest in Masonic doings, or for some other equally cogent reason, appears to have been selected as a medium for making known to the world generally the existence of our "Book of Constitutions." *Argal*, argues Bro. Gould, any statements it may make about Freemasonry must be summarily dismissed, the other organs of the Press which contain no such statements, and were not chosen as advertising media for recommending the sale of the "Book of Constitutions" being infinitely more authoritative, and therefore more trustworthy. It must in fairness be added, that Bro. Gould attaches no great importance to this argument he has deduced from the evidence, or want of evidence, of contemporary journals, but we who have to examine his theory not only as a whole, but in its several parts, are fain to confess that the more we look at the extreme infelicity of this proposition—that the evidence of the *Postboy* must be rejected, because it was the chosen medium for advertising the "Book of Constitutions"—the more amazed are we that any man in his senses could have had the hardihood to formulate it.

As Bro. Gould advances in his argument, we find his hostility to the theory of Wren having been a Freemason becomes more and more pronounced. In considering the evidence afforded by the "Parentalia," Bro. Gould expresses it as his opinion that "Ames's Labours" in connection with it "were strictly of an editorial character, and that the actual writer or compiler was Christopher Wren, only son of the architect." He also notes as a consequence that the passage, at page 306 in the said "Parentalia," expresses "the *opinion* of the great architect, as recorded by his son," the Freemasons not being alluded to "at first hand" by Sir Christopher, while the only mention of them is to be found at p 292, where the last stone of St. Paul's Cathedral is said to have been laid "by the Hands of the *Surveyor's* son, *Christopher Wren*, deputed by his Father, in the Presence of that excellent Artificer Mr. Strong, his Son, and other *Free and Accepted Masons*, chiefly employed in the Execution of the Work." Bro. Gould then proceeds to argue that "if Sir Christopher was ever admitted into the Society of Freemasons—whether we fix the event according to the earlier date given by Dr. Anderson, or the later one of John Aubrey, is immaterial—his son Christopher must have known of it. Moreover, the son, "elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1693, at the early age of eighteen, though not admitted until 1698, must have frequently met Dr. Plot, who was on very intimate terms with his father; and it is quite within the limits of probability that he was also personally acquainted with both Ashmole and Aubrey. At all events it may be assumed that he was familiar with the writings of these three antiquaries, the reference to the elder Wren being so frequent "that without doubt Ashmole's 'Diary' and 'Antiquities of Berkshire' and Aubrey's 'Natural History of Surrey'—all published, it must be recollected, before 1720—were read with great interest by the architect's family." Then if we admit the possibility of Sir Christopher having been a Freemason "the entries in the 'Diary' and the learned speculations in regard to the origin of the Society prefixed to the 'Antiquities of Berkshire' must (on the supposition above alluded to) have necessarily led to his having expressed agreement or disagreement with the remarks of his friend Plot in 1686, and it may also be as safely inferred that the statements in Ashmole's work (1719) would have been minutely criticised in connection, it may well have been, with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England, then just two years established." We have no objection to concede the reasonableness of these inferences or suggestions, but it seems scarcely necessary that we should point out to Bro. Gould that inferences and suggestions, however reasonable they may be, are not evidence, any more than arguments are facts. The absence from the "Parentalia" of such remarks in criticism of Freemasonry, or of what some of his friends had said about Freemasonry, as we might reasonably have expected to find in the son's memoirs of Christopher Wren the architect will not go so far as to disprove that the architect was a Freemason. For instance—though the case is not quite on all fours with that of Wren—we believe there is evidence in existence that the late Duke of Wellington, when he was the Hon. A. Wesley—the name was afterwards changed into Wellesley—was initiated into Freemasonry in an Irish Lodge. But though some members of his Grace's family and very many of his friends were Freemasons, while some among them

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were distinguished Freemasons, such as his father and elder brother, both Grand Masters in Ireland, the Prince Regent, the Duke of York, William IV., &c., &c., and though we believe in after life the Duke repudiated, or at all events ignored, ever having had anything to do with the Craft, yet we should not be justified in arguing that he was not a Freemason because there is no reference to the Society in his Grace's memoirs. Certainly most, if not all, of the inferences which Bro. Gould adduces in favour of Wren's non-membership might be made to apply with almost equal force to Wellington's non membership. Of course, in Wellington's case, no amount of sophistical argument will get rid of the positive and direct evidence of the Lodge record, while, in Wren's case, there is the absence of all direct testimony. On the other hand, there is no particular reason to be argued from the nature of his avocations why Wellington should have concerned himself about Freemasonry, but Wren's profession must have brought him into almost daily communication with the operative masons of his day, and, as we have said before, his alleged membership of our Society may justifiably be included among those greater probabilities which approximate so closely to certainties as to be almost incapable of being distinguished therefrom.

Returning to Bro. Gould's work, the paragraph following those in which the inferences above referred to are set forth, begins curiously enough with the words, "But putting conjecture aside," and it is not unnatural we should imagine that the author having amused his readers with certain plausible arguments, will henceforth treat of such facts as cannot fail to make his position impregnable. Instead of this, however, we are told that "Christopher Wren amongst 'his brethren of the Royal Society,' to whom he dedicated his own book, must have constantly met Dr. Richard Rawlinson—writer of the memoir of Ashmole, containing the description of Freemasonry in the 'Antiquities'—and I think it in the highest degree probable that the latter, who, for reasons stated elsewhere, I conceive to have perused both versions of Aubrey's manuscript history, must have satisfied himself of the inaccuracy of the statement relating to Wren, by personal inquiry of the architect or his son." He then continues, "It would, on the whole, appear probable that Christopher Wren knew of, but rejected, the statement of John Aubrey. and, indeed, in my judgment, we may safely go further, and conclude, that the omission of any reference whatever to the *prediction* of 1691, is tantamount to an assurance that, in the opinion of his son and biographer, there was no foundation whatever, in fact, for any theory with regard to Wren's membership which had been set up." This is, indeed, "putting conjecture aside" with a vengeance. Christopher Wren the younger "*must* have constantly met" Dr. Rawlinson—no evidence is adduced of their meeting. "I *think* it in the highest degree probable" that Rawlinson "perused both versions of Aubrey's manuscript history," and "*must* have satisfied himself of the inaccuracy of the statement relating to Wren, by personal inquiry of the architect, or his son." All this is conjecture pure and simple. Rawlinson *may* have seen the two versions of Aubrey's MS. Having seen them, he *may* have communicated Aubrey's prediction as to Wren's adoption into the Fraternity; and having done this, he *may* have satisfied himself, by personal inquiry of Wren or his son, of the inaccuracy of Aubrey's statement. There is no evidence that any of these things did occur: they are assumptions which rest on Bro. Gould's opinion. "I think," says Bro. Gould, "it is in the highest degree probable"—the reader is invited to remark that this is neither more nor less than an expression of opinion about a conjecture, or one conjecture built upon another—and we have no alternative but to accept his estimate of this probability as being equivalent to a statement of fact, all idea of hazarding anything further in the way of conjecture having been summarily put aside. So, too, as regards what follows. It would "appear probable" that Christopher Wren—the son—"knew of, but rejected Aubrey's statement;" in "my judgment," we may go further and conclude that the omission from the Parentalia of Aubrey's prediction of 1691 is "tantamount to an assurance," not that Wren was never a Freemason, but that "in the opinion" of Wren's son there was no foundation for the allegation of his membership. This is another illustration of "wheels within wheels." Bro. Gould *thinks* it *probable* that Christopher Wren, the son and biographer of his father, *must* have met Dr. Rawlinson; if so, that Rawlinson *must* have told him what he (Rawlinson) *must* have read in Aubrey's "Natural History of Wiltshire" about his (Wren's) father's connection with Freemasonry; and that, consequently, as there is no mention of Aubrey's statement in the "Parentalia," we may look upon such omission as an "assurance" that, in the *opinion* of Wren the son, there was no foundation for any *theory* as to Wren the father ever having been a Freemason. We trust we have done no injustice to Bro. Gould's labours in this branch of his inquiry. If we have, it has been done unconsciously, and because we have been unable to follow him through so finely a graduated scale of contingencies, each of which is in turn dependent on a number of other contingencies, while the opportunity of dealing with them conjecturally is denied us.

It is unfortunate that in treating the Wren question, Bro. Gould should have thought it desirable to interpolate a digression extending over many pages relating to the "Theory of Masonic organization with which his (Wren's) name is associated." When, however, we are led back to a consideration of the evidence on which Wren's membership is presumed to rest, we find the author exhibiting the same apparent determination to annihilate the tradition, as if it had done him some personal injury. In adopting this course, Bro. Gould, as we have before pointed out, has, in our judgment, made a very grievous mistake. There is nothing in the tradition that Wren was a Freemason, whether he was merely associated with the Craft in his professional capacity of the King's "Master of work" or in the sense in which we of the present day understand a man being a Freemason, which causes it to grate against our ideas of reason and propriety. But his membership, if it can be established, will only be one more link in the chain of events which learned and laborious students of our seventeenth century history have succeeded in forging; while, if it cannot be established, it will in no wise weaken that chain. Bro. Gould has bestowed upon it almost as much attention as if it had been the basis on which the whole superstructure of Masonic history rested. Hence our difficulty in accounting for his multiplication of evidence against the Wren tradition, except on the assumption either that he feels himself personally aggrieved by its continuance, or that, having undertaken the task of demolishing it, he considers he must carry out his intention at all hazards, even though it may have a prejudicial effect on his impartiality as an historian. Moreover, he has himself told us, on the authority of the eminent Locke, that "in traditional truths each remove weakens the force of the proof; and the more hands the tradition has successively passed through, the less strength and evidence does it derive from them." Thus, the further he gets away from the Wren period the less effect will the statements he may be able to adduce have in favour of or against the theory of Wren having been a Freemason. The passage he quotes from the Manningham letter of the 12th July 1757, on the subject of degrees, contains the following: "My own father has been a Mason these fifty years, and has been at Lodges in Holland, France, and England. He knows none of these ceremonies. Grand Master Payne, who *succeeded* Sir Christopher Wren, is a stranger to them, as is likewise one old brother of ninety who I conversed with lately. This brother assures me he was made a Mason in his youth," &c. Bro. Gould is not slow to mark the verbal inaccuracies in the foregoing:—"The expression 'Grand Master Payne, who *succeeded* Sir Christopher Wren, *is* a stranger to them." he points out is "both inaccurate and misleading," firstly because Grand Master Payne "did not *succeed* Wren," and secondly, because "he died in the previous January." But surely Bro. Gould does not mean to insist on strict chronological accuracy in a letter, which was written in the first instance casually, and in the second on a subject which had nothing to do with the question whether Wren was or was not a Freemason. We are not likely to undervalue this kind of accuracy, but to us this testimony of Manningham, though coming second-hand, seems to have a far higher value than usually belongs to such testimony, because it is presented to us incidentally. This distinguished brother was asked his opinion about certain degrees which had found their way into Holland about that time. In reply, he speaks as from his own knowledge of Grand Master Payne, in the present tense, as being ignorant of their existence, though Payne had been dead some six months when the letter was written. He also mentions, but quite by chance as it were, that Payne succeeded Wren, whereas he succeeded Sayer, who succeeded

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Wren, if the last-named was ever Grand Master. We are not in love with the process known as hair-splitting, yet we would point out that Manningham was right, when he spoke of Payne succeeding Wren, though he was not his immediate successor.

As regards Preston and his "Illustrations of Masonry," we have no intention of following Bro. Gould through his examination of this author's statements. We have neither the time nor the inclination for so laborious a task. Moreover, we are getting so much further away from the Wren period, and he is so notoriously untrustworthy except it may be as regards events which occurred within his own personal knowledge, that we candidly confess we should attach no importance whatever to the Wren tradition if it rested principally on his authority. In our judgment, Manningham's casual reference to Wren, though not literally accurate, as to his having been succeeded by Payne, and though incapable of proof as to his ever having filled the position of Grand Master, is a hundredfold more important testimony as to Wren's membership than all Preston's statements put together. We can only express our surprise that Bro. Gould should have considered them worthy of so critical an examination. But the remarks on the Aubrey testimony must not be dismissed with similar curtness; we should not be doing justice to either Aubrey or Bro. Gould if we attempted a discussion of their merits at the close of so long a paper. We shall, therefore, reserve such comments as we may think desirable till another occasion.

(To be continued.)

AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF GRAND LODGE SOVEREIGNTY.

THE several Grand Lodges of America are not infrequently called upon to decide questions of the first importance to the entire Masonic world. These questions are not of their own seeking, but are thrust upon them. The position of the United States, as "the land of the free, and the home of the brave," invites to its shores, hospitality opened to all, citizens of every land under the sun. They seek us, and we welcome them. As in the beginning, when Swedes, English, Germans, French and Spaniards, discovered or settled in this country, so ever since, people of all these nationalities have sought their welfare on our shores. To so great an extent has this migration proceeded, that, in certain sections of the United States, among entire communities you can hear only the German, French or Swedish languages spoken. These peoples have brought with them, as a matter of course, their usages and customs. They are among us, but for a time are not of us. Years must elapse—and sometimes even a generation—before they can be thoroughly Americanized. Among these peoples, more or less, we find Freemasons; but their Freemasonry, while radically the same as our own, is tinctured with certain idiosyncrasies, which segregate it from English cosmopolitan Masonry. Our Craft has attained this distinction because it is Freemasonry pure and simple. It has in view no ulterior end. It does not antagonise the powers that be in the government, and hence is patriotic and non-partizan—it aims to right no national wrongs, such a purpose being outside of its sphere. It has no quarrel with any religion, and hence is non-sectarian. It aims to secure the best good of all, and such good as has been recognised by the ages, not that simulation of good evolved out of the inner consciousness of a latter-day saint, or a new-day-new-duty fanatic. Such being the character American Freemasonry, and of English-speaking Freemasonry round the globe, it is not surprising that when it is brought face to face, Masonically, with the elements we have adverted to, it should be compelled to decide certain questions in accordance with American Masonic usage, and, as well, of Masonic usage in the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland. Such a question, of primary importance, came up for solution at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York, just closed.

It seems that a number of German Brethren, in regular Masonic standing, united in the formation of an association styled "Veritas," limited to German-speaking Masons. Its purpose and plans appear to be, in a measure, abominable. The association openly declares its independance of all other Masonic authority; that the Grand Master of Masons has but a most limited mastership, and that no Freemason is under obligation to pay him any except a partial respect; that the work of the Lodge, in certain particulars, must be modified to suit the views of the members of "Veritas;" that a certain German newspaper is its organ — which newspaper has gone, in its utterances, as far beyond the leaders of "Veritas" as they have gone beyond the views of the rank and file. The necessary outcome of all this has been the attempted establishment, in New York city, of a bastard organisation in Masonry, whose aim is to set aside the legitimate authority of the Grand Lodge of New York—its Constitution, and the edicts of its Grand Master, and to substitute therefor the levelling doctrines, unknown to English-speaking Masons, of an irresponsible and illegitimate body of associated Freemasons. This may not be, and we are gratified to know, not only that Grand Master M.W. Brother J. Edward Simmons, in his annual address, but also a committee of the Grand Lodge to which the matter was referred, of which Bro. Chas. T. McClenachan was Chairman, and the Grand Lodge of New York itself, upon the report of this Committee, have all done justice to the subject, and taken such action as doubtless will result in speedily correcting the threatened evil. This action was *unanimous*, and it requires the offending "Veritas" Association to expunge from its Constitution the rebellious language incorporated therein, and report the same to the Grand Master, and thus purge itself of disloyalty to the Craft; and, in addition, to obliterate from its Constitution the assertion that a certain Masonically scurrillous German sheet is the organ of "Veritas," and repudiate its doctrines and offensive utterances.

We trust we shall be pardoned for remarking, that we are inclined to think our brethren of the Grand Lodge of New York are responsible, in part at least, for this inchoate rebellion, happily suppressed in its early stage. It appears, from the address of the Grand Master, that these offending brethren have not only been accorded the privileges of Freemasons common to all in the jurisdiction, but also certain special privileges that, in our judgment, should never have been conceded, since they naturally tend to, and can only result in, disloyalty to the governing authority of the Grand Lodge, and to some of the soundest principles acknowledged among lawful Masons. These brethren were allowed "to select their own rituals and ceremonies," and there was not required on their part "a literal compliance with the regulations, a failure to observe which will not be readily forgiven to the Lodges speaking the English language." This was most ill-advised action. There should be in each Masonic jurisdiction owing obedience to a Grand Lodge, *but one* ritual and *one* system of ceremonies. To permit more than one is practically for the Grand Lodge to license anything that styles itself Masonry. Such a practice cannot but beget illegitimacy and rebellion. No matter what be the language spoken by brethren, whether French, Italian or German, it should be made to interpret to the initiate but one ritual, and one system of ceremonies. We are not greatly surprised that "Veritas" should have presumed upon the existence of two or more rituals, and inferred thence that there might be two or more Constitutions, or two interpretations of the same Constitution, one to govern English-speaking Masons, and the other the Germans. This cannot be. If there be no unity of law, there cannot be unity of action. If there be no identity in ceremonies, there can be none in thought and feeling. To authorise different rites, is to justify divergent views, and to invite a disregard for the legitimate Masonic authority, when it pronounces counter to the wishes of those of its constituents who are licensed to do in Masonry as others may not do.

Another illustration of the evil of the mixed system of rites and ceremonies permitted in the jurisdiction of the G. Lodge of New York has come to our notice while we are writing. On Tuesday, 10th June 1884, at the stated meeting of La Sincerité Lodge, No. 373, of New York city, the membership of which is composed of French, Spanish and Italian Masons, we read that "eight little blindfolded boys," with their "parents and sponsors," were introduced into the Lodge, and received "Masonic baptism." The French language was employed in the ceremonies. We read further that "the eight little boys were relieved of the handkerchiefs which covered their eyes, while their eight papas promised to see that they adhered strictly to the tenets of Masonry. They were then

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taken to a flower-covered font, and dipped their hands in the water. The youngest of the boys—a mere baby—howled dismally as he became aware that the water was wet. Fortunately a *mama* was at hand to reprove the child. The children then knelt before a table, on which fragrant incense was burning, and were subsequently presented with their Masonic aprons and jewels. The baby was especially delighted when he first put his uniform on! Music and singing filled in the remainder of the programme." What profane nonsense this, to introduce into a lawfully-warranted and duly-constituted Lodge in an American jurisdiction! Is it to be wondered, where such a ceremony occurs, that the foreign element responsible for it should assume to introduce other foreign novelties?

At the foundation of this trouble is the desire, not unfrequently manifested by certain Germans, French and Italians in America, to bring with them to this country altogether alien habits of thought and action, which they were accustomed to indulge in at home, but which are entirely unsuited to the true republican and Masonic ideas. All communism and ultra-liberalism are out of place, and without excuse in America. Here liberty prevails, but not license. Here, above all, pure Freemasonry prevails, and it will brook no opposition from individuals who, residing in its domains, are rightly subject to its sway, and have in addition pledged obedience to its Constitutions, rules, regulations and edicts. We trust the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, in promptly exposing and legislating upon the illegitimate body that lifted its head so boldly in its territory, will have a happy effect in repressing similar evil tendencies elsewhere, and thus make American Freemasonry entirely homogenous, at unity with itself, and the admiration of the Masonic world.—*Keystone.*

CONSERVATIVE FANATICISM.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

LIFE is a problem which Masonry attempts to solve. To a successful solution, two kinds of knowledge are necessary—what the terms of the problem are, and how to apply them in the solution.

The terms of this problem of problems are unchanged and unchangeable the same in all ages. They are included under manifold complexities and combinations in an intelligent and comprehensive idea of the duties which a man owes to himself, as a moral, social, and intellectual being. These are carefully unfolded and explained to the initiate in the first three degrees of Masonry, wherein the novitiate is instructed, instead of neglecting to thoughtfully and persistently perform every duty which he owes to God, his country, his neighbour, and himself.

No Mason can plead ignorance of his duty, as an excuse for inaction. Duty has been explained and enforced at every step in his Masonic career, and, if the spirit of obedience be present, it will seek and find a way, however intricate the path.

The wants and woes of a struggling humanity present, again and again, complicated questions which demand thoughtful answers from thinking men. To meet and satisfy these wants, to understand and alleviate these woes, has been the life-work of the world's true philosophers. Their success has consisted not in intellectual comprehension of duty, but in its practical application.

Comprehension of duty is good; execution of duty is better. It is given to every Mason to comprehend duty, to know the terms of the problem of life, but to experience the blessings of the practical solution of the problem, to realize the pleasures of the execution of duty, is granted to but few; not because the experience is denied to them, but because they deny it to themselves.

This combination of a wise thoughtfulness with a bold and fearless adherence to truth; this guidance of the doings of the present by the wisdom gained through the experience of the past; this union of conviction with performance, of understanding with industry, of talent with tact, of capital with labour, of intellect with action, has given the world its true philosophers, its real philanthropists, its effective statesmen, prominent among whom is the patron saint of our Order, St. John the Evangelist, whose memory we perpetuate.

The advantages that arise from the combination of these two elements of power suggest a fitting theme for our thoughts, a theme which we will consider under the title of "Conservative Fanaticism," not because of the peculiar adaptation of these words, but since in a unique term they suggest by their apparent contradiction and lack of relationship the elements of power which by themselves alone are generally useless, sometimes harmful, often cruel, but which united give success to the individual, to society, and to the state. Let us consider them separately under the terms Fanaticism and Conservatism, and then in union, noting their influence on the individual, on society, and the state.

Fanaticism is a term applied to the enthusiastic support and reckless propagation of individual ideas, irrespective of the arguments, opinions or wishes of others. Fanaticism is the offspring of excessive enthusiasm, and the more active sister of blind enthusiasm. It has its origin in the enthusiastic support of religious beliefs, and under powerful convictions of right and wrong extends into the domain of public affairs and becomes a potent factor for weal and woe in the political decisions of all matters involving a moral question. Superstitious adherence to dogma in all shades of peculiar religious faith, and the bold defence of individual belief in every form of political action, gives us the bigot in religion and the independent in politics. Fanaticism limits the intellectual vision of its victim, blinds his judgment, and ofttimes results in cruelties and barbarities.

The zealous Roman Catholic of continental Europe of the middle ages, and the inflexible Puritan of revolutionary America, alike sustained wrong in the name of right. But it was fanaticism alone, unguided by a conservative judgment. Such must always be the result of fanaticism rushing blindly on, unguided by judgment, unrestrained by reason, undirected by thought. By itself it gives us action without intellect, performance without conviction, tact without talent, pluck without purpose, industry without understanding, labour without capital, bold and fearless adherence to seeming truths without the discriminating judgment to decide what truth is; intense living in the present, heedless of the lessons of the past. It is the good ship Sincerity plunging wildly along without a captain in the tumultuous sea of active life, or attempting, without a pilot, to make the harbour of Public Opinion. It is speed without safety, persistence without aim, energy without judgment, application without occupation, in short, fanaticism alone is the execution of apparent duty without the comprehension of what duty is.

Conservatism is a term applied to the tendency towards the retention of established customs in life and thought, and the reluctance to displace the old and tried with the new and untried. It views the present in the light of the past; the future as but a repetition of what is gone. It exerts a mighty influence in guiding the momentum already acquired, though it seldom adds momentum of itself. It is the first of our elements of power under which duty is defined and comprehended. Its mission is a grand one, but it is always superintending, seldom working. It plans, but never executes; it thinks, but seldom acts; it is defensive, never aggressive. It thinks, reasons, and judges, but always for others, never for self. It tells us what truth is, but never reaches after new truths. It is conviction without performance, understanding without industry, talent without tact, intellect without action. Its tendency is to stagnation and stubborn self-conceit; it is blind to progress and improvement. Every invention is coldly received; never welcomed. It whistles down the brakes in times of danger, and refuses to take them off to enable the train to start after all danger is averted. Like the finished engine, it stands a monument to inventive thought, to constructive skill, and mechanical combination, but cold and lifeless, unable without enthusiasm and fire to apply its own wondrous powers, it even obstructs the trails and prevents others from further progress. Thus, mighty in defence, it often becomes a positive hindrance in attack. It is safety without speed, aim without persistence, judgment without energy, occupation without application, in short, conservatism is the comprehension of duty without the ability to execute it.

Thus our subject "Conservative Fanaticism" under these definitions and contrasts, reminds us of the existence of two opposite elements of power, each the complement of the other, which, united, work harmoniously under all the combinations and complexities of life, employing every faculty of both mind and body in a wondrous aggregate of human achievement, but which, by themselves, are generally useless, sometimes harmful, often cruel.

Seldom or never do we see in the individual, or in society, either of these extremes *in extenso*, but on every side do tendencies toward them appear, which should be avoided. Capital of the brain, as well as of the purse, is naught but labour husbanded, saved up for future use, but unused capital becomes a snare and a delusion. It has been said with truth, that "Whoso by his short-sighted greed accumulates more than he needs for a comfortable living here, acts as host to anxiety and care."

Labour and capital are useless, each without the other. The rich should labour to give them "an appetite for their dinner," and the poor to give them "a dinner for their appetite." Nature's law, "By the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," is an intellectual as well as physical truth, it applies to both extremes of our problem.

Conservatism is obligatory upon every brother, but its consideration is worthless to us as individuals or a Lodge, unless thereby we learn not only to store up some truth in thought, but also to make daily use thereof. Conservatism commends itself to us, and is very easily chosen, as inactivity always is; but its tendency is harmful.

Fanaticism makes itself unpopular, as positive action always is; hence is not readily chosen, and yet its tendency is seldom harmful, since it always furnishes a powerful element worthy our admiration. It has the one redeeming feature of sincerity, which is always present, and which I fain would commend to every true Mason. Sincerity, among the virtues, is like iron among metals, if not the most precious, it is the most useful, and the wise man always prefers utility to ornamentation.

Fanaticism is a belief, not a pretence, and a belief without sincerity is naught but "sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal," pure hypocrisy. Genuineness of purpose is the essential element of fanaticism, it is its life, its all. One may perhaps play the role of fanatic for gain, but pure fanaticism is of the heart, and loses its reality without sincerity and loyalty in its devotee. However base or cruel the act, take away the belief on the part of the actor that he is doing right, and you have robbed him of his title, fanatic. Without this honest conviction he becomes a sham, a pretender, a charlatan, a quack: no longer worthy the name fanatic. Add hypocrisy, and the fanatic becomes the demagogue, one whose aim is for selfish purposes, by hook-or-crook to guide and control the convictions, opinions or votes of others, but not to be governed by his own convictions. However warped the judgment, however unpopular the acts of the fanatic, all must admit his sincerity, or change his name. Take now this sturdy adherence to conviction and guide it with conservative judgment, and you unite heart and head on the right side in an intensely interesting, oft-times perplexing, sometimes desperate conflict, but never a doubtful one, for truth is mighty and shall prevail.

It is this element of honest conviction, independent thought and

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bold adherence to private belief, irrespective of popular opinion, that makes the fanatic worthy our consideration; that enables him under many circumstances to command our admiration. Popularity without sincerity is but momentary power. A conservatism based on fear of danger, adopted for the pretext of popularity or apparent success, whether in business life or in political combat, lacks every element of final success. Fanaticism, if right, however unpopular to-day, must ultimately triumph. Let thought, judgment, intellect, guide in deciding what is right; add the element of conservatism to the honest sincerity of the fanatic, and under the mysterious chemistry of the union of forces, conservatism loses its tendency to inactivity, and fanaticism loses its superstition and becomes intense sincerity divorced from ignorance, and together conservative fanaticism becomes enlightened sincerity. Under the union of these forces of the head and heart the accumulation of practical results will astonish the world and command the admiration of all mankind, for

Right is right howe'er defended
By the false or by the true;
Wrong is wrong howe'er pretended
By the many or by the few.

These are the cardinal characteristics of the true men of all ages. At times, and in some localities one characteristic may be more marked than the other, but true manhood is manifest only in the union of head and heart working in harmony.

With the criteria given us by our subject, enter the arena of political debate and again their teachings will be unerring. Under the world's philosophy "might makes right," and the groaning millions despair of succour. But add action to intellect, add tact to talent, add heart to head, add right to might, and the united power of the combination will be irresistible. They may oft-times invite temporary defeat, but they will untimately triumph. They will never allow temporary success to be bought at the price of principle. What may seem political suicide under their guidance may, in the development of years, prove political advancement. What may seem the wildest folly in the administration of public affairs may, under the guidance of conservative fanaticism, prove the greatest blessing. Take any question of a political nature agitated in the political world to-day; let the thoughtful conclusion of disinterested and experienced statesmen be practically tried and true progress must result. Under the guidance of experienced thought and thoughtful experience, of conservative sincerity and sincere conservatism, let us approach every question, whether it be "The Dangers of Corporate Power," "The Abuse of Land Grants," "Divorce," "Prohibition," "Polygamy," "Chinese Immigration," "The Tariff," or last, and over-shadowing all, "The Labour Question," in any of its forms, and however difficult the solution, its demonstration is practically possible; however puzzling the question, it can be answered.

The solution of some of these questions depends upon mere thought and study; of others upon mere action and practice; but the gauge of conservative fanaticism must be applied in every one.

Politicians, like ministers, often get into a rut, and turning the barrel up-side down, present the same old thunder in a new dress. The wish for personal power often stifles honest conviction; the statesman often hides behind the ward politician; our newspapers, under a short-sighted policy, often insult sincerity by the epithet of fanaticism, and crown success as their god under the name of conservatism; but in the economy of government we well may trust the aggregate of wisdom as expressed by an enlightened people through an honest ballot-box. The galvanic power of the independent vote has often developed the ward politician into a statesman, changed the opinions of the editor, and cleared the moral atmosphere of the community or state. No sincere lover of his country need fear the result of the decision of any public question, if that decision be obtained by the application of the principle of enlightened conviction. The wisest statesmen of to-day look to the slow, thoughtful, conservative, but sincere country vote, to keep back the wild theories and vagaries after which our cities, with their crowded and ignorant populace, so often run. If the intellect of the country be only guided by the sincerity, our country will be safe; but woe betide us when the ignorant fanaticism shall control the destinies of the nation, for then intelligence must be dethroned.

In every department of thought, in every phase of life, whether of the individual, of society, or the state, our criteria will be trusty guides. They even enter our own ranks and demand of Masonry itself an answer to their challenge. The Masonry that depends upon forms, ceremonials, the jingle of words to the exclusion of ideas, symbols and lessons, must fail, only the Masonry that reaches the life, that insists that all Masonic principles must be practised as well as professed, can attain true success.

In Antioch, of Palestine, eighteen hundred years ago, a little band of bold believers meekly faced an angry crowd, wild in its opposition to their cherished faith. In derision, the name of their leader was tauntingly applied to them, and the cry of "Christian, Christian," rang out in proof of popular prejudice against the fanatics. The term was accepted as an honour, and not a shame, and to-day the name of "Christian" is no disgrace, since its genuine possessor challenges the world by his good deeds. The fanaticism then, as often now, was with the ignorant populace, not the unpopular defenders of individual conviction.

We often err in our honest judgment, and the fanatic of to-day may become the hero of to-morrow. Martin Luther, the iconoclastic theologian of four hundred years ago, studying alone in opposition to the dogmas accepted without a murmur by the religious world, has become the popular champion of the right of individual judgment in religious matters. He had adopted the spirit of the teachings of our beloved Institution.

To-day, my brethren, under our belief in the teachings of Freemasonry we stand, oft-times, as the unpopular defenders of the widest scope of sincere opinions; maintaining that truth is truth wherever found; insisting that forms, ceremonials, creeds, outward professions cannot, must not, shall not snatch away the honour due to sincerity proven by the life, irrespective of creed.

The ignorant, the thoughtless, the selfish, the base, may jeer in opposition to our belief; may, in their fanaticism, call us fanatics, but in calm conviction of ultimate triumph we may justly accept the name of fanatic, knowing that in the light of the ages the fanatic, opposed, derided, despised to-day, shall in posterity become the chivalrous hero, honoured and remembered adown the ages.

Life is a battle,
Might against right.
'Midst bullets' rattle
Each one must fight.

Give me thy hand:
Pledged for the fight
Here will we stand
Firm for the right.

Give me thy heart!
Forth let us go!
Naught shall us part,
Facing the foe.

Conquer we must,
Conquer at last,
If only our trust
In God holds fast.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

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BYZANTINE CONCLAVE, No. 44.

THE annual festival of this flourishing Conclave and the enthronement of the M.P.S. took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Among the Sir Knights present were Thomas Worthington M.P.S., Wm. Kelly, F.S.A., Chief Intendant General, S. S. Partridge P.S., R. Waite P.S., Dr. H. Meadows V.E. and M.P.S. elect, Thompson S.G., J. D. Harris Prelate P.S., R. Taylor Treasurer, W. J. Curtis Recorder, W. L. Ball, F. Griffiths, W. A. Fielding, S. A. Marris, S. Cleaver, Miles J. Walker, J. Shuttlewood, and others. Letters of apology were read from Sir Knights J. W. Woodall (Scarborough), Dr. Hammond, and others. The Conclave having been opened, and the preliminary business transacted, a Senate of Sovereigns was opened and Sir Knight Dr. Meadows was duly enthroned as M.P.S. by the Chief Intendant General Ill. Sir Knight Kelly, F.S.A., assisted by Sir Knights Partridge and Worthington Past Sovereigns. A College of Viceroys having been opened, Sir Knight Thompson was duly installed as V.E. The other Officers were then invested—Sir Knights Dr. Hammond and J. D. Harris as S. and J. Generals, J. Taylor Treasurer (with a vote of thanks for past services), Miles J. Walker Janitor, W. L. Ball Prelate—most of the other Officers being promoted a step. The M.P.S. intimated his intention of holding a Conclave of Instruction to enable the newly-appointed Officers to perform their duties in carrying out the beautiful ritual of the Order in that efficient manner for which this Conclave has always been noted. The Sir Knights afterwards adjourned to an elegant banquet, and a most agreeable evening was spent, the usual loyal and official toasts being duly honoured.

In giving the list of Honorary Presidents of the Board of Stewards for this year's Festival of the Boys' School, which appeared in our issue of the 4th inst., we inadvertently omitted the name of Bro. S. G. Homfray, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire and a Past Grand Assist. D. of C. We very much regret this, as Brother Homfray has proved himself worthy of every recognition at our hands, rather than omission from a roll of honour. He is a Patron of the Institution, and we learn he will bring up a list for to-day's Festival from the members of his Province that will reflect great credit on his exertions. We heartily congratulate him personally, as likewise we do those brethren who have contributed to his list.

The meetings of the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, held at the Printing Works, No. 202 Whitechapel-road, E., will terminate on Monday evening, 30th June, for the season, on which occasion Brother McDonald, the Deputy Preceptor, will rehearse the ceremony of installation. The brethren will re-assemble for instruction on the 22nd September 1884.

The North London Chapter of Improvement held its weekly convocation at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday. Comps. Gregory Z., Dean H., Radcliffe J., Shaw S.N., Knight P.S. There was an excellent attendance, and the Officers carried out their duties in a masterly and praiseworthy manner.

HOLLOWAYS' OINTMENT AND PILLS.—These remedies are unequalled throughout the world for bad legs, wounds, foul sores, and ulcers. Used according to directions given with them there is no wound, bad leg, or ulcerous sore, however obstinate or long standing, but will yield to their healing and curative properties. Many poor sufferers who have been patients in the large hospitals under the care of eminent surgeons, and have derived little or no benefit from their treatement, have been thoroughly cured by Holloway's Ointment and Pills. For glandular swellings, tumours, scurvy, and diseases of the skin there is nothing that can be used with so much benefit. In fact, in the worst forms of disease, dependent upon the condition of the blood, these medicines, used conjointly, are irresistible.

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TEETOTAL LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad you have given so much prominence to the establishment of Lodges of an exceptional character, such as are clearly not provided for in the Book of Constitutions, and, moreover, that you have followed the good old plan of calling a spade a spade, and designate the King Solomon and kindred Lodges, as they should be designated, "Teetotal" not "Temperance" Lodges. It was never contemplated that Freemasonry should be degraded to the level of a Missionary Society, and that is what it will come to if brethren are to be allowed to use it as a medium for the propagation of their special nostrums for the rehabilitation of mankind as part of the angelic brotherhood. I take it for granted that people of all classes of opinion are united by a common desire to do all the good they possibly can, but I know likewise that hardly any two classes are in complete accord as to the best means for effecting their purpose. Dr. Richardson, in his chief speech at the consecration of the King Solomon Lodge, was pleased to allow that Freemasonry was "marked by very striking principles" and had been "productive of many benefits to mankind." But the most "striking principle" of Freemasonry is that it provides a common meeting ground for men of every shade of opinion, and it does this by rigidly excluding from discussion in its Lodges all subjects of a controversial nature. That by carrying out this principle in its integrity it has been "productive of many benefits to mankind" is undeniable, but there is no other way of accounting for its success in this respect. With that charming simplicity of mind which is so characteristic of every man who has, or considers he has, a mission to fulfil, Bro. Richardson is kind enough to think Freemasonry will be still more successful, and confer still greater benfits on mankind, if it will only adopt forthwith his Tectotal doctrines. In other words, Freemasonry will do better by abandoning its essential principle than by adhering to it. It may be I am too obtuse to understand these subtle refinements of argument, but I fail to see how Freemasonry will be the better for extinguishing itself. It will certainly be no longer what it has been if it allows the Teetotal specialist to make use of it in converting people to his doctrines.

Perhaps, however, I shall better succeed in expressing my meaning if I quote the following passage from Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford's oration at the consecration of the Lodge of King Solomon. It is hardly possible the object of Freemasonry could have been more eloquently set forth. "In this divided and disjointed period," said our Rev. Brother, "when party shibboleths and sectarian animosities were very many and prevalent in the world without, Freemasonry offered a shelter, a resting place, a point of contact, a centre of unity and peace for very many. It was thus he was able to explain the fact—for fact it was—that they managed to gather together within their Lodges men of different countries, sects, and *opinions*, and to unite in happy sympathies and harmonious works of charity persons of the most *widely-opposed opinions* and of different orders and ranks in society. They asked no questions, and *imposed no tests*. They did not even inquire into one another's specific creeds. In invoking a blessing on their proceedings, *they had no warrant, as they had no desire, to interfere with personal views.* In this wise and neutral position they declined to express any opinion whatever on religious theory and other matters which would lead to endless controversy. Freemasonry had other charms; like many of the ancient oracles it had more than one meaning for the patient seeker. From whatever side we approach it, we may gain instruction, improvement, counsel, and edification. It encourages sympathy, and warms friendship; it advocates fraternal interest and prudent hospitality; it warns us against secret conspiracies and illegal associations, bids us obey the laws of our own country, and respect those of others. It *teaches the sanctity of private judgment*, and the inviolability of universal toleration."

I have taken the liberty of underscoring the words and phrases to which I would particularly direct Bro. Richardson's attention, and I would point out to him that his Lodge *imposes a test* of fitness on brethren who are desirous of joining it; that is, they must bind themselves not to drink alcoholic beverages at their social gatherings. If, as I believe, Brother Woodford has correctly described the character of Freemasonry, then this imposition of a test is unconstitutional.

Lastly, may I ask why the founders of this Lodge have shown disrespect for the memory of King Solomon by styling themselves the King Solomon Lodge. That wise monarch would never have made the mistake of confounding Temperance and Teetotalism.

Fraternally yours,

MILD ALE.

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.

CHISWICK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2012.

THE ceremony of consecration was rehearsed in this Lodge of Instruction on Saturday, the 21st inst., by Bro. James Terry, P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, P.P.J.G.W. Herts, &c. A very large number of brethren attended to listen to Bro. Terry's rendering of this important part of our ritual, and, as usual, they were well repaid for doing so. It is only necessary to refer to the actual Lodges consecrated by Bro. Terry—upwards of a hundred in number—to prove his ability to perform the work, while those who have heard him, either in a regular Lodge or a Lodge of Instruction, will agree with us that he uses his ability to the best advantage. The meeting was held at the Chiswick Hall, where Lodge was opened in the three degrees by Bro. Terry, he being supported by Bros. George Everett P.M. P.Z. 177, W.M. of the Chiswick Mother Lodge, &c., as S.W., Dr. Fred. Laurence P.M. 255 Treasurer 2012 as J.W., W. S. Hall P.M. 253 as D.C., Rev. M. Haines 205 as Chaplain, C. Cawston P.M. 865 as I.G.; there were also about 100 other members present. Every arrangement had been made by the Officers of the Lodge of Instruction to render the ceremony, as far as they were concerned, one of interest and completeness, and much of the success was due to the surroundings which they provided to support Bro. Terry in his work; an organ, kindly lent by the St. Ambrose Lodge, being among the principal adjuncts. At the conclusion of the proceedings in the Lodge about fifty of those present sat down to supper, under the presidency of Bro. George Everett, and a very enjoyable evening followed. The usual toast list was gone through, and thanks were given to those who had contributed to the enjoyment of the company. Responding to the toast which they had proposed in his honour Bro. Everett expressed his satisfaction at the manner in which the proceedings had been carried out. They had reflected great credit on the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. G. Gardner, the Treasurer, replying to the toast proposed on his behalf, said that the promoters of the Lodge of Instruction had made a donation of five guineas to the Boys' School, for which he was this year a Steward, in commemoration of the event that had taken place that evening. Several songs and recitations were given during the evening, which in every respect passed off admirably.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 26th instant, at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, Bros. Stringer W.M., Williams S.W., Pitt J.W., Speight P.M. Secretary, Hunt jun. S.D., Cohen J.D., Penrose I.G., Hutchings P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Smith, Prior, Catt, and Firth. Business: Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Catt personating the candidate. Lodge was called off, and on resuming was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Prior candidate. Lodge was then resumed, and Bro. Firth of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1574, was unanimously elected a member. Lodge was closed in due form.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—A meeting was held on Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present:—Bros. Jenkins W.M., Christian S.W., T. Clark J.W., F. Carr Sec., Robinson S.D., Catling J.D., Baker I.G.; Past Master Brasted Acting Preceptor; Bros. Wardell, Marsh, Smyth, Hand, Allen, Kite, Waddington, Obelon, Watkinson, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Hand offered himself as candidate for raising, and was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of the sublime degree was rehearsed. Bro. Christian worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed in the first degree. Bro. T. Clark worked the first, and Brother Allen the fourth section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Obelon of Lodge No. 1305, Kite of 1326, and Haughton of 1546 were elected members. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his Officers in rotation. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, 23rd inst., at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Brook W.M., Kidder P.M. S.W., Detmer J.W., Forge P.M. 1950 Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, Crosbie W.M. 1693 S.D., Goddard J.D., Rhodes I.G.; and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. H. P. Isaac P.M. 1693, Bro. Brock acting as candidate. Lodge was opened to the third degree, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the W.M. saluted in the various degrees. The W.M. then invested the Officers. A vote of thanks having been recorded to Bro. Isaac, Bro. Collingridge was elected W.M. for Monday, 30th inst., and Bro. Turner W.M. for 7th July. Lodge was closed in due form.

The summer festival of the Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677, was held on Tuesday, 24th instant, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Virginia Water, when a company of between thirty and forty assembled and spent a pleasant day. The weather was remarkably fine, and rendered a drive through Windsor Park and around Virginia Water most enjoyable, on the return to the hotel a banquet was served, and at its conclusion a few toasts were given and responded to, Bro. Geo. David Edmunds, W.M. New Finsbury Park Lodge, replying on behalf of the Ladies.

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STOCKWELL CHAPTER, No. 1339.

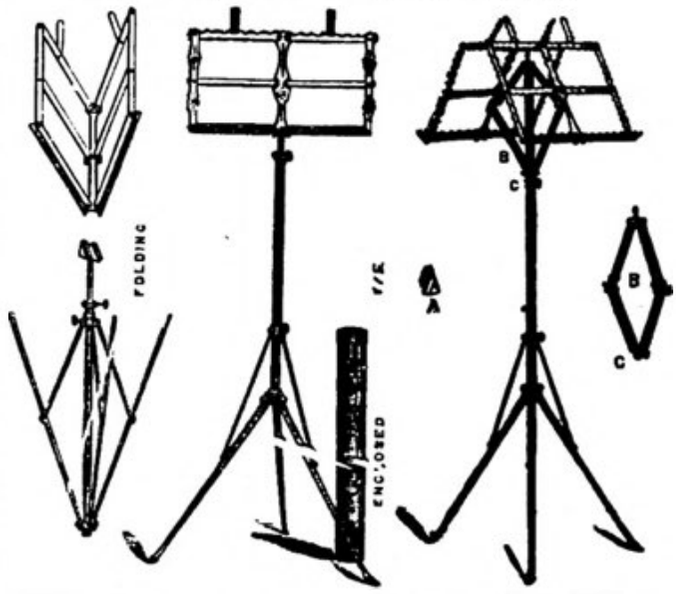
THE Installation meeting of this excellent working Chapter was held on the 24th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Comps. J. A. Manning M.E.Z., F. C. Sawyer H., W. H. Boswell J., W. J. Brighten P.Z. Tr., H. E. Frances P.Z. P.P.G.D.C. Surrey S.E., W. Vincent P.Z. S.N., J. Goddard P.S., C. Pulman P.Z. Visitors:—H. Bond J. 619, C. Ellis 1817, C. Tayler J. 1624, Normandy 150 Madras, H. M. Levy P.Z. 188, &c. The Chapter opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Bretnall 1339, who was duly exalted into the Order, the ceremony was ably performed by the M.E.Z., assisted by the Principals and Officers. The Auditors' report was adopted; it showed the Chapter was in a flourishing condition. Comp. F. J. Sawyer was installed M.E.Z., W. Vincent P.Z. H., and W. H. Boswell J. On the re-admission of the Compa ions the M.E.Z. appointed his Officers—J. A. Manning I.P.Z. Treas., H. E. Frances P.Z. S.E., J. W. T. Goddard S.N., C. Damant P.S., Parkinson Janitor. The M.E.Z. in eloquent terms presented, in the name of the Chapter, a elegant P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. Manning, for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of M.E.Z. After this gift had been suitably acknowledged, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Venables. The M.E.Z. genially presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. Manning I.P.Z. proposed the health of the M.E.Z. This was to him a very pleasing duty. Comp. Sawyer had, with credit, passed through every office in the Chapter; he is a good Mason, and all respect him. The Companions had seen how admirably he had performed the duties of H., while in the short space of time he occupied the chair he showed his capability to preside over them. Under his auspices he was sure the Chapter would flourish. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked Comp. Manning for his kind expressions. The greatest wish of his career in Freemasonry had been gratified that day—his having been called to fill the chair of their Chapter. He would do all he could for its success, and though living some distance away, his services would always be at their command. The M.E.Z. next proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s of the Chapter. All look up to them with respect; it is to these talented Companions the success of the Chapter is due. He regretted the absence of several of the P.Z.'s, and mentioned that one was now in Australia; but they had Comp. Pulman present, and also Comp. Manning the I.P.Z. He would ask the Companions to give the toast a hearty reception. Comp. Manning was pleased to respond. The P.Z.'s who were absent were doubtless with them in spirit. For his own part, he felt that after a Companion had passed the chair, it was his duty to support the Most Excellent; he would always be ready to exert himself. He regretted the absence of the P.Z.'s, but on their behalf he thanked the Companions for their reception of the toast. Comps. Pulman and H. E. Frances followed. In proposing the health of the Exaltee, Comp. Bretnall, Comp. Sawyer said he was proud to see him joining this Chapter; he trusted in future years he might occupy the position of M.E.Z. Comp. Bretnall having suitably responded, the Visitors were complimented, and then the M.E.Z. proposed the toast of the H. and J.; he could say the Chapter would not be lacking in good work while they had such Officers as Companions Vincent and Boswell: no better working Masons could be found. Comp. Vincent responded; it was a great pleasure to him to be in office in the Chapter in which he was exalted. Comp. Boswell thanked Comp. Vincent for giving way to him in the past year. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary, and the rest of the Officers came next. To Companion Frances the M.E.Z.'s thanks were due for his kind instruction and able working. This compliment was acknowledged in a very humorous speech, and then the Janitor's toast was given, and the Companions separated. Comps. Ellis, the M.E.Z., and Tayler contributed to the harmony.

During the past week the announcement has been made in the public prints that Cardinal McCabe has written a letter approving of the course taken by certain members of the Dublin Corporation in refusing to support a candidate for the Lord Mayoralty on the ground that he was a Freemason. The Cardinal says he cannot understand how a Catholic could in conscience or honour help to place a Freemason in the office of first magistrate of the Catholic City of Dublin. The succession of revolutions that have shaken society for the last century can, he says, be easily traced to Masonry, a confederation organised for the unholiest purposes. The Cardinal evidently forgets, or does not choose to remember, that chiefest among the unholy purposes for which the confederation was organised was the erection of those magnificent temples in which he and his co-religionists worship, and of which it is not too much to say they are justly proud. It might perhaps be a strange thing if Roman Catholics were to support Freemasons for any office in a Roman Catholic community, but no one would deny that if a Freemason were elected he would prove himself quite as good a holder of his office as any Roman Catholic who had not the honour of being a Mason. It is not doubtful that the Pope has acted unreasonably in ordering all his faithful followers to see in Freemasonry nothing but evil. These fulminations, however, do the Order no harm, and Freemasonry will exist in spite of the Pope and all the dignitaries of the Roman Catholic Church.—*Evening News.*

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THE STEWARDS' VISIT TO THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

IF it is permitted to us to hazard an opinion as to the result of this year's Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, from the character of Thursday's gathering at Wood Green, we shall certainly feel inclined to anticipate a great success. There was a strong gathering and considerable enthusiasm over the day's proceedings; and although Bro. Binckes, in his introductory remarks, spoke of the year as being one of success in disappointments, yet, as he very pertinently rejoined, there is so much vitality in the Institution itself that it would probably have surmounted twice the number of difficulties which had presented themselves in making the necessary preparations for the great event. On Thursday there was exceptionally fine weather, and, as a consequence, the Stewards and their friends mustered in great force, the fair sex being very properly in the ascendant as regards numbers. The Lord Mayor was unable to attend, and Bro. Binckes' invitations to other brethren of distinction to occupy the chair having failed of their purpose, Bro. Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer, as chairman for the month of the House Committee, presided and fulfilled his part very genially. Bro. Dr. Morris's Report of the progress of the School during the past year was extremely satisfactory, the success achieved by the pupils at the Cambridge local Examination being rightly made the subject of congratulation. The choir having sung "Britons Arise," the distribution of prizes began, the intervals being filled up with part songs, in which the boys acquitted themselves well, and two dramatic performances, "A Tourist Ticket" and "Turned Head," in which H. R. Watkin, as "Farringdon Fenchurch" in the former, and W. L. Garstin as "Dick" in the latter, exhibited much humour and self-possession. After an hour or so had been conveniently given up to purposes of refreshment, there was an adjournment to the cricket field, where a capital programme of athletic sports was carried out, punctually and in good order, some of the events being very closely contested, while others, such as the sack race, caused much merriment. In fact, the day passed off most successfully, and we are in hopes that Saturday will add yet another to the many Festival triumphs achieved by Bro. Binckes.

We append particulars of the prizes, the principal winners, such as Warner (Institution Silver Medallist), Chandler (Canonbury Gold Medallist), Watkin, Bingham, and others, being heartily applauded by their schoolfellows as they appeared on the dais to receive, at Bro. Bowyer's hands, the rewards for good conduct and proficiency to which they had proved themselves entitled.

PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

First Class.—Scripture, 1st, R. J. Warner. Latin, 1st, F. Smith; 2nd, J. W. Hurst. French, 1st, W. R. Cooper; 2nd, R. R. Riley. English, G. Mey. Mathematics, 1st, A. Salter; 2nd, H. Bingham. General Improvement, 1st, R. P. F. Deeley; 2nd, S. C. Roberts. Certificate for Attention to Studies, R. J. Warner.

Second Class.—Latin, H. R. Hounslow. French and German, W. R. Roberts. Arithmetic, C. B. Sharp. General Improvement, J. Langdon.

Third Class.—Latin, J. Hogg. French and German, G. B. Brooks. English, W. R. Watson. Mathematics, R. A. Grave.

Fourth Class.—Latin, C. P. O'Doherty. French, F. Lucas. English, W. Lucas. Arithmetic, G. Jones.

Fifth Class.—Latin, C. J. Crow. French, J. P. Templeman and W. J. Pringle. English, W. J. Williams. Mathematics, A. D. Ashdown and E. W. Sissons.

Sixth Class.—General Proficiency, W. E. Clark and W. T. Hodge.

Seventh Class.—General Proficiency.—G. C. Willett and C. E. Stewart.

Part Song—"The Cambrian Plume" (Richards)—The Choir.

Part Song—"Now by Day's retiring lamp" (Bishop)—The Choir.

English Play.

"A TOURIST TICKET,"

A Farce, by Thos. J. Williams.

Characters.

Farringdon Fenchurch	(Clerk with small Salary) ...	H. R. Watkin.
Starter Shunt ...	... (Station Master) ...	F. Smith
Timothy Toppers	... (Railway Porter) ...	W. L. Garstin
Mr. Romulus Rasper	(late of the "Burhampooter Bungalorums") ...	A. A. Woon
Bill Bolters ...	... (Village Miller) ...	J. Ward
Giles Scroggins	... (Farmer) ...	
Lucinda Barkins	(Young Person at Refreshment Bar)	R. Riley.
Milly	... (Village Milliner) ...	H. Kirgs
Mrs. Cranky ...	... (Unprotected Widow) ...	C. King.
Miss Simperton	... (Railway Passenger) ...	H. Bingham.

Scene—The Exterior of the Little Railway Station at Slowcombe Poggis.

Time—This very afternoon.

Part Song—"Summer Eve" (Hatton)—The Choir.

Part Song—"Softly fall the shades of Evening" (Weber)—The Choir.

SPECIAL PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Writing, 1st, H. Bingham; 2nd, W. Smith. Dictation, 1st, R. Warner; 2nd, R. P. F. Deeley. History, 1st, H. Watkin; 2nd, G. Mey. Geography, 1st, H. R. Watkin; 2nd, P. A. Gedge. Mental Arithmetic, 1st, R. Warner; 2nd, G. Mey. Elocution, 1st, W. Smith; 2nd, C. King. Good behaviour and attention to studies, 1st, William Sutton; 2nd, S. D. Carey. Efficiency as teacher, 1st, H. R. Watkin. Efficiency as monitor, 1st, H. Bingham; 2nd J. Ward. Proficiency in drill, 1st, H. M. Fellows. The Band, F. Smith, W. Brown, W. L. Garstin, H. Bingham.

PRESENTED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Band, 1st, H. R. Watkin; 2nd, W. R. Roberts. Pianoforte, W. J. Pringle.

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Part Song—"The Sands of Dee" (Macfarren)—The Choir.

Part Song—"Drops of Rain" (Lemmens)—The Choir.

Silver Medal for Good Conduct—Presented by the Institution—Richard John Warner.

Canonbury Gold Medal—Presented by the late Bro. Edward Cox, V. Pat.—Arthur John Chandler.

Silver Watch and Chain for General Good Conduct—Presented by the Supreme Council 33, to a pupil on leaving the Institution—Hugh Robert Watkin.

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Part Song—"Greeting" (Mendelssohn)—The Choir.

Part Song—"The Urchins' Dance" (Hatton)—The Choir.

English Play.

"TURNED HEAD."

A Farce, in One Act, by S. A. A'Beckett.

Characters.

Mr. Fitzfiggins	J. Ward
Ferdinand Fitzfiggins	F. Smith
Doctor Mulgent	H. R. Watkin
Dick	W. L. Garstin.
Dampley	C. King
Spoutling	A. A. Woon
Laura	H. King

Song.—"Does your Heart beat true to me" (Maxwell)—F. Cairney.

National Anthem—"God Save the Queen"—The Choir.

We learn with regret that Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., has resigned the office of Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, which he has held since March 1875; and, further, that the reason assigned for his relinquishing the position is ill-health. We feel that Sir Henry Edwards can ill be spared from among the rulers of English Freemasonry. He has shown himself to be one of those who are not afraid to step a little out the usual course, and in many matters of interest to the Craft has set examples which have been followed far and wide.

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IS "MAKING MASONS AT SIGHT" A GRAND MASTER'S PREROGATIVE?

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

MACKEY, in his "Masonic Jurisprudence," enumerated twenty-five Masonic landmarks, which landmarks are irrepealable and unalterable, like "the laws of the Medes and Persians." Among these, he claims, that a Grand Master has an inherent right to make Masons at sight. I shall first give his argument, and afterwards expose his fallacies.

1st. Landmark fourth.—"Many persons ignorantly suppose that the election of a Grand Master is held in consequence of a law or regulation of the Grand Lodge. Such, however, is not the case. The office is indebted for its existence to a Landmark of the Order. Grand Masters are to be found in the records of the Institution long before Grand Lodges were established. * * * In fact, although, there has been a period within the records of history, and indeed of very recent date, when a Grand Lodge was unknown, there never has been a time when the Craft did not have their Grand Master."

2nd. Landmark fifth.—"The prerogative of a Grand Master * * * is, in consequence of this law, derived from ancient usage, and not from any special enactment."

3rd. Landmark sixth. "The statutory law of Masonry requires a month * * * to elapse between the presentation of a petition and the election of a candidate. But the Grand Master has the power to set aside or dispense with this probation, and allow a candidate to be initiated at once."

4th. Landmark seventh. "The prerogative of the Grand Master to give Dispensations for opening and holding Lodges is another landmark. He may grant in virtue of this, to a sufficient number of Masons, the privilege of meeting together and conferring degrees. The Lodges thus established are called "Lodges under Dispensation." They are strictly the creatures of the Grand Master, created by his authority, existing only during his will and pleasure, and liable at any moment to be dissolved at his command.

5th. Landmark eighth. "The prerogative of a Grand Master to make Masons at sight, is a landmark which is closely connected with the preceding one * * * It is not to be supposed that the Grand Master can retire with a profane into a private room, and there without assistance confer the degrees of Masonry upon him. * * * The real and only mode of exercising this prerogative is this: The Grand Master summons to his assistance not less than six other Masons, convenes a Lodge, and without any previous probation, but on *sight* of the candidate, confers the degrees upon him; after which he dissolves the Lodge and dismisses the brethren. Lodges thus convened are called "Occasional Lodges." This is the only way in which any Grand Master within the records of the institution has ever been known to make a Mason at sight. The prerogative is dependent upon that of granting Dispensations to open and hold Lodges. If the Grand Master has the power of granting any other Mason the privilege of presiding over Lodges working by his dispensation, he may assume this privilege of presiding to himself; and as no one can deny his right to revoke his dispensation granted to any number of brethren at a distance, and to dissolve the Lodge at pleasure, it will scarcely be contended that he may not revoke his dispensation for a Lodge over which he himself has been presiding, within a day, and dissolve the Lodge as soon as the business for which he assembled it is accomplished."

This *inherent* prerogative of the Grand Master, Dr. Mackey traces to the Emperor Carausius in the third century, who granted the Masons a charter, and ordered Saint Alban to preside over their meetings as Grand Master; all which reads very logical, and I confess that I once believed in the Masonic Doctor's jurisprudence. But now I have some things to say against Dr. Mackey's reasoning.

1st. It is true that four Grand Masters in the last century assumed the right of conferring the degrees upon high personages in temporary unwarranted Lodges, known as "occasional Lodges." But as the Constitution ordained that before a Lodge can confer the degrees it must first have a charter, and then it must be regularly consecrated, hence, the said "occasional Lodges" were certainly illegal, and the mere fact that the law was several times violated, did not make it less binding before it was regularly repealed or modified.* A Grand Lodge has indeed the right of conferring upon its presiding Officer whatever power it pleases. But a Grand Lodge has also the right of diminishing the Grand Master's powers. One thing only neither Grand Lodge nor any other legislative body *cannot do*, viz.: that of enacting an irremovable and unrepealable *Landmark*. True, the Medes and Persians have enacted irrepealable laws, but where are those laws now, and how long were they obeyed? The fact is, wherever and whenever a reform was proposed to remove unjust laws, the selfish ones, who derived a benefit from the said unjust laws, for the want of a better argument, have always pleaded about the "wisdom of the ancients" and "ancient landmark." But a little reflection will show, that the laws which may have suited the state of barbarism in the middle ages, are unsuitable for enlightened communities, and the same rule is equally applicable to our fraternity; and hence the phrase "ancient Masonic Landmark," is from every standpoint simply a Masonic absurdity.

Let us now take a retrospective view of the Masonic laws. We have now about fifty pre-1717 Masons' codes of laws or Constitutions, all of which were designed for operative Masons. In not one of these Constitutions can we find the phase "Ancient landmarks," and consequently the regulations or laws in all of them differ more or less. But when the old organization ceased to be useful for the purpose it was originally intended, the Constitution was completely changed; there is not a law in the thirty-nine sections of Anderson's Constitution which bears any resemblance to the laws in the pre-1717 Constitutions. True, "Free-born" and "Sound-limb," were left in the preface to Anderson's Constitution. But even these notions, which Dr. Mackey calls *landmarks*, have been discarded in many jurisdictions.

Dr. Mackey reasons that the office of Grand Master is older than the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master's prerogatives were derived from the charter granted by Carausius to Saint Alban in the third century. But in the first place no one knows what that charter was. Second, who conferred on Carausius the power to endow all future Grand Masters with unrepealable prerogatives? Third, Saint Gildas in the sixth first wrote the story of the martyrdom of Saint Alban in the third century. But modern critics doubt not only the existence of such a personage as Saint Alban, but even doubt the existence of Saint Gildas. Fourth, neither the Chronicle ascribed to Saint Gildas, nor any other subsequent Monkish Chronicle, mention or allude to either the Masonry or the Grand Mastership of Saint Alban. And fifth, no intelligent Masonic student believes now that the Masons anywhere had either a Grand Lodge or Grand Masfer before 1717. If, therefore, the office of Grand Master is of so modern an origin, how can we call his prerogatives ancient landmarks? To show, however, that Grand Masters were always regarded as mere creatures of the representatives of the Lodges who elected them, and that they were as much subject to ordinances of the Constitution as any other member of the Craft, the reader will find in Anderson's Constitution, Section XXIX, as follows, viz., previous to the election of Grand Master.

"The Grand Master and his Deputy, the Grand Wardens or the Stewards, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Clerks, and every other person shall withdraw, and leave the Masters and Wardens of the particular Lodges alone, n order to consult amicably about the election of a new Grand Master."

We see by the above, that the representatives of Lodges "alone," were privileged to choose a Grand Master, and to show still further that a Grand Master could not violate the Constitution with impunity, Section XIX. ordains:

"If a Grand Master should abuse his power, and render

* In 1763, the Ancients granted a Dispensation to hold a Lodge for forty days. But I could not find in all the Constitutions of the Moderns any indication of such a Dispensation. A book printed in Liverpool in 1788, called "The elements of Freemasonry delineated," refers to a Dispensation to hold a Lodge for forty days, but as the author's name is not on the title page, it is doubtful whether he copied that regulation from a book of the Ancients or Moderns. At present such Dispensations are called "Provisional Warrants," and the granting of such warrants seems to be confined to District Grand Lodges abroad. They must, however, petition the Grand Master of England for a regular warrant within a month after they receive the Provisional Warrant.

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himself unworthy of the obedience and subjection of the Lodges, he shall be treated in a way and manner to be agreed upon in a new Regulation."

Having disposed of Dr. Mackey's notion of ancient landmarks, I will next consider his *sixth landmark*, in which he refers to the power of a Grand Master to dispense with the law requiring a month's notice to be given to the members of a Lodge before a candidate can be initiated therein. That is, however, providing the Officers of the Lodge petition the Grand Master for such dispensation. But the following, Section VI., will show that no dispensation of the Grand Master can compel a Lodge to elect either a candidate or a member; here is the law.

"But no man shall be entered a brother in any particular Lodge, or admitted as a member thereof, without the unanimous consent of all the members of that Lodge then present when the candidate is proposed, and their consent formally asked by the Master. * * * Nor is this inherent privilege subject to dispensation."

Having shown that a Grand Master has no *inherent rights*; that his so-called "prerogatives" are dependent upon the will and pleasure of the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Master is as amenable to the laws laid down in the Constitution as any other Mason, for the information of the reader I will add that "occasional Lodges" were held in England only five times, viz.: one in 1731, one in 1737, two in 1766, and one in 1787; that is ninety-seven years ago. Since 1787 no occasional Lodge was held there, and I will further add, that about eight or nine years ago, while riding from Liverpool to London, I read in a newspaper that on the previous night the English Grand Master had initiated one of his own brothers in the Prince of Wales Lodge, and that among the Grand Lodge dignitaries present was Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary. On the following day I paid my respects to Bro. Hervey, when in the course of conversation on the above event, I said, "So it seems you have discarded the notice of the Grand Master's right to make Masons at sight." Brother Hervey replied, "'Occasional Lodges' were always illegal; they ought never to have been held, and they never will be held again."

KNOWLEDGE OF RITUAL.

THE address of Grand Master Cable, delivered at the Sixteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, is well worth reproduction. Our esteemed brother spoke as follows:—

While a correct knowledge of our ceremonies, and a familiarity with the *Ritual* of the different degrees is of the greatest importance, yet it is our least and easiest duty to discharge. That which we call *work*, my brethren, is not the *work* of our membership, but is the *work* of the *Lodge* only. Our individual *work* in its broad, comprehensive, and true sense, is in the interest and progress of humanity in every relation of life. To this *work* every Mason has dedicated himself, and pledged his best endeavours; because Masonry has the world as its field of operation, and humanity the subject of its interest and care; including not only the temporal welfare, but the eternal happiness, of mankind. My information leads me to fear that the work of the *Lodge* is, with most of us, the only duty discharged; and with the Masters and Wardens of the subordinate Lodges, the only duty taught the initiate; wholly neglecting the great and eternal truths taught by the symbols of the different degrees. We too often forget, brethren, that the candidate for admission comes asking for that light which Masonry has to give, and too often leaves the Lodge room with the faintest conception, if any at all, of that true light which Masonry would inculcate. How many Masters and Wardens are there present here to-day, who fully comprehend what true light in Masonry means! How many *impress* the initiate with the important fact, that prayer is an essential element in Masonry; and, I may well ask, how many inform themselves of any of the great moral truths taught by the symbols of our fraternity; and content themselves with a mere familiarity with our Ritual? If then, my brethren, those in authority are not able to teach, how can we expect the membership to become more zealous in the observance and discharge of their duties and obligations! The want of this knowledge upon the part of our Officers, prevents its being taught the membership; and the want of it on the part of our initiates, causes them to tolerate, if not to indulge in, acts of immorality, which, in some instances, is a disgrace to the Fraternity. Too many of us feel that in becoming Masons we secure personal aid, assistance, and protection; assuming no duties to perform, or work to do, in the advancement of the great cause of humanity.

It is said that when despotism and superstition reigned everywhere, and seemed invincible, if not immortal, Masonry was invented to avoid persecution, and the doctrines taught have been transmitted by our secret mode of initiation, and, retaining its ancient symbols, it displays its banner in every civilized country, upon which is written in letters of living light its great principles.

While it teaches the great truths concerning the nature and existence of one Supreme Deity, and the existence and immortality of the soul, yet it is not a religious sect, but from all sects it forms one vast fraternal association, based upon a code of morals which is the sure foundation of all religions. To serve our God, our country, and all mankind, is the noblest destiny of man. This duty Masonry not only teaches but commands, and the Masters and Wardens of the subordinate Lodge who fail to impress this fact upon the initiate, neglect their most important duty, and the Lodge fails to come up to the full measure of its usefulness. Immorality among our membership, results from a want of a proper appreciation of the morality of our fraternity, and this want of appreciation grows out of a failure to sufficiently inform ourselves upon this subject.

If Masonry was simply an association for mutual pecuniary relief, it would long since have ceased to exist. Its command to love one another—to share each others pains and sorrows, as well as joys and pleasures—to afford each other mutual assistance and support in all the relations of life—to respect the opinions and guard and protect the reputation of a brother, and throw the vail of charity over his errors and shortcomings, and, above all, its firm belief in the existence of a God and His Providence, as well as the immortality of the soul, has preserved and protected its existence as an association, and will continue to do so, as long as mankind shall inhabit the earth. Then, my brethren, let me urge you to learn more of its moral precepts, and practise its virtues more, so that the standard of Masonic character may be elevated, the sphere of its influence enlarged, and its great moral teachings made more popular, and therefore more observed among the brethren.

FRANKLIN'S HANDWRITING.

WE have recently noted two errors on this subject, in connection with the Philadelphia St. John's Lodge Ledger, of 1731-8. The Philadephia *Times*, in a brief paragraph, stated that the whole of this Lodge Ledger is in the handwriting of Dr. Benjamin Franklin; while Bro. Jacob Norton, in the Boston *Masonic Truth*, of 2nd of June inst., says that *none* of it is in Franklin's handwriting. BOTH ARE IN ERROR. We quote the *falsehood* contained in *Masonic Truth*, as follows:—

A paragraph was copied in the *Boston Post* from a Philadelphia paper (the *Times*), stating that a Masonic record was discovered in Philadelphia, of between 1731 and 1738, all in the handwriting of Benjamin Franklin; and the said paragraph has since been reprinted in the *Herald* and in the *Advertiser*, &c. Now, the truth is, *that not a word in* the said record was written by Franklin.

The facts are these: The St. John's Lodge Ledger of 1731-8, is, very evidently, in the handwriting of four different secretaries. We have examined it carefully and critically, with the following result: The first Secretary wrote the record from June to December 1731, the second Secretary, from December 1731, to December 1733, the third Secretary, from December 1733, to June 1735, and the fourth Secretary, from June 1735, to June 1738. We are of opinion that any expert, familiar with Franklin's handwriting, will decide that the fourth Secretary's work was *by the pen of Benjamin Franklin*. Several skilled experts have examined the record, and this is their opinion. If Bro. Jacob Norton will look at the Phototype copy of ten pages of this Ledger, sent by Bro. Conrad B. Day, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and now preserved in the Grand Lodge Library at Boston (a copy was also sent to Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, Recording Grand Secretary), we are convinced he will be of this opinion also. So both the *Times* and Bro. Norton in the *Masonic Truth* are in error, and the truth is as we have stated.—*Keystone*.

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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 JUNE.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1307—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Goetling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

MONDAY, 30th JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (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.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1663—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 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
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 1206—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse

TUESDAY, 1st 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, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, 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)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
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, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., 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.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1385—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
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.
673—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
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.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd JULY.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
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)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7.45 (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
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. 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
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
328—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
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
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

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
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
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 (Inst.)
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
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
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. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
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, 3rd JULY.

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)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Conch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

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)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
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1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
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1538—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
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—Kaisar-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
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, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
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219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
519—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
546—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset-shire.
569—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
636—Oxic, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
659—Bingdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
782—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

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1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1383—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1384—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1387—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
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 235—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. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 4th JULY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
26—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.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
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.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
243—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
305—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
531—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1387—Choriton, Masonic Rooms, Choriton 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—Goseforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Goseforth
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 6th JULY.

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)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1634—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
306—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1323—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

MINERVA LODGE, No. 250.

THE annual Installation of the W.M. and Officers of the above Lodge was held on the 24th inst., at Hull, being the time-honoured Feast of St. John the Baptist, when the following, among other Officers, were installed:—Bros Henry J. White W.M., the Rev. Henry W. Kemp, B.A., P.M. P.P.G.C. I.P.M., William Kirk Brown S.W., George E. Selby J.W. The ceremony was performed by the W. Master the Rev. H. W. Kemp, B.A., Worshipful Master of the Charter House, assisted by several Past Masters of the Lodge. A supper was afterwards held in the dining hall, when the brethren were honoured by the company of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Prov Grand Treasurer (Bro. R. W. Hollon), the Prov. Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire (Bro. Henry Smith), by the W. Masters of the Humber, Kingston, and De-la-Pole Lodges, and by other distinguished brethren. During the evening a valuable gold jewel (set with diamonds, &c.) was presented to the Rev. Bro. H. W. Kemp, and a gold bracelet for Mrs. Kemp, in commemoration of Bro. Kemp's retirement from the chair and of the Centenary of the Lodge, which was celebrated during the second year of his Mastership. On the top bar of the jewel is Rev. Bro. Kemp's monogram and the Provincial Grand Chaplain's emblem in enamel. Suspended from a festoon are the arms of the Charter House, enamelled in heraldic colours; beneath this is the head of Minerva, from which hangs the jewel itself. In the centre of the jewel is the centenary emblem, surrounded by the name, number, and date of the Lodge, in enamel. It is supported on either side by bearings of ears of corn and sprigs of acacia, over which is a large cluster of lustrous diamonds. At the bottom of the jewel is the Past Master's emblem. The number of gems used is seventeen diamonds, seven pearls, and four rubies, of the first water. The back of the jewel is suitably inscribed. The whole is finished in excellent style, and has been designed and executed by Messrs. Barnett and Scott, Whitefriargate. The bracelet presented to Mrs. Kemp, which is also engraved with a suitable inscription, was supplied by the same firm.

VILLIERS LODGE, No. 1194.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 21st inst. Bros. T. C. Gambrill W.M., Gilby S.W., W. Vincent P.G.S.B. Middlesex J.W., Steele Treasurer, Dodd Secretary, Monson J.D., Foote I.G., J. G. Fisher P.M. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. McLewin was passed to the second degree. The election of W.M. then took place, and Bro. Gilby S.W. was unanimously elected. Bro. Steele P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert P.G. Tyler for Middlesex re-elected Tyler. It was proposed to present a P.M.'s jewel and collar to the retiring W.M. for his efficient services during his year of office. The Lodge was closed until October. Light refreshments followed, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

ON Saturday last, the 21st inst., the installation meeting of this Lodge passed off most successfully. The brethren assembled at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, where Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Bird. After the confirmation of the minutes and report of the Audit Committee, the initiation of Mr. Peter Young took place, the ceremony being well rendered by Bro. Mayes I.P.M. (a friend of the candidate). Bro. Bird, on resuming the Master's chair, most impressively raised Bros. Hibberd and Bayne to the third degree. The installation of Bro. John Osborn, the W.M. elect, was then proceeded with. On the re-admission of the brethren Bro. Osborn appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. H. W. Gregory S.W., E. Woodman J.W., W. Hurran Treasurer, W. H. Lee P.M. Secretary, J. Weston P.M. S.D., H. J. Osborn J.D., O. J. Von Holtorp I.G., J. Bayne Organist, H. W. Carter D.C., J. H. Gaskin and W. Wright Stewards, Very Tyler. Bro. Bird then gave the several addresses in a faultless manner, calling forth the highest encomiums from the Provincial Grand Master, the visitors and brethren. With a proposition for initiation at the next meeting, of Mr. Lee jun. (son of the energetic Secretary), the business of the Lodge was at an end. The brethren then adjourned to a well-served banquet. The W.M. subsequently gave the usual toasts. In replying to that of the Provincial Grand Officers, Sir F. Burdett made special reference to the fact of his unexpected visit, and his gratification at finding the Lodge so perfect in its working. He expressed the great pleasure and pride he felt in finding this, one of the most recently established Lodges in his Province, progressing in so satisfactory a manner. A selection of music was given during the evening. The following brethren were present as Visitors:—Sir Francis Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex, H. Cox W.M. 1471, H. P. Squire J.W. 1356, S. Hollidge J.D. 1602, W. H. Paddle P.M. 1851, J. H. Pearson P.M. 1567, T. D. Dutton W.M. 1567, J. W. Nicholson 1293, A. J. Delvalle 1662, P. Forge W.M. 619, J. Mason P.P.S.G.D. Middlesex.

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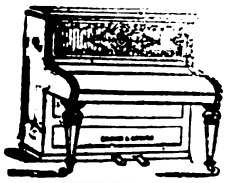
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