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FREEDOM OF DISCUSSION.

IN introducing the First Number of our Twenty-first Volume to our readers little remains for us to say after the remarks with which we closed our Twentieth. There is, however, one matter to which our attention may well be devoted. We allude to the course we have pursued in the past, of allowing to all sections of the Craft free discussion of their views in our columns. We feel we are best consulting the interests of Freemasonry in England when we afford to the views of all who address us an equal share of publicity. Of course there is a limit beyond which we should not allow a correspondent to go, but we have not found it necessary, except in a few instances, to put our veto on any letters addressed to us. Our conduct in this respect has called forth a word of caution from our esteemed contemporary the *Evening News*, which remarks that "the opening of a new year is a fitting time to caution the brethren against the perpetration of un-Masonic acts." "It is a curious fact," says our contemporary, "that a difference of opinion is seldom argued out inoffensively, a tendency being constantly shown by the disputants to endeavour to say something hurtful to each other's feelings." In this view we fully coincide; indeed it has often pained us to be called upon to publish in extenso the letters we have received, on account of their occasionally containing sentences which might be looked upon as offensive, and we have, in no few instances, suggested modifications; but bearing in mind our programme—our determination to afford a medium of discussion to all sides—we have felt unable to wholly exclude them. For this reason we cannot allow the expressions of the *Evening News* to pass unquestioned. "The Masonic Press," it says, "unfortunately exercises scarcely sufficient caution over the correspondence which it admits into its pages with respect to contentious matters, and from time to time hard expressions are allowed to appear which a little reflection must convince the writers had better not have been used." Speaking for ourselves, we consider that caution is used, and from our standpoint sufficient caution. We claim for ourselves freedom of discussion on all points connected with the Craft, and we allow our correspondents the same. The views of one writer can very rarely be the same as those of all who read them, but it is nothing short of presumption for any one individual, because he happens to disagree with the expressions of one side, to argue that they must of necessity be wrong, and that his ideas are the only correct ones. Neither can we agree with our contemporary in saying that "however trivial the subject, it is enough that every one should not be of the same mind on it to rush into print." "Nor do we believe it would be necessary in so doing to say what is supposed to be smart in order to hold up the opponent as an example of folly." Our contemporary must admit it is next to impossible to write on subjects of a personal character without introducing arguments which may be taken as offensive, and the class of correspondence to which our contemporary more particularly refers cannot be described as anything but personal. Under these circumstances we argue that what looks like "smart" writing is nothing more than the necessary emphasis of the writer. Our experience has convinced us that in many of the cases where offence was taken no one was more surprised or pained thereat than the offender himself. To prove more fully what we mean, we may refer to past discussions to which we have devoted editorial attention. In not a few instances we have been blamed by both sides for showing favour to the other, thus proving, to our mind, the fairness of our arguments, and the all but utter impossibility of pleasing everybody. If this is the case with us, how much more likely is it to be so with those who, without experience, avail themselves, perhaps for the first time, of the columns of a newspaper to give publicity to their views. They may be sincere in what they do; they may desire to keep clear of everything likely to give pain or offence, and may write solely in the hope of doing good; yet they are misunderstood; the meanings of their sentences are twisted until they can hardly believe they ever wrote them, and such unworthy motives attributed to them that they feel actually ashamed of themselves. Very much of this abuse arises, we think, from the inability of most writers to keep their temper in the discussions in which they take part; if they would write in defence of the views they take, rather than in opposition to the writer on the other side, they would keep clear of the recriminations which are usually returned to them with interest. It should be possible to write in opposition to a man's views without writing in opposition to the man. The best of friends must occasionally differ in their ideas on particular subjects, but that is no reason for their quarrelling with each other. Indeed, we consider that the man is to be pitied who cannot read the fiercest onslaught of his opponent in a discussion without engendering feelings of personal antagonism to the writer.

The latest circumstances out of which this objectionable writing has arisen, remarks our contemporary, is the recent nomination of three brethren for election to the office of Grand Treasurer, and it will doubtless strike our readers that the letters which have appeared in our last few numbers more particularly account for the "caution" it has been deemed necessary to publish. The *Evening News* considers the correspondence in our pages is to be deplored and deprecated. If that correspondence was written simply with the object of personally attacking those referred to in it, it is most certainly to be deplored and deprecated, but if, as we believe, it was written without any personal malice, and with the object of drawing attention to a fair matter of discussion, it is neither to be deplored nor deprecated; on the contrary, if the reader can disassociate himself from all feelings of animus to individuals, and read it calmly and dispassionately, it will then, we urge, clearly show itself in its true light,—and will present features which will call for consideration by all who take an interest in the matter.

In saying we intend to follow, in the future, the plan we have adopted in the past, we do not intend it to be understood we ignore the opinions of others. On the contrary, we attach as much importance to those who abuse us as to those who applaud, but we do not yet feel disposed to depart one bit from our programme; we intend to continue to provide—as long as we are able—a field for free discussion.

Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to present to the funds of the Booksellers' Provident Institution, through Sir Henry Ponsonby, K.C.B., a donation of £20. Her Majesty has been the Patron of the Society since the year 1868.

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THE PAST YEAR'S CHARITY WORK.

THE year 1884 has been one of great prosperity to the Masonic Charities, as a cursory glance at the figures we are now able to give, and a comparison with the receipts of past years, will amply prove. It is true that the amounts do not total up to so large a sum as did those of the previous year, but it must be borne in mind that the special efforts then made on behalf of the Boys' Preparatory School Fund raised the total of that Institution far above the average, and it would hardly be fair to compare an ordinary year with one of such a special character. The totals of last year reach the grand amount of £48,823 17s 7d as compared with £55,994 14s 3d for 1883, announced by us in our first number of 1884, so that there is an actual falling off last year of upwards of £7,000; but as the special appeal on behalf of the Boys' School in 1883 realised between £10,000 and £12,000, it follows that last year's total shows an actual increase over that of its predecessor of something like £5,000. The following is a detailed statement of the receipts of the three Institutions as well as of the grants made by the Lodge of Benevolence, during the past year:—

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

	£	s	d
Donations and subscriptions	15,654	2	2
Dividends	1,915	0	6
Grand Lodge	1,600	0	0
Grand Chapter	150	0	0
Do. Special	500	0	0
Legacies	64	5	0
Rent of meadow	18	0	0
	19,901	7	8

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	13,051	4	7
Dividends—"General Fund"—3 qrs	945	0	0
" "Sustentation Fund"—2 qrs.	173	11	11
Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Do. Special	500	0	0
Sale of Old Stores	1	17	6
Sale of Lists of Subscribers	1	15	0
Legacies	95	0	0
	14,928	19	0

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

	£	s	d
Donations and subscriptions	12,242	7	3
Dividends	572	16	8
Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Ditto Special	500	0	0
Purchased admissions (2)	357	0	0
Music Fees	63	0	0
Sale of Lists of Subscribers	2	17	0
Legacies	95	0	0
	13,993	10	11

Lodge of Benevolence.

Month.	Cases relieved.	Amount. £	s	d
January	16	535	0	0
February	21	490	0	0
March	32	890	0	0
April	29	1,000	0	0
May	33	1,075	0	0
June	22	855	0	0
July	26	615	0	0
August	16	535	0	0
September	19	560	0	0
October	34	1,160	0	0
November	37	710	0	0
December	38	827	0	0
	323	9,252	0	0

A WORD IN SEASON.

THE circular issued by the zealous and hard-working Secretary of the Boys' School, a copy of which appears in another column, is one which should command at once—as we have no doubt it will—the earnest attention of every Worshipful Master, Treasurer, Secretary, and the brethren also of each Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. There is no necessity to remind the brethren of the steps which last year led up to the institution of the Preparatory School, the building of which was commenced last September, near the Boys' Institution, Wood-green, and which is expected to be completed by Midsummer this year. That such a supplement to the Wood-green establishment was needful and desirable was sufficiently demonstrated at the time; and it became a subject for general congratulation when at length it was announced that sufficient support had been guaranteed to warrant the executive in commencing operations. Now, however, comes the point to which Bro. Binckes so timely and forcibly draws the attention of the Craft, and we can only hope that the various Lodges will give it that consideration which the importance of the subject demands. With no uncertain sound we are reminded that the executive are "face to face with the anxious question" as to whence are to be derived the additional means necessary for the maintenance of the Subsidiary Establishment, for the advantages of which the Committee will no doubt be prepared to recommend the election of a proportion of the number of boys for whom the additional accommodation is provided *not later than* at the Quarterly General Court next October. The statistics recently issued with regard to the financial results of the Masonic year—and with which we deal more exhaustively in another article—reveal the fact that the Boys' School was lowest on the list in the amounts secured during the year in aid of the three Great Institutions. This may, of course, be accounted for in a great measure by the fact of the extreme pressure which was put upon the Craft during the preceding year, to make a start for the Preparatory School; and thus all the money which could be raked up, to the end of 1883, was paid in, so as to secure the extra votes which the contributions handed in on or before 31st Dec. in the year carried. We have frequently heard it said that the services of individuals who make special exertions—often at great personal sacrifice—receive no recognition; and the question which may probably yet have to be considered is, whether it would not be to the advantage of the Institution, and a great assistance all round, if a competent Collector were appointed, as in the case of the Benevolent Institution, the result of which has shewn so satisfactorily during the last year or two. However, that is a matter of collateral interest in the face of the present appeal to the extended activities of the Craft. All we have to consider now is: The school has been projected, and is nearing its completion; how is it to be brought to a successful and happy issue? We have more faith in the solid and business-like energies of our brethren everywhere than to believe for one moment they will allow the work, so well begun, to fall through in consequence of any apathy or niggardliness on their part. But we know, on the other hand, that the past year has been exceptionally bad in every department of trade and commerce; and that the balances in the hands of the bankers at the end of the year just closed are small compared with that of former prosperous times. For all that, we hope and believe the brethren generally will ponder over the circumstances of the case brought before them with a frankness and candour that are eminently characteristic of the Secretary of the Boys' School. Bro. Binckes does not beat about the bush. He tells us, straightly, that supposing the experiment he tentatively tried by the admission of twenty-five boys, and the administration based on the most economic system possible, the expenditure cannot be less than from £1000 to £1200 over and above that now required. This is certainly not a very formidable request to make, and Bro. Binckes is fully justified in asserting that the long-contemplated extension of the Schools having been carried out in strict compliance with the wishes of the Craft, "nothing further in the shape of argumentative appeal need be resorted to." The suggestion of organising and maintaining a steady annual subscription in every Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England is equally sensible and sound; and we should hold but

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a very poor opinion of any Lodge who could or would not "put on the screw," so to speak, and contrive to send its guinea annually to the fund for carrying on the grand scheme which has been so admirably inaugurated. Hitherto, as we have seen, the idea of an annual and steady subscription has not been much favoured by Lodges in this country; although we have heard it dinned into the ears of the brethren over and over again, for years, what wonders could be effected if only the brethren would collectively unite and send a trifling sum, the loss of which they could not possibly feel, to the coffers of our Charities. Thus out of 68 District and Provincial Grand Lodges, there are only half a-dozen annual subscribers; and amongst 2019 private Lodges in England and the Colonies, there are only 135 that have yet adopted the principle urged by Bro. Binckes. In the Royal Arch there is a similar, if not graver, proportion of failure in this respect, for out of 650 Chapters only seven are annual subscribers. We can but echo the expression of assurance contained in the concluding sentences of the circular—"Surely something can be done to remedy this unsatisfactory state of things." And so would add, that whereas every Lodge could, if it so pleased, send its guinea a-year to help the executive in carrying out satisfactorily what they have so well begun; many are able, and will be glad, to send double and treble that amount, "either by donation direct; or through the medium of a Steward as representative of a Lodge;" so that it may not be said there is any diminution of the fervent zeal and sturdy determination we have always seen amongst the members generally of the Craft, in carrying out the great principles of Charity, of the past results of which they are so justly proud.

INTEREST IN LODGE WORK.

ONE of the most difficult questions, and one that has, at all times, presented itself to the Craft, is how to keep up the interest of the members in the Lodge work. The degrees have been so expanded in these latter days that a considerable amount of time is taken up in working them, and when, as it sometimes happens, two or three are given in the course of the evening the business gets very wearisome to the floor members who, when a chance occurs, gradually drop off, leaving the Lodge, perhaps, to be closed by a bare quorum. Many brethren there are who have an affection for their Lodge, but are frightened away by the tedium involved in giving too much work, and we have often heard the remark made that the whole business got wearisome. This plan of crowding too much into an evening can be easily avoided by setting apart a certain night for each degree, and letting same be intimated to the brethren generally. Should work accumulate, an emergency meeting held occasionally would clear all off, and relieve the regular meetings to an extent that would be readily appreciated by the members. By this method also the tax upon the Officers of the Lodge would be considerably less, with advantage to the general work and the proper rendering of the ritual. It may be urged that brethren would be kept back from taking their degrees in the usual monthly style generally adopted now, and, although at first sight this may possibly appear a hardship, yet we think that a closer look into the matter will show that, instead of being such, it would be a positive benefit not only to the candidates but the Craft in general. The present practice of rushing candidates through, night after night, who are really unacquainted with the degree they have just taken, and who, in a great many instances, are quite ignorant of the necessary qualifications for passing or raising, is one greatly to be deplored, and cannot be said to be either beneficial to the recipient of the degree or to the advantage of the Fraternity. With the fixed nights mentioned for the different degrees, these brethren would have time to prepare themselves, and, with the knowledge that at a certain date they must present themselves for advancement or wait a few months more, they would be more anxious to befit themselves for the occasion. With one degree only for each regular Lodge night, the meetings would terminate earlier; and should the Lodge favour the refreshment board, a few more minutes would be made available for that social intercourse that forms so important a part of the Masonic gathering.

We have, however, another side to look at. All Lodges are not overburdened with work, and possibly these Lodges contain some of the bone and sinew of the Craft, who, being more scrupulous and particular who they admit, have not so many brethren knocking at the door of the Lodge. These Lodges suffer from a want of something to do, and perhaps not feeling sufficient interest to play dummy and work a degree for practice only, merely open the Lodge and close it for, as they say, form's sake. Now, it would be ten chances to one but that within these Lodges there are many members extremely anxious to know "more about Masonry" than is given in the degrees and usual lectures, and it would range within the same amount of certainty that there are other members who are in a position to afford light to their inquiring brethren. What an ever ending fund of mutual instruction opens itself here! The Lodge would, indeed, be a source of pleasure and profit, and even the dullest of dullards must be benefitted by a discussion carried on in a fraternal spirit. Subjects there are without number, and all capable of having more light thrown upon them.

The bounden duty of Worshipful Masters is to make their Lodges bright and attractive to the whole of the brethren, and we commend the few lines just penned to their careful consideration.—*Victorian Freemason.*

Obituary.

BRO. ALFRED CHARLES RAWLINGS.

WE regret to have to announce the decease of Brother Rawlings, the Worshipful Master of St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144, which sad event took place on Sunday evening, the 21st ult. Bro. Rawlings was only installed into the Chair of King Solomon in October last, though it was apparent his state of health was unsatisfactory, but the brethren of his Lodge and many friends were in hopes he would recover. It has, however, pleased the Great Architect to will otherwise, and our lamented brother has died, at the early age of 37; rapid consumption having set in a few weeks back. The funeral took place on Saturday last, at the Great Northern Cemetery, Wood Green. Bros. Unite (Treasurer), Witts (Secretary), Barham, Ball, and Taylor P.M.'s of the Lodge, Coulthard, Hughes, Knight, Wittingham, Brown, Mann sen., and others were present. It is singular that a brother of the deceased, who was also an Officer of the St. Luke's Lodge, died a few years since, also at the age of 37; while, on the last Saturday in 1883 the brethren were called to attend the funeral of their then S.W. (Bro. G. W. Cole).

The obsequies of the late Warden of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, whose demise was briefly mentioned in our last issue, took place on Saturday last, at Croydon Cemetery. The coffin in which our deceased brother was buried was literally covered with floral wreaths and crosses, sent as affectionate tributes of respect, and sorrow at the loss of a venerable and highly-honoured friend. Amongst the chief mourners were Bro. James Creed Norris, son of deceased, and three grandsons; Bros. J. A. Farnfield, Thomas Cubitt P.G.P. and Edgar Bowyer P.G.S.B, members of the House Committee; Bro. James Terry Secretary and Bro. John Mason Collector of the Institution; Dr. Strong and Dr. Adams; and on behalf of the residents in the Asylum Bros. Shoring, Everest, Turner, Beckett, Maxwell, Mobbs, Churchhouse, Hole, Seabrook, and others. The home of the "Old Folks" has naturally been wrapped in gloom during the usual merry season, for the late Bro. Norris, though a rigid disciplinarian, was beloved by all, over whom he exercised a firm but gentle rule. When he died he was within a month of his 95th year, having been a resident in the Institution twenty-two and a-half years. Up to the last, although his hearing was rather defective, he was hale and hearty and enjoyed nothing more than a pleasant and lively chat with the visitors to the Asylum. His idea was that he was the oldest Freemason in England then living; but we are not aware as to the accuracy of our venerable brother's cherished idea, so many having claimed that distinction at various times. Anyhow, he had been a member of the Craft longer than the "allotted span" of human existence, and had he lived to the 10th of March next, he would have completed a Masonic career of seventy-three years. He discharged the duties of his position as Warden of the Institution with a considerable amount of tact and consideration.

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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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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It seems to me hardly worth while to enter into a controversy which can neither add to, nor detract from, the great question which may be at the present moment agitating the minds of certain sections of the Craft; but as the surface of Masonic opinion is just now ruffled by the openly-expressed ideas of correspondents, probably it may be opportune to reflect a word or two of that which is current amongst those who are most intimately acquainted with the subject. I have sought for no information in the matter, but it is impossible to move among Masons without being acquainted with the truth that the election of Grand Treasurer is (in the minds of some) one of those events with which the welfare of Freemasonry is inseparably connected. Really, the first question one is inclined to put to oneself is—Why all this fuss? And is the game really worth the candle? When so great a stand was made, "on principle," against the office of Grand Treasurer being a permanent one, and most strenuous efforts were made to vindicate the rights and privileges of the brethren with regard to the chief honour it was in their power to bestow, there was some show for objection to the proverbial anomaly, "once an Alderman always an Alderman." But that having been satisfactorily got over, by the succession of Bro. J. Derby Allcroft and Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, the Craft had settled down into the belief that the honour was one that should be made a subject of emulation; although, if it be such a sinecure office, as many would have us believe, why all this contention for the bauble which lasts only for a year? Is Freemasonry to descend into the position of a mutual admiration society, and to become more and more limited in its sphere? If so, the grand aims of the Craft have been missed, and the arrow must fall short of its mark. None of us can fail to appreciate the stand which was made two or three years ago, in reference to the appointment of Grand Treasurer; though I am one of those who think that, after all, there is a vast amount of responsibility, as well as honour, attached to it. What honorary Treasurer of any institution—be his duties heavy or light—but is regarded in a proper sense as the safeguard and protector of the funds which are subscribed towards the object for which that institution was designed? And so in our own Order, it cannot be—must not be—supposed that the brother who is considered worthy of being entrusted with the collar of Treasurer of one of the grandest institutions under the sun, should be a mere marionette, to be dressed in his purple and yet be content to gyrate and dance at the bidding of wire-pullers. I contend that the office is not a sinecure, or the person who fills it a nonentity; were it so, the honour would be divested of its worth, and no man of sense would covet such an anomalous position. That it should be conveyed to the outside world, who are astute in all matters of financial integrity, that the coveted honour of Grand Treasurer of English Freemasons is merely to sit clothed upon the dais with twelve months' "blushing honours" thick upon him, but that in reality he is no more nor less than the tool of those who perched him there, is only an idea fitted for a pantomime. Every post has responsibility, and certainly that of Grand Treasurer of England is vested with some responsibility as well as dignity.

Having delivered myself of these sentiments, as the elder Weller would say, let me, by way of personal satisfaction express my opinion as to the centripetal force which is becoming unpleasantly manifest in certain circles of Freemasonry. By this I mean that there is a tendency amongst some Grand Officers Past and Present, and Past Masters of Lodges, to arrogate to themselves great powers, invented by their self importance, so newly acquired, and assume authority which before they passed the chair they thought almost ethereal. In my travels, and they are not "within a hundred miles of London," I have seen men who, aspiring to the "proudest position" they can attain in their Lodges, overwhelmingly grateful for the honour conferred upon them by the brethren and inspired by the warmest enthusiasm for the future benefit of the cause they have hitherto espoused, fall back into the serried ranks of the veterans, and become—what? Ardent supporters of the Craft? Anxious and solicitous to aid by their counsel and experience those who follow them in the chair? Not at all. By industry and perseverance—well-intentioned no doubt—they have achieved the object of what should be to every Mason an ambition; they have been decorated with the coveted honour of a Past Master's jewel; and after all the pretty things which could be said of any man have been said, they fall back into the veteran rank, and so, in military parlance, attach themselves to the "Staff" of Freemasonry. Decorated with the medal of merit—and merit it undoubtedly is to those who have faithfully and zealously won it—they seem to lose their individuality amongst the brethren who have assisted them to rise to the position they have gained, and, perhaps not intentionally, kick away the ladder by whose steps they have climbed to fame. These men who, if genuinely actuated, would form a phalanx of support to those who are travelling along the same path, graduate into the rear-guard, and here it is that a consolidation of presumptuous authority is formed, such as is now assuming to itself dictation to the Craft in the selection of its Treasurer. We should not have any of this "wheel within wheel" business in Masonry. It is antagonistic to the principles of "free will and accord" which are the foundation-stones of the whole fabric of our Order. When men advance in position in the Craft, and earn by fervency and zeal their title to the purple, we must all rejoice unfeignedly at the honour which rewards merit. But what can be said of the brother who, having had his talents recognised and services rewarded, holds himself Saul-like above his fellows, and would dictate amidst personality and self-assumed supremacy what others should do?

Was it not Shylock who, answering Bassanio, in the "Merchant of Venice," exclaimed "I will buy with you, sell with you, talk with you, walk with you, and so following; but I will not eat with you, drink with you, nor pray with you?" And is there not too much of the spirit of the dramatised old Israelite at present actuating some of those who are insisting upon the qualifications for, or rather the personal attributes of, those who are aspiring to the office of Grand Treasurer?

There is one other point to which, now that I have committed myself to the indiscretion of scribbling, I may as well allude, if it does not encroach too much upon your valuable space, and that is the miserable support which is accorded to the Masonic Press. It may, perhaps, be irrelevant to the heading of this letter; but the amateur is permitted to "digress." The observations of a writer in your pages (Bro. Whytehead) have been endorsed by our brethren across the Atlantic, when he says:—"It is a *disgrace* that with our long roll of Lodges, containing an important proportion of the wealth and intelligence of England on their books, there should be any lack of support to the Masonic Press. Various are the excuses given by Lodges and brethren for not subscribing to the Masonic papers. I am not prepared to admit any excuse from Lodges save that of absolute want of funds; but there really must be very few Lodges indeed unable to afford the very small sum demanded for an annual copy of one or both of the Masonic papers." With our brethren across "the pond" the case appears to be very different. I do not wish, Sir, to harrow up those feelings which must damp the well-intentioned ardour of an English Masonic editor, but it is nevertheless true that in this country Masons *do not read*. Inquire of Bros. Gould, Hughan, Whytehead, and other of our shining lights who have spent a vast amount of their time in Masonic research, whether their efforts have received appreciation in any shape or form. I would add to this—is there any Lodge or Lodge of Instruction perfect that has not a record of the doings of the Craft on its library shelf, unless the brethren are content to go through in "dummy" form the monotony of "work," which after all often resolves itself into the hands of a coterie, whose ambitions bend is to swell the ranks of those who will ultimately form the centripetal body who arrogate to themselves the governing of all elections, for Treasurer or otherwise?

I fear my remarks have been rather discursive than otherwise, but I intended them to be so, for in all this argument about "qualification" and "attributes" for the office which some of your correspondents dub a "sinecure" there appears to have been as much argument and difference as there is between tweedledum and tweedledee. The brethren know for whom they will vote when the time comes. At any rate let us have a man who will not regard the honour as a shuttlecock, who will recognise the responsibilities as well as the dignity which the brethren seek to confer upon him, and let me say, in accordance with the old axiom, "May the best man win."

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

QUIZ.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am quite ready to exchange opinions on this subject with "ONE WHO WILL NOT READILY ACCEPT THE RESULT OF THE BALLOT." Save in the one passage where he suggests I may be actuated by a dog-in-the-manger spirit, there is nothing in his letter to which even the most thin-skinned person could take serious exception. His tone and manner of treating the question are almost irreproachable, and if I saw my way clear to accepting his arguments, I should do so unhesitatingly and with a great deal of pleasure. However, as I cannot do this, I must try my best to meet them, and whether I succeed in the attempt or not, I shall have at least the satisfaction of knowing that, in any reply he may think proper to make, I shall not be rated vulgarly as if I were a pick-pocket.

It was inevitable that your correspondent should consider my first letter was wanting in good taste. I should probably have said the same kind of thing had I been replying to it. I felt that the question of Bro. Willing's candidature was a delicate one to handle, and I knew, when I raised it, that I should have this particular charge of want of delicacy laid at my door. But the choice lay between my sense of taste and my sense of duty. My justification for writing was and is that the principle for which I, in my humble capacity, contend so strongly will be utterly destroyed if a man of no eminence in Masonry is put forward as the champion of that principle. At the same time, I studiously avoided offering any remarks of a personal character. I explained as fully as I could why Bro. Willing's name was introduced into my letter, and in one part of his your latest correspondent has offered a similar plea in extenuation of his having followed my example. Under these circumstances I think I may dismiss the charge of want of taste laid against me as at all events "not proven."

As to the charge of being "ignorant of the ordinary routine of election by the voice of the people," I plead emphatically "not guilty." I said, in effect, as to Bro. Willing, that his being a P.M. and founder of sundry Lodges, a good fellow, and all that, did not confer on him "the slighest shadow of a shade of *claim* to be placed on an eminence above his brother members of the same standing in Grand Lodge." Here I beg to observe it will be noticed that I use the word "*claim*"—as underscored for your correspondent's especial behoof—not "right," which he has nevertheless substituted for "*claim*." I fully agree with your correspondent as to the

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absurdity of saying "that a man has no right to be placed on an eminence when it is only by right he can be placed there, but as I have not said this, I have been guilty of no absurdity. May I be so so presumptuous as to suggest that when your correspondent with the long designation—I mean nothing offensive by thus describing him—has settled in his own mind the relative meanings of "claim" and "right," he will be in a better position to argue this point? My contention is that the principle of electing annually a new Grand Treasurer was urged chiefly, if not entirely, on the ground that it would give Grand Lodge the opportunity of conferring an exceptional honour on a succession of brethren of exceptional merit, instead of as heretofore on one brother only. On this contention I build up my argument thus. The Grand Treasurership is bestowable on a brother of exceptional merit; Bro. Willing, having done no more than hundreds and thousands of his equals in rank, is not a brother of exceptional merit; Argal, Bro. Willing is not worthy of having the Grand Treasurership bestowed on him. I may not have stated my syllogism quite in the manner of a correct logician, but I have striven to make my meaning clear, and I hope I have done so not unsuccessfully.

I accept all your correspondent says in favour of Bro. Willing personally, short of regarding him as worthy to be Grand Treasurer. I believe him to be a thoroughly good fellow, but, happily for the world in general and the Craft in particular, there are very many others who answer to this description. This qualification, therefore, gives him no preferential claim over others of the same class to the support of the brethren. He is a P.M. and P.Z., so are thousands of others; he is a founder of Lodges and Chapters, so are others; he is a supporter of our Institutions, but of the others who are likewise supporters of them the number is legion. But will some one kindly point out in what lies Bro. Willing's exceptional merit; or, in other words, what he has done that is worthy of honour, which others, possessing the same powers and opportunities, have not done equally well? When I find that A has been selected to champion a particular cause, I look to hear that he has been so selected because he has done something which his equals in point of rank have not done, or has done it better than they; not that he has been chosen because he is a *very* good fellow, or has done what the others have done. I am afraid I must be repeating myself, but this is my idea of a man who has achieved distinction and merits a *quid pro quo* in the shape of exceptional honour, and Bro. Willing's picture, as drawn by your correspondents, does not correspond with the idea. It is for this reason, and not because I wish to decry the qualities which Bro. Willing possesses, that I hope his candidature will prove, as I have said in my first letter, a complete and disastrous failure. An honour ceases to be one when it is bestowed without justification.

I will mention one other point on which I think some light may with advantage be thrown. As regards Bro. Willing's candidature, how came it about? I know who proposed and seconded him in Grand Lodge, but who is responsible for his figuring before the Craft as the champion of the principle successfully enunciated last year when Bro. Marshall was elected, and the year before when Bro. Allcroft was elected? The modesty which has characterised all Bro. Willing's actions forbids me suggesting that he elected himself as champion, while if a Committee elected him, by whom and when was it authorised to do so? In other words, has the party supporting the principle of annually electing a fresh Grand Treasurer had anything to do with choosing Bro. Willing as its representative?

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

SYMBOL *x*.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We read in the good old Book of a certain personage who, when he went into the Temple to pray, thanked God that he was not as other men—even the poor publican who tremblingly offered up his supplications near him in the common sanctuary. Your correspondent "SYMBOL *x*" reminds me most grotesquely of that man, for having poured out his vials of disdain upon one of the candidates for the Grand Treasurership, and upon this poor sinner who ventured to point out one or two discrepancies in his most paradoxical effusion, he holds up his hands with Pecksniffian horror, and exclaims, "'AUDAX' is an expert at abusive personality; *I am not!*" (The italics are mine). A "war of words" with "SYMBOL *x*"? Not for worlds! "AUDAX" does not wish yet awhile to be annihilated by an avalanche from the vocabulary of Billingsgate. "SYMBOL *x*" has betrayed the cloven foot when drawn away from the real question at issue, and tried to copy the "expert of abusive personality." I have too sincere a regard for the courtesies of journalism to prolong a correspondence which threatens to descend into regions where those amenities are not recognized or not understood, and wishing your correspondent may learn better manners when next he is troubled with *cacoethes scribendi*,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

AUDAX.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As winter advances and the weather becomes more and more inclement and trying the earliest evidences of ill-health must be immediately checked and removed, or a single illness may result in a serious malady. Relaxed sore throat, quinsey, influenza, chronic cough, bronchitis, and most other pulmonary affections will be relieved by rubbing this cooling Ointment into the skin as near as practicable to the seat of mischief. The treatment, simple yet effective, is admirably adapted for the removal of disorders affecting infancy and youth. Old asthmatic invalids will derive speedy relief from the use of Holloway's remedies, which have wonderfully relieved many such sufferers, and re-established health after every other means had signally failed

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL, 1885.

Memorandum specially addressed to the Worshipful Master, Treasurer, Secretary, &c., of each Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England.

THE Preparatory School Buildings were commenced in September last, and are expected to be completed by Midsummer next; at all events there is little doubt that the Committee will be prepared to recommend the election of a proportion of the number of Boys for whom the additional accommodation is provided *not later than at* the Quarterly General Court in the ensuing October.

The Executive is thus being rapidly brought face to face with the anxious question—"Whence are to be derived the additional means necessary for the maintenance of the Subsidiary Establishment?" Supposing the experiment be tentatively tried by the admission of twenty-five Boys, and the administration based on the most economical system possible, the expenditure cannot be less than from £1,000 to £1,200 over and above that now required. Having regard to the fact that the Extension so long contemplated, and now in course of completion, has been carried out in strict compliance with the wishes of the Craft, nothing further in the shape of argumentative appeal need be resorted to.

The situation I thus venture to draw your attention to is a serious one—But all anxiety may easily be allayed if only *every Lodge will organise and maintain a steady Annual Subscription*, from which source an increase ought to be secured of as permanent a nature as that derived from invested Capital. So far from this being the case, I find that during the past year, 1884, the result was as follows:—

		Total.	Annual Subscribers.
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The total amount received being £252 : 5 : 0.

Surely something can be done to remedy this unsatisfactory state of things—One Guinea per Annum, could not, and would not, affect the finances of *any* Lodge—while many are in a position with equal facility to contribute Two Guineas, and others even a larger amount, by special continuous Resolution operating annually, without affecting in any way the support rendered from time to time, as circumstances arise, either by donation direct, or though the medium of a Steward as representative of a Lodge.

Commending the above to the favourable consideration of the influential Members of the various Lodges,

I am, Brethren,

Your faithful and obliged Servant and Brother,

FREDERICK BINCKES,

Secretary.

Our readers are reminded that the annual North London Masonic Benevolent Ball will take place at the Holborn Town Hall next Wednesday evening, and, from all we hear, the affair promises to be a gratifying success. This is the more cheering from the fact that the proceeds are to be devoted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which, as will be seen by reference to the subject elsewhere in our columns, are in need of special aid just now. Bros. P. Forge and Western, the M.C.'s, are to be assisted by the following Stewards:—Bros. H. Sprake 813, J. Baker 1471, W. G. Akehurst D.C. 1693, H. B. Harding 1471, J. Monkton, J. Potter, G. F. Snook, G. Batten 1693, S. Stretch 1950, R Baker P.M. 188, and C. Dearing 1692. Bro. C. Hammond 829, &c. is acting as Treasurer, and Bro. E. Woodman S.W. 1950 as Secretary. It is interesting to note that on Thursday evening Bro. Woodman, who has lent such active assistance in the arrangements for this ball, was elected, by the unanimous voice of the brethren of the Southgate Lodge, No. 1950, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and that his installation will take place on the first Wednesday in March. Reverting, however, to the ball, we may add that the refreshment department has been entrusted to the well-known purveyors, Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and the musical arrangements to Bro. Collings, Organist of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693. Under such auspices a numerous company of guests may be confidently expected, and there is little doubt that all the essentials of a happy and enjoyable evening will be present to perfection.

MARRIAGE.

GREENWOOD—WINNIETT.—On 31st December, in the Chapel Royal, Savoy, by the Rev. Henry White, M.A., Chaplain of the Savoy, and Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen, assisted by the Rev. F. A. Bright, Charles Greenwood, of Sydenham Hill, Temple, and Thomas Dixon, Surrey, to Florence, daughter of the late Sir William Winnett, Governor of Cape Coast Castle.

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A VISIT TO THE ROYAL YORK BATHS.

MEDICAL reading is not precisely congenial, perhaps, to all tastes while the merriment of "ye festive season" is still ringing in our ears; but, after all, it may be that those who value the greatest of all blessings—a sound mind in a healthy body—will find it not unprofitable, especially when the subject is treated in a palatable way, just as we administer homœopathic doses of needful medicine to children in very large spoonfuls of jam. In dealing with the matter from the particular standpoint taken by the writer of an interesting *brochure** before us, let all draughts, pills and nostrums—all physic, indeed—be thrown, where the Immortal Bard would consign them, "to the dogs." We want to see no wry faces in these "jolly" times; and would that everybody, ourselves included, should put a pleasant face on matters of the highest hygienic importance—the preservation of health by the prevention of disease. Physicians who are considered "eminent" find that after all their draughts of oil from the liver of the cod—how we shudder when we think of them!—and the mysterious manipulations of *materia medica* have failed, the next best thing the patient can do, seeing that he must inevitably die, is that he should perform that operation at as great a distance as possible from home—in some puffed-up "resort" for sufferers from all the ills that flesh is heir to.

In the little work before us there is no such dolorous theme propounded, and yet the treatise is, to all intents and purposes, medical. Nor is it in any spirit of satiation with the "creature comforts" which so often belie their name at this time of year—no dyspepsia or bile after "fat living"—that we take a glance over the pages of the interesting publication before us, for it reminds us of much of the surprise and refreshing luxury we experienced after we had taken our first "Turkish Bath," ever so many years ago. Who does not recollect the sensation of buoyancy and light heartedness when, having escaped from the hands of the "manipulator," in the hot room, shampooing-room and the rest, he has lain turban'd like a Turk over his siesta, revelling in the mingled fragrance of a mild Havannah and a cup of choice Mocha? Even in the old days, when the appliances of so-called Turkish Baths were crude in form, when the baths themselves were by no means suggestive of the Oriental, and before medical science had been brought to bear upon the subject of baths as a preservative, as well as a restorative, of health, they were a luxury to those who had the means and leisure to enjoy them; but since science and art have combined to develop the therapeutic practice, and to render it capable of being turned to account in so many ways for the amelioration of disease, the assuaging of pain, and the prevention of ailments which can be arrested by no other means, the study becomes enlarged and vastly more interesting. For those who are impelled to "try" baths by the physical infirmities under which they suffer, we now find, added to the popularly understood Turkish Bath, various forms of electric, medicated, warm and cold shower, douche, spray, needle, hip, plunge, and other baths, each having its peculiar and delicate manipulation and effect; but of these we may speak in more detail later on.

Leaving for a moment a consideration of the little book referred to at the commencement of this article, let us briefly describe a visit we recently paid to the Royal York Baths, 51 York-terrace, York-gate, Regent's Park, N.W., through the courteous invitation of Bro. Dr. Jagielski, the managing director. We had made up our mind to see something *récherché* in the style and appliances of an establishment which had been carried on for some years by Mr. Adolphus, who did so much to bring electric baths into popular favour; but confess to an agreeable astonishment at the perfection to which every detail of arrangement has been brought under the present management, since the reconstruction of these Baths. The elevation of the building is undoubtedly one of the finest and most attractive of all the baths in the metropolis, and the Moorish style of architecture which pervades the interior is in pleasant keeping with every idea of Oriental luxury, elegance and refinement. The three doors between the columns of the façade are each separately reserved for lady and gentleman bathers and the private residence of the consulting physician. There are separate waiting-rooms for the sexes, with corridors from each leading to what may be described as the most luxurious and perfect set of Turkish, electric and medicated baths to be found anywhere. All the walls of the baths are built of coloured glazed bricks, the seats are of white marble, the floors of Italian mosaic; while all are easily washed and flushed. The ceilings being all beautiful in design and colour, furnish a pleasing diversion to the bather's eye when in a recumbent position. The door lintels are of Sicilian marble, and all the woodwork is of pitch pine; whilst the architectural ornamentation is Moorish, and most beautifully carried out. The well-appointed needle bath, of pure solid nickel, the douches ascending and descending, hot and cold; the shower, spray, hip, needle, &c., are all on a level with the rooms; the shampooer's waiting-room close at hand; the "plunge," beautifully light and airy, its water's surface rippled by the waves created through the fountain from the Turk shampooer statuette squeezing a sponge. This has been executed by Bro. E. Gellowski, the well-known sculptor of Bruton-street, W., in beautifully fine white marble. The cooling-room is not only handsomely designed, but perfectly ventilated, and altogether worthy of the high reputation of the talented architect, Mr. Thomas Durrans, of Upper Baker-street, N.W., as also the vestiary, with the elegant and lofty dressing-room and gallery. The cooling-room is most luxurious, the floor being laid with Moorish carpets, delightful easy couches, mirrors, and every elegant Oriental surrounding; the ventilation is simply unique; whilst here and there are handsome marble tables, and coffee or tea is served to those who may wish it—and who does not, after a luxurious Turkish Bath? The vestibulum is a passage in the pure Moorish architectural style, ending in an alcove.

The greatest and most important feature, however, in the whole of the interior arrangements is the perfect ventilation throughout the entire suite of apartments, so that no bather can leave them without a pleasant feeling, contrasting most favourably with other baths in London which are described by puff advertisements to be well ventilated, but whose proprietors cannot give ocular demonstration, or explain how this is effected, to thoughtful and investigating bathers. We have been into Turkish Baths the atmosphere of which has reminded us more of the sulphuric regions of the underground railway than anything else; where the skin has been shrivelled up with the dry heat, instead of a healthy perspiration being engendered; and where, when the hot rooms have been any way full, the air has been so vitiated by the eliminations from the skin and lungs that the pleasure that had been anticipated from the bath has been turned into nausea, amounting almost to torture. Here, however, all is changed, and the great difficulty hitherto experienced in the construction of Turkish Baths, namely, the maintenance of suitable ventilation consistent with the heat required and the avoidance of draughts, has been triumphantly overcome. Thus, instead of experiencing headache and languor after the Turkish Bath, as many complain of, unsuspecting that this has been produced by the inhalation of foul air, there is perfect purity, with all the essential elements required by the bather. A tunnel, seventy feet long, seven feet high, and five feet wide, has been constructed, by means of which an abundant supply of a constant fresh air current is secured. By introducing the fresh air through such a large channel into the convoluted heating stove a back draught is impossible, as may be seen by holding up the flame of a candle in the direction of the stove. This is assisted on the south-west side by a shaft, which sends down additional fresh air to the other side of the stove, and at last, heated, it penetrates upwards through a huge grate into the *Sudatorium* or hottest room, and thence diffuses itself into the *Calidarium* or hot room, the *Tepidarium* or warm room, the shampooing, and douche rooms. In each of these there are built exhausting shafts from below the seats, close to the ground, so that all vitiated air which, being heaviest, accumulates here, is extracted constantly through patent ventilators. In this way a constant stream of fresh oxygen is established in the Baths, a most decided and pronounced novelty in London Turkish Baths, where usually, from want of such arrangements, the vitiated air of the bath is again sent through the stove at once, whence it returns to be re-breathed, and thus produces unpleasant and unhealthy symptoms in the bathers. The ventilation of the cooling room is also most excellent. In winter, the fresh air running through the *down shafts* into the grates over the pipes is most successfully heated; whilst in summer the same shafts introduce fresh cooling air into the room when the warming apparatus is not in operation.

Electric Baths are a prominent feature in this establishment, and the most careful study and scientific research have been brought to bear upon them by Dr. Jagielski, who is most assiduous in personally superintending the institution and giving directions for the guidance of bathers when asked to do so. There are 18 separate rooms for these baths, and as they are now so much used in therapeutics, patients can have them here in the most luxurious style.

The command of a large supply of electricity in the warm water baths is extended to, and utilised in, the Royal York Turkish Baths, which is not only novel, but medically and otherwise most important. The previous heating and sweating of the body render it more susceptible to the influence of the all-searching fluid. In its application it can be controlled by the bather or patient to any desirable degree of strength. It can be taken standing, sitting, or reclining, soothing and alleviating pain, and ultimately effecting most remarkable cures. Such are a few of the most salient advantages of the newly and handsomely reconstructed Baths, which are now under the immediate supervision of a resident superintending and consulting physician, who will be able to advise patients as to the kind of medicated baths, &c., best suited to their particular requirements.

A visit of inspection will convince any one that in the construction and equipment of the Royal York Baths no effort has been spared to secure the convenience of bathers, who are specially invited to observe the following, among other salient points:—(1) The various bath-rooms for electric, warm, and other private baths are placed all along and on both sides of a corridor, warmed in the cold season by a hot-water apparatus in connection with a separate saddle boiler. (2) All the rooms of the Turkish Bath are arranged on the same ground floor, the dressing-boxes alone being placed slightly above their level. In this way no trouble is given to the weak and suffering bather unable to move easily about. (3) The *light* of the whole of the baths is derived from lofty skylights, which can be opened, closed, and ventilated *ad libitum*. No inconvenience is caused to the eyes, as is the case in most London Turkish Baths, when attempting to read by daylight. (4) The gas in all the *Turkish* Royal York Baths is disconnected from the rooms, thus preventing the vitiating of the air within by the products of its combustion.

In addition to the recommendations already enumerated, and they are by no means effusive, something must be said on the score of healthiness of situation. Here again the Royal York Baths are peculiarly fortunate. The immediate neighbourhood of the south side of Regent's Park, on the east side of York Gate, which leads from Marylebone Church, along by the bridge of the Regent's Park lake, to the Botanical Gardens, gives the Baths one of the most healthy positions in London. The fresh air in the Park, with the blooming scents exhaled by its trees, shrubs, flowers, meadows and gardens, tends to make patients forget the dark and sombre streets of the city, with their noisy and crowded surroundings. The great elevation of Regent's Park, over Oxford-street, Holborn, Piccadilly, the Strand, Thames Embankment, &c., renders the air purer, and more invigorating. The whole surroundings of Bayswater, Paddington, St. John's Wood, and the neighbourhood, with their widely-

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scattered population, living in detached and semi-detached villas with gardens, are also most important factors in securing the proverbial good-health of the district, through entire absence of smoke and other unhealthy emanations which prevail in more densely populated parts. The Baths are, moreover, easy of access, being within three minutes' walk from the Baker-street and St. John's Wood Metropolitan stations (near Madame Tussaud's) and but a few yards more from the underground station at Portland-road. The position is not a thoroughfare, but select and private, and very convenient for those whose ailments impede their free locomotion, as is often the case in rheumatism, gout, neuralgia, &c., when patients have at first to be carried into the Electric Bath, but are soon able to leave without assistance. This is an advantage not enjoyed at other London baths, where the entrances are exposed and open to the curious.

Space precludes us from entering more fully into the advantages of this admirable institution, which were so apparent during our visit, or the interesting little *brochure* in which the details are expanded; but we heartily commend the latter to the attention of our readers, who will be more than satisfied if they follow our example, and "go and see for themselves" what a wonderful improvement and transformation has been effected at the Royal York Baths.

We join heartily in the congratulations which have been profusely expressed to Bro. Nathan B. Headon, of The Great City Lodge, on his election to a seat in the Court of Common Council, on St. Thomas's Day, for the Ward of Farringdon Within. As many of our readers are aware, Bro. Headon is senior partner of the firm of Freeman, Headon and Co., upholsterers' trimming manufacturers and warehousemen, 65 Friday-street and Milton-street, with which establishment he has been associated for upwards of thirty years. He was the originator and founder of The Great City Lodge, and whilst W.M. of the Lodge entertained the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, at a banquet. This was the first Masonic banquet at which the Lord Mayor was ever known to have attended in state. At the termination of his year of office, Bro. Headon was presented with a handsome testimonial, in the shape of a gold watch, accompanied by an illuminated address, expressing the sincere esteem and affection of The Great City Lodge, and their appreciation of the valuable service he had rendered to it. He was one of the Stewards at the time of the Installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Craft at the Albert Hall, in 1875; and all will remember his active efforts in promoting the movement for making the election of Grand Treasurer an annual one, instead of the appointment being considered a permanent one, as heretofore. Bro. Headon is likewise a life subscriber to the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, as well as to the Earlswood Idiot Asylum, the Infant Orphan Asylum; a manager of the Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools; a liveryman of the Needlemakers' Company; and vice-President of the London General Porters' Benevolent Association. Amongst other works of public usefulness, he founded the Provident Association for Warehousemen, Travellers, and Clerks, in 1871, an institution which is doing an incalculable amount of good amongst the classes for which it was designed. It will thus be seen that after a life of unusual activity and usefulness, Bro. Headon, who is still a comparatively young man, has earned his title to a seat in the municipal chamber of the City of London, and we can only hope he may live long enough to ride in the Lord Mayor's carriage.

We have pleasure in tendering our congratulations to Bro. Charles Greenwood jun., on his marriage, which event took place on the 31st ult., at the Chapel Royal, Savoy. Bro. Greenwood is well-known in his official capacity as a Provincial Grand Officer of Surrey, and will no doubt be heartily congratulated by his brethren in that district, as well as by others who have made his acquaintance. After the ceremony, the wedding party met at luncheon at the Charing Cross Hotel, whence the bride and bridegroom started for Dover *en route* for Paris and Mentone. We trust our brother and his bride will enjoy long life and happiness in their married state.

Bro. J. Stevens has undertaken to deliver his Lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," in the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, No. 199, at Dover, on Monday next, the 5th inst. The Lodge will be opened at the Royal Oak Hotel, Dover, at 7 p.m. sharp, and brethren from the neighbouring Lodges are invited. Bro. Stevens delivered this Lecture in the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, at Wimbledon, on Thursday in this week.

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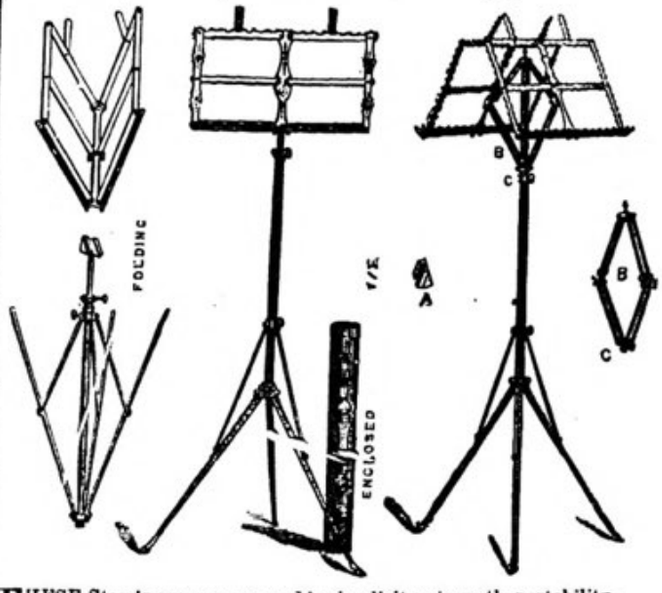

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It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which are much needed.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 10th day of January 1885, at Twelve o'Clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the List for the Election in April next, to declare the number of Girls then to be Elected, and to consider Notice of motion, as under:

NOTICE OF MOTION—

By Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. Patron.

Upon the recommendation of the House Committee, "That a gratuity of £25 be made to Miss A. Barron, an Assistant Governess, on her retirement from the Institution."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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Aged 10 years, 10th September 1885. Eldest son of the late Brother ROBERT CHAMBERLAIN, Locomotive Engineer of Rewari-Ferozpur State Railway, Punjaub, who died suddenly, at Hissar, on the 26th July 1881, aged 42, from Heat Apoplexy, leaving a widow and two children without adequate means of support. He was initiated in Lodge Corinth, No. 1122, Nagpur, served as W.M. and Secretary over two years; W.M. of Lodge Berar, No. 1649, Budneira; three years D.G.D. of Bombay, and a member of the Grand Lodge of England. He was a subscribing member until death.

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Will take place on WEDNESDAY, 13th MAY 1885.
The names of Brethren willing to serve as Stewards are earnestly solicited.
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THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,
UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENCY OF
R.W. Bro. the MARQUESS of HARTINGTON, M.P.
Prov. Grand Master for Derbyshire,
WILL TAKE PLACE IN JUNE 1885.

The services of Brethren willing to act as Stewards are urgently needed.

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170 Men and 182 Widows are Annuitants at the present time.

AMOUNT PAID ANNUALLY IN ANNUITIES, £13,200.

THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
Will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 25th FEBRUARY 1885,
UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF
The Rt. Hon. Sir MICHAEL E. HICKS-BEACH, Bart. M.P.
R.W. Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire.

Funds are urgently needed for the 130 Candidates seeking Election.

Brethren are earnestly solicited to accept the Stewardship upon this occasion and to forward their names to
JAMES TERRY (P. Prov. G.S.W. Norths & Hunts), Secretary.
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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held on the 11th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. There was a large gathering of brethren from all parts of the Province. At half-past one o'clock Bro. Smith W.M. and the Officers of the Lodge of Repose, No. 802, opened their Lodge, and at two o'clock the acting Prov. Grand Master and his Officers, Present and Past, entered and constituted the Provincial Grand Lodge. In the absence of Bro. the Marquess of Hartington Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Houghton Charles Okeover, Right Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, P.G.W. England, officiated as Provincial Grand Master, and there were present the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. Cox Provincial Grand Treasurer as D.P.G.M., Smith P.G.S.W., Walters as P.G.J.W., Rev. C. T. Bromwich P.G. Chaplain, Naylor P.P.G.S.W. P.G. Secretary, Day P.G.J.D., Ball P.G.J.D., Broughton P.G. Superintendent of Works, Wallis P.G. Director of Ceremonies, Fisher P.G. Sword Bearer, Cupit and Jones P.G. Standard Bearers, Lytle P.G. Pursuivant, Greenhough P.G. Assistant Pursuivant, and Bros. Robinson, Swire, Clarke, Woodiwiss and Walker P.G. Stewards. Amongst those present were Bros. Frederick Binckes P.G. Steward Secretary R.M.I.B., W. H. Marsden, Frank Campion, G. T. Wright, Thomas Hall, Rev. Thomas Orrell, J. H. Lawson, J. Whitehead, S. Steele, W. L. Dodd, Edgar Horne, John Chadwick, C. Webster, C. D. Hart, A. B. Plant, T. E. Yeomans, Thomas Roe, W. Silver Hall, J. Bland, Vernon Greenhough, E. Belfield, T. Horsley jun. The reports of the various Lodges were uniformly satisfactory, indicating a considerable increase of members, and continued activity in the cause of charity. Bro. Smith, Chairman of the Masonic Hall Trustees, presented a favourable report; whilst Bro. Wright, Chairman of the Charity Committee, gave an interesting account of the year's operations in that important department, intimating that two local candidates—a boy and girl—for the Charitable Institutions of the Order had been elected. Bro. Marsden, on behalf of the Auditors, presented a satisfactory report, and the accounts were ordered to be printed and circulated. Bro. Cox was, for the twentieth time, re-elected as Treasurer of the Province, and Bro. Wright was again unanimously re-appointed Chairman of the Charities Committee. Both brethren suitably acknowledged the compliment. The following were appointed Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. W. Walters... ...	...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
C. Maltby	...	Prov. G. Junior Warden
Rev. C. T. Bromwich...	...	Prov. G. Chaplain
E. Belfield	...	Prov. G. Registrar
W. Naylor P.P.G.S.W.	...	Prov. G. Secretary
J. Crossley	...	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
J. Bland	...	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
W. Butterfield ...	...	Prov. G. Supt. of Works
Percy Wallis (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Director of Cers.
F. Bennett	...	Prov. G. A.D. of Ceremonies
T. Parker	...	Prov. G. Pursuivant
J. H. Richardson ...	...	Prov. G. Assistant Secretery
James Wright ...	...	Prov. G. Stewards
M. Atwood	...	Prov. G. Stewards
J. Monck	...	Prov. G. Stewards
R. Slater	...	Prov. G. Stewards

Bro. Hall made a short statement in reference to the approaching centenary of the Tyrian Lodge, which, he pointed out, was also the centenary of Derbyshire Freemasonry. The Committee appointed for carrying out the arrangements were anxious to receive as many suggestions as they could obtain from the Officers and brethren of other Lodges, but at present they contemplated having a Provincial Grand Lodge banquet (at which the Marquess of Hartington would probably be present), and in the evening a ball. These arrangements were, however, subject to improvement or perchance to enlargement. Bro. Smith then presented to the Lodge a set of handsome brass

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candlesticks, and also produced, encased in a suitable frame (which had been provided), a stone taken from the ruins of the Temple of King Solomon, by Bro. Charles Colvile. Bro. Smith having been thanked for his gifts, the acting Prov. Grand Master delivered a short address, in which he expressed his deep gratification at the substantial progress made by the Order in the Province. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren partook of a banquet in the Lower Hall.

TWO NEW YEARS' EVES; OR, HOW I BECAME A MASON.

By a Veteran Brother.

Chapter I.

"*Tempus Fugit!*" Of the veracity of that oft-quoted adage I am more than reminded by the preponderance of grey in my hair and beard, as I gaze into the glass on this calm and, to me, sacred New Year's Eve. Reminded, too, by pictures conjured up, as the glowing firelight glints through the diamond ring upon my finger, recalling days as marked for the happiness they brought as for the void which so suddenly and irreparably fell upon my soul. I am not, at my age, what modern fiction readers would condemn as a gushing or sensational writer; but, as the incidents I am about to relate are substantially true, I will endeavour to avoid being dull or gloomy at this season of the year, which is proverbially "merry," and deliver my round unvarnished tale in my own way, and in my old-fashioned style. So this is how it all came about.

"Terrifically hot, old boy!" exclaimed my friend, Jack Fenton, one abnormally sultry day in June; "how can you possibly stick to the desk so leech-like when the barometer is at boiling-point, and even the cab-horses on the rank outside are sleeping, like so many cats on the hearth? I am almost enervated by this stuffy atmosphere; so come along; let us take one of the cabs hinted at, and go for a drive a little way into the country. It will do us both good, and we shall have the additional credit of waking up poor cabby and his sleepy steed."

"With all my heart," I replied; "it will be a treat exactly to my taste. But where can we find cool and enjoyment on a day like this?"

"I'll tell you. Only by this morning's post I received an invitation for a Masonic summer banquet, down in one of the most sequestered and lovely glades in Bickenham; and, as the ticket says for two—"

"But hold, Jack! I am not a Mason."

"Ah! I forgot; but, without any violation of my Masonic 'secrets'"—here I smiled incredulously—"I ought to explain that these summer banquets are not strictly confined to the brethren of 'ye mystic tie.' They can't be, you know, inasmuch as in all probability the majority of the company will be ladies. So you need have no scruples on that point; and if you do not fall in love with one of the fair 'sisters,' you will do so with Masonry, when you have had a glimpse of one side of the sublime Art."

So, resigning myself to the tender mercies of my old friend and schoolfellow, we were soon beyond the "human bakehouse" of the City, whose very stones seemed like the "hot bricks" of the proverb, and bowling away out on the white, dusty road, with hedges and fields on either side of us, dotted here and there with pretty white cottages, literally embowered with flowers that flung a million sweet odours around them. What a contrast, even in so short a distance! How fresh and invigorating! Even the little birds that twittered amongst the hedgerows seemed to warble a song of praise to my friend Jack for literally tearing himself and me away from the din and heat and bustle of City life under such tropical conditions.

It is unnecessary to relate how, in the twelve or fourteen miles journey down, Jack revealed to me the *modus operandi* of a "summer banquet"—how it was agreed to by vote in "open Lodge"; how certain "Stewards" were appointed to carry out the arduous, but pleasing, preliminaries; how the brethren, than whom

"No mortals can more the ladies adore"

laid themselves out, on that day, more than all the rest in the year, to afford the fair ones an insight into the "mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry" by giving them a day in the country; and how the party went down by road, in coaches and wagonettes, along the very same route we were now taking, to some park-like nook beside the margin of the cool river; and where, under the shade of umbrageous trees, the pic-nic was followed by dancing and all those other agreeable pastimes in which youth delight.

Suffice to say, the vision conjured up by the recital of all these pleasantries gave me a better opinion of Masons than I confess I had erewhile entertained; and the summit of pleasant anticipation was reached when Jack exclaimed, "You know, on our return journey, we shall have dismissed this cab"—there were no hansoms in those days—"and shall ride back with the rest—part and parcel of the happy company."

On, by rich pasture lands, on which cattle were lazily browsing, by smiling orchards, and quaint old thatched cottages, whose inmates came to door and window to catch a glimpse of the unusual carriage coming their way. Past the osier beds, through which the shining river meandered on its serpentine course, and upon whose bosom the fleecy swans rested majestically, hardly caring to move or ruffle a feather at the approach of a boat, though its occupants laughed never so cheerily as they paddled lover-like with the stream.

A couple of hours' easy trot brought us to the market place of Wickmond, before whose principal inn door stood two or three stage coaches and open drags, and it was in these Jack rightly conjectured the Free and Accepted Masons had travelled down.

"Jist in time, gen'lmen," quoth the ostler, as he drew the reins gently away from our driver, who patted his steed affectionately on the neck after we had paid him what he evidently considered a "tidy" fare, and dismissed him to attend to the "personal comforts" of both man and beast.

"You'll find 'em down there—on the Squire's lawn," smiled the old fellow; "sich a lot on 'em, sir; and all of the right sort, to judge of their 'ansome behaviour in the 'otel." And to "judge" from his benign countenance, old Jim the ostler had not been forgotten either.

It needed but a few minutes for us to refresh the inner man, and remove the dust from our apparel, before we were sauntering over the fields that divided the ancient hostelry from the Park, which we were informed the "Squire" had kindly placed at the disposal of his guests.

The whispering of the leaves overhead soon mingled with the cadences of distant music, as we neared the rendezvous; and I could see by the flush upon Jack's cheek that he was evidently stirred by these, to him, familiar strains into the keenest anticipations of pleasure at the treat in store for us. We could discern, here and there between the boughs, moving groups of happy beings, the light toilettes of the ladies giving grace and beauty to the idyllic picture, whilst the air was redolent of flowers and resonant with the ripple of merry laughter and light-hearted conversation.

"Now, Harry, don't be too chivalrous, or flatter yourself you will make a 'conquest'—as the girls call it—to-day," slyly whispered Jack, who could see I was becoming as eager for the pic-nic as he was. But we were nearing the entrance gate now, and there was no time to finish the sentence he had begun.

"Happy to meet you, Brother," exclaimed the keeper of the wicket, as he held out his hand for the 'grip'—and to our Visiting Brother, too. You will find the company just about to dine, and may consider yourselves fortunate you are not late. Of course you vouch for your companion?"

Jack meekly explained to his questioner that I was not a member of the Craft; whereupon the Brother who seemed to be acting in the capacity of "outer guard" became suddenly grave and perplexed, and drawing Jack aside, put some questions to him which I could not overhear.

Presently Jack returned to me, and with a voice more akin to anger than ever I had noticed in him before, he ejaculated, "Something has gone wrong. The invitations are to Masons only, and their female friends, and so there may be a difficulty about you. I hope not, for I never heard of anything so monstrously absurd as the exclusion of non-Masons from an assembly which, though it is graced by the smiles and fascinations of the gentler sex, is absolutely neutralised by their very presence, so far as Freemasonry is concerned."

"Anyhow, the Tyler has gone to ask the Worshipful Master," continued he, though, by the biting of his lip and flushed face, I could easily see Jack was chagrined even by the challenge, and doubtful as to the result.

We had not long to wait; for presently the Tyler returned, overflowing with apologies, but the verdict was as unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians; and although Jack was himself profusely welcomed to the festivities, his friend must not be offended if ——"

"Come away, Harry!" he ejaculated, rather testily, "we will enjoy our afternoon together, at all hazards, even if we *are* shut out from the charmed circle;" and turning to the Tyler, who was equally as discomfited, he said, with an assumed air of jaunty indifference, "It is of no great consequence; give my compliments to Bro. Captain Mayhew, who will no doubt offer some explanation when next we meet in the Lodge-room. Good day, Brother Tyler."

And so we sauntered back again by the way we had come, though with thoughts far different to those which had been stirred within us only a few minutes previously. Indeed, the very sounds we heard grated on the ear, in the first moments of our disappointment. The birds seemed to mock at our misfortune, and the leaves to laugh at our rebuff, as we strode silently from the mirth and the music in which we had been denied a share.

"Confoundedly annoying!" cried Jack, as soon as we were conveniently out of hearing. "It is worse than annoying; and I take it as an insult to me personally. In addition, Harry, if you have been debarred from falling in love with one of those charming damsels yonder, your love for Masonry, which we spoke about coming down, won't be much enhanced by this episode. Eh?"

I could hardly help smiling at Jack's peevishness, though I could quite understand it was more on my account than his own; so I tried to laugh the matter off, and expressed the hope that by going further we might not fare worse.

My companion replied that he knew a very old friend who lived a mile or so further down the river, by the ferry, who would be glad to see us both, "although," he added, sarcastically, "You are not; as they say in certain circles '*one of us*.'" Accordingly we decided upon setting out for Peterside instanter, as Jack remarked vigorously, "by way of revenge."

On arriving at the hotel we had quitted so buoyantly only half-an-hour before, the landlady graciously inquired whether we had lost our way across the fields? the tittering maids-in-waiting looked—though they did not say it—at us as though we "didn't belong to *their* set"; while poor old Jim, the ostler, scratched his head and murmured, "Blow'd if he could make it out, anyhow." Without stopping to answer any of these inquiring looks or gestures, we ordered some light refreshments, and sauntering down through the narrow street of Wickmond, passed over the bridge and selected from

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among the many trim-built wherries moored alongside one which suited our mutual fancy for the trip. We were soon shoved off by a jolly old waterman, who with a grin which bespoke the honesty of him who grinned it, exclaimed "Safe sir! Safe as any three-decker, sir, I'll warrant her. Keep well mid-stream, gen'lemen, and yer'll be as right as a mail. Pleasant voyage, and safe return, gen'lemen."

The scene was bathed in a flood of golden sunshine, and all around was gladsome, blithe and happy. Our little bark glided swiftly down with the stream, with little exertion required on our parts, and we skimmed past stately mansions whose gardens ran down to the water's edge, and farther on a towing-path where children gambolled in unrestrained freedom while their elders sought shelter from the glare and heat of the sun's rays beneath overhanging clumps of hawthorn, which burdened the air with delicious fragrance. On the lawns on either side of us little garden parties were in the full swing of gaiety here and there, and whispers of music were wafted across the river almost at every bend. All the quiet riverside seemed glad, as it should be, in keeping with such a glorious afternoon.

We had just swept by one of the eyots which intersect the stream at this point, and were in reverie almost, absorbed by that peculiar charm and calm which are always so overpowering on a hot day, upon the river, when we were startled by a piercing shriek, as if from one in distress. A splash in the water, some thirty yards or more distant, and then calm as before; but as we rowed back to the spot whence the sound proceeded, Jack almost shrieked—

"My God! Harry, it's a woman in the water!"

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With almost supernatural agility I plunged into the swiftly-running stream, but the current hurled me aside from the white garments of which I had just caught a momentary glimpse as I flung myself over the boat's side. Obviously we were both floating in the same direction, and as a moment more brought us into deep water, the movement become more still, and by a strong stroke or two, I caught the lifeless form in my arms, and brought it to the surface.

Jack had stuck manfully to the boat, for the double reason that he was no swimmer and that he could follow and render more assistance than had we both been in the water. He grasped me with his strong arm as we came up, and in a moment we were drifting along towards the nearest indentation on the banks, which we reached in safety. The old ferryman was just about to paddle across with a party of pleasure seekers, but caught sight of us when we were within a few yards of him, and with the instinct of one who is used to such scenes, he grasped me and my lovely burden in his brawny embrace, and towed us ashore, as he afterwards explained to us, "in a jiffy."

In the few minutes during which the exciting scene had taken to enact, I had caught a brief glimpse of the beautiful features of the maiden whom I thanked God from the bottom of my heart I had been able, with Jack's help, to rescue. She was apparently about nineteen or twenty years of age, with hair flowing in light golden tresses over finely chiselled features; but in the moment of deathly alarm, and to all appearance dead, the countenance was of marble whiteness—as one sees in the gallery of the sculptor, amidst the divinities of the artist's conception.

When we laid her tenderly upon the turf by the old boat-house, there was no evidence whatever of animation, and with the shock and immersion in the water, I too felt sick and giddy, and should have swooned also, but for the joy of having plucked one so young and beautiful from the very jaws of death.

"Why! bless my soul, if it ain't our young Miss Adeline up at the 'All!" I heard the old ferryman ejaculate, in accents of agonised alarm. "Look sharp, lads! for God's sake! Help!"

I was powerless from exhaustion, and it was through a dim vista that I saw them carry the motionless body away, through the little gate, and into the avenue, where I could no longer follow them; and then with a buzzing in my ears, and a sudden rushing as of mighty waters through my brain, I reeled back unconscious into the arms of the bystanders, who had just before been waiting in the ferry boat to cross over.

(To be continued.)

PHŒNIX LODGE, No. 257.

THERE was an influential meeting at this Lodge on Saturday, 27th ult., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Arther Jolliffe as the W.M. for the year ensuing. The duties of Installing Master were performed in an admirable manner by Bro. Ernest Hall P.M. P.G. Superintendent of Works. After the ceremony the newly installed W.M. appointed his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Gordon Miller I.P.M., Col. J. F. Crease, C.B., S.W., W. G. P. Gilbert J.W., Dr. J. R. O'Connor P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer, H. Drummond Secretary, Rev. G. H. De Fraine P.M. P.G. Chap. Chaplain, Major Campbell S.D., S. B. Darwin J.D., Captain Kennedy I.G., George Rake P.M. P.P.G.W. D.C., A. O. Bayly A.D.C., C. W. Long and A. W. C. Peskett Stewards, G. D. Lovegrove Organist. Amongst those present were Bros. M. E. Frost P.M. P.P.G.S.W., G. B. Irons W.M. 903, Rev. A. C. Hervey W.M. 309, Westaway W.M. Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1834, J. E. Buch W.M. Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, T. Batchlor W.M. 1705, H. Cook W.M. 1069, J. Collings W.M. 804, W. E. Atkins P.M., H. J. Guy P.M., J. S. Bechervaise, R. G. Hellyer, G. E. Kent jun., C. J. E. Mumby P.M., R. W. Beale P.M., H. Cawte P.M. P.P.G.W., S. R. Ellis P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. W. Giere W.M. elect 309, J. Read sen., C. J. E. Erskine, J. Brickwood P.M., T. R. Williams P.M., E. W. Jolliffe.

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THE THEATRES.

ROYALTY.

THOSE amongst us who can remember Charles Mathews in the days of his glory, and those who have listened with more or less incredulity to what the fogies say of that delight of their youth, should assuredly not fail to visit the Royalty whilst Colombey is rattling through the wild fun and nonsense of "Le Reveillon" (Ringing in the New Year). The same brilliancy seems to pervade him. Never since our Charles has left us have we seen the like. "Le Reveillon" is to be given until 7th January, and though as a drama it is certainly inferior to most of the plays which the French company have offered us, yet the character so well suits the idiosyncrasies of the actors that it will assuredly be one of the most popular. The story is slight enough. M. Gaillardin, a highly respectable country gentleman (Colombey), is found, when the curtain rises, in great tribulation, having just been condemned to "eight days" as a first-class misdemeanant. An old servant of his has been raised to the dignity of a garde champetre, and M. Gaillardin, forgetting the change, calls him an "imbecile." Summoned for this offence before his old friend the local justice, when called on to declare his name he has laughed at the absurdity of the question, and laughed the more when the assessor and the clerk reiterate the demand, till finally he is condemned to eight days for contumely.

He has to deliver himself up that evening, and begs his wife to look out his old garden coat and worst pair of boots. She departs for the purpose, when to him enters his lawyer (Ricquier), who invites him to "see the old year out" at a jovial party to be given by a certain Russian Prince, staying in the neighbourhood. Gaillardin hesitates, but on hearing there are to be some charming Parisian actresses there, the chance is too tempting. He has never spoken to an actress before! But the old garden coat! He must explain to his wife that, like the aristocrats of old who went to the scaffold in powder and family jewels, he too would adorn for the sacrifice and put on his best dress suit. It was a perfect essay on martyrdom to watch Colombey's face as he declared his intention. He bids his wife farewell for eight days—for of course he intends to surrender next morning in the small hours. The door scarcely closes on him when she is startled, very unpleasantly, by the appearance of a long-haired musical genius, her very lyrical adorer, the leader of the Russian Prince's band. Whilst he is alternately helping himself to the soup prepared for her departed lord, and declaring his devotion, footsteps are heard, and the Director of the Prison (Dalbert) enters, and with the greatest politeness states M. Gaillardin is wanted. Madam, in terror of being compromised, has turned the lamp down, and the irrepressible lyrist has wrapped himself in the dressing gown of the absent master of the house. The Director of course concludes he sees his prisoner before him. The musician would explain, but in vain; the lady faints, and the curtain falls on the first act. With the second we find Gaillardin, having a good time with the young prince and his very sprightly convives, among them the Prison Governor, who assumes the style of Count Indquechose for the occasion. Gaillardin, too, is introduced as Marquis de Val Gougat. The supper party, gathered round the table, is of the liveliest, and the jokes and laughter flying about have an admirable foil in the solemn statuesque dignity of the six servants, who stand behind the chairs as motionless as heraldic supporters, except when they, as it were automatically, fill the guests' glasses. Rose Léon, as the principal lady, catches the tone of mischievous raillery exactly suited to the Parisienne student of rural simplicity. Between her fascinations and the champagne, Gaillardin soon shows the results of so seeing the Old Year out. A quadrille follows the supper, and Gaillardin and the governor distinguish themselves by a brilliant "pastourelle." Then midnight sounds, and both must away, the former to surrender himself to durance, the latter to resume his duties. The governor first reaches his destination, and Dalbert gave a most comic picture of the great official's attempt to maintain his dignity and his equilibrium, whilst conscious of the difficulty, during an interview with the gaoler, who is suffering from that satané cognac. Gaillardin appears, and is bewildered to find his Marquis (the governor) here; the latter no less at the appearance of the Count; but when Gaillardin confesses his real name, he is laughed at by both governor and turnkey, for is not the real delinquent already safe in cell No. 11? When at last the two Gaillardins are confronted, we have a magnificent bit of comedy. Colombey, determined to learn the worst, has borrowed the gown and cap of his advocate, who comes to the prison, and offers to take up the case of the sham Gaillardin. He glories in the martyrdom, and it is not till Colombey has been driven wild by his suspicions and rhapsodical nonsense of the mysterious "other," that the embroglio is cleared up. We may hope he will better appreciate the society of a charming wife, and avoid for the future ringing in the new year in doubtful company. With so excellent a caste we might well praise each exponent; especially good was the turnkey of M. Schey; but why will he so greatly abuse the rouge pot? M. Ricquier gave a finished portrait of the country lawyer. Mdlle. Robert too was an admirable country cuisinière.

At the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden, on Thursday, 8th January, the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed. A ballot will also be taken for a subscribership to one of the Royal Masonic Institutions. Lodge will be opened at 8 p.m.

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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 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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

749—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1459—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 5th 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—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Pmed 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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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)
1991—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley

R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons Tavern, W.C.
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
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
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
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
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
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
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. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 6th JANUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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)
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)
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, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 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. 1539—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussax Street, Rhyl
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 7th JANUARY.

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, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
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)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Ponnin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 510 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)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
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. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
271—Tranquillity, Bear's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Mosley-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire
504—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
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.
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1369—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Ryelich
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth

R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot

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R.A. 200—Old Globe, Londesborough Rooms, Scarborough
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 8th JANUARY.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
235—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1556—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1598—Lee Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden 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).
1709—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1967—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly

R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
R.A. 538—Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
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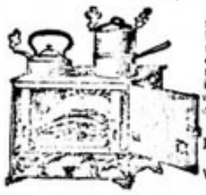

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PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR.

THE coming of age of the eldest son and heir of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales was an event which on Thursday last stirred the hearts of loyal Englishmen everywhere; and although the festivities at the pleasant country palace of the Heir Apparent were kept as private and quiet as had been desired, there nevertheless poured in congratulations of the most loyal and sincere description from all parts of the country and abroad. Especially to us, as Masons, is the event interesting, seeing that it has brought a period of happiness to our Most Worshipful Grand Master such as is hailed in every domestic circle as an exceptionally important one, more particularly in the homes of the noble and the great, where property, title, and responsibilities follow in the line of succession. In addition to the addresses which poured into Sandringham House, on Thursday, from the City of London and many other corporate, educational and other public bodies, we note that a vast number of presents were sent to the young Prince, congratulating him upon having attained his majority, and perhaps amongst them all none was more pathetic or touching than the graceful gift forwarded by our centenarian brother Sir Moses Montefiore, who was but recently the recipient of many similar expressions of felici tation. The evidences of pride and pleasure which have been manifested in all parts of the realm, from the palaces at Osborne, Windsor and Balmoral, to the lowliest cottage where loyalty finds a home, must have been of a most gratifying character to Her Majesty the Queen and the other members of the Royal Family, who will discern in them the assurance—if, indeed, any such were necessary—of the deep seated affection of a vast majority of Englishmen for the reigning House, and of fidelity to the Throne. In every Masonic Lodge that assembled on Thursday evening we may be sure that these sentiments found the most genuine and fervent expression from Worshipful Masters in submitting the toasts which always take precedence at the banquet-table; and fully remembering the august patronage which Her Majesty has extended to the Craft, over which the Heir Apparent, and father of the illustrious young Prince who on that day attained to years of maturity, we may be sure that the health of our Most Worshipful Grand Master was received with even greater cordiality than is its wont, and that is saying a good deal for a body of men over whom the Prince of Wales exercises supreme rule and sway. No doubt in due course Grand Lodge will formally add its tribute of congratulation to those which have been showered in from all sides; and it might have been considered more graceful and fitting had this been done in time for the communication to have reached our Most Worshipful Grand Master on the auspicious day. However, there are no doubt cogent reasons why this was not so; and when it does come, there can be little question that the felicitations offered by the Grand Lodge of English Freemasons to their illustrious Head will be as cordial and sincere as any that have preceded them. We are reminded that this is the first time in the history of our nation that the eldest son of a Prince of Wales has attained man's estate whilst the grand parent still sat upon the Throne; so that to Her Majesty must have come a sense of deep and glad gratitude towards the Great Architect of the Universe, who has permitted her to see the line of her dynasty thus firmly founded amid the love of her people and the prosperity of her dominions. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master and his illustrious and beloved consort will experience in this event those tender emotions of pleasure which all parents feel when the first-born of the household emerges from boyhood into manhood, and enters upon the duties and responsibilities of maturity. We can but echo the sentiments expressed by one of our daily contemporaries when it says it would be ground enough for general satisfaction merely to recognise and to participate in this domestic happiness of the two Royal Households — happiness understood everywhere by a home-loving people, everywhere appreciated and applauded. The realm itself, however, takes a special and important part in the rejoicings of the day; every household in it, from the proudest to the humblest, participates in the fair omens of this birthday, and derives from its presage promise of good times to come for the continuance of the national greatness and security. Along with the amiable youth who has just attained his majority a whole new generation of British boyhood is ripening into manhood. Prince Albert Victor represents the third generation of the Victorian era, and, under the blessing of Almighty God, no better pledge could be granted for the stability of our ancient institutions than to witness the Queen still happily ruling those who acclaimed her coronation, the Heir-apparent in the second degree strengthening her throne by his well-deserved popularity and admirable fidelity to manifold and difficult duties, and beyond both, just entering upon public life, the Heir Designate to the splendid sceptre of Britannia learning henceforward, day after day, to know the people of his nation and to become known by them. Like a majestic river, springing from far-off sources and flowing down to an unseen and as yet long-distant issue, the stream of English history runs broad, placid and powerful before our eyes. Its noble channel is visible for the next three reaches; the volume of its widening waters pours onward without diminution through a clear and happy landscape. A rock of difficulty may now and then break its current into turmoil; an eddy of receding fortune may produce a backwater here or there; but the river sweeps stedfastly on, fed by fresh tributaries of power and wealth, while its banks widen and become more and more enriched and embellished as it fulfils its vast purpose and proud destiny. So we behold to-day the British Empire, nobler than its children know, stronger than its enemies dream, not yet arrived, nor nearly arrived, please Heaven, at that allotted term when nations, like men, must decay and die, bequeathing their task to greater and later descendants. Never in any age or nation was liberty so assured or perfect as it is now in England; never were individual rights so sacred, or the accepted law so supreme. The coming of age festivities on Thursday, therefore, were no mere palace feast day, but an occasion of thankfulness for the whole nation, which shows us the third generation of our Royal line thus substantially established, and the Queen's grandson arrived at man's estate, and learning from his illustrious father, and from the well-beloved Sovereign, by what qualities a throne is strengthened and perpetuated. The Masonic world, spread over the whole surface of the habitable globe, will re-echo these sentiments of affection for the illustrious Ruler who sways the sceptre of the Craft, as he will, in the Providence of God, some day the sceptre of the Realm; and they will with one acclamation endorse the expressions of loyalty and fealty which have been breathed in every

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corner of Her Majesty's dominions, in connection with the happy event which has this week evoked such an overflow of love and spontaneous felicitation from one end of the kingdom to the other.

THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.B.I.

BEARING in mind the old adage that "Familiarity breeds contempt," we had almost felt constrained at the commencement of what we may designate another term in our existence to depart from a custom which has become a time-honoured one with us—that of making a special appeal on behalf of each Masonic Charity Institution Festival as it approaches. We feel, however, there are many reasons why we should continue to observe the custom, and say a few words concerning each of the succeeding meetings, the success of which so materially depend on the amount of publicity which is given to them. As we have said, the custom has become a time-honoured one with us, and on that account ought not to be discontinued, more especially after what we said last week, when we announced our determination to carry on our work in the future on much the same lines as have guided us in the past, but there are much stronger reasons why we should not omit a passing reference to each of the Masonic Festivals in turn. They come upon us so frequently, however, that it is next to impossible to write anything new concerning them, and for this reason we feared we might cause that contempt for them in our readers' minds which arises from too great a familiarity; but we hope the nature of the cause they are intended to benefit will prevent anything like contempt being engendered. It might, perhaps, be considered that enough has been said concerning our three Institutions and their Festivals to place every brother in possession of full information concerning them; and that for a time, at least, they might be expected to go on prospering on the reputation of the past alone, but what a different state of affairs is really the true one. We venture to think that, even bearing in mind the enormous number of brethren who have made themselves personally acquainted with the Charities, by serving the office of Steward to one or other of them; the enormous number of brethren who must have supported them in the past; and the thousands of printed references to them which have been circulated during the time of their existence; they would all but disappear in the course of a few years if left wholly and solely to themselves, left to live indeed on their reputation of the past. The only way in which it can be hoped to continue them even on their present basis alone, without any thought of extension, is to be continually urging their claims on the Masons of England, by begging of those who have worked in the past to continue to do so in the future, and by entreating others to at once make a start in securing support for them.

There is one great advantage attached to the system under which the funds are collected to carry on our Charities. It seldom happens—indeed, we might say never—that a brother repents having put himself forward as a Steward. We suppose that by far the greater number of those who serve themselves feel it their duty to induce others to do the same; it is not a question of relating personal experiences in order to deter others from a similar course, but usually the reverse. The men who speak strongest in urging others to act as Stewards are those who have tried the work themselves, and not unfrequently have tried it two or three times. They do not then refer to it as a labour, but as a duty, and in that sense consider that every Mason should undertake his share of it. It is on this basis that we now urge our readers to do their best to advance the interests of the Benevolent Institution, the Festival of which takes place on the 25th of next month.

It is true that much has been done for this Institution in the past, and what do we find is the result of this:—briefly, that the Masons of England are pledged to distribute no less a sum than £13,200 per annum as annuities to aged brethren and widows who have been elected from among numerous applicants who have proved themselves worthy of sympathy from their more fortunate brethren. Upwards of 1027 annuitants have received the benefits of the Institution since its foundation in 1842, and there are at present no less than 352 (170 Men and 182 Widows) being paid, quarter by quarter, sums of money which enable them to pass the declining years of their life, if not in luxury, at least in comfort and free from actual want. Is it too much to ask for sufficient support to enable this good work to be continued? Is it too much to ask every reader of these lines to do something for the funds of this Institution? or are our frequent appeals on behalf of it out of place or unnecessary? To each question we answer most emphatically in the negative. Nothing that we can do is too much if it only helps to secure a few pounds on behalf of our Old People, and nothing that our readers may do in response to our request will be too much recompense to us for what we write. Our desire is that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution should be supported far and wide, that its claims should be urged on every possible occasion, and that its wants, its work and its requirements may become familiar to every Mason, not in order to breed contempt for them, but to secure for them that encouragement they so richly deserve.

AN EXCELLENT LODGE HISTORY.

EVERY one of our old Lodges has, in its series of minute books, information of deep interest and lasting value to the Craft, and every Brother who patiently and critically examines these old records, selecting from them the facts that are most curious and instructive, and composing them into a literary mosaic, merits the thanks of the Fraternity. In a large degree the history of any old Lodge is the history of the Craft in its jurisdiction, for the time covered by the recital. Customs and events are generally uniform, and from one Lodge history you may largely learn that of its contemporaries. We have recently had laid upon our table a volume, in handsome form, entitled, "A Brief History of Washington Lodge, No. 59, F. & A. M., Philadelphia, from 1793 to 1884, compiled from the records, and authenticated sources of information, by P.M. Brother William B. Reed," the present Secretary of the Lodge. Although brief, the material for it has been admirably digested, and bears upon its face the evidence of protracted and intelligent labour. No one who has not undertaken such a work appreciates the drudgery of going over old books of minutes, written in all sorts of chirography, with all kinds of ink, blurred by carelessness, pale with age, and occasionally worn out by time. Hence, those who perform this work, and do it well, are entitled to receive not only fair credit, but unstinted praise. Such we accord to Bro. Reed. We are sure that the only criticism he will receive will be—Your history is too brief; why did you not make it fuller? But brevity is a virtue; it is far better to stimulate than to satiate. The cry for more is praise; the cry, enough, would be censure.

Washington Lodge, No. 59, was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania during the Grand Mastership of Bro. Jonathan Bayard Smith, on 3rd June 1793—yellow fever year in Philadelphia, when Bro. Stephen Girard distinguished himself, and glorified Masonry, by remaining in the city to minister in the hospitals, while others fled the scourge. The Lodge then met in what was known as the "Free Quakers' Hall" (now the Apprentices' Library), S.W. corner of Fifth and Arch Streets. Among the first members were a number of the "Free" or "Fighting Quakers." This Lodge was prosperous from the outset. In four years its membership advanced from 9 to 97. It participated in the Washington obsequies in 1799-1800. In after years it was practically the mother of many Lodges. We instance a few which were formed, mainly or entirely, out of its membership: Columbia Lodge, No. 91; St. John's Lodge, No. 115; Orient Lodge, No. 289; Vaux Lodge, No. 393, and Lodge No. 432. While the Lodge occupied the "Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall" (on the site of modern No. 814 Filbert Street), one of its members—Bro. Chas. S. Stewart, occupied the first floor of the Hall for a school room, and by contract with the Grand Lodge it was agreed that the education of the children of poor Brethren should be in lieu of rent. During the war of 1812 this Masonic pedagogue, in the language of Bro. Reed, "tired of teaching the 'young idea how to shoot,' resolved to do a little shooting on his own account. He returned safe and sound, and was appointed Secretary in 1816." One of the

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Secretaries of the Lodge was Bro. Bayse Newcomb, afterwards Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania. The recorded minutes, during his Secretaryship, are remarkable for their legibility and beauty. On 31st May 1810, the Lodge attended the funeral of P.G.M. Bro. William Ball, who served as Prov. G.M. of Pennsylvania from 1764 to 1787, and in 1794 as Grand Master. As in all of our Philadelphia Lodges, for many years, until 1817, the W.M.'s were elected every six months, dating from St. John the Evangelist's or St. John the Baptist's Day. The first Masonic Hall on Chestnut Street was burned on 9th March 1819, while Washington Lodge was at Labour. The then Secretary, Bro. Nicholas O'Connor, in describing the event said:

"At this moment the Lodge was thrown into the utmost consternation by the heart-appalling cry of "Fire," resounding through the spacious building, which had caught fire and communicated to the roof, and had made such rapid progress before discovery that the W.M. had not time to close the Lodge, without risking the life of the brethren—for in a short time our much-venerated pile was laid in smoking ruins."

No. 69 set up "housekeeping" in 1822, by buying a set of table furniture. Ever since, this Lodge has been furnished with its own appropriately marked and Masonically-decorated ware, the admiration of all Brethren who share in their Labour and Refreshment—which with them are never divorced. Their present set of table furniture is valued at 800 dollars. Up to 1843 all the business of the Lodge had been conducted in an E.A. Lodge, as was customary prior to that time in all of the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction. After that date the Grand Lodge required all business to be performed in a M.M. Lodge. In 1844, the then Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. Wm. H. Adams, was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and served in that station for twenty-two years, until his death in 1866. In 1847 a M.M. *aged nineteen years* petitioned for membership, and the Lodge, by a Dispensation issued by the Grand Master, was authorized to receive his petition. Bro. Wm. H. Adams' case was nearly a parallel one, and both of these Brethren served as W.M. of Lodge No. 59 at the age of twenty-three years. Upon the removal of the remains of Bro. Stephen Girard to Girard College, on 30th September 1851, this Lodge participated in the procession of the Craft and Masonic ceremonies, on which occasion P.G.M. Bro. Joseph R. Chandler delivered an eloquent oration, and thirty Lodges, with two thousand Freemasons, participated in the ceremonies. Always remarkable for its liberality at Refreshment, the annual banquet of December 1869 excelled, perhaps, all former occasions in brilliancy, over eight hundred members and visiting Brethren participating in the "feast of reason and flow of soul." This banquet took place in Horticultural Hall.

Washington Lodge, No. 59, now includes four hundred and seven members. It is always busy, and during its long existence has never ceased to work. During the anti-Masonic era of 1828—1840 it was active, and only during one year, 1840, did it have no initiation. Among the Past Masters we observe the names of the Rev. Henry S. Getz (present Grand Chaplain); Dr. David Jayne; Hon. William B. Hanna, President Judge of the Orphans' Court; Hon. Joseph T. Pratt, of the Court of Common Pleas; Geo. W. Kendrick jun. G. H. Priest-elect of the Grand H.R.A. Chapter of Pennsylvania, and other distinguished Brethren. Bro. Reed has placed at the close of this volume a list of the present members, alphabetically arranged; a complete list of the members from the organization in 1793 to 1884, arranged in order, by years; and an enumeration of the deceased members; concluding with an index to the body of the work. We have only praise for the entire performance. It is illustrated with three engravings—of the first Hall in which the Lodge met, the present Masonic Temple of Philadelphia, with the appropriate caption "Then" and "Now," and a copy of the old illustrated heading used for Lodge notices. This History is issued in very handsome style, on heavy paper, with broad margin, in handsome typography and with elegant binding. It is a model brief history, and does equal credit to the Lodge, and to its compiler, P.M. Bro. Wm. B. Reed.—*Keystone.*

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HAD le Sieur Froissart, revisiting our land, found himself on Christmas Eve between Norton Folgate and Shoreditch Church he would certainly not have withdrawn his opinion as to our amusing ourselves "sadly." The great winter festival found the streets half deserted—and those who had ventured into them went their way as demurely as though it were Sunday morning, and all were bound for the Parish Church. Not an old-fashioned Christmas in any way unless all our traditions are mere picturesque fictions. Thus, nothing Christmas-like being discoverable out of doors, we will seek it in the Eastern home of Pantomime, and so proceed to the Great National Standard Theatre. The doors have been opened about ten minutes, and the smiling box-keeper announces there are still two seats unoccupied in the dress circle. We make our way to them, past the mysterious rat-trap like passages contrived by the Board of Works to ensure speedy suffocation in cases of panic, and presently find ourselves next the manager's box and facing some four or five thousand eager faces, whilst the band plays "Wait till the clouds roll by," and a thousand voices pour forth from the audience in chorus. The chorus stops, and then there is a great buzz of laughter and talk, all good-humoured, and almost as decorous as at a Lyceum first night. The curtain rises to disclose the plotting of the Spirits of Evil, engaged in forging the glass slipper (perhaps a curious process of the contemporary ironmaster). The scene changes to a sylvan glade, an exquisite piece of landscape, with tall waving grass in the middle distance and a lovely pool behind. Here the good spirits appear, in the form of scores of little girls, from five to fifteen, each armed with a golden hearth brush; and very pretty it was to see how thoroughly the young folks felt their responsible position, and how, when a laugh or titter was threatening, the little lips tightened and gravity was restored. A very graceful child (Mdlle. Maroni) was première danseuse and won warm applause. We are next introduced to Cinderella's papa and step sisters. The family is in straitened circumstances, and the neighbouring pawnbroker is called upon to make advances on a flat-iron and the cruet frame. This transaction met with much sympathy from the audience. The invitation to the ball follows, and then, in due course, Cinderella's coach, worthy Queen Anne, and drawn by six lovely ponies. The ball was shown, with endless masqueraders arriving in coaches or donkey carts. Among the guests were Mr. Gladstone, Justice Manisty, Shakespeare's heroes and heroines, and various celebrities. A minuet was danced. We think the audience would prefer a good rattling country dance or jig, say by the Ghost of Hamlet. The abode of the Fire Demons is the next scene, and here Miss Neville, the Demon King, was extremely effective in her incantation scene. The costumes, all red and black, told well, lighted by the blazing torches the demons waved around them. Again to the haunts of the benevolent fairies, and here came another charming dance by the young coryphées. Then presently the magnificent transformation scene, which for beauty of colour and artistic refinement may challenge comparison with anything even in Catherine-street. An especially charming effect is produced by a scenic contrivance by which the centre of the stage seems filled with translucent water, through which the lilies and naiads rise to the upper air. The picture is so beautiful that only the youngest of the audience can see without regret the clown and pantaloon appear to scare away the vision. The harlequinade that follows is good, as the increasing laughter throughout the house proved. Mr. Douglass has spared no pains nor cost to deserve success. The young lady (Miss Minnie Marshall) who takes the part of Cinderella is quite new to the London stage—she has for some time been a favourite at Birmingham. She is very young, pretty, and with a total freedom from the ingenuousness of the stage ingénue, she trips about like some delightful little kitten. Mr. Williams was rather heavily handicapped in the petticoats of the ugly sister, but he worked with unflagging spirit and fun. Mr. Sass showed his versatility by the very effective old man he transformed himself into, while his favourite melodramatic villainy quite disappeared. Miss Nelly L'Estrange made a very fascinating Prince Charming. The audience were somewhat lacking in appreciation; the dulness of the streets had got into the theatre, but this has been remedied since, the actors feeling more confidently the pulse of the public. A few more songs, with chorus for the youngsters in the upper circles, would go far to give life and establish that feeling of good fellowship between the folks before and behind the footlights which makes the very life and soul of a Christmas Pantomime.

In our notice, last week, of the funeral of the late Bro. Norris we omitted to mention that his mother Lodge, the Sincerity, No. 174, was represented by Bros. John Newton P.M. (Secretary) and Samuel Rawley, for many years the Treasurer.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending 10th January:—

Monday—Joppa Lodge, Old Kings' Arms Chapter, Robert Burns Lodge, Eclectic Lodge. Tuesday—Albion Lodge, Old Concord Lodge. Thursday—Caledonian Society, Lodge of Regularity, Polish National Lodge, University of London Lodge. Friday—Bedford Lodge, Britannic Chapter, Eclectic Lodge, Oak Lodge, Odd Volumes. Saturday—Metropolitan Rate Collectors, Duke of Cornwall Lodge, Lodge of King Solomon.

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TWO NEW YEARS' EVES; OR, HOW I BECAME A MASON.

(Continued from page 11.)

BY A VETERAN BROTHER.

CHAPTER II.

I REMEMBERED no more until I awoke and found myself in a dimly-lighted chamber, but in the returning moments of consciousness I could discern that it was more comfortably and richly furnished than my own was in the City. The candle was shaded (this was an age anterior to gas or even "moderator" lamps) and all was wrapped in what appeared to me a death-like hush—for in the City, at whatever hour of day or night, there is always some sound vibrating on the stillness of the air. There was some one stealing gently across my room, as I opened my eyes languidly after what seemed to me a troubled sleep.

"Who is there? And where am I?" I gasped with the first breath I could gather.

"Hush! poor fellow," whispered the faithful Jack; "you have had a narrow escape, but you must not talk more now, there's a dear fellow."

"But *she!* Is she—— ?"

"Safe," replied Jack, "thank God."

"Thank God" was the only sigh in which I could echo the whispered utterance of my friend, who with the tenderness of a woman moistened my lips with some kind of liquor, and I fell off once more into a profound slumber.

The sunlight was slanting across the meadows and into my chamber window, when I awoke and heard voices speaking in low tones, at the other end of the apartment.

"He'll be rather shaky for a week or two yet," I heard one say; but there is no danger, and he may be safely removed to-day, if necessary. He has sustained a severe shock through being so long under the water.

"I shall not hear of his quitting my roof until he has perfectly recovered," replied another. "To him—whoever he is—I owe the life of the sweetest angel out of heaven, my only daughter, and I must thank him as I ought to do. Poor Adeline! How cruel of me to have left you at home when all your friends were starting off so full of glee for our 'summer banquet.'"

And then the strong voice melted into a sob, as though a heart was breaking.

"Now, Captain," chimed in a voice, which I instantly recognised as Jack's, "you must not give way now that danger is past with them both. We would have gladly sacrificed our lives to save your daughter; but it was not required. The Great Architect of the Universe overrules all things, and we shall all live to bless Him for his interposition in our behalf this day."

"So mote it be," groaned the Captain, who I then of course knew to be the father of her who had so nearly been claimed by death.

He had by this time recovered from his emotion, and went on to relate more of the circumstances of the previous day, of which I was yearning, of course, to hear. So, feigning sleep, when they each by turns came to look upon the "patient," I heard the Captain's explanation, which I quote as nearly as I can recollect.

"Well, you know, Fenton, they did me the honour this year to elect me Master of my mother Lodge, after my return from Abyssinia, and of course I was highly delighted with the favour the brethren conferred upon me, more as a compliment, I thought, than because I deserved it. I determined to make my year a pleasant one all round, and in order to render it especially so I invented what it was my pride and whim to call a 'summer banquet.' By that I mean, we were to transact a little necessary business in Lodge, which meets in the City, and afterwards invite the ladies—sweethearts and wives you know, Fenton—to have a pleasant drive down here to old 'Squire Cotton's park, which he generously placed at our disposal for the day, which is no more than a good and true Brother and Provincial Grand Master should do. We accordingly met, and on leaving home early, in order to meet the rest of my Lodge, I somehow had a strange presentiment that the pic-nic would not be a success. I am not a superstitious man, as you well know, and I have faced death in more forms than one. But in some singular, indescribable way I fancied there would be a mishap of some kind—what I could not tell. My daughter kissed me on the doorstep as I left, and when I asked her if she would not like to join our party, her eyes gleamed with a strange admixture of pleasure and pain. It was a struggle between her own gratification and love for her poor mother, who has long been an invalid and cannot leave the house.

"'You know, Papa, how glad I should be to accompany you on such a delightful day, but you see there is no one at home to look after our dear invalid, so I must stay;' and wishing me an enjoyable trip, I cantered off to join the brethren, who had just assembled when I arrived at the 'Claremont.' A merry party it was, and a glorious drive along the dusty roads to Bickenham; but my heart was not in tune with all the gleeful surroundings. I was ill at ease, and just as the brethren and their friends were mustering for our *al fresco*, in comes old Jinks, our Tyler, saying a brother was waiting admission, 'properly prepared' with an invite, but that he was accompanied by a friend for whom he could not vouch, and who indeed was not a Mason. I immediately refused the latter, because when the subject was first talked about in Lodge the pic-nic was flatly opposed by some of the more fastidious brethren as an innovation, and I only gained the point by promising that none of the male sex should be invited who were not Masons. However, the two visitors withdrew, in dudgeon, I dare say."

Here Jack maintained a wise and judicious silence.

"Well," continued the captain, "in less than two hours, at any rate when the dance was in full swing, and I began to laugh at the foolish fears I had entertained as to the success of my 'innovation,' a messenger arrived in breathless haste, and in a second the whisper flew round the park that the Worshipful Master's only daughter had been *drowned!*

"I cannot relate to you the scene that followed, for my brain was on the whirl; but I know the music had ceased, and as I drove frantically out of the gates the brethren stood aside with heads uncovered in respectful silence as I was hurried along in my unutterable woe. You remember, Fenton, the scene that followed here—how that joy succeeded to frenzy when I heard that the worst had not been realised, and that both my darling and her deliverer, though not then out of danger, had not succumbed to their fearful peril. The doctor says she will speedily recover now, but a change may be necessary, and your friend there, being of a strong constitution will more speedily pull though. But, hush! he is stirring."

When Jack and the Captain came over to peep in upon me this time, I could grasp each by the hand, though my lips failed for a time to express my gratitude for the deliverance which had been vouchsafed to all of us.

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It is not necessary to recapitulate the gratitude which broke forth from the Captain, more in action than in speech, when, later in the day, I ventured downstairs. I was anxious to get back to my own abode, to rest and quiet, and away from the hearing of such profuse, though well-intentioned, thankfulness. Moreover, if *she* were then to appear upon the scene, her acknowledgment of the slight service rendered would have unnerved me. So, proof against all expostulation or coaxing, it was resolved that I was strong enough to bear the exertion of two or three hours' slow journey back to town, and snugly ensconced on pillows in the Captain's own carriage, Jack and I were driven gently away for home.

In the last hearty handshake with me, as the carriage was moving off, I felt the Captain pass upon my finger a ring.

It was *hers*; and it is through the red, the azure and the gold that sparkle in the firelight now, on this bright, crisp New Year's Eve, 1884, that I see the panorama of my life from that time—forty-two years ago—up to the present moment.

CHAPTER III.

Had it been in these days the invitation would have undoubtedly come by way of delicately scented note paper and envelope, and through the "Penny Post." But in those more prosaic times things were different, and the letter came by messenger, penned on "blue post," and fastened with an enormous seal with crest. It was written in a bold soldierly hand, and ran as follows:—

"Manor House, Bickenham.

MY DEAR HEWLETT,—A few choice friends have promised to join us for Christmas and the New Year, and our company will not be complete without you. I shall reckon upon your old friendship to crown the circle of our enjoyment. I have a *secret* in store for you—an agreeable surprise. I have written to your old bosom friend, Jack Fenton, and he will accompany you down. We will try to make you both happy.

Yours ever faithfully,

HENRY MAYHEW.

How it snowed, as Jack and I once more travelled along the same road we had done on that broiling Midsummer-day, when earth and sky kissed each other in very rapture of sunshine, colour, and brilliancy. Now, on this bitter Christmas Eve, as the horses' feet crumpled over the frosted roads, and the snow was hurled by the fitful gusts against our carriage windows, the contrast was intense. Yet the journey was not without its pleasantries, for two hearts linked together in the strongest bonds of love, as men only can love each other, were once more in anticipation of a happy *réunion*, and this time there was not the slightest shadow of a doubt as to the result. No cruel Tyler would be there this time to question the "invitation for two."

We dashed up the broad drive towards the Hall, in whose windows glistened a brilliancy which defied the storm without; and our gallant host was beside himself with joy in bidding us welcome—"fine old English gentleman" as he was. The holly and the mistletoe darkled on the walls, and every apartment wore an air of the most refined and luxurious elegance and comfort.

Shall I say with what warmth we were commanded—not invited only—to be "at home," and how could we be otherwise? The company was small as to number, but great in everything that tends to make life worth the living. There was scarcely a shade of that awkward hesitancy which invariably precedes an introduction, and immediately we were on a friendly footing all round. As we entered the drawing-room there came the soft strain of an old Wallachian melody, which the Captain "picked up," he told me, afterwards, in his travels abroad; and as the notes were touched by tremulous hands, could I not guess whose heart it was that breathed life into that weird yet soothing composition?

As soon as it was ended, our host walked gently to the piano and led the sweet player to the end of the room where we were seated, and in glowing terms—spoken in the brusque honesty of the soldier, who knows not the fawning platitudes of modern compliment—presented me to Adeline as the saviour of her life, and the preserver of his dearest joy.

How vividly come back to me now, even in my old age, the emotions which filled my breast on that eventful night of joy and despair, and hope. How utterly unworthy of the thanks that were spoken with such artless innocence and frankness by the angel whose loveliness and grace no pen can ever be permitted to describe. I would that I had never come to realise the joy which had been in my dreams both day and night ever since the day described in a

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former chapter, and yet I would not have missed that ecstasy for worlds!

It is no excess of modesty, that I do not possess, to say that I was for a moment awed, and could only reply to the gentle pressure of the hand, which endorsed her father's gratitude, by stammering out, I fear very clumsily,

"Believe me, no thanks are due for the performance of a duty, even towards the humblest of our race; but "—(here I know I bungled most absurdly)—"where youth and beauty are in the case, the reward is ours, and it belongs more assuredly to Fenton here than to me."

Jack, I confess, was more cool under such circumstances than myself, and as Adeline extended to him her left hand, still retaining mine in the other, she spoke I thought even with more enthusiasm to him than she had just previously done to me.

Our first meeting under such joyous circumstances occupied less time even than it has taken to write this hurried outline; but into those rapturous moments were crowded an eternity of joy for me.

Was I in love? Unquestionably, I aver it at the outset; for had not that darling face and form been the guardian angel of my life ever since I first beheld her? Was I jealous? Of Jack? never; for he had often declared to me that he had no matrimonial intentions, and never should, as he had decided to go with his regiment abroad. Yet why that look of eager and passionate appreciation of Jack's prettily-rounded speech, in reply to his word of thanks?

Yes, I was in love, head over ears, and I was jealous, too,—a little!

Yet, as we parted, to mingle with the guests, I saw her glance at the diamond on my finger, and then uplift her beautiful eyes to mine. And as she smiled so graciously upon me, and in a sweet accent innocently inquired, "Have you worn it ever since for *my* sake?" I knew I had no rival in the field—not even my old friend Jack.

Diamonds and eyes, strings of pearls and laughing rows of teeth vied with each other then for the palm of lustre and purity, and who shall decide which were the winners?

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The days passed too swiftly for the day dream which had found its realisation now. Each brought but an increase of deep, true, passionate and absorbing affection, and though the words had not been spoken yet, it needed none but lover's eyes to see that the affection was reciprocal. Why were we placed side by side at dinner, and why did the Captain improvise so many little artifices by which to leave us so frequently alone?

I see it all now, and from my soul I bless thee, Captain, though thou hast been long since called away to that land where all is love!

But New Year's Eve had dawned, and my kind host's secret had not yet been revealed. Did he mean the uniting of two young hearts whom he knew would love each other? There was something else.

And so Jack told me as we retired to rest on the night preceding the New Year's Eve. We had often spoken of my becoming one of the "Ancient Fraternity;" and although my friend sagaciously promised that if I ever became a Mason it must be of my own free will and accord, and not by any species of persuasion, I had already imbibed a strong desire to join a brotherhood of which, even from the little I could learn as an "outsider," I had formed the most admiring opinion.

"Well," exclaimed he, "it is all arranged. You asked me to propose you, and I have done so. At the last meeting you were duly proposed and accepted, and to-morrow will come the trial of your fortitude."

Surely enough, next afternoon I was duly admitted within the portals of the Ancient and Honourable Institution in which I have since found so much true happiness and solace, and the gallant Captain—I beg pardon, Brother—was never more earnest in his life than when he, with the assistance of the brethren, vouchsafed to me the predominant wish of my heart.

The meeting was made purposely brief, as I afterwards learnt; being an emergency for my special benefit, and we drove back early to the Manor House, where the crowning event of the week's festivities was to take place. The neighbouring gentry, tenants, farmers, all were there to welcome in the glad New Year with royal honours, and as the loving cup was passed around, the windows were flung open so that all might hear the wild bells ringing out to the wild sky—as Tennyson has it—from the ivy-mantled tower of Bickenham church.

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Those bells rang out a still more joyous peal in the bright June following when, on the anniversary of the Midsummer-day that I snatched dear Adeline from the treacherous river, I proudly led her forth from the old church, amidst a pathway of flowers strewn by the village children along the aisle, and the congratulations of sincere and hearty well-wishers and friends.

Chapter IV.

Twenty-five years had elapsed, during which time more than the share of happiness that usually falls to the lot of man was mine. The same trustful heart that beat in tune to my own on that never-to-be-forgotten New Year's Eve had been unswerving in all the relations of life from our nuptial day in dear old Bickenham church to the celebration of our silver wedding at the Manor House. The three prattling children had grown to maturity, and the two boys are spending this New Year's Eve, I fervently pray, in the homes of their adoption in the colonies, where they have been more successful even than they anticipated in business. Our little daughter Adeline has been not many months a bride, and has gone to India with her husband, a smart young Captain in the —th Regiment.

New Year's Eve had come round again, and "my dear old wife and I"—as the boys used to sing when they were at home, were left to celebrate the birthday of our loves, as we plodded down the gentle incline of a happy and unclouded life. Adeline's mother, always an invalid, had long since passed away; but the poor old Captain, now in his ninetieth year, still survived, and it was often our duty and pleasure to visit him in his old home, surrounded by kind attendants and friends. Especially was this duty and pleasure observed on New Year's Eve, and on the night of which this is the seventeenth anniversary we were on our way, per express train, to pay our vows of filial love at the shrine of the old patriarch who had ever been so loving and true to us.

It was about five o'clock in the evening when we started from the terminus, and as usual the porters and officials were busy with the stream of passengers who were going or arriving at the station—all on a mission similar to our own. The night was black and stormy, with an admixture of rain and sleet, whilst the raw wind blew in gusts against the windows of the train as it rushed onward through the pitchy darkness.

We had proceeded, as far as I can remember—for recollection has been uncertain since that night—about seven miles when our carriages began to oscillate in most vehement fashion. For a moment I could see pallor on every cheek; the wild cry of terror still rings in my ears as the train leaped like a maddened thing of life from the line of rails, and I remember no more! Dear Adeline had clung to me in that supreme moment of danger with the confidence she had always evinced in my presence; but I never saw her again!

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For several weeks I laid in the ward of a hospital, with only fitful intervals of consciousness and delirium, and not a soul amongst the medical staff ever believed I could be pulled through. I have since learnt that I was extricated from beneath the *debris* of the train, and sympathetic hands loosened the arms that were entwined around me in that embrace of death. I was terribly shattered and mangled, too, but after months of careful treatment and nursing I became comparatively whole again, and am still able to take part in those pursuits that are congenial to me, and of which, let me say, my Masonic duties form the principal part.

I will not weary my readers with any details of the catastrophe of my life; the columns of a newspaper, and not a simple New Year's story, are the place for these.

But can my readers wonder that ever since that awful night, when in the blackness and din and smoke, the angel spirit of her whom I had so loved was taken, I have held New Year's Eve sacred to the dearest memories of my life—our lives—and sit in my lonely chamber peaceful in the enjoyment of a good conscience and a hopeful resignation, waiting for the bright New Year which shall re-unite two souls who knew of nought but true and pure affection from first to last?

And as the church bells vie with each other all over the City, clanging a pæan of delight at the birth of another, and let us hope a brighter year, the kindly embers in the grate send gleams of recollection crowding through the mind of one who never has yet regretted

"How he became a Mason."

The Seventh Annual Ball in connection with the Eccleston Lodge and Chapter, No. 1624, will be held at the Westminster Town Hall, Caxton Street, S.W., on Friday, 23rd instant. Single ticket, 7/6, double ticket (to admit lady and gentleman), 12/6, will include refreshments during the evening, and may be obtained of the Stewards, or of A. A. Johnston, Hon. Sec, 11 Cambridge Terrace, S.W. A dispensation has been secured for Masonic clothing to be worn.

At the regular meeting of the York Lodge, No. 236, held at York, on Monday evening, it was resolved to present an illuminated address to Brother Sir James Meek P.M. P.P.G.S.W. and Provincial Grand Treasurer, who is about to leave York and take up his residence at Cheltenham.

On Tuesday 30th December, at York, at an emergency meeting of the Agricola Lodge, No. 1991, a massive gold ring, bearing Masonic emblems, was presented by the members to Bro. P. Pearson, honorary member of the Lodge. Bro. McGachen P.M., who presided, in presenting the ring referred to the valuable services that had been rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Pearson since its formation.

Bro. James Stevens has accepted the invitation of the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901, to deliver his lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," at the meeting to be held on the 6th February, at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich (near Champion Hill Station), at 7 p.m. Visitors will be welcomed.

The La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, has removed from Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, to the Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, W.

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FREEDOM OF DISCUSSION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad to observe that you did not miss the opportunity of replying to the remarks of the *Evening News*, in which a writer would endeavour to gag the interchange of opinion on matters of Masonic interest. Of what possible value is a Masonic Press unless it is indeed made and used as the vehicle for the free discussion of such subjects are as inseparably bound up with Freemasonry? I venture to believe that amongst the great body of Masons there are many who are truly indebted to your journal, above all others, for information on many points in Masonry of which they would be otherwise ignorant, and for many suggestions and hints also that have proved an invaluable help to them in their Masonic career. I do not often "rush into print," especially on a trivial subject, but I wish to thank you and your intelligent correspondents who afford us weekly such valuable means of instruction and entertainment. It may be that occasionally the wielders of the pen evince a little more of the heroic and the cantankerous than there is any necessity for; but of course people who "go in" for literary boxing must be prepared to give and take. It is almost always the case that the writer who hits hardest in the way of personality is the first to cry out when he is castigated for his temerity; but so far from the general readers being offended by these pen and ink tournaments, I believe they are rather sources of amusement than otherwise. It is always well that writers—and especially Masonic writers—should remember that forbearance is magnanimous, and that abuse is not argument. If this were borne steadily in mind, I think there would be much less acerbity in the effusions which have called forth the strictures of your evening contemporary. As a rule, I believe correspondents write with the intention of benefitting the Craft in any possible way they can; and personalities, though they do occasionally appear "between the lines," are not intended in any unfriendly spirit. It is with this sentiment that I write to thank you for your expressed determination to continue—in spite of an endeavour to stop it—to afford your readers the best and only means at their disposal of interchanging thoughts and ideas relative to the cause we have all so much at heart.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully yours,

JUNIOR WARDEN.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—By an unfortunate oversight on the part of one of my clerks an item of £200 11s, music money, was omitted from the statement of our receipts for 1884. Below is a corrected statement.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. B. W. HEDGES.

Statement of Receipts for 1884.

	£	s	d
Dividends (3 quarters)	945	0	0
„ Sustentation Fund, six months	173	11	11
Donations	13,051	4	7
Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Do. Special	500	0	0
Legacies	95	0	0
Music money	200	11	0
Sale of Book of Subscribers	1	15	0
„ Old Stores	1	17	6
	15,129	10	0

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The idea propounded by Bro. Binckes, of starting an *annual subscription* in Lodges and Chapters on behalf of the Boys' Preparatory School, is by no means a new one, but has been urged over and over again in many parts of the country, and more especially in the East Riding of Yorkshire, where I resided some years. I well remember that this was a favourite theme with that active and excellent Mason Dr. John Pearson Bell, the Deputy Grand Master of that Province, who never lost an opportunity of reminding the brethren of how much could be done for the Charities of the Craft provided each would make up his mind to contribute, if even only a shilling per annum, toward some definite object in connection with Freemasonry. But, somehow or other, the idea does not appear to have taken root in anything like a general sense, as was proved by the statistics quoted in Bro. Binckes's circular. These figures certainly do appear rather bald as to any steady and constant effort; but we must not forget that there are many and continual demands upon the purses of individual members of the Craft which do not appear upon the surface, and which, in these exceptionally depressed times, we must endeavour not unnecessarily to increase. There can be no doubt that in every branch of commercial industry there is just now an unusual strain, nor do the appearances of trade at home and abroad afford much hope of immediate improvement. Still there may be, and no doubt is, in most Lodges some department in which "retrenchment and reform" could be put to some practical test; at any rate to the extent of placing at the disposal of the executive of the Boys' School the necessary guinea per annum which Bro. Binckes, with more than his accustomed modesty, asks for for this exceptional purpose. I see it hinted that a Collector might with advantage be appointed for the Boys' Institution, similar to the course which has been so successfully adopted with regard to the Benevolent Institution. This seems to me to be a forcible and sensible course to adopt, for none of us would begrudge the comparatively small coin which would be earned by a zealous and industrious brother who could make it his business to induce others to take an active interest in any of our Charitable Institutions. It is perhaps too much to expect that individual brethren should expend more of their time and labour than they do already in advocating the claims of our respective Charities; if they do so of their own free will and accord some recognition of their extra and exceptional services should, as you have pointed out, be made. As a rule, however, brethren who undertake such duties do so as a labour of love, and to exemplify their interest and solicitude for the welfare of the Craft to which they belong. I would that no such sentiment should be stultified or even infringed upon by the appointment of a Collector; and, in point of fact, I do not believe such an officer would be regarded in that light. Rather would his efforts supplement the private exertions of brethren who may not be able to devote as much time to the work as they might desire; and the attendance of a representative of the Committee at our Lodge meetings would stimulate brethren into increased exertions who could not be approached by those who voluntarily undertake the task of raising funds for any specific purpose. It is a delicate question perhaps to be dealt with in print, especially in the face of the opinions recently expressed, and which have elicited from yourself some sound and sensible views on the matter of "freedom of discussion" on Masonic subjects; but still I see no more direct manner of impressing it upon the attention of the officers and members of Lodges than through the columns of an organ which is both professedly and in reality identified with the Craft, and devoted to the interchange of Masonic views. I shall feel it my duty to bring the subject of annual subscriptions and the appointment of a Collector on behalf of the Boys' School prominently before the members of my own Lodge on the first convenient opportunity, and sincerely trust that other rulers of Lodges will accept the very practical hints and suggestions with which you supplied us in your leading article last week. I write this in the anticipation that your "Word in Season" may be productive of such practical results that Bro. Binckes and his fellow workers on behalf of the Boys' Preparatory School may feel that they have not expended their labour in vain.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

A PROVINCIAL W.M.

MARK MASONRY—INSTRUCTION—GRAND MASTER'S LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Under this heading I read in the *Freemason* this morning a startling account of proceedings, affording another instance of the reliability of press communications.

I have no wish to claim any prominence for myself, am quite prepared to be forgotten in due course, but not to submit to be quietly effaced whilst still in the flesh.

Considering that at the meeting of which your contemporary professes to give a report, I was in my place, in pursuance of my promise to attend; that I opened the Lodge, rehearsed the ceremonies of consecration and installation, and afterwards presided at supper, I am utterly lost in amazement at being completely blotted out. Let me assure you, however, that I am still,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

London, 9th January 1885.

"STOP MY PAPER!"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—This is an awful penalty, inflicted by thin-skinned subscribers to a newspaper upon the journalist who has the courage of his opinions, and who tolerates in his columns perfect "freedom of discussion." So long as the Editor is mealy-mouthed and handles his subjects in a gingerly and kid-glove manner, he may expect that nobody will find offence with his mild and insipid platitudes. But immediately in the consciousness of his own intelligent strength he ventures upon views and opinions with which some fastidious reader may not entirely agree, down comes the "awful avalanche" from some indignant subscriber, winding up with the injunction above quoted. It is no doubt very familiar to you, Sir, as it is to most other journalists, and it goes to show what an abject lack there is of moral courage on the part of certain individuals who must have it all their own way, and cannot bear to listen to an expression of view which is ever so little in disagreement with their own. Such people ought to have a paper printed and published for their own especial behoof, and better still, they should try the

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experiment of starting and conducting such an enterprise on their own account. They would learn that an editor is too wise to perpetuate the folly of the old fable about "the man and his ass," or to dream of his ever succeeding in pleasing everybody.

The impertinence implied by notice to "Stop my Paper" is only equalled by its arrogant grievance and stupidity. Does the irate one think that because he withdraws his poor little subscription from a newspaper that the Press is entirely to collapse and that its occupation, like Othello's, will be "gone?" You may as well expect to see the ocean dry up because some old woman dips a bucket of water out of it. The loss, if any, to the cessation of an individual's support to a newspaper is his own entirely. I say, "if any," because the man who thus peevishly and impetuously casts aside what to others is a means of edification and entertainment can scarcely be expected to profit much by the sources of enjoyment which others find in literature. There is no hard and fast line to be laid down for the guidance of newspaper correspondence, which must of necessity be entirely in the hands and under the control of the editor, who if he be competent and judicious will not allow his columns to be made the vehicle or medium of mere personal quarrels or "vulgar abuse." I am pleased, as a brother journalist, to acknowledge the freedom you have ever granted to Masonic correspondents in the ventilation of subjects of interest to the Craft, and at the same time the wholesome check you have placed upon personalities which have been attempted by amateur writers in your columns. It is only to be expected that novices in journalistic work will at times "rush in where angels fear to tread;" and then it is that discreet and kindly excision is needed at the hands of the experienced journalist. Having been a regular reader of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE since its establishment, I can bear testimony to the careful study which must have been exercised in the publication of such notes and comments as you have deemed necessary for, and conducive to, the interests of Freemasonry; and I am no judge if your waste-paper basket—if it could speak—could not wondrous tales unfold of spiteful little eliminations, and friendly "toning downs" of correspondence ere the effusions appeared in their completed suit of black and white. I am very glad to notice your determination to maintain for your readers "freedom of discussion;" and, as one who may sometimes feel inclined to "trespass on your valuable space," either for inquiry or interchange of opinion, I am personally obliged to you for your able and most sensible leader of last week.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A COUNTRY EDITOR.

THE LATE BROTHER NORRIS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Does it not appear to you rather strange that, considering the high esteem in which Brother James Norris, late Warden of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was held, there should have been no representative of his own Lodge present at the funeral of our lamented brother? The question is prompted by seeing no mention, in your report of the obsequies, of the attendance of any member of Lodge No. 174.

Yours fraternally,

ENQUIRER.

[Our correspondent will observe that the omission has been rectified in another column.—ED. F.C.]

CHAPTERS OF IMPROVEMENT.

THE Camden Chapter of Improvement has removed from its old abode, the Junction Tavern, Holloway Road, to the Moorgate, Moorgate Street, and the first meeting since the change was held at the latter trysting-place, on Tuesday evening last. Comp. Edmonds acted efficiently as M.E.Z., Comps. Gregory H., Carter J., Slyman S.E., Storr P.S., and Sheffield S.N. This being the opening meeting of the year, there was a large attendance of Companions; the ceremony was conducted in an able manner, and all present realised a most instructive and profitable evening.

A convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thur day evening, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, when Comp. Dehane acted as M.E.Z, Comps. Radcliffe H., Knight J., Sheffield S.E., Money S.N., Edmonds P.S. This being the first meeting for the New Year, there was a goodly muster of Royal Arch Masons, notwithstanding the inclement weather. The members of this flourishing Chapter intend holding an annual banquet, the arrangements for which will be discussed at the next Convocation, on Thursday, the 15th instant. The hope is expressed that all Companions desirous of participating in that gathering will make a point of attending on the occasion of the next Convocation.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement meets on Tuesday evenings, at 6.30 p.m., at the White Hart, Cannon Street, but as this hour is somewhat inconvenient for many of the brethren, it may be interesting to them to know that the Camden Chapter, not meeting till 8 o'clock, will afford an excellent opportunity to those who are unable to attend earlier, to be present at the Moorgate Tavern, whilst those who are energetic students may find it desirable, as well as convenient, to avail themselves of both means of instruction and edification.

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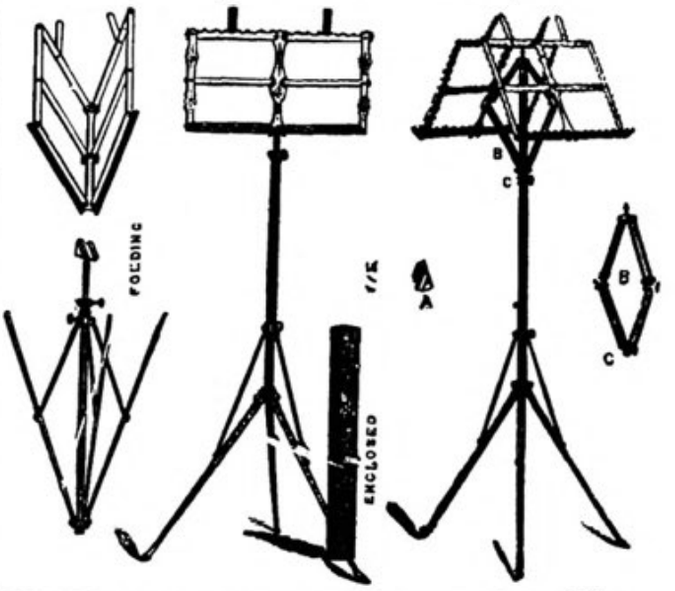

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has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which are much needed.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 12th day of January 1885, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To Receive a Recommendation from the General Committee for the Adoption of a List of Forty-seven Candidates, from which Twenty-five Boys shall be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Monday, 13th of April next.

To appoint two Trustees in the room of John Wordsworth, Esq., and Lt.-Col. John Creaton, deceased.

To consider the following Notice of Motion:—

By W. Bro. William Roebuck V. Pat. on behalf of the House Committee:—"That, having in view the necessary regulations for admission to the Preparatory School now in course of erection, the age at which petitions on behalf of candidates may be presented be reduced to six years, and the age for the reception of elected candidates be reduced to seven years, and that Law 52 be altered accordingly."

The chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

FREDERICK BINCKES (V. Pat. P.G. Std.), Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
3rd January 1885.

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Aged 10 years, 10th September 1885. Eldest son of the late Brother ROBERT CHAMBERLAIN, Locomotive Engineer of Rewari-Ferozpur State Railway, Punjaub, who died suddenly, at Hissar, on the 26th July 1884, aged 42, from Heat Apoplexy, leaving a widow and two children without adequate means of support. He was initiated in Lodge Corinth, No. 1122, Nagpur, served as W.M. and Secretary over two years; W.M. of Lodge Berar, No. 1649, Budneira; three years D.G.D. of Bombay, and a member of the Grand Lodge of England. He was a subscribing member until death.

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*Proxies will be received by those marked thus *, and by the Grandfather, Rev. J. A. Chamberlain, 1 Mallinson Road, Wandsworth Common, S.W.*

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OUR INSTITUTIONS.

ON Saturday last the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held their first meeting for the New Year, under the presidency of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G. Deacon. Amongst those also present were Bros. R. Berridge, A. Williams, C. F. Matier, J. L. Mather, W. Maple, F. Adlard, J. Mason, L. Ruf, C. H. Webb, W. Roebuck, A. E. Gladwell, F. Richardson, H. Massey, H. Hacker, Rev. R. Morris Head Master, H. B. Marshall G. Treasurer, G. P. Gillard, W. A. Scurrah, H. Venn, W. H. Saunders, J. M. Stedwell, and F. Binckes Secretary. The salary of the Organist of the School was, on the recommendation of the House Committee, increased from £25 to £30 per annum. Brother W. Roebuck gave notice, on behalf of the House Committee, that at the Quarterly Court on Monday he would move that Law 52 should be altered, making the age of a candidate for admission to the School at which a petition can be presented six years, and the age at which an elected applicant can be admitted seven years, instead of seven and eight years as at present. This recommendation was made in view of the intended opening of the Preparatory School in the autumn of this year. Out of ten boys whose petitions were received, nine were placed on the list of candidates for the April election. The sum of £40 was granted to an ex-pupil who is studying for the Church, and £10 to a pupil who has just left the School. The extra salaries of the Secretary, and Clerk in the Office, voted in consequence of the extra labour entailed by the work of the Preparatory School, were agreed to be continued for another twelve months. To fill the vacant office of Trustee, caused by the death of Col. Creaton P.G. Treasurer, the Secretary (Bro. Binckes) announced that Bros. Parkinson and Roebuck were eligible, and would esteem it an honour if the choice of the brethren fell upon either of them. It was announced that for the 25 vacancies which would have to be filled at the April Election there were 47 candidates. Bro. W. H. Saunders referred to the circular issued by Bro. Binckes—a copy of which, and a leading article referring to it, appeared in the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE—relative to the need of timely aid to the Preparatory School, by the constant and steady annual subscriptions of Lodges. The suggestion met with his entire approval, and he trusted it would be actively and practically supported by all the Lodges and Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. This hope was endorsed by the members of the Committee, and the proceedings closed with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

On Monday evening, the annual "Twelfth Night" Entertainment to the pupils who remain in the Girls' School at Battersea-rise during the Christmas vacation took place, under the most successful and happy auspices. Bro. Robert Grey, the Chairman on the rota, presided, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen availed themselves of the opportunity of being present at the festive gathering. At five o'clock the company partook of tea together, Miss Jarwood, Matron of the Institution, gracing the head of the table, supported by Miss Shepherd, as Vice-President. Subsequently, Herr Adalbert Frikell gave some admirable feats of legerdemain, which afforded infinite amusement to young and old; the intervals between the entertainment the pupils employed in dancing, the music being supplied by Mr. Arthur Lock. Twelfth cakes and other refreshments were then liberally dispensed amongst the children, and a variety of amusements were provided by the brethren present. More dancing followed, and the pleasures of the evening were maintained with unabated zest up to a seasonable hour, the entertainment being voted one of the most successful and enjoyable that had ever taken place at the Girls' School. Before separating Herr Frikell made a present to each of the pupils, an act of kindly consideration, which was supplemented by Bro. Alderman Savory, who gave each a new shilling. The little ones entered most heartily into the amusements provided for their delectation, and were loud in their expressions of appreciation at the treat afforded them.

As usual, on the first Wednesday in the New Year, the Benevolent Institution at Croydon was the scene of quiet and happy enjoyment on Wednesday last, on which occasion the annual entertainment was given to the "Old Folks." During the afternoon a goodly company of ladies and brethren proceeded to Croydon from town, and on their arrival at the Institution were heartily welcomed by Bro. Jas. Terry, the genial and indefatigable Secretary, when hearty wishes for a "Happy New Year" were interchanged. With their accustomed liberality Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G.S.B. and Mrs. Bowyer provided a plentiful supply of tea and tobacco for the annuitants, and it is hardly necessary to say their repeated acts of generosity were most thankfully acknowledged and appreciated. At 2 o'clock the old people were entertained at dinner in the large hall, the *menu* consisted "of all the luxuries of the season," including turkeys and roast beef, ham, fowls, &c., which had been contributed by many generous friends and well-wishers of the Institution. These gifts had been supplemented by five guineas from East Lancashire, two guineas from the Abbey Lodge, while other presents from various Lodges enabled the House Committee to place a most sumptuous repast upon the board. The hall was, as usual, prettily embellished with seasonable decorations, and when filled by the happy and contented "family" presented an air of cosy luxury and enjoyment. The chair was occupied by Bro. Dr. Strong (Hon. Surgeon of the Institution), who was assisted in ministering to the enjoyment of the party by Bros. Terry, T. Cubitt, Raynham W. Stewart, and other brethren, who acted most assiduously as voluntary waiters. The repast was served in a style which won for Miss Norris, the Matron, the deserved encomiums of all present, and as the day was the eve of the attainment of his majority by Prince Albert Victor, champagne was added to the wine list. After dinner had been agreeably and amply discussed, Dr. Strong said it was not usual to make lengthy set speeches on these occasions, but this was a special one, from the fact that since they last met they had lost their old and respected Warden, Bro. James Norris, who had been a resident in the Institution upwards of twenty-two years. He referred to the late Bro. Norris's loving care and considerate kindness for his fellow annuitants, and the assistance he had ever rendered to the Committee, and requested that the late Warden's memory should be drunk to in solemn silence. After this the loyal toasts were honoured, followed by the "Founders of the Feast," in connection with which Dr. Strong alluded to the kindness of the brethren who had provided the entertainment, and had moreover come down to assist in carrying out the amusements, and to enhance the pleasures of the guests. Amongst so many generous supporters it was almost invidious to select any one in particular to respond to the toast, but he would ask Bro. Edgar Bowyer, who was always ready to lend a helping hand, to say a few words on his own behalf and that of his co-workers, who he hoped would all live long to continue in the excellent and generous work in which they had been so long engaged. The toast having been most cordially received, Bro. E. Bowyer briefly responded, and in the course of his remarks said it was the pleasure and interest, as well as the duty, of all to do what they could to contribute to the enjoyment and happiness of the annuitants whom they had undertaken to protect. During the past year they had, unfortunately, lost some of their patrons, but no doubt their places would be supplied by others equally kind. In giving "Success to the Benevolent Institution," he expressed a hope that the coming Festival might be a success, and that Brother Terry's indefatigable efforts to that end might be brilliantly rewarded.

Bro. Terry, in reply, expressed regret at the absence of Bros. Binckes, Hedges, and others, who had been unavoidably prevented from attending. He referred to the active support which Bro. Edgar Bowyer and others had rendered to the Benevolent Institution—not to the detriment of the other Charities, but in preference to them. They were proud of the success of all three Institutions, but there were some who were peculiarly attached to one or other, to the exclusion of the rest. A considerable portion of success had happily attended this Institution during the past year. The highest amount yet known in its history was announced the other day,—£19,500

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was the amount of the gross result of the year's work. This gave him the opportunity of saying that during the last seven years the Benevolent Institution had received in all £121,645, the Boys' School £109,040, and the Girls' School £99,785, which gave the following averages—the Benevolent Institution £17,300 a-year, the Boys' School £15,500, and the Girls' School £14,200 a-year in round numbers. That was a very proud position for the Benevolent Institution to have attained, when they recollected it was at first the most neglected of all, for it was then he might say, as it were, under the ban of the Grand Master, as it was only permitted to have a Festival once in three years. After a great amount of persuasion they were permitted to have a Festival once in two years. When it was found it would not interfere with the Schools they were permitted to have an annual Festival, and since then it had gone on and prospered. What was the result? The Girls School had prospered more than it had ever done. Whenever a Secretary of one Institution visited a Lodge, if the other Secretaries were not there, he spoke for them as well as for himself. But great as had been the success of the Institution he hoped it would be greater. He believed the Benevolent Institution would be the Institution of the future. It was founded on a small beginning. It was an Institution which in the future they must look to for providing a home and a refuge for the aged. The boys and girls of the present day would be, and were educated, and their prosperity was going on at a higher rate than it had hitherto done. But take the other side. When a man came to the decline of life there was very little energy left, and if he was a Mason and wanted a home this Institution afforded it. Let them look at the lists for the coming elections. For the Girls' School there were thirty girls on the list and twenty-two to be elected; for the Boys' School there were forty-five candidates (the smallest number for years), and twenty-five to be elected. For the Benevolent Institution there were something like one hundred and twenty candidates. At the present moment there was but one vacancy for a widow, and twelve vacancies for men. Therefore, unless in February next the Institution achieved as great a result as in 1884, he really did not know what would be the fate of the poor widows, of whom there were seventy-five on the list, with only one vacancy, and forty-four men on the list with only twelve vacancies. If they created only twenty additional vacancies—fifteen being widows—there was still a most appalling prospect. He relied upon the Craft, and looked forward with the same amount of confidence to the liberality of the brethren as in the past; and he ventured to think that in February next such answer would be given to their appeal, under the presidency of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, whose Province of Gloucester was supporting him most nobly, with forty-seven Stewards, as would show that this confidence was not misplaced. He appealed to those brethren who were not yet Stewards, to make themselves Stewards, and enable the Committee when they met to say that they found themselves in a position to place additional annuitants on their list. They had now 375 men and women on their funds. When he first was connected with the Institution there were 180, who were receiving, the men £26 a year, the women £25. The men were now receiving £40, and the widows £32, and for all that they had, by the liberality of the Craft, more than doubled the number of annuitants. He was certain that these facts need only be brought to the notice of the brethren for them to see that, while not neglecting their duty to the other Institutions, it was their first privilege to think of the aged. While doing that they were taking care of themselves. The children were educated, but what was to become of the aged if it was not for this Institution? There was nothing but the workhouse for them, and surely the Craft would not allow that, when there were so many thousands who had never contributed anything to one of the Charities. In June next he would have been twenty-one years connected with the Institution, and he hoped and trusted that whatever the success of the past twenty-one years had been he would be spared to achieve greater results and triumphs, and to see it placed in the position of first of the three Institutions.

The health of Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, was also proposed and responded to, after which the company partook of tea, followed by an Ethiopian entertainment, by the Carolina (Original) Minstrels, whose performances were evidently much appreciated and enjoyed. During the evening a telegram was read by the Secretary, conveying "Hearty congratulations from the East Lancashire brethren and friends, wishing you all a Happy New Year, ample present enjoyment, and future prosperity to Croydon Institution." Bro. Terry stated that a similar day's entertainment was being given to the Old People at Manchester, and that the brethren of East Lancashire had contributed five guineas to the Croydon Entertainment. An admirable portrait of the late Warden, Bro. Norris, drawn by Bro. John Mason, was handed round for inspection, and was much admired by all present. After the interchange of heartiest good wishes for a "Happy New Year," the visitors returned to town by train, having spent a most enjoyable day amongst the "Old People."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Dismiss your doubts; let no one be any longer oppressed with the notion that his or her malady is incurable till these purifying Pills have had a fair trial. Where ordinary preparations fail these Pills produce the best results. A course of this admirable medicine cleanses the blood from all impurities, and improves its quality. The whole system is thus benefitted through the usual channels without reduction of strength, shock to the nerves, or any other inconvenience; in fact, health is renewed, by natural means. For curing diseases of the throat, windpipe, and chest these Pills have pre-eminently established a world-wide fame, and in complaints of the stomach, liver, and kidneys they are equally efficacious. They are composed of rare balsams, without a single grain of mercury or any other deleterious substance.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A NUMEROUS assemblage of the brethren of this excellent working Lodge, with a large body of visitors, met on the 1st inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. The Lodge was founded in 1848, and was originally worked in the French language, but under the English Constitution; however, it has since adopted the English working. The W.M., Brother S. G. Langdon, presided; Bros. Elvin W.M. elect S.W., Smale J.W., Kench P.G.P. Treasurer, Sly P.M. Secretary, Burt S.D., Bicknell J.D.; also Bros. Skinner, Child, Humphrey, Cooper P.G.J.D. Middlesex, Wolters. After the minutes had been confirmed, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Elvin was presented to the Lodge, and, in the presence of twenty-four W.M.'s and P.M.'s, was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Skinner P.M. Bro. Cooper acted as D.C. At the conclusion of the ceremony Brother Skinner was warmly congratulated by the brethren and visitors on the marked ability he had displayed. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted, and in very appropriate terms invested as his Officers:—Bros. Langdon I.P.M., Smale S.W., Burt J.W., Kench Treasurer, Sly Secretary, Bicknell S.D., Fenn J.D., Smith I.G., Cooper P.M. D.C., Child P.M. and Andrews Stewards, Church Tyler. A letter was read from Bro. Burmeister P.M. regretting his absence through indisposition. He wished the W.M. and the Lodge every prosperity, and congratulated the members on the continued success of the Lodge. After the customary formalities of closing, the brethren adjourned to a banquet. At the conclusion of the repast, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts, coupling with that of the Grand Officers the name of Bro. Kench. He was one for whom they all had the greatest respect. Whatever he undertook he did well. They were all pleased he had received Grand honours. Bro. Kench spoke of the noble qualities of the brethren at the head of the Order. He was pleased to have his name associated with the toast. Bro. Langdon I.P.M. said it was with great pleasure he had to propose the toast of the W.M., who had done his duty in every particular. He had made his mark in Freemasonry, and knew his duties throughly. They were proud to see him in his present capacity. The toast was heartily received, and the W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Langdon for his kind remarks and the brethren for their reception of the toast. If he had done anything for the advantage of this, his mother Lodge, he felt gratified. It gave him great pleasure to do anything he could for the benefit of the Lodge. He wished the brethren, one and all, a year of health and prosperity. He then proposed the toast of the Visitors. They were numerous and well known and respected; it was only necessary to mention their names seriatim. He called upon Bros. Venn, Dicketts, Levy, Massey, Farwig, Hurdell, Brown, and Sharp to reply, and those brethren severally responded. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the I.P.M., Bro. Langdon. During his year of office he had done his duties well. He had, with great pleasure, to present him with a jewel which he had well earned. He hoped he would be among them for many years to wear it in health and prosperity. Bro. Langdon could hardly find words to express his gratitude. He hoped he had done his work to the best of his ability. He returned his sincere thanks for his kind reception and the valuable jewel presented to him. The W.M. next proposed the health of Bro. Kench Treasurer, and Brother Sly Secretary. These brethren were well known and respected; he might say they were unequalled for the way in which they performed their duties. The W.M. hoped he should have the pleasure of their united support during his occupancy of the chair, as they have hitherto done to his predecessor. The toast of the P.M.'s was coupled with this. The P.M.'s were brethren they were proud to see among them. They regretted the absence of one whom they all respected, and who had a good kind word for all—Bro. Burmeister; they hoped to see him again shortly in renewed health. No better array of P.M.'s could be found than theirs. He hoped they would be among them for many years. Bro. J. Kench P.M. and Treasurer, and Bro. Sly P.M. Secretary, severally responded and said their services were always at the command of the Lodge, and of every Master if spared, they hoped in the future to continue in their respective capacities. Bro. Wolters P.M. said it afforded him great pleasure to be among them after an absence of 12 months. He had had the pleasure of initiating the present Worshipful Master in 1868, and was now proud to see him in the chair. Other Past Masters followed, with very excellent speeches. The toast of the Wardens was given and duly responded to, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. The Worshipful Master provided a special musical melange under the direction of Bro. Turle Lee, assisted by Bros. Young, Marner, Wentworth, Lyons, Bevan, and Williams, whose singing, and the genial presidency of the W.M., rendered this one of the most agreeable evenings ever spent in the Lodge. The W.M. announced that there would be a banquet in March, when the ladies would be invited. He hoped to see many brethren and ladies present on that occasion. Among the Visitors present were—Bros. H. Massey 619 and 1928, George 937, Smith 1563, Farwig 180, Scurrah 2078, Turle Lee 1922, Latrielle 1260, Addison 1987, Dupont, Reynolds 1614, Harrison 1185, Cooper 1637, Venn, Brown 174 and 1607, Marx 957, Dicketts, Hartley 740, Green 1687, Lyon 1765, Hurdell 1348, Gunnell 1441, Harrison 1185, Hooke 463, King 180, Jesse 1556, Vickery, Wentworth 101, Blitz 177, Williams 1658, Turner 1328, Barclay 1608, Eastgate 1563, Coward 2012, Marner 1673, Brown 1706, Bellamy 1627, Sharp 1, H. M. Levy 188.

THE RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

A REGULAR meeting of this young, but sound and progressive Lodge, was held on Tuesday evening, at the Station Hotel, Richmond, when there was a goodly attendance of brethren, under

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the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Benjamin E. Blasby, who was supported by Bros. C. I. Digby P.M. S.W., W. Foster P.M. Treasurer, W. R. Phillips P.M. Secretary, J. P. Houghton S.D., E. Dare J.D., J. Ireland D.C., F. Albert Crew Organist, C. Maton W.S., R. Messum Steward, and many other brethren. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. G. C. Young W.M. 820, G. F. Cook P.P.A.G.D.C. Herts, W. D. Beckett W.M. 780, C. Sims 861, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, A. Farman 107, &c. Lodge having been opened in form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Lodge having been advanced to the third, Bros. Nash and Williamson were raised to the sublime degree by the W.M, who acted most efficiently, assisted by his Officers. Bro. Smith was also notified to have taken this degree, but did not arrive in time to participate in the ceremony at the hour stipulated. Having resumed in the second, Bro. Burrell was passed to F.C., and subsequently the ballot was opened for Mr. Frederick Augustus Meeres, proposed by Bro. Gowing, seconded by Bro. Rowland; Mr. Edwin Peed James, nominated by Bro. Crew, seconded by Bro. the Senior Deacon; Dr. Edmund Alleyne Cook, whose sponsors were Bros. Abell and Phillips; and Mr. George Trinder, proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. Covell. All were unanimously accepted, and were duly initiated by the W.M., in a manner which afforded every satisfaction. After this heavy batch of work had been got through most creditably, Bro. Smith presented himself for the benefit of raising, and although the agenda had proved a formidable tax upon the W.M., he performed the ceremony most readily. It is, however, an undesirable precedent, and considerably mars the after proceedings; candidates should strive to be ready at the time appointed; in this case it was exceptionally vexatious after so arduous an evening's work. It was stated that although the Lodge is yet in the first year of its existence, it is in a very satisfactory condition financially, all its expenses being defrayed, whilst already there is a balance in hand. The sum of five guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and one guinea to the special fund appealed for by Bro. Binckes towards the Boys' Preparatory School. At the conclusion of some other business, the brethren and visitors sat down to a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the W.M., and justice having been done to the repast the customary loyal and Craft toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured. Bro. W. F. Reynolds P.M. in felicitous terms proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, whom he congratulated upon the ability and intelligence he brought to bear in carrying on the work of the Lodge, of which he was the first Master. Reference had been made to the fact that since the installation of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, in the year 1875, upwards of 500 new Lodges had been warranted, showing how the Craft had advanced in popular favour since his accession to office. The Prince fully recognised his duties to the Craft, thus it had made rapid strides onward; and he (the speaker) might be allowed to say that the successful and satisfactory position which the Richmond Lodge had attained was in a great measure to be attributed to the zeal and ability with which it had been ruled by its first Worshipful Master. The toast was received with the utmost cordiality, and Brother Blasby suitably acknowledged the compliment, promising that his efforts should, in the future as in the past, be devoted to the best interests of the Richmond Lodge. The Initiates severally responded to their health, Brother Cook being especially happy and humorous in his reply. The whole of the Visitors also responded to the welcome given, and expressed themselves highly pleased with the hospitality which had been extended to them; after which the Past Master and Officers of the Lodge were complimented on the way in which they discharged their respective duties, and which had so greatly assisted in establishing the Lodge on a sound and solid foundation. During the evening some capital songs were rendered by the brethren, ably assisted by Bro. F. Albert Crew, who presided efficiently at the pianoforte. A very enjoyable evening was passed.

BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge, which was held on Monday, 5th inst., at Maldon, Essex, was availed of for the presentation to Bro. Thomas Eustace, of Colchester, as a mark of the respect in which he is held by the brethren, and of appreciation of his efforts for the prosperity of the Lodge as its first Master. The presentation took the form of a valuable gold watch, which in the unavoidable absence from illness of the present W.M. (Bro. Alfred Richardson), was handed to Bro. Eustace by the S.W. (Bro. Robt. Smith), who in a few well-chosen words, spoke of the hard work Brother Eustace had done for the Lodge; how much its prosperity was due to him, and how much the brethren were indebted to him for, with such regularity, coming sixteen miles every month to fulfil the duties of the chair. Bro. Eustace, who was very much moved, thanked the brethren for their kindness. What he had done had been a labour of love, and his work had been rendered lighter by the hearty support he had always received from his Officers and the brethren generally. He assured them he should always value most highly their handsome present, and it would become an heir-loom in his family. The watch bears the following inscription:—

Presented to

Bro. T. Eustace P.P.G.S.B.,

By the Blackwater Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1977,

For the valuable services rendered as first Master. 5th Jan. 1885.

—*Essex Standard.*

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. is open to accept invitations for the delivery of his Lecture in Metropolitan or Provincial Lodges, or Lodges of Instruction.

ECCLESTON CHAPTER, No. 1624.

THE usual Quarterly Convocation was held at Freemasons' Hall, on 24th ult., Comps. J. Galt Fisher M.E.Z., Wyer P.Z. H., Tayler J., Vincent P.Z.; Beckham and Bond Scribes E. and N.; several other companions were present. After the minutes had been passed, Comp. Wyer was elected Z. for the ensuing year, Tayler H., Bond J., Beckham S.E., Flatterly S.N., Isaacs Treasurer, Coulthard P.S., Sheppard Janitor. A jewel of the value of 5 guineas was voted to the retiring M.E.Z., for his able working, &c. The Chapter was then adjourned to March.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 8th instant, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Banks W.M., Stringer S.W., Pitt J.W., Speight P.M. Secretary, Dale S.D., J. Bedford Williams J.D., Ingram I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Hutchings Preceptor and Good; also Bros. Cooper, Vint, Prior, and Emblin. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cooper candidate. Bro. Prior answered the usual questions leading to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was called off, and on resuming was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Vine personating the candidate. Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and closed in due form.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—A meeting was held on Saturday, 3rd inst., at the Hampshire Hog Hotel, Hammersmith. Bros. Sharratt W.M., Hayes S.W., Gardner J.W., Strong Secretary, Gomm S.D., Furze J.D., Williams I.G., P.M.'s Ayling, Johnson, &c. Visitor—Bro. Jackson 718. Lodge was duly opened, and minutes of previous meeting confirmed. The Preceptor then worked the second section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. next rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Steers kindly offering himself as candidate. Lodge was opened in second degree, and Bro. Mayer answered the usual questions. Lodge was then closed.

Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360.—On Thursday, 1st instant, Brother James Stevens P.M. P.Z., &c. on the invitation of this Lodge, delivered his highly interesting lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonies of the First Degree. The Lodge met at the Collegiate School, Worple Road, Wimbledon, so as to have sufficient room for a number of brethren. Brother E. Standen presided as W.M. Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Brother James Stevens having been introduced to the brethren, then gave his admirable lecture, which was listened to with close attention by all present. After an address, which occupied more than two hours in delivery, Brother Stevens received a cordial vote of thanks and the compliment of honorary membership, for which, as well as for the encouraging remarks of the brethren generally, he returned thanks. Bro. Carter was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 29th December, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present:—Bros. Trewinnard W.M., Western S.W., Thorn J.W., Forge Treas. and acting Secretary, H. W. Holden S.D., Younghusband J.D., T. Holden I.G., and Hall P.M. After preliminaries, Bro. Turner having offered himself as a candidate to be raised, answered the questions in a very praiseworthy manner and was entrusted. The Lodge was then opened in the third, and the ceremony rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history in a very able manner. This being the last Monday in the old year, Bro. J. Baker asked the brethren to drink some punch with him, and Lodge was closed earlier than usual. Some capital harmony was rendered by Bros. Bain, Akehurst, Atterton and Snook. We may add that after the business is over the Spirit of Harmony is invoked at the meetings of this Lodge of Instruction, and generally with happy results.

On Monday last, Bros. Jordan W.M., Turner S.W., Holden J.W., Forge Treas., Collingridge Sec., Catling S.D., McMillan J.D., Dr. Neisson I.G., Western Acting Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gifford candidate. Bro. Dixie then took the chair and opened the Lodge in the second degree. Bro. Collingridge answered the questions leading to the third and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Turner was elected W.M. for Monday next, and Lodge was closed. The brethren enjoyed some harmony, Bros. Akehurst, Baine, Snook, Woodman, Weeden, and Giffard singing, while Bro. Dixie gave a humorous recitation. Bro. Collings presided at the piano.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey intends bringing to the hammer early in the season the very valuable library at Osterley Park, near Isleworth. The house has not been lived in since the death of the Dowager Countess last year. Lord Jersey occasionally gives a garden party at Osterley during the London season. The library contains several splendid Caxtons.

The M.W. the Grand Mark Master has been pleased to appoint Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. to be Grand Registrar of the Mark Degree, in the place of lamented Bro. Levander, deceased.

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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 JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
176—Cavear, 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)
238—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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1745—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2013—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement. Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street W, Hammersmith

2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 12th 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)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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.)
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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1871—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1908—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)
2012—Chiswick, Bolton Hotel, Chiswick
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
302—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
306—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
397—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
461—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
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
803—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
1231—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea

R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 13th JANUARY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 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, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
196—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
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)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
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)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

23—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Ken
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
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
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1715—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, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodnun
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Lancashire.
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 153—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 14th JANUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
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.
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
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)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 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)
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)
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (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, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
K.T. 129—Holy Palcat, 33 Golden Square, W.

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, 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
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham

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1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1530—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1636—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.

R.A. 290—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 809—Ethelreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
R.A. 1177—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles

THURSDAY, 15th JANUARY.

23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
69—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, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
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)

1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
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)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel. Church Street. Camberwell. (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1625—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).
1726—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1965—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill

R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 765—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 190—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

43—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
205—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
209—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
243—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
245—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
267—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
333—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
1045—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1125—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1300—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1323—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1423—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1513—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1673—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1893—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton

R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 383—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotal, King Street, Penrith
R.A. 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raigan Tavern, Plumstead
R.A. 1334—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 16th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—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)

1066—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)
1206—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1720—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, 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. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 176—Era, Greyhound, Hampton Court, at 3
K.T. 46—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.

137—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
183—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
483—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
983—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
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. (Instuction)
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. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
R.A. 531—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 632—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
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, 17th 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)
1 329—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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
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. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

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THE PROSPECTS OF CANDIDATES AT THE COMING ELECTIONS.

THE three Masonic Charitable Institutions stand at the present time in very peculiar relation to each other, so far as the number of candidates at their next Elections and the number of probable vacancies then to be filled are concerned. The position of one of them, at least, gives cause for considerable anxiety among those who take an interest either in Masonic charity work, or the care of those who, by age and misfortune, are compelled to seek assistance from their fellows, and unless some exceptional piece of good fortune should enable the Committee to extend the number of those receiving the benefits of the Institution, or something else unexpected should occur during the next few weeks, grave difficulties will present themselves when the day of Election arrives. Putting the matter in as brief and concise a form as possible, we may for the present dismiss the two Schools from consideration, not because they are so well off as to be independent of, or that they need no further support, but because, from a comparative point of view, the prospects of their candidates for the April Elections are all that could be desired, as the following figures will prove. The Girls' School is in a position to elect twenty-two, out of a list of thirty approved candidates, or in other words, three out of every four children seeking the benefits of the Institution. The Boys' School cannot show such a favourable programme, but it is sufficiently good to give cause for congratulation, the actual state being, that of forty-five approved candidates twenty-five can be elected. When we turn to the Benevolent Institution, however, a very different state of affairs presents itself. Here we have one hundred and twenty-seven approved candidates, and, so far, only twelve vacancies; but these figures do not clearly show the really critical state of affairs. As is well known, the funds of the Institution are devoted to two sections—the male and the female. Voting, and indeed everything, from the receipt of the money to the expenditure of it, is kept distinct so far as these two sections are concerned, and therefore we have to divide the candidates and vacancies accordingly. We find, then, that forty-six of the applicants are men, and eighty-one widows, and that all the vacancies are in the male section—therefore, unless something unforeseen occurs, not one of the eighty-one widows can be elected. It will not surprise our readers when we say that these facts caused very grave anxiety as soon as the figures were settled, as they were at the Committee meeting on Wednesday, or that the difficulty which appears certain to occur seems all but insurmountable. Will it be possible for the Committee to increase the number of Female Annuitants?—is the all-important question of the moment, and the answer to it must entirely depend on the result of the coming Festival. An increase of funds is the only certain method by which an increase of the number of annuitants can be secured, and, accordingly, the matter rests in the hands of the brethren of England, and on the amount of money they are able to place at the disposal of the Committee. There is really no other method by which the pending disaster—for disaster it would certainly be if the Institution was unable to elect any of the widows—can be diverted than the one we have referred to, except the possibility that some of those already on the funds should die before the day of election, and we feel there is not a brother among us who really wishes for that method of solution. When once our old people are elected, it becomes the universal wish that they should live long to enjoy their annuities. The difficulty which will present itself on the day of election will make itself felt by almost every subscriber of the past, from the fact that the Widows' votes, to which most are entitled, will be practically valueless, and although it may perhaps be a strange way of securing what very many have looked upon as already theirs, we would suggest that each voter exert himself to collect at least a little, in order to place the funds in such a state as to warrant the Committee increasing the number of annuitants, thereby creating vacancies for competition, and rendering the votes of customary value.

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In our rough and unseemly state, wherein we resemble the rough or imperfect ashlar, we are prone to admire that which will gratify our passions, and to fix our desires on what we fancy will afford these ample gratification, sometimes blindly supposing that to be highest in excellence which is really most unseemly and forbidding. When, however, the "passions" become "subdued," and the intellect becomes enlightened, and the moral sense and affections change in their "sensibilities and aspirations," the attention becomes directed to the inimitable excellencies that dwell in the Grand Architect of the Universe, and constitute the traits of His nature and character which the true Mason ever loves to study, admire, and imitate.

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> Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
> Though stretched from sky to sky."

He who is thus the fountain of love is, and of necessity must be, supremely loveable. He is "the fairest among ten thousand—the one altogether lovely," hence this benevolent affection of our nature in fixing upon Deity, only aspires to its native source and basks in its native element of bliss. Supreme love, therefore, to our All-Wise Creator and Infinite Benefactor is at once our most reasonable service and our most inviting sphere of immortal gratification. Here we come to a most important point: That at least so far as our capacities can comprehend it, we should understand the service in which we are to employ our immortality, and the question arises: What is implied in that love which God thus claims from His rational creatures? Some have thought of it as merely an intellectual approval of the divine excellencies. Others have regarded it as a mere impassioned admiration and reverence of God. Beside and beyond all these aspects, we submit that it implies a supreme delight in God. The understanding, for instance, may philosophically approve the perfections and works of God, and the sensibilities may be compelled to admire His rectitude and love, and yet because I do not possess these qualities myself, because my traits of character are opposite to these, because, therefore, I deserve the divine displeasure, and cannot in this condition hope for the divine approval, I may feel envious, unfriendly, and hostile even to love itself, but when hostility is given up and God is truly embraced as a Father and Friend, then there is attained, not only reverence and admiration, but a supreme delight in His favour and His love. In its range of mental culture this love employs, elevates and refines all the powers of the human intellect. The penetration of the philosopher, the sagacity of the navigator, the accuracy of the mathematician, the subtlety of the logician, the eloquence of the linguist, the researches of the historian, the conjectures of the geologist, the discoveries of the astronomer, the explorations of the geographer, the investigations of the chemist, the aptitude of the phonographer, the expertness of the operator at the telegraph and the telephone, the industry of the agriculturist, the ingenuity of the mechanic, the discernment of the artist and the sculptor, and the skill of the architect and "wise master builder," with all other developments of human intellect, may be aptly employed to facilitate the deep researches, the lofty aspirations and moral scannings of the diligent student of nature and of morals, in securing the highest possible knowledge of the works, the word and the love or benevolence of Deity. This element of intellectual expanse and improvement is also a mighty agent in the refinement of the sensibilities or feelings. Every kindness of Deity, as the Creator and father of our race, appeals not only to the intellect, but also to the feelings. All the mercy of the Christ as our Master, Elder Brother and Saviour, appeals to the feelings. All the tenderness of the Infinite Spirit in His offers to admit us, His frail creatures, to personal and immortal friendship and communion with Himself appeals to the feelings, to bring, if possible, even the profane from enmity to love, and from alienation and fear to filial assurance and delight. Out of these fraternal relations between Deity and his creatures flows forth as from a fountain the principle which heads our present article, "Brotherly Love." As we are thus allied to the Great Supreme, so should we be fraternally allied to each other, thus demonstrating to all, not only "the Fatherhood of God," but also "the brotherhood of man."

Benevolence towards us from our Superior should always awake benevolence among us as fellow equals in the one common family. Hence as *fraters* in the great Masonic brotherhood, we place first in the catalogue of the points of our profession, "brotherly love," and it finds beautiful illustration in our varied and impressive lessons of instruction to candidates and fellows, and emphatic demonstration in every kindly feeling of each toward the other; and especially in every act of self-denial for the benefit of a brother, and in every gift of help for the widow or the orphan who may need our liberalities, and in all our acts of charity and benefaction in the vast arena of want around us. These developments of good will, when referred to in "the volume of the sacred law," are fitly designated "brotherly kindness," and emanate from brotherly love as naturally as the sparkling rivulet flows from the mountain spring. It is true that acts brotherly in their appearance and commendable in their kind may sometimes be performed from a selfish motive, with the hope of winning favour in some special circle, or of attracting notice and obtaining public praise, or of awakening responsive feelings in the receiver, and securing even larger gifts in return, but true brotherly love indignantly frowns down all sinister motives and wakens in us that disinterested kindred sympathy,

> "Which makes us feel for others' woe,
> And God-like charity bestow."

One of the most commendable features of Masonic benefaction is the absence of ostentation. While most charitable associations take pains to publish their liberalities to the world, Masons seem to glory in the sentiment of that great Pattern of beneficence who said to almsgivers: "Let not your right hand know what your left hand doeth;" and hence the millions bestowed for the relief of human suffering or want among them attracts so little notice outside of the circles where they warm the cold, feed the hungry, clothe the destitute, heal the sick, bury the dead and make happy the homes of the bereaved, that opponents sometimes tauntingly inquire, "Where are the showings of your so-called brotherly love?" This, however, finds its best rebuke in the improved condition and quiet gratitude of those thus made glad, while the cheer of each seems to retort: "Come and see!"

Mere nominal Masons, like their cousins, nominal Christians, are often sadly defective in brotherly love. They seem to forget that others exist as well as themselves, and drop into a most unsocial ambition for self-preferment. Soon they have not time for even Masonic "communications," unless they have hope of exaltation to office. They cannot post themselves in "the work" of Masonry, unless they are likely to be promoted, nor will they take part in acts of benefaction unless they especially are to have the praise. Others indulge in a very un-Masonic "greed for gain," and incline to disregard the welfare of the Lodge, the study of the art, the toils of the brethren, the reputation of the Craft, the progress of Masonry, and even the sufferings of the unfortunate, unless "it will pay," or in some way assist them to brighten "the almighty dollar." Such seem to us to ignore "the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. They bow only at the shrine of self-supremacy, and appear to worship only the god of this world. But a still more glaring, inexcusable and unbrotherly defect is that of petty ill-will. It is often based entirely on fancy, and indulged towards a brother who, perchance, entertains toward us the kindest feelings and highest respect. Yet, because we fancy otherwise, we indulge first a coldness, then a shyness, later still an unfriendliness, and last of all open dislike. In other instances, perhaps we really find some slight fault occurring with a brother in regard to our preferment, or our views of fraternal business, or possibly of party or business interests, and we become unfraternally severe, and court retaliation rather than reconciliation, "personal pique" instead of brotherly love; forgetting the human injunction, "Be ye kindly affectioned one toward another, with brotherly love;" thus bringing Masonry sadly into disrepute, and humanity into perverseness and disgrace. The true spirit of Masonry, on the other hand, is "to love one another with pure hearts fervently, to have compassion one of another, to love as brethren, to be pitiful and courteous, and above all things, to have fervent charity among ourselves."

Masonry has many enemies and mighty foes, but when ill-will is fully overcome, and genuine brotherly love gains perfect sway, these enemies will gaze in mute astonishment upon a Craft whose work begins in order, is conducted in peace, and closed in harmony, and they will speedily crave to be admitted to the benefits of Masonry, and to share in the profession of brotherly love, relief and truth.—*Voice of Masonry.*

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 17th January:—

Monday—Old Pauline Club, St. George's and Corner-stone Lodge, Lodge of Unions. Tuesday—St. James's Union Lodge, Urban Lodge. Wednesday—Enoch Lodge. Thursday—Universal Lodge, Great Northern Lodge, St. Mary's Lodge, Globe Lodge. Friday—Jordan Lodge, University Lodge, Lodge of Antiquity.

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THE BOYS' SCHOOL RECEIPTS FOR 1884.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There is no doubt the smallness of the receipts by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys during the past year is due principally to the unusually heavy call made upon the Craft in 1883 in behalf of the Preparatory School. Yet I confess I had some difficulty in understanding how it is they amount to less than the sum announced at the Festival in June last, which I believe was stated as £14,000 in round figures. I can of course see clearly enough that the Benevolent Institution, which holds its Festival in February, is more likely to gather in its subscriptions in the ten remaining months of the year than the Boys' School, which holds its Festival in June, and has only six months clear for the same purpose, but as one of the Festivals must come first and one last, I do not take much account of this point. It strikes me, however, as helping very materially to explain the remarkable difference between the returns furnished by these two Institutions that Bro. Binckes's office is undermanned, and that it was a "penny wise and pound foolish" kind of economy which induced the Boys' School Executive to abolish the office of Collector. Bro. Terry has the services of Bro. Mason, who not only collects contributions, but assists very ably in the office work generally, and those of Bro. Recknell. Bro. Hedges has two clerks all to himself, but in Bro. Binckes's office there is only one clerk—a very able, attentive and courteous one, I admit—with occasional boy or other assistance at odd times. But every one who has had to do, directly or indirectly, with the collection of money knows how hard it is, and how many calls have to be made, in order to gather in the promised contributions. And if this is the case there can, I think, be little doubt about the unwisdom of leaving it to chance to get in the moneys promised or due and payable. If, however, there are overwhelming reasons against the employment of a Collector for the Boys' School, it strikes me Bro. Binckes should have two clerks as Brother Hedges has, or a clerk and a-half like Bro. Terry—Bro. Mason being as it were one-half clerk and the other half Collector. Just now, with the Preparatory School rapidly approaching completion, there is a greater necessity than ever for additional clerical assistance. The Committee have to a certain extent recognised this fact by voting the continuance for another year of the additional remuneration paid to the Secretary and his clerk in 1884. But additional pay, though it may solace these officials for their additional labours, will not furnish them with additional hands to work with, and what is wanted now and for the future is not more work out of the same men—who, Heaven knows, work hard enough already—but more people to do the work. Then we may hope to see Bro. Binckes's return more nearly level with what it figures as upon paper. Bro. Hedges has succeeded in realising as much as his Festival was announced to yield, and Bro. Terry about £1000 over, but Bro. Binckes is short of that total, and I venture to say the whole of these shortcomings is not to be explained by the payments in advance before the 31st December 1883.

Fraternally yours,

S. P.

THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is to be hoped that the appeal set forth so lucidly in your columns, a fortnight since, in supplementing Bro. Binckes's circular anent the Boys' Preparatory School will have received the consideration it deserves, and that your faith in the fervent zeal and sturdy determination of the Craft in the interests of Charity may be abundantly justified. Most of the readers of your excellent journal must be acquainted with the agitation which led up to the establishment of this subsidiary school, and how the movement was applauded by those who take a special interest in "Our Boys." It is, therefore, most important that, having set our hands to the plough, we should not look back, or flinch one iota in the task we have set before us. On the contrary, there is such a prospect of usefulness and real Charity in the sphere which will be opened out by this Preparatory School that all who were interested in at at the outset should feel their zeal increased and their energies stimulated by the "short, sharp, and decisive" intimation we have received from the pen of Bro. Binckes. It seems to me rather a matter for regret that so poor an account should be shown of annual subscribers amongst the Lodges and Chapters at home and in the colonies; and this is a point which should be taken up in serious earnest by the brethren everywhere. The commencement of a new year is a most opportune time to inaugurate a fresh scheme of usefulness and beneficence; and, seeing the very trifling sacrifice which would be involved by a response to Bro. Binckes's appeal for a guinea or two per annum, there should be no difficulty in at once placing the executive of the Preparatory School beyond the pale of anxiety respecting the funds necessary for the completion of the buildings, and the election of a proportion of the number of boys for whom the additional accommodation is to be provided. Masters of Lodges could, I am sure, very readily and easily introduce this matter to their Lodges at the earliest regular meeting; and I venture to believe there is not one but would unanimously authorise the voting of a minimum guinea from the Lodge funds in order to strengthen the hands of the Boys' Preparatory School Committee in their laudable undertaking. This is a matter which should, as Bro. Binckes pointed out, not need any further argumentative appeal; but should at once be taken up by Lodges, who, by acting spontaneously and earnestly, just now, might carry out a work which would redound greatly to their own credit and the welfare of the Craft generally. This is a matter which should not be allowed to lag behind, or to draw its slow length along. To act with promptitude and vigour just now would save a vast amount of labour and anxiety later on, and would show to the world that when the occasion requires the brethren of the Craft are more than desirous of exemplifying the principles which are the pride and glory of their ancient and honourable Institution. Trusting we may hear this question still further elucidated by correspondents in your valuable columns,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

AN OLD BOY.

MARVELS IN PHOTOGRAPHY.

THE members of the Craft will be glad to hear that a distinguished member of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, has lately produced two most extraordinary photographs, on a scale rarely seen, and so nearly resembling a steel plate engraving as to require the skill of an expert to discover the difference. The first picture contains 167 portraits of members of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, and was originally a painting on canvas, 16 ft. by 13 ft., by Henry Brooks, well known as an exhibitor at the Royal Academy. The subject of the second picture is the President and Council of the Royal College of Surgeons, and owing to the fact of having only 26 subjects to deal with, the grouping is more effective than in the other picture, but both are simply marvellous. They are exquisite works of the photographic art, and it is Bro. Snell's wish that all his brethren should see them, and at the same time receive from him a truly fraternal greeting. Prominent in the picture of the Royal Thames Yacht Club are the well known likenesses of H.R.H. Prince of Wales, Commodore, the late Marquis of Londonderry, Lord Alfred Paget, Rear and Vice Commodores; Sir Thomas Brassey, M.P., and a host of other notables in the yachting world, and amongst them 97 yacht owners. In the second picture we discern the well known lineaments of our Bro. Cooper Foster, the President; Sir Spencer Wells, Sir William Mac Cormac, and the rest of the members of the Council. These two great works, however, do not exhaust the contents of Bro. Snell's studio; for besides these completed works he has on hand another of not less importance, which is a picture of the members of the Royal Yacht Squadron. As the senior yacht club of the kingdom it is of special interest, and particularly so as H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is also the Commodore, while the late Marquis of Londonderry was the Vice Commodore, the members being noblemen of high rank. Bro. Snell has succeeded in catching a life-like expression of the Prince of Wales, the Marquis of Londonderry, and the prominent members of the squadron. When this picture is completed it will find a fitting home in the Squadron Club House at Cowes, in company with those of the late Emperor Napoleon and the late Earl of Wilton.

A convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday evening, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8 o'clock. Comps. R. Bird M.E.Z., Wm. Radcliffe H., H. Dehane J., G. Gregory acting S.E., T. C. Edmonds S.N., J. Strugnell P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was conducted in an admirable manner, and a profitable and instructive evening was spent.

We regret to hear that Bro. C. F. Matier has had a serious fall and dislocated his right shoulder. It is feared that this accident will confine our worthy brother to his house for some time.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP FOR THE EAST OF LONDON.—After fourteen years of unremitting toil and anxiety in ministering to the spiritual and temporal necessities of the very poorest of the poor inhabitants of Stepney, Shadwell, Limehouse, &c., the workers in connection with the London Cottage Mission, 67 Salmon's Lane, Limehouse, through its founder and director, Mr. Walter Austin, are, with stores and funds exhausted, now absolutely compelled to beg of the public immediate and substantial help to enable them to pay off a debt of £700 owing by the Mission; for funds to meet the expenses of the children's weekly Irish stew dinners, at which, during the six winter months of each year, nearly a thousand children per week are supplied with a full and substantial meal; for food and medical necessities for the sick, aged and bed-ridden; for the cost of the Maternity Society; and for the maintenance of the Children's Home and Sanitorium, accommodating 100 little patients at Halls Green Farm, Sevenoaks Weald, Kent. It may be added that a month's Mission was inaugurated on New Year's Day, which will be continued daily up to the close of the present month. Subscriptions and donations of clothing will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Miss F. Napton, 304 Bordett-road, Limehouse, the Bankers, the London and South Western Bank, 7 Fenchurch-street, E.C., and by Mr. Walter Austin, Managing Director, 44 Finsbury Pavement, London, E.C.

FUNERALS.—Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON, Coffin Makers and Undertakers, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. and 7 Horne Villas, Forest Hill Road, Peckham Rye, S.E.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THERE is an idea prevailing in many quarters that a Masonic Lodge cannot be carried on comfortably or harmoniously when the number of its members exceeds some fifty or sixty; indeed there are many brethren who will declare that the only Lodges for true enjoyment are those which are limited to say thirty or forty members. While we are ready to admit that in some cases increase of numerical strength means a decrease in the pleasures of Masonic work, we are yet able to point to instances wherein the direct opposite is the case, and are therefore able to affirm that the rule of small Lodges for the most enjoyment is not a hard and fast one, but is one which, under proper management, is capable of direct contradiction. We cannot do better, in support of our view, than refer to the Domatic Lodge, which is one of the strongest, in point of numbers on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England. Its prominent position is not confined to number of members alone, for in many other ways the Domatic Lodge occupies a proud place in English Freemasonry, and we trust will continue so to do while Freemasonry itself lasts. How is this success secured?—may be the query of those who have found themselves, if we may so term it, in the cold in Lodges only one-third or even one-fourth as numerous, and we answer, without hesitation, by good management, and by good management alone. The Domatic Lodge appears to be particularly fortunate in the brethren who are selected to rule over its destinies, they make good Masters during their respective terms of office, and after that they appear if anything to greater advantage as Past Masters. Then the permanent officials of the Lodge—the Treasurer and Secretary; it is difficult to say how much of the success of the Lodge does not depend on them. It is invidious to make comparisons, but in this case we feel justified in so doing. There may be Lodges which possess Officers of equal ability, but we very much doubt if any can show more capable ones; and those who know anything of the inner working of the Lodge, and at the same time remember its numerical strength, must fully endorse our opinion. This year's installation marks the commencement of the ninety-ninth year of the Lodge's existence and as favourable a start has been made as any one could desire. It is certainly not the case that the Domatic is getting old and stupid, but then perhaps a century or so does not have the same effect on a Lodge as about half that period does on some men. It may, indeed be that a hundred years' life entitles a Lodge to be looked upon as having reached the years of discretion, but the past career of the Domatic will not allow this assumption; it has long since attained the reputation of being a success, and is now but continuing its prosperity. This year's installation took place on Friday, 9th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and was numerously attended, the following Officers being amongst those who were present:—Bros. Foxcroft W.M., Pierpoint S.W., Price J.W., Everett P.M. Treas., Morris Sec., Simner S.D., Montague J.D., Chapman I.G., Harvey D.C., Sadler Wood Stewart, Riechelmann Org.; P.M.'s Bros. Herbage, Ferguson, Foulger, McLean, Buscall, Walford, Bowman Spink, and Kent. The business of the day comprised the confirmation of the minutes and the Auditors' report, which items disposed of, the Lodge was advanced, and Bros. W. R. Spindler and J. H. Selby were passed. Next came the installation of Bro. Robert Pierpoint, the W.M. elect, and this ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. W. Herbage P.M. In due course the new W.M. was saluted, and he then invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—W. M. Foxcroft Immediate Past Master, Harry Price Senior Warden, A. Simner J.W., Geo. Everett P.M. Treasurer, T. Morris Secretary, Robert Montagne S.D., H. J. Chapman J.D., Richard Harvey I.G., C. Riechelmann Organist, J. Sadler Wood D.C., N. Salmon Steward. The installation ceremony having been completed, the W.M. at once started work by initiating Messrs G. A. Weston, A. Grace, J. Tingley, and J. H. Ellis into the mysteries of the Order. Installation night is looked upon as a bad one for initiates, as there is generally too much other work to be got through, but the four gentlemen initiated on Friday lost nothing by selecting an annual meeting night for their admission to the light of Masonry. Brother John Barnett jun. was elected a joining member of the Lodge, three candidates were proposed for the next meeting, and other business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and in due course the customary toasts were honoured. The Queen and the Craft having been well received, the W.M. gave the health of the M.W. the Grand Master. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had done more for English Freemasonry than any one who had previously occupied the position of Grand Master. Wherever he went he commanded respect—not only from his Masonic brethren, but from all classes of the nation, and it was not too much to say that he made friends of all with whom he came into contact. There was no question as to his desire to advance the interests of the country, or of the institutions which were so dear to its people, nor that, in his attempts to do so, he did not work as hard as any man in Europe. The coming of age of their Grand Master's eldest son must be a source of gratification to all true Masons, as it was to all Englishmen throughout the world. After a song, the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers was proposed, the W.M. paying well deserved compliments both to the noblemen who assist in ruling the destinies of the Order and the Grand Officers who so ably support them. Bro. Hill, Grand Steward, replied to the toast. He believed he might say that all the Grand Officers of England, except perhaps the section to which he had the honour to belong, had earned and thoroughly deserved the distinction conferred on them. No better illustration of the high estimation in which Freemasonry was held by the rulers of the Order could be given than that such patriotic men as the Earl of Carnarvon should spare time to attend to the work of the Craft. His doing so proved that he felt the importance of Freemasonry in the social life of the country. Bro. Foxcroft I.P.M. next proposed the health of the W.M. Their present ruler had been initiated in the Domatic Lodge some ten years since. In a Lodge numbering something like one hundred and fifty members, as the Domatic Lodge did, for any one to attain to the Chair in so short a time proved him to be a man of some esteem among his brethren, and endowed in no small way with the spirit of perseverance. There was no post in the Lodge that Bro. Pierpoint had filled wherein he had not worked to the satisfaction of the members, while the way in which he had performed the initiation ceremony that evening proved he would not be found deficient in the work of his latest appointment. He felt assured that Bro. Pierpoint would become a Master of whom the Domatic Lodge would have reason to be proud. In reply, the W.M. said he should not be telling the truth if he said he was not proud of his position. When he occupied the chair of initiate at the banquet which followed his admission to the Lodge—a position he well remembered—he was told he would never again occupy that place, but he felt it was possible to occupy the next to it, and that chair he had always striven to secure. He now had the honour of occupying it, and felt the great importance of the trust reposed in him. He hoped, during the time he should fill it, he would give satisfaction to every member of the Lodge. He then proposed the health of the I.P.M. During his year of office Bro. Foxcroft had striven to perform the duties of the chair to the best of his ability, and he had succeeded, as was evidenced by the way in which the Lodge had voted him a Past Master's jewel. He richly deserved the gift, and it afforded him (the speaker) much pleasure to place it on his breast. He hoped that Bro. Foxcroft would long enjoy good health, and that he would always be borne in the same esteem by the members of the Domatic Lodge as he was at that moment. In reply the I.P.M. tendered his sincere thanks to the members of the Lodge. If he had failed in anything during the past year, it had been not from any neglect on his part, but from inability or from the more pressing demands of business. The brethren had been most kind to him during the past year, the Past Masters, the Officers, and every member having striven to help him in every possible manner. The next best thing to being installed into the chair was to retire therefrom with honour, and he flattered himself that he had some honour attached to his term of office. The toast of the initiates was next proposed. The W.M. had that night had the gratification of admitting four gentleman into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Three of them were old personal friends, one he might say being an acquaintance of 30 years' standing, while their fourth new member came well and worthily recommended. All would doubtless prove a benefit to Freemasonry in general and the Domatic Lodge in particular. Bro. Tingley expressed the pleasure he felt in being admitted. He could but appreciate the warmth of the reception accorded him and his fellow initiates that night. Bro. Grace followed in similar strains. Bro. Weston considered it a great privilege to be initiated, and an especial pleasure that so old and dear a friend of his as the present W. Master should have performed that duty. He and Bro. Pierpoint were not only personal friends, but so closely associated with each other in their daily avocation as to render the events of the day even more pleasing than they would otherwise have been. The toast of the Visitors next received attention, and to this Bros. Harper, Spiller, Stiles, and others responded. The W.M. in submitting the toast of the Past Masters felt sure it was one which could be heartily received, as it deserved to be. The Domatic Lodge could not get on without its Past Masters. They seemed to vie with each other as to who should do most for the Lodge and its members. They were kind and considerate to all, and had thoroughly earned the respect that was felt for them. After a brief allusion to each of the brethren present who had filled the chair, the W.M. called upon Bro. Herbage to reply, remarking in so doing that the way in which that brother had performed the ceremony of installation was particularly gratifying to them all. Bro. Herbage felt that in joining the ranks of full-fledged Past Masters he had become one of a noble band. He should do all he could to follow in the footsteps of those who had preceded him. Indeed, he had that evening made an attempt to copy his predecessors in the way in which he had worked the ceremony of installation. The ceremonies of Freemasonry were such that a brother might give his very best attention to them, while the interest of the members of the Lodge in its work induced a man to strive his utmost in any work which might fall to his lot. The W.M., before proposing the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, stated he had omitted to mention that one of their most esteemed Past Masters—Bro. J. Willing—who was then at Plymouth, had sent his fraternal greetings and best wishes for the prosperity of the Lodge. The Treasurer of the Lodge, said the W.M., was too well known to the members to need any very lengthened remarks from him when proposing his health. It might truly be said that Bro. Everett had at all times the interest of the Lodge at heart. The way in which he looked after their comforts at the banquet table added not a little to their enjoyment, although it was purchased, perhaps, at the expense of Bro. Everett's personal comfort. It was also a fact that Bro. Morris, their Secretary, deserved all the good things that could be said of him. His was no light duty, but so efficiently did he perform his work that he might truly be termed the walking Encyclopœdia of the Domatic Lodge. Of the 150 or so members it seemed there was not one but Bro. Morris could not give his address at a moment's notice; this alone proved he threw his heart into his work. Bro. Everett thanked the W.M. and brethren most heartily. He had the pleasure of initiating the present W.M., as well as some others of the Officers appointed that evening, and in looking round on them felt quite proud of his boys. As regards Bro. Pierpoint, he had long looked forward to the time when he should be among them in the East, as he felt that although they had had many distinguished brethren in the chair of the Domatic Lodge there was no one who would give more satisfaction than would Bro. Pierpoint. He should be only too happy to continue his office of Treasurer so long as he

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received such cordial support from the members as had marked his occupancy of it in the past. Bro. Morris referred to the fact of the present being his seventh appointment to the office of Secretary, a post in which he should strive to give as much satisfaction in the future as he appeared to have done in the past. It was a great pleasure to him to be again appointed to act as Secretary of the Lodge, which he trusted would continue to prosper as it had done hitherto. The Officers of the Lodge were next toasted. The W.M. felt that the brethren appointed that night would do their best to support him, give satisfaction to the members, and add to the reputation of the Lodge. This toast having been responded to, was followed by that of "All poor and distressed Masons," after which the brethren separated. Among the visitors were Bros. John Oldis S.W. 1288, S. P. Knight D.C. 1903, C. Arkell P.M. 192, R. B. Harper P.M. 813, Henry Stiles P.M. 1732, H. Fruen 2012, W. Wilkins P.M. 902, E. J. Tabor 1101, J. Westerby W.M. 1613, W. Cable 1638, E. E. Court Std. 1559, S. Read 766, F. A. Duffield 619, J. Baker P.M. 1672, T. Skinner 1614, W. A. Dowling 2012, J. J. Avery P.M. 70, W. M. Stiles W.M. 1744, W. Kingwell 1572, C. Farwig 201, C. W. Bovis 511, W. H. Baker S.W. 2030, H. Hambling 2030, J. E. Shand 2030, A. J. Hayward 2005, A. Hancock W.M. 1950, J. Bennett I.G. 1415, H. M. Appleton W.M. 1381, C. H. Spiller W.M. 49, E. Storr W.M. 167, F. H. Spiller P.M. 49, S. Hill W.M. 21 Grand Steward, W. H. Marston P.M. 55, H. C. Turner Std. 1693, C. H. Everett. SW. 2012, &c.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THE annual installation meeting of this old and popular Lodge was held on Monday, 5th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. George Bean, the retiring W.M., who was supported by Bros. A. J. Martin S.W., J. W. Dewsnap J.W., P.M.'s M. L. Alexander, H. M. Levy, A. G. Dodson, Obed Roberts, L. M. Myers, Israel Abrahams, Lewis Lazarus Treas.; J. S. Lyon Sec., Lewis Wall S.D., Geo. M. Lion J.D., L. Davis Steward, P. E. Van Noorden Org., and many other brethren and visitors. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, Bro. C. Grove Ellis was raised to the third degree; and Lodge having resumed Bro. Alexander John Martin, the zealous S.W. of the past year, was presented for the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters having been duly constituted, Bro. Martin was installed by Bro. M. L. Alexander P.M., in masterly style, and on the re-admission of the brethren the newly-installed W.M. was greeted with the customary honours. He then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. G. Bean I.P.M., J. W. Dewsnap S.W., Lewis Wall J.W., J. S. Lyon Treas., L. Lazarus P.M. Sec., G. P. Lion S.D., Isaac Botibol J.D., Lewis Davis I.G., A. G. Dodson P.M. D.C., Lensberg and Hart Stewards, P. E. Van Noorden Org., and Goddard Tyler. The addresses having been delivered with good effect, the W.M. immediately proceeded to initiate Mr. Meyer Max Bendit, and Mr. Bulford, the ceremony being performed in a manner which fully satisfied the brethren as to the choice they had made of a ruler for the ensuing year. After the transaction of some other Masonic business, the brethren and visitors sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and served under the superintendance of Bro. M. Silver. The customary loyal toasts were followed by that of the "Joppa Benevolent Fund," in proposing which the Worshipful Master congratulated the brethren on the fact that there was still a very respectable balance to the credit of that fund, which had done so much good during the past ten or twenty years. He associated with the toast the name of the Senior President, Bro. Israel Abrahams, who responded, and in the course of his remarks said the fund, which had been the source of so much relief to so many of the brethren, widows and orphans, was a thoroughly Masonic fund. It was now reduced to about £700, but it had boasted of having reached £1,100 and upwards. If they had a smaller amount now they would not discontinue lending a helping hand in any case really deserving their assistance. By the aid of the brethren, whom he found ready and pleased to put their hands in their pockets on behalf of a really good cause, he hoped to get the fund up again to £1,000, and he was pleased to-night to announce several new subscriptions. He trusted the Fund and the Joppa Lodge might enjoy a long career of future prosperity. Bro. Lewis Lazarus Secretary announced subscriptions to the amount of thirteen guineas, of which the W.M. contributed two guineas. The I.P.M. in proposing the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master spoke of him as an old friend, who he was delighted to have seen placed in the chair of the Joppa Lodge. It was not altogether a new honour to Bro. Martin, who had passed the chair of a distinguished Lodge in the south-east of London. At any rate, from what they knew of him, he was entirely worthy of the confidence of the brethren and well qualified to discharge the important duties of the position. The W.M. in acknowledging the compliment paid him, said he was an initiate of Bro. Israel Abrahams, twenty years ago, and he had waited since that time in the hope and expectation of attaining the high position to which he had this evening been chosen by the kindness of the brethren. In every Lodge the initiate should aspire to that promotion, even as every French soldier was taught to believe he carried a marshal's bâton in his knapsack. The brethren had chosen to elect him, and he accepted the office with a great deal of diffidence; but at the same time with a great deal of pleasure—with diffidence lest he should be considered a martinet, but with pleasure because he knew he should be associated with a great number of old Masonic friends. He should insist on order and decorum in the Lodge and he hoped all the brethren would support him. He then proposed the health of the Initiates, suitable replies being given by Bros. Bendit and Bulford. The health of the Installing Master was next given, and in responding Bro. M. L. Alexander said it had been his pleasure to instal many Masters of this Lodge, and he should be ready to assist in that capacity again, although it was preferable that every Master should instal his successor. The Visitors were cordially received, and the welcome accorded to them was acknowledged by Bros. Benjamin W.M. 1017, Barnett W.M. 185, Johnson W.M. 1320, and J. R. Stacey. The health of the Past Masters followed, the name of the I.P.M., Bro. Geo. Bean, being received with especial honour, and the W.M. presented him, on behalf of the Lodge, a handsome P.M.'s jewel and a P.M.'s collar and jewel, as a mark of esteem and in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Lodge. Bro. Bean I.P.M. in returning thanks for the compliment paid him said words failed him to express adequately his sense of gratitude for the kindness he had received at the hands of the brethren. During his year of office he had endeavoured to emulate the working of his predecessors, and to carry on the Lodge on the same lines as the P.M.'s. The handsome gifts he had received that evening would remind him of the happy hours he had spent with the brethren of the Lodge of Joppa, and it would be a pleasure to him always to wear them when he met them in the Lodge. It was a source of satisfaction to himself to know that the same good feeling subsisted between them all on his retiring from office as when he entered upon the duties. Bro. Roberts P.M. also responded, and other toasts followed. The enjoyment of the evening was enhanced by a capital selection of music, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, by Miss Berta Foresta, Miss Rebe, Bros. Arthur Thomas and Henry Prenton. Mr. Walter Van Noorden rendered good service at the pianoforte.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel, York, on the 12th inst., when the chair was occupied by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Sir Frederick Milner, Bart., M.P. There were also present Bros. J. Blenkin I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., Geo. Balmford P.M., G. Simpson P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., A. T. B. Turner S.W., W. Brown J.W., B. Z. Miles, and a number of other Officers and brethren. Successful ballots were taken for Bros. the Rev. R. Blakeney, Vicar of Bishopthorpe, and Granville Milner, of Bilbrough Hall. Bro. Whittaker was passed to the second degree, and the lecture on the second tracing board was given by Bro. W. B. Dyson. The Secretary announced the death of Brother Isaac F. Taylor, one of the first members initiated in the Lodge. After the close of the Lodge the members met at refreshment, and the usual toasts were duly honoured, the evening being enlivened by harmony, to which many brethren contributed. Letters and messages, conveying hearty good wishes, were received from several absent members, including Bros. J. S. Cumberland P.M., C. G. Padel P.M., &c.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 199.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Royal Oak Hotel, Dover, on Monday, the 5th inst. The W.M., Bro. John W. Terson, opened the Lodge at 7 p.m., and there was a punctual attendance of officers and brethren. Amongst the large number present were Bros. J. W. Terson W.M., Thomas Hearn S.W., James W. Bussey J.W., A. F. L. Fredericksen S.D., J. W. Miller J.D., John Falconer I.G., Rev. V. S. Vickers I.P.M. Chaplain, James D. Terson P.M. Secretary, H. S. Boyton P.M. Organist, John Marshall P.M., John Bourdeaux P.M., William Cessford P.M., Edward Lukey P.M., Joseph G. Podevin P.M., Francis W. Prescott P.M., Bros. Capt. J. W. Miller, E. Swan, T. Farrington, G. Ainslie, C. H. C. Marsh, F. Dane, W. A. Barrow, W. A. Kennett, G. W. Church, H. J. Crower, A. Welch, G. Willson Tyler, and Visitors Bros James Stevens 720, 1216, 1426, Pearson O. Potter W.M. 1208, George Band P.M. 1196, E. A. Marsh S.D. 1208, W. Kenison 1096, J. McKenzie 1208, E. Vie 531, J. J. Wright 1208, R. Voare 1536, F. Stanger 1208, J. Popkiss 398, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. stated that as there was no ceremonial work before the Lodge for this occasion it had been thought expedient to use the opportunity, for the purpose of hearing a lecture on the Ritual by Bro. Stevens, of London, who was then present, and whom he had pleasure in introducing to the Lodge. He had no doubt that the members would give him a hearty welcome and an attentive hearing. Bro. James Stevens, who on rising was most cordially received, then occupied the earnest attention of all present; during two and a half hours he discoursed of the "Knobs and Excrescences" which are still to be found in the ritual and ceremonial of the First Degree. His remarks were evidently much appreciated by the several Past Masters present, as well as by the younger portion of his audience, and notwithstanding the length of his address, its conclusion was sought to be deferred for further explanations. The thanks of the Lodge were expressed to Bro. Stevens, in high laudation of his lecture and services, and the same were entered on the minutes. There was no other business, and Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren subsequently partook of supper, and separated at the customary hour.

ROYAL BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 732.

THE annual installation meeting of the brethren of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the 8th inst., in the Masonic Room of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. Bro. W. Nell was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. E. Histed, the retiring W.M. The following are the Officers selected by Bro. Nell to assist him during his year of office:—Bros. E. Histed I.P.M., C. Nye S.W., W. Botting J.W., R. Willard Secretary, S. Denman S.D., J. P. Harker J.D., T. Clowser I.G. Owing to the Mayor's "At Home," the usual banquet was postponed until next month.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE election meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th instant, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bros. W. W. Morgan W.M., T. H. Peirce S.W., Henry Martin J.W., C. Greenwood P.M. P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, E. Thring S.D., Thomas Crapper J.D., A. Withers P.M. D.C., A. Green P.M. Steward, F. T. Bennett as I.G., C. T. Speight P.M. Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. F. Hentsch, Usher Back, and John Waters were present, with the following among other brethren:—J. Burr, W. G. Aires, P. J. King, H. Lindfield, Alfred Kent, H. Green jun., E. Hartley, &c., &c. Visitors—Bros. T. Driver P.M. 65, G. Houltnet Bishop I.G. 1965, H. Massey P.M. 619 1928, J. E. Cussans P.M. 1366 408 P.P.G.S.W. Herts, W. G. Jennings 1580, F. C. Longley 1715. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Peirce S.W. was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Charles Greenwood P.M., Past Grand Sword Bearer, Provincial Grand Secretary of Surrey was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. C. T. Speight Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was voted for presentation to the outgoing Master, and after arrangements had been made for the Audit meeting, the brethren and Visitors partook of a banquet, admirably served by the manager of the Albion. The after proceedings were of a most enjoyable nature. The installation meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 10th February.

PRINCESS CHARLOTTE OF WALES LODGE, (5TH DRAGOON GUARDS), No. 570 (I.C.)

THE installation meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Monday evening, 12th instant, Bros. W. Knights W.M., A. Baldrey (W.M. elect) S.W., T. Howard J.W., J. A. Banks Sec. and Treas., H. Kendal S.D., R. Hardisty J.D., T. Saul I.G., Sly Tyler, and the following military brethren:—R. Gifford P.M., E. Heegam, W. Fowler, H. Dixon, A. Bullock, C. Speers, W. Harding, J. Sayers, W. G. Woodward, B. E. Donovan, C. Hicks, H. Roberts, C. Diekmant, and W. Harkness. Visitors—George F. East P.M. P.P.G.D. 163 Integrity (Installing Master on this occasion), Rideal W.M. 1798, George Hunt W.M. 1993, Kennett Howell W.M. 1375, Senior P.M. 163, Diddeley W.M. 163, Waller P.M. 163, Harris J.W. acting S.W. 1993, W. B. Lowcock, John Salmon P.M. 163 P.P.G.D.C., H. W. Riley Secretary 815, Arthur West 145, Joseph Wildgrove P.G.G.J.D. East Lancashire, W. W. Frayling United Service Lodge 1541, Hong Kong, H. Darbyshire P.M. 1993, W. J. Herring I.G. 815, T. G. Hindley 1418, Thomas Few 163, J. Batcheldor P.M. 1458, R. Dottie P.M. 1161, Captain J. W. Allison P.M. 903, R. J. Walker 1009, A. H. Jefferis W.M. 1161. Lodge was opened in military Masonic form, and with solemn prayer, at 5·15 by the W.M. Bro. Knights. The minutes of last regular meeting, also of an emergency were read and confirmed. The Wor. Master now invited the Installing Master to take the chair. Bro. East, in doing so, explained that the military brethren would during the ceremony perceive a difference in the working as done by him and what they had probably been accustomed to, the Princess Charlotte of Wales working under the Irish Constitution. One of the instructions necessary to be carried out was that the Installing Master must read the fifteen charges to the W.M. elect, the duty being always done in English Lodges by the Secretary. The Lodge was then advanced to another degree, and the W.M. presented Major Baldrey to the Installing Master to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which ceremony was done in a most effective manner by Bro. East. In due course Bro. Major Baldrey was installed, and invested the following brethren:—Howard S.W., Kendall J.W., Banks P.M. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (for the fourth time), Hardisty S.W., Saul J.D., Deacon I.G. The former Tyler, Brother Sly, honourably and well fills again this office. The working tools were presented by the Immediate Past Master. The addresses to the Master and brethren were duly given by the Installing Master, the address to the Wardens by Bro. Joseph Wildgrove P.P.G.J.D. East Lancashire. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the visiting brethren, and then Lodge was closed in due form by Bro. Major Baldrey, who cordially invited the visiting brethren to remain to the banquet, which was prepared in the dining hall, and was ably served by the Masonic Hall manager, aided by numerous polite and attentive assistants. Great credit is due to the manager and his wife for the manner in which they cater for such banquets. The formal toasts having been gone through, the W.M. called upon Past Master Gifford to propose the toast of the Visitors, which was done in a kindly manner. Bro. John Salmon P.M. 163 P.P.G.D.C. East Lanca hire in a suitable speech expressed his delight at the way in which Brother Knights had opened the Lodge; he referred to the difference in the style of working as usually carried out in this Province. However, he could truthfully say it was well done by every Officer, and he should be glad to see such proficiency and discipline more generally displayed. Bro. Salmon concluded by thanking the W.M., on behalf of the Visitors, for the grand treat, and splendid banquet they had all enjoyed. Bro. Batcheldor P.M. 1458, a celebrated author and composer, played one of his popular pieces on the pianoforte in a masterly style, and much to the gratification of the brethren. Bro. Dottie P.M. 1161 gave a humorous reading, entitled "Lubbers Afloat," which created, as it always does, roars of laughter. The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, made some allusion to the fact of the Princess Charlotte of Wales being an Irish Lodge, yet it had a Welsh name; he supposed they might say it was also a Welsh Lodge; but whether Irish or Welsh he had no hesitation in saying that it was second to none in this or any other Province for its loyalty, its working, and its thorough Masonic character. His only fear, on assuming the proud position of W.M. was, that he might not show the same ability as his predecessors, who had ably performed their duties; he promised, however, to do his best, and was confident of receiving the support of his Officers, and particularly of his I.P.M. Bro. Knights, who was ready and able to work any ceremony. This brother would have performed the installation ceremony, but in deference to his (the W.M.'s) wishes, and out of courtesy to Bro. East, he had been asked to forego the pleasure because Bro. East installed him (the W.M.) into Freemasonry, many years ago, and in the very room where he had just been installed. The W.M. concluded by making some flattering, but well-deserved remarks, about Bro. Knights, and proposed his health. The proposition was received with right hearty cheers, testifying how highly Bro. Knights was respected. The health of the Installing Master was responded to by that distinguished brother, who in a very able speech explained how deeply he felt the honour of having that day been allowed to instal Bro. Major Baldrey, whom he had been the means of initiating into Freemasonry; it was a great pleasure to him to say that the British Army did not possess a finer soldier, and Freemasonry could not boast of a better brother than Major Baldrey. He predicted success to the regiment, and the Craft when it had so noble a man at the head of one of its Lodges. The toast was received with rapturous applause and was suitably acknowledged. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, Bro. Salmon sang "Here's to his health." Bro. Howard played in grand style a clarionet solo, accompanied by Bro. Batcheldor. Bro. Gifford was in excellent voice, and sang "In days of Old." Bro. Saul sang the "Sentry Song," from Iolanthe. Bro. Darbyshire recited a popular dialect story. Bro. Senior sang "My sweatheart when a boy." Thus a very happy and most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by hearty good cheers given for Major Baldrey and the members of his family.

WOLSELEY LODGE, No. 1993.

THIS Lodge held its second Annual Ball and Soirée in the Ardwick Town Hall, Manchester, on Tuesday evening, 13th instant. One hundred and four ladies and gentlemen were present. Dancing commenced at eight p.m. to the strains of music from a very efficient band, conducted by Mr. Baxter, Band Master of the Ardwick Industrial Schools. Bro. Harris J.W. Wolseley Lodge, Acting Senior Warden for Bro. Lord Wolseley, was the Master of the Ceremonies, and performed the duties in his well-known courteous manner. The Hall was prettily decorated by Bro. Waite (Tyner and Co.), of Deansgate, Manchester, who was well supplied with Masonic banners, which he placed about in profusion, as he often does for similar occasions in all parts of England. Suppers were provided by Mrs. Edwards, of 5 Bury New-road, Manchester (wife of the first W.M. of this Lodge), in two relays, the first being at 10·30, to which forty-three sat down, and the second at twelve o'clock, to which forty-five more sat down; too much praise cannot be given to this lady for the splendid way she always does her catering, and a word of praise is due to her able assistant, Miss Ada, for the polite and prompt attention she always displays to the guests. Bro. Edwards P.M. presided at the first supper, in the absence of the W.M., who left early in the evening, owing as was stated to family affliction. Bro. Edwards did, as he always does—looked well after his guests, while Bro. Darbyshire undertook the duties of Superintending Steward for the President. The second supper was presided over by Bro. Darbyshire, and Bro. Walker fulfilled the duties actively of Superintending Steward, which gave him pleasure, as it always seems to do—to give comfort and enjoyment to visitors. This brother was in great demand, loud calls being made for him in the ball room whilst he was engaged in the supper room; but he regarded the commands of the President and the welfare of the guests too much to vacate his post for one moment till supper was over. He is a worthy brother, and the Callender Lodge may well be proud of its coming Master, Bro. Walker, who is to be shortly installed, and we hope to be able to report that interesting event. The whole affair passed off without a hitch, and the assembly of delighted brethren, ladies and visitors dispersed at four a.m.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

THE first anniversary meeting of this new Lodge, which may be described as one of the most popular in the metropolitan district, was celebrated on Monday last, at the Bolton Hotel, Duke's Road, Chiswick. The W.M., Bro. George Everett, presided, and was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Charles H. Everett S.W., George Gardner J.W., E. Lawrence P.M. Treas., Harry Price Sec., R. Harvey S.D., W. Gomm J.D. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177, G. A. Payne P.M. 933, A. Williams 834, H. Whittick P.M. 511, J. M. Alexander 1563, W. Johnson R.C. 865, E. Ayling P.M. 975, J. M. Chapman W.M. 1922, E. Cox 780, W. T. Buxton 1381, A. Freeman 1614, S. Stretch 1950, E. Gilbert P.P.G. Steward Middlesex, P.M. and Treas. 326, G. L. Everett 177, V. E. Wing 1585, A. L. Chapman 255, J. W. Walden 975, E. A. Tilbury 975, H. Skinner 177, F. Hayes 73, H. A. Stunt 1320, H. Massey P.M. 619 1928, C. Cordingley P.M. 45, J. Haro 1987, N. Defriez P.M. 185, E. Wright S.D. 1612, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, F. W. Downes 1158, F. Harding 177, John Kent 177, &c. After the Lodge had been formally constituted the minutes of last Lodge meeting and the Auditors' Report were read and unanimously adopted. Bros. C. Packer and J. H. D. Meyer were then raised to the sublime degree. The ballot was taken for Mr. Andrew Francis Morley Gammell, proposed by Bro. C. H. Everett, and seconded by the W.M.; and for Mr. John Rowlings, who was proposed by Bro. W. Gomm D.C., and seconded by the W.M. elect. The result was in favour of both candidates, who were initiated and regularly enlightened in the mysteries of the first degree in Freemasonry. The W.M. elect, Bro. Charles H. Everett, was then introduced and regularly placed in the chair of King Solomon in the presence of a full Board of Installed Masters. On the re-admission of those below the degree of I.M., Bro. C. H. Everett was saluted in

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the three degrees, and he then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. George Gardner S.W., Richard Harvey J.W., F. Lawrence P.M. P.Z., M.D., Treasurer, Harry Price Secretary, Wm. Gomm S.D., William A. Dowling J.D., Harry Furze I.G., John Brown Director of Ceremonies, A. H. Strong W.S., J. Rowe Tyler. The Treasurer now rose; he thought a vote of thanks should be given to Bro. George Everett for having so admirably performed the very arduous duties he had undertaken during the past year, and he moved a resolution to that effect, which was seconded by the W.M. and carried unanimously. Bro. G. Everett in acknowledging the compliment said it was not the first time the Treasurer had spoken kindly of him, he, however, thought it was more than he deserved; he had tried to do his duty, and as far as health and strength permitted he hoped he had done it. He had begun well, continued well, and ended fairly well; he had installed his successor. Bro. Everett then gracefully alluded to the assistance he had received from Bro. Ferguson, on more than one occasion, and thanked him for having performed the duties of Master when he was too unwell to attend. This day he had acted as Director of Ceremonies, and for these services he now thanked Bro. Ferguson. Another subject he had to mention. Bro. George Gardner S.W. last year stood as Steward of this Lodge for the Girls' School, and took up an excellent list, headed by ten guineas which was voted by the Lodge. This year he was representing the Aged Freemasons, and no doubt he would take up an equally good list. He (Bro. Everett) therefore proposed that the list should be headed by a vote from the Lodge of ten guineas. This motion having been seconded by the Treasurer, was carried unanimously. Shortly afterwards Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was excellently served by the proprietor of the Bolton Hotel, Bro. Thomas Wright. Full justice having been done to the loyal toasts, Bro. George Everett I.P.M., proposed the health of the W.M., who he complimented on the excellent start he had made. The brethren were somewhat nervous before Bro. Charles H. Everett went into the chair, fearing he would be too modest, he having so recently attained to so high a position. He thought they had nothing to fear on that score; the W.M. had shown that he was not modest, and was ready to carry out the work of the Lodge. That was exactly the sort of man they wanted in the chair, and he (Bro. George Everett) found he was bequeathing to the new Worshipful Master a position he knew he would esteem. Taking into consideration that the Lodge was only twelve months old, it was matter for congratulation that it was now 34 strong; it seemed to him extraordinary that so much should have been effected in the course of twelvemonths. It was very gratifying further to know that this result had been brought about mainly by the assistance he (Bro. Everett) had received from his Officers. It was rather curious that an Everett should follow an Everett, considering there was no relationship between them, except the Masonic fellowship which bound them together. There was now an Everett the Second in the chair, and on his behalf he (Bro. George Everett) had to ask that if they saw in the W.M. any shortcomings they would make every allowance for him, and would assist him in every possible way. The W.M., in reply, assured the brethren that so long as he occupied the chair nothing would be wanting on his part to promote the interests of the Chiswick Lodge. The Lodge was but little more than twelve months old, yet it commanded such a large gathering as they had present that evening. It was a great credit to the Lodge, and he should feel it a pride to promote its interest as much as he could. The toast of "The Initiates" came next; both these brethren responded, trusting they might eventually become bright ornaments to the Order. The toast of "The Visitors" was gracefully introduced by the W.M., and Bro. Ferguson, who was the first to respond, said the proposition of the W.M. gave him the opportunity of returning thanks on two grounds—first of congratulating the Chiswick Lodge on the wonderful progress it had made since it was consecrated. He thanked the brethren for the way in which they had received the toast proposed by the W.M., and for his kind recognition of what he had done. He trusted he should always be useful as a Mason. When first he came to the Lodge he was ornamental; the second time, when the W.M. was ill, he was useful; and at the present meeting he had tried to make himself serviceable. He did not like to be a wallflower, he had satisfaction in being able to do something. When the Lodge was a little older it would require no extraneous aid, and those who had assisted would all be wallflowers, but they would admire the way in which the members of the Lodge did its work. That would be admirable. It was an excellent thing that the first W.M. had set the example of installing his successor, this was a duty which every W.M. should perform. With such an example the Chiswick Lodge must succeed. Bro. Chapman said he did not know whether the brethren had seen any picture in which surprise was depicted by open mouths and extended hands, but if they had they might imagine that that was the way in which he ought to be represented on this occasion, for he felt much surprise at the way in which the I.P.M. installed his successor and delivered the addresses. His next surprise was at the way the W.M. had conducted the working. It had been expected that he would hardly have a word to say for himself, but he had invested his Officers as though he had been an old Past Master in the Craft. He had also been surprised at the responses of the Initiates, and likewise with the lavish hospitality with which every one had been entertained. He had been invited to enjoy himself in a quiet way, but he had found unbounded liberality in the banquet. Further, he was surprised that he should have been called upon to respond. The W.M. in offering the next toast, the health of the I.P.M., Brother George Everett, presented that brother with an elegant jewel, surmounted by a beautiful miniature picture of old Chiswick Church. He narrated the circumstances under which Brother Everett yielded to the persuasion put upon him to become the first Master of the Lodge, and said that it was only by strong pressure that he again consented to take a leading part in Masonry. He had, however, done his work well, and had led the Chiswick Lodge to a position of prosperity. Brother George Everett in replying said that Brother Chapman had mentioned surprises which had met him that day; but he (Brother Everett) must say he was surprised, though, at the same time, flattered and pleased at the reception given to this toast. He was very happy to think that the brethren thought him a "jolly good fellow." He was pleased to receive at the hands of the Lodge the handsome jewel pinned on his breast by the Worshipful Master. It had been his good fortune many times during his extended Masonic career to receive tokens of the esteem and regard of his brother Masons, but he did not know that he had ever received a greater compliment than the presentation of this jewel by the Chiswick Lodge. He was taken by surprise when he was asked to be the first Master of the Chiswick Lodge, and he was the more surprised to find himself weak enough to accept the post, because he had previously resolved to take a back seat in Freemasonry. However, he did agree to come again to the fore, and he obtained the warrant for this Lodge. Although he went into it reluctantly at first, he did not regret it, and was highly pleased at the result. The Chiswick Lodge had been a great success, and every one connected with it had been genial good fellows. He was the more pleased and proud because the Lodge was the child of his old age. Several other toasts followed, but the advanced hour of the evening compelled those who had to get home by train to quit the pleasant assembly, and brave the tempestuous weather that prevailed outside.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349, Liverpool Arms, Barking-road, near Canning Town Railway Station, on Tuesday evening, 27th January, at 6·30 p.m. precisely. Bro. Dale 633 will preside; Bros. Musto P.M. 1349 S.W., Myers P.M. 1445 J.W., Cundick P.M. 149 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Winterton, De Casserers, Loane, Smith, Richardson, Pavitt, Myers. Second Lecture—Bros. Musto jun., Watkinson, Stewart, Cundick, West. Third Lecture—Bros. Musto, Job, McDonald. Bro. Winterton, 860, Hon. Sec.

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Bro. Stevens has lately delivered the lecture, on the 1st inst., at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360 at Wimbledon; and on the 5th in the Peace and Harmony Lodge No. 193 at Dover, on each of which occasions he was greatly complimented on his Masonic labour. The lecture has been given at Portsmouth, Brighton, Dunmow, Lowestoft, Hull, Derby, Kidderminster, and other provincial towns, besides many of the metropolitan Lodges. From these places very gratifying testimonies of satisfaction have been received by Bro. Stevens, whose study walls bear honourable evidence of the opinion of his hearers. During this month it is probable the lecture may be repeated at Upper Norwood, Whitstable, and Margate, and the 6th proximo is appointed for its delivery at the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, at Dulwich.

A ball in connection with the Lodge of Prosperity will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, 20th January 1885. Tickets (to include supper and light refreshments during the evening): double, to admit lady and gentleman, 21s; single, to admit a gentleman, 15s; single, to admit a lady, 10s 6d.

A very successful meeting of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, was held on Wednesday last. Three gentlemen were initiated into the Order by the W.M., Bro. G. C. Young P.M. A full report shall appear next week. Several other reports are unavoidably held over.

The marriage of General Brownrigg, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, with Miss Desanges, took place on Saturday last, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. The popularity of the bride was attested by the large number of presents she received. The Duchess of Wellington sent a tea-service, Sir Bruce Seton (for Grand Lodge) some plate, and Bro. and Mrs. Nunn a handsome lamp.

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It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which are much needed.

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THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

IMPORTANT meetings have been held during the past week, in connection with each of the three Masonic Institutions—Quarterly Courts in the case of the two Schools, and the regular Monthly Committee in that of the Benevolent Institution.

At the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School, held on Saturday, Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. occupied the chair, and among other matters formally reported was the death of the late Bro. Col. Creaton, one of the Trustees of the General Fund, and also Trustee of the Sustentation Fund. It was stated that brethren would have to be elected to fill those positions. The list of candidates for the April election was settled—the number of applicants being thirty, and of vacancies twenty-two. Bro. H. B. Marshall, Grand Treasurer, was proposed as Treasurer of the Institution, by Bro. A. H. Tattershall, and seconded by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.D. was proposed as Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution, by Bro. Robert Grey, and seconded by Bro. Ralph Clutton. Bro. Marshall was eventually elected as Treasurer, by a majority of eight to six. Bro. Marshall was then proposed as Trustee of the general Fund, by Bro. Tattershall, and seconded by Bro. George Brown. Bro. J. A. Rucker P.G.D. was also proposed—by Brothers Robert Grey and Raynham W. Stewart—and, on a division, was declared duly elected, he securing six votes and Brother H. B. Marshall five. Brother Joshua Nunn P.G. Sword Bearer, President of the Lodge of Benevolence, was then proposed as Trustee of the Sustentation Fund. Bro. E. Letchford submitting his name, and Bro. Robert Grey seconding; Bro. Nunn was declared unanimously elected. The chairman said they had next to consider the subject of the transfer of stock, but it was suggested that the Institution should not go to that expense until they were reduced to two Trustees. There had been a difficulty about the dividends, in consequence of Bro. Creaton's illness and subsequent death, and the Institution had not received their January dividends. He thought it would be better that the bankers should have a power of attorney to receive the dividends on all the stocks. A resolution to this effect was accordingly proposed by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, seconded by Bro. Tattershall, and carried unanimously. The chairman then moved, on behalf of the House Committee, "That a gratuity of £25 be made to Miss A. Barron, an assistant governess, on her retirement from the Institution." Bro. Richardson said that Miss Barron was elected into the Institution in April 1870, and had therefore been there just upon fifteen years. She had well conducted herself during her residence in the Institution, and was most highly recommended by Miss Davis, the head governess. She had now left the School to get married, and as the Institution had stood so many years, as it were, in the position of father, and as a father did not like his daughter to go quite empty-handed to her husband, it was thought the Institution should make her a present, and accordingly the sum of £25 was proposed. The motion was seconded by Bro. Raynham Stewart, and carried. A vote of thanks was then passed to the Chairman, and the proceedings brought to a conclusion.

The Boys' School Quarterly Court was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. W. Roebuck, P.G. Steward. The first business was the settlement of the ballot paper for the April election, and this was passed with a total of forty-five approved candidates, of which number twenty-five are to be elected. A vote of condolence with the widow and relatives of the late Col. Creaton was then proposed by the Chairman. The brethren were aware, he said, of what Bro. Creaton had done for the Institutions; not only had he contributed large sums of money to the Charities, but he had also devoted a large amount of time to the Committees and general working of the Institutions. His desire to do good was very marked. Every member of the Craft who knew him admired his actions, and the brethren would doubtless avail themselves of the opportunity of recognising his services, even in the humble way of passing a vote of regret at his loss, to be recorded on the minutes, with a letter of condolence to be sent to his widow. Bro. J. L. Mather seconded the proposition, which was supported by Bro. J. Sampson Peirce, and carried unanimously. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart was, on the proposition of Bro. Dudley Rolls, seconded by Bro. W. H. Saunders, elected a Trustee in room of Bro. John Wordsworth deceased, and, on the proposition of Bro. J. L. Mather, seconded by Bro. R. W. Stewart, Bro. W. Roebuck was elected to a similar position in room of the late Bro. Col. Creaton. Bro. Roebuck then brought forward the motion standing in his name on behalf of the House Committee, "That, having in view the necessary regulations for admission to the Preparatory School now in course of erection, the age at which petitions on behalf of candidates may be presented be reduced to six years, and the age for the reception of elected candidates be reduced to seven years, and that Law 52 be altered accordingly." This proposition having been seconded, was carried, and a vote of thanks having been accorded to the Chairman the proceedings closed.

The monthly meeting of the Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. Horace B. Marshall G. Trea., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Terry, the Secretary, having reported the death of two annuitants, one of them being the late Warden of the Institution, Bro. J. A. Farnfield proposed a vote of condolence with Miss Norris, on the death of her father. The proposal was seconded by Bro. Bulmer, and carried. The Warden's report was then read. It recorded, among other matters, the holding of the annual New Year's entertainment to the old people at Croydon, on the 7th inst. On the motion of Bro. Tattershall, seconded by Bro. Murlis, a vote of thanks to those who had contributed to the entertainment was cordially agreed to, as also was a vote of thanks to the Carolina (Original) Minstrels, who performed on that occasion. The Finance Committee's report was read and adopted, and then the new petitions for admission as Annuitants were brought forward. These were 27 in number (15 male and 12 female). Eventually 12 of the former and 9 of the latter were accepted, three male petitions were rejected, two female applications were withdrawn, and one was deferred. The Secretary, Bro. Terry, pointed out that the Benevolent Institution had acquired the very proud position in 1884 of obtaining the largest amount it had ever secured in one year—£19,900. At the same time, the demands on the funds were very heavy. At the May Election there would be forty-two men and eighty-one widow candidates, and for these there were but twelve male vacancies, there not being, at present, a single vacancy for widows. The proceedings were concluded by the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

FREEMASONRY IN DEVON AND CORNWALL IN 1884.

THE year which has just passed away has been eventful in many respects, Masonically as well as generally. The Craft has held its own during 1884, and has had a fairly prosperous year in the West. The Prov. Grand Lodge of Devon was held at Exeter on 7th August, Lord Ebrington Prov. G.M. in the chair. The financial condition of the Province was most satisfactory, and the number of subscribing members was stated to be 2,459. Large sums were donated, as usual, to various of the Charities, and an *ad interim* report was made of the By-laws revision, the final decision being fixed for the 13th inst. at Exeter, when the numerous amendments will be considered and disposed of. A new Lodge was consecrated at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on 23rd April, named "St. George," its distinctive feature being the absence of all intoxicating liquors at its banqueting table, as with many other Lodges lately started in England. Later on a

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lecture was delivered by Brother Hughan, P.G.D. of England, before the members of that and other Lodges in the Three Towns, on the "Four Grand Lodges of England," which will be followed this year by others under the banners of St. John's Lodge, No. 70, and the "Fortitude," No. 105, on "Old Devonshire Lodges," and "Freemasonry before Grand Lodges," collections being made on each occasion on behalf of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund.

The Mark Prov. Grand Lodge, was held at Newton Abbot, under the Prov. Grand Mastership of Lieut. Col. J. Tanner Davy, and under similar auspices the Moveable Mark Grand Lodge of England was held at Exeter, on 6th August, Lord Henniker M.W.G.M. Master presiding, being the first of the kind ever held in the neighbourhood. It need not be added that the meeting was most successful, the arrangements being in the hands of the Mark brethren at Exeter. Bro. J. Tanner Davy is to be the new Prov. Prior for Devon, vice Bro. L. P. Metham resigned, and in consequence it is confidently expected there will be more interest exhibited in the Masonic Knights Templar degree.

The Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall assembled at Penzance, on the 11th of August. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, as Prov. G.M., being in the chair. All the reports were of a most cheering character, and the membership had increased to 1,509. As the Revised Constitutions are now so strict as to "arrears of contributions," it is not expected that the membership will be much increased for some time to come. The Mark Prov. Grand Lodge was held at Falmouth, under the genial rule of Sir Charles B. Graves Sawle, Bart., who was again nominated as Prov. Grand Master. A new Lodge was consecrated at Fowey on 12th May, named the "Lebanon," No. 335. The old Royal Arch Chapter at Falmouth has been resuscitated, and it is likely now that the "Volubian" will be very prosperous; after a lapse of over twenty-one years. It, however, did good service early this century, and, doubtless, will now take its rightful place again as the oldest chapter in the county.

The Elections of the Central Masonic Charities, which took place in April, May, and October of last year, were, as usual, matters of great interest to the many concerned, and it is gratifying to find that Devon and Cornwall succeeded in carrying all their *protégées*, under the able management of Bros. Curteis and Truscott respectively. The Lodges, however, must largely increase their donations if they desire such success to be continued, and they have now a special opportunity of so doing, as Bro. John Lane, P.M. 1402, Torquay, is the Devonshire Steward for the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," whose Festival will be held in February, so no time should be lost in forwarding the names of subscribers to him; and Bro. Charles Truscott, P. Prov. J.G.W. Cornwall, of St. Austell, is the Cornish Steward for the same Institution and also for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, two of the best managed societies in England.

The present *résumé* of the progress of the Craft in the Two Counties should not be closed without mentioning the presentation made to the well-known Masonic Historian, Brother Hughan, of Torquay. The testimonial, which consisted of a purse of some £365 and a writing table, was presented to that indefatigable brother on 3rd December, by Sir John B. Monckton, Past Grand Warden of England, on behalf of the numerous subscribers at home and abroad, in recognition of Brother Hughan's literary services on behalf of the Universal Craft, and his most successful labours for the Charities of the Order. It will be remembered that a similar gift was made to the same brother on his leaving Cornwall, and his numerous friends will be glad to hear that he is still engaged in serving the Fraternity for which he has worked so energetically in the past.

A MEETING of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the Province of Devon was held on the 13th inst., at the Royal Public Rooms, Exeter, for the purpose of considering the new Bye-laws for the Province. There was a good attendance, but several were obliged to leave early. The R.W. the Viscount Ebrington P.G.M. was supported by R.W. Bros. W. G. Rogers 112 D.P.G.M., W. Rev. W. Whittley P.M. 156 P.P.G.S.W. who officiated as P.S.G.W., R. Brewin P.M. 112 J.G. Warden, Rev. R. B. F. Ebrington 248 G. Chaplain, J. T. Browning P.M. 105 P.G. Treas., E. H. Wilton P.M. 1181 G. Reg., John Brewer P.M. 251 G. Secretary, George R. Barrett P.M. 189 W.M. 2025 S.G. Deacon, Walter Bradnee P.M. 1402 S.G. Deacon, R. Cawsey P.M. 230 J.G. Deacon, George Huxham 1254 G. Superintendent Works, R. P. Morrison 251 G.D. of Ceremonies, C. Philp 1550 Deputy G.D. of Ceremonies, J. A. Kingdon P.G. Purs., P. L. Blanchard 444 G. Tyler, Bro. J. Moysey 223, W. H. Discombe 1443, H. Ford 1181, and W. Burd 1753 G. Stewards.

The brethren discussed at great length the proposed new bye-laws for the province, which have undergone considerable revision. Some important amendments, proposed by Bros. S. Jew, Lane, G. Hawken, J. B. Gover, Russell, Godtschalk, Fulford, and the Prov. G. Master were passed. The rules were made more stringent in order to prevent the entry into the order of any objectionable person. The rules having been passed W. Bro. A. Bodney moved,

"That no publication of the meetings of Freemasons or the business transacted therein shall be permitted without the sanction of the Provincial Grand Master for the time being in writing, and that no publication of the business of a private Lodge be allowed unless with the approval of the majority of the brethren in open Lodge assembled.

The Provincial Grand Master gave the resolution his hearty support, and said he should mark his displeasure of the conduct of any brother who published the report of Masonic proceedings if the proposed rule was passed. The resolution, after discussion, was carried by a narrow majority. The P.G.M. then proposed that the new By-laws as a whole be accepted and presented to the next Provincial Grand Lodge for confirmation. The Grand Lodge then closed in due form.

A meeting of the representatives of the Lodges on the Committee of Petitions was held before the above meeting at the Masonic Hall. Bro. J. E. Curteis P.M. 189 P.P.G. S.W., the representative for the Province at the Committee of Petitions in London, presented the following report:—

"To W. Bro. the Chairman and the Brethren Members of the Committee of Petitions,—It will be within the recollection of the members of the Committee that at its last meeting a question arose as to the relative cases of Reginald Mitchell and William Sharland—it being held that the case of the former having been formally adopted, that of the latter could not be considered, although the circumstances mentioned in my prior report were such as would probably have induced the brethren to have done so. By the kindness, however, of Bro. A. Orchard, who represented Mitchell's case, this difficulty was, after the Committee had separated, overcome, and permission was given that Sharland's case should—if his relative's promises were fulfilled—be taken first in order. The votes received on account of the Province were 227 girls' votes from the Secretary to the Committee, and 188 from persons indebted to the Province (leaving 695 now in hand), and those votes were fortunately exchanged for 500 boys, leaving me with the 386 received from Bro. Gover, and the 1,296 due, as mentioned in the previous report, with 2,182 votes to deal with. Sharland's friends did not poll so many votes as were expected, but seeing it was possible to carry both cases, and an undertaking having been given by a responsible brother on Sharland's behalf to repay 250 votes at the May election, the credit of the Province was pledged for 375 votes, and both candidates were carried. The brethren representing other Provinces with which this Province has been associated will, with regard to the Election of the Boys' and Girls' School in April next, and possibly in October also, require assistance from this Province, and as repayment of the Benevolent votes due in May next will be required, it will be inexpedient in one, and impossible in the other instance, to adopt any candidate to receive the support of the Province. With a view of saving expense (the result of the last Elections having appeared in the public press) this report has not been printed, but will be incorporated in the one to be presented prior to the annual meeting of P.G. Lodge.

Yours truly,

J. EDWARD CURTEIS.

The report was unanimously received, and Bro. J. E. Curteis was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services. The sum of £5 was voted for the relief of a child, both parents of whom—the father a member of the Order—were drowned. The following were re-elected:—Bros. W. G. Rogers D.P.G.M. Chairman; J. E. Curteis Representative for the Province on the Committee of Petitions in London, and J. B. Gover Secretary.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Indigestion.—How much thought has been bestowed, and what voluminous treatises have been written upon this universal and distressing disease, which is with certainty and safety dispelled without fear of relapse by a course of this purifying, soothing, and tonic medicine! It acts directly on the stomach, liver, and bowels,—then indirectly, though no less effectively, on the brain, nerves, vessels, and glands, introducing such order throughout the entire system that harm may dwells between each organ and its functions. Dyspepsia need no longer be the bugbear of the public, since Holloway's Pills are fully competent to subdue the most chronic and distress ing cases of impaired digestion, and to restore the miserable sufferer to health, strength, and cheerfulness.

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THE THEATRES.

COVENT GARDEN.

THOSE who prophesied defeat and speedy collapse for the new impresario of Covent Garden would find their prognostications refuted in the well-packed pit, the crowded boxes, and exuberant gallery gathered nightly at Bro. Holland's invitation. Children's laughter sounds where duchesses exchanged on dits, and the modulated bravas accorded the diva is replaced by rapturous clappings of young hands echoed by the unsophisticated in the dim perspective of upper circles. Youngsters who have the "fearful joy" of a seat next the ring may no longer expect sawdust showers—matting replaces the sawdust of old. The band pours down its strains from mid-air, the house is cool and bright, and brilliant. Since Fate decrees Mr. Merriman shall sit in the throne of Mario, it is well that William Holland shall be his Grand Vizier in this realm of the Houhynheims.

The entertainment he provides is thoroughly entertaining. His horses are magnificent; he has quite a corps of elephants, and one among them, the so-called "Clown," for comicality, gravity, docility, only a leader in "the largest circulation" would do justice to his gifts and graces. He obeys every command at a word, yet surely, with a certain ironical contempt for human futility. The house roars at his antics and queer gymnastic tricks; for ourselves, dyspeptic and not young, there was something pathetic in the good nature of this burly Gulliver thus standing on his head "to oblige" the Lilliputians. The clown elephant has a fine pendant in "the educated monkey." The School Board would have passed him in the sixth standard could he speak English. He is a splendid rough rider, and his cousinship only too apparent. We apologise for speaking of a lady after our four-footed and quadrumane relations, but we must offer our acknowledgments to Madame Oceana for a real æsthetic treat she gives us in her singularly graceful acts. The bare-backed riding of pretty Mdlle. Ernan will probably be fatal to many susceptible mashers. The juvenile ballet forms an agreeable interlude; whilst the multitude of clever things done by the infantry, cavalry, and general zoology, has never been excelled in any ring. Papas and mammas cannot give a better treat to the children than a visit to the Cirqueries; while those who are not parents may spend there a thoroughly enjoyable winter evening.

ROYALTY THEATRE.

WE can heartily congratulate the manager of the Royalty Theatre on the brilliant success of the "Maitre des Forges," now being acted nightly to crowded houses. The character and plot of Ohnet's drama is too well known, both by its Parisian fame and the popularity of the St. James version, that we need tell the story to our readers. For all who have followed the fortunes of the self-willed wife, and no less self-willed husband, as interpreted by Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, this French reading will have a peculiar interest. M. Damala, as the lover and husband in the opening scenes, perhaps, does not intend to give the character any touch of poetic charm. We have the ironmaster of the laboratory and the counting house, and are not surprised that a lovely, passionate girl should resent a union which seems offered by a parvenu's ambition, even though she makes it the means of avenging her outraged love. It was in the interview with his bride after the midnight wedding that Damala gave evidence of very distinct and earnest emotional power, suppressed and held in check until he is maddened by the belief she has but married him to serve her own infatuation for her cousin. There was a poignancy of anguish in his despair that completely carried away the audience, and as the scene closes, he sinks heart-broken on the chair, you see or rather feel that in that moment Claire is awaking to the depth of the great love she is casting from her. Madame Hading invests the heroine with a grace and womanly tenderness so touching and pathetic that she effectually hides in the charm of her own personality the harshness and perversity of the author's creation. With each act her powers seem to rise with the tenser strain of the misery of her false position—a wife who is no wife—till the moment when she learns her husband's love has only been equalled by his generosity, that he has taken her dowerless and saved her family from penury, and in the knowledge sinks cowering in the sense of her unworthiness. During this scene, and each subsequent one, Madame Hading held her audience completely under the spell, the crowded house quite hushed, and this was the greater triumph since probably not a third of those present could follow the story by the spoken words. Madame Hading possesses not only great talent, but great beauty and grace, a lovely Clytie face, and she is free from any trick of attitudinizing. M. Colombey was admirable as the chocolate manufacturer, never sinking to low comedy, a very possible and delightful *fabricant en gros*. We have seen one that rather suggested the "village grocer." M. Schey, in a very small part, gave a charming vignette study of the kindly, cheery, ouvrier who blushes with delight at the honour of saluting the adored "patronne." Thefer was a manly young lover, Mdlle. Santa a charming Dresden china little schoolgirl, Madame Renard dignified and touching as the Marquise, the tender mother who has shielded Claire from all contact with the rough work-a-day world. We regret Madame Gerfant is too melodramatic as Athenais, the part should have the cat's claws not obtruded. The Duke gains dignity in M. Laugier's hands. We recognise, in spite of his vices, a not wholly unworthy object of Claire's first love. The final scene, which might easily become an anticlimax, is played much more closely in the French than the English version, the Duke but rushes forward to learn that the wound Claire has received to shield her husband's life is not mortal, she sinks into her husband's arms, and the curtain falls. It falls every night at the Royalty amid loud and continuous applause. Recalls had followed the close of each act, all the principal artistes being summoned. We trust a still more prosperous experience is thus inaugurated with the New Year for M. Meyer. English folks' knowledge of French is at the best but vague; to enjoy the French drama they must know the story in an English dress. We believe if M. Meyer will bear this in mind there are easy triumphs awaiting him. By his good offices might not our brilliant friend "The Candidate" of the Criterion shake hands with his cousin the "Deputy of Boulignac," whilst "Dora" might acknowledge her introduction to society by the kindly offices of "Diplomacy?"

THE JAPANESE VILLAGE.

IN these days, when the "nothing new nothing true, and it don't matter" of the American sage seems to sum up so much of our experience, the privilege of an introduction to another planet where shoddy is unknown, and strikes and locks-out undreamed, and an æsthetic golden age still lingers, where every artizan is an artist; to such a planet, at least, to a traveller's sample of it, we are invited by Brother Buhicrosan, who left his native land, Niphon, twenty years ago to live amongst us, his fellow craftsmen of the West. His energy and high character have met fitting reward in the handsome fortune he has won, and will gain him still greater honour in the realisation of long-cherished plans for the amelioration of the social condition of his native land. It is to these projects, seconded as they are by the warm sympathy of his amiable and gifted wife, who is also from the far East, that we are indebted for the sudden creation of an actual Japanese town, with its shops, its tea-houses, its temples, its men, women and children in our midst. Bro. Buhicrosan has found the nineteenth century crystallised in the glass and iron cucumber frame architecture of Humphries Hall, Knightsbridge, and at the spell of the enchanter's wand arise the graceful little bird-cage houses, each niche and angle made delightful with quaint ornament, yet the ornament always subservient to the harmonious effect of the whole, and that again evidently kept subordinate to the tones of the native landscape. On entering at the outer door we find ourselves in a street that might have been brought bodily from one of the suburbs of Yokohama. There is the carpenter's shop, the carpenter busily at work on a loom for the weaver next door. We air our Japanese vocabulary, and ask him to lend his saw, which is remarkable, in being made of tempered steel, the teeth set towards the handle; the tool is drawn towards the worker. Our carpenter hands it over with the ready smile which distinguishes his countrymen. Our first visit was at the private view on Friday, 9th January. Various and almost unanimous had been the prognostications of failure among the publicist prophets. "It was the wrong season," "People had enough of Japan in Regent-street," "People were suffering from too much Exhibition, and had not yet digested their Sanitary house and Chinese Band." These prophecies were proved baseless when the actual bit of enchantment came in view. One of the specials who had visited the land of Niphon, and remembered something of Jap Ollendorf, was shortly found seated on the white, soft mat of the tea-house, asking for "some good tea," from the "good girl," his envious confrères gathering around, and amid much laughter repeating the unknown syllables of the presiding damsel, a little lass of perhaps fourteen; she, evidently thinking these great, brown-bearded barbarians immense fun, smilingly distributed her tiny cups. "Ariato," said the travelled one, and "ariato, ariato," resounded in laughing chorus from Literature and Art. Shall we confess that Brother Buhicrosan offered (Oh! whisper it not to Mrs. Kendal) a pleasant little lunch with those demoralising adjuncts—which shall be nameless. After Brother Buhicrosan, by the mouth of his secretary, had announced the objects of the exhibition, emphatically declaring it should not become a bazaar, but that all surplus from the money taken would be devoted to patriotic objects, his guests adjourned to the Annexe, a large concert-room, where a stage for Japanese performances has been erected. The Matinée-haunted critics, who must too often find life would be tolerable but for its amusements, had now a treat of real fun and laughter such as few of them have enjoyed since Planco consule. A fencing match, the fencers armed with gigantic bamboos, proceeded to thwack and thwack each other whilst mutually shouting and howling defiance, the proceedings being supervised by an umpire, a fellow of infinite dignity, the movements of whose fan gave the signal to begin and desist, or moderate the thwackings. The fencers were masked, but the wrestlers who succeeded them wore only some endless yards of black satin as a belt and fleshings in deference to Western prejudice. They commenced operations squatting down with their finger-tips touching the ground, and gazing with Egyptian solemnity in each other's faces. The grotesque oddity of the two, with their solemn silence, whilst the umpire in long garments held the fateful fan over them till it waved the signal to engage, was irresistibly comic, but still more comic was the effect when, after a tough bout, reminding one but dimly of "Westmoreland form," the fan waved the hugging athletes apart, and still with unchanged countenance each walked solemnly to the bucket of water placed by the footlights, and solemnly quaffed from the little dipper. These intervals for refreshment occur about every three minutes, the umpire standing with stately grace and unsmiling countenance, whilst irreverent Westerns applaud as loud as they laugh. Three dancing-girls execute a choice measure to the tinkle, tinkle of native music. We had hoped the Japanese artists best delighted to caricature the human face divine. Alas! our introduction to these amiable visitors has destroyed the illusion; only we must admit that there is in some of the girl's faces a certain charm that is, if not beauty, a very pleasant substitute. Then they have the advantage of a most becoming and graceful costume, magnificent hair, daintily dressed, and perfect manners, perfect self-possession, without self-consciousness or boldness, and this indeed is a national characteristic. In conclusion, we advise our readers to visit the Japanese Village, and we are sure they will leave it with hearty recognition of the manager's zeal, good taste, and liberality.

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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 JANUARY.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 185 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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
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. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 69—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

MONDAY, 19th 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.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (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).
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.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
336—York, Masonic Hall, York
351—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
623—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. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 954—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—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 20th 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.
869—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, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
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)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., 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
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Coruwall
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1069—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 8. (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. 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, 21st JANUARY.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
Grand Stewards, 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)
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
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)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
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)
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.)
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. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1594—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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, Lambert
424—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)
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)
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Grillin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
918—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
1058—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Rochdale Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1298—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1346—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1391—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster

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1366—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. 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. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford
R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
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THURSDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
94—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
95—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
96—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
97—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.)
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1308—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1329—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1481—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1496—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1655—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)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
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. 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
61—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
79—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
340—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
804—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
704—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
936—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford

1235—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1458—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1506—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1636—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1809—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 208—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 434—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R.A. 733—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 1087—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
R.A. 1098—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
K.T. 9—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 23rd JANUARY.

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.)
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.
706—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)
1308—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1788—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1801—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 96—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
1303—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1421—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1713—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. 153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
K.T. 135—Sussex, Southdown Hotel Eastbourne

SATURDAY, 24th JANUARY.

188—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1304—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

ST. PATRICK'S LODGE, No. 295, (4TH ROYAL IRISH DRAGOON GUARDS).

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Friday, the 9th inst. The Lodge having been opened, the W.M. elect, Bro. Major M. C. S. Tynte, was duly installed into the chair, the whole of the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. Harris P.M. The W.M. then invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. D. Fegan S.W., C. Oldham J.W., R. Willoughby S.D., P. Russell J.D., R. Hind Sec., J. Pedley Treas., T. Robinson I.G., J. W. Sullivan D.C., T. B. Shaw-Hellier Organist, J. Gladman Tyler. Among the Visitors present were Bros. V. P. Freeman, W. Kube, J. Dixon, J. W. Stride, W. Pearse, J. Harrison, and several brethren from the various Lodges in the Province. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshments, and although no regular toast list was gone through, there were several speeches made. Bro. Kube expressed the thanks of the Visitors for the hospitable way in which they had been treated, and wished the W.M. a prosperous and happy year. Bro. Marchant also addressed those present, and said that he spoke on behalf of the town of Brighton when he said that their best thanks were due to the officers and men of the 4th Dragoon Guards for the very handsome way in which they had so materially assisted the charities and amusements of the town. He said that no regiment stationed in Brighton had ever given greater satisfaction to the inhabitants than the 4th Dragoon Guards. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Shaw-Hellier returned thanks, and expressed his gratification at the reception they had received, and said they would all remember with kindly feelings the pleasant days they had spent at Brighton. Bros. Harris and Hind were most indefatigable in looking after the welfare of the visitors, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

SAVILE LODGE, No. 1231.

THE regular meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Elland, on the 1st inst., under the presidency of Bro. Farnell W.M., J. Emsley S.W., Smithies J.W., Dr. Hoyle S.D., Sutcliffe J.D., Dr. Whalley D.C., Sir North I.G., Garsed Treasurer, Dyson Secretary, and Bros. J. Radcliffe, F. Radcliffe, Taylor, Feather, Saville I.P.M., Walker P.M., Watson 448. Lodge was opened, and after the ballot was taken for Messrs Radcliffe, Rogers, and Sutton, all successful, Mr. Radcliffe being in attendance was duly initiated by the W.M., Bro. Walker P.M. gave the north-east corner, Smithies the working tools, and Dr. Whalley D.C., the tracing board and historical parts of the first degree. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Taylor passed to that of Fellow Craft. Bro. Dr. Whalley giving the charge and explaining the tracing board of the second degree. The Lodge was closed in harmony, and after a very substantial repast, and a pleasant hour, separated to join their friends on the first day of the New Year.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Present—Bros. Cooper W.M., J. J. Pitt S.W., J. Bedford Williams J.W., J. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Prior S.D., Banks J.D., Dundridge I.G., P.M.'s Hutchins (Preceptor), E. Good; also Bros. Greener, Pinney, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the third, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Greener personating the candidate. Lodge was called off, and on resuming was closed to the first degree. Bro. J. J. Pitt was elected W.M. for the first Thursday in the ensuing month.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—On Thursday, 15th inst., at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road. Bros. Saint W.M., Mosquito S.W., Gildersleve J.W., Horley Secretary, Smith S.D., Nunn J.D., Rutter I.G., P.M. Bro. Fenner Preceptor; also Bros. Pringle, Valentine, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Pringle answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Pringle candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the first degree. Bro. Mosquito was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 11th inst., at Bro. Baker's, the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Western W.M., Jenkins S.W., Rhodes J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Turner S.D., Fraser J.D., Atterton I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor, and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fluck candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Weeden acting as candidate. Bro. H. Jenkins 860, and Bro. Barron 157, were elected members. Bro. Jenkins was elected to occupy the chair on Monday next. Bro. Hunt W.M. 228 will rehearse the ceremony of installation on Monday, 26th inst.

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RESUMING ACTIVITY.

THE "Seasonable" festivities may now be considered over, and like all other ordinary mortals we settle down once more to work. We are most of us just now engaged in stock-taking—in making up our balance sheets, and calculating whether our credit is likely to be good during the year. These operations have to be conducted, not alone in a commercial, but also in a social and a moral sense, if indeed commercial stock-taking can in any way be dissociated from moral considerations. Unhappily there are people who go in for credit on a fictitious foundation socially as well as commercially, but their discovery and disgrace are only a matter of time, and all the while they are assuming the air of success, and inducing people to believe in their unimpeachable honour and respectability, they are thinking of the true balance-sheet, locked in the private ledger of their own self-consciousness, and marked with symbols of inevitable bankruptcy. Such a life of foreboding, of hypocrisy, of falsehood, is scarcely worth the living; and perhaps but for the hope that some day they may at last attain truly to what they now only pretend, few men could bear it. They would summon all their courage, and with a resolution that shook all their body and soul would throw aside their smug assumption of moral and mercantile solvency, and, proclaiming themselves beggars to the world, would pay the uttermost farthing and begin afresh on the lowest rung of the ladder, where they might even eat the bread and drink the water of affliction with a certain savour of safety and relish of untempted obscurity. Hypocrisy is the homage which vice pays to virtue, and is often accompanied by the feeling that one of these days it may cease to be hypocrisy because of the attainment of the virtue which it simulates. So the trader who goes into reckless speculation, and yet so lays his plans that he obtains a reputation for solid prosperity, may look with eager desire for the time when the prize that he is striving for may be gained, and the appearance of substantial success be no longer fictitious. Even the dishonest dealer who begins by following some immoral custom of the trade, and then goes a little farther into crime on his own account, may wish that he may one day be able to afford to take to fair dealing, and at last crown the edifice of a fortune by a genuine probity. Of course these things do not often happen. For the most part the life is infested by the lie, and if success be the result of fraud, it is a lying success. Whether in a social or moral or commercial sense, the apparent benefits so gained resemble that illusive wealth bestowed by mocking fairies, of which every golden coin turned to a dry and withered leaf directly the owner thought to buy with it that which he most desired. The preacher and the moralist may go on warning the world against the danger of making haste to be rich; but the world has little inclination to stop and listen, for the truth is, that in the tremendous pressure of the crowd that hurry towards the golden goal, preacher and moralist are often carried away also. The deceitfulness of riches may be the subject of a sermon from a pulpit orator who is known to be as eager to make himself friends for the mammon of unrighteousness as any of the worst perverters of Scripture among his congregation. We are all going together, not with unison, or in any high sense with a united purpose, but in a fighting, frantic throng, fiercely seeking an opportunity to supersede each other in the tremendous business of "getting on," which is the name we give to the act of devoting our lives to the acquisition of wealth, which some of the most successful in the struggle have neither time to count nor heart to enjoy, till time is too short for counting, and the heart too worn and battered for much beside regret. It is perhaps a good thing for us that in the past year we have been suffering so generally from the effects of the feverish conditions that have previously affected every department, not only of trade, but of industry. There have been fears lest we should altogether lose our position, both as the workshop of the world, and the centre of the world's commerce. Strikes and trades unions, and the resulting disputes between masters and workmen, sent a vast amount of manufacturing enterprise out of the country, and made us competitors in countries where labour was cheaper and raw material was protected. There seems to be some promise of amendment in all these respects. Business is assuming a more certain basis. Technical and general education is receiving earnest attention—thanks, in a great measure, to the energies of the Craft—and we have yet belief in the ability of the workmen that we shall still hold our own, and that there are still evidences that the elasticity of our enormous trade will keep us in the position of the foremost nation in the world, both in commerce and manufactures, if we are wisely patient and quietly sagacious enough to look well into our balance-sheet of the past year, and manfully determine to expunge every false entry, to investigate every doubtful transaction, and, while honestly endeavouring to do our duty by each other, sternly demand that those whom we employ in our public service shall be held responsible for their acts, or cease to derive any benefit from privileges which they cannot reasonably expect in return for thorough and efficient work. These thoughts are suggested by the fact that the holidays are over, and that the Lodges are once more "settled down to work." There is little doubt that those brethren who have the onerous task of dealing with the financial condition of Lodges have taken their estimates, too, for the coming year, and we can only conclude with the hope that in Masonry, as well as in trade and commerce, the present year may be "better than the last."

THE MASONIC LIBRARY.

"WE want thinkers, we want them," said Coleridge, speaking of the bigotry and superstition of the Church in his day, and there is a sense in which the expression is applicable to Masonry. We want intelligent Masons, we want them. We want Masons who can give a good reason for the faith that is within them. Masonry has a rich and varied literature, much of it as fascinating as romance, yet it is a fact that a very large proportion of its members are groping in darkness so far as a knowledge of its history, symbolism and jurisprudence is concerned. Ask the first man you meet to give you a definition of Masonry that will individualise and distinguish it from all other Orders, and the chances are that he would be nonplussed. It might even puzzle him to explain the meaning of the emblems he wears suspended from his watch chain. Many who pass as "bright Masons," who are proficient and brisk in degreeism, ritualism, and ceremonial, the use of mystic signs and words, would find themselves greatly confused

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in attempting to give an intelligible account of the traditions of the Fraternity and the doctrinal significance of its imposing symbolism. They have the form, not the substance of Masonry.

And this ignorance is largely owing to the carelessness of our officials and Lodges in providing the means of information. There is no possible excuse for this state of things. In all our large towns and cities it would not be difficult to find Lodge rooms sumptuously furnished and brilliantly lighted, and the officers decorated in costly jewels, that have not the nucleus of a library. The money that is annually spent in banquets, banners, parades and pageantry would be amply sufficient to endow the Lodge with a well-selected collection of Masonic books, magazines, and papers. With a little economy and at a trifling sacrifice, every Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery could have a good library and reading room attached to their respective halls.

It is a duty that we owe to the young neophyte we encourage to come among us. He is usually taught that there are immutable signs and phrases that he should learn by heart and be able to repeat readily, and this is well, is indispensible. But, if he is of an inquiring turn of mind, he soon finds that these antique phrases and fixed signs are merely the alphabet of Masonry, the cabala that enshrines an occult science and history. He goes on climbing, through the twilight, the mystic ladder, hoping to find in the strange turretted height and cupola of the ancient temple the hidden glory, but only finds a new vocabulary. He enlists in the army of crusaders, starts with pilgrim staff and scrip to the Holy Land, confident that near the sepulchre and place of crucifixion he may find the grand sun-burst of glory, but everywhere he finds ritual and ceremony, pageantry and drill, of which he soon grows weary. He would penetrate the arcana of mystery, the wondrous symbolism, as explained by Rebold, Folger, Findel and Hughan, or woven into liquid verse by such poets as Rob Morris, but there is no one to show him the way. He has been invited to a feast, but the elegant dishes are empty. He asks for bread, and is given a stone; and this will ever be so as long as we are unable to lead our Brother into a room adjoining the hall, richly supplied with the treasures of Masonic lore, as interpreted and expounded by our great historians, jurisconsults, poets and thinkers.

And now see how this works. Our young neophyte has threaded his way through the curriculum of degreeism. He has a good memory, and can repeat with parrot-like exactness its ritual and ceremonial. He is proficient in the work, is elected to a Warden's chair, and aspires to fill the Oriental seat of King Solomon. But is he really competent to preside and shape the character and destiny of a Lodge, because he can confer the Degrees and open and close the Lodge and not trip for a word? What does he know of the traditions? Can he give a good account of our history? What idea has he of the different rites? Is it not a lamentable fact that in the great majority of instances these questions would have to be answered in the negative? And now, by virtue of his office, he is entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge. Is it any wonder he is a wallflower there? Is it strange that the business of the Craft falls into the hands of a few men, who at the sessions of the Grand Bodies are overwhelmed with work? Not at all. The hour from which our novitiate passed the gates of the Temple, he has been familiar with nothing but the showy wardrobe of Masonry, and we repeat again, that those who govern the Craft and oversee the workers of the quarries are, in a measure, responsible for this lamentable ignorance, for not encouraging a taste for reading and enforcing it by precept and example. What can we expect of a Fraternity whose members are absorbed in regalia, parades, the glory of Templar uniforms, and who think that proficiency in degreeism and ritual is the acme of Masonic knowledge? who are content to remain in ignorance of its literature, who rarely ever open a Masonic paper or magazine, and are actually ignorant of what is passing in their own jurisdiction, to say nothing of what is transpiring further away from home. This is an evil that should be remedied if we would enlist the appreciation of the talent and intellect of the age, enliven the usual weary monotony of the Lodge meetings, and remove the slur that Masonry is only another form of club life, a pleasant saturnalia, a plausible excuse to stay out late at night.—*San Francisco Masonic Record.*

THE MASONIC NEW YEAR.

IN FIVE ACTS.

THE year of light 5885 opens auspiciously upon the Craft in Pennsylvania, and generally upon the Craft throughout the Masonic world. Fraternal harmony prevails, the eternal principles of the Brotherhood are upheld, wise and discreet rulers govern the Masonic bodies, the handful of anti-Masons "hide their diminished heads," and the outlook for the future is one of which Freemasons may justly feel proud. We congratulate the readers of THE KEYSTONE upon these facts, and wish them, one and all, a Happy New Year.

Privileges, be it remembered, however, are always accompanied by corresponding responsibilities. If we would maintain the prosperity of the Craft we must be diligent in the performance of our several Masonic duties. Each one of us is an ashlar in the Temple, and if one be weak and crumbling, all will be weak together. Let us review this matter a little. Let us see wherein we can, not merely equal, but even improve the past. Let us not criticise others, but examine ourselves. Each of us owes all that he is in Masonry to the Fraternity that gave him Masonic birth, and as our *Alma Mater*, the Craft is entitled to receive both our grateful homage and our fraternal affection—an affection that not merely voices itself in words, but makes itself felt in acts, for the continued glory and prosperity of our ancient and honourable institution.

Act I.—Never miss attendance at your lodge meetings, unless compelled to do so by imperative necessity. Avoid the possibility of getting into the *habit* of non-attendance through thoughtlessness. It is extremely easy to glide into and abide with the large company of absentees. They are a great cloud of witnesses against themselves. They include, sometimes, from fifty to seventy-five per cent. of the membership. Their Masonry is the merest veneering, for they are scarcely ever heard of, while living, although upon death very often the Lodge is expected to take charge of their remains, and inter them with Masonic honour. If the *first act* resolved upon, for this new year, be to regularly and punctually attend the meetings of your Lodge, and other Masonic bodies, there is promise of a *second act*, which shall give both pleasure to yourself and profit to the fraternity.

Act II.—*Live* your Masonry, as well as profess it. Freemasonry is not a cloak, to be put on when you enter the Lodge Room, and taken off again when you return to the outer word. It is to be a constituent part of yourself, wherever you are. Its principles are intended to permeate your life. A surface Mason is but the parody of a Mason, better suited to be a scarecrow to warn off the profane from Masonry than a Brother who by the purity of his life naturally invites others to follow in his footsteps. Every bad Mason—who is in truth no Mason at all—deters good men from connecting themselves with the Fraternity. We may not advertise *for* candidates, but every faithless Brother is a standing advertisement to warn all the profane *against* seeking initiation. No verbal eulogy of Freemasonry can cancel the effect of a wasted, wrecked Masonic life.

Act III.—Study Masonry—the entirety of Masonry. First study the work. It requires, and will repay, study. It is not easy of acquisition. Careful, prolonged thought must be given it, so that it shall be embedded in the memory. Once there, it will remain; and it is a possession of which any Brother may be proud. It is the portal to a school of philosophy and a system of morality—the introduction to an intellectual arena which calls forth the noblest powers of the mind. It is the foundation of the Craft, upon which the entire superstructure is raised. But it is not all of Masonry. Springing from it, in airy and beautiful form, are the philosophy, the morality and the jurisprudence of the Fraternity. These are to be studied, as well as, and in connection with, the work. This pursuit leads the earnest Freemason into the company of the literary lights of the Craft—those gifted Brethren who have devoted a large part of their lives to an investigation of the origin, the history, and the philosophy of Freemasonry. Once thoroughly imbued with this spirit of investigation, a new world of pleasure is opened up to the seeker after light. He never looks upon a fine architectural edifice without specially enjoying its symmetry and beauty, and recognising

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the fact that it was *his* Craft that in early and mediæval times led the way in the noble science of architecture. The European traveller who is a Freemason derives treble the enjoyment from his tour than one of the profane does, simply from a recognition of this truth, in the enhanced pleasure he receives from a view of the mediæval abbeys, cathedrals and castles.

Act IV.—Impart your Masonry, on request to your Brethren—freely ye have received, freely give. We owe it to our Fraternity to be teachers whenever we have opportunity. Do unto others as others have done unto you. You owe much of your Masonry to the individual communication of your Brethren. We are all learners one of another—let us also be teachers. No Freemason has a right to deny instruction to another—always being sure that that other is entitled to receive instruction; that he himself is capable of giving instruction, and that it is imparted at the proper time and in the proper place.

Act V.—The closing act of all, be faithful to your obligations until death. It is easy to have an appearance of enthusiasm for Masonry for a few months or years, but it is a different thing to have both your head and heart initiated, to be a Mason all over, to have the root of the matter in you so that only death shall separate you from participation in active fellowship with your brethren here below. Think over these suggestions at the beginning of this Masonic New Year. Re-dedicate yourself to Freemasonry, assured that it is a noble Science, a royal Art, worthy of the life-long enthusiasm of every Brother who is connected with the Fraternity.—*Keystone.*

EXTRAVAGANCE.

IN scanning our exchanges, and they are sent us from all parts, we have frequently found of late many earnest protests against what the protestors consider the extravagant expenditure for Lodge refreshments. Condensed, the arguments are, that the spending of so large a per centage of the Lodge funds upon laid suppers and alcoholic beverages is repugnant to the principles of true Masonry, has a demoralising tendency, and is a thriftless and unwise expenditure, utterly unjustifiable when the Charities of the Order are in a languishing and inoperative condition. No true Mason can gainsay one word of this, and those protests strike home to Australian Lodges in which the expenditure referred to is so absurdly lavish as to cripple the finances of many Lodges, and offer the censurable inducement to convivial brethren to look forward to "refreshment after labour" as the real cause for their attendance. Applying the arguments of these protests to ourselves (and by ourselves we mean the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales), we find too much truth in them to be pleasant or flattering. Our Charities are on the most limited scale, for though 3,000 strong we have no refuge for indigent Masons, in which the weary brother can find a soothing substitute for home. The relief afforded by Lodges is limited and unreliable, solely because the funds available for relief are reduced by the expense of the selfish pleasures of the table, thus, when the call is made, the help given is dispiriting to the recipient, and is controlled by the paltry balance in hand to the credit of the Lodge. In some Lodges the expenditure on refreshments is so great that though intrants are numerous and dues are paid promptly, yet the Treasurer has rarely a ten pound note in hand for the relief of unfortunate brethren seeking help or to contribute to the "widow and orphans' fund," so sadly in need of help. We know of one Lodge that exceeds its monthly receipts by the expenses of its elaborate monthly supper, at which a variety and a profusion of intoxicants is provided and freely indulged in. We know of other Lodges in which a debt actually exists solely through the cost of the supper table. This is an undesirable state of affairs, and demands the serious consideration of the Worshipful Masters, with whom mainly lies the remedy. If they were to put the matter clearly before the brethren, and appeal to their pride in the soul-stirring traditions of the Order, to the history of its magnificent Charities, to its elevating moral teachings, its world-wide fame as a haven for the weary and the loyal protector of the widow and the fatherless. If this were loyally done, we are confident that a welcome-all-round reform would soon spread like an epidemic, and that, as a result, the charity funds under the control of the Grand Lodge would show a substantial increase, and soon become sufficient to justify an attempt being made to erect a Masonic almshouse or orphanage, as the tangible outcome of the self-denial of the brethren collectively. The reform we advocate is worthy of the gravest attention of the Grand Lodge with a view to an appeal being made.—*Sydney Freemason.*

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your readers must have been struck with some surprise at the extraordinary resolution which was submitted to the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire, held at Exeter, to the effect "that no publication of the meetings of Freemasons or the business transacted therein shall be permitted without the sanction of the Provincial Grand Master for the time being in writing, and that no publication of the business of a private Lodge be allowed unless with the approval of the majority of the brethren in open Lodge assembled." The narrow majority by which this motion was carried was sufficient to show that a diversity of opinion certainly exists as to the publication or otherwise of the proceedings which take place within the Lodge room or at the banquet table. For my own part, I consider the day has long since passed away when the popular idea of Freemasonry is that it is a mere huge social club, or something more, and that its doings are such as Masons would be ashamed of the world knowing. We all know the insidious attacks that are even in these enlightened times made upon the actions of the Craft—how that it is condemned and maligned as a secret society, in the same sense as the appellation is applied to the Fenian, Dynamite, and other "brotherhoods," whose aim is to excite evil passions, and to revolutionise society. This tendency to regard the ancient and honourable Order of Freemasonry as hostile to the well-being of the community would be only stimulated and increased if any such resolution as above quoted were made general, and that a gag should be placed on all the records of Masonic gatherings. In my humble opinion Freemasonry has attained its present true reputation, of being a respectable order-loving and benevolent institution, mainly, in the first instance, through the instrumentality of the Masonic Press, and afterwards by the judicious efforts of brethren attached to respectable journals in the provinces, who have discreetly opened their columns to matters of interest to the sections of the Craft in their respective districts. I know that some fossilised brethren stand aghast at even the mention of their Lodge doings finding its way into a newspaper, but the same foolish conservatism existed at one time among Boards of Guardians and other public bodies, who had hitherto transacted their business in solemn conclave. Such obsolete ideas were, however, demolished by the voice of public opinion, and representatives of the Press are now almost invariably admitted at meetings of such institutions.

It may be argued that Freemasonry is not a public institution, and in a sense this is true. But it is positively absurd to imagine that the proceedings of so representative a body should be kept a sealed book. If so, what becomes of the interchange of that opinion amongst Lodges at home and abroad, and in various parts of our own country, which has been of such benefit to the Craft, and which has gone so far to cement and adorn the Order with that spirit of cosmopolitan brotherly love which we now find in its ranks? The only thing which, in my view, is required is, that proper care should be exercised by those who undertake the duty of furnishing Masonic reports to the Press. And if, as is too frequently the case, a member of the Lodge makes the journal with which he is associated the medium of saying spiteful or personal things of a brother Mason, it is a proceeding which should at once draw down upon him such a salutary rebuke that a repetition of the offence is seldom possible.

It is notorious that in many country towns there is considerable friction between those who belong to the Craft and those who do not, and the smaller the place the more bitter the feud becomes. There is an idea that Masons ruin trade, and that the brethren use their connection with the Order to "favour" each other in business. But it is equally certain that the very men who raise such an outcry against this "trading on Masonry," simply because a rival tradesman might display the Masonic emblems on his shop-front or in his trade card, are the very ones who would force their way into the charmed circle if their presence could be tolerated, or if they could do it "on the cheap."

There are very few "gentlemen of the Press," I imagine, who, when they join a Lodge, do so actuated by "mercenary or other unworthy motives," and when they publish the proceedings of their own Lodges they do so in a spirit of loyalty and brotherly love, and would scorn to say anything in their columns which would detract from the interest and welfare of the body into which they have been admitted. Public opinion and "freedom of discussion," which you recently spoke about, are the best means of keeping alive the present enviable prestige of Freemasonry, whereas coercion as to silence would only revive the calumnies which have for so many years rested upon one of the best and most lofty and beneficent of human institutions.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,
A COUNTRY EDITOR.

[We fully endorse the opinion expressed by our correspondent, and may have occasion to refer more fully to the matter at some future time. Meanwhile, we shall be pleased to receive the views of others who may have given the subject serious consideration.—ED. F.C.]

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30.

THE installation meeting of this old and prosperous Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, where there was a fairly good attendance, under the presidency of the retiring W.M. Bro. Thomas E. Davey. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Shipley I.P.M., L. Steingraber S.W., J. N. Crossley P.M. acting as J.W., J. E. Harling P.M. Treasurer and W.M. elect, J. Driscoll P.M. Sec., A. Couldrey S.D., W. Boyce D.C., S. Lampen I.G., H. Meyer Steward, P.M.'s W. Ansell, Hiram Cosedge, C. Davey, and J. Clark, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Terry P.G.J.W. Herts (Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benovolent Institution), W. Manger P.M. 1314, R. Ollendorff P.M. 1017, J. Thompson 1326, E. A. Francis 1658, C. T. Shuttleworth P.M. 190, S. Richardson J.W. 183, J. Hartnoll 1538, J. D. Tarr 1293, C. H. Gray 1703, &c. Lodge was opened, and after reading the minutes the auditors presented their report, which showed the Lodge to be in a very satisfactory condition with regard to its finances. Bro. Murrell was subsequently raised to the third degree, after which Bro. J. E. Harling P.M. was presented for the benefit of installation. As we recently explained, Bro. Harling was requested to accept the chair, for the second time in this Lodge, in consequence of the death of Bro. J. Linscott. But, with a view to maintain the "rotation" of offices, and enable all to pass through the minor chairs, it was agreed that it would be advisable that a P.M. should be asked to officiate for a year, and Bro. Harling readily acceded to the wish of the Lodge. A Board of Installed Masters having been duly constituted, Bro. Harling was installed into the chair of K.S. by his immediate predecessor, the ceremony being performed in masterly style. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W.M. was greeted with the customary honours, and he invested his officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. T. E. Davey I.P.M., Louis C. Steingraber S.W., A. Couldrey J.W., W. Ansell P.M. Treas., J. Driscoll P.M. Sec., C. Fassheber S.D., S. Lampen J.D., W. Boyce J.G., H. Meyer D.C., C. Davey P.M. W.S., C. V. Howard A.W.S., and L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. At the conclusion of the business the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, provided in Bros. Ritter and Clifford's well-known style, and the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts followed. In reference to the toast of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Harling said he was one of those who thought that the great increase in the number of Lodges since the accession of his Royal Highness was not an unmixed benefit to the Craft, but that was no fault of his. The Prince of Wales had done his utmost to promote the good of Freemasonry, and when they found that he intended in due time to bring his eldest son into the Order it was the best proof they possibly could have of his admiration of, and affection for, the Craft. In these days, when Freemasonry was attacked by the outside world as being a disloyal body, it was a convincing sign to the contrary when the Prince of Wales and future King has expressed his intention of allowing his son to join the Institution. In giving the toast of the Grand Officers' the Worshipful Master spoke of them as a body of men who performed their important duties with great ability, smoothing over many difficulties, and conducting the affairs of Grand Lodge to the satisfaction of all interested in the Craft. Bro. T. E. Davey I.P.M. then proposed the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, a toast which he knew would be received with the utmost pleasure by all present. He need scarcely remind them that this was the second time Bro. Harling had occupied the chair of the United Mariners' Lodge, and it was agreed on the first occasion that he acquitted himself with the greatest ability. From what they knew of him they might expect that he would equally distinguish himself on this occasion. He need scarcely remind the brethren that he (the speaker) was going up as a Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and he should be glad of the utmost support they could give him. The W.M. in responding said, although it was a pleasant task to speak in praise of others, he found it difficult to speak of himself while acknowledging the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. Especially was this so on the present occasion. Twenty-one years ago he was initiated in this Lodge, and he then made a vow that he would become Master of it. He worked very hard in the various offices, and made himself proficent for the position to which in due time the brethren elected him; but he never expected he should be a Dick Whittington. Circumstances, however, had arisen that the honour was a second time conferred upon him, and it afforded him unusual pleasure. On the first occasion he thought it a great honour to be elected Master of so old a Lodge as the United Mariners; but this was an additional honour, because there had been a great deal of unselfishness shown in placing him in that position. The Lodge had for some years made him their Treasurer, which, he thought, was all he could expect at their hands, and with that he should have been satisfied. There were many worthy P.M.'s who were more entitled than himself to have been elected to the chair, but in their unselfishness they asked him to accept the position, and he thoroughly appreciated their kindness, which he should remember to the end of his days. He trusted that during his year of office he might have a good deal of work to do, and that many worthy brethren might be added to their Lodge; and in doing that work he hoped to be able to sustain the prestige which the United Mariners' Lodge had enjoyed for many years. There was never pleasure without pain, even in being Master of a Lodge. When he filled that position some years ago he initiated fifteen members, but when he looked around him to-night he found there was only one (Bro. Cosedge P.M.) left; and he had stood aside in his unselfishness to help to place him (the speaker) in the position he once more held in the Lodge. If there were any suggestions made by brethren for the advantage of the Lodge they should have his earnest attention; thus he hoped they would work harmoniously and successfully together during the coming year. In proposing the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master he said it afforded him much pleasure to know that it had become a custom in this Lodge for each retiring W.M. to instal his successor, and he hoped that would be the case for many years to come. When he was previously Master of this Lodge he feared he was rather a lazy Mason, and did not do this, and it had been a source of regret to him ever since. This, however, should not be said of him again, now that he had another opportunity. He then spoke of the excellent manner in which the duties of the chair had been discharged during the past year by Bro. Davey, and said he had that night crowned his former successes by installing him into the chair in excellent manner. This afforded him much pleasure, for he had seen Bro. Davey's father initiated in the Lodge, and then installed; he had seen the son initiated and afterwards installed; and, now, he had himself been installed by the son. Having seen two generations in various positions in the Lodge, it afforded him additional pleasure to bear testimony to the manner in which the duties had been fulfilled by his predecessor. He then, in the name of the Lodge, presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Davey, and, in expressing the gratification it afforded him to do so, hoped that the recipient might live for many years to wear it, and to enjoy the esteem and affection of those by whom he was surrounded. As he had seen both father and son initiated and installed in Freemasonry, might he live to see the son's son likewise initiated and installed in the chair of K.S. The I.P.M., in reply, said he did not know how sufficiently to thank them for the way in which the toast had been received. Success had been pouring in from all sides more than he had anticipated. On going round with his list for the Benevolent Institution he collected £6 5s 6d, bringing his total to £40 17s 6d, and since then one of their visitors (Bro. Terry) had passed a note to his father, "Kindly place on your son's list, in my name, the sum of ten guineas, as a personal compliment." (This was the signal for hearty applause.) Then he had had a jewel presented to him, and, although he could not say that was unexpected, nevertheless he should esteem it with every appreciation and pride, and trusted he should live to wear it amongst them for many years. The Worshipful Master then, in graceful terms, extended a welcome to the Visitors, for whom Bros. Shuttleworth, Ollendorff, and Manger replied; and, in responding for the Past Masters, Bro. Driscoll said he did so with pleasure, mingled with a small degree of sorrow, inasmuch as, though not very aged, he was the oldest member and the oldest P.M. of the Lodge. This told him that his turn must come, and some one else would occupy his place as Senior Past Master. As long as he was amongst them he should be proud of the distinction and of the kind consideration which was paid him by every member of the Lodge. The Past Masters recognised the kindness of the brethren, so much that they gave every question due weight before it was put for the decision of the Lodge, and if they gave a proper reason for the disposal of funds or other matters, he knew the Past Masters would be always supported by the brethren generally. He hoped to live long enough to see all the brethren present pass the chair, and said it afforded him great pleasure to see Bro. Harling there once more, because, fifteen years ago, he had the honour of installing Bro. Harling as his successor. But now "Othello's occupation 's gone," for the brethen would take care to be so well up in their work that he should never have the chance again. The W.M. then proposed the Masonic Charities, and associated with the toast the name of the worthy Secretary of the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Terry, who was cordially received, replied in a long, strong, and eloquent speech, in the course of which he said, with respect to the present position of the Institution, they were in a very peculiar line. The Girls' School was, and he hoped ever would be, pre-eminently successful. Its funds were in such a condition that in April next the Committee would be able to elect 22 girls out of a list of 30. The Boys' School was in a better position than for many years, and they would be able to elect 25 members out of 45 candidates. But the very reverse of the picture took place when they mentioned the Old People. They had 127 candidates—46 men and 81 widows. At the present moment there were twelve vacancies on the male fund, but not one for the widows. Therefore, if the Festival next month was not a greater success than ever before, they would not be able to elect one widow out of the 81 who were seeking admission. He concluded by making an earnest appeal on behalf of the funds of the Institution. The health of the Officers was responded to by Bros. Steingraber S.W., A. Couldrey J.W., and S. Lampen J.D., the latter of whom tendered his heartiest thanks to the Lodge for having given him another step towards the chair. He, as an Officer, would do his best, and try to get the work done as it should be done. In reference to their Lodge of Instruction, when they opened it about twelve months ago there were only ten members, whereas now the Lodge numbered over 70 members, and they had an average attendance of from 18 to 20 every Wednesday evening. It was now a well-established Lodge of Instruction, and much appreciated by brethren resident in the Peckham district. On Wednesday next the Fifteen Sections would be worked, and he should be glad to see the W.M. of the mother Lodge and as many of the brethren as could make it convenient to attend. The proceedings were of a very enjoyable character throughout, and were enlivened by some excellent singing.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 174.

THE installation meeting of this select and eminently prosperous Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a gratifying attendance of brethren and visitors. Lodge was opened at four o'clock, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Arthur Haig-Brown, who was

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supported by Bros. Thos. F. Harvey S.W. and W.M. elect, F. J. Dellow J.W., Charles Lacey P.M. Treasurer, John Newton P.M. Sec., and other officers and brethren. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the auditors' report was submitted, and we may be allowed to congratulate the Lodge upon its steady and solid progress. We have long been aware that the Sincerity Lodge is not prone to nurse its resources, but has ever given with a liberal and unstinted hand to the cause of charity in any form which has presented itself. By the balance-sheet we observe that during the past year the Lodge has made a grant of ten guineas to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in addition to placing £28 12s 6d to the credit of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, which now amounts to a total of £105 10s 7d. Of this amount £50 11s 3d is invested in 3 per cent. Consols, and there is remaining in the Treasurer's hands £44 14s 4d. The report was received with unanimous expressions of satisfaction. Bro. T. F. Harvey was then presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, the ceremony of installation was most ably performed by the retiring W.M. in a manner which elicited frequent expressions of approbation. Bro. Charles Lacey P.M. acted most efficiently as Director of Ceremonies. After the newly-installed Worshipful Master had received the customary congratulations from the re-admitted brethren, he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bros. Arthur Haig-Brown I.P.M., F. J. Dellow S.W., H. J. Cant J.W., Charles Lacey P.M. Treas., John Newton P.M. Sec., Charles Blain S.D., W. Wiles J.D., G. T. H. Seddon P.M. Organist, J. A. Keable D.C., J. Miller W.S., and J. Very Tyler. During the evening it was announced that the W.M., Bro. Harvey, had undertaken to serve as a Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution next month, and the Lodge voted him ten guineas on his list, which gift was supplemented in a manner characteristic of the Sincerity Lodge. Bro. Charles Lacey P.M. Treas. referred to the fact that a most important event had recently taken place in the happy family circle of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, namely, the coming of age of his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor. A feeling of joy and delight had found its way to the heart of every member of the Craft throughout the British Empire. His Royal Highness had at all times identified himself with all that was conducive to the general welfare of mankind, and as it had already been announced that the young Prince contemplated joining the Craft, he (the speaker) ventured to say he would meet a most cordial reception. He therefore moved that a humble address of congratulation from the members of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, be transmitted to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, in commemoration of the happy and important event—the coming of age of Prince Albert Victor. The resolution having been seconded by Bro. John Newton P.M. Sec., and carried amidst acclamation, it was resolved that the same should be forwarded to Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, for transmission to the proper quarter. At the conclusion of some other business the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, following which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master being received with special enthusiasm. Regret was expressed at the absence of Bro. Jones P.M. and Bro. Miller W.S., both of whom had been prevented by indisposition from attending the installation meeting. The Health of the Visitors was most heartily received, the toast being responded to in a few happily-chosen sentences by Bro. Rogers, of Jersey, Bro. T. J. Barnes, and Bro. Huggett P.M. 1625. Bro. James Terry in responding to the toast of the Masonic Institutions, thanked the Lodge for its sustained efforts on behalf of the necessitous brethren and their widows and orphans. The Sincerity Lodge made it a rule that it should be represented at the Benevolent Institution Festival every year, and at one or other of the Festivals for the Scholastic Institutions in addition. This was an example that might be copied with advantage by many other Lodges. The proceedings, which were of the most harmonious and enjoyable description, were enlivened by some excellent selections of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. G. T. H. Seddon P.M., assisted by Bro. G. Weige P.M. and other brethren.

A feature of the evening must not be passed over without mention. On the motion of Bro. John Newton, seconded by Bro. John Bulmer, the Senior Past Master of this Lodge, it was unanimously agreed to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Brother Norris, for many years the Warden of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon. As is well known to most of our readers, Bro. Norris was initiated in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, in the year 1812. At the present time his son and grandson are connected with the Sincerity Lodge as members, and both speakers to the motion made happy allusion to the sterling qualities of their deceased brother, and expressed a fervent hope that his son and grandson would live equally respected among their fellows.

LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY, No. 185.

EVEN visitors who are the least observant cannot ail to have occasionally noticed—upon entering a Freemasons' Lodge—where order, harmony, and loyalty should prevail, a certain laxity in the proceedings, in respect to scrupulous attention to the laws as provided in the Constitution of the Order; a negligent disregard of the service, and sometimes a transparent cliquoism, which is unlikely to conduce to foster those sentiments of fraternal affection which should form the distinguishing characteristic of every Masonic assembly. Happily, to the vast mass of Lodges such strictures do not apply, and among those deserving praise for strict attention to duty in all its details must be classed the above. The extraordinary prosperity of this Lodge is further sustained by the intelligent zeal and conspicuous ability of the Officers, from the Worshipful Master, Bro. Sol. Barnett, who presided at a meeting held on the 19th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, EC., to the brother holding the lowest office, and the eagerness with which the Past Masters embrace every opportunity to further the interest and uphold the dignity of the Lodge. The business on the present occasion consisted in admitting three gentlemen into the Order, and electing the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. The suffrages of the brethren were unanimously in favour of Bro. S.M. Boas, the S.W., to be the W.M. for the coming term. The result was heartily applauded, and, in reply to the congratulatory remarks of the W.M. presiding, the W.M. elect expressed his thanks to the Brethren for the distinguished honour thus conferred upon him, and thought that the confidence placed in him by this election was mainly owing to his endeavour to bring to bear upon his work such diligence and ability as he possessed, and to his constant attendance to his duties. He trusted that his future conduct might always be such as to induce a continuance of the favourable opinion of the brethren towards him. Bro. W. D. Bayley P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, with hearty wishes from all that he might be spared to be re-elected for many years to come. Bro. Potter P.M. was re-elected Tyler. The W.M., who is a most genial chairman at the banquet-table, ever having the comfort of the brethren in view, was obligingly brief in his speeches, so that those to whom the exhalation of fumes is a solace might indulge in their favourite taste, and those who vote after-dinner orations a bore might be satisfied. Bros. Roberts P.M. 392, Harris 177, Williams 728, and Lee 821 were Visitors. They, in response to their health being drank, remarked upon the excellent working of the Lodge, and the deliberate and impressive manner in which the ceremonies were conducted by the W.M. Bros. Bayley, Ross, Tipper, and Thompson, in conjunction with Bro. Barnett, Organist, rendered valuable service by their vocal and instrumental efforts. The Past Masters present were J. R. Staley I.P.M., W. D. Bailey, Harfeld, Bloomfield, Gluckstein, N. Moss, F. Croker, J. D. Barnett, T. W. C. Bush and E. Gottheil.

WILTSHIRE LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 663.

THE installation meeting of this Craft Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall Devizes, on Friday, 16th instant. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees by Bro. J. A. Randell P.M., who afterwards vacated the chair in favour of Bro. William Nott P.P.J.G.W. Wilts Prov. C. Secretary, who proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Henry Bush S.W. into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The following is the list of Officers for the ensuing year, as invested by the newly-installed W.M.:—Bros. S. M. Badham I.P.M., F. S. Hancock S.W., T. C. Hopkins J.W., D. A. Gibbs P.M. Treasurer, William Nott P.M. Secretary, W. L. Tucker S.D., H. J. Johnson J.D., W. H. Burt P.M. Director of Ceremonies, N. I. Beale Organist, W. P. Bonverie I.G., Harry Howse P.M., F. Sloper and W. Cooper Stewards, Charles R. Barnes Tyler. In addition to the brethren named there were many other members and visitors present, amongst the latter being P.M.'s Bros. John Chandler 355, Jas. Sparks 1271, A. J. Beaven 1271, W. S. Bambridge 1533, J. W. Jones 632, F. G. Bellingham 471. After the Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where the host, Bro. N. I. Beale, had provided an excellent banquet.

GOSPORT LODGE, No. 903.

THE installation of Bro. John Dempsey S.W. as W.M. of this Lodge, took place at the Masonic Rooms, India Arms Hotel, Gosport, on Tuesday, 12th inst., and was followed by a banquet. The installation ceremony was performed by the I.P.M. (Bro. Irons) in a very effective and efficient manner. After being duly installed the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Irons I.P.M., Thornton S.W., Smith J.W., Rev. Dr. Ring Chaplain, Downing Treasurer, Stretton Secretary, Gibbons S.D., Pearson J.D., Crisp D. of C., Batson I.G., Pawsey and Torle Stewards, Misselbrook Organist, Larkins Assistant Organist, Cauvin Tyler. The following visiting Officers and brethren were present:—Bros. Joliffe 257, Gieve 309, Hill 309, Buck and Gunnell 312, Collins 804, Cook, Rastrick, Dupree, House, all of 1069, Batchelor 1705, Miles 1776, Mason 1423, Westaway and J. S. Gardener 1834, Wallingford, Mitchell, Powell and Branwin. The banquet, which was provided by Bro. Bond, was all that could be desired, and was followed by the usual Masonic toasts, &c., interspersed with songs. Bro. Sylvester accompanied on the piano, and sang in his usual masterly style. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was brought to a close about 11 p.m., a steam launch being provided for brethren residing at Portsmouth.

PANMURE LODGE, No. 720.

THE first regular meeting for the present year was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 19th instant. Bro. W. Laird W.M. opening his Lodge assisted by Bros. G. Treves S.W., J. D. Arnold J.W., C. Everist I.P.M., James Stevens P.M., C. Pulman P.M., T. Poore P.M. and Secretary, G. Allen P.M., G. Lilley P.M., A. Leonard S.D., F. Purkiss J.D., Dr. Lewis Jones I.G., A. C. Wood D.C., J. Ash W.S., C. Thomas Tyler; Sabin, Debenham, Dibbens, and other members; and visitor Bro. Frederick Walters P.M. P.G.D. Middlesex. The Lodge having been opened and minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for two joining members, which was declared unanimous in their favour. Lodge was opened in F.C. and Bro. Sabin proved proficiency, and was duly raised in M.M. to the third degree, the W.M. performing the ceremony, for the first time, in a very careful and effective manner. Lodge having been closed down, Bro Stevens P.M. brought the case of a distressed brother a P.M. of the Mariners Lodge, No. 219, before the Lodge and the brethren voted him two guineas,. A letter was read from Bro. W. MacFarland of the Theatre Royal, Dundee, stating his desire to secure the erection of a memorial stone in the New Cemetery,

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Aberdeen, to mark the resting place of Bro. N. W. Hodges, a P.M. of this Lodge, and the sum of two guineas was voted towards that purpose, with an intimation that, if needed, further assistance should be given to Bro. MacFarland, whose kindly interest in the matter was greatly appreciated. Notifications from several brethren interested in candidates for the respective Masonic Charitable Institutions were freely responded to, the keynote of the entire proceedings of the evening being, both by word and deed, Charity. As a result the supper partaken of after the closing of the Lodge was more than usually enjoyed by the brethren, who still further exemplified that "greatest of all" the Masonic virtues by practical remembrance of the "poor and distressed." The usual toasts were given, Brother Walters replying to that given in his honour in terms of great gratification with his visit. Songs and recitations were interspersed throughout the remainder of a very pleasant evening, which terminated at a reasonable hour.

MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 179.

THE installation meeting of this ancient and flourishing Lodge was held on the 15th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bros. W. Dickeson W.M., W. T. Hughes S.W., J. Ellwood J.W., Hopekirk P.M. Treasurer, Kew P.M. Secretary, Westman S.D., A. J. Hearne I.G.; P.M.'s Benet, Lovett, Dettmar I.P.M. Visitors—Bros. Hatfield 1585, Grunberg 235, Gilbey 1194, Giddings 1446, Mulvey 788, Marx 957, Weston 1602, Marsh 1326, Von Joel 957, Scurrah 2048, Baker, Kauffmann 1732, Nadenitz 1744, Dickey 1744, May, Durant 441, Pratt 957, Smeed 1585, Court 1559, Mason, Montgomery 1475, Child 175, Howard 1708, Kay 63, Woodruff 957, Harrington 160, Woolsey 228, Turner 534, Reid 349, Age 957, Wolsey 228, Lash 1475, Smith 1744, Draper, Berner 130, 1305, Boydon 212, Bisney 1305, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After all preliminaries had been observed in regard to opening Lodge and confirming the minutes of last meeting, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Hughes S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. Dickeson, who displayed some perfect working, and gave an impressive rendering of the ceremony. He was warmly congratulated on its conclusion. There were nineteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. The lay members having been admitted, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. Dickeson I.P.M., Ellwood S.W., Westman J.W., Hopekirk Treasurer, Kew Secretary, Hughes S.D., Hearne J.D., Brinckman D.C., Kew A.D.C., Baker Musical Director, Taylor A.M.D., Hughes W.S., Koester P.M. Tyler. Bro. Kew efficiently acted as D.C. Applause followed the investment. The newly-installed W.M. at once showed his proficiency by initiating Messrs. Bromley, Thomas, and Smith into the Order. The Officers were equally perfect. The W.M. presented an elegant P.M.'s jewel to the retiring Master, for his valuable and efficient services to the Lodge during his year of office. Brother Dickeson had set a good example to those who might succeed him; the brethren were proud of his working, and gratified at knowing the respect he is held in. Bro. Dickeson in brief but appropriate terms returned thanks; he fully appreciated the valuable gift; his services were always at the command of the brethren. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the Visitors, and Lodge was closed until the third Thursday in February. The brethren, who mustered 80 in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Brother F. Clemow. The W.M., who ably presided, in appropriate terms proposed the toasts. In speaking of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, he said we all love and respect the Prince of Wales, and hope at a future date to see his eldest son, who, has just attained his majority, join our Order. The R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England was the next toast given. It met with a most enthusiastic reception. Bro. Dickeson I.P.M. then rose; it was a pleasure, in his position of I.P.M., that it devolved on him to give the next toast, the health of the Master. He was proud to be the I.P.M. to propose it. Bro. Hughes had shown them how he could work, by his rendering of the ceremony so soon as he was installed. He had initiated three gentlemen, while in the brief time he had already presided he had shown he was capable of fulfilling his duties thoroughly. He (the I.P.M.) felt it an honour and pleasure to have installed one so worthy to fill the chair. The W.M. thanked Bro. Dickeson; he could scarcely find words for what his heart dictated. However, he hoped he might be able to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor. He was gratified to have had the pleasure of initiating his three friends. When he left the chair, at the expiration of his year of office, he hoped to do so with the approbation of the brethren, and with the same amount of credit as had been accorded his predecessor. The toast of the Initiates came next. The W.M. well knew and respected them; he was sure they would be good and true Masons, and in due course become a credit to the Order. Bros. Smith, Bromley, and Thomas, in brief but appropriate terms responded. The toast of the Masonic Charities was next given. The W.M. would serve as Steward at the next anniversary Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This was one of those Charities we are all bound to support. Brother Terry, the worthy Secretary, was present at his initiation; he was with them also that night, at his installation; he was pleased to see him and to associate his name with the toast. Brother James Terry in a very eloquent speech responded; he advocated the cause of the other Institutions, and detailed the number of candidates to be admitted. He hoped they would support the Benevolent Institution, and help the poor and distressed in their declining years. Bro. Terry paid a just tribute of respect to the late Bro. Hughes P.M., the father of the W.M.; every one who knew him respected him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and coupled with it the names of Bros. H. M. Levy, W. Smeed, May, and Marx, who severally responded. In speaking of the Installing Master, Bro. Dickeson, the W.M. said he could hardly find words to express his appreciation of his working. Throughout his year of office he had done well. He had also ably installed his successor; that he, personally, never could forget. In reply, Bro. Dickeson said if he had performed the duties of the chair satisfactorily he was amply repaid. He felt it was his duty to instal his successor, and was proud he had met with approbation. He took this opportunity to thank the Officers for their support and assistance; they had always attended at the time named, and had thus rendered the ceremonies in a complete form. His thanks were due to the Past Masters; without their co-operation he could not have carried out his duties. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, the pillars of the Lodge. Bros. Dickeson, Hopekirk, Dettmar, Benet, Lovett, all indeed, were a credit and an honour to the Lodge. Bros. Kew, Benet, and Dettmar responded. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge, and said he felt a pride in asking the members to drink their health. He was sure, by their excellent working, they would eventually reach the Chair. The S.W. and J.W. made suitable replies. The Tyler's toast was then given. Bros. Kew P.M. and F. Hughes W.S. looked well after the comfort of the brethren visitors. A musical entertainment was provided, under the direction of Bros. Baker and Cain, while Bro. F. C. Smith proved an able accompanyist. We must not omit to refer to the charming singing of Miss Helen Burnelle; also to an excellent recitation from Miss Annie Burnelle, and to the vocal ability displayed by Messrs C. Richardson, H. Crispin, and Bro. W. Baker.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

THE anniversary festival of this, the senior Lodge of Reading, took place at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, 20th January. It was one of the most numerous and brilliant assemblages that has ever been witnessed in this model Lodge-room. Among the members present were the High Sheriff of Berks Bro. Charles Stephens P.M., Rev. Canon Garry Chaplain, the Installing Master, W. W. Moxhay P.M., R. Bradley P.M., and F. J. Ferguson P.M., who was chiefly instrumental in the improvement of the Lodge premises during his year of office, and others. Among the visitors were the W.M. of 1101 Bro. J. H. Hawkes, the I.P.M. of 1101 Bro. W. W. Ridley, whose genial hospitality during his Mastership will not soon be forgotten, the venerable late Secretary of 1101 Bro. W. P. Ivey P.M., W. Ferguson P.M. 1101, R. C. Hurley P.M., R. Dowsett P.M. 1101, who has kindly undertaken the office of Almoner for the three Reading Lodges, W. G. Flanagan P.M. 1101, and now W.M. of the Kendrick Lodge, and a number from the various Lodges of the province and neighbourhood. The principal business was the Installation of Bro. M. J. Withers as Master of the Lodge. The ceremony was performed by the I.P.M. Bro. S. Wheeler jun., who conducted it with admirably correct precision, this being the first time that a W.M. here has installed his successor. We congratulate Bro. Wheeler on being the pioneer of a system which was always advocated by the late Bro. J. Gibson P.M., who said he would never give a P.M.'s jewel to a Master who could not instal his successor. Before vacating the Chair Bro. Wheeler asked permission to present the Lodge with three pedestals, for the Master, and Senior and Junior Wardens, for which a cordial vote of thanks was carried with acclamation. They were made of British oak, with an appropriate emblem on each, and were much admired. After the business the brethren retired for refreshment to the Great Western Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Flanagan.

CAMDEN LODGE, No. 704.

A REGULAR meeting of this excellent Lodge was held on the 20th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bros. Trinder W.M., Bindon S.W., Hehl J.W., Goodchild Treasurer, Osborn S.D. Sayers J.D., Eyers Steward, Coffin as I.G., Schuberth Organist, P.M.'s Bros. Frost, Pocklington, Morrill, and Soper. Visitors—Bros. Stock 1791, Dodd 1194, Coplestone 834, Bigg 1791, Underwood W.M. 1366, Count Nydpruck (Brussels), H. M. Levy P.M. 188, C. E. Aveling 1929, H. Donelly 749. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Martin was then passed to the second degree. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Devine, Robinson, M. H. Whiting, and (by fiat) T. Whiting. The ceremonies were perfectly and impressively delivered. The resignations of two brethren were accepted, with regret. A distressed brother was relieved from the funds of the Lodge. Hearty good wishes were given, and the Lodge was closed until the third Tuesday in March. The brethren sat down to a very excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Clemow. The W.M. ably presided, and proposed the usual toasts. Bro. Frost, in proposing the health of the W.M., said Bro. Trinder was devoted to the interests of the Lodge; he hoped he would leave the chair with the same amount of esteem he is now held in, and that the Lodge might be in a prosperous condition. The W.M. said he felt great pleasure in listening to the remarks of Bro. Frost; his best energies should be devoted to promoting the happiness of the brethren. The toast of the Initiates was next on the list. The W.M. was very pleased to have had the privilege of initiating three brethren into the Order. From the manner they had listened to the ceremony, he augured happy results. The Initiates in brief but appropriate terms responded. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and Bros. Coplestone, Bigg, H. M. Levy, Aveling, Underwood, and Count Nydpuck (Amis Philantbropie) severally responded. The Past Masters were next complimented; the W.M. referred to their excellent qualifications; these had sustained the Lodge in its present high position. Bro. Frost, one of the Founders of the Lodge, remarked how pleased he was to see the Lodge in so prosperous a condition; he trusted it would continue so. Bro. Frost was followed by Bros. Morrell, Pocklington, and Goodchild. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Wardens and Officers, said no better Wardens could be found; both knew their duties thoroughly.

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He hoped to see them fill the chair; the same remarks applied to the Officers generally. Bro. Bindon, in response, regretted the absence of the J.W., Bro. Hehl, who, through pressure of business, was unable to stay to respond. Bros. Osborn and Sayers also addressed a few words to the brethren. The Tyler's toast in due course was given, and the proceedings came to a close. A most enjoyable musical entertainment was provided. Bro. Schuberth artistically played on the pianoforte, while Bros. Bindon, Osborn, Robinson, Donelly, Coffin, and the W.M. contributed to the harmony.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE, No. 1614.

THE installation meeting was held on the 13th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, and was numerously attended by members and visitors. Present:—Bros. G. Coleman W.M., John Jacobs S.W., H. W. Kedgley J.W., E. Jacobs P.M. Treas., W. Bourne P.M. Sec., H. Dickson S.D., Bower Solomons J.D., S. Jacobs P.M. D.C., Rev. P. M. Holden Chaplain P.P.G.C. Middx., J. Stacey P.M. Org. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Taylor 1567, B. Da Costa 1349, L. A. Da Costa 1349, Cox P.M. 190, Mordecai P.M. 1348, Smith J.W. 1563, Morris 177, Cohen 811, Gardner S.W. 2012, Jacobs late 1614, N. Smith 1348, Renault 1623, Roots 1273, Osmond 1348, Gorham 382, Robinson 1681, Legger 753, Boyton 1839, Hayes 1348, Clark P.M. 1227, Perryman P.M. No. 3, Smeed P.P.G. Middx., Gow 619, Nagle 186, Tiffen 95, Anidjah 1987, Rutter 1273, Thomas 654, Isaacs 1816, Levien 1349, Horace Robbins 25, Elliot 73, Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened and minutes confirmed. Bros. W. A. Dowsing No. 2012, and W. Belsham 733 were elected joining members. Bro. A. Bryan was raised to the third degree. Bro. G. H. Foan was passed. These ceremonies were ably and excellently rendered by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. John Jacobs S.W. and W.M. elect was duly placed in the chair by the I.P.M., in a most creditable manner for so young a Mason. He received the congratulations of the brethren and Visitors at the conclusion of the ceremony; there were 20 W.M.'s and P M.'s present. The newly Installed Master on the re-admission of the brethren received the customary salutes, and then appointed and invested his Officers:—G. Coleman I.P.M., Kedgley S.W., Dickson J.W., E. Jacobs P.M. Treas., Bourne P.M. Secretary, Bower Solomon S.D., Bassett J.D., Reynolds I.G., Rev. P. M. Holden P.P.G.C. Middlesex Chaplain, S. Jacobs P.M. W.S., Stacy Organist, Thorpe D.C., Howard Steward, Potter P.M. Tyler. The Report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing condition. The W.M. in eloquent terms presented the retiring W.M., Bro. G. Coleman, with a Past Master's jewel, with suitable inscription, which had been unanimously voted him for the able and efficient manner he had in every respect carried out the duties of his office, to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. Bro. G. Coleman in suitable terms returned thanks. Four candidates were proposed for initiation, and after hearty good wishes from the Visitors the Lodge was closed. The brethren now sat down to a sumptuous and récherché banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and personally superintended by Bro. Bettini. The tables were artistically decorated, and buttonholes were provided for each guest—there were 88 present. Grace having been said by the Rev. P. M. Holden, the W.M. proposed in appropriate terms the Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking to the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., allusion was made to Prince Albert Victor attaining his majority. The W.M. was sure the brethren wish him every happiness through life, and that he might live to be a source of pleasure to his honoured parents and a credit to the nation. Bro. G. Coleman P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Jacobs had fulfilled his duties hitherto with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Lodge. The brethren had seen his working in the minor offices: He (Bro. Coleman) was sure they would have reason to be proud of him. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Coleman for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their reception of the toast. So far as the interests of the Lodge were concerned, his services were always at command. He would strive to conduce in every way to its prosperity. In introducing the next toast, the health of the I.P.M., the W. M. said Bro. Coleman was an example to the Lodge. There were few like him, either in this or any other Lodge. He might say he was perfect in his working, punctual in his duties, and well calculated to rank as a Past Master. All were proud of him. He asked them to give a good reception to the toast. Bro. Coleman eloquently responded; he was proud to wear the jewel presented to him; it was with zest he started on a new era; while he had health and strength his energies would be at the service of the Lodge. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Visitors, said there were forty-six present. The Lodge was proud to receive them. He would call on Bros. Smeed P.P.G.W. Middlesex and Perryman P.M. No. 3 to respond. After these brethren had made suitable reply, the W.M. complimented the P.M.'s; they were our guiding stars; any assistance the Lodge might require of them they were always ready and willing to give it. Bro. E. Jacobs in reply said the Past Masters were always most willing to give the Lodge all the assistance in their power; while in any case of doubt they were glad to advise. He was proud to say that, with one exception, the Past Masters had installed their successors and he hoped the future Masters would do the same. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, said all knew the interest they took in the Lodge, and how they did their duty; he asked the brethren to drink the toast most heartily. Bros. Jacobs and Bourne responded; they would do all in their power to forward the interests of the Lodge. Bros. Kedgley S.W. and Dickson J.W. responded for the Officers; each assured the Worshipful Master they would do all they could to assist him in the working of the Lodge, and trusted that at the end of his year of office he would report well of them. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable evening. The absence of Brother W. H. Gulliford P.M. was frequently regretted. Bros. S. Jacobs and Howard looked well after the comforts of the Visitors. The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by song and recitations, by the following brethren:—Bros. Rev. Holden, C. Ralph Rinaut, E. Jacobs, W. A. Dowling, Rorts, C. Solomons. Bro. S. Mordecai gave some clever display tricks with cards.

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At the United Mariners Lodge of Instruction, at the Lugard Tavern, Peckham, on Wednesday evening, the 4th February. Bro. Walter Martin, S.W. of the Southwark Lodge, the able Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction, will preside, and a very enjoyable evening is anticipated. Brethren are cordially invited to attend, and they may be assured of a welcome.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Joshua Nunn; Bros. James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune occupying their chairs respectively. The brethren confirmed grants to the extent of £275 recommended at the December meeting. There were 47 cases on the list, including those postponed from the former meeting, the President stated, for the information of brethren, that last year the Board had had to draw upon the invested capital to the amount of £3000, having exceeded their income to that amount. The consideration of the new list was then proceeded with. Out of 47 petitioners, 32 were widows. Three cases were dismissed, and eight were deferred. The remainder were relieved, with a total sum of £750. This was made up with one grant of £80, two of £50 each, one of £40, ten of £30 each, four of £20 each, one of £15, ten of £10 each, and seven of £5 each. There was a full attendance, and the sitting was an exceptionally long one.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. will, it is anticipated, be present at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk, to be held on Monday, at King's Lynn, under the presidency of Lord Suffield, Prov. Grand Master. Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened in the Town Hall at 4 p.m., and a banquet will follow at 6.30. The Great Eastern Railway Company announce that return tickets will be issued to Freemasons attending this meeting, at a fare and a quarter for the double journey, and that a special return train will leave Lynn at 11 p.m. for Yarmouth, *via* Dereham and Norwich, calling at intermediate stations as required to set down passengers. We anticipate a very large gathering, as the presence of the Grand Master will, no doubt, attract brethren from all parts.

We appear to have been led into an error in describing the present of Sir Bruce Seton to Miss Desanges, on the occasion of her recent marriage with General Brownrigg, as being "for Grand Lodge." The presentation was entirely of a private character, and not on behalf of Grand Lodge, of which, by the way, Sir Seton Bruce is not a member.

We must again ask for indulgence from our subscribers; several important reports, through want of space, are held over.

WESTBOURNE CHAPTER, No. 733.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held on the 15th inst., when the following Officers were present:—Comp. John Welford Z., Morrill H., Cottebrune J., T. Waller P.Z. S.E., C. Davison P.S., Humfrees First A.S., E. Collins P.Z., Long P.Z., Ascott P.Z., C. Thomas Janitor. Bros. Segger and Belsham, of the Westbourne Lodge, were exalted. Comp. Morrill was elected M.E.Z., Cottebrune H., and Collins P.Z. J.

In noticing "Marvels in Photography," which have recently been produced by a member of The Great City Lodge, we inadvertently gave that Brother's name as Snell, whereas it should have been recorded as Small, he being a member of the well-known firm of Boning and Small, photographers, of 22 Baker-street, London, W.

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The case is strongly recommended by the Berar, Corinth, and Bombay Lodges, and the undermentioned brethren:—

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The case is strongly recommended by the Berar, Corinth, and Bombay Lodges, and the undermentioned brethren:—

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THE THEATRES.

PRINCE'S.

AMONG the number of offensive or futile plays which have been offered to a much-enduring London public we may place the "Princess George" in the "bad eminence" of the first rank. When produced in Paris in 1871, with the prestige of a powerful cast, including Desclee and Pearsoer, it was received with questionable favour, though it possessed a fictitious interest as an appeal for the right of divorce—a right which forms the text of many of the younger Dumas' comedies. The story, in its commencement, progress and conclusion is equally feeble and offensive. The Princess, who is of noble family and great wealth, has married a ruined spendthrift, who at the opening of the play has just secured half her fortune in order to elope with his friend Count Terrémonde's wife. However, the Princess has employed her maid to watch her husband, and on the rising of the curtain we find her receiving the report of her confidential agent, who has watched the Prince to an hotel with his paramour. In the following scene she charges her husband with his infidelity, but he contrives to lie well enough to banish her suspicions, and even persuades her to receive the Countess at her entertainment that evening. The Princess, again by the intervention of a servant, her husband's valet (Mr. Smedley), learns she is duped; the man gives her the note with which he had been entrusted by his master for the Countess Sylvanie; then, feeling compromise is no longer possible, in the presence of the guests she commands the Countess to leave the room. The Count entering almost immediately, she declares what she has done, and in reply to his indignant demand for an explanation says, she can receive no woman who comes for a rendezvous with a lover,—but will not give his name. The Count suspects a devoted young friend of his own, who has an idyllic and respectful adoration for the Countess. We presently hear a pistol shot, and for a moment hope our "Leicester-square" Prince has been "provided" for. The Princess has just cried out in wild despair to be saved from the misery of such a union, and her mother tells her nothing but death can set her free, when enter the Count, with a pistol—she, in agony, concludes her prayer for freedom has been answered, and all her old love returns. There seems nothing left for her but death. When the Prince walks in, quite unembarrassed, the Count explains he has shot the youthful De Fondette (Mr. Carne). The Princess falls into her husband's arms, and the curtain descends upon these fantastic marionettes. The play is bad, but there are situations in it which might rise to very poignant interest in the hands of capable artists. Mrs. Langtry is wholly unable to realise for a moment the tender and passionate character of the Princess; a very beautiful and beautifully dressed piece of clever waxwork, which, however, ought to be seen in profile, for the face has no expression; we should not look for expression from the Tussaud handiwork. In the opening scene she attempts, by a great deal of hand wringing and arm waving, to imply that she is in deep distress, but she was quite unable to persuade her audience of this. She is pettish, and shrewish, and angry—as though her work had spoiled a dinner—when she is supposed to be in an agony of outraged love. Again and again a titter ran through the house at the supposed pathetic passages, and in the great scene with her rival the mechanism and unreality of this pretty automaton became so evident that had it not been for the fine impersonation of her rival, by Miss Amy Roselle, the act would probably have closed amid general derision. Mrs. Langtry must have herself felt the danger of the situation, for when, in answer to what she interpreted as a call, the curtain rose, she led on Miss Amy Roselle, and so secured the plaudits of the audience. Although a great part of the Countess's rôle has been eliminated in the version adopted by Mrs. Langtry, it is to its exponent, Miss Rosello, that we are indebted for any interest in this dull and depressing performance, though we must praise the quiet and able style of Victor (Mr. Smedley), the Prince's Valet. As for the guests at the Prince's "at home" we could not but think of

> "A party in a parlour drinking tea,
> All silent, and all damned."

Mr. Coghlan had evidently given up all thought of struggling with the general depression. The unhappy De Fondette was so utterly insignificant that "his being provided for" by the Count seemed to interest no one either on or off the stage. A gentleman in the gallery wondered what was to be done with the body. The fashionable world was in full force to do honour to this strange fetish, which would fain possess an improving soul of art, but though she commands all the spells of the great magician Worth, and can conjure with the loveliest of his inspirations, for those who seek the artist behind the fetish there is nothing. The first night crowd was gathered from mere curiosity, or perhaps a good-natured hope that the feeble amateur who had enjoyed a *succès de scandale* at the Haymarket, had returned after many months, and their experiences, with powers worthy the interest which had been excited. It is not so, and we fear the manager of the Prince's will find that curiosity alone will not long suffice to fill a fashionable playhouse, though with the choicest upholstery behind the footlights. The hisses of the first night might easily grow to hootings as the melancholy iron curtain falls.

THE GRAND.

THE Pantomime of "Puss in Boots," which is now running at this theatre, has one novel feature—the author, Mr. Joseph Tabrar, has invested it with original music. This is of a very lively kind, and suffices to give various comic and sentimental ditties a freshness. Beyond this, Mr. Tabrar has not attempted more than to re-dress a number of time-honoured expedients for creating laughter. This pantomime has the merit of being capitally acted, by a strong company of comedians, all eccentric in their individual walk, and able to dance with facility and sing with spirit. The adventures of Fritz, the Miller's son, played by Miss Lottie Dettmar, who afterwards becomes Marquis of Carrabas, are controlled in this instance by the Fairy Loveliness, who opposes the Demon Revilo, Fritz's enemy. The Fairy endows the young hero's cat with speech, and Puss (Mr. Tom Fancourt), in the legendary pair of boots, helps his master to conquer a terrible ogre. In the development of this idea there occurs one pretty pastoral scene, the Village of Content, with the humours of a rustic school, and a grand spectacular set representing the King's Palace, in which occurs a ballet of jesters. Some magnificent scenery has been painted by Mr. W. T. Hemsley, his Ballet and Transformation Scenes being especially beautiful. The company is a strong one; Mr. Witty Watty Walton, a clever comedian, leads, as a village pedagogue, and contributes a wonderful drunken scene, which brings down the house. He is well supported by Mr. George Vokes, a nimble dancer; Mr. Joe Elvin, Mr. Edward Fawcett, and Mr. Prior. Miss Lottie Dettmar and Miss Nellie Melnotte sing and dance gracefully, as the hero and the princess, while Miss Lillie Lingfield, as Rosie Posie, contributes a skilful skipping-rope dance. Mr. J. M. Jones leads the Harlequinade as Clown, and he is assisted by Mr. Henri Lemaire as Pantaloon, Mr. H. Lewins Policeman, Mr. Alfred Baker Sprite, Mr. R. H. Mercer Harlequin, and Miss Amy Lucille Columbine. The Pantomime, which never flags in spirit and bustle, has scored well, and we congratulate Mr. Charles Willmott on the success he has attained. Mr. Walton announced—in a verse of his popular song, "I'm not asleep"—that his farewell benefit will take place on 3rd of February. Doubtless his admirers will "not be asleep" on that occasion.

HENGLERS'

SHALL we go to Henglers'? is a question doubtless asked at many breakfast-tables every morning, and "Henglers'" is as concise an idea as who should say "Irving's." The Henglers, senior and junior, revolve round a much-applauding Continent, nor fail to return in due season to their London friends. We now find them "at home" every afternoon and evening, in their handsome and commodious hippodrome, the finest building of the kind yet erected in London. That the public appreciate the managerial liberality was evident on our visit by the crowded audience filling pit, boxes, and amphitheatre. The house is bright with gold and white decorations, and a pretty effect is obtained by rose-tinted lamps round the boxes. Messrs. Hengler have a fine stud of trained horses, and there is plenty of dash and daring in the riders. Fraulein Blumenfield is especially remarkable for pluck and grace in her daring leaps. The "school" horses Strathmore and Gazelle went through some very clever tricks, and Herr Blennow, their trainer, was warmly applauded. The young folks were especially enthusiastic for Mr. Merriman Chirgwin, in whom their elders recognised a touch of the dear, delightful clowns when the century was young. Mr. Hengler jun. showed his hereditary gifts with an Irish mare, evidently Celtic of spirit. Then there was some good fun with some low-comedy donkeys, a grand military spectacle with thirteen chargers, then some clever gymnasts and a delicious bit of comic pantomime, Mr. Merriman Walker keeping his audience in convulsions of laughter whilst he in dumb show exhibits how an old gentleman proposes to catch a trout; finds the bait, feels the bite, plays the fish, and also, instead of landing it, tumbles into the water—and only a whip and the sawdust for properties. Then there appeared some trained dogs, who did wonderful things inside and outside some casks. Then the fair Jenny O'Brien gave her great vaulting act over her horse's back, and various other wonders of the *haute école*. Then a race with ponies and monkeys, the items of the programme following fast on each other, and concluding, to the satisfaction of Mater Familias, at the domestic hour of 10·30.

A change of programme took place at the Alhambra, on Monday last, 19th January, when Mdlle. Garetta, described as "the exquisite Charmeuse de Pigeons;" the celebrated Hanlon Voltas; and Professor Wingfield's troupe of trained dogs appeared. These new features, and other varieties, including the two Grand Ballets, "The Swans" and "Melusine," in which Mdlle. Sampietro and Mdlle. Palladino are engaged, gave great satisfaction to a large and appreciative audience.

ROYAL EAR HOSPITAL, FRITH STREET, SOHO.—This useful charity held its annual general meeting in the rooms of the institution on Tuesday, the 13th inst. It is one of the oldest and most deserving of special hospitals, and during the 69 years it has been established, over 120,000 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 1884 there were 8,128 out-patient attendances, at which 2,625 separate cases received careful treatment. These numbers greatly exceed any former record. Fifty patients were admitted into the in-patient wards, all serious cases and mostly children. This new department was reported to be a very great success, although it had considerably added to the expenditure. The accounts for 1884 were audited and passed. The financial condition of the hospital was shown to be only fairly satisfactory, as there was a considerable falling off in donations, although the subscriptions had increased. A vote of thanks to surgeons, treasurer, and secretary brought the proceedings to a close.

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TEMPLE BAR LODGE, No. 1728.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 15th inst., on which occasion Bro. Geo. S. Recknell was installed W.M. for the year. The Lodge having been opened, under the presidency of Bro. T. W. Casburn Bush, and the minutes confirmed, was regularly advanced to the third degree, and Bro. John Webb raised in due form. Mr. Frederick Clark was next initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, Bro. A. McDowall P.M. 1902, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks performing the ceremony by request of the W.M., who was suffering from severe indisposition. The initiation completed, Bro. T. Fenn P.G.D. President B.G.P. assumed the chair, and installed the Master for the ensuing year. In due order that brother appointed the following as his officers :—T. W. C. Bush I.P.M. and Sec., Richard Kempton S.W., A. R. Carter J.W., B. Buckworth P.M. Treas., J. Rexworthy S.D., H. J. Rolls J.D., G. J. Garland I.G., A. R. Harris D.C., C. S. Williams Org., W. J. Westmore and A. G. Watkinson Stewards, A. B. Church Tyler. The other business of the meeting having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed and the brethren proceeded to banquet. A most enjoyable repast having been done justice to, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. Those of the Queen and the Craft and the Grand Master having been honoured, the W.M. proposed that of the Grand Officers. They were singularly favoured that night in having among them two of the most distinguished of the Grand Officers of England, Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson and Bro. T. Fenn. The W.M. and members were pleased to see them, and hoped they would favour the Lodge with their presence on many future occasions. The Grand Officers as a body were most assiduous in their attention to the Craft, taking every advantage of performing the duties attached to their respective offices to the best of their ability. Bro. Simpson was the first to respond. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which they had honoured the constitutional toast of the Grand Officers. Grand Lodge, no doubt, had many virtues, but it also had its failings. The W.M. had proved himself a true Mason, by using language which showed he considered they were called upon charitably to believe all things and endure all things. From the recent meetings of Grand Lodge it was clear they must hope and believe much, while from the awful crush they had experienced it was clear they must endure much. The Grand Officers would continue to do their duty in the state of life to which it had pleased God to call them. It had been a great pleasure to him to attend the consecration of the Temple Bar Lodge, and he had likewise experienced great pleasure in repeating his visit, at what he might now call the Old Temple Bar Lodge. They had that night seen an old and well tried Master retire from the chair, and one who seemed well up to the mark installed in his place. Brother T. Fenn followed. Since his accession to his present office he had had many opportunities of intercourse with the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and he was surprised and pleased beyond measure at the great interest he took in all that concerned Freemasonry. He need scarcely have referred to this subject, because many of the brethren were present in Grand Lodge when Lord Carnarvon came down, at great personal inconvenience, and supported, by his observations, the admirable letter written to the Grand Lodge of Quebec by the Grand Master, which showed that, notwithstanding the threats of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, His Royal Highness intended cordially and loyally to sustain those Lodges in their position which maintained their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. With regard to the Grand Officers, the majority of them were ready on all occasions to do all in their power to assist and support the interests of the Craft. Many privileges were possessed by Past Grand Officers which Masons in general little conceived; but their duties were many, and they gave up their time and abilities to them without grudging, and they were very pleased when, as on this occasion, their services were appreciated. Bro. Bush next assumed the gavel. It fell to his lot that night to perform a very pleasing duty, and one that for five years he had not had the honour of proposing—the health of the brother installed that night. His doing so recalled to his mind the first meeting of this Lodge, since the brother who had just been installed was a candidate for initiation on that occasion. For this reason, and from the fact that he was the son of a Mason, Bro. Recknell had claimed priority of the other four candidates, and was thus the first initiate in the Lodge. His bearing in the Lodge at that time, and ever since, gave promise that he would eventually rise to the office he then occupied. Bro. Bush felt sure their W.M., during his year of office, would prove himself worthy of his place, and that in his new position, as in his old, he would do his work with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Lodge. Bro. Bush tendered his thanks to Bro. Fenn, who had kindly performed the Installation ceremony for him at a time when ill health prevented his doing so, and then called on the brethren to honour the toast of the W.M. Bro. Recknell said it was with no ordinary sense of weight of responsibility that he returned thanks for the kind sentiments expressed that night. He wished he could apply them all to himself. He well remembered that on the occasion of his initiation he, being the son of a Mason, was selected as the first initiate, and to that circumstance he owed his present position of W.M. in advance of his brother initiates of that night. He was deeply indebted to the I.P.M. and the brethren for many things, but particularly for the way in which they had elected him to fill the Chair of the Lodge. He should endeavour to solve the difficulties attached to his office with all the ability at his command, devoting care and attention to the business required of him. It had been truly said that he who did his best did well. He did not say he should do well, but he assured the brethren that he should do his best, and hoped that he might succeed. He had very much to thank the brethren for in the past, and felt that with the confidence he had secured from them he should be in a position to carry out the duties of the Chair. He hoped that during his term of office the duties of the Lodge would be performed as well as they had been in the past, and that the Lodge would continue its prosperous career. He next proposed the toast of the Installing Officer, saying how extremely grateful they all were to Bro. Fenn for the way in which he had performed the ceremony that night, at very short notice, owing to the ill-health of Brother Bush. Bro. Fenn replied. It afforded him great satisfaction to be of any use to the Temple Bar Lodge. The W.M. was quite right in saying he was animated with the best of spirit towards the Lodge. Very particular interest attached to their present W.M., inasmuch as he had been educated at the Masonic Boys' School. He (Bro. Fenn) had often wondered why it was he did not see boys educated at the Masonic School coming to the fore in Freemasonry. He had often been surprised, he might say pained, at the lack of interest manifested by old pupils, but now he was pleased to meet with an exception, and it had afforded him additional pleasure to have had the opportunity of installing their brother into the chair of his mother Lodge. The W.M. next gave the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Bush. This was a toast it afforded him great pleasure to propose. It was a very important one, made more important from the fact that the brethren intended to mark the retirement of Bro. Bush by the presentation to him of a valuable testimonial. The W.M. felt there were many present who, knowing more of the ability of Bro. Bush, could have made the presentation in much more suitable terms, but none could make it with better will than he did. The Lodge was consecrated in 1878, and at that time Bro. Bush was J.W. Since that time he had, in addition to other duties, filled the office of Secretary for a period of four years. During the whole of that time he had studied the requirements of the Lodge to the best of his ability, and had ably succeeded in what he had undertaken. As Steward to the Charities, on behalf of the Lodge, he had collected upwards of £1,000, which from so young a Lodge reflected the greatest credit on him. They could but regret the cause which had prevented his performing the ceremonies of initiation and installation that night, and hoped he might soon be restored to the blessing of health. The W.M. then presented to Bro. Bush the testimonial of the brethren, which consisted of a handsome tea and coffee service, together with a portrait in oil of the recipient himself (painted by Bro. Cyril Stanley Williams, Organist of the Lodge). Bro. Bush tendered his hearty thanks. He felt unable to express his appreciation of the kindness he had received at their hands that night and in the past. The present was a very proud moment in his life—a moment when he felt he possessed the good opinion and esteem of every brother in the Lodge. Whatever services he had been able to render had been performed as true labours of love. As a founder of this Lodge, he had felt that those associated with him were of a class who would always cause the Lodge to be looked up to, and it had been his endeavour also to add to its reputation. He felt that the presentation of so splendid a testimonial as he had that night received was a sure sign he was not considered the worst man in the universe. He hoped to be spared to be associated with the Lodge for many years to come. The toast of the Visitors was next honoured, and to this Bros. McDowell and Bailey responded. The initiate was toasted, and suitably replied to the toast proposed in his honour, after which the health of the Past Masters was given, Bro. Butcher replying. The toast of the Masonic Institutions was forcibly given by the W.M., and as forcibly responded to by Bro. Terry, after which the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak, on Wednesday, 14th January. Being an "off-night," with but little work on the agenda, there was not the customary large attendance. Among those present were Bros. Phillips W.M., Hopekirk I.P.M. and Treasurer, Maunder Williams S.W., Henry Stokes J.W., Langley acting Secretary, Rev. Wilson Haffenden Chaplain, Hartley S.D., Hooper J.D., Knight I.G., Augustus Darel Director of Ceremonies, France W.S., and Thomas Tyler; also Bros. Jas. Worstencroft, Wootten, Bartlett, Pearson, Alfred Pitman, Bye, &c. The Visitors were Bros. James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, &c., and E. A. Francis 1658. The minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was raised to the third degree and closed down. The attendance of a candidate accepted at a previous meeting was confidently expected, but at the last moment intimation of inability to attend was handed to the W.M. The election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year was therefore at once proceeded with, and Bro. H. Maunder Williams, one of the Founders of the Lodge, and a highly esteemed brother amongst the members, was unanimously elected to the former position, and Bro. Hopekirk P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. Both brethren returned thanks in very appropriate terms. Bro. Thomas was re-elected Tyler, after proposition in terms of earnest appreciation of his attention and courtesy as Outer Guard. A Past Master's jewel of the Lodge pattern was voted by acclamation to Bro. Phillips W.M., for presentation at ensuing meeting. On the recommendation of one of the Visitors, a money vote in aid of a distressed brother of the Mariners Lodge, No. 249, Liverpool, was granted, and the Lodge was then closed. The installation of Bro. Williams, the W.M. elect, will take place on the second Wednesday in February.

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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 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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Honnslow
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1962—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MONDAY, 26th 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.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (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.)
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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, 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. 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
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
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. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
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, 27th 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)
93—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, 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—Eddlemotic, 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)
1366—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, Three Stags, Lamberth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze

R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canetrbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 28th JANUARY.

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)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pepper'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.
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)
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
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—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-tce., 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. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Soanes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1038—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Morley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1281—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)
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent

R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
R.A. 449—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

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M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 29th JANUARY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
23—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
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)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (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.)
1186—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1134—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden 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)
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)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
278—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
287—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
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
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
536—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
861—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
907—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
906—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1135—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1376—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1680—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1687—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle

R.A. 87—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 139—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
R.A. 206—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M. 33—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 30th 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)
807—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
786—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1788—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwe
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 36—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

461—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
463—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
653—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
[illegible]610—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1054—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1305—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 343—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
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

SATURDAY, 31st JANUARY.

186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2013—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
463—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

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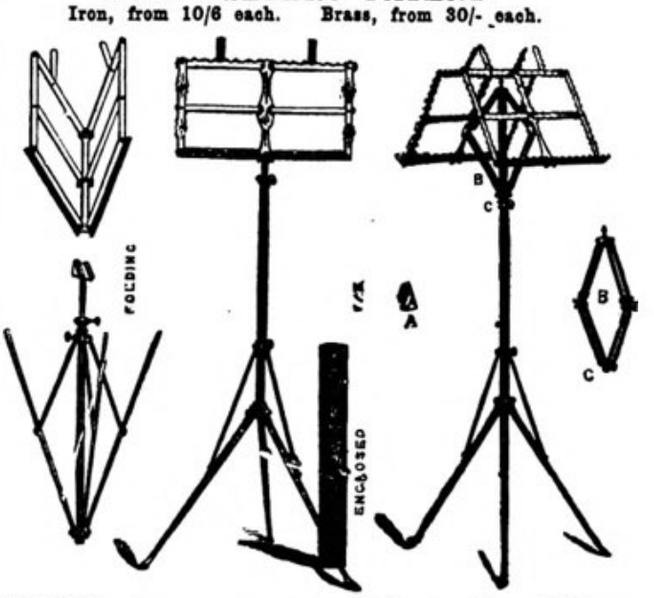

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THE FORCE OF EXAMPLE.

IT is not necessary to seek far, to trace the benefits arising from a good example. In every phase of life we find instances of success following success, and failure following failure, in such a manner as clearly proves that a man's course in life very materially depends on the groove in which he happens to be placed, or the ruling power he is called upon to obey. So it is with our Lodges. Slovenly members will make a slovenly Lodge, persevering brethren a prosperous one, and enthusiastic Masons a model one. If it is the custom for the rulers of a Lodge to pursue a certain line of Masonic conduct, those who join it will fall into that course, whether it be for good or the reverse; and if it be the rule for the Lodge to be conducted on a sort of "come what may" principle, its initiates will speedily show that they have no particular interest in Freemasonry. It is almost unreasonable to expect they should have, for they have never been properly educated. The Master and other principal Officers, too, what is it they cannot do or undo for a Lodge? By good example they may raise it to the highest position and prosperity; by evil example they may not only ruin the Lodge with which they are associated, but may also cause discredit to the whole body of Freemasons.

Looking to the source from which the large sums annually contributed to the Masonic Institutions is derived, we find this principle strongly illustrated. Lodges which support the Charities once, do so, in most instances, again and again, and the example thus set, is followed by the members individually. In most of the Lodges which make a feature of supporting the Institutions, we find a very large per centage of the members have personally qualified either as Life subscribers or Life Governors of one or more of the Institutions, irrespective of the share they take in voting and providing the Lodge grant, while, on the other hand, we find that the members of a Lodge which seldom or ever votes a donation to the Charities, seldom emerge from among the non-subscribing portion of the fraternity. In illustration of our views as to what can be done, we may point to the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, which has now existed about nine years. During that time it had won for itself and its members a reputation for Charity which any Lodge would be proud of; and how has this reputation been acquired? Firstly and mainly, by the force of good example. The Lodge has made an annual grant of twenty-five guineas to the Institutions, taking each in turn, and the brethren have supported that grant in a truly praiseworthy manner. During a period of seven years of the Lodge's existence, no less a sum than £1,040 was subscribed by it and its members to the Charities, thus clearly proving that the good example set in the Lodge, of voting a good round sum each year, has been an incentive to its members to adopt a similarly liberal course. The sum we have referred to represents an average of close upon £150 per annum, and that sum, from a young and comparatively small Lodge, is a stronger demonstration than any other we can give, of what it is possible to accomplish, if only the desire is shown to do so, and a proper example is set by those at the head of affairs. It is not desirable that we should attempt to discover a representative body for the opposite view of the case; those of our readers who know of a Lodge which shows little or no interest in its work, can judge for themselves whether the neglect is due to the want of a good example or otherwise.

CANVASSING FOR MASONIC HONOURS.

THE competition which is this year taking place for the Grand Treasurership, has already imparted into English Freemasonry more than one objectionable feature, and it yet remains to be seen how much of the trickery and underhand practices of ordinary elections will not be taken advantage of, before a decision is arrived at. We think it is contrary to all the principles of Freemasonry that its prizes should be publicly sought after and systematically canvassed for. As we understand it, the honours of Freemasonry are intended for those who deserve them; and although we shall not—for the present at least—even suggest it would be better to abolish the "elective" character of the Grand Treasurership, we cannot agree with the idea—prevalent in the minds of many—that might constitutes right, deciding who shall enjoy it. It is, of course, impossible, when it comes to selection by numbers, to wholly prevent the idea that it is not always the most deserving who succeeds, but it is at least possible to prevent the result being influenced by other considerations than personal merit. We look upon public advertising and the distribution of printed circulars, as most undignified in connection with the acquirement of such an honorary distinction as that of Grand Treasurer should be. That office should be conferred by the elective voice of the Craft for merit alone. It may be urged that without the publication of a candidate's career, both in civil and Masonic life, the electors would be ignorant of his acquirements, but such an argument is bad. Those who frequent Grand Lodge, or in other ways take an active interest in the welfare of the Craft, and have to decide the question, are sufficiently well acquainted with the career of the few brethren likely to be nominated for the appointment, to be able to judge for themselves as to who is the most worthy of the honour, even if it were not the custom to allow the proposer and seconder to parade, as it were, the merits of their individual candidates. Until public canvassing is prohibited, we feel that the office of Grand Treasurer will be shorn of much of the honour which should be attached to it.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

IN 1832, Count de Laurent brought from Hayti, to New York, a Masonic Ritual of the Royal Arch, said to have been sent by the Grand Chapter of England to Hayti, in 1802. Bro. Marconnay copied that Ritual in 1833. In 1882, Bro. John Barker, the well-known New York Masonic publisher, kindly allowed me to take to Boston the Marconnay copy. As the ritual was in the French language, Bro. de la Granja translated it for me into English. I was at first somewhat staggered at the change which the Royal Arch Degree had undergone. But, as all the old rituals differ from the present one, I supposed the Royal Arch Ritual was also changed. And

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again, I could not exactly understand how the English Degree of the Royal Arch found its way into Hayti, where the French language is spoken. But, finding in one of Bro. Gould's English Lodge Lists that in 1809 the Grand Lodge of England had chartered a Lodge in Port au Prince, and another in Cayes, both located in Hayti, I therefore came to the conclusion that the Grand Chapter of England may have sent there a charter for a R.A. Chapter too; and that the transcriber of the Ritual may have changed the date, making it 1802 instead of 1812. Up to the Union of the Ancients and Moderns the R.A. was called the "Fourth Degree," but since the Union the said Degree is, in England, neither fourth nor third, but something *betwixt and between;* thus, the articles of the Union declare that ancient and pure Masonry consists "of three degrees, *and no more*, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch." In America, however, the Royal Arch is called the Seventh Degree of the York Rite, and in the preface to the said Ritual Marconnay designates it the seventh of the York Rite. Take it all in all, I was satisfied that I had an early Ritual of the English R.A. before me.

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"I am not going to relate to you, My Dear Brother, the history of the grade of the Royal Arch in full. You will find that in the history of the Grand Patriarchs, Masons whom Solomon appointed to be the Twelve Chiefs of the Temple, giving to each the government of a Province or Tribe, to conduct and distribute the works; giving to the Grand Hiram the inspection of all. I will limit myself to recite the principal facts of that time.

"The Brethren of the Royal Arch were all sons and descendants of the race of Joshua, a line which was always distinguished in the wars of the Israelites to conquer for the twelve promised tribes by the Supreme Architect to the descendants of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob.

"Solomon being prepared to build that edifice to the honour and glory of the Supreme Architect, made a close alliance with Hiram King of Tyre, with whom the King Prophet [David] had been also allied as his near neighbour, and who was a great lover of the sciences; greatly protecting them in his kingdom, so as to develope the talents of the celebrated architect expert in the knowledge of metals and the construction of edifices.

"It is well to dwell here upon this prosperous event, so much more interesting as it had transmitted to us those mysteries by excelling of the Royal art, in which chance ever seems to have produced the discovery, in the same way that some of the greatest things have been discovered by the smallest means.

"To the understanding of those facts it is also necessary to say that, independently of the mysteries of each different Masonic grade, which must never be lost sight of, there was the grand secret which the wise Inspector of the art never confided to any others than Hiram, surnamed Abif, and to Mahaban, another chief whom he also cherished in accordance with their talents and their antiquity in the Royal Arch.

"Certain historians pretend, notwithstanding, that Soloman entrusted this grand work to *Hiram the King*, but our history does not say anything of this subject. Besides, Hiram the King, not professing the Judaic religion, would not be initiated into the mysterious secrets of the Temple. It is true, nevertheless, that they were united by a sincere friendship in regard to that which he had had for King Prophet, father of Solomon.

"The respectable Hiram Abif was assassinated by the three ruffians, who, to obtain the grand word, conspired, although in vain, against him. The elect and the history of the Patriarchs introduced us in regard to his sad end.

"When the Temple and the ornaments were finished, Solomon confided this grand secret to *Jakin* and to *Boas*, exacting from them the promise of secrecy and never to divulge it to any one under the penalty of the most terrible excommunication of the tomb of the wise adepts.

"Notwithstanding this, great many other distinguished Masters made supplication to Solomon to announce to them their admission to this sublime grade; but that wise Prince, faithful to his oath, gave them recompenses in keeping with their talents and their labours, telling them, '*Go, my friends, work, persevere; some day the Sub. Arch. will give it to you;*" and this promise was fulfilled, as will be seen by what follows.

"Solomon and the allied Masons, wishing to preserve to posterity this profound mystery, constructed, with their own hands, an underground Lodge or laboratory, where they laboured in a dignified manner, with that profound knowledge with which the dispenser of all things had adorned them, and deposited the secret therein.

"Although this place had not a visible issue, considered almost impenetrable, it was discovered by chance by a supernatural inspiration.

"At the return of the captives from Babylon, the Grand Zorobabel made an arch in the walls of the Temple, and discovered on the first tabernacle, supported by three pillars, an immense amount of ingots of the purest gold, and the inextinguishable fire which enclosed the sacred Word.

"After the destruction of the Temple, Zorobabel abandoned the search of the edifice.

"Some time after the death of Jesus Christ, and during the reign of Titus, son of the Emperor Vespatian, some zealous Masons assembled, and, for reasons unknown, began to search in the ruins of that famous Temple. One of them, named Gibulum, descendant of the old race of the first Masons, during the search, observed that his pickaxe had stuck in a large ring. Calling his companions to him, and carefully examining the place, they found that the ring was attached to a trap-door of the same metal, which they could not even shake, but by the use of a lever they succeeded in raising it, but could not see anything but a very dark tunnel or shaft. Gibulum, full of Masonic zeal, offered to descend, and, for safety, tied a cord around him, and indicated the signal at which his companions should pull him out.

"Scarcely had he penetrated into the subterranean when he perceived that it was mined, and that its arched roof was supported by grand arcades, built one upon another. This wondrous place, and its damp, cold air, suspended first the ardour of Gibulum to such a point that, arrived to the third arcade, he made the signal agreed upon, and was taken out. Questioned by the Brethren about his discoveries, he told them that he had found a frightful vault, enough to frighten even the most brave; but, nevertheless, if any one among them was willing to accompany him, he would descend again; but no one offering it, he pursued alone the enterprise, penetrating into the subterranean a great deal further than he did the first time. The profundity of the vault again frightened him, and feeling that his senses were leaving him, he pulled the cord, and was again taken out; and he did not regain his senses so as to follow his enterprise with more ardour. Notwithstanding the obstacles, and even the danger, he provided himself with a lighted torch, a pencil and paper, made a prayer to the Supreme Being, and trusted himself again to his dangerous work. It was then that the prophesy of Solomon was fulfilled. After descending for the third time, Gibulum arrived at the last arch, and gave a blow with the hammer upon the wall, which was responded to by an echo, intimating that the wall was covering another wall; he struck blow after blow with intense ardour and energy, that, although with an indescribable arduous work, he succeeded in piercing the wall, making a breach large enough to admit his body. The light of his torch reflecting upon something extremely brilliant, he became almost blind for an instant, but perceiving that this light was the reverberation of his torch upon a magnificent Sun and a gold triangular altar, on the front of which were initial letters announcing an alliance of Solomon with Hiram and Hiram Abif. The inscription had the following characters: S. R. H. R., H. A. and higher still, S. R. H. A. M. B.,

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which signify Solomon Rex, Hiram Rex, Hiram Abif and Mahabon.

"These three illustrious architects had had this place constructed for the celebration of their most *secret* and grand mysteries, which they had written in gold letters upon a white marble table.

"The first movement of Gibulum, in view of this luminous place, was to bend his knee, and, with the right hand extended before the eyes, to make a sign of astonishment, respect and admiration. He approached the altar and acquired the knowledge of the grand mysteries and read the oaths and obligations prescribed under the greatest penalties, written by those three illustrious and ancient wise depositories of the sciences.

"Gibulum, astonished at his discovery, gave praise to the Almighty, and pulling the chord for the third time was taken out of the vault. Once out in the light of day all the brethren surrounded him, and seeing the satisfaction depicted in his eyes, fraternally embraced him, shouting, *Hurrah! Gibulum is a good Mason.* He told them all that he had seen, but carefully kept to himself what he had learned.

"It is thus that from this line came out the Scotch, those illustrious who after this epoch have so well distinguished themselves in the wars of the crusades, although the Grand Architect of the Universe did not grant to their arms all the success they hoped for. With increased ardour and zeal they returned to Europe with the Knights of the West, where they acquired the greatest celebrity, not only by their valorous deeds but for their riches and powers. From them descended the ancient Templars, the history of whom terminated with the defeat of the Grand Molay."

The last paragraph, about the Crusaders, is awkwardly tacked on to the history of the period of Emperor Titus. I shall call attention to it again. But I must here add, that the above Ritual is minus of the ceremony of the veils. The Grand Orator, who seems to act as Master of Ceremonies, conducts the candidate to four apartments in succession; at each door a word is demanded, but, instead of uttering the word, the Master of the Ceremony shows a medal on which the desired word is engraved. One of those words was "MERIT."—*Masonic Truth.*

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THE LEGEND OF THE LOST WORD.

THIS legend, as briefly stated by Dr. Mackey, is as follows:—"The mystical history of Freemasonry informs us that there once existed a WORD of surpassing value, and claiming a profound veneration; that this word was known to the few, and that it was at length lost, and that a temporary substitute for it was adopted."

This idea of a mystic, all-powerful "word" was an ancient and widely-diffused superstition. Just how this notion originated has not been handed down to us, either by tradition or otherwise. It, however, probably came to be entertained in the following manner:—It was generally known to the *profane*—i.e., the uninitiated—that those who were admitted to the "Mysteries" were entrusted with a certain sacred word, under a most solemn pledge not to reveal it to the world; and as the scientific knowledge, also secretly imparted to those who were initiated, gave those who took the higher degrees the power to work apparent miracles, the ignorant and superstitious multitude naturally thought, and were perhaps taught to believe, that it was by the use of this "word," so sacredly concealed, that the priests were able to perform all their wonderful works. This word was, however, nothing but the "password," which went with the "sign," by which the initiated could make themselves known to one another. This idea of an all-powerful word was very prevalent among the Jews, no doubt derived from their long stay in Egypt. The notion was that this "word" consisted of the true name of God, together with a knowledge of its proper pronunciation, and that the fortunate possessor of this knowledge became thereby clothed with supernatural power—that by the speaking of this word he could perform all sorts of miracles, and even raise the dead. According to the Cabalists, "the very heavens shook, and the angels themselves were filled with terror and astonishment when this tremendous word was pronounced."

Jewish tradition states that God himself taught Moses his true name and its correct pronunciation at the "burning bush." And they believed that Moses, being thus possessed of the "Word," used it to perform all his miracles, and to confound and overthrow Pharaoh and his hosts. The Jews of a later date, seeking to account for the wonderful works of Christ, asserted that he unlawfully entered the "holy of holies," and clandestinely obtained the word used by Moses, which was engraved upon the stone upon which the ark rested. The superstition in relation to a wonder-working word also prevailed among the Arabians, who said that King Solomon was in possession of this "grand omnific word," and by its use subdued the *genii* who rebelled against God, many of whom Solomon imprisoned by the use of his magical seal, upon which the word, contained in a pentacle, was engraved.

It was from these, and other similar legends thus widely diffused among the ancient Oriental nations, that the veneration for a particular word arose, together with an earnest desire to obtain it, and a laborious search for it, by ambitious believers in its power. All the magicians, enchanters, and wonder-workers of the East, and the adepts of the West, were supposed to have, in some mysterious way, become possessed of this "word," and were known to the aspirants and students of the occult sciences (not yet so fortunate) by the name of "masters," and the "word" was called by them the "master's word." This ancient superstition seems to have left its impress on our ritual, for the word," of which we hear so often therein is assumed to be, omething more than a mere "password," although we, as, Masons, now use the phrase "master's word" in a very different sense from that of the adepts of former times.

In former and less enlightened times the possession of the true name of God and its proper pronunciation, or some *substitute for it, authorized by divine command*, were even supposed requisite in order to worship him aright; for it was ignorantly thought that if God was not addressed by his own proper name he would not attend to the call, nor even know that the prayers of his worshipper were really addressed to him, and not to Baal, Osiris, or Jupiter; or, if knowing, would indignantly reject them. In the East, to address even an earthly potentate by any other than his own proper, high and ceremonious title, was considered both irreverent and insulting. Among the Jews, however, the pronunciation of the true name was supposed to be followed by such tremendous effects that a *substitute*, for which they believed they had the divine sanction, was enjoined. Accordingly, we find in the Old Testament that whenever the name of God occurs, the substitute is used instead of the true name. The word substituted is generally "*Adonai*," or Lord, unless the name follows that word, and then "*Elohim*" is used; as "*Adonai Elohim*," meaning Lord God. From this long-continued use of a *substitute* for the real word, the latter, or at least its correct pronunciation, was thought to be lost. A trace of all this is found in our ritual, and perhaps furnishes the true reason why a substitute (as Dr. Mackey informs us in the extract we have quoted above from his "Symbolism") was adopted.

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THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the United Mariners Lodge of Instruction, at the Lugard Tavern, Peckham, on Wednesday evening, the 4th February. Bro. Walter Martin, S.W. of the Southwark Lodge, the able Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction, will preside, and a very enjoyable evening is anticipated. Brethren are cordially invited to attend, and they may be assured of a welcome.

The members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, will hold a ball at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 4th February, under the patronage of the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Nottage, and the Lady Mayoress. A special dispensation has been granted for the brethren to appear in Masonic clothing. An efficient Board of Stewards has been appointed. Bros. A. J. Henochsberg P.M. 1562 J.W. 205 and J. Da Silva P.M. will be President and Vice-President respectively. Gentlemen's tickets 15s; ladies 12s 6d; double tickets 25s, to include refreshments and supper. It is anticipated a large attendance will be the result.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 4th day of February next, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

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

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes regret to have to report to Grand Chapter the death, on the 27th November last, of Comp. Lieut.-Colonel John Creaton, Past Principal Grand Sojourner, and President of the Committee of General Purposes.

The Committee feel confident that the Members of the Order generally will unite in deploring the loss of a Companion who has for very many years, and especially while officiating as President of the Committee of Grand Chapter, rendered such valuable services to Royal Arch Masonry.

The Committee have also to report that His Royal Highness the Most Excellent First Grand Principal has been pleased to appoint Companion Robert Grey P.A.G.Sojr., to be President of the Committee of General Purposes, in succession to Lieut.-Colonel Creaton deceased.

The Committee have further to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th October 1884 to the 21st January 1885, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter - -	167	6	11	Disbursements during the quarter -	208	1	10
„ Unappropriated Account -	186	16	4	Balance - -	315	4	5
Subsequent Receipts -	355	18	10	„ in Unappropriated Account -	186	15	10
	£710	2	1		£710	2	1

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

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

1st. From Companions Thomas Pibble Payne as Z., William Berry as H., George Grant as J., and twelve others for a Chapter to be attached to the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1780, Southampton, to be called "The Albert Edward Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Albion Place, Southampton, in the County of Hants.

2nd. From Companions Montague John Guest, M.P., as Z., Giovanni Paulo Festa as H., Francis Robert Whitcombe Hedges as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, London, to be called "The Montague Guest Chapter," and to meet at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London.

3rd. From Companions the Reverend Alfred Hayman Cummings as Z., James Giesman Chillingworth as H., Frederick Wood as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 1973, Belvedere, to be called "the Saye and Sele Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, in the county of Kent.

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

The Ley Spring Chapter, No. 1598, heretofore meeting at Leytonstone, having memorialised for permission to remove to Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London, and the reason stated in such memorial being considered sufficient, the Committee recommend that permission to remove the Chapter to Fleet-street be granted.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, P.A.G.S.
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
21st January 1885.

We are requested to state that the Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, No. 1586 will hold their meeting on Monday next, at the White Hart Hotel, Church-street, Upper Norwood. As Bro. Stevens's lecture occupies at least two hours, the Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m sharp. Visitors from neighbouring Lodges will be welcomed.

We have much pleasure in stating that the Creaton Lodge of Instruction has again started on its useful career. It has been removed from the Albert Tavern, Notting Hill Gate (where it was started), to the Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, where the brethren meet every Thursday evening. Bro. W. H. Chalfont is the Secretary, while the functions of Preceptor have been entrusted to Bro. George Davis, whose zeal in Freemasonry is well known and appreciated.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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MOIRA LODGE, No. 92.

AT the first meeting of this Lodge after its annual Festival, held on Tuesday, 27th inst., one gentleman was initiated, and two brethren were passed by the new W.M., who was ably supported by his Officers. The Secretary announced that through the kind offices of Bro. Murton P.G.D. two minute books had been restored to the Lodge, one commencing in the year 1767 and ending in 1779, and the other beginning in 1787 and ending in 1802. The thanks of the Lodge were voted to Bro. Murton, and Bro. Gould P.M. said he would endeavour to prepare a sketch of the history of the Lodge for presentation at the Festival in December, or, failing that date, on some later occasion. Present—Bros. Bertram Noakes W.M., Alfred Dent S.W., S. Shorter J.W., T. L. Wilkinson Treasurer, J. Houle Secretary, A. Pringle S.D., Tweedie I.G.; P.M.'s Gould and W. Noakes.

ROYAL SUSSEX LODGE, No. 342.

THE installation of Bro. William Gunnel as Worshipful Master of the above Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, 79 Commercial-road, Landport. The ceremony was conducted by Mr. Henry Croucher P.M., who received a cordial vote of thanks for the manner in which he had performed his task. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. J. E. Buck I.P.M., F. Sanders S.W., W. Beuttell J.W., J. T. Craven P.M. Treasurer, C. W. Rand Secretary, A. W. Hewett S.D., W. H. Sperring J.D., W. E. Leamy I.G., J. S. Dyer D.C., and J. Hewitson and A. Holley Stewards. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a well-served repast was furnished in the most satisfactory manner by Bro. E. Kingwell, the Manager and Steward of the Institution. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and met with a hearty response from the large company of brethren assembled. The following were among the Visitors and brethren:—Bros. Major W. Shalden Smith 2016, R. J. Rastrick 1069, J. Ogburn 342, R. E. Glasspoole 728, R. W. Beale 487, J. Collings 804, J. Wallingford 903, W. Dart 804, T. Good 1834, G. F. Brown 1834, W. D. Parkhouse 1834, G. P. Arnold 1428, W. Miles 1776, J. Gieve 309, G. Wilkins, J. Friedeberg, R. J. Turney, H. J. Guy, J. W. Willmott, S. R. Ellis, C. Knott, and H. Croucher 342, J. E. Buck 342, J. Dempsey 903, E. Nayler 928, W. T. Dupree 1069, G. Aylward 1776, W. H. Baker 1834, T. Kinshott 1314, W. Bates 487, G. Pannell 804, W. H. Jennings 670, W. White 1776, W. Maybour 1903, G. T. Cunningham 1834, A. M. Judd 309, J. L. Edwards 342, H. Wellstead 304, J. Guyatt 1776, G. C. Sanderson 487, G. Barnden 1776, &c.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE, No. 1321.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th instant, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park. Lodge was opened in due form by the deservedly popular W.M. Bro. W. B. Fendick, who was well supported by the following brethren, viz., Bros. Hunter S.W. and W.M. elect, Meads J.W., Willson P.M. and Treasurer, Swan P.M. Secretary, Kirkaldy S.D., Englefield J.D., Boyell I.G., Esling Steward, Busch D.C., Forest I.P.M., Edgington P.M., May, Kent, Parker, Koenen, Millar, Salisbury, Potter, Edwards, Price, Barrow, Newns, Priestley, Clark, Lester, Bannell, Baines, Sladen, and the following Visitors:—Bros. Brindley W.M. 1604, Rogers P.M. 1670, Hamlyn P.M. 1622, Maxsted P.M. 180, Troutbeck 1549, Hartley 1426, Kedge 749, Joyce 1158, G. A. Laundy 188, R. P. J. Laundy 1681, Harrington 1563, Chapman Lafayette (U.S.A.), Wetherilt S.W. 1681, Piercy 1853, Brander 1563, Vernon 1242, Gulliford 1614, Reynolds 1614, Webster 186, Mace 45. Mr. Percy Farquhar Sladen was balloted for and initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. A. C. Lester was passed to the second degree. The W.M., Bro. Fendick, in a masterly manner then installed Bro. H. S. Hunter S.W. and W.M. elect into the chair of K.S., who invested Bro. Fendick as the I.P.M. The ceremony of installation having been concluded and the brethren readmitted to the Lodge, Bro. Swan P.M. acting as D.C., the W.M. invested the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. R. A. Kirkaldy S.W., G. F. Meads J.W., G. F. Swan P.M. Secretary, W. Englefield S.D., W. B. Boyell J.D., H. Esling I.G., E. F. A. Busch Steward, S. H. Barrow D.C., A. G. Clark Organist, G. Austen Tyler. Then with a few appropriate remarks he presented the I.P.M., Bro. W. B. Fendick, with a P.M.'s jewel which had been unanimously voted him by the Lodge, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered the Lodge, and the efficient way he had worked the ceremonies and discharged the duties of Worshipful Master during the past year. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet prepared by the worthy host, Bro. W. T. Buxton. The W.M. in proposing the Loyal toasts gracefully alluded to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and his eldest son, and the recent reports relative to them, which were received with considerable satisfaction. The toast being duly honoured, the I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. in brief but appropriate remarks. The W.M. in a neat speech in reply said that it was his great desire to justify the choice the brethren had made in unanimously electing him for their W.M. He thanked them and Bro. Fendick for his kind remarks, and in conclusion he said he hoped the brethren would part with him at the end of his year of office in the same kind way they had received him. The toasts of the Initiate and Visitors having been given and very ably responded to, the W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M. Brother Fendick, who had so impressively installed him into the Chair that

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evening, and who had during his year of office as W.M. discharged his duties efficiently and satisfactorily, the Lodge having been by his energy and perseverance greatly benefited. The I.P.M. having responded, the remaining toasts were given and replied to, and the brethren separated at a late hour, apparently thoroughly satisfied with the result of the evening's work and entertainment.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE, No. 1287.

THE installation meeting of this excellent working Lodge was held on the 15th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. Bros. C. Kempton W.M., T. E. Bathard S.W., R. Cain J.W., S. Webb P.M. Treas., Staton P.M. Secretary, Lancaster S.D., Edgar J.D., J. Hemming I.G., P.M.'s Christie, Jupe, Cleghorn, T. Owen. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. T. E. Bathard S.W. and W.M. elect, who had been unanimously elected at the previous meeting, was duly installed into the chair by the I.P.M. Bro. C. Kempton, who performed the ceremony in a very perfect manner. The newly-installed Master having been saluted according to ancient custom, appropriately appointed and invested his Officers :—Bros. C. Kempton I.P.M., Cain S.W., Lancaster J.W., S. Webb P.M. Treas, Staton P.M. Sec., Edgar S.D., J. Hemming J.D., Brooks I.G., Rose Chaplain, Paul D.C., Rawles Tyler. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Chapman, Barter, Elliott, and James Jackson, which were unanimously in their favour; they are to be initiated at the next regular meeting. The Lodge was then closed until the third Thursday in February.

METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

THE above numerous and flourishing Lodge met on the 21st inst. at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of the W.M., Brother G. Edwards, H. Lovegrove P.P.G.S.W. Middx. S.W., G. W. Knight J.W., Jas. Willing junior P.M. Treas., Perks Sec., T. C. Edmonds S.D., W. J. Bates I.G., G. F. Bruce Organist, J. H. McEwan A.D.C., Fraser W.S., C. J. Scales P.M. Visitors :—Bros. Walter Smith I.G 1319, W. Scurrah J.W. 2048, W. Simpson W.M. 201, Smyth 1974, R. Taylor P.M. 144, J. Stevens P.M. 1426, Chapman W.M. 1922, Murch W.M. 27, McLeod P.M. 884, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. J. Hunt and J. Cuthbertson were raised to the third degree. Bro. F. Ball and J. W. Baggi were passed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. O. L. Coles and Jules Pfeifer, which were unanimously in their favour, and both gentlemen were duly initiated into the Order in a very able and impressive manner. A letter of apology was read from the Bros. Stiles, who were unable to be present owing to the serious indisposition of their younger brother. The W.M. announced his intention to act as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Hearty good wishes were given, and Lodge was closed until February. The brethren sat down to a very excellent supper, prepared by Bro. Clemow. The W.M. in eloquent terms proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Scales P.M. said he regretted the absence of the I.P.M., but he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M., who all would agree was entitled to their respect. They had seen Bro. Edwards' excellent working, and they had experienced his genial presidency; he hoped the brethren would give the toast a hearty reception. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Scales for his kind remarks, and also the brethren for their reception of the toast. His services were always at their command, and he felt a great pleasure to think his efforts were appreciated. The toast of the initiates came next. The W.M. said that they had introduced two gentlemen into the Order who he thought would be a credit to it, if he might judge by the manner they had paid attention to the ceremony. Bros. Coles and Pfeifer in brief but appropriate terms responded, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of the Past Masters. He regretted the absence of the I.P.M. and Bros. Stiles, but they had two brethren well-known in the Craft, Bros. Scales and Jas. Willing, who were a honour and a credit to the Lodge. Bro. James Willing P.M. said he regretted being late in attendance, but he had been detained at the Lodge of Benevolence. The services of the P.M.'s were not usually in request here, as the W.M.'s in general, and the present Master in particular, needed no assistance. Bro. Scales P.M. followed with a few sensible remarks. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, coupled with the names of Bros. Simpson W.M. 201, Jas. Stevens P.M. 1426, and McLeod, who severally acknowledged the compliment. After a few more toasts the Tyler was summoned, and he brought the proceedings to a close.

ECCLESTON LODGE AND CHAPTER, No. 1624.

THE seventh Annual Ball in connection with the above Lodge was held on the 23rd inst., at the Westminster Town Hall, Caxton-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Bottle, and an efficient body of Stewards, Bro. A. A. Johnston fulfilling the office of Secretary. An excellent band was provided by Bro. Seaton, and there were about 130 guests present, most of whom wore Masonic clothing. During the interval a very excellent supper was served in the large hall, provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, and superintended by Bro. Wood. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Bottle, who proposed the usual Loyal toasts. Bro. Vincent P.M. rose to propose a toast. He said they had met to enjoy themselves, and they had an excellent Master to preside over them. As long speeches were not the order of the evening, he would merely ask them to drink his health. The W.M., in an appropriate speech, responded; he thanked Bro. Vincent for proposing his health, and hoped all present would spend a pleasant evening. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Ladies, said he had much pleasure in calling on his esteemed friend Bro. Charles Taylor to respond for them. He was the last Master, moreover, a bachelor. After a suitable reply had been made, dancing was resumed, and continued until an early hour. Bro. Chilcott ably performed the duties of M.C. Altogether the ball was a great success.

COBORN LODGE, No. 1804.

A MEETING was held at the Bow Vestry Hall, on Thursday evening, the 22nd inst., Bro. Robert Logan P.M. presiding, supported by Bros. Robey S.W., C. J. Tijon J.W., Edinger Treas., Sorick S.D., Johnson J.D., Ellerton Org., Wheatley I.G., Earlam Steward, and several members of the Lodge. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Hancock W.M., Kennett P.M., L. Potts P.M., of the All Saints Lodge 1716, and T. Tyer P.M. 1306. Bros. Osborne and Thompson were raised to the degree of Master Mason, by Bro. Potts, who afterwards initiated Mr. T. H. Smith into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when the usual toasts were duly honoured, and the W.M. specially remarked upon the loss sustained by the country and Masonry generally by the death of Bro. Colonel Burnaby, who had been known and respected as a brave soldier, an energetic Mason, an indefatigable explorer, and a clever writer. The W.M. called upon the brethren to receive in silence "The Memory of our deceased Brother," which was duly honoured. As an instance of Colonel Burnaby's interest in Masonry, Bro. Potts related that, a few months since, being with Colonel Burnaby at a City Company's dinner, the gallant Colonel was called upon to respond for the Army, whereupon he rose and said, "Worshipful Master and Brethren." This caused a laugh, when he immediately corrected himself and said, "Worshipful Master, Gentlemen, and Brethren," which was received with many cheers.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 29th January, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Present: Bros. Stringer W.M., J. J. Pitt S.W., W. E. Dilley J.W., Banks, P.M. Treas., S. A. Speight P.M. Sec., C. Bolton P.M. S.D., Prior J.D., Penrose I.G.; P.M.'s Hutchings (Preceptor), Ingram, J. W. Freeman, also Bros. Enticott, H. C. Freeman, Greener, Dale, and Emblin. After preliminaries the Ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed. The questions leading to the Second Degree were then put from the chair and answered by the members. The Lodge was advanced, and the Ceremony of Raising rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and, after some formal business had been transacted, was closed in due form and adjourned.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 16th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Wing W.M., C. E. Botley S.W., Turner J.W., F. Botley S.D., Thomas J.D., Bailey I.G., Andrews Preceptor, Maton. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Preceptor gave the lecture on the tracing board of the second degree. Brother Andrews was elected Treasurer in place of the late Bro. Tucker. The rules of the Masonic Benevolent Association in connection with the Lodge were submitted, and sanctioned. The meetings of this Lodge of Instruction are now well attended.

On Friday, 23rd instant, Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., Turner S.W., Thomas J.W., F. Botley S.D., Sperring J.D., Bailey I.G.; Bros. Sherring, Morton, Wing. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, the W.M. giving the charge. The questions leading to the second degree were answered; Lodge was advanced and ceremony rehearsed. The W.M. gave the lecture on the second tracing board. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Turner elected W.M. for 30th January.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on 19th instant, at the Station Hotel, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Turner W.M., Rhodes S.W., Brock J.W., Le Grand S.D., Collingridge (Secretary) J.D., Trewinnard Preceptor, Giffard I.G., and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fluck acting as candidate. Brother Stockhall, a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in second degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Rhodes was elected W.M. for Monday, 2nd February. The following brethren were elected members — Giddings 1446, Le Grand 766, and Brett. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 29th inst., at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, E. Present—Saint W.M., Pringle S.W., Rutter J.W., Horley Secretary, Moss S.D., Otley J.D., King I.G., Webb P.M., Fenner Preceptor; also Bros. Da Costa, Mosquito, Valentine, Nunn, Gildersleve, Smith. Lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Da Costa acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th sections of the 1st lecture, assisted by the brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Pringle was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

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ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

THE installation meeting of this old and vigorous Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Cannon-street Hotel, where there was a large and distinguished company of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, J. A. Gartley, who was supported by Bros. E. H. Norden S.W. and W.M. elect, A. J. Henochsberg J.W., A. M. Cohen P.M. Treasurer, C. F. Hogard P.M. Secretary, S. Jacobs S.D., F. Paton J.D., Hamis Organist, &c.; P.M.'s H. J. Phillips, H. M. Harris, E. J. Ehrenberg, J. Da Silva, L. Norden, A. Bassington, S. Harris, I. P. Cohen, M. J. Emanuel, W. Littaur, S. Hyman, H. Hart, T. Wallace, A. Abrahams, J. Jacobs, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Terry and Binckes (Secretaries of the Benevolent and Boys' Institutions), Rev. Dr. Maguire, J. L. Mather P.G.S.D. Herts, E. Bowyer P.G.S.B., C. E. Tinney W.M. 1319, W. H. Hopegood 1044, H. Palmer 1044, Johnson W.M. elect 1320, J. Roper 879, C. Chaffiona 1201, C. H. Webb P.M. 1607, N. P. Valentine S.W. 1017, W. J. Mann 1328, Davis 1017, A. J. Martin W.M. 188, G. H. Graham 1777 P.P.G.O. Middlesex, Benjamin W.M. 1017, Barnett W.M. 185, McKenzie, G. Kenning P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, J. Lewis Thomas P.A.G.D.C., Hovenden 21, Bowring 1329, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, H. Massey P.M. 619, D. M. Davis 1017, Chevers, and many others. Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the Auditors' Report was read and adopted, showing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of £94 9s 6d, and a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund of £850 5s 1d. A board of Installed Masters having been constituted Bro. E. H. Norden S.W. and W.M. elect was presented for the benefit of installation, and he was duly installed into the chair by Bro. J. A. Gartley, the retiring W.M., in the presence of 24 W.M.'s and Past Master's, and in a manner that reflected the highest credit on him, and elicited the warmest encomiums of the brethren present. On the readmission of the brethren, the W.M. in appropriate terms invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. H. Gartley I.P.M., A. J. Henoschberg S.W., S. Jacobs J.W., A. M. Cohen P.M. Treasurer, C. Hogard P.M. Sec., J. R. Haines Organist, Paton S.D., J. Jacobs J.D., Mesquita I.G., Rev. John Leedham Org., Hunter and Hart Stewards, L. Norden P.M. D.C., Rawles Tyler. At the conclusion of the Installation ceremony the W.M. presented to Bro. Gartley a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been specially designed by Bro. Rev. M. Haines. The jewel figuratively represents the most essential points connected with Israel's faith. In the centre is a shield on which is the word "Israel" in Hebrew characters, and the number of the Lodge, 205. Supporting the shield on one side is Moses with the sacred rod, and on the other Aaron, with breast-plate and censer, both robed in official dress. On the top of the shield is a crown, over which are the words, "The Crown of the Law," also in Hebrew. A curious coincidence is that the last letters in these two words (which are marked in the jewel) numerically represent 205, the number of the Lodge. There is also a facsimile of the two tablets of stone. In presenting it, Bro. Norden hoped his predecessor would accept it as a mark of the esteem and high approbation in which he was held by the Lodge, and wear it as a reminder of the great affection evinced by the brethren towards him. This was supplemented by an eloquent speech from the Rev. Bro. Haines, Chaplain, and also a very elegantly bound Bible, the gift of the brethren invested during Bro. Gartley's year of office. The collar and silver jewel with which the I.P.M. was invested were presented by the wife of Bro. H. J. Phillips P.M., as a free gift to one whom her husband had spoken of in terms of such great respect. Bro. Gartley appropriately returned thanks for the valuable gifts which had been presented to him, and called attention to the fact that a dispensation to wear Craft and R.A. clothing at the ball to be held on 5th February, at Cannon-street Hotel had been granted by the M.W. Grand Master. Bro. Cohen P.M. proposed, and Bro. Hogard P.M. and Sec. seconded, that two guineas be given annually to the Boys' School, two guineas to the Girls' School, 25s to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and 25s to the Widows Fund, in the name of the Secretary for the time being. Bro. J. Da Silva proposed that a banner, valued at ten guineas, be painted, with the appropriate design on the jewel, to be hung over the W.M.'s chair. This was seconded and carried unanimously. Three gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and letters of apology were read from Bros. Sir Albert Woods, Sir John Monckton, Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Grand Treasurer; the Lord Mayor, T. Fenn, Frank Richardson, Long, and others. Lodge was then closed. Subsequently the brethren sat down to banquet. The W.M. expressed regret that there were not more Grand Officers present, as he had fully expected several. However, he was pleased to see two amongst them that evening, Brothers Lewis Thomas, and Edgar Bowyer, and these he associated with the toast of the Grand Officers. Brother Lewis Thomas felt deeply sensible of the manner in which the toast of the Grand Officers had been received. He only wished some who held high positions in the Craft could have been present to acknowledge the toast, and see the enthusiasm with which the names had been mentioned. He also wished they had been present to witness the excellent working of this old Lodge, and to have seen Bro. Gartley instal his successor into the chair. They heard some little in the Lodge about the feeling of friendship and cordiality which existed between Masons in various nations, and he quite shared in and reciprocated that feeling in every possible way. He entertained the greatest respect for the Lodge of Israel, and when he had the pleasure of visiting it that feeling was greatly enhanced. Bro. Edgar Bowyer thanked the brethren heartily for the manner in which they had coupled his name with the toast. The I.P.M. then proposed the health of the newly installed Worshipful Master, in doing which he said there had been that evening installed into the chair of the Lodge of Israel one well worthy of that high and honourable position. He was quite sure, from what he had seen of Bro. Norden—and he had known him for many years—that when his term of office had expired they would have every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which he had discharged his duties. The W.M., who was cordially received on rising to respond, said it afforded him great pleasure to acknowledge the toast which had just been given in such an enthusiastic manner. When he first joined Freemasonry he had no idea he should be called upon to be Master of the Lodge of Israel in so short a time; indeed, it seemed to him only two or three years since he was initiated by the brother who had so ably done the work of installation that evening. It had been said that he must endeavour to excel even Bro. Gartley in his working, but that would be an impossibility, though to equal it would be his ambition. He hoped at the expiration of his year of office they would have no reason to regret having placed him in the chair of the Lodge. He then proposed the Masonic Charities, and the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund, with which he associated the names of Bros. F. Binckes, J. Terry, and A. M. Cohen. Bro. Binckes, in responding, said he felt that any one rising to reply to this toast would meet with a sympathetic audience in the Lodge of Israel. He was glad to see Bro. Cohen looking so well and flourishing, and to hear that the Benevolent Fund over which he presided was flourishing also. In connection with the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' School, he hoped their I.P.M. would meet with a considerable amount of support. They had kindly voted an annual subscription of two guineas, and had extended their benevolence to the same extent to the other Institutions. Whatever they might do in extending their alms towards the Masonic Charities, no one here or elsewhere could ever regret. He did not know he had any need to make any urgent appeal to the brethren of the Lodge of Israel in the cause of Charity, for the liberality of this Lodge from year to year was tolerably well known in support of all the Masonic Institutions. If he (Bro. Binckes) were to dilate upon that subject he should be only speaking of that which the brethren of this Lodge well knew, but as one of those whose duty it was to attend these meetings on behalf of the Charities—and he did enjoy to a very great extent the society of his brother Masons, cementing old friendships and endeavouring to make new ones—he should be glad in the future if, instead of having to make appeals on occasions such as the present, they could find a spontaneous recognition on the part of the brethren of their duty to support the Institutions. It was many years since he had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge, and he called to mind what enormous strides Masonry had made during that time, and the consequent demand there was upon the Charities of the Craft. It was of no use his trying to pit one Institution against another on its particular merits. They had all their special claims and necessities. He felt perfectly certain no egotistical appeal was necessary on behalf of any one Institution when addressing brethren on occasions of this sort. They all knew the Committee of the Boys' School were erecting a Preparatory School for the admission of boys, and this would entail an additional annual expenditure. It was merely in connection with that project that he ventured to issue an appeal recently, which appeal, he was glad to say, had been favourably received, and by none more readily than by the members of the Lodge of Israel, whom he had now the pleasure of seeing around him. Bro. J. Terry was also most cordially received on rising to acknowledge the toast. He felt it necessary to say only a few ords in response, merely to briefly speak in support of the list which their excellent I.P.M., Brother Gartley, intended to take up at the approaching Festival of the Masonic Benevolent Institution. He asked for their support of Bro. Gartley's list when he made an appeal to them in view of the coming Festival. Unless they got a considerable amount in aid of the Widows' fund, it would be impossible for the Committee to enlarge their borders. Last year they placed twenty additional annuitants on the fund; the year before fifteen, and the year before that twelve; yet with all their increase they had now reached the culminating point in the history of the Institution. There were eighty-one candidates on the Widows' side, and not a single vacancy. Such a thing had never before occurred in the history of the Institution, and he hoped it would never occur again. He left it in their hands to relieve the enormous amount of distress by supplementing to the utmost of their power Brother Gartley's list, all the more as they had a widow of a member of their Lodge on the funds of the Institution. Bro. Cohen P.M. responded on behalf of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, and announced that a sum of £16 19s 6d had been collected in the room that evening. The Worshipful Master in proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master, remarked that the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the past year, and the way in which he had performed the installation ceremony that day, left nothing for him to say in proposing this toast. He therefore, without any preface, asked the brethren to receive the toast as it deserved. The I.P.M. was warmly cheered on rising to respond, and in the course of his observations in reply he said he sincerely thanked them for the hearty manner in which the toast had been proposed and accepted. He was rather late in the field, perhaps, with regard to the Charities, but he hoped to be well supported, as he invariably was in the Lodge of Israel. He congratulated Bro. Cohen upon the success of the Benevolent Fund, and expressed the hope that Bro. Cohen's desire to see it reach four figures might be realised. At the same time he wished them to think of him on behalf of the Old People when he went up as Steward in the coming month. Visitors were not allowed to subscribe to the Lodge Benevolent Fund, nor could they derive any benefit from it; but if they would contribute to his list for the R.M.B.I. he would swallow all qualms of conscience and accept what they might be pleased to give. The Visitors were heartily welcomed, and the other toasts were the Past Masters, the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent vocal and instrumental music and recitations, a notable feature in which were Bro. Graham's whistled selections from Il Travatore and his ever favourite song "The Speaker's Eye." The *réunion* was one of through harmony and enjoyment.

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THE THEATRES.

OLYMPIC.

CERTAIN theatres, like certain countries, become as it were a mere typographical expression. The Olympic, like Byzantium of the Lower Empire, has had so many phantom rulers, that it might rather belong to Myth than to History. It was once illumined with the genius of Robson, it enjoyed an interval of prosperity with Henry Neville; but for a long time talent and energy have seemed powerless to bring the public to Wych-street. To those who were present on the first night of Mark Quinton's new play, "In His Power," it seemed that a magic martingale had been discovered, and Mr. Bruce found a new success as great as that of "Called Back" or the "Private Secretary."

The action of the new play lies in Paris, at the time of the siege. The hero, Captain Graham, an Englishman, in the French Hussars, is married to a lady he supposes to be a widow. She had been, tricked into a false marriage, had left her betrayer, and six years ago received news of his death. The scene opens on the first anniversary of her marriage with Graham. She has promised to tell the story of her life to her husband, but he, seeing how much she is distressed, refuses to hear it. He leaves her, and as she sits in happy meditation, Scara, her betrayer, now a spy of the Germans, makes his way into the room. She looks up, horror stricken at the sight; he demands money as the price of his silence, and when she refuses and defies him, makes her believe her husband's life is in his power, and, to save it, she at last consents to get a copy of the despatch with which he is to be entrusted for General Schenzy. He gives her a sleeping draught to effect this object. The Captain unexpectedly returns. Scara hides, and then follows a powerful scene, in which the wife, agonised by fear for her husband, humiliated by the treachery she is guilty of, endeavours to obtain sight of the paper. We heartily congratulate Mr. Kyrle Bellew on the thoroughly manly and unaffected portrait he gives us of Graham, the tender husband and brave soldier. His kindly unwillingness to refuse his wife, gradually changing to indignant impatience at her persistence, could not have been more delicately rendered; it was a study by Meissonnier. He is the simple-hearted hussar, free from any of those airs and graces which at one time Mr. Kyrle Bellew's friends greatly objected to. He enters so completely into the character that some of his most effective touches are gained by the silent eloquence of facial expression and attitude. Miss Ada Cavendish, as Marie, acted throughout this trying scene with poignant intensity. When Graham finally turns from his wife's cajolements with vexation, and sits down to study the despatch he is ordered to deliver verbally, Scara emerges from his hiding place, and signs to Marie she must obey. Coffee is brought, and she, with white face and shaking hands, drugs her husband's cup. He falls asleep, and Scara copies the paper now fallen from the captain's hand, and hastens away, taking by mistake Graham's overcoat instead of his own. Marie leaves the room. Dr. Cameron (Mr. J. G. Grahame), a friend of the family, enters, finds the captain in heavy sleep, suspects foul play, and finds trace of chloral in the coffee cup. Suspicion seems inevitably to point to Marie, and here Kyrle Bellew's fine touch was apparent in the undercurrent of agonised suspense, showing through the self-possession befitting a soldier. Scara's cost is discovered, and his address on a letter.

The first act lasted an hour and forty minutes, but the interest so gathers and accumulates as it proceeds that probably not one of the audience had realised the flight of time. When the act drop fell the artists were recalled again and again, Miss Ada Cavendish and Mr. Kyrle Bellew dividing the chief honours, though liberal applause was given to Mr. Cartwright and Mr. J. G. Grahame, both summoned by name, and doubtless there was as much pleasure behind the curtain as "in front." The next scene opens in Scara's lodgings, and here we find a latent Nemesis in the boy René, whom Scara has steeped in vice in order to secure a ready tool. René asks for money, and is refused, with mockery, by his master, who no longer needs him. Mr. Mark Quinton plays the boy, and though but a small part it gains great tragic force in his hands. René leaves, swearing vengeance, and presently Marie steals in to learn on what terms she can be rid of her persecutor. The interview is interrupted by the arrival of her husband and Dr. Cameron, and her attempted concealment, flight, and final discovery. Here, through the crowded house every breath was hushed, and Marie's helpless, hopeless despair, and Graham's speechless horror at her seeming falseness held the audience spellbound.

In the third act, thanks to the kindly doctor, Marie is reconciled to her husband. Scara, who has been unmasked by René, and is flying for his life, seeks protection from Grahame, and begs a safe conduct as the price of silence. Graham, for his wife's good name, is about to give it, when René, who is leading the pursuit, springs from the balcony into the room and demands justice on the traitor. Scara attempts to stab him, when a wild shout is heard without, a body of soldiers hurriedly enter, and seize their prisoner. Marie, from the window sees Scara dragged off by the mob. She turns away in horror, when the sharp sound of rifle bullets pierce the tumult; there is a shout of fierce triumph, and we know justice has been done. As the curtain fell on the last act the applause that had greeted each preceding one broke forth with still greater enthusiasm. Miss A. Cavendish and Mr. Bellew were summoned again and again, Mr. Cartwright and Mr. J. H. Grahame received their full meed of honour, and then came loud calls for the author, who had to appear four times; on the last occasion the young hero of the night being led on by his happy manager, Mr. Bruce. For so youthful an author the play is a great success, and though after the glamour of the brilliant interpretation we seek to judge the work on its merits, it may be easy to find weak points in construction, and well-worn melodramatic tricks, yet the story sweeps onward with such vigour and life that the spectator has no moment for critical carping if only he ignore the inartistic and quite useless "comic relief" which has been pitchforked into the story. This is represented by Mr. and Mrs. Walker, an impossible pair of Cook's tourists, who are staying in Paris during the siege, how one cannot guess why. They have no connection with the plot. Mrs. Walker is a severe matron, and to escape her wrath her husband enlists in a line regiment, and then, to oblige her, discharges himself without further formality. Mr. Elsworthy and Miss Lizzie Claremont had a very ungrateful task in their efforts to amuse the gods. They did all that was possible with such material.

Mr. Mark Quinton tells us the play is original, else we should have imagined there were symptoms of its French origin, though no French author would have entrusted despatches for General Chanzy to an English volunteer, nor have made a tourist from Camberwell play at soldiers in Paris during that awful time of hardship and starvation. The Scara of Mr. Cartwright is very powerfully and carefully thought out, except here the artist forgets that this man has been able to win the love of a pure and lovely girl; he should therefore surely cloak his villainy in some outward show of grace and plausibility.

We can congratulate all concerned in the production of "In his power," and especially the playgoers who have for some months to come true artistic enjoyment before them.

HER MAJESTY'S.

HER Majesty's ill-fated Opera House in the Haymarket is at last escaping from the frosts which have blighted the hopes of successive managers, whether they have produced there live bloodhounds, black minstrels, or internasional tragedies. M. La Fargue has secured Odoardo Barri to conduct the orchestra; his name is an assurance of the care and finish we shall find in his work. On Saturday an immense crowd gathered in the auditorium, and had evidently come to enjoy the music. The multitudinous shilling behaved with the decorum of a "Musical at Home." The violin performances of Mdlle. Lang and the delightful singing of Mdlle. Segur created enthusiastic applause. Among so much that is good we cannot but regret the introduction of the short-skirted chorus ladies to sing a vocal waltz (the Fan). Their hair powder and patches seemed in questionable taste outside a music hall, but the limelight effects, blue, red, and yellow, are quite beyond justification. Mr. King's patriotic songs were much applauded, and "Jack's Reward" especially delighted the audience.

VAUDEVILLE.

THE doubts and misgivings that existed on the first appearance of "Saints and Sinners," lest Mawworm's susceptibilities should prove fatal to Mr. Jones's latest production, have not been realised. The poignant and touching story, and the admirable interpreters it has found in Mr. Thorne's company, find full and appreciative audiences. Mr. Thorne's rendering of the gentle old pastor has the pathos and finish of a picture by Faed. Mr. Macintosh, as Samuel Haggard, has gained still more trenchant individualty in his striking portrait, whilst certain touches suggesting exaggeration have disappeared. "Saints and Sinners" will probably run for some months to come.

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The case is strongly recommended by the Berar, Corinth, and Bombay Lodges, and the undermentioned brethren:—

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* Aaron Stone P.M. 671 P. Prov. G.W. Western Division South Wales.
* William Bowen P.M. 671 P. Prov. G.D. Western Division South Wales.
* James Heywood, Constantinople.
* W. Harvey P.M. 687 P.Z. 107 Secretary and P.D.G. Secretary for Turkey.
* G. Kenning Vice-Patron, P.M. 192 249 1657 P.G.D. Midd., Upper Sydenham.
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William Sagg P.M. 33 P.Z. 33, Pontroy, Nightingale Lane, Clapham Common, S.W.
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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, the 26th inst., at the Town Hall, King's Lynn, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Rt. Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, who was supported by Major Penrice P.G.D., Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and a very large number of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers. At four o'clock the members of the different Lodges assembled, and shortly afterwards the Prov. Grand Master, preceded by his Grand Officers, entered the Lodge room, when Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form. After the Prov. G.M. had been saluted according to ancient custom, and due recognition given to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Secretary suggested that the Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business should be taken as read. This having been agreed to, the Roll of Lodges of the Province was called, and representatives of each responded. The Minutes of the Annual and Special Provincial Grand Lodges held at Norwich on 13th December 1883, and 22nd April 1884, were then read, put for confirmation, and sanctioned.

At this stage of the proceedings it was announced that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master desired admission, and, attended by Stewards specially appointed, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales entered the Lodge. His Royal Highness having been saluted, the Charities Committee presented their Report. This embraced a proposed scheme for an Education Fund which had been suggested by the Special Committee appointed for the purpose at the Provincial Grand Lodge held on Thursday, 13th December 1883. The proposed scheme was as follows:—

1. That a Provincial Education Fund be established; that the means of ensuring a permanent and sound source of income be discussed, and decided at the next Provincial Grand Lodge.
2. That annual subscriptions as well as donations to this Fund be solicited throughout the Province.
3. That a list of subscribers and donors be published annually, and circulated throughout the Province.
4. That all donations to the Fund be invested in the name of Prov. Grand Secretary, as Treasurer to this Fund, and that of the Secretary to Charities Committee, and the interest thereof be only expended.
5. That the Lodges be solicited to become annual subscribers as well as donors to the Fund.
6. That the selection of the children to be educated be left entirely with the Charities Committee.
7. That in order to start the Fund with the least possible delay, the Provincial Grand Lodge should be appealed to through the Board of Finance, to make an immediate grant of fifty pounds.

In the course of the discussion that ensued the Prov. Grand Master referred to the difficulties attending the election of candidates into the Central Scholastic Institutions. Hitherto the proposed scheme for the district had not perhaps been so fully considered as it might have been, but he was of opinion something might be achieved by the brethren of his Province. It was very desirable the brethren should give expression to their sentiments. The M.W. the Grand Master was present, and he (Lord Suffield) knew His Royal Highness, who had selected their county for residential purposes, personally felt an interest in, and would give attention to, any remarks that might be elicited. After several brethren had given expression to their sentiments, the first six clauses, as above, were agreed to, *en bloc*, and a suggestion was made that each Lodge in the Province should contribute, say £2 2s from its funds. This arrangement was tacitly agreed to, and then the seventh clause as above was formally submitted for consideration and agreed to. The Fund may therefore be said to be fairly started. Contributions from individual members of the Province were invited, and one brother at once intimated his intention to contribute £5. The Provincial Grand Master then declared the offices held in Provincial Grand Lodge vacant, and requested the jewels and clothing appertaining to such offices to be delivered up. Brother Major Penrice was requested to again serve as Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Brother Hamon le Strange was re-elected Grand Treasurer. The other appointments were then made, as follow:—

Bro. H. G. Barwell P.P.G. Sec. 52 ...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
C. A. B. Bignold P.M. 52 ...	Prov. G. Junior Warden
Rev. J. R. Slight W.M. 107 ...	Prov. G. Chaplain
G. W. G. Barnard P.M. 933 ...	Prov. G. Registrar
J. B. Aldis P.M. 52	Prov. G. Secretary
W. T. Coy W.M. 102	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
T. C. R King P.M. 213 ..	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
W. W. Lake P.M. 93 ...	Prov. G. Supt. of Works
S. J. Carman P.M. 1500 ...	Prov. G. Director of Cers.
A. R. T. Woolbright P.M. 1808	Prov. G. A. D. of Ceremonies
F. A. Crisp P.M. 85 ...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
E. C. Chapman P.M. 1114 ..	Prov. Sen. G. Standard Bearer
Hy. Owles W.M. 100 ...	Prov. Jun. G. Standard Bearer
A. H. Cross 107	Prov. Grand Organist
Hy. Blomfield 52	Prov. G. Assistant Secretary
H. Rosling W.M. 807 ...	Prov. G. Pursuivant
John Reeve P.M. 1741 ...	Prov. G. Asst. Pursuivant
Robert Gunn P.M. 93 ...	Prov. G. Tyler
J. G. Churchman 107, S. B. Ffolkes 107, J. W. French 100, D. R. Gaul 1808, A. Massingham 996, W. H. Moss 943 ...	Prov. G. Stewards

The routine work of Provincial Grand Lodge was then proceeded with. His Royal Highness the Grand Master expressed his satisfaction that the members of the Province were considering the best means to relieve the distress of their less fortunate brethren and their orphans. The proposed Educational Scheme had his best wishes. He was gratified to know that a brother had already tendered a donation, and doubtless many other brethren would follow so praiseworthy an example. For his own part he (the Grand Master) would be happy to subscribe, and he trusted their efforts would have a satisfactory result. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed. It was matter of general regret that the arrangements for this meeting had not been better conceived; there was a much larger attendance than it seems was anticipated. Hence arose many disappointments, especially where brethren had travelled, as was the case in two or three instances—some considerable distance to attend the meeting. A banquet followed, of which some 230 guests partook.

"YE ANTIENTE FRATERNITIE OF YE RAHERE ALMONERS."

A VERY attractive Smoking Concert was given by the "Rahere Almoners" at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 26th inst. Admission was by invitation tickets, and these were sought for so freely that many friends of the Society were unfortunately disappointed. Bro. A. C. Morton, C.C., as Prior for the present year, occupied the chair. Bro. James Stevens Chancellor, and Mr. Thomas Sangster, C.C., Recorder, the two gentlemen who are the modern founders of the "Fraternitie," were present, the former in the capacity of Vice Chairman, and the latter generally attending to the comforts of the numerous guests. Bro. G. S. Graham undertook the arrangement of the Concert, and was assisted by several well-known vocalists, who are also Freemasons. The musical services of these brethren were given most effectively, and without the slightest delay, over a period of three hours, with the result that the utmost satisfaction was expressed by all present. A contribution to the alms chest of the Fraternitie was made voluntarily by the audience, and produced a sum total which will, it was said, add welcome funds to the balance in hand for the relief of the distressed. We noticed several prominent Freemasons in full enjoyment of an entertainment which reflected much credit upon all concerned in its management. It was announced that probably the "Fraternitie" will repeat this Concert, with additional support from talented artists, at the Cannon-street Hotel, prior to the close of the season.

It is with pleasure we announce that the Third City Masonic Charitable Association, held in connection with the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174, at Bro. Seaton's, Railway Tavern, London-street, is in an eminently flourishing condition. It now numbers 120 subscribers, and four ballots took place at its ninth meeting on Monday last. This makes nineteen of ten guineas each since its formation. We congratulate its able and energetic Secretary, Bro. Hugh Hobbs, to whom this success is largely due. The successful ballots were secured by Bros. Marsh, Wise, Duffin, and W. Fraser.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At an installation meeting I recently attended, the subject of Lodges of Instruction was incidentally referred to, the Worshipful Master observing that frequently when those useful "Nurseries" were established in connection with their Lodges the members were expected to attend, and that if they did not a certain slight was imparted to them. But, as he pointed out, many Lodges whose meetings are held in the City are made up of brethren resident in outlying districts, and it was difficult as well as expensive for them to attend frequently, as they might desire. There is no doubt considerable truth in this, and no better instance could be given of it than in the Lodge referred to (United Mariners, No. 30) whose regular meetings are held at the Guildhall Tavern, City. The brethren composing this excellent Lodge are drawn from East, North, and South of London, and even beyond the area of the metropolis, and the Lodge of Instruction being held at Peckham it would be extremely inconvenient for the brethren to attend the weekly meetings of the latter, although it is one of the best worked Lodges of Instruction South of the Thames. The Worshipful Master, in his speech on the subject, said it was advisable for all Masonic students to attach themselves to Lodges of Instruction near to their own homes, and in this I heartily agree, providing they can find that instruction which is beneficial and the surroundings are congenial to their tastes. But at any rate there should be a little practical support and assistance given to Lodges of Instruction by mother Lodges, and as a rule I believe such is the case. In other respects Lodges of Instruction are useful in bringing together members of various sections of the Craft who, but for such means of intercourse, might probably have remained strangers to each other, and this is a most desirable feature of the "schools," so to speak, in which intelligent and earnest Masons seek to graduate.

Yours faithfully,

MARINER.

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your remarks recently on the prospects of candidates at the coming elections were elaborated in eloquent terms by Bro. Terry, the active Secretary of the above Institution, at a Lodge banquet I attended the other night, and his statements fully bore out your observations that "the all-important question of the moment" is whether it will be possible for the committee to increase the number of female annuitants. There is very little time now left in which to answer this question, seeing that the Festival is so near at hand, and if anything is to be done to avert the ugly crisis which threatens the Institution, the effort must be "short, sharp, and decisive." I am not one of those who are always lamenting the inability to meet all the demands of charity, for in every benevolent institution—and their name is legion—we hear the same old story, that the hands of the executive are cramped for want of the necessary funds to assist all the cases which are presented to them as deserving of assistance. But in the case of our Old Folks' Asylum at Croydon, the circumstances are exceptional, and it seems to me that Brother Terry, taking the "tip," if I may be allowed to use such an expression, from your leading article last week, struck the right nail on the head when, whilst rejoicing at the prosperity of the other two Institutions, he said "the very reverse of the picture presents itself when you mention the Old People." It is undoubtedly a matter to be deplored that there should be no less than 127 applicants for the bounty of the Craft, and that of these no fewer than 81 are widows, for whom not a single vacancy is yet open. On the male side there are 46 candidates, for whom there are only a dozen vacancies, which is bad enough in all conscience; but when we consider the greater number of poor helpless widows standing on the threshold of our charity, without the slightest ray of hope of obtaining the aid of which they stand in such urgent need, the "picture" is a very gloomy one indeed.

Of course there is no knowing beforehand what the result of the forthcoming Festival may be, but Brother Terry tells us straightly that unless a greater success is achieved next month than has ever been known before, the committee will not be able to elect one widow out of the list of 81 who are seeking admission. Such a crisis in the history of the Institution has never taken place. It will be recollected that last year there was a large list of candidates, and the committee decided to place 15 extra candidates on the funds. The year before that eight additional vacancies were created, and in the year next preceding there were ten. Yet although the executive have striven to cope with the increasing difficulties that have presented themselves, the cry is "still they come." It is often urged that the constantly growing demands upon the various Charities of the Craft are in a great measure the result of the vast increase in the number of Lodges since the accession to office of our illustrious Grand Master. But this argument scarcely tells, so far as the Benevolent Institution is concerned, because those who are seeking to participate in the advantages of this Charity must have been initiated years previous to that event, otherwise they would not be eligible for admission on the Old Folks' List. A man might be initiated to-day, and die to-morrow, and his child would be eligible to apply for the benefits of the Craft, though of course his chances would be infinitesimal; but the advantages of the Benevolent Institution are not so cheaply purchased. If it were so Freemasonry would speedily degenerate into a friendly society, which we must all hope and trust it never will become. It must not be thought that any man who can command sufficient money to defray his initiation expenses is eligible for admission into Freemasonry. He must be known to his proposer and seconder as a man of sound judgment and strict integrity—one whom he would not hesitate to admit to his own family circle; and Lodges which act up to this rule need never fear what their ultimate success may be. Men actuated by such principles are bound together by one tie of brotherhood, and when distress overtakes any of them the rest should hasten with largeness of heart to alleviate the misfortune of the bereaved widow and orphans. Bro. Terry has often pointed out in my hearing, that the boys and girls of the future must be, and will be, educated; but it becomes a different matter with the aged of both sexes when they are going down the hill of life more rapidly than they ascended it. It may be that when these aged and indigent ones appeal to the bounty of the Craft they are unknown to those who are not old enough to remember their early connection with the Order. They are too proud to seek the help of the poor-house, and it may be that the widow suddenly remembers her husband was a Mason. She applies to the Institution, which does its best to step in and enable her to close her days in calmful peace and repose. The Craft has enabled many a poor man and widow to bless the Great Architect of the Universe that they ever belonged to Freemasonry; and this thought should stimulate all the brethren to do what they can to support the three Institutions of which we are so justly proud. One remark of Bro. Terry's always "tells," and that is when he points out that whereas children may be, and often are, taken care of and educated by relatives, it is a rare occurence indeed to hear of an old man or widow being adopted. I remember the same earnest advocate of this Institution once exclaiming facetiously "who ever heard of a man adopting his mother-in-law?" It is therefore necessary that the most strenuous efforts should be made to strengthen the hands of the Committee at the coming Festival, so that some at least of the deserving ones now under notice may be enabled to close their lives in calm repose and in brotherly love with all mankind.

It has been pointed out that there is no time to lose if such a desirable object is to be effected; and I hope that all who may read these lines may be stirred into increased activity by the urgency of the case which is presented, and which is without precedent in the annals of the Benevolent Institution.

I remain,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

ECHO.

22nd January 1885.

MASONS ATTENDING CHURCH.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was present recently at the meeting of a young Lodge, at which the subject was mentioned of the desirableness or otherwise of Masonic Lodges attending divine service at stated intervals, and especially on the days of installation meetings. Now, whilst in no way wishing to say anything disrespectful towards the clergy or ministers of religion, or those whose conscientious scruples might suggest such a parade, I question the advisability of copying the example of certain friendly societies and rural clubs of inaugurating their festivities by attending the parish church. I am not sure that such demonstrations would be legal under the Book of Constitutions, or whether it would not require a special dispensation for the purpose. Perhaps some of your correspondents can enlighten me on these points.

I looked to your report recently to see if any reference was made to the suggestion, made no doubt with good intentions by a worthy brother, but I suppose you did not consider it of sufficient public interest. But if you will allow me to point out one matter which appears to me rather ludicrous, you may perhaps recollect that the brother who suggested that Masons should attend church in a body, said he had spoken to the vicar with that view, and that the reverend gentleman was "quite willing" that they should do so. No doubt; but without any disparagement of the vicar, I fail to see any magnanimity in his "willingness" to do so. In all probability he would be more pleased than "willing," inasmuch as, besides the well-known liberality of Freemasons on such occasions, the display would draw a large congregation to the church, and thus a very convenient opportunity would be afforded of securing a substantial offertory for some object outside the Craft. I would not object to that either, but in many instances which I recollect of Masons attending church it has been at the *request* and not the *sanction* of the clergyman, who sought aid from the Masonic body to some charitable object and that aid, in such cases, is always most cheerfully and liberally responded to.

You will see the analogy between the two cases. It is no *favour* that Masons should attend divine service at any church, because they could do so without the sanction—I presume—of the officiating minister. But, on the other hand, when the brethren respond to an appeal from the minister to attend church, and thus excite additional outside sympathy with the cause of charity, it is a different matter, and quite within the bounds of those grand principles which are the foundation of Freemasonry.

Thanking you to insert this letter, believe me to remain,

Yours fraternally,

CHISWICK.

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THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR BROTHER,—I shall feel obliged if you can find room for the following in your next issue:—I have heard for some time past that brethren who are going about canvassing votes for the office of G.Treasurer are reporting that my nominee, Bro. Cama, had withdrawn his name; this is corroborated by your contemporary, who says that he hears, on what appears to be good authority, that my nominee, Bro. Cama, intends to retire from the contest. Will you allow me to contradict these reports? which are circulated for the purpose of inducing the brethren to promise their votes to the other candidates; and who, but for these reports, would perhaps have shown their appreciation of the good works of Bro. Cama by endeavouring to secure him the honourable position to which he aspires. Having given this denial to the reports, the matter must be left in the hands of the brethren, as neither Bro. Cama nor I shall canvass the voters. But as an extract from the *Freemason* has been printed and sent to the Masters of Lodges by the Provincial brethren who are assisting Bro. Woodall, showing his support of the Craft, I may shortly recapitulate some of the good deeds of Bro. Cama. He is Patron of our three Institutions—the Old People, the Boys, and the Girls; one out the only three Vice-Patrons of the Mark Benevolent Institution, whilst Mrs. Cama is the only Patroness. She will also, during the approaching Festival, be a Patroness of all the three above named Institutions, of which the Secretaries were aware before the candidates for the Grand Treasurership were announced.

I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

THOS. CLARK, W.M. 1178.

26th January 1885.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "A COUNTRY EDITOR" has accurately expressed the feeling of surprise which will pervade the minds of many brethren by the arbitrary resolution which was carried by a small majority at the recent Provincial Grand Lodge held at Exeter, "that no publication of the meetings of Freemasons or the business transacted therein shall be permitted without the sanction of the P.G.M. for the time being, in writing, and that no publication of the business of a private Lodge be allowed unless with the approval of the majority of the brethren in open Lodge assembled.

Speaking from a wide experience, would you permit me to state that probably in no part of Great Britain does Masonry flourish more than in the West of England, and whilst paying due deference to the R.W.P.G. Masters, Lord Ebrington and Lord Mount Edgcumbe, for their zeal and ability, the proud position of Freemasonry in the West is attributable not only to the great number of distinguished men of the Army, Navy, learned societies, professions, and the leading men of commerce, found enrolled among the "free and accepted," but to the fact that the Press of the West are "one and all" ever faithful to the Craft, and give generally such excellent and studiously cautious reports of its meetings. And what Craftsman, seeing the names of these good and true men from time to time engaged in deeds of charity, brotherly love, relief, and truth, does not feel an impulse of pride in having a kinship with them? And, in a somewhat similar fashion, to the many excellent men yet outside our portals these names must ever prove a most powerful incentive to seek admission to "ye Mystic Tie."

Nothing, in my opinion, gives a good Mason more pleasure, when unable to be present himself, than to get a fair copy of the reportable business of the Lodge he is interested in; and as the years roll on how many Lodges do we not get an interest in! Besides, Masonry being a moral Institution, aiming at self-architecture, self-completion, removing the knobs and excrescences from our conduct and life. I utterly fail to see how any brother whose conduct is square can reasonably object to his name figuring in print in connection with any Masonic gathering.

Our grand Order will live, and has already spread its benign influence over the globe, despite the proverbial black sheep which is found in every flock.

Suppression of the reports of our festivals, installations, &c., would tend to deprecate our Order, whilst, on the contrary, a fair report of the proceedings must conduce to a wholesome and salutary result, and in no conceivable way injure our ancient, loyal, and lawful community, but confer great pleasure to a vast number of the brethren. Let us earnestly hope that the extraordinary resolution in question may be speedily rescinded.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WM. HARRIS, J.W. 1993,

Acting S.W. for Bro. Lord Wolseley.

Manchester, 27th Jan. 1885.

PAST MASTERS' JEWELS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to convey to you a sentiment which prevailed amongst a company of brethren the other night in conversation upon the above subject. As you are aware, it is the custom now-a-days, when a Master has completed his term of office "with credit to himself and satisfaction to others," that he be presented with a Past Master's jewel, "as a mark of esteem and in recognition of the services he has rendered during his year of office," and so forth. There is nothing much to grumble at in this, so far as I can see; but it is suggested that, instead of making such a distinction and variety in these marks of esteem, they should be uniform in design and value, thus preventing any "comparisons," which are at all times odious. Why, for instance, should one Past Master have his jewel bedecked with diamonds or other precious stones, whilst another has only the plain gold? It is not that the work has been done better by the former than by the latter, but simply that those who can give the more valuable jewel are better able to afford it. And in some cases I have known Past Masters vain enough to add the brilliants themselves. It was suggested in conversation that either all Past Masters' jewels should be of one uniform size and value, or that a permanent jewel should be obtained for each Lodge, and emblematical of it, which should be handed down to successive Masters as they pass the chair, in the same manner as the Lord Mayor's chain and such like insignia. I see in your report of the Chiswick Lodge recently, a brother was presented with a jewel, "surmounted by a beautiful miniature picture of old Chiswick Church." Every Lodge has its history, from which an emblematical design of that character might be formed, and the permanent jewel could, as I have hinted, be worn by each successive I.P.M. That would give a distinctive value and honour to the decoration, and prevent the absurd variety we now see on the breasts of our Past Masters, some of whom are bespangled with precious stones, whilst those who cannot afford such luxuries have to content themselves with the modest plain gold. I expect I shall draw down upon my devoted head the execrations of many Worshipful Masters who are looking forward to "the happiest moment of their lives" when they shall receive the coveted reward of their year's labours; but, as I have said, the suggestion is not mine; it only came out in conversation. It was, moreover, hinted, in opposition to the elaboration now being attempted in Founders' jewels, that such decorations are illegal, and cannot be worn in Grand Lodge. It is not a Masonic jewel, and I question whether it is consonant with the Constitutions to wear it. Can you convince me if I am wrong in this assumption?

Yours fraternally,

QUIZ.

ROYAL ARCH.

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JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE regular Convocation was held on the 26th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Present:—Comps. A. J. Henochsberg Z., W. Littaur M., J. Da Silva J., M. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., H. Phillips S.N., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treas., J. W. Dewsnap P.S. P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, L. Lazarus I.P.Z., P. Dickinson H. P. Isaac. Amongst the visitors were Comps. J. A. Gartley 142, Nerwich 158, G. Hobenstock late 188. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. J. Jacobs 205, S. Schmerl 205, M. Bromet, and E. J. Ehrenberg, who were unanimously elected, and duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. The working of the M.E.Z., Principals, and Officers was perfect. A sum of two guineas was placed on the list of Comp. L. Lazarus P.Z., who will serve as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons. Two brethren were proposed for exaltation, and Comp. Gartley 142 as a joining member. Hearty good wishes were given, and the Chapter was closed until March. The Company now sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Swayne, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver, after which the M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. L. Lazarus P.Z. had great pleasure in proposing the health of the M.E.Z. Those who had seen Comp. Henochsberg work must have felt a pleasure in hearing him. He had fulfilled the duties of the chair that evening most perfectly. He could recommend all who aspired to the chair to try and emulate him. The M.E.Z. said he could hardly find words to thank Comp. Lazarus for his kind expressions. Those who had preceded him had done the work well, and he would try and emulate them. He trusted at the expiration of his year of office they would say he had done his duty. The toast of the exaltees was next on the list. The M.E.Z. felt they would be a credit to the Order; they were all personally known to him, and he felt sure they would eventually strive to become occupants of the chair. Comps. Schmerl, Jacobs, Bromet, and Ehrenberg, in appropriate terms, severally responded. For the toast of the Visitors Comps. J. A. Gartley, Nerwich and Hobenstock replied, and the M.E.Z. then announced that Comp. Gartley had signified his intention to become a joining member. In speaking to the toast of the P.Z.'s, the M.E.Z. said their working was famed. It was to them the success of the Chapter was due. They had all done their duties well. Comps. H. M. Levy and L. Lazarus responded. The H., J., and Junior Officers were complimented. In due course the Janitor's toast was given, and the company separated, after passing a very agreeable and harmonious evening.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday, the 29th instant, at 8 o'clock. Comp. D. P. Holness M.E.Z., G. Gregory H., M. Money J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., W. Radcliffe S.N., J. Lister P.S. The respective offices were ably filled by the Companions. A very profitable and enjoyable evening was spent.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 31st JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, 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
141—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.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
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. 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-Moors
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
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
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
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthbergn, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
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
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)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
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
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Malden.

R.A. 109—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
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)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1250—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)
1380—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
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, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
228—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
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields

R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, York
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lizard, 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)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, 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)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1283—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1694—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1947—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1760—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In).

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Bear's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
280—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
284—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
328—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
496—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
517—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
529—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
571—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)

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678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth

R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
87—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
46—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1274—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1568—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst).
1734—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
1746—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
R.A. 1471—North London, 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.)

34—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
60—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
289—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
466—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1152—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1252—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
1381—County, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Tootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1560—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1594—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1520—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)

1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecknshire
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
R.A. 496—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, 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)
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)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, 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. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich (Inst.)
R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

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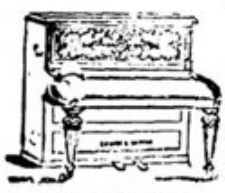

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OBJECTIONS TO FREEMASONRY.

FIRST, its secrecy consists in nothing more than methods by which the members are enabled to recognise each other; and in certain doctrines, symbols, or instructions, which can be obtained only after a process of initiation, and under a promise that they shall be made known to none who have not submitted to the same initiation, but which, with the exception of these particulars, have no reservations from the public; and secondly, of those societies which, in addition to their secret modes of recognition and secret doctrines, add an entire secrecy as to the object of their association, the time of their meetings and even the very names of their members. To the first of these classes belong all those moral or religious secret societies which have existed from the earliest times. Such are the Ancient Mysteries, whose object was by their initiation to cultivate a purer worship than the popular one; such, too, the schools of the old philosophers like Pythagoras and Plato, who in their exoteric instructions taught a higher doctrine than that which they communicated to their exoteric scholars. Such, too, are, the modern secret societies which have adopted an exclusive form, only that they may restrict the social enjoyment which it is their object to cultivate, or the system of benevolence for which they are organised to the persons who are united with them by the tie of a common covenant and the possession of a common knowledge. Such, lastly, is Freemasonry, which is a secret society only as respects its signs, a few of its legends and traditions, and its method of inculcating its mystical philosophy, but which, as to everything else—its design, its objects, its moral and religious tenets, and the great doctrine which it teaches—is as open a society as if it met on the highways beneath the sun of day and not within the well-guarded portals of a Lodge. The great error of writers who have attacked Freemasonry on the ground of its being a secret society, is that they confounded Freemasonry with political societies of revolutionary times whose object was the overthrow of governments. Masonry does nothing of the kind.—*Detroit Freemason.*

THE LEGEND OF THE LOST WORD.

(Continued from page 67).

IT will be of no use to trace any further the numerous superstitions and legends in relation to this fabled "grand omnific word." Dr. Mackey very justly says, in the work before mentioned, that it is "no matter what this word was, or how it was lost," for we now know that no word can be at present of any use to a Mason, except to serve as a "password," to prove his right to the honours and benefits of some particular Masonic body or degree; and for that purpose (apart from considerations of a purely *archæological* and historical nature) one word is just as good as another, so long as it is appropriate to the time and place, and has been established for that purpose either by ancient usages or some competent authority. Much learning, however, as might be expected, together with persistent search, laborious study, and even the practice of magical arts, have been employed in past ages, and even down to a few years, to discover the ancient wonder-working word by those who believed in its fabled power, or from a motive of historical curiosity desired to obtain it. According to some, the sacred *Tetragrammaton*, or four-lettered name of God in Hebrew, incorrectly pronounced Jehovah, was the true word. Others thought that the Hebrew word was *Jah*, the Chaldic *Rul* or *Bell*, or the Egyptian On or Om, the Hindoo Aum, together with various combinations of them all, constituted the "grand omnific word." But as the possession of no one of them, nor any possible combination of them, seems to confer any miraculous powers on the possessor, neither of them can be the correct one according to ancient traditions. If there ever was actually any such thing as a "grand omnific word" (that is, all-powerful word, from *omnificus*, all-creating), it certainly remains lost to this day, and "I fear it is for ever lost," for certainly none of the words disclosed with so much solemn ceremony in certain Masonic degrees confer any supernatural powers on those to whom they are communicated.

As the Masonic legend of the deposit of the "word" in a secure and secret place, and its consequent loss, has been already quite fully stated by Masonic writers, in works sanctioned by the highest Masonic authority, there can be no sort of impropriety in relating it here, for the purpose of showing its primitive astronomical significance. The legend substantially is as follows:

"Enoch, under the inspiration of the Most High, built a secret temple under ground, consisting of *nine* vaults, or arches, situated perpendicularly under each other. A triangular plate of gold, each side of which was a cubit long, and enriched with precious stones, was fixed to a stone of *agate* of the same form. On this plate was engraved the 'word,' or true name of God; and this was placed on a cubical stone, and deposited in the *ninth* or *lowest* arch. In consequence of the deluge, all knowledge of this secret temple was lost, together with the sacred and ineffable or unutterable name, for ages. The lost word was subsequently found in this long forgotten subterranean temple by David, when digging the foundations for the temple, afterwards built by Solomon, his son."

Other versions of this legend ascribe the building of the underground temple, and the deposit therein of the "word," to Solomon, and its discovery to those "who dug the foundations of the second temple on the same spot, and connect it with the 'substitute ark' deposited in the same place."

Both legends, however, agree in stating that the "word" was buried deep under ground, and in the ninth arch, or lowest one of them all; that it was there lost, and remained "buried in darkness" until it was subsequently found and brought to light.

In ancient times, and according to the mystical theology of those days, God and the sacred name of God were supposed to be one and the same. The "word" was itself considered to be, in some sense, a living, creative power. Thus Plato taught that the divine *logos*, or word, was God. But, as we have shown, the sun was by the ancients universally adopted as the symbol of God, and subsequently confounded with God so that the various names of God became also solar names. The loss of the solar name, therefore, became but another expression of the loss of the sun, or sun-god, in the lower hemisphere. Now let us see how this will harmonize with the legend just related. The sun having reached the summit of the zodiacal arch at the summer solstice, begins to descend toward the region of darkness. From Cancer he descends to Leo, from Leo to Virgo, from Virgo to Libra,

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and so on until Capricorn is reached, which is the ninth sign from the vernal equinox, and the undermost one of the zodiac, corresponding to the ninth or lowest arch of the secret vault, and there, on the 21st of December, at his lowest declination to the winter solstice, he is lost, and "lies buried in darkness, until reviving, he commences his ascent toward the vernal equinox, and begins by his more potent rays to rebuild that glorious temple of light and beauty, adorned by flowers and fruits, which the rude assaults of winter have destroyed.

Another allegorical correspondence is found in the fact that the discovery of the word is made, according to the Masonic legend, by "three," which agrees perfectly with the number of signs, Aquarius, Pisces, and Aries, and the months January, February, and March, which separate the winter solstice from the vernal equinox, where, according to the legend of Hiram, the sun is found, as before explained. The sacred name was engraved on a triangular plate of gold, which, according to astrology, is the *solar* metal. This triangular plate, according to the Royal Arch legend, was surrounded by a circle. This triangle within a circle would therefore correctly represent the diagram of the Egyptian year. But, again, the legend informs us that this triangular plate of gold was fixed to a stone of agate of the same form. Now, each month, the ancient astrologers taught, had its appropriate gem:

MARCH,	the Bloodstone.	SEPT.,	the Sapphire.
JAN.,	the Garnet.	JULY,	the Ruby.
FEB.,	the Amethyst.	AUG.,	the Sardonyx.
APRIL,	the Diamond.	OCT.,	the Opal.
MAY,	the Emerald.	NOV.,	the Topaz.
JUNE,	the Agate.	DEC.,	the Turquoise.

The agate, therefore, is emblematic of the month of June, the summer solstice, and the resurrection and exaltation of the sun. The whole was placed on a cubical stone, but the cube was sacred to Apollo, who was identical with Helios, the sun-god. The altar of Apollo at Delos was in the form of a cube. The symbolism of this legend is therefore perfect in all its details—the emblematic correspondence is too absolute to be accidental. The legend of the lost word is but another form of the solar allegory of the death and resurrection of Hiram, and teaches the same lesson.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

THE MYSTERIES OF OSIRIS.

FREEMASONRY, with its lesser and greater mysteries analogous to those of Egypt, Asia Minor and Greece, is the only representative of the famous Mysteries of primitive times. The original of all were the Mysteries of Osiris, exemplified in Egypt at Philæ, Sais, Busiris and other places. Of these we know all too little, and yet we know enough to satisfy us of their general character. As Bro. Gould has happly phrased it, "they contained the germs of great moral truths."* They were the most profound and curious, established in all the ages. Mr. Birch says they contained "Masonic mysteries." The account of the death and resurrection of Osiris reads not only like a Masonic legend but also like a foreshadowing of the truth of Divine Revelation, as though it were based upon some early prophecy, information of which had reached Egypt.

The Mysteries of Osiris had their Great Light, as we have ours. It was what we now style "The Ritual of the Dead." On the monuments and on papyrus were many of its fragments, which have been preserved and deciphered. The oldest copy on any monument is of the Eleventh Dynasty (B.C. 2400—Lepsius), while the oldest on papyrus, now in the Turin Museum, is of the Eighteenth Dynasty (B.C. 1600). The latter is on strips, twelve inches wide, and some three hundred feet in length, covering one side of a wall in the Museum. Fragments of the Ritual differing two thousand years in age, have been found to be similar in thought and language. A copy of the Seventeenth Chapter of this Ritual of the Dead was found on the coffin of Queen Mentuhept, whose era was fifteen hundred years before Moses lived. Near the ruined city of Ibreem, on a tomb, a part of it remains to this day, in colours as bright as when first engraved and painted by the artist, forty centuries ago. Such is the antiquity of what Mr. Bonwick has termed the "Egyptian Bible," the Great Light of the Mysteries of Osiris.

The greatest men among the ancients were initiates in the Ancient Mysteries of Egypt, or Greece. To name them would be to give a list of the most celebrated of the early philosophers and writers. We instance but a few: Herodotus, Sophocles, Plutarch, Isocrates, Diodorus, Macrobius, Plato, Aristotle, Epictetust, Cicero, Sallust, Proclus and Strabo.* Herodotus says: "Though I am well acquainted with the Mysteries I will not reveal them." Sir J. Gardner Wilkinson tells us: "Of the Mysteries, and of the festivals in honour of Osiris, we can obtain little or no information from ancient authors. The former were too sacred to be divulged; and few of the Greeks and other strangers were admitted even into those of the lesser order. They were divided into the greater and lesser mysteries and before admission into the former, it was necessary that the intiated should have passed through all the gradations of the latter. But to merit this great honour, much was expected of the candidate, and many even of the priesthood were unable to obtain it. Besides the proofs of a virtuous life, other recommendations were required; and to be admitted to all the grades of the higher mysteries was the greatest honour to which any one could aspire. It was from these that the Mysteries of Eleusis were borrowed."†

In Greece the comic poets of the time were not slow to avail themselves of opportunities to refer sportively to the Mysteries. For example, Aristophanes, in the "Frogs," thus burlesques the chants of the Eleusinian Mysteries:

> "Keep silence, keep silence; let all the profane
> From our holy solemnity duly refrain;
> Whose souls unenlightened by taste are obscure;
> Whose poetical notions are dark and impure;
> Whose theatrical conscience
> Is sullied by nonsense;
> Who never were trained by the mighty Cratinus,
> In mystical orgies poetic and vinous;
> Who delight in buffooning and jests out of reason,
> Who promote the designs of oppression and treason;
> Who foster sedition, and strife, and debate—
> Are traitors, in short, to the stage and the State."‡

In like manner Apuleius in the "Golden Ass," makes Lucius to be initiated into the Mysteries of Isis. The initiate finds he is also expected to be familiar with the Mysteries "of the great God, and supreme father of the gods, the invincible Osiris." Of one of the initiates he says: "He also walked gently, with a limping step, the ankle-bone of his left foot being a little bent, in order that he might afford me some *sign* by which I might know him." So in the "Apologia," the author of the "Metamorphosis," says: "If any happens to be present who has been initiated in the same rites as myself, *if he will give me the sign*, he shall then be at liberty to hear what it is that I keep with so much care." Plautus, in his play of "Miles Gloriosus," also says: *Give me the sign*, if you are one of these votaries."§

Osiris was not the earliest god worshipped in Egypt—Khem, Amen and Ptah having preceded him, but he became the most popular, and was known as the national god of the Egyptians. On the monuments he is styled the "Nameless One," "Light of the World," "King of Gods," the "Eternal One." The 147th chapter of the Ritual of the Dead gives him a hundred names. His name is rare before the sixth dynasty (B.C. 2744); while in the twelth dynasty (B.C. 2380) he was generally acknowledged. The secret of his popularity lay in the apprehension that he had lived on the earth as man's benefactor, died for his advantage, and lives again as his judge. "Amen," we are told by the monuments, committed all judgment to his once suffering, but now triumphant Son! Wonderful language, in the light of Revelation. Nay, more than this: The one only true and living God, whom the initiate in the Mysteries of Osiris was taught to worship, was identical with the God of the Hebrews, for the initiate carried with him to his grave the name of his God, inscribed on a scroll, and it was "Nuk pu Nuk" signifying, literally, "I am that I am."‖ What light does the knowledge of this fact shed on the mission of Moses to Pharoah—Moses who was skilled in all the learning of the Egyptians, himself in

* Gould's History of Freemasonry. Vol. I. p 17.

* Encyclopædia Britannica, article "Mysteries;" Rawlinson's History of Ancient Egypt; and Wilkinson's Manners and Customs of the Ancient Egyptians.

† Wilkinson's Ancient Egyptians. Vol. III. p 73.

‡ Keary's Outlines of Primitive Relief, p 249.

§ Gould's History of Freemasonry. Vol. I. p 20.

‖ Brugsch's "Aus dem Orient;" Smith's Ancient History of the East, p 196.

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every probability an initiate in their mysteries. When Moses proclaimed to Pharoah the true God by his title, "I am that I am," this title proved to all initiates that the God of the highest Egyptian theology, to wit, that of the Mysteries of Osiris, was identical with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!

Ra represented the sun in the daytime, Osiris the sun at night. The latter was the "soul of the sun"—dying only to live again, going down in the evening and rising again in the morning, thereby teaching the wondrous theological truths of the Mysteries of Osiris—Death, Resurrection, Immortality. The Egyptian priests of Osiris were a brotherhood of secret-keepers. All mythologies are founded upon secrets, but the symbology of the sun in none of the Mysteries more clearly elucidated their theological truths than does the sun in Freemasonry ours. The very name of Solomon is the name of the sun, in three languages—Sol-om-on. Even the religious word, chapel, signifies the college of El—the solar divinity. With all of these striking analogies between the ancient Mysteries of Osiris and the Mystery of Freemasonry—with regard to the truth taught, as well as to the manner in which this truth is conveyed—who will deny that there is an intimate relationship between Freemasonry and the Ancient Mysteries, the primitive cults, of which the earliest and chiefest were the Mysteries of Osiris?—*Keystone.*

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Know ye, That we, at the humble Petition of our right Trusty and well-beloved Brethren, George Prentis, Thomas Baldock, Joseph Winter, &c., and several other Brethren residing in or near Maidstone, in the County of Kent, do hereby Constitute the said Brethren into a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons to be opened at the House of Brother Geo. Hopkins at the sign of the Bell . . . . Maidstone aforesaid. And do further at their said Petition and of the great trust and Confidence reposed in every of the said above-named Brethren hereby appoint the said George Prentis to be Master, Thomas Baldock Senior Warden, and Joseph Winter Junior Warden, for opening the said Lodge and for such farther time only as shall be thought proper by the Brethren thereof. It being our Will that this our appointment of the above Officers shall in no wise effect any future Election of Officers of the Lodge but that such Election shall be regulated agreeable to such Bye Laws of the said Lodge as shall be consistent with the general Laws of the Society contained in the Book of Constitutions. And we hereby will and require you the said George Prentis to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons and that they do observe perform and keep all the Rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions and further that you do from time to time cause to be entered in a Book kept for that purpose an account of your proceedings in the Lodge together with all such Rules Orders and Regulations as shall be made for the good government of the Same that in no wise you omit once in every year to send to Us, or our Successors Provincial Grand Masters or to George St. Lo Mann our Deputy Provincial Grand Master or to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the time being an account in Writing of your said proceedings and Copies of all such Rules Orders and Regulations as shall be made as aforesaid together with a list of the Members of the Lodge and such a Sum of Money as may suit the circumstances of the Lodge and reasonably be expected towards the Grand Charity. Moreover we hereby will and require you the said George Prentis as soon as conveniently may be to send an account in Writing of what may be done by virtue of these presents.

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PAST MASTERS' JEWELS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"QUIZ'S" idea as to Past Masters' jewels being of one uniform design and value—I presume, at least, he intends the latter to be included—is a good one, and deserves general attention. The Charity jewel, which is certainly an equally honourable decoration, is of the character he recommends, though it is differently displayed by contributors of different grades. If that be the case, why should not each Lodge have the P.M.'s jewels it presents to successive outgoing W.M.'s, in recognition of their valuable services to the Craft generally and itself in particular, all precisely of the same uniform character, so that no feeling of jealousy, because the jewel of one P.M. is more showy than another's, will be possible? As to Founders' jewels, there is, perhaps, a pardonable feeling of pride in wearing them, as they serve to indicate that those who are entitled to sport them have had a hand in establishing a new home or homes of Masonry. As to their legality, that is another point altogether. I question very much if jewels not enumerated in the Book of Constitutions may legally be worn by brethren, unless, indeed, it be those jewels the wearing of which has been, as it were, consecrated by immemorial usage, such as the special jewels of Antiquity and the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodges, and others of a similar character, but unknown to me. For myself, I should never think of raising any objection to a Founder's jewel being worn, for the reason I have just stated, that it indicates a certain feeling of just pride on the part of the wearer. I would even allow the Master Mason's jewel to pass unquestioned, but I am decidedly opposed to brethren wearing, as I have seen them wear, other than Craft and Arch jewels in Craft Lodges.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

E. S. L.

MASONS ATTENDING CHURCH.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The brother who writes on the above subject does not tell us whether he was awake during his recent visit to this young Lodge. I imagine he must have been asleep by the description he endeavours to give of what was merely a suggestion made by me (to which I have no doubt he refers), and before he uses the *nom de plume* "CHISWICK" again I should recommend him to make himself better acquainted with the facts of any case rather than rush into print with such a misleading letter as he has written for your last impression.

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

GEORGE GARDNER S.W. 2012.

HOLIDAY HAUNTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You were kind enough last spring to insert in your paper a letter which I wrote, offering to send particulars to intending tourists of the very many pleasant routes in South Wales (Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, and Cardiganshire), out of the way places, but yet of great beauty and interest, easily accessible, and where the usual expenses are extremely moderate compared with the cost of living at the more frequented summer resorts, but containing all the elements and amusements which a summer tour or short residence is supposed to supply, and yet possessing all facilities for recruiting the health even of the most delicate subject. As an indication of the extreme mildness of the climate I enclose you some violets and primroses just gathered from the hedges and wood, and I am told a few primroses were blooming here on Christmas Day.

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THE THEATRES.

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VAUDEVILLE.

FOR any of our readers who may need a little bracing after the rather lowering treatment they may have experienced at Dr. Wingfield's sanatorium at St. James's, we could recommend nothing more likely to restore "tone" than a visit to the Vaudeville. "Saints and Sinners," with the sharp contrasts of the virtues and vices of pitiless real life, retire from the stage and make room for their successors, creatures so amusing, so full of vigorous, delightful absurdity, that we accept as perfectly natural phenomena their wildest proceedings. The new play "Loose Tiles" is, perhaps, not very new in the matter of plot. We have heard of one produced at the Adelphi a good many years ago, in which the action is made to pivot on the mistaking a private house for a lunatic asylum. Terence, two thousand years gone by, found all the best plots anticipated, so what can moderns do? Let us have the old plots, if only they come decked with fresh fancies and alive with the life we breathe, as of old they were animated by contemporary vitality. No matter where Mr. Hurst has gathered the stones, so that he has the architect's skill to raise, if not a high art temple, at least a pleasant wayside altar, to kindly old Momus.

"Story? Lord bless you! There is none to tell, sir."

Only the volatile young hero, Charlie Heathcote (Mr. H. Neville), happens to be the son of worthy Dr. Heathcote, director of a private asylum for lunatics. Charlie has been to seek his fortune in Australia, and has just returned, as the curtain rises, accompanied by his amiable and diffident Cockney friend, Bob Twitters (Mr. T. Thorne). They intend a pleasant surprise to the doctor, and arrive at his house not knowing he has made it over to a Mr. Crumbley, who has set up a select boarding establishment there. Charlie and his friend interview Mrs. Crumbley (Miss Giffard), and arouse her suspicions by their demand for the doctor and the matron, whilst they regard her as one of the lunatic patients, and consider her brusque replies proof of her mental condition. "We must humour them," says Charlie. "Oh, we'll humour them," says Bob, beginning to shake in every limb. Presently enters Maria Snatters (Miss Sophie Larkin) a susceptible elderly spinster. Charlie introduces his friend, the lady evinces a suddenly intense interest in him, with that almost pathetic earnestness which makes the most preposterous caricature become a portrait from life when interpreted by Miss Larkin. The house shook with laughter as the scene proceeded, through a crescendo of misunderstandings to the moment when Maria, who has sent to Truefitts for a *coiffeur*, is deluded by the mischievous Charlie into the belief that Bob is an ardent admirer, disguised as the hairdresser's assistant. He, in abject fright of the supposed lunatic, allows himself to be dragged away by her. In the second act there is an equally effective scene for Mr. Thorne, when, in his great game of écarte with an irascible old boarder (Mr. Lestocq), Bob feels his very life may be sacrificed to the chances of the game. Quite speechless, but with an eloquence beyond words, he makes the horror of the situation almost tragic. The sentimental interest is provided by Laura Myrtle (Miss C. Grahame), with whom Charlie falls in love, whilst in sore distress, believing the "poor thing" is out of her mind. The reader will see that the play must owe its value to the actors, but the *motif* is a capital one in such capable hands. Mr. Thorne, Mr. Neville, and Miss Larkin have rarely found better material for the *vis comica*, and the minor characters are harmoniously completed by their clever coadjutors. We must, however, protest against Mr. Lestocq's coarse sketch of Tozer. It is completely out of drawing. Mr. Lestocq has plenty of talent, if he would but discipline it. We congratulate Mr. Thorne on this newest success, and the public for the enjoyment it has in store. The curtain fell on the last act amid enthusiastic plaudits and calls for the author.

COURT.

WE can scarcely congratulate the management of the Court Theatre on the happiness of their choice, exemplified in the "light piece," played for the first time on a Wednesday afternoon, and now appearing in the evening bill. "The Opal Ring," by G. W. Godfrey, is the second appearance in an English form of Octave Feuillet's "Peril en la Dèmeure." The earlier version, by Tom Taylor, which appeared 26 years ago, was interpreted by Alfred Wigan, as the husband, John Billington, who in those days made a graceful Lothario, Miss Simms the *femme incomprise*, and Mrs. A. Wigan, to whom the honours of the evening chiefly fell. With such a cast a very weak play would have its weak points effectually disguised for the time, and now, in the new version, by our clever dramatist, Mr. Godfrey, the fictitious sentiment and morbid sentimentality of the story gains vigour and reality by the admirable acting of its exponents. The story is simple enough. There is Monsieur, the husband (John Clayton), Madame, *la femme incomprise* (Miss Terry), the "third person" (Mr. Conway). The husband, though much attached to his wife, devotes his chief time and thought to his profession, and in his constant occupations never dreams of the dangers to which the wife may be exposed from the fascinations of a mashing attaché, and want of interest in anything but her own nerves and sentimental yearnings. Miss Marion Terry contrives to make this exasperating simpleton interesting by the sincerity and grace of her acting. Mr. Conway has a still harder task with the objectionable attaché, Harold Rivers, who, notwithstanding Sir George's friendship for himself and his mother, Mrs. Rivers, makes love to Sir George's wife, with an ardent belief in the generous disinterestedness of the proceeding. Mrs. Rivers (Miss Lydia Foote) has discovered he is in love where he ought not to be, but unsuspicious of the actual object, confides her trouble to Sir George, and to prevent a rendezvous begs Sir George to take charge of the young gentleman till a certain hour. Sir George, busy with a despatch, finds the presence of a nervous young gentleman fidgeting the furniture and pictures very trying, and takes him off to Lady Carteret's boudoir, charging her to keep the prisoner in safe custody. Here was a fine opportunity, and it was well employed by Mr. Conway and Miss Terry. Her nervous anger at her admirer's intrusion, with the underlying fear of her own weakness, was rendered with much delicacy, whilst the lover's embarrassment at the interview being thus obtained, the evident complete and kindly trust shown by his chief, wakes compunction for a moment even in the soul of a masher. But the better feeling does not last long. The old refrain, "Je t'adore" is about to have its usual result when the gods intervene in the person of Mrs. Rivers. Exit the masher, unseen, as he fondly supposes, by mamma. She, however, has seen him, and has learnt the secret. He had confessed an opal ring was to be a signal, though worn by an unconscious agent. She has noticed one on the hand of Sir George, and thinking to forestal mischief, begs him to lend it her. Lady Carteret's emotion at seeing the opal on her friend's finger explains the mystery to the anxious mother. Here Miss Lydia Foote was able to hold the sympathy of the audience in wrapt attention till the end. As she stands forward to shield these reckless simpletons Sir George enters, with a letter unaddressed and unsigned, but actually written by the attaché, and entrusted to Lady Carteret's maid for her mistress, but intercepted by Toler, a meddling old gentleman, and in perfect good faith and simplicity handed to Sir George. The mother and the wife stand aghast at the probable consequences of the discovery. In the original the mother foresees the inevitable duel. In the English version the dishonour and disgrace of an unmasked intrigue; and though the poignancy of the former result is wanting, we forget it in the moral anguish of this pure and gentle woman. At first almost crushed by the impending misery, suddenly, to save the poor, repentant wife, her son, and his generous friend, finds a heroic falsehood to explain the letter. The curtain falls so soon that Sir George has no time to sift the questionable evidence, and we hope the young folks may be wiser in future. Mr. Clayton has rarely played with greater delicacy and finish. The gentle irony, the kindliness and manly dignity of the diplomatist find perfect expression in every touch and intonation. Mr. Cecil, in a quite episodical character (Lord Toler), is Major Pendennis to the life; a delightful etching after Thackeray. Miss Lydia Foote, as Mrs. Rivers, shows the sweetness and refinement so eminently her own; but why should she disguise her pretty hair under that conventional yellow wig, and her own charming features beneath an unnecessary "make-up?"

ST. GEORGE'S HALL.

THESE graceful little dramatic aquarelle sketches at the St. George's Hall show no falling-off, either in merit or in the public appreciation. "Old Knockles" gives capital opportunity for Mr. A. Reed's quaint humour; his make-up as an old fisherman is eminently real. Miss Fanny Holland creates no little enthusiasm by her graceful and artistic rendering of "There is a rare and radiant land," and Mr. A. Reed scores no less well with the salt water ditty, "Jack Bunt, he was a sailor." Mr. Corney Grain's new musical sketch, "Backsheesh," is in his most brilliant vein. He rattles through all the delights and tribulations awaiting the pilgrim between London and Cairo; the experiences of "Three in a state-room," the confidences of the intellectual spinster, whilst the lyric, "It is not so in Angleterre," commanded an irresistible encore. The hall was crowded in every part on the night of our visit, and for those to whom the theatre is tabooed here is a delightful *ombre du vrai*.

NEW UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL AT SYDNEY.—With the assistance of the New South Wales Government, a Medical School is to be established in connection with Sydney University, and plans for a suitable building, in the Gothic style, have been prepared by the Colonial Architect. The length will be over 200 feet, with a depth of 115 feet, and walls 60 feet high. Through the centre of the building there runs a large hall 13 feet wide, and out of it the tower rises to an altitude of 80 feet. In the main portion of the ground-floor are rooms for lecturers on pathology and medicine, an anatomical museum, medical class museum, and pathological, histological, and private physiological laboratories. The right wing is set apart as a class-room for practical pathology, with smaller rooms for a materia medica museum, laboratory, and lecturer's room. In the left wing are provided rooms for chemical physiology, physiological class museum, instrument and balance-room, experimental physiology, physiological workshop, and a large room for the practical histological class. The upper floor is reached by staircases from either wing of the ground-floor, and by a lift from the basement. The dissecting-room is situate on the upper floor, to which the lift will bring the bodies as they are wanted for experiments. A large theatre of anatomy, also one of surgery, and museum, each measuring 36 feet by 44 feet, surgical class room, surgical lecturer's room, midwifery class museum, midwifery lecturer's room, anatomy professor's room, anatomical laboratory, demonstrator of anatomy room, small theatre of anatomy, and prosectory, occupying the main portion of this floor. In the right wing there is a theatre of pathology and materia medica, and one of midwifery and medical jurisprudence, each 36 feet by 45 feet in measurement. The dissecting-room and theatre of physiology, measuring 51 feet by 41 feet each, are in the other wing. The basement floor is set aside for quarters, students' reading-room, coffee-room, injecting-room, medical jurisprudence lecturer's room, experimental physiology and pathology, large minto-tiled corridors, ten feet wide, running the whole length of the building. The estimated cost is £50,000.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THE regular meeting was held on the 2nd instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Bros. A. J. Martin W.M., J. W. Dewsnap S.W., L. Wall J.W., L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary, J. S. Lyon Treasurer, G. M. Lion S.D., J. Botibol J.D., L. Davis I.G., A. G. Dodson P.M. D.C., P. E. Van Noorden Organist; P.M.'s H. M. Levy, M. Spiegel, G. Bean I.P.M., L. M. Myers, O. Roberts, &c. Visitors—Bros. Hentsch I.P.M. 211, Laundy 1611, Taff 917, S. Slack P.P.G.D.C. West Yorkshire, W. Masters P.M. 1339, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bendit was passed to the second degree. In accordance with notice of motion given, Bro. Lazarus proposed that, in future, instead of the Lodge meetings being held eight times during the year, they be altered to six, namely, January, March, May, October, November, and December. This proposition was carried unanimously. The resignation of a brother was accepted, with regret. A proposition for initiation was given, and then Lodge was closed. The brethren sat down to an excellent supper, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and superintended by Bros. E. Dawkins and M. Silver. The W.M. in appropriate terms proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. and Senior Vice President responded for the toast of the Benevolent Fund. It stood now at over £700, but in the last two and a half years they had given the sum of £450. He hoped the members would liberally augment the fund. Bro. Bean said it was with great pleasure he rose to propose the health of the W.M. Bro. Martin was one who was highly esteemed by all who knew him; it might be said his charity knew no bounds; he was ever a true friend and a good Mason. His working, not only in this Lodge, but also in another, showed they had selected the right man for the right place; he would ask the brethren to give the toast the reception it merited. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Bean for his kind remarks. Four weeks ago his health was proposed and kindly received. Anything brought before the Lodge should receive his attention, his desire would ever be to see the Lodge a harmonious one. He hoped to carry out his duties to their satisfaction. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, whom all were pleased to see—they had distinguished brethren among them, and he hoped they had passed a pleasant evening. Bro. Slack P.P.G.D.C. West Yorkshire in a very eloquent speech responded. He had heard that the working of this Lodge was perfect. In the Provinces Freemasons tried to promote harmony in every particular, especially so in encouraging the visiting at Lodges. He was proud to hear the statement as to the Joppa Benevolent Fund, and then spoke of the noble charity of West Yorkshire. Bro. Hentsch I.P.M. 211 said he was much pleased at receiving so hearty a welcome from the Lodge. The W.M. was his brother-in-law, and he could speak of him as a good Mason. He (Bro. Hentsch) might say he had passed a very agreeable evening. Bro. Laundy followed. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters. All knew their duties thoroughly, and the success of the Lodge was due to them. They were the standing Council. He would call on his esteemed friend Bro. L. M. Myers P.M. to respond. This brother said the services of the P.M.'s were always at the command of the Lodge. It would ever be their desire to assist the W.M. for the time being. Bro. Martin, however, happily did not require assistance; he knew his duties thoroughly. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Wardens and Junior Officers; also he would refer to Bro. Dodson D.C.—all were thoroughly conversant with their duties. Bro. J. W. Dewsnap S.W. briefly and happily responded. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Secretary and Treasurer, two important Officers of the Lodge. The Secretary is one that has carried out his duties in a very satisfactory manner. The same might be said of their Worthy Treasurer. Bro. J. S. Lyons Treas. appreciated the kind words of the W.M. He knew they came from his heart. Bro. L. Lazarus P.M. and Sec. followed. His sole aim was to support the W.M., and he felt a mutual feeling existed to forward the interests of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast was then given and the brethren separated.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. SIR JAMES MEEK.

ON Friday evening, the 23rd ult., at York, the brethren of the above Lodge presented to Bro. Sir James Meek an illuminated address, on the occasion of his departure from the city of York. The brethren assembled at seven p.m., and after auditing the accounts of the Lodge, the ceremony of presentation commenced. All the Officers were present, viz., Bros. Dr. William Draper W.M., Henry Foster S.W., T. G. Hodgson J.W., Joseph Todd P.M. P.P.G.R. Treasurer, William Smith Secretary, S. Border S.D., Arthur Sample Organist, C. N. Foster I.G., C. Anderson D.C., H. S. Hopton and S. G. Crummack Stewards, and W. G. Calvert Tyler; amongst the other brethren in attendance were Bros. G. Garbutt I.P.M. G. Kirby P.M., M. Rooke P.P.G.D., G. Balmford P.P.G.O., A. Buckle P.P.G.D., W. H. Gainforth P.P.G.D.C., J. E. McKay P.M., A. H. McGachen P.M., and many other Past Masters and brethren. The W.M., Brother William Draper, occupied the chair, and the presentation was made by Bro. Todd, who said that he esteemed it an honour to present the address to so distinguished a brother, who had been identified with all the public institutions of York longer than most living citizens. Sir James Meek had during the last thirty years supported every movement that had for its object the benefit of the community, and it was felt universally that his departure would be a great public loss. For a quarter of a century their brother had been an honoured member of the York Lodge, and in all matters he had promoted its welfare. As a Freemason, their brother had been an exemplary pattern of what a member of the Order should be. He had supported the Charities, and had in his own life carried out the tenets of the Order. It was twenty-one years since Sir James Meek had occupied the chair of the Lodge; but he (Bro. Todd) well remembered the able way in which he had discharged the duties of that office; and since that period he could testify to the able manner in which he had aided and assisted in all matters appertaining to Lodge work. In the Provincial Grand Lodge also, and in other organisations, he had always shown an anxiety to promote Freemasonry, and he believed that his long association with the York Lodge and the Province would not soon be forgotten by the brethren. Bro. Todd then presented the address, which was enclosed in a handsome frame. The illumination was executed by Bro. H. C. Camidge, and displayed considerable artistic taste and ability. The scroll work on the border, which is worked in various Masonic colours, includes numerous devices appropriate to the Craft, and a water-colour sketch of the crypt of York Minster, in which in olden times the Freemasons were accustomed to assemble. The arms of Sir James Meek, those of the ancient city of York, and also those of Prince Edwin, the York Patron of Freemasons, are amongst the devices. The following is a copy of the address:

"To the Worshipful Bro. Sir James Meek, Knight, Past Master of the York Lodge, No. 236, and Past Senior Provincial Grand Warden, and Provincial Grand Treasurer of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.

"We, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers and brethren of the York Lodge, No. 236, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, have heard with sincere regret of your contemplated departure from the ancient city of York, and, consequent thereupon, of your retirement from the active duties of Masonry in your mother Lodge, of which you have been a member upwards of twenty-four years. We desire to acknowledge with feelings of profound regard and attachment the many services rendered by you to this Lodge and to Masonry in the city of York, as well as to the Provincial Grand Lodge, of which for so many years you have been a prominent member, and to the Charities' Association in connection with the Province, of which you have been the Chairman since its formation. We cannot but feel that your departure from amongst us will create a void in our Masonic ranks that will be most difficult to fill, and in the city of York, where you have thrice sustained the high dignity of Lord Mayor, and to which ancient city you have rendered most valuable services, your loss will be no less sincerely and heartily felt. In wishing you farewell, we desire to assure you of the fraternal esteem and regard entertained for you, not only by the brethren of York, but throughout the Province of North and East Yorkshire, and we entertain the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe will preserve you in health and strength, and may grant you many years of happiness and prosperity. Signed on behalf of the York Lodge.

WM. DRAPER W.M.
HENRY FOSTER S.W.
T. G. HODGSON J.W.
JAS. TODD P.M. P.P.G.R. Treasurer.
WM. SMITH Secretary.

"Masonic Hall, York, 2nd January 1885."

Bro. J. S. Rymer Provincial Grand Registrar thoroughly endorsed the remarks of Bro. Todd. It had been his pleasure, he said, to meet Sir James at other places besides that hall, and he was assured that a gap and a blank would be made in the management of many institutions in the city by the departure of their good brother. But the "farewell" was only the farewell of brethren departing at the close of a Lodge; it was earnestly hoped that the Great Architect of the Universe would spare both Sir James and the members of the Lodge to meet on many Masonic occasions in the future. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.W. spoke not only as a member of the Lodge, but as representing other Masonic Lodges and bodies. He spoke with a recollection of association with Sir James in other halls, and other degrees, referred to his good and fair work and painstaking carefulness, and expressed, what must have been the general satisfaction, that the Craft had been able to confer on the distinguished brother before his departure the honour of election as P.G.T. This would form a link between York and Cheltenham, and at the latter place no doubt Sir James would be welcomed with as much heartiness as the York brethren regretted his removal. In testifying to the excellence of Sir James's character, Bro. Whytehead alluded to his unfailing courtesy, and in conclusion echoed the hopes uttered by the brethren who had already spoken. Brother A. Buckle P.P.G.D. and Brother W. Smith Secretary 236, referred to the great services rendered by Sir James to local Institutions, more especially to the School for the Blind, and the Boys' Industrial School, of which the speakers are respectively the Superintendents. Bro. Ald. Terry bore evidence that the career of Sir James Meek had been characterised by the virtues which gave Freemasons such pleasure to contemplate. His urbanity had been as constant as his attempts to benefit every philanthropic institution. Although Sir James was now leaving the city, it was ardently to be desired that he would again mingle with the citizens on many occasions. Bro. Sir James Meek on rising was received with prolonged applause. He said that his feelings on the occasion would not permit him to say what he would have wished, but he could assure the brethren present that as long as memory held her seat so long would he remember that evening and the kind expressions of his brother Masons. He should often think of York and the kind hearts he would leave behind him, and he indulged in a hope that he might have future opportunities of meeting them at Masonic gatherings. After the close of the Lodge the brethren met at supper, where the Worshipful Master presided. The health of Sir James Meek was drank with great enthusiasm.

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FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 928.

AT the Masonic Hall, Petersfield, on Monday, 2nd inst., this Lodge was opened, at four o'clock, by Bro. Swan W.M., and after the usual business Bro. Naylor, of Portsmouth, was presented for installation as W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of the following visitors and members :—Bros. Smith, Rastrick, Frost, Croucher, Ellis, Willmott, Beale, Edgeler, Woodhouse, Elverstone, Laverty, Gole, Creedon, Burley, Swan, Miles, Collings, Gieve, Gunnell, Holly, Westaway, Sanders, Cunningham, Bascombe, Deane 457, Baker, Mares, 1423, Ceccoui 342, Spriggins 884, Shanks, Bence, Pearson, Oakly, Fowler, Haines, Hyde, Underdown, Grist, Marshallsay, Pocock, Smoker, Duddy, Well, Jacks, 291. The W.M. afterwards invested his Officers, as follow :—Swan I.P.M., Smoker S.W., Marshallsay J.W., Edgeler P.M. Treas., Fowler Sec., Woodhouse P.M. D.C., Pocock S.D., Well J.D., Pearson I.G., Oakley Org., Duddy and Haines Stewards, Knight Tyler. Lodge having been closed, the Officers and members proceeded to the banquet, at the Red Lion Hotel, when the customary toasts were duly honoured.

GLADSMUIR LODGE, No. 1385.

THE Installation meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Friday, the 30th ult. The brethren assembled at three o'clock, when the Lodge was formally opened by the W.M. Bro. George Askew, P.P.S.G.D. After the minutes of the last Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, it was proposed by Bro. Schmidt S.D. that a sum of money should be voted from the funds of the Lodge for a Treasurer's jewel, to be presented to Bro. Lowthin P.M. on his retirement from the office of Treasurer, as a token of the great esteem and regard in which he is held by the members of the Lodge. This proposition, being duly seconded, was unanimously agreed to, and then Bro. Young P.M. Sec. proposed that the sum of £5 5s be voted from the funds of the Lodge for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and this amount to be placed on the list of Bro. Brittain S.W. and W.M. elect, who had undertaken the duties of Steward for the approaching Festival. The vote was unanimously agreed to. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Brittain, was then presented, and Bro. Askew installed him into the chair; the ceremony being performed in a perfect and careful manner. The following brethren were invested with the respective collars :—W. K. Hopkin S.W., D. Schmidt J.W., H. Edwards P.M. Treas., R. Fisher Young P.M. Sec., W. Lewis S.D., F. W. Durham J.D., T. H. Martin I.G., B. Gotto D.C., G. F. Kempson and W. Barrett Stewards, R. W. Goddard Tyler. One of the first duties of the newly installed Master was to present to his predecessor in the chair a P.M.'s jewel, voted to him by the members of the Lodge, in recognition of his many services in the past. Bro. Cutbush was appointed representative to serve on Provincial Audit Committee, and then a ballot for a Life Governorship, in accordance with Rule IX. of the Gladsmuir Benevolent Fund, was carried out. Amongst other business Trustees and Officers were elected, in accordance with Rule VI. of the Gladsmuir Benevolent Fund, and then the visiting brethren tendered their congratulations. The banquet was served, but we regret to say it was not placed on the table with that attention to detail which for so many years has characterised the Red Lion. This establishment had secured for itself a deservedly high reputation for catering for such entertainments, and the present proprietors will doubtless pardon us if we say their efforts on this occasion did not reach the standard we have been in the habit of realizing. On the removal of the cloth Bro. Brittain gave the Loyal toasts, which were done full justice to. Bro. Brittain alluded to two important events which at the present time were exercising the opinions of society at large. These were the betrothal of the Princess Beatrice and the coming of age of the eldest son of the Prince and Princess of Wales. This latter event was especially interesting to Freemasons, from the fact that it had been publicly announced that the M.W. the Grand Master had intimated his wish that Prince Albert Victor should join our ranks. After the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers of England had been toasted, the Provincial Grand Master's sterling qualities were descanted on; and then the Provincial Grand Officers present and past were referred to. After suitable replies had been made, Bro. George Askew P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He had had the privilege of being present in the Lodge when their present Worshipful Master was initiated. Bro. Brittain had since proved himself a Mason in every sense of the word. He had striven for the advancement of his Lodge, and that most successfully; he had served the office of Steward for the Charities, and would again this year exercise himself in that capacity. He (Bro. Askew) had great pleasure in calling on the brethren to do honour to the toast. Bro. Brittain tendered his hearty thanks for the kind reception accorded to him by the members of the Gladsmuir Lodge. The way in which they had responded to the toast just proposed by Bro. Askew had placed him in a peculiar position—he could not find words in which to express his feelings. Suffice it to say he thanked them from the bottom of his heart. He felt somewhat in a difficulty in having to follow so zealous a Mason as Bro. Askew, who, moreover, in discharging the duties of the chair, had brought to bear the experience he had gained while filling the office of Master in another Lodge. He next proposed the toast of the I.P.M., making a further eulogy on the qualifications displayed by Bro. Askew in his conduct of the Lodge work. Bro. Askew, in the course of his reply, expressed regret that more work had not devolved on him. True, at the beginning of his year he had had four initiates, and should have been pleased of further opportunities of displaying what capabilities he was told he possessed. However, if he had given the members satisfaction it was gratifying to him to know it. With respect to the installation ceremony, he was indebted to Bro. Terry for the valuable help he had rendered him in his capacity of Director of Ceremonies. In conclusion he returned thanks to all, and assured them he should ever prize the jewel with which he had been presented. The toast of the Visitors followed, Bro. Brittain extending to all a cordial greeting, and coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Matier, who responded in due course. To Brother James Cutbush was entrusted the duty of proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities. Our esteemed brother spoke most eloquently of what was being done by each in their respective spheres, and urged how worthy of support they collectively were. During Brother Cutbush's remarks, which were prolonged so as to allow a fair and full perambulation of the room to be made in support of the Stewardship of the Worshipful Master, it was incidentally announced that Brother H. T. Lamb, who was unable to be present, had sent a donation of five guineas. This announcement was received with hearty applause, and the hope expressed that Bro. Lamb might long be spared, and continue to evidence the interest he took in the charitable proclivities of the Lodge and its members. In order of the course Bro. Terry had an opportunity of responding, but, to use a hackneyed expression, the wind had somewhat been taken out of his sails by Brother Cutbush; however, the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution made an earnest appeal for support, at the same time thanking the members of the Gladsmuir Lodge for what they had done in the past, both for his and the other Institutions. The health of the Past Masters was given, and the opportunity was taken to present to Bro. John Lowthin P.M., and for the last eight years Treasurer of the Lodge, the jewel which had been unanimously voted to him in recognition of the interest he had taken in the Gladsmuir Lodge. Bro. Lowthin and other of the Past Masters responded, after which the toast of the Officers was given, and then the Tyler gave the concluding toast, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. The following Past Masters of the Lodge were present :—Bros. John Lowthin P.P.G.S.W. Herts, Hayward Edwards, Charles Gray, and Charles Allen; among the visitors were Bros. Matier P.G.W. Greece P.G. St. Scotland P.M. 1910, Baxter 194, Clarke 1950, Hay 1708, Roberts 1185, Hudson 1708, Purrott 1479, Knyvett 404, Dickenson 149, Lake 404, Morgan 211, Trunie 1642, Hunt 194.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., and was, as usual, attended by a very large number of brethren. Lodge having been opened under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. M. Stiles, the report of the Audit Committee was received, and then Bro. J. W. Smith was presented, as W.M. elect, for the benefits of installation. In due course he was placed in the chair and saluted. He then appointed his Officers :—Bros. Sillis Senior Warden, Smith J.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treasurer, Dickey Secretary, Jaques S.D., Burling J.D., Holland I.G., Ross and Holt Directors of Ceremonies, Perry and Verdin Stewards, Mordey Organist, Scurrah Assistant Secretary, and Koester P.M. Tyler. The ceremony of installation was then completed; after which Messrs. William Wagstaff, James Wagstaff, and George May were initiated; Bro. Stiles I.P.M. performing the ceremony in consequence of the ill-health of the Worshipful Master. A vote of thanks to Brother Stiles, for the way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, was proposed by Brother Willing, and carried unanimously, as also was another proposition by Brother Willing that a sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to a member who had fallen into distress. The W.M. next presented to his predecessor a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him, in recognition of his services during the past year. The W.M. said that Brother Stiles already wore a number of such decorations, still he hoped that when in years to come he might be engaged in looking over his Masonic mementoes, the jewel of the Royal Savoy Lodge might remind him of many happy evenings spent with its members. Bro. Stiles having acknowledged the gift, it was announced that he had consented to served as Steward representing the Lodge at the coming Festival of the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Willing thereupon proposed a vote of ten guineas from the Lodge funds, to be placed on Brother Stiles' list, and the proposition was carried. Other formal business having been disposed of the W.M. closed the Lodge and the brethren repaired to the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern to banquet. At its conclusion the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen, a name honoured in every assemblage of Englishmen, but more particularly so in the Masonic assemblages of the country. With this toast was coupled success to the Craft. The next toast—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.—was sure to meet the approval of the members of the Royal Savoy Lodge, who were at all times most loyal in their attachment to the Grand Master. The toast of the Pro Grand Master and the Grand Officers was next given, and with it was coupled the name of Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. That brother tendered his hearty thanks, on behalf of the Grand Officers of England, for the very kind manner in which the toast had been submitted and received. From an intimate knowledge of the Grand Officers he could say they had at heart the welfare of the Craft and its members. Speaking of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, he could but say how proud Masons were of the noblemen who occupied those prominent positions, who, it was well known, took the deepest interest in all that appertained to the Order. Personally, he thanked the W.M. for his kind invite and the brethren for their hospitable entertainment. He had had the privilege of meeting their W.M. for many years past in another sphere of life, and did not know he was a Mason until kindly invited to his installation. Wherever Bro. Smith was known he was respected; he was a brother any one might be proud to number among his friends. Referring more particularly to the work in the Lodge, Bro. Greenwood paid a high compliment to the I.P.M., Bro. W. M. Stiles, for the manner in which he performed his part in the

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day's proceedings. The beautiful ceremonies of the Order were spoilt or otherwise by the way in which they were rendered. Mere parrot-like repetition of the words did not create that impression which the Ritual should create. Not only a knowledge of the words was needed, but also the heart of the speaker should be thrown into his work. Bro. Stiles had gone through his work most praiseworthily; had thrown heart and soul into the task before him; and had succeeded in a manner seldom, if ever, equalled. He must have made a deep impression on all who had listened to him. The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master. The Worshipful Master had been a Mason for many years, and had looked forward to the night of his installation as Master of a Lodge, and the initiation of any candidates who might then come forward, for some time past. It had, therefore, been a great disappointment to him, and a matter of regret to all present, that ill-health had prevented him undertaking the work he was so anxious to perform, and which he was so ably fitted to carry out. Those who knew the present Worshipful Master must know full well that he was quite capable of undertaking any work which he might be called upon to perform, and his present inability to display his powers was therefore all the more to be regretted. Bro. Stiles felt that the brother it had been his pleasure to instal that day would make a good ruler for their Lodge, and would gain even greater distinction in his present office than he had done in those he had hitherto filled. He concluded by asking the brethren to drink to the health, happiness, and prosperity of the Worshipful Master of the Royal Savoy Lodge. The toast was most heartily honoured, and then the Worshipful Master returned thanks. It had given him a considerable amount of sorrow not being able to perform the whole of his duties as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Still he felt that the initiation ceremony was far too important a matter to be spoilt through his ill-health, and so he had asked Bro. Stiles to take his place. It was within a couple of months of twenty years since he had been initiated, and he still remembered the impression made on him by the ceremony of that day. He considered the event one of the most important of his life, and therefore felt all the more that his ill-health should not mar its impressiveness for their initiates that night. He heartily thanked the brethren for their kind reception of that toast, and hoped he might carry out the work required of him in a satisfactory manner to all of them. He then proposed the health of the Installing Master, coupling with it the name of the other Past Master then present, Bro. J. Willing. Bro. Stiles was very grateful for the kind way in which he was at all times received. His position as W.M. during the past year had been one of great pleasure to him. He was always pleased to be able to do anything for the Lodge, and hoped the members would never find the Past Masters of the Royal Savoy lacking in their interest in the Lodge. Bro. Willing followed. As the first W.M. of the Lodge he could but feel highly gratified at the progress it had made and the prospects it presented for the future. The toast of the Visitors was next given by the W.M. The Royal Savoy Lodge was particularly strong in the number of its visitors. On all occasions they were honoured with several, and he was pleased to find that the night of his installation was no exception to the rule. Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. replied. The visitors had been much pleased to attend the Lodge, which, although one of the latest on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, had yet won for itself the reputation of being one of the finest. Its present membership, of something like 120 brethren, was a sign of its prosperity. He hoped the W.M. would speedily be restored to health, and that he would be able, as he had no doubt he could, to conduct the Lodge as successfully as it had been managed in the past. Bro. Secker followed. He had been a constant visitor to various Lodges for many years past, but had certainly had his eyes opened that night in the Royal Savoy as to what it was possible to do by good management. He hoped the Lodge would continue its prosperous career. Bro. George Everett next replied. He felt much indebted for the pleasure he had enjoyed that evening, and that pleasure had been much enhanced from the fact that the brother who had been installed into the chair was a dear old friend of his, and an initiate of a Lodge in which he took considerable interest--the Domatic. He heartily congratulated the W.M. on rising to the position he had attained. He knew there was nothing he undertook but what he performed satisfactorily; so it would be with the ruling of the Royal Savoy Lodge. He could but help feeling, when he heard such good reports of what had been done, and what was being done, by the Royal Savoy Lodge, that great credit was due to the Domatic Lodge, in which many of the heads of the Savoy had been initiated and trained. Bros. McLeod, Chapman, Scales, and others also replied to the toast, after which that of the Initiates was given from the chair. Bro. William Wagstaff having tendered his thanks, said he should do all that lay in his power to promote the welfare of the Craft, and more particularly of the Lodge which had so kindly received him that night. Brother James Wagstaff was highly delighted at the welcome he had received; this far exceeded his expectations. He trusted he might benefit from having joined Freemasonry early in life and that he should eventually rise to the position of Worshipful Master of his Lodge. Brother May followed, and then the Worshipful Master proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities, to which Bro. Mason, Collector of the Benevolent Institution, responded. The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers were toasted in due course, and they having replied, the Tyler was summoned and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. Among the visitors were Bros. Hosens 742, Aillard W.M. 615, Mason 360 P.P.S.G.D. Middx., Robinson P.M. 87, Worrall 2048, Chapman W.M. 1922, Scales P.M. 1507, Kauffmann S.D. 1732, Lea 1901, Allard, Smith, Dunsford 1950, Buckhurst 157, Wright 1305, Bolding 91, Ager 957, Spencer W.M. 73, Storr W.M. 167, Harvey W.M. 1314, Mencock 742, Fountain 879, Luker 435, Hammond 569, Garrod P.M. 751, Everett P.M. 177, Bathard W.M. 1287, Jacobs W.M. 1732, Hall 193, Newby 1604, Solomon I.P.M. 1732, Passingham 193, Davis 72, Peacock 201, Axford 2048, McLeod I.P.M. 884, Greenwood P.G.S.B. Eng., Hughes W.M. 179, Procter J.W. 1288, Hare Asst. St. 1987, Bradford 201, Massey 1297, Hemming J.D. 1288, Newman 619, Taylor P.M. 144 1922, Barham 144, Coulthard S.D. 144, Humphreys P.M. 167, Harvey P.M. 1314, Cain 179, Hurdell 548, Faulkner 209, Churchill 1507, &c.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE Gallery Lodge Ball was held on Friday, the 30th ult., at Brixton Hall, and was a great success. The large number of ladies and gentlemen who attended was a testimony to the great popularity of the new Master of the Lodge, Bro. W. M. Duckworth, who acquitted himself as host with the same determination to make every one comfortable as he did at the Lodge on the day of his installation. Coote and Tinney's band, under the direction of Bro. James Weaver, was all that could be desired, and the Brixton Hall, with its alterations, additions, and improvements, which have been carried out during the last seven months, established itself as a special hall in the South London district for all large entertainments. The arrangements made by the Ball Committee led to a most enjoyable evening being spent.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 30th ult., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. A. Turner W.M., G. Thomas S.W., F. Botley J.W., Andrews Preceptor and Treasurer, C. E. Botley Secretary, Bailey S.D., Sperring J.D. Sherring I.G.; also Bros. Norton, Gunner, Cammell. Lodge having been opened with due observance of ancient form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Norton candidate. Bro. Sperring answered the questions leading to the second degree, Bro. Cammell acting as Deacon. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Sperring candidate. Bro. C. E. Botley gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for 6th inst. After hearty good wishes to the W.M., Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, No. 1586.—Under the auspices of this Lodge of Instruction a large gathering of brethren assembled at the White Hart Hotel, Church-street, Upper Norwood, on Monday last, when Bro. James Stevens had undertaken to deliver his popular Masonic lecture, explanatory of the Ritual and ceremonies of the first degree. Amongst others present were Bros. J. A. Stock W.M., J. Miller, J. Lillico, W. Hopekirk P.M., E. J. Kidman P.M., C. A. Wood, J. Arnold, J. Bowyer, J. Lerner, J. A. Smith, Brignall, C. Jones, T. Seymour, 1586; H. W. Mitten W.M. 765, J. Brunker, J. Easy 681, Breary P.M. 1321, Hunter 1321, Braun, Pike, Chamberlain, Sly, Sibley; G. Tilling P.M., W. H. Tilling, J. E. Costello 765; Dunkley, Treves 720; Greenslade, Harris, Baker, Diblete, Cuthbert, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. introduced Bro. Stevens, with a few appropriate remarks on the importance of the subject of the lecture. For more than two hours the lecturer rivetted the attention of his audience, whilst he set before them the history of the present ritual, and the causes of divergencies and errors which had of late years crept into the "working" of Lodges. Point by point he considered the details and minutiæ of the duties of the Officers, his instructive remarks being frequently received with applause from his hearers. On this occasion, Bro. Stevens appears to have been greatly encouraged by the sympathy evinced towards his views, and was even more earnest than is his wont. As the hour grew late, and progress had not been made beyond "investiture," the lecturer proposed to stop at that point, and complete the lecture at another opportunity. To this the brethren readily assented, and the 9th March was appointed for that purpose. Bro. Stevens resumed his seat amidst hearty plaudits, and the thanks of the Lodge and the compliment of honorary membership were voted with unanimity. Bro. Jones, the worthy host of the White Hart, had made preparation for refreshments, but the interval between the closing of the Lodge and the closing of the house left but little time for its enjoyment: nevertheless, when the brethren separated, there was but one expression among them, of gratification with the entire evening's proceedings. The Lodge added several new members to its roll, and is greatly strengthened for the continuance of good and earnest work in the cause of Masonic instruction. We are asked to state that it meets at the White Hart Hotel, every Monday, at eight p.m.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the meeting held on Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., there were present Bros. LeGrand W.M., Western S.W., Rhodes J.W., Forge Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, Turner S.D., Dixie J.D., Ware I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor, and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Jennings as candidate for raising answered the questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the three degrees, and adjourned till Monday, 9th February.

The following Dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 7th February:—

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE annual meeting was held on Friday, 30th ult., at the Town Hall, Ryde. The Provincial Grand Superintendent (M.E. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) presided, and was supported by a large number of the Companions of the various Chapters in the Province, including Comps. J. E. LeFeuve, G. F. Lancaster, J. Powell, G. J. Tilling, W. Bowyer, T. P. Payne, F. Newman, W. Menzies, Lord John Taylour, J. W. Gieve, W. H. Jacob, G. A. Mursell, J. C. Arlidge, T. P. Palsgrave, J. Laverty, James Gieve, Rev. A. A. Headley, W. C. Powell, W. Brunwin, C. G. Adames, G. Bond, G. Peck, M. E. Frost, J. Conner, S. Wheeler, Rev. E. W. Watts, A. Barfield, G. H. Curtis, J. Hall, J. Westaway, A. Greenham, E. Goble, S. R. Ellis, J. E. Buck, E. Goldsmith, R. W. Mitchell, T. Francis, Gordon Miller, G. B. Irons, W. Smith, Marshallsay, W. Miles, G. Wilkins, W. Mayhour, R. W. Beale, J. Woodhouse, E. Nayler, W. M. Outridge, W. T. Dupree, &c. The Prov. Grand Superintendent said that since they had last met they had experienced a great loss by the death of Comp. W. Hickman, who had filled the post of Second Principal since the year 1876. They had expressed recently on several occasions what they had felt on this loss, but in that Prov. Grand Chapter they had not before had an opportunity of doing so. He was sure they would not be behind the rest of the Province in the extreme regret that they felt at the loss of such an excellent Companion. With regard to the position of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province, he must congratulate them on the progress it had made. One new Chapter had been opened, and the Newport Chapter had been revived. Companion R. Loveland Loveland was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer, and the Audit Committee was appointed. The Prov. Grand Superintendent then appointed the following as the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. J. E. LeFeuvre	P.G.H.
F. Newman	P.G.J.
Edgar Goble	P.G.S.E.
R. J. Rastrick	P.G.S.N.
Major Walsh	P.G.S.
Bowyer	P.G. 1st A.S.
F. Powell	P.G. 2nd A.S.
R. L. Loveland	P.G. Treas.
Mursell	P.G. Registrar.
J. Hall	P.G. Sword Bearer.
J. Murray	P.G. Standard Bearer.
Arlidge	P.G.D.C.
W. Miles	P.G. Organist.
J. Exell	P.G. Janitor.

A special Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the close of the Prov. Grand Chapter, when Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, presided. The first business was the consideration of the report of the Prov. Grand Lodge Committee on the scheme for establishing a charitable fund for the Province, to be supported by voluntary contributions, having for its object the education and maintenance, in the vicinity of their own homes, and under the care of parents and guardians, of the children of indigent or deceased Freemasons of the Province, either entirely or pending the election of such children to the Central Schools. A set of by-laws was presented, with a report, which was introduced by the Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Wallingford P.M. suggested that the consideration of the report should be deferred until the annual meeting. The Prov. Grand Master said that there was so much business for consideration at the annual meeting that there would not then be time to consider the scheme fully, and he thought it a better plan to hold a special Lodge for the purpose. Many brethren had not had an opportunity of reading the proposed by-laws, and he thought that the various Lodges should be given an opportunity of considering the question and making a report before they came to any decision on the matter. Bro. G. F. Lancaster P.M. was in favour of passing the report immediately. He mentioned that in East and West Lancashire similar funds had been established; in one division for 30 and in the other division for 20 years, they having large vested funds available. The Prov. Grand Master said Lancashire was a very rich Province, and could scarcely be compared with Hampshire. Bro. Lancashire said that in Devonshire also, which was a similar county to our own, a like scheme had met with great success. Eventually it was decided that a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge should be called to consider the question; Bro. LeFeuvre suggested that copies of the by-laws should be printed meanwhile and distributed among the brethren of the different Lodges in the Province. Bro. J. E. LeFeuvre was then installed as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in succession to the late Bro. W. Hickman. The Provincial Grand Master, who performed the ceremony, with much impressiveness, highly eulogised the Masonic services of Bro. LeFeuvre, who had filled the office of Provincial Grand Secretary for 14 or 15 years. The next business was to appoint and invest a Prov. Grand Secretary to succeed Bro. LeFeuvre. The Prov. Grand Master said that in selecting a brother to fill the important office of Secretary of the Province he had taken into consideration, not only the personal qualifications but also the convenient place of residence of the brother he had selected. Fareham was situated in the centre of the whole Province, and in appointing Bro. Edgar Goble he felt sure that he should be consulting the convenience of the whole of the brethren. Bro. Goble was then duly invested, and briefly acknowledged the honour conferred upon him. The usual banquet was held at the close of the business.—*Portsmouth Times.*

POLISH NATIONAL CHAPTER.

THE ordinary convocation was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, 22nd ult., under the presidency of Comps. Palmer Z., Warner H., Dr. Corri Jackson J., Dr. Jagielski S.N., Oliver Bryant P.S., Bieling 1st Assistant, Wm. Paas P.Z. S.E., Nowakowski P.Z. Treasurer, Hyde Clarke P.Z. As there was no candidate for exaltation the business was of a formal nature. During the evening Comps. Shand M.E.Z. and Land S.E., of Robert Burns Chapter, attended, and stated that the Polish National Chapter had been using the furniture of their Chapter for the last thirty-six years, and, as it required renewing, they suggested either a contribution towards its restoration or a hiring fee for its use. Notice of motion was given for considering the matter at the next Chapter meeting. Nothing else offering, Chapter was closed in the usual manner.

MARK MASONRY.

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YORK LODGE (T.I.)

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 20th ult., at York. Owing to the illness of the W.M., Bro. M. Millington, the chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. There were also present Bros. Rev. W. C. Lukis, J. Todd, G. Balmford, B. L. Mills, J. T. Seller, A. T. B. Turner, F. Smith, G. Simpson, W. B. Dyson, W. Lackenby, H. C. Pickersgill, G. Lamb, P. Pearson, J. Blenkin, W. Stephenson, R. Ware, E. Purnell, W. Coltman, C. L. Foster, G. H. H. McGachen, J. R. Jackson, &c. The minutes having been read, successful ballots were taken for Bros. W. T. Nance and W. Wreglesworth 1611, G. S. Crummack 236, and Bros. H. S. Hopton, W. T. Nance and W. Wreglesworth were advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. The Worshipful Master elect (Bro. J. T. Seller) was then presented and duly installed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and the W.M. thanked the brethren for this mark of their confidence. Bro. Sir James Meek P.M., who was retiring from the Lodge on leaving York for Cheltenham, was elected an honorary member. The report of the Auditors showed a substantial balance in hand. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where they sat down to an excellent supper. The evening was pleasantly spent, the toasts being interspersed with harmony, to which Bros. J. Todd, T. B. Whytehead, W. B. Dyson, A. T. B. Turner, and others contributed. The Officers for the year are as follow:—A. T. B. Turner S.W., F. Smith J.W., G. Simpson M.O., W. B. Dyson S.O., W. Lackenby J.O., Rev. W. C. Lukis P.M. Chaplain, T. B. Whytehead Treasurer and Secretary, J. Blenkin Registrar of Marks, H. C. Pickersgill S.D., G. Lamb J.D., G. Balmford P.M. Organist, Major McGachen I.G., P. Pearson Tyler.

MARK MASONRY IN THE COLONIES.

ON the occasion of the installation of Bro. Sir Henry Burford-Hancock, as Provincial Grand Mark Master of Gibraltar, on the 19th January last, our distinguished Bro. William Foulkes Cottrell, Garrison Staff, Gibraltar, was present with his Patent of Office as Past Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England, in recognition of the zeal and ability and great interest he has always taken in the Degree.

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CONSECRATION OF THE EPPING LODGE, No. 2077.

THE Province of Essex added another to its roll of Lodges on Saturday the 31st ult., when a large muster of the brethren assembled at the Cook Hotel, Epping, to do honour to the occasion. In the absence of the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, M.P., the Provincial Grand Master, the work of the day devolved on the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Fred A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar. Amongst those who assisted were Bros. Richard Clowes P.P.G.S.W., who filled the chair of Senior Warden; J. C. Earle P.G.J.W., who took the Junior Warden's chair; the Rev. Charles H. Roberts P.P.G.C. as Chaplain; Thos. J. Ralling P.G. Sec. as acting Secretary, A. Lucking P.M. and P.Z. Director of Ceremonies, and D. Bartlett P.M. 1343 as Inner Guard. There were also present Bros. E. Letchworth Junior G.D., A. Durrant P.M. 276 Provincial G. Treasurer, T. J. D. Cramphorn P.M. 1024 Provincial G.S.D., A. C. Durrant S.W. 276 Prov. G. Steward, J. B. Read 1364, F. R. Hales 650, W. Herbage 2005, J. Taylor jun. 1817, A. Bryant 1237, H. Clements 754, A. G. Fidler 1237, W. Gray 1489, T. Vincent (Bagshaw), C. J. R. Tijon 1804, G. R. Bolton 1314, T. Fox 1613, W. F. Green 681, W. Hammond 569, J. R. Parkington, C. Smith, E. Wendover 171, H. Marsh I.G. (Rose of Sharon, New South Wales), J. Archer, J. Wilson P.P.J.W. Berks, J. Corble 453, J. Glass 453, A. J. Dixie 453, R. Martin P.P.G.S.D. Essex, F. Eastwood 933, A. A. Mills 754, C. J. Edwards 1457, W. Latter Organist, J. H. Langdon 1457, W. Medwin 1613, C. Handley 475, J. Barber 933, J. T. Austin 1457, G. Corble P.P.J.G.W. Essex, G. Sewell 1457, E. Laurence 453, G. Hollington 933, J. W. Hair 276, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, J. Willing jun. 1319, R. De Lacy 1705, F. G. Bland 1613, A. L. Fryer 1624, H. Schartau 1549, C. Beckett 1319, T. C. Fryer 181, H. Stevenson 192, W. P. Collin 1216, W. W. Shepherd 754, S. Goodall 754, A. Haig-Brown 174, C. Beaumont 901, A. Buck 453 P.P.S.G.W. Essex, J. Hare 1987, &c. The Lodge having been formally constituted, was opened to the third degree. In his opening address Bro. Philbrick explained the absence of the Prov. Grand Master, and expressed the pleasure he felt, in Lord Brooke's absence, in undertaking the duties of Consecrating Officer. He urged it had been fairly shown a need existed for the establishment of this new Lodge, and he felt that the founders were men to whom might be safely entrusted the destinies of a Lodge of Freemasons. In due course the Chaplain was called upon, and he delivered the following Oration.

V.W. DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,—The consecration of a new Lodge must be to every thoughtful Mason a most solemn time, and one which should be accompanied by very earnest and serious prayer. As our Deputy Provincial Grand Master has so justly observed, the ritual and ceremonial is most impressive, may it so affect our hearts. Freemasonry is in its ritual and observance either a most holy and pious institution or else a mere form of words and obligations which are valueless and semi-blasphemous. Without divulging to the uninitiated any of our secrets we are at liberty to tell them that the Bible is always open in our Lodges, and all our meetings are commenced and concluded with prayer to Almighty God, for where His Name is invoked we believe the subsequent actions will be blessed, and whoso putteth his trust in Him need have no fear of danger. Our great and glorious institution is founded upon and rests upon the Volume of the Sacred Law, its Light of Purity and Truth is derived from God Himself. With the consecration of this new Lodge to-day I would remind my brethren that our Lodges are dedicated to the Most High, and our conduct therein should at all times be fit and seemly; and especially would I recommend this fact to the serious attention of those who are to be entrusted with the government of this new Lodge, so that either with candidates for the rites and privileges of Freemasonry, or with joining members, there may be the knowledge felt that in Lodge they are in a building solemnly consecrated and dedicated to God. The more we feel in ourselves the solemnity of our ritual and ceremonial so much the more will it influence all our brethren for good. All the symbolism of Masonry is as perfect as it is beautiful, and to two of our working tools I would direct your attention—the 24 inch gauge and the pencil. May we carefully remember the 24 hours of the day, and as we spend part in labour and refreshment, and a part in serving a friend or brother in time of need, so let us not forget the part to be spent in prayer to Almighty God; for

> "Prayer ardent opens Heaven,
> Sends down a shower of consecrated light upon the hour
> Of man in communion with the Deity."

If all our purposes are thus sanctified with prayer, we need have no fear of meeting death cheerfully, for our actions, noted in the Book of Life, though imperfect have yet been to the best of our ability; we shall have marked well, and received the commendation of God and be permitted to dwell "in that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

The ceremony was then completed, with every regard to due solemnity. Brother A. Lucking now took the chair and installed the W.M. designate, Bro. E. G. Lowis. After the regular salutation had been given the following brethren were invested as Officers:—Bros. E. J. Acworth I.P.M., James Salmon S.W., T. J. Woodrow J.W., W. Dance Secretary, J. Fletcher J.D., Parkinson (elected) Tyler. The election of a Treasurer was deferred till the first regular meeting, on which occasion the remaining Officers will be invested. The first item of interest to be recorded is, that it was resolved to send a letter of congratulation to H.R.H. the Grand Master on the happy event of Prince Albert Victor having attained his majority. A cordial vote of thanks was then tendered to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and those brethren who had assisted him in the ceremony of the day, special reference being made to the indefatigable zeal displayed both by Bro. Albert Lucking P.G.D.C. and Bro. T. J. Ralling Prov. G. Sec. The compliment was gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Philbrick. Honorary membership was then voted to the Prov. G. Master, Lord Brooke, and to the brethren who had carried out the consecration. For this Bro. Clowes responded. The proposition for candidates for initiation and joining having been formally handed in, Lodge was closed.

A banquet followed the consecration of the Lodge, and, in due course, the usual toasts were submitted and honoured. The W.M. reviewed the work that had been done by those who had assisted him in the establishment of the Lodge, and referred to some of the more particular points it was their intention to study in the future. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in responding to the toast of his health, congratulated the Founders upon the happy auspices under which their Lodge had been started, and wished for them a long and successful career of usefulness. He warned them to be very careful in admitting new members; these, he said, should be men who would reflect honour on the Lodge, it being far easier to keep out any element of discord than to get rid of it afterwards. Remarking that the Lodge they had solemnly consecrated that day brought the number of the roll of the Lodges of Essex to twenty-four, Bro. Philbrick said that while it was always a pleasure to the authorities in the Province to welcome a new Lodge where, like this one, there was shown to be a genuine need for it, and it was likely to have a good local support, they must bear in mind that where those elements were wanting new Lodges could not be sanctioned, as they would prove a source of weakness rather than strength. The musical arrangements for the day, which were admirably carried out, were under the direction of Bro. Robert De Lacy, Vicar Choral of St. Paul's Cathedral, assisted by Bro. Schartau, of Westminster Abbey, Bro. Chas. Beckett, of H.M. Chapel Royal, Bro. Fryer, St. Paul's, and Bro. Latter Organist. A due meed of praise must be given to Bro. Edward Lawrence, the genial host. The resources of his establishment—a most comfortable one by the way—were taxed to the uttermost, but every one seemed satisfied with his efforts. It is not often, we opine, he is called upon to entertain so large a gathering. We look forward to spend an evening with the brethren when the strain will not be so great.

ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 236.

ON the 28th ult. the regular meeting of this Chapter, attached to the York Lodge, No. 236, was held at the Masonic Hall, York. The Chapter was opened by Companion the Rev. W. Valentine Z., Comp. Buckle P.Z. as H., and Comp. M. Rooke J., and there were also present Comps. Todd, Rev. Young, McKay, Whytehead, Rymer, Foster, Kirby, Simpson, Smith, Blenkin, Hopton, Lee, Purnell, Anderson, Draper, Biscomb, Forbes, Russell, Cattell, Carter, Hodgson, McGachen, Brown and others. Successful ballots having been taken for several candidates, Bros. W. H. Godley, J. Clarke, and L. Dodsworth, all of the York Lodge, No. 236, were exalted to the Royal Arch. The election of Principals and Officers then took place, with the following result:—Comps. T. B. Whytehead P.Z. Z., M. Rooke H., J. S. Rymer J., J. Todd P.Z. Treasurer, G. Garbutt S.E., H. Foster S.N., and G. Kirby P.S. Comp. W. G. Calvert was re-elected Janitor. On motion of the Treasurer the sum of £10 10s was voted to the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and ordered to be added to the list of the Dean of York, who will represent the York Lodge, No. 236, at the next Festival. After the close of the Chapter, the Companions met at supper and passed an exceedingly enjoyable evening, the toasts alternating with songs, to which Bros. Todd, Kirby, Rymer, and others contributed.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—At a meeting, held at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, 5th inst. There were present Bros. Pitt W.M., Williams S.W., Dilley J.W., Hutchins P.M. Preceptor, Speight P.M. Secretary, Prior S.D., Catt J.D., Penrose I.G.; also Bros. Stringer, Cooper, Greener, Till, Strickland, Dale, Good, Emblin. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cooper candidate. Lodge was called off, and on resuming the questions leading to the degree of F.C. were put, and answered by the members. Lodge was then advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Stringer being the candidate. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Williams S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Obituary.

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BRO. FRANK SILLIS.

IT is with deep regret we announce the death of Brother Frank Sillis S.W. 1744, which sad event took place on Thursday, the 29th ult., after a brief illness, the immediate cause of death being erysipelas. Bro. Sillis was initiated in the Domatic Lodge 177; he was one of the founders of the Royal Savoy Lodge 1744, and went through all offices herein up to Senior Warden. Brother Sillis was likewise a founder of the Metropolitan Chapter 1507, of which at the time of his decease he was Principal Sojourner. The funeral took place at Nunhead Cemetery, on Wednesday last, when a large assemblage of Craftsmen attended to pay the last tribute of respect to a worthy brother.

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The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 29th ult. Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D. Patron presided, and among those present were Bros. Frank Richardson P.G.D., C. H. Webb, Herbert Dicketts, Ralph Clutton, T. Francis, Peter de Lande Long P.G.D., J. J. Caney, Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer, E. M. Money, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. After confirming the minutes of the previous meeting, two vacancies on the House Committee, arising out of the election of Bro. J. A. Rucker P.G.D. and Joshua Nunn Past G. Sword Bearer as Trustees, were reported, and Bros. H. A. Hunt and James Moon were nominated by Brother Herbert Dicketts Provincial Grand Steward. Two petitions were submitted in respect of candidates for the election, of which one was accepted, and the other approved, but subject to the amendment of one of the certificates in its support. It was resolved that the Government Standard Reading Books should be used in the examination of candidates, as in the case of the Boys' School examinations. Notice of motion was given on behalf of Bro. Henry Smith Prov. Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire, for the next Quarterly Court, to the effect that the said Quarterly Court accept the sum of 1000 guineas from the Province of West Yorkshire, for the purchase of a perpetual presentation, to be called the "Sir Henry Edward's Presentation," which will be vested in Sir Henry for his life, Lady Edwards in the event of her surviving her husband for her life, and will then revert to the Province in perpetuity. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

Judging from a Christmas Day menu we have just received from that most energetic of Freemasons—Bro. John Constable—we should imagine that the Transvaal Hotel, Kimberley, of which establishment he is the manager, would be very good quarters for fourth degree Masons, or others blessed with good digestive powers. As the menu in question will give some idea of what can be provided in the "depth of winter" outside our "miserable island," we give it in full, merely remarking, in passing, that we should think the entrées would serve as a sufficient excuse for "headache, biliousness," or any other of the ills of life which might be experienced next day, and perhaps, like many other questionable dishes—for we look upon pork cutlets for a start as very questionable—they are put there for the purpose of accounting for a "morning's reflections." It will be seen that the "joints" in Bro. Constable's menu are of a somewhat varied character, indeed it is a piece of information to us that sucking pig, turkey, or chicken are recognised "joints." We have often realised the fact that some of their species appear to have existed without joints, or at least to have outgrown them just previous to being prepared for table; in any case they have offered stout resistance to being disjointed. Themenu in question is as follows:—

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ENTREES.—Giblet Pie. Pork Cutlets and Green Peas.

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VEGETABLES.—Mashed Potatoes and Green Peas.

PASTRY.—Plum Pudding and Brandy Sauce. Gooseberry Tart. Fruit Pie. Blanc Mange and Jelly.

Cheese; Dessert.

We learn that it is Bro. Constable's intention to visit his native land during the approaching summer.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement, on Thursday evening, Comps. Gregory, Strugnell, Brasted, Sheffield, Knight and George filled the respective offices, and acquitted themselves in an able and masterly manner.

Bro. Frank Venning, Temple Lodge, No. 101, requests us to intimate that the firm in which he is a partner—Messrs. Venning and Venning, auctioneers, valuers, and land agents—have removed their Business Transfer Offices, &c., to 46 Southampton Buildings (two doors from Holborn, E.C.) We trust that this Firm, which boasts of City of London connections of over a century's growth, may continue to prosper in its new quarters.

RAGS AND THEIR REMEDIES.—The Committee of the Ragged School Union have just issued a paper by Prof. Leone Levi, and a Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, both of which give interesting information respecting the work of the affiliated Ragged School Missions in the Metropolis, and the urgent need for its continuance and extension. It is hoped these effective pleas will be widely circulated, and succeed in enlisting both teachers and funds for this noble work amongst the poorest of our City poor.

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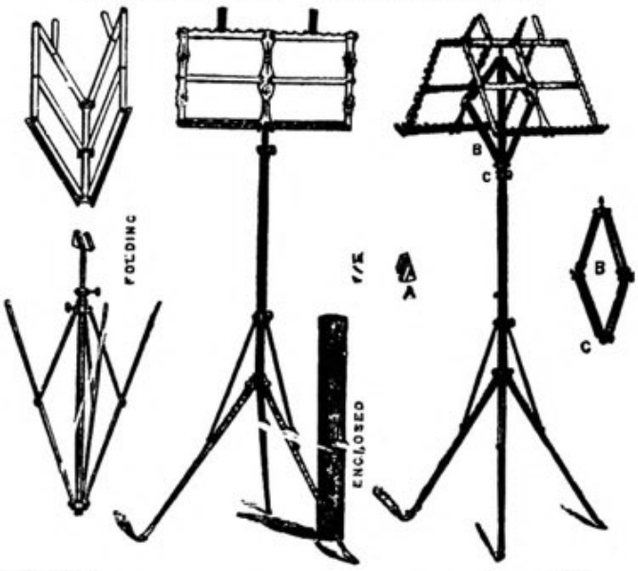

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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 FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
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
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2013—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, 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, 9th 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)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1499—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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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)
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
2012—Chiswick, Bolton Hotel, Chiswick

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. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 140—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
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
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick

R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 379—Tyntc, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley

TUESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, 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)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
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)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Ken
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
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
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, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 70—St John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 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, 11th FEBRUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, 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)
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.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
1308—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
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
1598—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
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)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In).

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
241—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
507—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
696—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
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

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1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1309—Lewisea, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1348—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
1362—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1396—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1434—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1603—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1630—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1647—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1562—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1645—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.

R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 63—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 256—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 296—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 350—Moriah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 12th FEBRUARY.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
87—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1186—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1658—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1698—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—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).
1706—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1746—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1905—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1967—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly

R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
113—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
305—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
316—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
340—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
350—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
462—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
646—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
733—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire
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.
1183—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.
1560—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1905—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 464—Hwlffordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
807—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)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, 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)
R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Bazzard
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. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, N. Present:—Bros. Silvester J.W. 193 W.M., Treadwell 1076 S.W., Messer 25 J.W., Wheelock 151 S.D., Putland J.W. 1732 J.D., Vincent 1564 I.G., and Bro. Burgess, of the Henley Lodge, who acted as Preceptor, Bros. Yates and Deighton 1732, Windmill 1598, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., assisted by the brethren, worked the first section of the lectures. Bro. Windmill kindly volunteered as candidate for initiation, and that ceremony was rehearsed most ably by the W.M. Bros. Yates, Deighton, Windmill, and Vincent were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Treadwell was duly elected to the chair for the next meeting. All Masonic business being ended the Lodge was closed in due form in perfect harmony.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The annual festival of this prosperous Lodge of Instruction was held at Bro. Monk's, the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, S.E., on Tuesday, the 27th ult. The accommodation being somewhat limited, numerous brethren were unavoidably disappointed in obtaining tickets. Bro. H. Maunder Williams, W.M. elect of the Honor Oak Lodge, 1986, presided, Bro. Henry Baldwin, W.M. elect of the Brixton Mother Lodge, occupying the vice-chair. Amongst the brethren present were the Preceptor, Bro. C. A. Francis, Bros. C. H. Phillips W.M. 1986 Treas., Bro. D. Richardson Sec., Bro. H. Hooper J.D. 1986, Bro. Rev. I. Wilson Haffenden Chaplain 1986, James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, Thomas Poore P.M. 720, W. H. Williams P.M. 104, Joseph Harling P.M. W.M. 30, J. A. Danks, J. M. Buckley, Henry Stokes 1699, J. M. Mayer and A. E. Albert 1949, J. Letchford and G. R. Langley 1986, R. B. Johnston 1777, Hodgson, Monk and others. Amongst the many who were prevented from attending, and for whom apologies were read were, Bros. W. Hopekirk P.M. 1936, John Hammond P. Prov. J.D. Middx., J. R. Johnson W.M. 1320, G. W. Knight 1507, C. M. Money, C. Longhurst, S. Scott Young, F. Wootten, and other brethren of 1986. A substantial and well-served repast having been partaken of, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the President proving his capacity for the duties of the office about to devolve upon him. By a courteous request to the W.M. elect of the Brixton Lodge, and to others about to be promoted in office in one or other of the Lodges, opportunities were given them for introducing the toasts which followed that of the W.M., and consequently much variety was given to both the toasts and the responses which followed. The compliment paid to the worthy Preceptor, Bro. Francis, was earnestly expressed and as heartily responded to. None who had done good service to the Lodge during the past year were forgotten. The charitable association connected with the Lodge, which had contributed over £300 to the several Institutions, came in for a fair share of recognition, and its executive were duly honoured. A most agreeable evening was spent by all present, Bros. Stevens, Poore, Monk, Phillips, and others maintaining harmony by songs and recitations, and Bro. Haffenden, who is an excellent musician, adding thereto by his performances on the host's combined harmonium and piano. Separation was not easy, but was effected at a reasonable hour.

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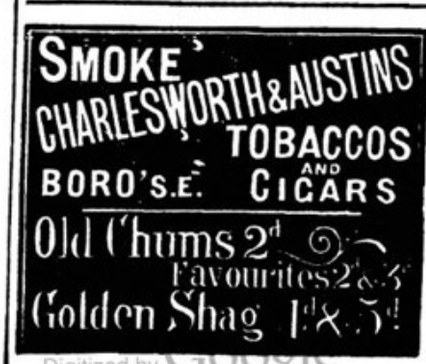

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AGE, WORTH, AND THE CRAFT.

ANY one reading the correspondence that has appeared of late in the Masonic journals would imagine that the "great gooseberry" season had arrived before its time, or had outlasted the period usually assigned to it. The writers referred to seem to enter into keen rivalry in their attempts to produce living specimens of antique Freemasons—brethren who were quite juvenile at "three score years and ten," who have been modest and silent as to their status in the Craft, but who have been suddenly elevated into patriarchs. Perhaps it would be unkind to suppose that those brethren who manifest such an ardent zeal in searching out nonagenarians and centenarians are feeble imitators of the notorious Baron Munchausen, but they certainly have a sharp eye for the marvellous. No doubt they believe what they write. It may even be true that there are brethren still alive who were Freemasons when "George the Third was King." Supposing this to be so, *cui bono?* Is the contest worth the labour? Old age should be respected, but good deeds should be reverenced. If increase of age were always synonymous with growth in virtue, the attempts made to canonize elders in the Craft should be welcomed. They should be put in the place of honour—made Masonic Gamaliels—at whose feet younger members should kneel and learn of their wisdom and experience. All that seems to be done, however, is simply to record the fact that Brother So-and-So was made a Freemason in such a year, that he is of such an age, and therefore he is the oldest living member of the Craft. If some of the writers would just search out and record a few facts relative to the Masonic career of their heroes, perhaps some useful lessons would be learned.

It would be profitable to know, for instance, what the venerable patriarchs have done for the Craft, whether during their long lives they continued to be subscribing members. It would be interesting to learn what offices they have filled, what instruction they have afforded to their juniors, and what support they have given to the Charities. A case came before our notice of a brother who claimed to have been initiated forty years ago, but who suffered a very long interregnum to elapse without taking the least interest in Freemasonry. This brother resumed communication. Like the Prodigal of old, he returned to his parent, and he speedily rose to a post of honour. There were some who felt that the Craft had been rather too lavish in its favours upon one who, whatever might be his position in social life, had for many years neglected the claims of the Brotherhood. Not a few felt hurt at the implied slight inflicted upon merit and long service, and there is reason to believe that much of the spirit of agitation that now prevails has arisen out of the manifest desire there is to worship the golden calf. There are other cases, no doubt, of a similar character, where new-born zeal and obtrusive generosity have outweighed life-long devotion.

Some brethren have been seized with a mania for founding Lodges and Chapters, and base their claims to honour upon the large number of members they have been instrumental in introducing. The credit lies more in the motive than in the act. It is difficult to determine where patriotism and selfishness meet in such cases, but it is beyond dispute that the popularising of Freemasonry is the greatest of modern dangers. It is a cardinal creed of the Craft that no pressure shall be brought to bear upon cowans, that those who wish to enter the mystic circle shall come of their own free will and accord. Yet who does not know that this charter of our body has been violated over and over again, and no protest made? The temptation to some to make members has been too great for their prudence, they have regarded numbers before fitness. Upon their success claims, it is feared, have been admitted, and contests for supremacy have been waged upon grounds which find no warrant in the genius of the Craft. The Order has grown in numbers and increased in wealth beyond all precedent, and yet never was their more urgent demand for help than now exists. It would be well for the brethren to consider how it is that so many are now seeking the aid of the various Charities, and why there is such an eager—almost painful—struggle for increased subscriptions and donations. Is not the reason to be found in the fact that among the rush of members many have entered who should have been excluded; or rather, who should never have been tempted to join? This truth will come home with greater force as the years roll on, and the evil will only cease when the Craft return to first principles. It may be that some will see in this reasoning a spirit of exclusiveness unworthy of the age in which we live, a Cassandra-like croaking that regards only the dark side of the picture. That would be an easy method of getting rid of awkward facts for the moment, but they would return with increased force and would compel attention. If Freemasonry were merely a benefit society, subject to rules as to age and subscriptions, then those who had succeeded in bringing in the most members would be entitled to honour. Membership in that case means capital and partnership. It is a mutual confederation based upon co-operation and equal rights. The distinctions are such as naturally arise among all mixed bodies, and, as a rule, the intelligent few rule the many. The ceremonies are comparatively feeble, they have no esoteric value. Such as they are, no doubt they serve a good purpose, but they are merely the outward trappings of an organisation that has its life in a provident combination for help in time of sickness and death. Freemasonry, on the other hand, is full of symbols, and its Charities are the national outcome of its spiritual teachings. No right to assistance is created by membership, and it exists only in the exercise of that spirit of Charity which is the principal chaplet in the crown of the Order.

Based upon divine truth, Freemasonry recognises neither age nor social standing unless associated with good deeds. It is a pure Republic, and only misses its high purpose when the source of its inspiration is forgotten and neglected. The Order is rich in literature, and its origin is enveloped in a cloud of mystery, which to attempt to pierce demands the exercise of the highest intellect and the noblest genius. With so grand a patrimony, it seems almost ignoble to talk about the oldest living Freemason as if beauty and grace lie concealed in the shrivelled forms of automatons of the Craft, as if knowledge and progress were forwarded by their moribund professors, who bear the name of the body to which they nominally belong, but who have not earned the reward of the good steward who had been faithful to the few things committed to his charge. Were the true spirit of Freemasonry more cultivated, were more regard paid to fitness than to numbers, there would be more charity. The loud tongue would cease to chatter, and the wise find a hearing. The pettiness of discord would cease before the undisputed claims of real worth, and the

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frivolities about age would yield to an honourable recognition of merit regardless of wealth or social station.

RIGHT OF VISIT.

RIGHT OF VISIT is sometimes called right of visitation; but visitation is a very different thing, and includes examination, supervision, calling to account, &c. The question, What are the rights of a Mason as to being present at a communication of a Lodge, of which he is not a member, has occasioned a great deal of controversy, and at times contention, among the Craft, and it seems to have become a common opinion in many quarters that any member of a Lodge has the right to peremptorily object to the presence of any Mason, not a member of the Lodge. When a reason for this is assigned, it is generally this: that harmony in the Lodge must be maintained; and if any member feels that he cannot tolerate the presence of a certain visitor, his feelings must be accommodated by keeping such visitor out, and so preserving harmony.

There are three assumptions in this view of the case, which seem to have been adopted without sufficient reflection. The first is, that a member's right is inherent in him, not as a Mason, but as a member of the particular Lodge, and that it extends to all matters whatever. The second is that because harmony is a great lesson of the *work*, and must as to some matters be preserved, and ought to be cultivated at all times, a member of a particular lodge is vested with a right, by virtue of his membership alone, to clear the floor of all acknowledged Masons, not members, with whom he is not well pleased. The third assumption is that the warrant is granted, the Lodge instituted, and the same opened and closed, and the entire work therein carried on, for the sole use and benefit of the persons who may be admitted members thereof. From all this, those who hold to the right of peremptory objection believe that it is a matter of pure grace on the part of each member of a Lodge opened for Masonic work, to permit the Craft, or any member of it, even though entered, passed and raised on that very floor, to take part in, or even witness, the work of the Craft, on that same floor to be performed.

But it is ventured here to suggest that all such opinions fall to the ground upon a little examination of what the Masonic Lodge is, and why it is such as it is, and for what purpose instituted, and for what the warrant of its constitution is granted, and why, and for whom it is opened at all.

It is true that harmony is one of the undoubted teachings of the Lodge, not only in its lectures, but in its work throughout. All well informed Masons understand that Ancient Craft Masonry not only inculcates harmony among the brethren in all matters, but that harmony, as a principle of the divine order, is one of the fundamentals of both the science and the art which makes Masonry to be a "*craft*," and is represented as one of the three great pillars which support the Lodge.

But harmony among whom? and as to what? Must the members be in the same harmony among themselves as is required between each one of them and a visitor? Doubtless they must, or the reason assigned for excluding the visitor would be false and sinister. There must be the same harmony remaining in the Lodge after he is excluded, as there must be if he should remain without objection. But this clearly shows that whatever would be tolerated between any two members present, without interfering with the *work*, would not interfere, if it should exist between one member and a visitor. This leads to the question, What harmony is required between two, or more, members of the Lodge? Not harmony as to religion, for it is a cardinal doctrine of the Lodge that men of all religious persuasions are equally acceptable. Not harmony as to politics, for as to that the same rules prevail. Neither harmony as to business affairs or family disputes, for men much incensed against each other take part in the work, and yet it is never surposed that for that cause the work is not lawfully done. Nor yet must there be harmony as to matters pending in the Lodge or Grand Lodge, for though heated strife may be prevailing as to pending measures, if all present join in the work, the harmony required is not deemed to be infringed by the feelings of antagonists as to such measures. It seems, therefore, that as to all the matters last mentioned (and many more might be spoken of) want of harmony among those present does not affect the sublime lesson of the Lodge; so that as to such matters there is no reason for excluding anybody.

What harmony then *is* required? The only answer seems to be, harmony as to proceeding with the work, and that each one present be satisfied that every other is a Mason of the proper degree. When this harmony is attained, all is attained which can be practically secured; and more than this, all which is called for in order to represent and conform to the order of the universe, for nature exhibits everywhere elements which are in continual strife in some respects, but which all concur as to the grand results, in all their amazing complex, as a Lodge may be at times composed of contentious members, who nevertheless are in harmony as to energy and concord in the work.

The right to peremptorily object depends on a prior question, that is, Who have a right to be present? for if any one has a right to be present, manifestly no one can object to his being there. But the right to be present depends on still prior questions, What is the Lodge, and why is it opened, and where, and for whom? This again depends on the degree. If the first degree is opened, it is the symbolic opening of the Terrestrial Lodge—the material world—the world of sense—that which is perceptible to the senses. If opened in the second degree, it is the opening of the intellectual world; the world cognizable by the intellect—all sciences, knowledges, and all intellectual philosophy, which is the unification of these; together with all their arts. If the third or sublime degree be opened, the moral world is opened, that cognizable by the moral powers and faculties—all moral science and philosophy—and as each higher degree includes the inferior, when that degree is opened, all are opened.

This is why the Lodge is opened, first on the level, secondly on the square, and thirdly and lastly on the centre. On the level, because then all are on the Ground Floor, which is level; on the square because the square is the representative of all natural science, which is the degree of a Fellow Craft; on the centre, because when opened on the centre the universe is opened; for the centre is perfection, and is the "*East*," and the circumference is from the centre, and not the centre from the circumference, and the circle is the most comprehensive figure possible in geometry, in which all others are contained, as the triangle is the simplest, of which all other forms are composed.

There is, in contemplation of Masonry, but *one Lodge* (three in one), and it is opened for all the worthy wheresoever dispersed about the globe. True it is opened in divers places; but this only of necessity and for convenience, that in every part of the earth Masons may meet and work, and not be prevented either by distance or their own multitude. But when opened, every particular Lodge is, in the Masonic idea, the *same Lodge*. If all Masons could assemble and work in one place, the Lodge would be opened in that place only. It matters not that many particular Lodges may be open at the same time—indeed anciently they were so opened, as nearly as the rotation of the Ground Floor (which is the earth) would permit, for they were opened on the *full of the moon*—then by neglect of Masonic order, on some particular day of the week, regulated by the full moon, and lately, by still further negligence, they are mostly opened on set days of the week, as clubs and societies meet.

When any Lodge is opened or closed, or stands open for Masonic work, every Mason of the proper degree has the inherent right to be present, for three reasons at least, and each unquestionable. First, that he may receive a portion of his wages—Masonic light, and his wages are to be received wherever the Lodge is open. Secondly, that he may prove the work of those there engaged, who claim to be Masons; and thirdly, because he is under a *duty* to attend and aid in the work when he can do so with reasonable convenience to himself and others; and no man can be rejected in any institution, who has an appointed duty there, merely to please somebody else.

What Master ever received a warrant to hold a Lodge, except for all the Craft? The very mention of such a case shows its absurdity. What charter of any particular Lodge lawfully granted, since "Grand Lodge Masonry," as it is called, has existed, ever contained any restriction of its benefits to the members of the Lodge chartered, or any limitation of the right and duty of a regular Mason to aid in the universal work of the Craft? Every one can see that in a Lodge held under a warrant to a Master to make

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Masons, or pass them, as was common in former times, there could be no visitors at all; and when Master Masons were raised, whether in such a Lodge or in a Grand Lodge, the case must have been the same; and so also when the Grand Master made Masons at sight. But because Lodges are now chartered to work at a particular place, and are for many purposes business corporations, and for such purposes have particular members, united under bye-laws, all other Masons who come to such a Lodge are called visitors, which in truth they are, as to the business character and affairs of such Lodge, and have no right to vote there on any matter falling under the bye-laws; but as to the *work*, that is a matter which pertains to the universal Lodge; that is, to the whole Craft; hence all can see that their right to be present at any work is altogether paramount to any right of objection which a Lodge member might claim. The visitor's right to see and assist at the work, in the way in which all present are required to assist, cannot be denied by the Worshipful Master, for he opens his Lodge from East to West, and between the North and South, and not at all as a *local* institution; and he does so standing in place of the Grand Master, who is necessarily Master of every particular Lodge, and when present sits in the East with the Worshipful Master on his right hand.

This is why the Lodge receives the Grand Master with the Grand Honours; for that is the Masonic recognition that he is rightfully in the chair of Solomon, as the Oriental chair is called; and no honours are to be given to any other officer; and if any are given to a proxy of the Grand Master they are not intended for him, but for the authority of the Master who sent him. Least of all should Grand Honours be given to a Deputy Grand Master in his own right, for he is not a Masonic officer at all, but only an innovation.—*Voice of Masonry.*

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

(Continued from p 67.)

UP to within a month I believed that the ritual translated in 1882 was the *bona fide* English Royal Arch Ritual of about 1812. The translator, as well as a very eminent English Brother and 33 degreer, intimated that some portions of that ritual were taken out of the A. and A. rite; but a recent find of another Royal Arch ritual convinced me that those portions were not taken out of the A. and A. Rite, but that the Charleston manufacturers of the A. and A. Rite copied those notions from this very ritual.

It is a well-known fact that the G.L. of England chartered a Lodge held in Paris in 1724. Of course, the ritual then consisted of only three degrees, and a very crude ritual it was. The English brethren since then made successive additions to their original ritual. Here, in America, Thos. Smith Webb made additions to the English ritual, and, as a matter of course, the French brethren also made successive additions to their ritual. The origin of Masonry was a mystery; Anderson's history of Masonry did not satisfy Chevalier Ramsay (a Scotchman by birth, who was in the service of the Pretender, lived in Paris, and was one of the earliest Masons initiated in Paris). In 1735 the Lodge in Paris conferred the new title of "Masonic Orator" on Ramsay, and in his oration he asserted that Masonry descended from the Crusaders. This notion took root, and Ramsay and others set to work in inventing a series of degrees with legends of all nations and ages. Some of those legends and degrees were said to have been preserved in Scotland, hence they talk about "Scottish Rite." Somewhere between 1745 and 1758 they had in Paris no less than twenty-five degrees, and they seem to have thought that they had quite enough, and those degrees were styled the "Rite of Perfection." The Royal Arch was evidently one of the earliest of their new degrees, and it seems to have been the *seventh degree* of the new Rite. In 1762 Stephen Morin brought the Rites of Perfection to the West Indies, and from thence they were imported into Charleston, S.C. The Charleston luminaries did not consider the "Rite of Perfection quite *perfect*, so they went to work and pretended to have received a charter from Frederick the Great, rehashed the twenty-five degrees into thirty-three degrees, and in 1801 they proclaimed themselves S.C. of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," or A. and A. Rite.

This "A. and A. Rite" was conferred in Charleston upon Count De Grasse, a refugee from Hayti; he carried the new Rite to Paris. The French Orient, who had never heard that Frederick the Great was a high degreer, would not listen to De Grasse, and treated his pretensions with contempt. The Count thereupon set up a concern of his own, and began to manufacture thirty-thirds. At last, for the sake of peace, the French Orient yielded, and from Perfection Riters they became A. and A. Riters.

Marconnay, who transcribed the Royal Arch Ritual which was brought to New York from Hayti in 1833, knowing it was not one of the A. and A. degrees, it being headed the "seventh degree," &c., and as the Royal Arch is called here the "seventh degree of the York Rite," he headed the ritual accordingly, and added that it was sent from England to Port au Prince, in Hayti, in 1802, and as there was no evidence to contradict Marconnay's statement, we all took it for granted that it was an old English R.A. ritual.

Bro. Albert Pike, however, also found a ritual of the R.A. in New Orleans, which is headed "the seventh degree of the Ancient Rite." This ritual was also brought from Hayti (somewhere between 1797 and 1809). Bro. Pike furnishes conclusive evidence that the said ritual was used in a R.A. Chapter chartered by the Grand Orient of France (between 1784 and 1796) for Port-au-Prince, in Hayti, and on carefully comparing the ritual translated by De la Granja with that of Pike, I found them both alike. Paragraph after paragraph begin and end alike. This fact left no doubt on my mind that the ritual in question was not an English R.A. ritual, but it was unquestionably the parent of the English R.A. degree. The Charlestonian A. and A. Riters, however, seem to have rehashed the legend of the old seventh degree, and developed it in the thirteenth and fourteenth, &c. degrees of the A. and A. Rite into the following cock and bull story:

"Enoch, the son of Jared . . the sixth in descent from Adam . . In a vision the Deity appeared to him . . and said to him, 'Enoch, thou hast longed to know my true name; arise, and follow me and thou shalt know it.'

"Enoch, accepting his vision as an inspiration, journeyed in search of the mountain he had seen in his dream, until weary of the search; he stopped in the land of Canaan, then already populous with the descendants of Adam, and there employed workmen; and with the help of his own son, Methuselah, he excavated nine apartments one above another, and each roofed with an arch, as he had seen in his dream, the lowest being hewn out of the solid rock. In the crown of each arch he left a narrow aperture, closed with a square stone, and over the upper one he built a modest temple, roofless, and of huge unhewn stones, to the Grand Architect of the Universe. Upon a triangular plate of gold, inlaid with many precious gems, he engraved the ineffable name of God, and sank a plate into one face of a cube of agate.

"None knew of the deposit of the precious treasure; and that it might remain undiscovered, and survive the Flood, which it was known to Enoch would soon overwhelm the world in one vast sea of mire, he covered the aperture, and the stone that closed it and the great ring of iron used to raise the stone, with the granite pavement of his primitive temple.

"Then fearing that all knowledge of the arts and sciences would be lost in the universal flood he built two great columns upon a high hill—one of brass to resist the water, and one of granite to resist fire. On the granite column was written in hieroglyphics a description of the subterranean apartments; on the one of brass, the rudiments of the arts and sciences.

"The granite column was overturned and swept away and worn to a shapeless mass by the Deluge, but that of brass stood firm and was found by Noah. Thenceforward the true name of God remained unknown until He said unto Moses in Egypt, when He ordered him to go to Pharaoh, and cause him to send forth the children of Israel out of Egypt, 'I am that which I was and shall be, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob. Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, He who is hath sent me unto you, I am the Lord that appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, by My name, Al shedi; but My name—I did not show them.'

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"Moses engraved the ineffable name upon a plate of gold and deposited it in the ark of the covenant. Moses made the name known to Aaron and Joshua, and afterwards it was made known to the chief priests. The word being composed of consonants only its true pronunciation was soon lost, but the word still remained in the ark; and in the time of Otheniel, in a battle against the King of Syria, those who bore the ark were slain, and the ark fell to the ground. After the battle the men of Israel searching for it were led to it by the roaring of a lion, which, crouching by it, had guarded it, holding the golden key in its mouth. Upon the approach of the High Priest and the Levites he laid down the key and withdrew. Hence upon the golden key worn by the Treasurer you see the initials of these words, 'In arc leonis verbum inveni.' 'In the lion's mouth I found the word.' This plate of gold was melted down, made into an image of Dagon by the Philistines who took it in battle.

"David intended to build a temple to God, but bequeathed the enterprise to Solomon, his son, and Solomon selected a place near Jerusalem; but finding overthrown columns of Enoch's temple, and supposing them to be the ruins of a heathen temple, and not wishing to select a desecrated spot, selected Mount Moriah for the site of his temple to the true God. Under this temple he built a secret vault, the approach to which was through eight other vaults, all under the ground, and to which a long and narrow passage led under the king's palace. In the ninth apartment was placed a twisted column of white marble, on which it was intended to place the ark, and in this apartment he held his private conferences with King Hiram of Tyre, and H.A., they only knowing the way by which it was approached. Solomon proposed to erect a temple of Justice, and selected as a site the spot where Enoch's temple had stood, and to that end directed that the fallen columns and rubbish should be removed. Gibulum, Joabert and Stolkin were selected to survey the ground and lay off the foundation."

THE HISTORY CONTINUED IN THE FOURTEENTH DEGREE.

"My brother, you were informed in the degree of the Royal Arch that King Solomon builded a secret vault, the approach to which was through eight other vaults, all under the ground, and to which a long and narrow passage led from the palace. The ninth arch or vault was immediately under the Holy of Holies of the Temple. In that apartment Solomon held private conferences with King Hiram and Hiram Abiff. After the death of Hiram Abiff the two kings ceased to visit it, resolving not to do so until that time they should select one to fill his place, and that until that time they would make known the sacred name to no one. After Adomoram, Joabert and Stolkin had discovered the cube of agate and the mysterious name, and had delivered it to King Solomon, the two kings determined to deposit it in the secret vault, permit the three Masters who discovered it to be present, make known to them the true pronunciation of the ineffable word, constitute the last degree of ancient Craft Masonry. [Query: Will there ever be a last to ancient Craft Masonry?] and term it Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Masons. The cube of agate was so deposited.

"After the twelve Princes of Ameth, the nine Elect and the Chief Architect were admitted to this degree. The secret vault was thereafter called Sacred Vault and was originally built by Hiram Abiff, and none but Grand, Elect, Perfect and Sublime Masons knew of its existence, or knew other than the substitute word.

"The Temple was completed in the year 3000—six years, six months and ten days after King Solomon had laid the first corner stone, and its completion was celebrated with great pomp and splendid magnificence.

"Subsequently, while the Temple was being dedicated, King Solomon conferred this sublime degree on the twenty-five brethren we have mentioned, and in the form you have but now witnessed.

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"On the second day [after the Temple was dedicated] an audience was given to all Masons, from the degree of Master to the Royal Arch, and all vacancies were filled. On the third day King Solomon devoted his time to advancing and raising Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices.

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE BY NEBUCHADNEZZAR.

"This happened four hundred and seventy years, six months and ten days after the dedication. After the city was taken, and the King's palace and the Temple demolished, some of the Grand Elect Masons bethought themselves of the Sacred Vault and the inestimable treasure it contained. Repairing to the ruins of the temple at night they found that the way which led down to the vault had not been discovered, nor the slab of marble which covered it disturbed, but upon it they found the dead body of Galaad, an eminent brother and Chief of the Levites. He had been entrusted with the custody of the Sacred Vault and the care of the lamps that burned continually."

Removing the body and descending into the vault they erased the sacred letters from the plate of gold, broke the plate to pieces, placed the cube of agate in a corner of the vault, covered it with rubbish, extinguished the lamp and overturned the pedestal; then they buried Bro. Galaad in the vault (giving him a Masonic funeral of course); they then ascended and covered the place, &c.

It was then determined never again to write the name, but hand it down by tradition in syllables without ever pronouncing the entire word. . . . Once in each year the word was repeated by syllables in the Temple, the brethren forming a circle, the High Priest repeating the syllables to a brother on the right, who repeated them to the one next to him, and so they passed round the circle and returned to the High Priest. . . .

"Finally, when the time arrived that the Christian Princes entered into a league to free the Holy Land from the oppression of the Infidels, the good and virtuous Masons . . . offered their services to the confederates, upon condition that they should have a chief of their own election, and whose name was only made known in the hour of battle, which being granted, they accepted their standard and departed."

The last paragraph informs us that the Princes and the Knights were so delighted with the Masons that all the best of the Crusaders were Masonized, and so it "spread far and wide through a succession of ages to the present day."

"Consistency" is called a "jewel," but it is certainly not a Masonic jewel. Here we have three rituals of the Royal Arch. According to the English Ritual the great secret was discovered at the building of the second Temple. According to the old French ritual the secret was not discovered until after the destruction of the last Temple. And according to the A. and A. ritual the secret from the days of Solomon to the present time was never lost at all. Again, the old French ritual informs us that Brothers Mahabon, Jachin and Boaz were Solomon's confidential friends; but those three old worthies were discarded from the Royal Arch degree both by the English and the A. and A. ritual tinkers. Still again, according to the old French ritual, Brothers Gibulum, Joabert and Stolkin (Joabert and Stolkin were the brethren who on that occasion pulled Bro. Gibulum with the rope out of the vault) were contemporaries of the Emperor Titus; the A. and A. luminaries make those worthies contemporaries of King Solomon while the tinkers of the English R.A. ritual have expelled Joabert and Stolkin from all connection with the Masonic fraternity. There are also other discrepancies which I shall call attention to at some future time. But in one part of the story the old French ritual and the A. and A. ritual most singularly coincide, viz., their sudden transition in their narratives from the days of Zerubbabel, or of Titus, down to the Crusaders and Templarism.

—*Masonic Truth.*

(To be continued.)

ANOTHER DINNER.—Such was the shout on Wednesday outside the Hall of the London Cottage Mission at Salmon's-lane, Limehouse, from the hundreds of hungry children who, with their clatter of spoons and basons, were waiting to see whether or no there was to be any Irish stew this week, and, happily for them, there was; but they little knew how nearly it had been a case of an empty copper, for Mr. Austin, the indefatigable Director, assures us that it was only with the greatest difficulty that he saved his starving crowd from what would have been to them a bitter disappointment. Now, the question is, What is to be done next week?—for without immediate help from those able to assist in this good work, dinner party there will be none, and the great hall will be empty. Let us earnestly hope this will not be so. Surely there are kind and charitable hearts who will see that timely aid is given, and forward their contributions as soon as they read these lines to Mr. Austin, 44 Finsbury-pavement, E.C., who will most gladly and gratefully receive them.

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PRINCE'S.

"WORTH makes the man," sang Alexander Pope; but Worth fails to make an artist, even with so pretty a lay figure as Mrs. Langtry offers the great man milliner. "The School for Scandal," produced on Tuesday night at the Prince's, dragged its slow length along from eight o'clock till midnight. Sumptuous interiors, Chippendale furniture, and splendid costumes, changed at every opportunity, showed lavish outlay in mounting the play, but though stalls and dress circle felt a feeble enthusiasm for these things, they poorly compensated the tedium of the dreary waits entailed. Mrs. Langtry as Lady Teazle is pleasing in the light comedy scenes; she is the graceful lady of fashion without aid from histrionic art; but she does not indicate beneath the acquired social veneer the high-spirited, true-hearted country girl, who never really belongs to the clique of the Candours and Backbites. Then, in the great screen scene, where Miss Litton or Miss Ada Cavendish showed us, not the rage of the humiliated lady of fashion, but the heart agony of a true woman, degraded in her own eyes, Mrs. Langtry sorely fails to grasp the situation. She hides her face when we should read on it the story of the awakening from a dream of folly; and when, abashed and self-convicted, we should see how this honest-hearted country girl will emerge out of the desperate entanglement to win back happiness and her husband's love, Mrs. Langtry makes a heavy tragedy exit, and fails to awaken sympathy in the audience for the personage she represents. Much expectation had been excited by the cast, but though Mr. Farren gave us Sir Peter with all the delicate refinement and finish of which, perhaps, he alone possesses, at the present day, the secret, and Mr. Coghlan made an excellent Charles, dashing and volatile, there was much disappointment in store as regards the Joseph Surface of Mr. Beerbohm Tree. The plausible, high-bred, fascinating man of the world, who hoodwinks alike clear witted Lady Teazle and his cynical associates, is certainly not realised. A Sunday-school teacher could not be taken in by such an embryonic scoundrel; still we will hazard no final judgment. A very finished and effective Joseph is quite within this clever actor's grasp. Mrs. Arthur Stirling played carefully, but without the breadth and unction which should make Mrs. Candour one of the most delightful figures on the stage. We trust the play, after the first night, will run closer, and that on a second visit the charms of the deep fauteuils will not be so tempting for an occasional nap.

ST. JAMES'S.

IT is not a wholly pleasant duty to record this latest version of "As you like it." The management of the St. James's have assuredly spared neither thought, toil, nor cost to make the production a success, but we fear, unless more vigorous life and good brisk out of door spirit be imparted, there must be disappointment for all concerned. St. James's boasts one of the best companies in London, and in Mrs. Kendal surely one of the fairest, as she is undoubtedly among the most gifted artists who honour the stage. The park and the forest scenery is exquisite. Surely such grass, such mossy stems and umbrageous boughs have never been lighted by artificial sunlight before, nor the sweet lyrics of Shakspeare sung to such sylvan accompaniment of babbling brooklet. The costumes are careful studies of the fantastic period chosen. We seem to see a dozen pictures by Mabuse or Schwartz made living men and women. The Meiningen management would have nothing to teach this St. James' crowd as to naturalness of action. The scene at the wrestling match is one of the most brilliant and effective we have ever witnessed. Groups form and reform under the spreading boughs of grand old cedars on one side of the stage,—though it is difficult to believe this is a stage and not a stately sun-lighted park. On the other rises the massive carved stone front of the ancient chateau. A pretty quaint group is produced by the steeple capped nurse and her young charges, who come into the balcony to enjoy the festival. Mr. Kendal in this scene—as in the preceding one with his "wicked brother" Oliver—was at his best, manly and self-possessed. He looked Orlando to the life; handsome, graceful and young, as Orlando should be; but where the idyllic and ideal lover should be shown us Mr. Kendal evidently felt ill at ease. With the intention of giving dignity to the part, he abdicates those pleasant gifts of true comedy he possesses, and instead of the fascinating brilliant youth who should justify Rosalind's sudden passion we have a most staid and serious—might we not say, tedious—young man. We hope, however, with the greater ease that will come, will follow more familiarity. Mr. Kendal has yet to do his best, and assuredly it will then be a very pleasant interpretation. For the Rosalind of Mrs. Kendal, the stage has rarely seen a brighter, a more refined, or one more charming in every way. The Madge Robertson of earlier days has come back to us, with all the girlish charm and sweetness of old, and with the added power of years of study. The archness and pretty petulance of the scene where Rosalind would make Orlando woo her under her feigned name was simply charming, whilst her singing of the cuckoo song awoke the house to enthusiasm. Mrs. Kendal has undoubtedly achieved an artistic triumph, and if she could inspire her coadjutors with her own spirit the revival would be a delight for months to come. There is, however, a generally subdued tone—all seems set in a minor key—a weight of melancholy weighs on all the dramatis personæ, except in the case of the fair Celia, admirably portrayed by Miss Linda Dietz, who shines forth with a sprightliness and winsomeness quite charming. The débutante, Miss Lea, also makes the meek Audrey one of the chief successes of the night. She is "enough" Audrey, rustic and awkward, with a pleasant bright wit under her rusticity. Mr. Hare as Touchstone:—To this representation we all looked forward as an opportunity for this gifted actor, and we are sure Mr. Hare is as little satisfied as those who would so willingly praise him. Mr. Vezin lends his high-bred manner and perfect elocution to Jacques once more, but the noble melancholy of the "Seven Ages" seemed to lack something, spoken as it was among those well-dressed, banished lords, who evidently were not enjoying their forest pic-nic. Mr. Cellier's music for the songs is doubtless graceful, but how can we praise that which has robbed us of those sweet old tunes we older folks must ever associate with the sweetest lyrics Shakespear has given us?

THE PRINCESS'S.

"HAMLET" at the Princess's has attained and passed its hundredth night, with the popularity its first representation evoked in no degree lessened. The fifth act closed on the 5th February for the hundredth time, amid plaudits even more enthusiastic than those that generally greet the gifted actor and generous manager, who was evidently compelled, in spite of himself, to respond to the demand for a speech. Happily custom and warning experience has taught Mr. Barrett that though the critical audience with whom one almost seems to clasp hands in the excitement of those great waves of emotion and applause may be warmly sympathetic, the hand-clasp and the responsive pulse must be wanting in the "morning paper," and therefore, in Mr. Barrett's own words, "it is canny to say nowt." At the same time he gracefully acknowledged the favour that had rewarded the work done by him and his company; he also pronounced the good augury that in two other theatres Shakespear had found welcome. Doubtless never has "Hamlet" excited higher interest or given occasion for more controversy. Mr. Barrett can show good justification for his reading, in the essentially living, suffering, sympathetic embodiment he has given us. There is this charm in the play, that each actor may give us a new Hamlet, and yet each be true. The character, like a faceted diamond, shows this or that colour as the light falls on it. One of the great charms of the present revival has been the restoration of the king to his proper importance in the play. The voluptuous "smiling villain," whose crimes are as much due to passion for the Queen as for greed of power, has in Mr. Willard a fine embodiment, and time has much refined and given finish to the portraiture. Miss Eastlake, who plays Ophelia with much care, is in danger of greatly elaborating the final scene, and making the very realism of her madness destructive to the grace and dignity which should ever distinguish tragedy from melodrama. The stately beauty of Miss Leighton is of great value in her presentment of the queen; we see a woman of whom Claudius declares, Gertrude "lives but in his (Hamlet's) looks"—and, as the queen, we scarcely feel the mother. There is a grim earnestness in Mr. George Barrett's gravedigger, which keeps the part well within the prevailing minor key; it is exceedingly fine, and with true touch of comedy in its rendering. Though lovers of Shakespeare must regret they bid farewell to Macready's "Sweet Prince," we believe Mr. Barrett's judgment will again secure a great success in the new "Brutus," for which theatregoers are now impatiently looking forward. Not at the Princesses need the manager fear "there is no money bid for argument, unless the poet and the player went to cuffs on the question."

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland will be held on Monday next, 16th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester, when the Lodge of the Golden Fleece, No. 2081, will be constituted and dedicated in ancient form. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 3·15 p.m., and after the calling over of the Provincial roll and the transaction of other formal business the new Lodge will be consecrated. The W.M. designate having been installed, he will proceed to invest his Officers, invite propositions, and then close the Lodge. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master—Bro. S. S. Partridge—will then call attention to the forthcoming election of Grand Treasurer of England, and will move "That the Provincial Grand Lodge heartily approves the candidature of a Provincial Brother for the office, and recommends W. Bro. John Woodall Woodall P.M., P P.S.G.W. North and East Yorkshire, to the support of the brethren of the Province." Any other business regularly brought before the Provincial Grand Lodge will be transacted, and then Prov. Grand Lodge will be closed. A banquet will be served at the Hall at half past five, and as a large attendance is expected, an early notification is requested from any brother intending to be present. The price of the tickets for dinner and dessert are 5s 6d each. The attendance of brethren of other Provinces is invited by the Provincial Grand Lodge.

We are asked to state that the ballots for Life Governors in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, in which Bro. Simpson J. Byng, 424 S.C. and P.M. 902 is Steward, will take place at Bro. Meekham's, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Highbury, on Friday evening, 20th February, at nine o'clock.

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REPORTING MASONIC MEETINGS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have often wondered why it is that certain brethren object to a fair, simple, and legitimate report of the proceedings of Lodge meetings, and although I have asked for reasons I have never been able to get convincing answers. I know that in a certain Lodge with which I am acquainted there are two or three members who fill situations, the duties of which seem to clash with the offices they hold in the Lodge, and therefore object to the publication of their names. It is not the mere record they object to, but the inference that is likely to be drawn from the fact that the Lodge meets at five or half-past, a period of the day when perhaps their duties as employés are not ended. The brethren I refer to do not attend at the opening of the Lodge, except on special occasions. From my personal knowledge of them I am sure they would not forfeit their good names as worthy brethren by neglecting their duties as citizens, yet the fact remains that they would be liable to a false construction being put upon their actions by a due record, without the addition of an interpreting clause, and this cannot be given without recording the time of arrival at the Lodge of each member, a thing impossible and absurd.

Then there is the case of the brother who may happen to be Secretary, whose employers might object to his filling other offices which might detain him late at night, and so unfit him for work on the following day. How far the cases I have named influence the brethren I do not know, they are the only practical answers I have ever met with against the reporting of Lodge meetings. The objections referred to were overcome by leaving out the names of the brethren concerned, a very easy and simple remedy. Those, however, who are against all publication, except by authority, are either martinets or the victims of unnecessary fear. Set a beggar on horseback and he will ride to the devil; put some soldiers in a Masonic office and they will excommunicate all who dare to do anything that has not received license from or through them. Like the Pharisees of old, they are sticklers for discipline, but wants is in spirit. They are jealous of their office, and construe actions into offences in the spirit of tyrants. I have known two instances in my own Masonic career where a choleric and pedantic soldier, aided by a servile follower, exhibited all the narrow-mindedness of bigots. These brethren were enemies to Lodge reports being published, except under circumstances they could either command or influence. I may add that the Province to which they belong is not noted either for its charity or courtesy.

In the foregoing I have merely referred to what has come under my own notice, the larger question I leave to other and abler hands.

Yours fraternally,

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Hitherto Norfolk has not figured prominently in the charitable movements connected with the Craft. I was pleased, therefore, to find that a scheme was set on foot at the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Lynn, for methodically organising subscriptions in aid of the Schools in connection with the Order. Without entering into the merits of the proposed plan I may say that if carried out with anything like spirit it cannot fail to improve the charitable status of the Province and the Institutions concerned. What I fear is that petty jealousies may retard the operation of the scheme, and that a litigious spirit—the curse of Norfolk—may mar the hopes that may be raised. Time will tell. I hope it will be on the side of charity, and not in favour of that egotism and selfish clannishness which disfigures so much that is good amongst Norfolk Masons.

In referring to what is recorded with regard to the doings of the Prov. G. Lodge, I am reminded of the omissions. I presume a banquet followed labour; indeed you say so in nine words, and that is all we know about it. Nothing is said about service at church. I interpret your silence to mean that on this occasion the practice adopted when the Grand Lodge met at Norwich had been departed from. If that were so, I am sorry for it, for I believe the service did much good in ways that cannot be discussed here, but which most of the Norfolk brethren well understand.

Now, Sir, although you are silent about the banquet, I have reason to believe that you and others were treated with scant courtesy on that occasion. I hear from good authority that the management of the whole affair was not a success, that brethren who came from a long distance, who had taken every precaution, were unable to be present at the banquet. It was only with difficulty that they could obtain admission to the proceedings of Grand Lodge. Under these circumstances I can well understand why you gave no account of the banquet. I know when Grand Lodge met at Norwich there was no difficulty about banquet tickets. Why change the tactics at Lynn I am unable to discover, unless the reason is to be sought in the presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. It may be, as you say, that a larger number was present than was expected. I can hardly accept such an explanation. The Province may be large in extent, but the number of Lodges is not great—something like sixteen or seventeen I believe. There is only one Lodge in the town in which the annual meeting of Prov. G. Lodge was held, and as only two hundred and thirty guests sat down to the banquet, I am at a loss to conceive how it was that any failure occurred. No doubt the announcement that the Most Worshipful Grand Master would be present attracted a good many brethren, but that was all the more reason why ample provision should have been made. I fear much soreness will arise out of this break-down; I am sure some of the brethren will have formed a very bad opinion of the Norfolk Masons, and will not trust to their courtesy a second time. The whole mischief is to be attributed to a narrow clique, who monopolise all power, and whose estimate of themselves is above the appraisement of ordinary mortals. I am sure the Norfolk brethren would disclaim all desire to be discourteous, but others, in their name, have, I fear, done some damage to their fair fame.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

THE CLIFTONVILLE HOTEL, MARGATE.

THERE is, or used to be, a general opinion abroad that Margate, by reason of the loud and pretentious people who frequent it, is not among the most desirable of our pleasure resorts, and that, for some vague reason we have never clearly been able to understand, its climate is not so favourable to health as we should wish it to be. That owing to its easy access from London a very mixed class of visitors should find their way thither is very natural; but of late years, at all events, the town has grown considerably, and with Cliftonville on one side, and Westgate on the other, there is now ample accommodation for the quietest and most exigent of holiday seekers. Then the very fact of a large and important infirmary for scrofulous patients having been established for years in close proximity to the harbour is undeniable evidence in favour of its being a healthful place, even had it not been again and again shown by the most acceptable medical authority that, so far from its being unhealthy, there are few spots where hard-working people whose system needs renovating from time to time, or those who are constitutionally feeble, are more likely to regain or acquire tone or strength than Margate. Even the opinion which has found favour with many people that Margate is cold and windy during the winter months is known to be based on erroneous calculations, the effect of the cold winds to which it is open from the north and east being very materially lessened by the sea, the temperature of which is considerably higher than that of the land. In fact, Margate stands high in favour with the medical profession, and is yearly becoming more and more the resort of invalids. In these circumstances we may be excused for drawing attention to the great improvements which have latterly been effected in the Cliftonville Hotel, which is now under new proprietorship and new management. This hotel, which is admirably situated in extensive grounds of its own, of about three acres, and some 150 feet above the sea-level, has always stood well in public estimation, but under the personal control of Mr. Lewis Jefferies, the resident managing director, the Cliftonville must be looked upon as one of the lions of the place, to say nothing of its position being outside the limits frequented by the less attractive class of excursionists. Everything has been done to bring the hotel into admirable trim. Not only has it been enlarged and improved, but it has also been almost entirely refurnished and redecorated, so that it is no exaggeration to suggest that, as regards size, comfort, and appearance it, will compare favourably with other houses of the same class at our seaside resorts. But in order to render it available to persons of more modest means the management have adopted the excellent plan of making, where desired, a fixed charge per person for the accommodation usually required. That is to say, a customer pays half a-guinea per day—from the 1st of October to the 30th of June, that is, for nine months out of the twelve—and in return he receives full board and attendance, is assigned a bedroom for which the ordinary charge is 3s a night, and is permitted free access to all the public rooms in the hotel, namely, the splendid dining-room—90 feet by 40 feet—the coffee, drawing, reading and writing, smoking and billiard rooms, &c., all of which face the sea and are luxuriously furnished as well as most comfortably appointed. The adoption of this plan deserves to be made generally known. It reflects great credit on the managerial qualities of the new proprietary body, and, having regard to the admirable and healty situation of the hotel, deserves a liberal return of patronage on the part of the public. The Cliftonville, under its present management, and with the character it has already secured for comfort, and even the luxury of its appointments, may confidently be recommended to all classes of visitors.

Mr. J. H. Cobbe (the obliging acting Manager) announces that his First Annual Benefit will take place at the Princess's Theatre on Saturday morning, 21st February, at 1 30, when "Hamlet" will be performed.

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The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Saturday, 7th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. The usual formalities in reference to the minutes of the last meeting having been observed, the minutes of the last Quarterly Court, and of the House Committee, were read for information, as also was a letter from the solicitors of Mrs. Creaton, thanking the Institution for the resolution of sympathy with her on the death of Colonel Creaton. The Report of the Audit Committee was next submitted, and then two petitions on behalf of condidates seeking admission to the School were considered; one of these was accepted, the other rejected. Two vacancies on the House Committee were reported, and the following brethren were nominated to fill them:—Charles Belton, T. Hastings Miller, Henry Venn, and W. H. Saunders. Other formal business, including a vote of thanks to the Chairman, having been attended to, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday, the 11th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. The minutes having been confirmed, the death of three annuitants and of one approved candidate was announced. A letter was read from the solicitors of Mrs. Creaton, thanking the Institution for their sympathy with her on the death of Colonel Creaton; and another from Miss Norris, acknowledging the vote of condolence with her on the death of Brother James Norris the late Warden of the Institution. Both were ordered to be entered on the minutes. A letter from Bro. G. B. Abbott, thanking the Committee for the compliment paid him in connection with his History of the Institution, was also received. The report of the Institution to be presented to Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P. was then passed, as also were the thanks of the Committee for his promised presidency at the coming Festival. The question of the number of vacancies to be filled at the next election was then considered. Brother Terry reported that there would be 43 male candidates and 14 vacancies at the next election, and 75 widows and 2 vacancies. The state of the finances was as follows: He did not expect the Festival would be as successful as the last by £2000; the last year's was the most successful the Institution ever had. On the 1st January 1884 there was a balance on the male fund of £875 13s 11d. On the 1st January 1885 the balance was £486 10s 10d, so that the income had been exceeded by £389 3s 1d. £1000 had been invested, and the total invested funds on the male branch was £39,450. It was thereupon proposed by Bro. Charles Lacey, and seconded by Bro. George Bolton, that twenty males be elected on to the funds of the Institution at the May Election. Speaking in reference to this matter Dr. Jabez Hogg opposed the principle of investing money, which he considered ought to be spent year by year as received. They had more applicants before them than ever, and he thought the whole of the money subscribed should be expended in relief, to the best of their ability. He thought that those who came after should provide for the wants of their times, feeling sure that the liberality of the Craft might be relied on to meet every contingency. Whatever sum was placed in the hands of the Committee by the Craft at large, the Committee were justified in spending it in relief of distress, but he did not think they were equally justified in saving it up. He hoped it would be decided to increase the number of vacancies. Brother Edward F. Storr P.M. and Treasurer No. 22 followed, supporting Bro. Hogg's arguments, and urging that the Institution had no right to accumulate a large reserve fund. Bro. Raynham Stewart pointed out it must be remembered the annuitants were elected for life, and asked what was to be done if in the future they had not sufficient funds to pay the annuities with? Bro. C. H. Webb adopted a similar course of argument, and thought the Committee would be justified in adhering to the original proposition—to elect 14 male annuitants. Ultimately a vote was taken, when it was found that the amendment—to increase the number to twenty—had been carried by a majority of one. Bro. Terry then explained the position of the Widows' Fund, as follows:—On the 1st January 1884 there was a balance of £742 2s 6d, and on the 1st January 1885 £2072 9s 10d, or a balance of £1333 7s 4d, besides £1000 which had been invested. The total capital invested in this fund was £26,000. The candidates were 77 and the vacancies two. Ultimately it was resolved to elect fifteen widows at the May ballot, twelve to be entitled to immediate annuities, and three to be deferred. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

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GROVE CHAPTER, No. 410.

A CONVOCATION of this old and flourishing Chapter was held at the Swan Hotel, Leatherhead, Surrey, on Saturday, the 31st January. Comps. G. D. Lister M.E.Z., C. B. Foster P.Z. as H., C. Greenwood jun. J., P.Z.'s H. J. Dumas, Charles Greenwood, G. H. Haydon, C. Litchfield, Rhys Williams, J. Dyer, and others. Comp. John Charlton M.E.Z. elect was unfortunately unable to attend in consequence of illness. Comps. C. Greenwood jun. and T. Dyer were respectively installed in the chairs of H. and J., with great impressiveness and solemnity. A ballot took place for Bro. Henry Harris 1361 as a candidate for exaltation, which resulted unanimously in his favour. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Lister in recognition of his services to the Chapter as M.E.Z. during the past year. The P.Z.'s jewel, which was voted to Ex. Comp. Rhys Williams, M.D., for his services as M.E.Z., was duly presented to him in open Chapter. We much regret to state that since the last meeting of this Chapter, the highly-esteemed and beloved M.E.Z. elect, Comp. John Charlton, has been called to the Grand Lodge above. Little did his Companions think when meeting that their friend and Companion was so near his end. He had only recently returned from the East, and his illness was thought only to be of a temporary nature.

EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1611.

THE annual meeting of this Chapter was held at York, on the 3rd instant, when there were present Comps. J. P. Seller M.E.Z., George Simpson H., J. Todd P.Z. as J., J. Kay S.E., T. B. Whytehead P.Z. as S.N., A. T. B. Turner as P.S., W. Lockenby and S. J. Dalton Asst. Sojs., and several other Companions. The installation of Principals took place, and Comp. George Simpson was placed in the chair of Z., by T. B. Whytehead P.Z. Comp. Millington H. elect being absent through illness, his chair was filled pro tem by Comp. Seller P.Z., and Comp. T. B Whytehead P.Z. was placed in the chair of J. by Comp. J. Todd P.Z. Successful ballots were taken for Bros. W. Stephenson, E. Thackray, and C. L. Foster, and these brethren were duly exalted by Comp. Seller P.Z., the mystical lecture being given by Comp. Whytehead P.Z. The rest of the Officers elect were invested, as follows:—Comps. Jas. Kay S.E., J. Blenkin S.N., W. Brown P.S., G. Chapman and S. J. Dalton Asst. Sojs., G. Lamb and W. Stephenson Stewards. Letters of apology were read from Comp. J. S. Cumberland P.Z., and other Companions, and after "hearty good wishes" the Chapter was closed, the members afterwards supping together at the Queen's Hotel.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—This Chapter, which since its removal to the White Hart, at the corner of Abchurch Lane, in Cannon Street, has considerably increased in numbers, held its usual weekly meeting on Tuesday, 10th inst., when there were present Comps. Lilley Z., Child H., Roberts J., Levy S.N., Dewsnap P.S., and many other companions. The ever-courteous Comp. Brown occupied his usual position as S.E. and Preceptor of the Chapter. The ceremony of exaltation was efficiently and carefully rendered, Comp. Wells being the candidate, and under such able tuition it is almost needless to say that the Supreme Degree was gone through in a manner which in any Chapter would justify the high reputation which this school of instruction has secured. At the conclusion of the ceremony Comp. Martin, of the St. Thomas's Chapter, No. 112, and Comp. Stokes, of the Stockwell Chapter, No. 1839, were unanimously elected members. It is intended to work the ceremonies of Installation of Principals on the second Tuesday in the months of March, April, and May. That of March will be worked by the Preceptor Comp. Brown, whilst those of April and May will be worked by the Past and Present Principals who are members. To those Royal Arch Masons who are aspiring to official honours, the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement offers advantages which are rarely to be met with, inasmuch that, unlike Lodges of Instruction, the Chapters of Improvement are "few and far between." Independently of this, at all times the true spirit of Freemasonry prevails, for when once a brother is admitted into this conclave he is kindly received, and he feels that brotherly love here reigns supreme.

The following Dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 14th February:—

Monday—St. George's and Corner Stone Lodge, Leigh Lodge. Tuesday—National Peristeranic Society, Jerusalem Chapter, Urban Lodge, Waldeck Lodge. Wednesday—Lodge of Fidelity. Thursday—Caledonian Society, Lodge of Regularity, Polish National Lodge, Pilgrim Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge, Bedford Lodge, Eclectic Lodge. Saturday—Duke of Cornwall Lodge, Phœnix Lodge.

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R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which are much needed.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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EGYPTIAN LODGE, No. 27.

THE installation meeting of this ancient and flourishing Lodge was held on the 5th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and was numerously attended by members and many distinguished visitors. Lodge was opened under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. March. Present: Bros. Haynes S.W., Hale J.W., Buss A.G. Sec. Treas., Poole P.M. Sec., Dixon S.D., Webster J.D., Todd I.G.; P.M.'s Grammer, Harrison, Maidwell, Lamble, Coulson, Libbis, Green, Cuthbertson. Visitors—Bros. Hogg P.G.D., Cubitt P.G.P., Cottebrune P.G.P., Schadler P.M. 65, Smith 1168, Izant 704, Wells P.P.G.S. Kent, Roberts P.M. 65, Hawkins P.M. 1693, Newton P.M. 174, Chicken P.M. 65, Bibra 1669, Schraeder, Bygrave 25, Spill 174, Johnson 86, Read P.M. 145, Rich W.M. 65, Walker 65, Brown P.M. 65, Willing W.M. 1987, P.M. 177 1507 1744 1319, Dodson P.M. 860, Turner P.M. 1608, Terry P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Lee P.A.G.S. Middx., Chapman P.M. 1922, Graham P.G.S. Middx., Ross P.M. 1216, Gillespie 1685, Webb P.M. 179, Gunn 1706, Jackson 860, Herold 65, Schartau, Hanson, Taylor P.M. 144, Levy P.M. 188, &c. After Lodge had been formally constituted, the minutes were confirmed, and Bros. Davis and Burt were passed to the second degree, in a perfect manner. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; it showed the General and Benevolent Funds were in a prosperous condition. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. E. B. Haynes S.W. and W.M. elect was presented, and, in the presence of 34 W.M.'s and P.M.'s, duly installed into the chair, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. T. J. Maidwell P.M., who was deservedly complimented on the conclusion of the ceremony. The lay brethren having been readmitted, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom. He then in appropriate terms appointed and invested his Officers:—J. March I.P.M., M. Hale S.W., Webster J.W., H. G. Buss A.G.S. Treas., who received a perfect ovation on his re-investment; J. B. Poole P.M. Sec., Dixon S.D., C. B. Todd J.D., Easton I.G., D. H. Jacobs P.M. W.S., Robinson D.C., Dixon A.W.S., Potter P.M. Tyler. Bro. March I.P.M. acted as D.C. Applause followed the investment of the Officers. Routine work followed, four gentlemen were proposed for initiation; hearty good wishes were given by the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed until March. The brethren, 80 in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert. The tables were florally decorated, and button-holes were provided for each guest. The menu card, artistically designed by the W.M., represented the March in the Desert of Egypt, and was much admired. Grace having been sung, the W.M. gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft, the health of the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. He spoke of the qualifications of the noble and distinguished brethren who were at the head of the Order. On the present occasion they were honoured by the presence of four Grand Officers; he would call on Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. to respond. Bro. Hogg, in reply, said it was a pleasing duty to respond to the toast. There was no Lodge in London better able to show their qualifications than the Egyptian, and they had among their members a brother respected by every one throughout the Craft. Personally he (Bro. Hogg) had known Bro. Buss over half a century; all will miss him when he vacates his accustomed place in Grand Lodge, and in the office, where he has ever been kind and genial, and had brought to bear so thorough a knowledge of his duties. The Craft at large regretted his health precluded him from continuing his official duties, but all hoped he might be spared for many years. A few words more; it was a great privilege enjoyed by the Grand Officers, that of visiting Lodges; for his part he never regretted the day he was initiated into the Order. He was very pleased to see the working of the Lodge, and to note the way his esteemed Brother Maidwell had installed the W.M.; he was also gratified at the admirable manner in which the W.M. had invested his Officers, and had presided. Bro. Haynes was one who he was sure would carry out the duties required of him. Bro. March next rose; he was proud for the first time to propose the health of the W.M., who was noted for the respect he was held in by the brethren, who had thoroughly tested his ability. He was sure that at the expiration of his year of office, Bro. Haynes would have the same good wishes, and that he would deserve them; all the members trusted that prosperity in every shape would attend him. It was with great pleasure the W.M, who was enthusiastically received, responded to the toast. As regarded the very strong words uttered by the I.P.M., he might say he hoped to have a year of prosperity and happiness. It was gratifying to have so many friends around him, and to note the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. He had only been five years in the Lodge, but he had filled every office on the rungs of the ladder; he hoped he had done the duties to their satisfaction, and he thanked them sincerely for putting him forward, and thus enabling him to occupy the chair; his best services would always be at their command. In speaking to the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. said they were so distinguished and numerous that he could hardly find words to enumerate their many qualifications. He would call on Bros. Cottebrune P.G.P., James Willing W.M. 1987, and the Master of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, Bro. Rich, to respond. Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P. remarked how pleased he was to see Bro. Buss present; he hoped he would retain his health for many years. Bro. J. Willing followed; 20 years ago he took his second degree in this Lodge, when Bro. D. H. Jacobs, still a respected P.M., was in the chair. He might state he had never heard working done better, and he was sure the W.M. would have the co-operation of the brethren, as all would acknowledge he deserved. Bro. Rich said he was proud to have an opportunity to return thanks on behalf of the Visitors. The W.M. was also an officer of the Prosperity Lodge. At the close of his year of office in No. 27, he was sure they would say Bro. Haynes had conducted the business with credit. The next toast was the health of the Immediate Past Master Bro. March; in acknowledgment of his distinguished services the Lodge had voted him a jewel. He (the W.M.) had great pleasure in placing it on his breast; he felt a pride in doing so, as the wearer was worthy of it. The Past Master's jewel of this Lodge is always looked on with respect. It has for its motto the appropriate words, "Palmam qui Meruit Ferat." This jewel the immediate Past Master has fully deserved. Bro. March, in reply, said he could hardly find words to express his pleasure at the kind and feeling remarks of the W.M. The Lodge had voted him a jewel, which he should always prize. He was initiated in the Lodge eleven years since, and hoped he should never repent being a Past Master of it. He hoped to be a useful member in the future; his services would always be at the command of the members. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. T. J. Maidwell. Those who had passed the chair could not have heard without pleasure his delivery of the beautiful ritual. The members had also to thank him for the courtesy he had displayed during his Mastership, and would ever remember his excellent working. It must have entailed on him a great amount of labour and study to enable him to perfect himself as he had done. He (the W.M.) hoped the brethren would drink health and prosperity to Bro. Maidwell. The Installing Master, in reply, said if the brethren thought the ceremony had been rendered to their satisfaction, he was content. If his services were required at any time they were always at command. The toast of the P.M.'s was next given. The W.M. said they could boast of a grand array; to them the W.M. for the time looked for assistance; they were in every way qualified to render it. Bro. H. G. Buss P.M. and Treasurer responded. He thanked the W.M. for the kind words he had spoken, also he thanked the brethren most heartily; he trusted he had done his duty to the best of his ability; he did the same for the Grand Lodge. He knew he had gained many friends in the Craft, and boasted he had made no enemies. He had been a member of the Lodge 40 years, and his sole aim was to promote its welfare and interest. In speaking on behalf of the Masonic Charities the W.M. hoped to serve as Steward next year. Bro. Terry, the worthy representative of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was present. He was sure he would do justice in responding to the toast. Bro. Terry made an eloquent reply. This Lodge will bear comparison with any other in the Craft as regards its charitable proclivities. After referring to the fact that the Election to the Schools took place every six months, as against an annual election in the case of the Benevolent Institution, Bro. Terry stated that inasmuch as there were 30 Candidates for the Girls' School, out of whom 22 were to be elected, and in the case of the Boys 25 were to be elected out of 45 candidates; with the Benevolent Institution there were 43 male candidates and but 14 vacancies; while as regards the women, at that time there were 81 candidates, and not a single vacancy. However, Bro. Harrison P.M. is a Steward, and he (Bro. Terry) hoped the Egyptian Lodge would support him, and produce one of the most successful lists that this Lodge had ever taken up. Bro. Harrison P.M. also made a most eloquent appeal for the Charities. The Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge were then complimented: also the Wardens and Officers, the W.M. warmly expatiating on their qualifications. He hoped they would support him. The Wardens and Bro. C. B. Todd severally responded. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a very agreeable and harmonious evening. Bros. H. Schartau, T. W. Hanson, R. J. Taylor P.M., Wakefield Reed, and J. W. T. Chapman contributed to the harmony, and Bro. F. Herold gave special satisfaction to the brethren by his artistic playing on the zither.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 38.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst. About fifty of the brethren were present, amongst whom were the Provincial Grand Wardens for Sussex, Bros. General Randolph and Major Dalbiac, the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. Freeman, and representatives from many of the Lodges in the Province of Sussex, together with some from Hants and the Isle of Wight. The W.M. Bro. Oliver Lloyd presided, and in the most impressive manner installed Lieut.-Col. Lord Algernon Gordon Lennox as his successor in the chair for the ensuing year. Lord Algernon subsequently appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Lloyd I.P.M., Barrett S.W., Branch J.W., Davey Chaplain, Hawes Secretary, Inkpen S.D., Doman J.D., Buquet I.G., Smith D.C., Budden and Fielden Stewards. Bro. St. Clair, who had at a previous meeting been re-elected to the Office of Treasurer, was prevented from attending by a severe bereavement. Bro. Dean, who had accepted the collar of Organist, was kept away by the state of his health. At the close of the business of the Lodge, the brethren sat down to a banquet served in the Assembly Room by Mr. Purchase, Globe Hotel, who placed an excellent repast on the tables. The room was decorated with choice plants, kindly lent by Mr. Moore. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the W.M. being given in eloquent terms by the Mayor of Chichester (Bro. Raper P.P.J.G.W.), who made reference to the distinguished services which the Lennox family have rendered to Masonry, not

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only in the Lodge of Union and Promise, of Sussex, but in the position of Grand Master of England, which was formally held by a Duke of Richmond. A most enjoyable evening was spent, the speeches being interspersed with songs by Bro. R. Raynham, of the choir of St. Paul's Cathedral. Bro. Miles (a visitor from Portsmouth), Brokincey (of Basingstoke), and several of the brethren of the Lodge.

LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 205.

THE Ball, which was held on the 4th instant, at the Cannon-street Hotel, in aid of the Benevolent Fund attached to this Lodge, produced a very good result. Nearly 400 guests were present. The Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had granted a dispensation for the brethren to wear Masonic clothing, and the effect produced was very telling. The new banner of the Lodge, specially designed by the Rev. Marcus Haines, Chaplain, was deservedly admired. An excellent supper was provided by Bro. Rand, and served under the superintendence of Mr. Lipman. Bro. Henochsberg S.W., P.M. 1502, Chairman of the Ball Committee, said it was not intended to give many toasts. The Committee, however, had been congratulated on the great success of the Ball, but that success was due to the presence of the Ladies. What would the brethren have done without the ladies on such an occasion. He would therefore with all sincerity ask them to drink to the health of the Ladies. This toast was heartily received. The company then adjourned to the ball room, where dancing was resumed to the inspiriting music of Bros. Coote and Tinney's band, under the direction of Bro. Thaddeus Wells. The efficient services of Bro. Jarvis M.C. had been secured. It is anticipated a good round sum will accrue to the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE installation meeting of this compact little Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 10th instant, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, London, E.C. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. W. Morgan, who was supported by his Officers and the following Past Masters:—Bros. Charles Greenwood Past G. Sword Bearer (Treasurer), W. Radcliffe (Secretary), F. J. Hentsch, Dr. Walters, Usher Back, Thos. E. Lavers, John Laver, &c. Amongst the Visitors present were:—Fredk. Binckes P.G. Steward, Charles Lacey P.M. 174, G. King P.M. 172, C. E. Birch W.M. 1223, J. T. Pilditch P.M. 1420, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, W. G. Jennings 1580, J. R. Rickman W.M. 890, R. J. Taylor P.M. 144, J. B. Stevens P.M. 1627, C. J. Craig S.W. 1223, W. Jones 511, J. A. Collings 1693, J. H. Kempster P.M. 1420, D. D. Robinson W.M. 975. After Lodge had been formally constituted the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and resumed, when Bro. P.M. Lavers presented the W.M. elect Bro. T. H. Pierce for the benefits of installation. In due course the Board of Installed Masters was opened and the new Master placed in the chair. The brethren who had not yet donned the levels were re-admitted, the Master was saluted in the three degrees, and he appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Henry Martin S.W., Edward Thring J.W., C. Greenwood P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Thomas Crapper S.D., A. Dickson (named for) J.D., F. T. Bennett I.G., A. Green P.M. W.S., A. Withers P.M. D.C., and C. T. Speight Past Master Tyler. The address to the Master was delivered by Bro. A. Withers P.M., that to the Wardens by Bro. Radcliffe P.M., and the final one to the brethren by Bro. Morgan. The Auditors then made their report. The accounts had been duly examined on the previous Wednesday; a Balance Sheet had been printed and distributed amongst the members, and it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the same be adopted and entered on the minutes. We may say here that the new Master enters upon his duties with a substantial balance to the credit of the Lodge, and with every prospect of a successful year of office. The W.M. now rose to present the retiring Master with the Lodge jewel, so unanimously voted him at the last meeting. Bro. Peirce gracefully alluded to the zeal Brother Morgan had always shown in the welfare of the Lodge, and expressed the sincere pleasure it gave him to place on his breast this souvenir of the brethren's respect and esteem. After a brief but fervent acknowledgment had been made, Bro. Withers, the indefatigable Master of the Ceremonies of the Lodge, directed the attention of the brethren to the fact that he had undertaken the office of Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and forcibly urged the claims of that Institution on the members of the Lodge. Bro. Greenwood then moved a resolution to the effect that a vote of ten guineas be made from the Lodge Funds to head Bro. Withers's list. This was immediately seconded, and carried without a dissentient voice. Some other items of business were then considered, hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. The banquet, as is usual at this establishment, was capitally served. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. Bro. Peirce gave in sequence the toasts of the Queen and Craft, the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, and the Pro G. Master, the Deputy G. Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, coupled with the name of Bro. Charles Greenwood, who replied. Bro. Morgan, in proposing the toast of the Worshipful Master, referred to the esteem in which Bro. Peirce was held by all the members. Bro. Peirce had shown some little hesitation in taking upon himself the duties of the chair, but he (Bro. Morgan) could assure him he would have the undivided co-operation and support of all the members. Bro. Peirce was an initiate of St. Michael's Lodge, had served all the offices upward, and would bring to bear upon his work a sincere desire to sustain its prestige. With every confidence for a successful year he called on the brethren to do honour to the toast. After a song Bro. Peirce replied. He fully appreciated the honour that had been conferred on him by the brethren elevating him to his present position. He was not a young man, and had hardly looked forward to ever taking the foremost position in his Lodge, but he felt much encouraged by the way in which he had been invited to take command, and he trusted the Lodge would lose none of its lustre while under his guidance. In replying to the toast given in his honour, Bro. Morgan tendered his thanks to Bro. Withers for the ready and valuable help he had given him during the evening. He regretted to say he was far from well, but he knew the members would overlook his shortcomings. He had passed a very pleasant year of office. It was true there had been no initiates during the year, but it was an accepted fact that the members of the Saint Michael's Lodge did not desire a large addition to their number. It was an open question whether the vast accession lately made to its ranks was beneficial to Freemasonry. In any case it was now fully recognised that though there was no absolute restriction as to the number of members that might be elected, there was no desire to make this a large Lodge. However, should good and true men present themselves, they would be sure to receive a cordial greeting. At the present time the Lodge was a united happy family, and it was the sincere wish of one and all it might long continue so. Bro. Morgan concluded by thanking the brethren for the way they had honoured him in drinking to the toast. The toast of the Visitors was entrusted to Bro. Morgan, who on behalf of the Lodge tendered a hearty greeting. Bros. Charles Lacey, Pilditch, Rickman, and others replied. Bro. Greenwood proposed the next toast—Success to the Masonic Charities, with which he associated the name of Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School, who, in acknowledging the compliment, made one of the most eloquent and effective speeches we have ever listened to, even from this Prince of Orators. The Past Masters briefly replied for the compliment paid them by the Worshipful Master, and several of the Officers acknowledged the reference made to their services. A goodly sum was contributed towards the Stewardship of Brother Past Master Withers, and a wish that he might take up a substantial list seemed but to be father to the thought, as the support given was universal. Some capital singing varied the proceedings, and when the Tyler was summoned, all were agreed a most enjoyable evening had been spent. Bro. Collings rendered excellent service as accompanyist during the evening.

STAR IN THE EAST, No. 650.

A SPECIAL interest attached to the monthly meeting of this Lodge, at Harwich, Essex, on Tuesday evening from the fact that part of the business was the initiation of the Mayor of the Borough, who is said to be the most youthful Mayor in the kingdom, having only attained his 25th year. The ballot having been unanimously declared in his favour, his Worship duly presented himself and was initiated in a most impressive manner by Bro. F. R. Hales the W.M. At the dinner which followed the Lodge, the W.M. proposed the health of the initiate, remarking how gratified he was that it had fallen to his lot to be the medium of introducing his Worship into Freemasonry. He was sure from what he knew of Bro. Ward that he would become an active Freemason, and he trusted that some day his Worship would attain to the chair of his mother Lodge. The Mayor, in responding, thanked the brethren for the heartiness of their reception of him. It had long been his earnest wish to join the Order of Freemasonry. He had always understood that to be a good Mason was to be a good man, and he therefore trusted, as time went on, he should prove himself to be both.

BRECKNOCK LODGE, No. 651.

A MEETING was held on Thursday, 5th inst., at Brecon. Present:—Bros. Thomas Lawrence Lewis I.P.M. in the chair, in the absence of the Worshipful Master; T. H. Price S.W., E. A. Wright J.W., Rev. M. P. Williams Chaplain, J. A. Whittle P.M. Sec., Robert Owen S.D., John Tudor Org., Rees T. Heins D.C., John Meredith and H. W. Rowe Stewards, Lewis Williams I.G., John Evans Tyler, Richard Webb P.M., John Morgan P.M. Visitors—Bro. the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master for the Eastern Division of South Wales, Marmaduke Tennant; J. R. Davies W.M. No. 1573, Thos. Sandbrook W.M. elect 1573, and G. E. Mackie 1204. The principal business of the evening was the installation of Bro. Thos. Howell Price S.W. into the chair of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Price, by his unremitting attention to the Craft in general and to this Lodge in particular, has deservedly earned the honour which has been conferred on him. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master performed the ceremony of installation in his usual impressive style. The Officers appointed and invested for the following year were:—Bros. H. O. A. Maybery I.P.M., E. A. Wright S.W., Robert Owen J.W., Rev. M. P. Williams Chaplain, David Evans Treas., J. A. Whittle P.M. Sec., Rees T. Heins S.D., John Tudor J.D., John Meredith D.C., H. W. Rowe I.G., Samuel Lewis Steward, and John Evans Tyler. Bros. T. L. Lewis P.M. and John Morgan P.M. were deputed to serve on the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, and Bros. R. Webb and John Morgan were appointed the Finance Committee for the ensuing twelve months. At the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where the customary banquet was served.

PRINCE OF WALES' LODGE, No. 1003.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Stopford Road, St. Helier, Jersey, on Wednesday evening, 4th February. In the absence of the W.M. the chair was occupied by Bro. Newman I.P.M., and the following Officers were present:—Bros. Vincent S.W., Bandains J.W., Renouf P.M. Treas., Bois P.M. Secretary, Manger S.D., Goldsmith acting J.D. for W. Carcaud (absent), Simon I.G., Rogers Tyler, ably assisted by his

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son, an energetic member of the Lodge. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced to second and third degrees, when Bro. Neil was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the acting W.M., who, in a most efficient and eloquent manner, conducted the ceremony. The Lodge was lowered to the first degree, and the ballot taken for Messrs. W. Gosling and Henry J. P. Wakeman; in each case it proved unanimous, and these gentlemen were prepared and initiated in due form and excellent style by Bro. Newman, the working tools in the degree were presented by Bro. Vincent S.W., who explained their uses at length and in a most impressive manner. Several propositions were then made, and a report from a Committee appointed to consider alteration of Bye-Laws was read by Bro. Bois, an indefatigable Past Master of this Lodge, and for several years its efficient Secretary. Hearty good wishes were then expressed from a number of visiting brethren from sister Lodges of Jersey, and from a visiting brother from the Province of East Lancashire. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and with solemn prayer by Brother H. M. Bartlett P.M., who very cordially invited the visiting brethren to refreshment. This was served in the large dining-hall of the Temple, and ably catered for by Bro. G. Rogers P.M., Tyler of this Lodge, with a good staff of assistants. The formal Loyal and Masonic Toasts having been proposed and enthusiastically accepted, Bro. H. M. Bartlett P.M., acting W.M. at the festive board, proposed, in a few well-chosen words, the toast of the Visitors, and called upon the brother from England to respond. Bro. Darbyshire, in reply, said:—W.M. and Brethren,—Landing in Jersey at noon to-day, I discovered that the steward (who had taken so much care of me during the passage) was a Mason, that he belonged to a Lodge bearing the name of our Grand Master, and that the members assembled that night. To that meeting he very kindly invited me, and I can assure you the visit has given me great pleasure. Your working has been excellent; every Officer deserves praise, and your W.M. should be, and no doubt is, proud of such a staff. It has been my good fortune and privilege to visit many Lodges, in all parts of England, but I have rarely ever met with such a large and efficient Lodge as this, the Prince of Wales. Now that you have so many visitors from sister Lodges, it speaks volumes in your favour to see such harmonious gatherings, and it will be a pleasing recollection in my Masonic career that I visited this island of Jersey and made the acquaintance of so many efficient and kindly brethren as I see before me to-night. I thank you sincerely for the great Masonic treat, and for the kindly manner in which you, Sir, have mentioned my name. I shall not fail on future occasions to refer to the visit with great delight, and I wish all good things to Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1003. During the evening songs were given in good style, and a most enjoyable meeting was brought to a close at 11 o'clock.

SAVILE LODGE, No. 1231.

THIS very prosperous Lodge held its regular meeting at Elland, on the 5th instant, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. E. Farnell, supported by Bro. Emsley S.W., Smithies J.W., Sutcliffe J.D., Dr. Whalley D.C., Savile I.P.M., Walker P.M., Rhodes I.G., Green Tyler; J. Radcliffe, F. Radcliffe, Hallas, Lewis North, &c. Visitors—Bros. Lee, Bolton, and others. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read. Mr. Sutton was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Emsley; the north-east corner by Bro. Walker; the charge by Bro. Hallas. The ceremony was completed by a description of the tracing board and historical part of this degree, which was given by Bro. Dr. Whalley D.C., in his usual finished style. His fame as an elocutionist and dramatic reader is a great attraction, and amply repays a visit to this prosperous Lodge.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. Bro. James Funston W.M. presided, there being also present Bros. A. A. Clement I.P.M., L. Stean P.M., E. Benjamin P.M., J. A. Jones P.M., E. Walker S.W., F. Matthews J.W., Rev. H. G. Henderson Chaplain, J. Cox Sec., R. Drysdale S.D., H. J. Thrower J.D., L. Harrison I.G., W. Beasley D.C., E. T. Clark, T. Douglass, Stewards, and J. Very Tyler. There was also a good attendance of members and visiting brethren. A ballot was taken for Mr. W. H. Jones and Mr. W. E. Johnson, who being unanimously elected were impressively initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. and his Officers. Bro. Funston intimated that the Chaplain and himself would represent the Lodge as Stewards at the forthcoming Festival in aid of the Royal Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. The entire proceedings were of the most harmonious character, and the new W.M. was heartily congratulated on the success of the occasion.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—The new session of this Lodge was commenced on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, Coal Harbour Lane, under the Preceptorship of Brother Johnson W.M. 1320. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by Brother Banks 115, and the first and fourth sections of the lecture worked by Brother Westley 186. Brethren residing in this district are cordially invited to attend the meetings of this Lodge, which are held every Monday evening throughout the year, at 7·30 p.m.

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United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.—The prosperity of this Lodge of Instruction, which was founded a little over a year ago, is evidenced by the increasing numbers who attend the weekly meetings held at the Lugard Tavern, Peckham. On Wednesday evening there was a most satisfactory attendance, when Bro. Garland occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Dutton 960 as S.W., Webster J.W., Lampen Treasurer, Tokely Secretary, Wimble S.D., Belchamber J.D., Nomico I.G., and many other members and visitors. The usual preliminaries having been gone through, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, with Bro. Pierpoint W.M. 177 as candidate. The working was most creditable to Bro. Garland, this being the first time in which he had essayed the duties of W.M. Whilst in the second degree the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Belchamber, and the second by Bro. Tokely, and at the conclusion Bro. W. Dutton was unanimously chosen as W.M. for the next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Garland for the manner in which he had sustained the duties of the chair on his *début* in that capacity, and as the worthy Preceptor, Bro. Martin, observed, he had given such satisfaction to the Lodge of Instruction that greater things might be expected of him as he should make progress in the Craft. On the Wednesday preceding the meeting above referred to, the Fifteen Sections were worked at this Lodge of Instruction, when there was a literally crowded attendance of members and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. Martin S.W. 879, and the esteemed Preceptor of the United Mariners Lodge of Instruction. By the way we understand that Bro. Martin has been appointed Preceptor of the Star Lodge of Instruction, held on Saturday evening, at the Five Bells, New Cross. No better successor to our esteemed Bro. Andrews could have been found. On the occasion to which we refer, the first section was worked by Bro. Giddens, the second by Brother Wimble, the third by Bro. Bevis W.M. 879, the fourth by Bro. Belchamber, the fifth and sixth by Bro. Milbourn, and the seventh by Bro. Beavis. Lodge having been opened in the second degree, the first section was worked by Bro. Giddens, the second by Bro. Tokely, the third by Bro. Milbourn, and the fourth and fifth by Bro. Beavis. Lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, and on resuming in the third degree, the remainder of the sections were worked by Bros. Eedle, Tokely, and Milbourn. A most enjoyable evening was passed, and at the close of the proceedings a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Martin for the valuable aid he had lent as Preceptor, and for the interest he so continuously manifests in this growing and vigorous Lodge of Instruction.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 4th instant, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Present:—Bros. J. Egan W.M., Little S.W., Norman J.W., Brown J.D., Foster I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Hollands, Webb, Maidwell; Visitors—Bro. Fearnley, &c. Lodge opened in due form and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Maidwell acting as candidate. Lodge was called off and on, and then opened in the second and third degrees. Lodge was resumed in the second degree, when Bro. Maidwell P.M. worked that part of the installation ceremony which was convenient for the instruction of the brethren. Bro. Fearnley was elected a member.

On Wednesday, 11th instant, Bros. Little W.M., Saint S.W., Egan J.W., Pitt Secretary, Gildersleve J.D., P.M.'s Bros. Webb, Maidwell, Smith. Visitors—Bros. Pearce, Clare, &c. After preliminaries, the minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees and resumed, when Bro. Clare offered to act as candidate for initiation and the ceremony was rehearsed, to the satisfaction and profit of the brethren. Bro. Webb Preceptor worked the first section, assisted by the brethren; and the second by Bro. Pitt; and third by Bro. Saint S.W. Bro. Clare was elected a member. Bro. Saint S.W. was elected to occupy the chair on Wednesday next, at 7·30.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 6th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Thomas W.M., Botley S.W., Sperring J.W., Botley Secretary, Sherring S.D., Wing J.D., Andrews Treasurer and Preceptor, Cammell I.G.; Bros. Norton, Turner, Botley. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was opened in the second, and resumed to the first. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Turner candidate. Bro. Botley and the brethren then worked the first section of the first lecture. Lodge was resumed, and opened in the third degree. Bro. Andrews asked the questions. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. F. Botley was elected W.M. for 13th February. The Benevolent Association is now in full operation; the Secretary will be glad to receive names of brethren who are willing to join.

The constitution of the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068, will take place at the Soldiers' Institute, High-street, Portsmouth, on Monday, 16th inst. The brethren will assemble at four o'clock p.m., and the Lodge will be closely tyled punctually at 4.30 p.m. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be conducted by the R.W. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, assisted by Brother J. E. Le Feuvre D.P.G.M. and the Provincial Grand Officers. A banquet will be held at the Officers' House, Parade, Portsmouth, at six o'clock, after the Lodge has been closed.

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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 FEBRUARY.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 16th 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.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (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.

1150—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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill

R.A. 13—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
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
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
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
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 298—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
R.C. 38—William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 17th 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, 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
1749—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1384—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
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, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1348—Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.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
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
488—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, Coruwall
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
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. 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. 490—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 894—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
R.A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

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)
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, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, 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, Pommin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
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.
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, 518 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, Checquers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (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. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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
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, Lambeth
424—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, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
918—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

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1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1346—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Du ham 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
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom

R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
R.A. 461—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

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)
40—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.
656—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
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
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)

1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1456—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, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden 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).
1739—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.
R.A. 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. 190—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

42—Belief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
96—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
208—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
346—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
906—Combermere, Queeen's Hotel, Birkenhead

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
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Pitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1560—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1672—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton

R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 20th FEBRUARY.

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.)
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
807—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
1788—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)
1396—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1443—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1788—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, 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, Camberwell
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. 45—Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
183—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
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
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. (Instuction)
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. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 531—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Winborne
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

Obituary.

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BROTHER JAMES FORBES.

It is our painful duty to record the death of our much esteemed Brother James Forbes P.M. of the Great Northern Lodge, which took place on the 6th instant, at 116 High-street, Notting-hill, W. The funeral took place at Kensal Green Cemetery on Thursday, when several members of the Great Northern and other Lodges attended to pay their last respects to a worthy Mason. Bro. Forbes at the time of his decease was in his fifty-sixth year. We tender to his family our best sympathies with them in this the hour of their affliction.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. FRANK SILLIS.

THE funeral left the deceased's residence, George-street, Euston-road, on Wednesday, 4th February, at eleven o'clock a.m., the body being borne on an open hearse, and the coffin covered with wreaths of flowers. There were three mourning coaches for relatives and intimate friends, the W.M. of the Savoy Lodge being in one. There were also ten private carriages containing members of Royal Savoy and other Lodges. The body was first taken to St. Pancras Church, Euston-road, where Dr. Oliver, the senior curate, read the first part of the funeral service, about 500 persons being present. The coffin was again placed on the hearse, and the cortège proceeded to Nunhead Cemetery, by way of Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, halting at Freemasons' Hall for a short time; thence over Waterloo Bridge. On arriving at the Cemetery there were a great number of brethren and friends who had gone by rail. At the grave Dr. Oliver concluded the Burial Service, which throughout he rendered in a very impressive and effective manner. Bro. Sillis had been a regular attendant at St. Pancras Church for a number of years. After the coffin had been lowered into the grave, the brethren threw in their sprigs of acacia. Our deceased brother was thirty-three years of age, and unmarried. He had been Secretary of the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction for some years, and at the time of his decease was Secretary of the Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction. We append the names of the brethren who were present—Bros. J. W. Smith W.M., Stiles I.P.M., J. C. Smith J.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treasurer, Dickey Secretary, Barling J.D., Holland I.G., Ross D.C., Holt A.D.C., Perry W.S., Verdin A.W.S., Mordey Organist, Koester Tyler, Scurrah Assistant Secretary, Field, Price, Bowen, Perugin, Jagels, Ramsden, Callaghan, Barham, Nodenik, Wheeler, Bryan, Knightley, Fox, Haynes, Crane (all of 1744); Challen P.M. 3, Davis 72, Robinson P.M. 87, Leavers 141, Emblin 147, Storr W.M. 167, Turnham 177, W. Hughs W.M., Kew P.M., A. Hughs, and Cain 179; Powell 186, Smith 813, Marx P.M., Woodruff, H. Sillis, and Ager 957; Edwards 1107, Greenway 1260, Bathard W.M. 1287, Hemming 1287, Guyer W.M. and Proctor 1288, Bolton, E. Harvey W.M., and A. Harvey P.M 1314; Sharp 1437, Burgess P.M. 1472, Scales P.M. Rowley, Knight, Ashton 1507; Jacobs W.M., Solomons I.P.M., Kauffmann 1732; Merritt and Stacey P.M. 1987, Ward and Barratt-Kidder.

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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL.

THE Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which takes place on Wednesday next, is looked forward to with considerable anxiety. On its result depends the welfare of a very large number of aged Freemasons and widows of Freemasons, who, in the closing years of their life, find themselves obliged to appeal to their fellows for assistance. It is not only the numerous candidates who are at present outside the benefits of the Institution who will hail with delight a good result—or lament a poor one—but also they who have the distribution of the Funds amongst those who have been elected as annuitants. In the case of the latter, a very grave responsibility attaches to the Craft. It is one thing to regret the inability of the Institution to take on more of the candidates than there are vacancies for; to urge the Committee to increase the number of recipients, and to talk of the future taking care of itself; but it is not exactly the future which calls for immediate attention, but rather the present time—the requirements of the current year—and these are sufficient to cause all the anxiety which is felt as to the result of next Wednesday's meeting. A Festival such as a very few year's back would have been looked upon as a grand one, would now be absolutely below actual requirements, and while we do not approve of continually looking on the black side of affairs, it is yet necessary we should point out that more energy is needed in furtherance of the cause of Charity now than ever was the case. Large annual receipts have led to large increases in the number of recipients, while a strong reserve fund and frequent investments have created an impression in some quarters that sufficient funds are forthcoming year by year to meet the requirements of the Institution, without any extra efforts on the part of the Craft. We need hardly say that such a happy state of affairs has not yet arrived. The Festival of Wednesday next will require every effort on the part of the English Craft, and we sincerely hope that sufficient support will be given it to enable the Committee to carry on the work of the Institution during the current year, not only on the basis already agreed upon, but with even a still more extended number of annuitants. At the recent meeting of the Stewards the final arrangements for the Festival were completed. They comprised the appointment of the Ladies' Stewards, the Dinner Stewards, and the Reception Stewards, the balloting for places, &c. It was announced that in addition to the usual concert (this year under the management of Bro. Professor Lott G.O.), Lieutenant Cole would be present, and give his celebrated ventriloquial entertainment.

FREEMASONRY AND THE PRESS.

THAT so many newspapers and magazines almost exclusively devoted to Freemasonry and its branches should exist, and apparently succeed in America, while so few are demanded in this country, strikes the mind as a curious and unpleasant fact. When the truth is realised, it comes home with startling force and opens up issues pregnant with grave purposes. What may be the reasons for so great a disparity is a matter that ought to lead to some heart-searching, and which should most certainly engage the consideration of the Nestors of the Craft in England. The contrast at the present moment is too striking not to command attention, too painfully apparent not to awaken feelings of deep and serious disappointment. The causes that have led to this disparity need close scrutiny. They are problems of moment; and the Fathers of the English-speaking Fraternity are bound to try and solve them. It is a general law of Nature that offshoots show more life and elasticity than the source from which they spring. Their growth is mostly vigorous, sometimes wild and tangled. They live or die in proportion as the sap is sound and well nourished. The parent tree rarely suffers by the loss of its young shoots; as a rule it increases in dignity and massive strength, and only decays by violent means, or not until the worthiest branch of the parent stem has sufficiently matured its strength to take its place.

The American offshoots of English Freemasonry are not unlike the offshoots of the tree. Some are sturdy members of the old trunk; others are as wild and as hurtful as the thorny briar. These abound in the shape of prophets—professors of new systems—empirics, who use the weapon of personal criticism untempered by a sense of responsibility. We in England are content to accept Craft Freemasonry as the Mother of all that bears her name, and we deck her in Blue, as pure and as beautiful as the celestial sky itself. The Chapter, wedded to her, assumes a deeper hue. While admitting their origin and their indebtedness to the Craft, the Companions seek to amplify and complete the knowledge they gained in the Lodge; and the Mark degree, though it is not an officially recognised Order, stands at the present day as a living and growing scion of a venerable and noble family. Beyond these three Orders there are other degrees, diving deeper into mysteries, and traversing ground that philosophers have trod. These are sufficient to employ the minds of the most astute, and to satisfy the cravings of all honourable ambition. America departs from the old-world practices, and has become the nursing-ground of new shibboleths and singular inventions. With a zeal worthy of a better object men have arisen who have propounded extraordinary theories, who have found followers as enthusiastic as themselves, and who have started papers or magazines to back their pretensions. They are the wild briars, the unhealthy growths, the sapless branches, that flourish for a time, and either linger on in semi-obscurity, or wither altogether. These spurious Orders have doubtlessly stimulated the development of a certain kind of literature, but they do not account for the disparity that exists between the Masonic Press of England and America. They are the fungi, the unwholesome products of ambitious minds, and too often the work of unscrupulous adventurers. Apart from the organs of new Orders, America provides a mass of healthy Masonic literature, beside which our own products dwarf into comparative insignificance. Sometimes even in the genuine exponents of the Craft, theories of a bold and questionable character are broached. A freedom is exhibited that appears to border on license. Still the bulk is sound, often original, and always interesting. We in this country have rich mines of treasures which are hidden from the large majority of the brethren, chiefly because it does not pay to work them, and patriotism is not strong enough to induce the continuance of undertakings that result in pecuniary loss. We have volumes enough to testify to the genius and devotedness of our forefathers, but few consult

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them. We have many able Masonic scholars among us still, but like the prophets of old they are not honoured in their own country. Those who have ventured upon the expense of printing the results of their learning and study have good reason to repent them of their temerity, and have realised the unwelcome and dishonouring fact that we are not readers and students of Masonic books.

We sadly need a new birth, in spirit if not in form, a fresh baptism of intelligence, and a warmer zeal for the intellectual and spiritual lessons that lie concealed in the arcana of Freemasonry. We have no quarrel with the social ceremonies of the Order, we are not Mawworms. Between asceticism and the luxury of the table there is a wide division, large enough for the development of other growths. We are bound by the spirit and letter of the ceremonies to study the material, intellectual and moral order of the universe, we are taught to practise all the virtues; and to neglect the sources where they are the most perfectly examplified is to violate the principal canons of the Order. Newspapers and magazines may not be the best instructors, they are not equal in value to the works of deep thinkers and philosophers, but they are excellent substitutes. Very often they are the best mediums of instruction, because they are more general and varied in the treatment of subjects, and have the additional advantage of conveying news and moral lessons in a popular form. If we cannot have the solid pabulum, let us have the lighter food. When the taste has been cultivated, the digestion strengthened, then perhaps will come the desire for more substantial aliment. We are not jealous of our American brethren, we do not wish to disparage their work. We could not follow in their footsteps altogether. Our sober methods are unsuited to their notions of enterprise, but we might fairly emulate their zeal in the acquisition of knowledge, and at any rate not quite ignore the sources of instruction which lie ready to our hands. We owe it to the position we hold in the Craft to maintain an interest in its literature, we are bound by strong moral obligations to seek knowledge and to diffuse it, and unless we are more faithful in the future than we have been in the past, we shall be false to our traditions and unworthy of the great inheritance we possess.

A PLAYFUL CRITIC OF MASONRY.

ONE of the most amusing men who ever made sport of Freemasonry was Thomas De Quincey, the English opium eater. He did not single out Masonry alone as the target for his literary arrows, feathered with wit and sarcasm, which he kept shooting as long as he lived, but he made sport of almost everything. He liked to say odd things, to take new views, and to overturn old ones. We may instance his paper in which he whitewashed Judas Iscariot; and another in which he discussed "Murder considered as one of the Fine Arts." We have always enjoyed his writings, because they are so original—in fact, we know scarcely any recent writer who excels him in this respect. De Quincey is a perfect dare-devil in originality. Perhaps none of his essays is more enjoyable, especially to Freemasons, than that upon Secret Societies. In it he is in his best vein, not caring what he says, only caring to be bizarre, brilliant and incisive. At an early age he says he became interested in secret societies, from his desire to know, (1) *What* they do, and (2) What they do it *for?* His was no peculiar experience. Many a man has become a Mason instigated by this same curiosity; but curiosity, while the lowest form of intellectual motive, in Freemasonry always leads up to something higher. De Quincey's curiosity, however, only led him to view our Fraternity from the outside, and always simply with the view of burlesquing it. Here is the first result of his sportive lucubrations:

> The two best known of all Secret Societies that ever *have* been are the two most extensive monuments of humbug on the one side, and credulity on the other. They divide themselves between the ancient world and the modern. The great and illustrious humbug of ancient history was the Eleusinian Mysteries. The great and illustrious humbug of modern history, of the history which boasts a present and a future, as well as a past, is Freemasonry, let me take a few liberties with both.

And then he does take *liberties* with both, poking all the fun at each of them that his overflowing mirth could devise. Referring to the Eleusinian Mysteries he says:

> The goddess, and her establishment of hoaxers at Eleusis, did a vast "stroke of business" for more than six centuries, without any "unpleasantries" occurring. * * * "Misfortune acquaints a man with strange bed-fellows;" and the common misfortune of having been hoaxed lowers the proudest and the humblest into a strange unanimity, for once, of pocketing their wrongs in silence. Eleusis, with her fine bronzed face, may say, proudly and laughingly—"Expose *me*, indeed!—Why, I hoaxed this man's great-grandfather, and I trust to hoax his great-grandson; all generations of his house *have* been or *shall* be hoaxed." And the satirist adds, "There was an endless file of heroes, philosophers, statesmen, all hoaxed, all, of course, incensed at being hoaxed, and yet not one of them is known to have blabbed.

De Quincey said he had a very bad opinion of the ancient world, but it would grieve him if he thought such a world could beat ours, even in the quality of its hoaxes! Here we must again quote his exact language, for it is brimful of humour:

> I have, also, not a very favourable opinion of the *modern* world. Put I dare say that in fifty thousand years it will be considerably improved; and, in the meantime, if we are not quite so good or so clever as we ought to be, yet still we are a trifle better than our ancestors; I hope we are up to a hoax any day. A man must be a poor creature that can't invent a hoax. For two centuries we have had a first-rate one; and its name is *Freemasonry*."

Mr. Gilfillan once called Mr. De Quincey paradoxical. But that did not offend him, for he replied, "Paradox is a very charming thing, and since leaving off opium I have taken a great deal too much of it for my health." But, most amusing of all, was De Quincey's statement of how he exploded Freemasonry, as it were by a dynamite cartridge, at one blast. We quote again:

> Seriously, however, the whole bubble of Freemasonry was shattered in a paper which I myself once threw into a London journal, about the year 1823 or '4. It was a paper in this sense mine, that from me it had received form and arrangement; but the materials belonged to a learned German, viz.: Buhle, the same that edited the "Bipont Aristotle," and wrote a history of the Philosophy. No German has any conception of style; I therefore did him the favour to wash his dirty face, and make him presentable among Christians; but the substance was drawn entirely from this German book. It was there established that the whole hoax of Masonry had been invented in the year 1629, by one Andrea.

We wish all anti-Masons were as good-natured as De Quincey, for then we could laugh *with* them, as well as *at* them, and we only regret that the "Opium Eater" did not take the opportunity, through initiation, to have an *inside* view of Freemasonry. With his love for the humorous, he would have greatly enjoyed the Craft when at refreshment. He would have discovered that Masonry is *not* a hoax, after all; that its philosophy is of the highest order, its company of the best, its opportunities for intellectual culture of the rarest, and all of its surroundings just such as a man of his complex nature—with scholarly acquirements and an inexhaustible fund of humour—would have greatly enjoyed. Instead of his exploding *Freemasonry*, he would have found that *it* exploded all of his satirical views, and left him a wiser, better, and even, if possible, a wittier man.—*Keystone.*

IS MASONRY RELIGION?

TO answer, we must clearly define the word religion. Webster says that it is "the recognition of God as an object of worship, love and obedience."

Masonry teaches that from the youngest apprentice to the Master presiding, all should "with reverence most humbly bow" in worship. We, as Masons, are admonished, "to have faith in God, hope of immortality and love to all mankind." To have "a faithful reliance upon divine providence" and are given rules by which we may be better enabled to discern "the power, the wisdom and the goodness of the Grand Artificer of the Universe."

As Masons we are taught to devote one-third of our time to "the service of God" and the distressed. That He "whom the Sun, Moon and Stars obey, and under whose watchful care comets perform their stupendous revolutions, pervades the inmost recesses of the human heart, and will reward us according to our merits."

Masonry is *full* of such teachings. Webster says that religion is "any system of faith and worship."

But THE BIBLE, that Great Light and Guide defines "True religion and undefiled. To visit the widow and

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fatherless in their affliction and keep yourselves unspotted from the world."

Masonry gives it as an imperative duty to have a care for the widow and orphan, defend them from harm and want. It teaches us "to regard the whole human species as one family . . . . created by one Almighty Parent," and whom we are "to aid, protect and support." We are to soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, and to restore peace," &c. "To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry."

These are but the faint outlines of the religious teachings in Masonry. Is it not, then, religion? If it is not, it is not anything.

It is not intended to take the place of the church—it cannot—to Christian or Jew. A man who *faithfully lives up to Masonic teachings*—worships God; devotes time to His service and to relieve distress; loves his fellow—will not fail to be a church member. A case of the contrary cannot be shown. But, nevertheless, Masonry is religion.—*Masonic Home Journal.*

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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR AND BROTHER,—The time is near at hand when Grand Lodge will once more have to elect a Treasurer. Considering the event is so close the controversial air is remarkably still; scarcely a sign is made. This lull may precede a storm, or it may indicate indifference, a condition that leads to stagnation and death. Whatever it portends, the duty of all is made clear, who desire to vindicate a principle that has been solemnly ratified. These must take care that coldness and selfishness and the Pharisaical pride of the few do not kill the spirit while observing the letter; nor that what should be a high honour should become the sport and monopoly of blatant and vulgar agitators.

When the late esteemed and worthy brother Colonel Creaton was relieved of the office of Treasurer, and the honour of succeeding him was conferred upon Bro. Allcroft, most brethren believed that the principle of annual election had been established, and henceforth the only collar the Grand Lodge had to bestow would become the object of the ambition of men of commanding influence in the Craft. It is difficult to determine the precise character of this condition. No hard and fast line can be drawn, but no doubt a brother worthy of the suffrages of Grand Lodge should give proof of earnestness by service; he should be well versed in the ceremonies and courtesies of the Craft; his character should be charitable according to his means, and should be above reproach, and he should have leisure, to figure as an adjunct, if not as an ornament, at all gatherings where his office should be represented. There is little merit in being P.M. of several Lodges. The breast may be covered with jewels, and yet one but scantily adorned with such ornaments may be by far the worthier brother. It is not the number of members brought into the Fraternity that constitutes a brother's claim to honour, but the prudence and wisdom that guides him in the selection of suitable candidates. It is the quiet worker, the generous member, who gives unobtrusively, who believes in and acts upon the principle that if a brother applies to him, or if he knows of a brother who needs help, that it is his bounden duty to render it to the utmost of his power. He is not to act the Levite, but the good Samaritan; not to render lip service, but the ready uplifting hand. How many are there now regarded with honour who never think of Freemasonry outside of the Lodge or the banquet room, who pass a poor brother in the street as if he were only worthy of being known when surrounded by emblems of the Order? Personal worth to many is a matter of less moment than personal wealth, and he who has the longest purse, the closest connection with fashionable life, and assumes airs that are supposed to characterise the aristocracy—but do not really—these are the men who crave honours to the neglect of the more deserving. It is the first duty therefore of the electorate to see that the broad lines of justice are observed in their choice of a Grand Treasurer. They should discountenance the clap-trap arts of the demagogue, and equally repel the extravagant pretensions of the favoured few who had formed themselves into a charmed circle, the entrance to which is only to be gained by a talisman, pretty and fascinating no doubt, but not necessarily pure and strong.

Returning to the thought mentioned in the early portion of this letter, it must be borne in mind that the principle of the annual election of Grand Treasurer was clearly established by the appointment of Brother Allcroft, that principle was confirmed when his successor, Brother Horace Brooks Marshall, was elected. There is danger, however, to this principle threatened, on two sides. There is reason to infer that when Brother Creaton was superseded the belief prevailed that the office of Grand Treasurer would be kept in hands of the clique who were parties to the appointment of Brother Allcroft. These would-be dictators did not take into account the voting power of the representatives in Grand Lodge, and if they did, they were under the impression that they would be able to control it. Having failed in that direction, it now appears that another method is to be adopted. Ostracism is the weapon now in use. Any one elected without the brand of this self-constituted body is virtually sent to Coventry. He must be tolerated, for the sake of propriety, but he is not welcomed or accepted as an equal, where it is possible to act otherwise. This course, it is stated, has already been put into operation, with the result that the contests for the appointment of Grand Treasurer have become embittered. The office has lost some of its dignity in consequence, and possibly it is hoped by some that it will sink so low that it will not be worth contending for, or that the appointment may come back into their autocratic hands.

Now, the duty of the members of Grand Lodge is clear. They should first secure a candidate who fulfils all the requisite conditions, in a broad and liberal sense; elect him, and then protect him from indignity. No select body of men, under any pretence of privacy, can withstand the honest and determined expression of the mass of the brethren. It will not do for a narrow clique to say—"We have a right to choose the friends with whom we shall dine when we pay for what we have ourselves; we will not be fettered in the choice of company we shall keep. As citizens, no one will deny them this right; as Freemasons, they stand on a totally different footing. They are bound, for instance, to recognise the popular vote, and, what is of more importance, they must yield allegiance to the teachings of the Craft, which forbid the pride of office and proclaim aloud the doctrine of equality. There is a moral obligation which none can shirk with impunity, and although it may be difficult to punish offenders holding high office, it is possible to utter a protest that shall not be altogether in vain. At any rate, the elect of the majority, be he who he may, must be saved from indignity, must be honoured throughout his term of office as well as at the time of election, and if it is seen that the brethren are in earnest, opposition to their views will soon cease. There must, however, be prudence on the part of the electors. They must choose candidates worthy of support. If they do not do this, the office will fade, and become the prey of mere demagogues, or lapse into the sinecure of a small clique, who value money more than brains, who count social privilege before honest worth, and who admire equality only when it exists merely in name.

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

MARK MASONRY.

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PORCHESTER LODGE, No. 27.

AT the banquet which followed the installation of Worshipful Master of this Lodge, at Newbury, on Friday evening, 13th instant, Bro. Margrett, Past Grand Deacon of England, referred in feeling terms to our brethren and countrymen engaged in the Soudan, and proposed the health of the Past Senior Grand Warden, General Lord Wolseley, and the brave Masons engaged with him in Egypt. The toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm, and with full Masonic honours.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the Members of the King Harold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1327, at the Four Swans, Waltham Cross, Herts, on Saturday, 7th March. Bro. John Robinson W.M., Reilly S.W., Lewis J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Bickle, Searle, Middlehurst, Reilly, Davis, Lewis, and Sproat. Second Lecture—Bros. Rogers, Noyes, Gilbert, Robinson, and Fisher. Third Lecture—Bros. Hanchett, Wyatt, and Etherington. Brethren to appear in Masonic clothing. A banquet will take place at eight p.m. Tickets 3s. Bro. A. H. Hanchett, Secretary.

We are requested to announce that the meetings of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602, will in future be held at the White Horse, Liverpool-road, corner of Theberton-street, every Thursday evening, at eight o'clock. At the meeting on Thursday evening next, the 26th instant, Bro. J. Weston, P.M. 1602, J.W. 1897, will rehearse the ceremony of installation, when a numerous attendance of the brethren is expected.

The Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, which meets every Friday evening, at 7.30, has removed to the Loughton Public Hall, Station-road, Loughton.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Hour of Danger.—Disease commonly comes on with slight symptoms, which, if neglected, increase in severity, and thus become dangerous—a condition which betrays the grossest remissness—when these Pills, taken in accordance with their accompanying directions, would not only have checked, but conquered the incipient disorder. Patients daily forward details of the most remarkable and instructive cases in which timely attention to Holloway's advice has undoubtedly saved them from severe illness. These Pills act primarily on the digestive organs, which they stimulate when slow and imperfect, and secondly, upon the blood, which is thoroughly purified by them, whence is derived the general tone they impart, and their power of subjugating hypochondriacism, dyspepsia, and nervous complaints.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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VITRUVIAN LODGE, No. 87.

AFTER having met for over a quarter of a century at the White Hart, Belvedere-road, Lambeth, this old-established Lodge has at length changed its place of meeting, and on Wednesday evening assembled for the first time, under a special dispensation for the gathering, at the Bridge House Hotel, where it has been decided by the brethren the Lodge shall in future hold its meetings. Bro. W. H. Bale, the Worshipful Master, presided, and there were present an unusually large attendance of members. Bro. Davis occupied the Senior Warden's chair, and Bro. Minstrell that of the Junior Warden. The Past Masters present were:—Bros. Janaway, Thurkell Treas., W. Stuart Sec., Harnor, Whiting, Skirving, and Timothy. Bros. J. Terry, W. Englisb, W. W. Chilton, Heming and Mildred were amongst the Visitors, and the members of the Lodge present included Bros. A. E. Birch, W. Watson, E. Chamberlain, R. Lambourne, John Irving, E. Woods, Henry Wright, R. Payne, G. Isaacs, and Z. Huntley. The Lodge was opened in due form. Mr. George Baley was balloted for and initiated. Afterwards the bye-laws of the Lodge were read, and Bro. Davis Senior Warden was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the year ensuing, and was very warmly congratulated upon the honour which had been conferred on him. Bro. Thurkell, who now for very many years has filled the position of Treasurer, was re-elected to that post. Auditors were appointed, and on the motion of Bro. Thurkell it was determined that in future the Lodge meetings should be held each alternate month. Some further additional subscriptions were made to the list of the Worshipful Master, who is Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and to whose list the Lodge has voted out of its funds £26 5s, making a total of £420 contributed to the funds of the Institutions. The Lodge, by the way, meets under a warrant dated 1762, but the books for a few years are missing, and unfortunately the centenary certificate is withheld. It is one of the old Athole Lodges, many of which seem to be in the same unfortunate position. Grand Lodge recognises the warrant under which this Lodge meets, and it would be a very graceful act if the rulers of the Craft would in this instance, as they have done in some others, not press the members quite to the strict proof they might be perfectly justified in doing if the Lodge had always met under the same constitution. As matters stand, the Lodge has been informed that it will not be entitled to its centenary certificate until the centenary of the Union. After the business of the Lodge had been transacted, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, which was well served at the adjoining banquet hall. In proposing the loyal toasts the Worshipful Master expressed the great regret with which he read in that day's papers that a price had been set upon the head of their esteemed Grand Master. Bro. Mildred replied for the Visitors, the W.M. remarked, in giving the toast to the brethren, that the Vitruvian Lodge was never more happy than when dispensing the bounties of hospitality and the blessings of charity. On proposing the Masonic Charities the W.M. alluded to the liberality of the Lodge to the Benevolent Institutions. They were subscribers, many of them, to all their splendid Institutions, or to one or other of them; it behoved them to do all they possibly could for them. Bro. Terry, who replied, said that there was scarcely any other educational institutions which the country supported by charity that could vie with those of the Masonic body. Their Girls' School was maintaining, clothing, and educating 230 girls at that moment, fitting them to become good women in the world. Their Boys' School was doing an equally good work. In the recent Cambridge examinations, out of 16 girls sent up 14 passed with honours and two with very great distinction; and out of 19 boys 15 passed with honours and four with great distinction. The value of the Benevolent Institution was shown by the number of candidates they had for admission. For the election in May they had no less than 127 candidates, viz., 46 men and 81 widows, although they had only vacancies for 12 men and two widows. The Committee had, however, decided to increase the number of both men and widows to be elected, depending upon the generosity of the brethren to support them. Masonry was frequently charged with being only a social institution, but three such splendid Institutions as they possessed were a sufficient answer to such a charge, especially when they considered that last year no less than £49,000 was raised by the brethren for the purposes of those Charities. Other toasts followed, including the health of the W.M., proposed by Bro. Janaway, and that of the W.M. elect, given in eulogistic terms by the W.M. and greeted with full Masonic honours by the brethren. The usual valuable jewel, in token of the esteem of the brethren, and their admiration of the manner he has discharged his duties, will be presented to the retiring W.M.

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THERE was an exceptionally numerous gathering of the members of this Lodge on Friday evening, the 13th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, this being the first meeting since the installation of Bro. Pierpoint. Lodge was opened in form soon after four o'clock, when the W.M. was supported by Bros. Price S.W., Simner J.W., Everett P.M. Treasurer, Morris Secretary, Montague S.D., Chapman J.D., Harvey I.G., Wood D.C., Salmon W.S., Riechelman Organist, and about fifty other brethren. Amongst the Past Masters were Bros. Foxcroft I.P.M., McLean, Herbage, Ferguson, Foulger, Bow, Buscall, Willing jun., and F. Kent. There was quite a galaxy of visitors, even for this proverbially hospitable Lodge, and amongst them we observed Bro. Binckes Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Goodinge P.M. 171, Venner P.M. 1693, Tremere W.M. 1929, Smith 1348, Wardgrove 1609, Da Costa 1349, Digges 1531, Vogt 55, Morrett 1987, Cohen 1017, Carnell 1216, Saunderson 1703, Price 1816, Vaughan 2005, Tomkins 569, Amphlett 1511, Williams 2005, Bower 765, Denis 1541, and many others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the third, and Bros. W. R. Spindler and J. H. Selby were raised to the sublime degree, the impressive ceremony being performed in eloquent and perfect manner by the Worshipful Master. Resuming in the second, Bros. Weston, Grace, Tingley, and J. H. Ellis were passed. Bro. Arthur Tilbury, 975, by special desire, and with the permission of the W.M. of his Lodge, was also passed to the second degree. After this the ballot was opened for Mr. George Pardy and Mr. James Thwaites, who were unanimously accepted and initiated in the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M., whose working was much admired by all the brethren present. Some other business was transacted, amongst which was a proposition by Bro. Everett P.M. and Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Ferguson, and carried, that the sum of 25 guineas be given from the Lodge funds to Bro. Pierpoint's list for the Boys' Institution. At the conclusion of Lodge business the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in Bro. F. Clemow's best style, which ended, the customary loyal toasts were given in felicitous terms from the chair, and duly honoured. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, observed that reward always follows merit. He trusted that Bro. Willing's merit would be followed by the reward of being elected Grand Treasurer of England, even as Her Majesty had rewarded the merits of General Stewart, who had fought so nobly in the Soudan. Reward had followed merit in the case of Bro. Pierpoint, in his having been placed in the chair of K.S., and the mantle of that position could not have fallen upon more worthy shoulders. He had that day carried out the duties of the Lodge to the satisfaction of every member of it, and to the admiration of the Past Masters, who had watched critically his conduct in the chair. If a man could please and satisfy the Past Masters of the Domatic Lodge he could please anybody. Holding, as this Lodge did, so thorough an estimation in the Craft, they looked for something above mediocre in its W.M., and in this respect Bro. Pierpoint had by no means disappointed them. The toast having been seconded with especial cordiality, Bro. Pierpoint briefly responded. He thanked the brethren most heartily for the manner in which they had received the mention of his name, and was proud to see so numerous a gathering and to witness such a spirit of harmony and unanimity prevailing amongst them. In the short time during which he had occupied the chair of this Lodge he had endeavoured to do his duty, and he trusted he had not failed to give satisfaction to the brethren. He could assure them that in his humble way he should endeavour, while in that position, to do his utmost to uphold the prestige which the Lodge had so long enjoyed, and he hoped to hand down unsullied to his successor the honour which, by the kindness of the brethren, he now enjoyed. He then in suitable terms proposed the health of the initiates, the toast being received in true Masonic fashion. Bro. Pardy, in the course of a well-conceived reply, said he had been many years in Australia, and had often experienced a strong desire to enter the Masonic ranks. That pleasure, however, had been reserved until his return home, and he could hardly say how pleased he was to have been admitted to the advantages of the Craft, of which he had as yet but gained a little insight. Bro. Thwaites also acknowledged the toast in a few happily-chosen sentences. In proposing the Masonic Charities, the W.M. intimated his intention of going up as a Steward at the Festival of the Boys' School, and said he felt sure he should receive that support from the members of the Domatic Lodge which was consistent with common sense—that being not detrimental to themselves or connections. The Domatic Lodge had always stedfastly supported the Masonic Institutions, and this year the turn fell to the Boys. In representing the Lodge, therefore, as its Steward during his year of office, he confidently anticipated the hearty support and assistance of the brethren. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. F. Binckes, the esteemed Secretary of the Institution. Bro. Binckes, in the course of his response, said it was somewhat singular that during his 34 years' connection with Freemasonry this was his first visit to the Domatic Lodge. He was very glad to have the opportunity of repairing the error, and of attending a Lodge which was remarkable for the consistent and stedfast way in which it had supported the Masonic Charities. He returned his best thanks, not only for the Institution with which he was more intimately associated, but for the others, and in doing so he indulged in the assurance that the members of this Lodge would do in the future equally well what they had done in the past. In the order of rotation it fell to the privilege of the Boys' School to be supported this year by the Domatic Lodge and he was pleased to hear that their esteemed Worshipful Master was going up as a Steward at the next Festival. He tendered to Bro. Pierpoint his hearty congratulations upon the manner in which he had discharged his duties that day, and which testified that he was imbued with the true sense of the importance which attached to that position to which he had been elected. Amongst the pleasures and the amenities enjoyed amongst Masons it was satisfactory to know that they never lost sight of the Institutions which were included in the toast, and in which 240 of the daughters of Freemasons were being clothed, fed, and educated; 215 sons of Freemasons were being similarly cared for, whilst 450 of the aged of both sexes were provided with annuities. The Committee of the Boys' Institution were now considering the admission of another fifty boys in the Preparatory School. For all these purposes a sum of not less than £10,000 a year was required, and they never failed to receive it. He trusted that the W.M. would be supported in his efforts as Steward this year, and that they would liberally support the Charities which were undoubtedly the very Keystone of the Order. The W.M. then extended a very cordial welcome to the Visitors, the toast being suitably responded to by Bros. Goodinge P.M. 171, Venner P.M. 1693, Dennison P.M. 1541, and Tremere P.M. 1299. In responding for the Past Masters, Bro. J. Willing jun. congratulated the Lodge upon the choice they had made in their Wor. Master, and whilst regretting his inability to attend the meetings of his Mother

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Lodge so often as he could wish, he hoped to be a more regular attendant in the future. The W.M. announced with pleasure that the result of the "whip round" on behalf of the Boys' School was £91 9s 6d, a statement which elicited great applause. The W.M. in proposing the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, alluded to the excellent qualities displayed by Bro. G. Everett in the former capacity, and the admirable manner in which he discharged the duties appertaining to the office. Bro. Everett had the interests of the Lodge close at heart, and was always ready to forego his comfort and convenience in order to serve the brethren. The toast was received with great cordiality, and, was responded to in suitable terms by Bro. Everett. The health of the Officers of the Lodge followed, with other complimentary toasts, and interspersed by selections of vocal and instrumental music, combined to make up a very harmonious and agreeable evening.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

AMONG the laudable aspirations of the zealous Freemason there is none which approaches the desire of attaining to the Master's chair, and to being invested with the distinguishing badge which is "the highest honour it is in the power of the Lodge to bestow on any of its members." This salutary ambition, together with his eventual introduction to a Board of Installed Masters, of which he is about to be admitted as a component part, is a sure means of inducing a feeling of pardonable pride in having secured the goodwill and confidence of the members of his Lodge by whose suffrages he is being placed in so enviable and exalted a position. A Board of Installed Masters is a unique assembly, being composed "not only of Past Masters of the Lodge where the ceremony is about to be performed, but very frequently of Past and Present Grand Officers and visiting Masters and Past Masters of sister Lodges, and the brother in whose honour they have gathered can scarcely fail to be impressed, gratified, and filled with the earnest resolve that his future exertions in the cause of the Craft shall render him, at least in some measure, worthy of the distinction it has been his good fortune to attain. Reflections similar to these have no doubt on many occasions occurred to those privileged to witness the important and solemn ceremony of installation, and more especially when performed with due regard to every detail, as was the case at the above Lodge, which met on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. The retiring Master, Bro. Sol. Barnett, who at a former part of the evening initiated Messrs. Stanley Bamberger, Van Gelder, and A. Marks, with his usual efficiency, outdid his previous efforts, and by his deliberate address and elocutionary abilities secured for himself the hearty and enthusiastic approval of all present. The newly-installed Worshipful Master, Bro. Synev Boas, commenced his duties by appointing the following as his Officers:—Sol. Barnett I.P.M., H. Peartree S.W., H. Tipper J.W., W. D. Bayley P.M. Treasurer, A. J. Myers Secretary, A. Marks S.D., J. M. Levy J.D., R. Bloomfield jun. I.G., J. D. Barnett P.M. Organist, Thomson W.S., Eisenman D.C., Potter Tyler. A very handsome Past Master's jewel, the gift of the Lodge, was presented to the retiring W.M. for his valuable services during his term of office. After an excellent and well-arranged banquet, under the superintendence of Bro. Silver, the usual toasts were proceeded with. It is needless to say that the Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and received with accustomed cordiality. The newly-installed W.M., who it appears has never before had an opportunity of presiding at any public gathering, doing this part of his duties in undeniably creditable manner. In reply to the toast of the Visitors, Bro. Valentine W.M. of the Montefiore Lodge disclaimed any personal merit as the cause of the cordiality with which his name was received, but ascribed it to the spirit of sympathy between the sister Lodges towards each other. He would be failing in his duty were he to forget to express his approval and admiration of the manner in which the work of this Lodge was accomplished, and also to declare his gratitude for the fraternal way in which the Visitors were received. Everybody knew the saying, that "gratitude meant a lively sense of favours to come," but he could assure them that no such cynical spirit influenced him in what he had said. Brother J. Rensworthy, Senior Deacon 1728, said his visits to this Lodge, through the kindness of Bro. T. W. C. Bush P.M., had been so frequent, and his sentiments regarding it had so often been reiterated, that he feared his remarks would only be a repetition of what he had expressed on former occasions. He had had opportunities of witnessing the progress of many of the Officers when, step by step, they ultimately arrived at the highest point. It was not at all surprising that a Lodge where the best abilities were exerted in every portion of the work should become prosperous and influential. Bro. Dr. Harrow, P.M. Pilgrim Lodge, said that after the speeches already made by some of the Visitors he should have hesitated to make any remarks were it not that he belonged to a Lodge occupying an exceptional position in the Craft. The Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, is the only Lodge on the Register under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England which is permitted to work the ritual in a foreign tongue. The German language is used. The Lodge was founded in 1779, and had therefore reached a century of its existence in 1879. There are some slight divergences in the work, and he would be happy to meet as many at the Lodge as could make it convenient to visit, that they might be able to note in what the difference consists. He was exceedingly gratified to be able to compliment the Lodge in regard to the efficiency of its Officers, altogether the whole proceedings have a tendency to create a feeling of wishing to come again. The I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., thought that under his guidance the duties appertaining to the chair would be creditably fulfilled, and the W.M. in reply expressed his thanks to the I.P.M. for his kind words, and to the brethren for the cordiality with which his name was received. He would ask them to bear with him in his endeavours, and pardon his shortcomings; relying on their assistance and co-operation he trusted to prove himself not unworthy of their confidence. The I.P.M. Bro. S. Barnett in response said, that in the performance of his duties he was not nervous, but anxious to prevent disappointment. He had always felt that the brethren were "to his faults a little blind, and to his failings very kind;" this encouraged him in his work, and the assurance of their approval was all he aimed at. He would take the opportunity of again expressing his heartfelt gratitude for the very handsome jewel presented to him; the kindness evinced towards him would never be effaced from his memory. The W.M. next proposed prosperity to the Benevolent Fund, coupling with it the name of Bro. Morris Hart, the oldest P.M. of the Lodge, who, during a forcible and telling appeal on behalf of the fund, pointed to the excellent effects that had resulted from the timely application of its benefits, and in particular to the fact that in one case it was deemed neither injudicious nor unjust to grant the sum of £200 to one individual brother. It did not transpire how the appeal was met, but to judge from the generous disposition of Tranquillity members there is no doubt of a considerable increase to the fund, which now consists of £600 India 4 per cents., and £100 Scinde Railway, against which, however, a balance of £90 due to the Treasurer has to be considered. There was an amiable rivalry between Past Masters Bush and Staley, inasmuch as, in giving the health of the P.M.'s, the name of Bro. Bush was first mentioned. Bro. Staley, however, briefly responded, and Bro. Bush, who seemed to have acquired the trick of accomplishing the, to so many people, difficult feat of making an acceptable after-dinner speech, reviewed at some length several phases and experiences he had gathered during his Masonic career, and evoked a considerable amount of cheering when he incidentally mentioned the probable advent of Bro. John Constable P.M. and late Treasurer paying a visit to the Lodge before long. He was pleased with the progress made by the younger members in their official duties, and especially with the position of Bro. Peartree, a name never to be forgotten in this Lodge. The former bearer of it, by his services, had endeared himself to every member of the Lodge. No doubt some faults might be pointed out, but "If from them some errors fall, look in their faces; you'll forgive them all." The toast of the Officers having been proposed and replied to, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The musical arrangements were most ably conducted by Bro. Harry Tipper J.W., chief of the "Royal Criterion Glee Singers," assisted by Bro. Fletcher and Messrs James, Wise, and Doyle. The Visitors were Bros. M. Benjamin 733, E. Walford S.D. 905, D. H. Jones P.M. 1694, D. W. Moorman Sec. 1981, G. Gardner S.W. 2012, E. Kopf D.C. 59, C. Colman 1535, N. P. Valentine W.M. 1017, J. H. Wilson W.M. 194, J. Gersher 1798, Sampson Samuel 1017, P. B. Harris 177, J. Rensworthy J.D. 1728, I. P. Cohen P.M. 205, J. Thompson 733, B. Newington 842, J. Bedford 1671, D. Currie 1017, J. Manning 177, B. S. Woolf 72, Dixon 2012, E. W. Bayley 2012, D. King 1445, J. G. Baker P.M. 753, C. W. Fletcher 2029, C. Harris 238, Lazarus P.M. P.P.G.W. Wiltshire, Alexander 1614, Dr. Harrow P.M. The Past Masters were Bros. M. Hart, R. Z. Bloomfield, N. Moss, T. W. C. Bush, Staley, John Ross, J. D. Barnett Organist, Croker, Harfeld, Defries, N. Gluckstein, and E. Gottheil.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE above Lodge held its usual meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, 12th inst. The proceedings commenced punctually at 5 o'clock. Bros. J. J. Rantz W.M., Bieling S.W., Oliver Bryant J.W., Tongue S.D., Turner J.D., and Banks Tyler. The following P.M.'s were present, E. T. Smith I.P.M., Dr. Corrie Jackson, Dr. Jagielski, Rath, Ebner, Lancaster (Secretary), and Nowakowski (Treasurer). Immediately after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed the ballot was taken for the following gentlemen: Mr. Daniel Bailey proposed by Brother Edrupt, seconded by Bro. Pardoe; and Mr. Edward O'Neill, proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. A. H. Rantz, the result proved unanimous in favour of the candidates, and Mr. O'Neill who was in attendance was duly admitted to the mysteries of Freemasonry in a manner that seemed deeply to impress him. Bros. Aston and Bottomley were passed to the second degree, and Bros. Hull, and Brushfield were raised. During the evening a telegram from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was read, in answer to one sent by the W.M. congratulating him on the coming of age of H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor. The following is a copy:—

Sandringham. From Prince of Wales to Master, Polish National Lodge, 534. Freemasons' Tavern. I thank you for your kind congratulations.

This was received with great applause by the brethren assembled. All other business being completed Lodge was closed in the usual manner and the brethren retired to a modest repast. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured Bro. Smith I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Stegart here recited the "Charge of the Light Brigade." After this the W.M. made a suitably reply; it had always been his endeavour to make these evenings enjoyable to the brethren, and he hoped his successor would have as pleasant a year of office as he had had; especially in the number of initiates. He now had the pleasure to propose the health of the initiate of the evening; he felt sure Bro. O'Neill would make a good Mason. Dr. Corrie Jackson P.M. here sang the Entered Apprentice song, and then Bro. O'Neill replied. He had been most favourably impressed with the ritual of the initiation, especially so by the exceedingly eloquent and impressive manner in which the ceremony had been delivered by the W.M., whose aspirations he would make every endeavour to realise. The next toast was that of the Visitors. Bro. Sangart P.M. Wellington Lodge, No. 548, and Bro. J. H. Crowther P.M. Bazshawe Lodge, No. 1157, P.P.G.R. Essex, who both returned thanks. The toast of the Past Masters and Officers was proposed and duly honoured and the Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a somewhat laborious evening's work.

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GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

A REGULAR meeting of this spirited Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, 11th inst. Bros. J. H. Hawkes W.M., Ridley I.P.M., Prickett S.W., Ravenscroft J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Greenaway Secretary, Creed S.D., Ferguson P.M. acting J.D., Pulley P.M. D.C., Hickie Organist, Collins I.G., Sands and Slaughter Stewards, Hemming Tyler; P.M.'s Hurley, Margrett, Flanagan, Blackwell, and Dowsett; Bros. Brigham, Hukins, Biggs, Goodhind, James, Knight, Sparrow, Bennett, Ridley, Cottrell, Hunt, and George. Visitors—Bros. Hayward 414, Butler 2013, Knill 414, Withers W.M. 414, Sims 1209, Tubbs I.G. 2043. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Cottrell and Hunt, candidates for passing, proved their efficiency in the former degree; they were entrusted, and retired for preparation. Lodge was advanced, the candidates were re-admitted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the W.M. correctly performing the ceremony. After examination, Bro. Goodhind, candidate for the third degree, was raised. The first part of the ceremony was performed by Bro. Dowsett most impressively; the charge and explanation of the Tracing Board was given by Bro. Margrett in a masterly manner, the ceremonies being accompanied by music by Brother Hickie. Lodge was resumed. The Secretary read a communication from the Provincial Grand Secretary, stating that the sum of five guineas had been voted to the Grey Friars Lodge by the Provincial Grand Lodge, and asking to which of the Masonic Institutions it should be applied; also requesting that brethren qualified to receive the Charity jewel should send their applications to him before the 1st of March. It was proposed by the I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. Dowsett, "that the above-named sum of five guineas be applied to the list of the W.M., who would represent the Lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in May." The W.M. returned thanks. Bro. Pulley proposed, and Bro. Collins seconded, a candidate for initiation. All business being ended, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, 14th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Baber W.M. presided, supported by his Officers, and there were several visitors present. There was no business for the Worshipful Master, in the shape of initiations or working any of the degrees, but several matters cropped up as to applications for assistance and notices of motions for the next Lodge. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, a bountiful repast being provided for them. At the conclusion, the formal Loyal toasts were given and reponded to. Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., Chaplain of the Lodge, on behalf of the Grand Officers, said he regretted that none of the Principal Grand Officers were present that night to respond to this toast, but for himself he must say that it was a great pleasure to him to meet so many of his old friends. That pleasure was the greater in visiting them, as he had for some time past played the truant; but he could assure them it was not his wish to stay away, nor should he do so without just cause or impediment. In the first place, as he had said, he regretted that no other Grand Officer was present, and in the second place, he regretted that the Worshipful Master had no work to do, for he was able to do it had they given him the opportunity. In this Lodge he (Bro. Simpson) had nothing to do but to face friends on each side of the table, unlike their gallant soldiers who were now face to face with enemies, in defending what they believed to be the true principles of liberty, in the eastern part of the world. He alluded to an observation which had fallen from the Worshipful Master that night, when he expressed a hope that all of their members who were entitled to attend the next Grand Lodge would do so, and that they would be prepared to take part on that occasion. The power of attending and discussing matters in the Grand Lodge was the safety valve of the Constitution; a question of great importance would come before the Grand Lodge on that occasion. An important principle had been carried—mainly by the influence of Bro. Headon—in the case of Bro. Marshall, and he hoped that that principle would for ever be secured. It was an open question whether they should support Bro. Woodall or Bro. Willing; of Brother Woodall they knew nothing. It was, however, not a personal matter, but one of principle; he thought they would be justified in voting for the London candidate. It would be for them to consider how far it might be desirable that they should have an unwritten law, that they should elect a London member one year and a country one the next, and thus have turn and turn about; the candidates should always have fair play. If any members were pledged, they were bound in honour to redeem that pledge, but they should take care not to fall into the same error of exclusiveness by voting for the same candidate year after year, as was done before, for such a reaction must be deprecated. This was the only office—that of Grand Treasurer—that it was in the power of Grand Lodge to bestow. It was a great subject of Masonic polity which, after many years had been adopted, and he trusted in future years it might annually be followed. Bro. Keeble I.P.M., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said he knew that Bro. Baber had prepared himself for any duties when he was elected to the office of W.M., and he regretted that he had not the opportunity of exhibiting the skill he possessed to discharge all the duties which might fall to him. He (Bro. Keeble) had placed his services at the disposal of the Lodge to represent them as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution for the Old People, and if on Monday he should receive valentines in the shape of £5 notes he should be glad, and if they took the form of £10 notes he should not object to it. He concluded by proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, which was heartily responded to. The W.M. returned thanks to the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast; he joined in the regret expressed by the Past Grand Chaplain (Bro. Simpson) that they had given him no work to do; he trusted that his successor would be more fortunate. He thanked the brethren most sincerely for the manner in which his health had been received. The health of the Past Masters of the Lodge was next given, and after a few words from Bros. Kibble, Freeman and Hamer, Bro. Headon, in returning thanks, entered into an explanation as to his intention to support the candidature of Bro. Willing for the office of Grand Treasurer. Bro. Willing last year had retired in favour of Bro. Marshall, and had not failed to recognise the principle for which they contended. Therefore, he should support the man who sacrificed himself to uphold a grand principle, which he (Bro. Headon) hoped they would establish for ever. Who knew Bro. Woodall? and how did they know if he was elected that at the end of the year he might not be desirous of going forward again? He was told that the country brethren were coming up in crowds, by excursion trains, and were on their arrival to wait on the steps at the door of Grand Lodge from nine o'clock in the morning, to crowd out the London brethren. He did not believe such would be the case, and he hoped that justice would be done by the election of Bro. Willing. Several other toasts were given. The evening was very harmoniously spent; Bro. Cozens presided at the pianoforte.

NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.

THE installation meeting was held on Friday, 13th instant, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Brother Henton, who was supported by the following Past Masters—Bros. Thiellay Treasurer (founder), Smith Secretary, Cowley, and Grammant I.P.M. The Officers present were Bros. the Rev. Sturdee S.W., Bertini J.W., Grassi S.D., Cash J.D., Priest I.G., and Church Tyler. Among the Visitors were—Bros. Rose 73, Addington 217, and Brinton 1329. The minutes of the regular and emergency meetings held on 12th December 1884 and 9th January 1885 were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, which was of a satisfactory character, was read, confirmed, and ordered to be printed. Bros. Lucas, Shaw, Rowe, and Monitor were then raised to the sublime degree. The solemn ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, the Installing Master being Brother Grammant, by whom the ceremony was performed without a hitch. Brother the Rev. Sturdee having been duly installed, invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Henton I.P.M., Bertini S.W., Grassi J.W., Thiellay P.M. Treasurer, Smith Secretary, Cash S.D., Priest J.D., Graham I.G., Cowley P.M. D.C., Wild Deputy D.C., Court Assistant Deputy D.C., Grammant W.S., North Assistant W.S., Meyers Assistant Secretary, Church Tyler. The W.M. then presented the retiring W.M. with the Lodge jewel, which had been unanimously voted him at the previous meeting. After some formal business had been transacted the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren proceeded to the banqueting room in which a *récherché* repast awaited them. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave in sequence the toasts of the Queen and the Craft; the health of the M.W. the Grand Master; the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. Each toast was prefaced by some exceedingly eloquent remarks. Brother Henton next proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and alluded in graceful terms to the esteem in which Brother Sturdee was held by all who knew him, more especially by those who were present. The W.M. acknowledged the toast in a short modest speech. The Visitors were next complimented. The Worshipful Master passed a warm tribute of praise on Brother D. Rose, Past Master 73, for the instruction he had received from him for a long period, and which had enabled him to discharge duties incumbent on his position with pleasure and satisfaction. Bro. J. J. Brinton responded. He expressed the pleasure he had experienced in being a visitor on this occasion. He had never seen an installation more carefully and solemnly carried out. He heartily congratulated the Lodge on having such a painstaking Master and such efficient officers. He wished them prosperity for all time to come. Brother D. Rose P.M. and Preceptor also responded. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Installing Master, to whom they were all so much indebted. Bro. J. Grammant, in responding, remarked that as their I.P.M. could not perform the ceremony, owing to pressing professional engagements, he had done so, but he felt his imperfections, and much regretted them. However, at all times he would do all in his power to promote the interests of the Lodge, and in order to accomplish that duty he had placed himself at their disposal. The toasts of the Past Masters, the Masonic Charities, the Treasurer, Secretary, and Wardens, followed, and the proceedings concluded with the Tyler's toast. Some popular pieces of music were rendered, and some capital recitations given during the evening.

CREATON LODGE, No. 1791.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge, named after our late respected Grand Secretary, Colonel Creaton, was held on the 12th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. Williams, who was supported by Bros. Ferguson S.W., Rogers J.W., Cantle Secretary, Austin S.D., Colvill J.D., Williams I.G.; P.M.'s Neilson, Williams, Cornelissen. Visitors—Bros. Williams 909, Speare 860 Boston U.S., Cubitt 193, Burdon 11, Russell 733, Phillips P.P.G.D. Essex, Phillips 173, Dane 173, Arthur Thomas 1319, Jeffries 901, Reynolds 1441, Chalfont 1125, Craggs 834, Horn 1624, H. M. Levy 188. Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Bro. Bradbury was raised to the third degree and Bro. Head was passed, in an able and perfect manner. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; it showed the Lodge was free from liability and in a flourishing financial condition. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Ferguson S.W. and W.M.

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elect was presented by Bro. Cantle, and in the presence of seventeen Worshipful Masters and Past Masters duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., who was assisted by Bro. Williams, who rendered the addresses in a perfect and impressive manner. Bro. Cantle acted as D.C. The customary salutations of the brethren having been given, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Williams I.P.M., Rogers S.W., Austin J.W., Thurkle Treasurer, Cantle Secretary, Colvill S.D., G. F. Williams J.D., Helden I.G., Kift Organist, Cross W.S., Walter and Bull Stewards, Woodstock Tyler. Applause followed the investiture of each Officer. Bro. Cantle proposed, and Bro. Thurkle seconded, that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge, to be placed on the list of the I.P.M. (Bro. Williams), who will serve as a Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School. This was carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a most *récherché* banquet was provided by Bros. Gordon and Hamp. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts. Bro. Williams rose; he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. He had known him well for many years, they were partners in business as well as Freemasonry. Brother Ferguson was one whom they all respected, and all trusted he might have health to carry out the duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Lodge. The W.M., in reply, thanked Brother Williams for the kind manner he had spoken of him. Bro. Phillips, P.M. of the Phœnix Lodge, whom he was glad to see present, had initiated him into Freemasonry. He would strive to give the brethren every satisfaction in the Lodge. At the festive board he wished to promote love and harmony, and he hoped at the expiration of his year of office they would say he had given them satisfaction. The toast of the Visitors was next on the list. The W.M. said the Lodge was famed for its hospitality; they had many distinguished visitors present; all were pleased to see them. He would call on Bros. Phillips P.P.G. Warden Somersetshire, Phillips P.M. 173, Jefferies P.M. 902, Cubitt P.G.P., Reynolds W.M. 1441, and Baker P.M. 753. These brethren severally responded, and paid just compliments to the I.P.M. and also to Bro. Williams, who had performed the latter part of the ceremony. Bro. Phillips P.M. 173 paid a just tribute to the memory of the respected founder of the Lodge, whose name he hoped would be perpetuated. Bro. Phillips also expressed regret that the W.M. had left the Phœnix Lodge; he (Bro. Phillips) had initiated him into the Order; he was a man of strict integrity, and they would never regret having chosen him for their Master. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Installing Master Brother Williams. Last August Brother Williams met with a serious accident, but they were pleased to say he had recovered. He had done his work with skill and ability during his year of office, and the members would not sufficiently thank him. He had lately been very unwell, but they had seen him perform the ceremonies of passing and raising, in addition to the installation ceremony. Turning to Bro. Williams, Bro. Ferguson said he had great pleasure in presenting him with the jewel voted him at the last meeting; and, in investing him with it, he knew it would be highly prized; he trusted he would live long to wear it. Bro. Cantle P.M. and Secretary, said he desired to say the Officers of the Lodge wished to endorse all that had been said by the W.M. The Officers, with the assistance of the brethren, in order to mark their approbation, had prepared an illuminated testimonial on vellum; it was the talented work of Mr. E. Jackman, and it had a suitable inscription. Bro. Cantle added, this testimonial was not given with any vain idea of glorification, but he hoped the G.A.O.T.U. might spare their respected brother for many years; and when at home he looked at it, it might remind him of his many friends, Masonic and otherwise. Bro. Williams I.P.M. said he could hardly find words to express his gratitude. From the first time he entered the Lodge he had worked; he had advanced from the bottom of the ladder, and was pleased whenever his efforts had met with their approval. With respect to the elegant jewel voted him, he thanked them heartily, and hoped he might live long to wear it among them. With regard to the illuminated testimonial it was an unexpected pleasure to receive it. He was led to believe he had done his duty, and he would receive it with great pleasure, and appreciate it as a token of their kindness. He hoped he had performed his part of the ceremony to their satisfaction, and he thanked Bro. Williams for the admirable manner in which he had given the addresses. Bro. Williams followed; if his efforts had given them pleasure, he was fully satisfied. His services were at their command. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Thurkle was a tried friend: he had done a great amount of good for the Lodge, and had kept it free from debt. With regard to Bro. Cantle, they knew his worth and capabilities as Secretary. He had now great pleasure in presenting Bro. Thurkle with a testimonial for his zeal and ability; this consisted of a very valuable gold keyless watch, with albert chain and locket, bearing a suitable inscription. Bro. Thurkle said he felt proud at receiving the testimonial. When he looked at it he should never forget their kindness. He hoped to be among them for many years, and he trusted the Lodge would continue to prosper. Bro. Cantle P.M. and Secretary followed. He had tried, and would continue to try, to make the Creaton Lodge second to none in the Craft. This would be one of the best monuments to perpetuate the memory of the late Colonel Creaton. It was the desire of the members to meet, not so much in numbers, but to be an harmonious Lodge; with the co-operation of the brethren he was sure it would prosper. He might say they had a good balance to credit, and they might give to the Charities. The Lodge had been only six years in existence. He hoped they would become Vice-Presidents. The W.M. was to be a Steward, and he (Bro. Cantle) trusted he would take up a good list. All his energies would be at their service. The toast of the Officers and Wardens came next; the W.M. was sure those whom he had selected were capable. Bros. Rogers and Austin responded, they were followed by Bros. Phillips, Capt. Helden, Cross, Walker, and brothers. The Tyler's toast was then given, a very agreeable and harmonious evening was passed. The W.M. provided an artistic selection of music, exercising the talents of Bros. Arthur Thomas, J. Kift, J. Cantle, and Masters Charlton and Lewis. A very humourous recitation was given by Bro. W. G. Reynolds.

COBORN LODGE, No. 1804.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master of this Lodge usually draws together a good attendance of the members and friends, and as the Lodge is one which especially supports the Charities, in preference to sitting down to a banquet after each meeting, its installation Festival is heartily enjoyed. The impressive ceremony of installing the W.M. elect was performed by Bro. W. Clarke P.G.P., in his wonted impressive manner, it was evidently appreciated. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. Bro. R. Logan, who was supported by Bros. J. T. Robey S.W., Charles J. L. Tijon J.W., P. Edinger Treasurer, A. Souch S.D., E. G. Johnson J.D., C. Lawrence D.C., Ellerton Organist, Wheatley I.G., Erlam Steward, A. Harrison Tyler; P.M.'s C. Brown and F. J. Hunt, with a goodly array of members. The Visitors included Bros. Hancock W.M. 1716, P.M.'s Wildey Wright 1827, H. R. Jones 1044, J. Taylor 883 (Preceptor of the Coborn Lodge of Instruction), Huggett 1625, Potts 1716, Deason 1625, C. Reeve 1816, and several others. After the formal business was taken, Bro. Clarke assumed the chair, and installed the W.M. elect Bro. J. T. Robey into the throne of K.S. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers for the year:—Bros. Tijon S.W., Gouch J.W., Edinger (re-elected) Treasurer, Hunt Secretary, Johnson S.W., Wheatley J.D., Ellerton Organist, Lawrence I.G., Erlam D.C., Plater Steward, and Harrison (re-elected) Tyler. The W.M. of the Lodge always takes a Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the sum of ten guineas from the Funds of the Lodge was placed upon his list. A sincere vote of thanks having been given to the Installing Master, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the banquet was served in the high class style for which that establishment is noted. The usual toasts were all heartily received, Bro. Clarke replying for the Officers of Grand Lodge, and to his health as Installing Master. Bros. Wildey Wright and Hancock responded for the Visitors. After Bro. Clarke had proposed the Charies, of which he is an ardent supporter, the W.M. presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Logan. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion an instructive and pleasant evening, many of the brethren expressing a hearty wish that each succeeding installation would be as successful in every way. Bro. Ellerton presided at the piano, and had the management of the musical arrangements.

WHARTON LODGE, No. 2945.

THE third regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, Willesden, N.W., on Tuesday 17th February. The Lodge was formally opened by Bro. Wm. Side W.M., in the presence of his Officers and about twenty members and visitors. The minutes of the last regular and two emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Bros. Bettesworth, Langley, Claise, and McRae were raised to the 3rd degree, and Bros. Bradshaw, Mitchell, Hartley Harris, and Bird-Gibson were passed. The two ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in his usual impressive style. A banquet followed the closing of the Lodge. In the course of the evening the health of the W.M. was heartily proposed, and pleasure was expressed by all that Bro. Side had had such an increase of members since the foundation of the Lodge, in August last. No less than 16 members have been initiated into the Lodge and four brethren have joined from other Lodges. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was proposed by the W.M. Regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of the Secretary, Bro. Gawith, on account of a serious accident, which will unfortunately necessitate his keeping his bed for some weeks. The Rev. J. C. Wharton Treas. responded, and congratulated the brethren upon the flourishing condition of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most pleasant evenings this Lodge has held since its birth, and augurs well for the future.

The annual supper of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, will be held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursday, the 5th proximo. The chair will be occupied by Brother John Jacobs, W.M. of the parent Lodge; and Brother G. Coleman, I.P.M. of the same Lodge, will fill the vice chair. Bros. A. Clark P.M. 1227, W. C. Smith S.W. 1563, and G. Fowles I.G. 1348 have been appointed Stewards. Tickets, price 3/6 each, may be had of Bro. G. Reynolds, 3 St. James Square, Pall Mall, or at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden, on Thursday evenings.

Bro. James Stevens asks us to inform the brethren of North Kent that he is arranging to deliver his Lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," by invitation of the Union Lodge, No. 127, at Margate, between the 13th and 27th of next month, and would be willing to arrange dates with other Lodges on the line of route between that place and London.

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NEVILLE INNES CHAMBERLAIN,

Aged 10 years, 10th September 1885. Eldest son of the late Brother ROBERT CHAMBERLAIN, Locomotive Engineer of Rewari-Ferozpur State Railway, Punjaub, who died suddenly, at Hissar, on the 26th July 1884, aged 42, from Heat Apoplexy, leaving a widow and two children without adequate means of support. He was initiated in Lodge Corinth, No. 1122, Nagpur, served as W.M. and Secretary over two years; W.M. of Lodge Berar, No. 1649, Budneira; three years D.G.D. of Bombay, and a member of the Grand Lodge of England. He was a subscribing member until death.

The case is strongly recommended by the Berar, Corinth, and Bombay Lodges, and the undermentioned brethren:—

Edward Terrell Leith, District Grand Master Bombay.
Andrew Hay, P.D.D.G.M. Bombay.
* W. Bro. J. Percy Leith P.G.D. P.D.G.M. Bombay.
* Nathaniel G. Philips P.G.D. P.G.S.N. England, 23 Belgrave Road, S.W.
* G. Laurie P.D.D.M. for Turkey.
Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. England, 61 Nelson Square, S.E.
Astley Cooper, M.D., Surgeon-Major, Hissar.
F. J. Leville G. Sup. of Works Grand Lodge Bombay.
* J. Beavan Phillips P.M. 671 P. Prov. G.W. Western Division South Wales.
* Aaron Stone P.M. 671 P. Prov. G.W. Western Division South Wales.
* William Bowen P.M. 671 P. Prov. G.D. Western Division South Wales.
* James Heywood, Constantinople.
* W. Harvey P.M. 687 P.Z. 107 Secretary and P.D.G. Secretary for Turkey.
* G. Kenning Vice-Patron, P.M. 192 249 1657 P.G.D. Midd., Upper Sydenham.
G. S. Graham Past Provincial Grand Organist, St. John's Villa, Fernlea Road, Balham Hill.
William Sugg P.M. 33 P.Z. 33, Pontroy, Nightingale Lane, Clapham Common, S.W.
* A. Withers P.M. St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, Penshurst Lodge, Balham Hill, S.W.
J. Nowill, Esq., Nagpur, Corinth Lodge, No. 1122 E.C.
* W. Wilkins I.P.M. 902, 993 Cannon Street and Battersea Rise.
Harris P.M. Old Concord Lodge, Baron's Court Road, W. Kensington.
Eng. de Delacoste W.M. 1627, Cafe Royal, 68 Regent Street, W.
Dr. Waters, St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, Bloomsbury Square, W.C.
* A. J. Pritchard P.M. 162, 9 Gracechurch Street, E.C.
* G. Pritchard, Heath Street, Hampstead.
G. King, Secretary Old Concord Lodge, Charterhouse, E.C.
* Tiers, Spearing W.S. 902, Garfield House, Bullen Road, Clapham Junctio.
W. W. Morgan W.M. St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.
Stevens P.M. Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627, 39 High Street, Battersea S.W.
W. Radcliffe P.M. and Secretary St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, 41 Aldersgate Street, City.

*Proxies will be received by those marked thus *, and by the Grandfather, Rev. J. A. Chamberlain, 1 Mallinson Road, Wandsworth Common, S.W.*

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CONSECRATION OF THE PORTSMOUTH, TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 2038.

ON Monday afternoon the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), accompanied by Bro. Le Fevre Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and a number of the Grand Officers of the Province, attended at the Soldiers' Institute, Portsmouth, for the purpose of consecrating the above Lodge, which, as its name implies, has been established on temperance principles, as only non-alcoholic beverages will be served at its banquets, although non-abstainers are eligible for membership. There was a large muster in the Lodge-room at 4.30 when the Prov. Grand Master took the chair, and after the customary preliminaries had been gone through, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master made a few remarks on the circumstances under which the Lodge was formed, after which the Provincial Grand Master addressed the brethren. In some cases they might doubt whether if new Lodges sprang into existence they would be adequately and properly supported. But in this large and important neighbourhood, embracing as it did such a large population, he saw no reason for believing that when a new Lodge was applied for, those taking that course were not actuated by a sincere desire to promote the interests of Freemasonry. He felt quite certain that no brethren would ever think of applying for a new Lodge unless they desired to ensure its success. He had no reason to complain on this score, for he had seen new Lodges spring into existence, and he had always found that brethren who had started them had been fully impressed with the weight and responsibility of what they had undertaken. Therefore he was quite certain that in this case he was not misinterpreting the feelings of those who had applied for the warrant and offered to hold office under it when he said that they were animated by the desire to secure the permanence, stability, and success of the Lodge. He wished them well, and that their success might be in accordance with what was anticipated. To propagate Freemasonry in the present day was no light work, and they must all feel that in the belonging to such a large and important Order, which extended its branches over every part of the civilised world, they had a heavy responsibility cast upon them. Every individual Mason ought to show that he had something to do for the welfare of the Order to which he belonged, that he had to show that he was a worthy member of it, and that if by his means something might be done to increase the repute, the permanence, stability, and the welfare of the Order, he might feel certain that he had done some good. He ought to feel that if the outer world pointed to Freemasonry and Freemasons as a body of men who were doing no good in the world, he was able to refute it, so far as he could, by his own conduct, and by showing that the lessons of Freemasonry had a powerful influence in shaping it, and turning him towards good and not towards evil. Let them feel that whatever might be said about their Order they could not have the finger of scorn pointed at them, or have it said that they were doing that which was wrong. Let them be animated by feelings like that, and they would do the very best they could to vindicate the fame of the Order to which they belonged, and of which they ought to be proud. He trusted that in that Lodge the principles which were instilled would have a powerful effect upon many who were initiated within its walls, and that the Lodge would be the means of propagating the tenets of Freemasonry, and doing good to many who were admitted within its precincts. He trusted that the Lodge might flourish, and that when they met again on any anniversary or other occasion they would be able to congratulate themselves upon the success which had attended the efforts of the promoters and those who might become members. Subsequently the Provincial Grand Chaplain (the Rev. Dr. Mullins, Chaplain to H.M.'s Forces, Aldershot) delivered an address. The constitution of the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge was a marked event in the annals of the Province, for although there were Temperance Lodges in other provinces, this was the first in Hants, and it was fitting that Portsmouth should take the lead. The name of the Lodge cast no reflection on other Lodges, for he was sure that nothing was farther from the founder's wish than to claim a higher status of culture and utility than their fellows. Every Masonic Lodge that remained faithful to the principles of the Craft must, in the strict sense of the word, be a Temperance Lodge, and every Freemason who was true to the principles of the Craft must be a man who led a sober, righteous, and he would add a godly life. Temperance was one of the cardinal virtues, and as such was held in high esteem. The keystone of English Freemasonry was a belief in the existence of a personal, individual God, who had created all men, and consequently in His sight all were brethren, so that Freemasonry could be carried on upon an equal footing, and in a Masonic Lodge there could be no distinction, but all men were equal. Yet it was a fact that class Lodges existed for the convenience of the members. There were Lodges for the Army and Navy, for Barristers, for people engaged in the theatrical profession, for members of the Universities—the Sir Isaac Newton at Cambridge and the Apollo at Oxford. Therefore no apology was necessary for the constitution of a Lodge in which the brethren were united by a common opinion as to what they should not drink. It could not be denied that of late years a great movement had been taking place in this country, and there were about five millions of total abstainers, amongst whom, no doubt, were a large number of Masons, for wherever they saw any great and philanthropic movement there they found Masons to the front. Therefore, it was only fair that here and there a Lodge should be constituted for their convenience. This was an age of searching inquiry and of intellectual activity, when most of their old institutions were on their trial. That being the case Masonry could not expect to escape the spirit of the age. But when they found Freemasonry come forth, and that from its inherent principles it was prepared to take part in the onward march of civilisation, that was the surest sign of its vitality and strength. There was no denying the fact that a great social reform had been progressing of late years. The temperance movement was one of the most remarkable of the age. It had more or less influenced all classes in society. Social reformers told them on indisputable grounds that in the future habits of temperance would elevate and improve the condition of the people. He was not there to deliver a lecture, but he regarded it as an indication of the power and vital energy of Masonry that it extended its sympathy to this movement, and accentuated its approval of this great social reform, as it did that day. Freemasonry had taken a glorious part in the great educational movement, and their Schools stood forth as a memorial of Masonic benevolence. For their great Institutions the large sum of £48,883 was received in 1884, besides between nine and ten thousand pounds voted by the Lodge of Benevolence to indigent Masons of all nationalities. One of the wisest things that had been done by the Provincial Grand Lodge was to formulate a scheme for the education of their local orphans. He thought the Grand Lodge of England had acted wisely in permitting the foundation of Temperance Lodges. One of the truest maxims to be found in George Eliot's works was—"Those whom we trust we educate," and he had no doubt that their total abstaining brethren would repay the confidence of the Grand Lodge, and in a tangible way show the stability of their principles, by constituting the new Lodge a Life Governor of the Masonic Charities. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Prov. Grand Master installed Captain T. Ward, R.A., P.M., as first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, amid the applause of the brethren, expressing his belief that he would fully justify the choice, and that his past experience would be brought to bear for the good of the Lodge. Some of the Officers were invested, the complete list being as follows:—Bros. A. L. Emanuel, Past Master, Immediate Past Master, J. Palmer Senior Warden, G. Reading J.W., G. F. Bevis Treasurer, J. R. Pither P.M. Sec., P. H. Emanuel S.D., W. G. Robinson J.D., Q. Cecconi I.G., W. Robinson D.C., G. Sylvester Org., C. G. Adams P.M. Steward, W. Miller Steward. Several propositions for initiation and joining were submitted, and the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and Sir George Willis were elected honorary members of the Lodge. At the banquet, which was served in the Officers' House, the W.M. presided, supported by the P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M. At the conclusion of an excellent repast, with which non-intoxicants were served, a congratulatory telegram was read from the W.M. of the Wolseley (temperance) Lodge, Manchester. After the preliminary Masonic toasts had been given from the chair Bro. Captain Haldane, in proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Master, said they all knew how excellent a Mason he was, and what pains he took to make the Craft work well under his banner. The P.G.M., in reply, said he might congratulate them, and the world at large, upon the fact that while in the present day there were many who assailed Royalty, religion, and every rooted institution, a large body of men were banded together for the purpose of brotherhood, whose creed was reverence to religion and loyalty to their sovereign. Bro. C. G. Adames proposed the D.P.G.M. and Officers of P.G. Lodge, and Bros. Le Fevre and E. Goble, the recently appointed Prov. G. Secretary, responded. The P.G.M., in eulogistic terms, gave the W.M., who made a suitable reply. Other toasts followed, and with the aid of harmony a pleasant evening was spent. Bro. Sylvester presided at the piano.—*Portsmouth Times.*

At the Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, on Thursday, Companions G. Gregory acted as M.E.Z, W. Radcliffe H., Knight J., Sheffield S.N., Collinson P.S., T. C. Edmonds Preceptor. The respective Officers performed their work in an admirable manner.

Bro. James Stevens has accepted the invitation of the Wallington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1892, to deliver his Lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the First Degree, at the Festival meeting, to be held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, Surrey, on Thursday next, 26th inst., at 6 p.m. A large gathering of brethren is expected on this occasion.

The following Dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 21st February :—

Monday—Grand Master's Lodge, British Lodge, Warre Presentation. Tuesday—Mr. Solomon's Wedding, Cadogan Lodge, Enoch Chapter, Salisbury Lodge, Industry Chapter. Wednesday—Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, Novio Magians, Oak Lodge. Thursday—Universal Lodge, St. Mary's Lodge, Great Northern Lodge, United Pilgrims Chapter, Globe Lodge. Friday—Jordan Lodge.

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THE THEATRES.

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ADELPHI.

"WHEN is G. R. Sims' new play to appear?" we asked the acting manager of the Adelphi the other night, and like Christopher Wren's epitaph, he replied, "circumspice." Looking around there were stalls, boxes, pit and gallery—all full. The people's Charles, after more than four hundred nights, plays with the same vigour and sincerity as when he first put his uniform on. Mr. Beveridge, as the villain, is no less cynical and incisive, and seems to enjoy the vigorous hissing the immortal gods bestow upon him so liberally. That ancient and honourable sympathy with virtue and detestation of wickedness which once always distinguished Olympus now is sadly fading out. West of the Griffin it is only at the dear old Adelphi the noble tradition is still honoured. "In the Ranks" is a thoroughly honest, wholesome play, and may Adelphi audiences long enjoy such good reason for their ready laughter and sympathetic handkerchiefs.

PRINCE'S HALL.

FOR us of "la vieille garde" who cherish among our pleasantest memories the mystic wonders wrought of old by the great necromancers Phillippe and Robert Houdin there has seemed little chance of again enjoying such hours of delicious bewilderment. Monsieur Verbecke, who, like so many of his confraternity, is a Frenchman, has come to us with such wonder-working powers that he brings his spectators to dumb amazement, until, having recovered from the astonishment of each successive trick, they relieve the mental tension by loud applause. M. Verbeck has a fine presence, a most expressive physiognomy, and hands so mobile and delicate of touch one could imagine him unwinding a spider's web without breaking it. He is gifted with ready epigrammatic wit, which adds much to the charm of his performance. A high-bred homme du monde, the performance of M. Verbeck seems given, as it were, by a delightful friend, not by a professional prestidigitateur. It is difficult to recount his miracles—how an ordinary pack of cards held spread out in the left hand is gently patted by the right forefinger and immediately the cards shrink to one-third their size. The patting is repeated, they shrink again and again and again until they are no bigger than a postage-stamp. Then a ring lent by one of the audience is entrusted to a volunteer assistant to wrap up in a programme. He puts it inside, folds up the paper, and crushes it into a tight ball. In this form it is given to M. Verbeck, who, with coat and shirt cuffs turned back, receives the packet, and holds it in one hand whilst the other is motionless by his side. He unclasps his fingers, and, lo! they hold a sealed envelope. It is opened. There is another, also sealed; within this a third, and so on until the tiny fifth, which is given to the owner of the ring, and she finds her property safe inside. M. Verbeck gathers up the torn envelopes, crushes them in his hand, and produces from them the perfect piece of paper out of which they had been evolved. Two slates of the commonest description, apparently quite blank, and most innocent-looking, are tied together; questions are written on cards by the audience; one of these is chosen, not by M. Verbeck, the slate is untied, and the reply, filling the whole side, is found written in slate-pencil on it. Watches are borrowed and conjured into the pockets or under the waistcoats of innocent members of the audience who have not been approached by the Wizard. Coins appear and vanish, no matter how securely held, till, in the utter bewilderment M. Verbeck reduces us to, we begin to have an uneasy suspicion that perhaps he has exercised his mesmeric powers upon his confiding audience and made them think they see "such things as dreams are made of." The second part of the entertainment illustrates M. Verbeck's powers of animal magnetism over his comely subject, Mdlle. de Marguerit. Complete rigidity of limb was produced at will, her eyes so affected that the eyelids remained motionless for ten minutes, whilst a strong flame held near them caused no contraction of the pupil. The phenomena would have been called miraculous by our simple-minded forefathers, and indeed they had a certain weirdness "not just canny," as an old Scotch lady who sat near us said. We believe we saw a gold pin stuck into the arm of the young lady, whilst no sign of discomfort was shown by her; but once having entered that enchanted hall we can only report the things it pleases the arch enchanter to make us accept as realities. We have no doubt the London public will enjoy these mystifications no less than the Lord and Lady of Sandringham, but we hope, in the interest of the public, M. Verbeck may consent to modify the prices of the reserved seats, which are fixed at a scale somewhat high for these hard times.

Bro. J. Greenfield (of the firm of Greenfield and Abbott), solicitor, 37 Queen Victoria Street, and Kingston-on-Thames, has been appointed by Sir William Foster Stawell, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court at Melbourne, a commissioner for taking affidavits, &c., for the said Supreme Court, Colony of Victoria.

Bro. John Armstrong died at Guernsey, on Thursday morning; he had attained the age of ninety-five; he was initiated in the Mariners Lodge, No. 168, in the year 1815, though, singular to relate, he only received his certificate from Grand Lodge a few months since.

RANDOM NOTES ON FREEMASONRY.

LAST week Bro. Emra Holmes, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and Honorary Provincial Prior to the Knight Templars of Canada, delivered a lecture with the above title, before the members of the Mariners' Lodge of Freemasons here. In the course of his remarks, after enlarging on the antiquity of the Order and its connection with the Ancient Mysteries and the Travelling Freemasons of the Middle Ages, themselves descended from the Collegium Artificium of Roman times, the lecturer said:—In these days of Utilitarianism it is often asked what is the use of Freemasonry? What good does it do? It is useless for us to answer:—We have our great Masonic Charities, because the reply is, so have other Bodies with not half the pretensions of the Freemasons. What nobler work than the fostering and study of Architecture and Archæology, the restoration of the churches built by our ancestors? The Masons of Bristol, under their esteemed Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Limerick, have set a noble example. They have restored the Lady Chapel of the St. Mary Redcliffe, the grandest Parish Church in England, at a very great cost, and they took part in laying the foundation stone of the new nave of their Cathedral. We can all do something in this way to show the world we are not degenerate scions of the Mediæval Masons, for we can always help with our money, if not with our hands, in the restoration of those beautiful and historic fanes reared by the wisdom and piety of our ancestors. Wherever a Masonic Lodge is situated near to some grand old church going to decay, as in the case of your Church of St. Peter-Port, its members should be the first to help with loving hands to rebuild the sacred edifice, if they believe in the history of their Order. Did time permit I could enlarge upon the science of symbolism, portrayed as it is in our sacred edifices, specially interesting to us Masons, and upon the curious Masons' Marks found scattered over the Cathedrals and Temples in Europe and Asia. Many of these marks in countries most remote are almost identical, pointing to a solidarity and community whose purpose, aims, history and origin were one. The lecture took an hour and a quarter in its delivery and was listened to throughout with great interest and attention. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Emra Holmes at its conclusion, and the brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room, where the usual collation was served, and a very agreeable evening, enlivened with speech, song, and recitation, was spent.—*Guernsey Advertiser, 14th February.*

Obituary.

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BROTHER D. W. CABLE.

THE death of this respected brother, a most promising member of the staff of the London and South Western Railway, took place on Sunday, the 8th inst. It is about three and a-half years since Bro. Cable, who joined the service in 1869, was promoted from chief clerk at Addison-road Station, Kensington, to the charge of Norbiton Station. He at once displayed abilities of no mean order, and has always discharged his duties efficiently, courteously, and yet firmly. Last autumn fever broke out in the residence attached to the station, but happily all who were attacked recovered. Bro. Cable himself escaped the contagion. A second outbreak occurred about a month since, and Bro. Cable was relieved from duty. Just when it was hoped that the worst had passed, he was struck down, and in less than a fortnight death had claimed its victim. A general feeling of regret was expressed by all who had been associated with Bro. Cable, either in his public or private capacity. He was Secretary of the Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1638, an office he had held with marked ability. Amongst his brethren he was very popular, and it can be said of him most truly that he acted up to the principles of the body to which he belonged. The interment took place on Wednesday, at Kingston Cemetery, in the presence of a large number of the Brownrigg Lodge, and other members of the Order. These led the procession from the entrance gates to the chapel, with the following of the Railway Company's service:—Mr. Petit, Mr. Damen, Mr. Brooks and Inspector Townsend (Kingston station); Chief Inspector Rumbelow (Waterloo), Mr. S. Fay (Traffic Superintendent's office), Mr. White (Manager's office); Mr. Jebbitt (relieving agent), Mr. Barnard, Signalmen Baker and Vincent, Head Porter Longhurst, Porters Papjoy, French and Whatman, and Outside Porter Papworth, of Norbiton; Porters Baker and Warland, of Hampton Wick, and Mr. Goodson, station master of Putney; in all there were about ninety assembled, to pay a last token of regard for a departed friend. Bro. Cable, who was but thirty years old, leaves a wife and four children, a number expected to be increased daily.

The regular meeting of the Board of Masters and Lodge of Benevolence took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro, Joshua Nunn, President of the Lodge of Benevolence, presided, supported by Bro. Cottebrune, Vice President. The agenda for the Grand Lodge of the 4th March having been agreed to, the Lodge of Benevolence proceeded to the consideration of the petitions before them, having first confirmed the business transacted at the last meeting. The new cases were forty in number, and of these four were dismissed, and six were referred. To the remainder, sums varying from £100 to £5 were recommended or voted, the total amount granted being £710, made up of one £100, one £50, three of £40 each, four of £30 each, one £25, nine of £20, four of £15 each, four of £10 each, and three of £5 each,

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 18th instant, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bros. Saint W.M., Brown S.W., Gilderaleve J.W., Pitt Secretary, T. J. Maidwell, &c. After the usual preliminaries had been observed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree and Bro. Pitt answered the questions leading to the third. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. S.W. Brown was elected to the chair for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned to Wednesday next, at seven o'clock.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 13th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. F. Botley W.M., Sperring S.W., Wing J.W., Andrews Treasurer and Preceptor, C. E. Botley Secretary, Norton S.D., Cammell J.D., Thomas I.G.; also Bro. Turner. After preliminaries, the second and third sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. Norton answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. F. Botley vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. E. Botley, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. F. Botley acting as W.M. elect. Lodge having been resumed, Bro. Sperring was elected W.M. for February, 20th instant.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Dalston, on Tuesday, 17th instant. Bros. Polak W.M., Christian S.W., Clark J.W., Bunker S.D., Catling J.D., Smyth I.G., Carr Secretary, Brasted P.M. Preceptor, and other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Mortimer offered himself as candidate for raising; he was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Carr assisted Bro. Christian to work the third section of the lecture. Lodge was regularly closed in the third degree. Bro. Bunker assisted the Preceptor to work the first section of the lecture. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Lodge was then closed and adjourned. The annual supper of the above Lodge will take place on Monday, the 30th of March, when a large attendance of old members is anticipated.

Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction, No. 1638.—On Monday, the 9th instant, Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Deputy Provincial Grand Master Surrey, attended the meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, now held at the Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill. There was a large gathering of brethren, and for their edification the ceremony of consecrating a Lodge was rehearsed. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was much pleased with the room and the appointments, and congratulated the members upon the desire which they displayed for improving themselves in the working incidental to assemblies of the Order.

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On Thursday, the 12th instant, a ball, under the auspices of the Brownrigg Lodge, was held at the Albany Hall. The lamentable death of the Secretary of this Lodge caused some to stay away, and the Stewards would have gladly postponed the gathering, had it been possible to obtain the hall on another night within reasonable time. As it was, about eighty were present; the arrangements made by the Stewards gave general satisfaction. The centre of the hall was covered with a "dancing cloth," and the space under the galleries on either side was shut off by hangings, so forming refreshment and supper rooms. Messrs. G. and C. Nuthall were the caterers (except for wine, which was supplied by Messrs. Bond and Co.), and as is always the case with that firm, they acquitted themselves well.

Guelph Lodge of Instruction, No. 1685.—The anniversary meeting took place on 5th February, when the Fifteen Sections were worked under the presidency of Bro. James Boulton P.M. 1056 and J.W. 28. The Lodge meetings are usually held at the Three Blackbirds Inn, Leyton; but on this occasion the brethren assembled at the Leyton Town Hall, to the number of nearly two hundred, and, Masonic costume being general, the room presented a pleasing effect. Besides those enumerated below, who worked the Sections, we noticed the following brethren present:—Bros. Tharpe 1228, Hobbs 249, Brown W.M. 1685, Purdue 834, Tugg 749, Vincent 1585, Robins 1056, Taylor 1421, Crombie 28, Bean and Dawson 1228, besides representatives from over fifty different Lodges. Lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the W.M., who was assisted by Bros. Candick P.M. 1421 and P.Z. 933 as S.W., and Berry P.M. and P.Z. 554 as J.W., Bro. Latreille P.M. 1056 officiating as I.P.M., proceeded with the Fifteen Sections, according to the following programme:—First Lecture—Bros. Carr, Watkinson, Musto, Terry, Myers, Calver, and Candick. Second Lecture—Bros. Barnes, Berry, Stewart, Christian, and Latreille. Third Lecture—Bros. King, McDonald, and G. Ward Verry. The three lectures were delivered in an admirable manner; on no former occasion do we remember them worked more perfectly, and those who were present will not be likely to forget the intellectual treat provided. The whole of the fifteen brethren who worked and the W.M. acquitted themselves so ably that individual praise is impossible, but a word of thanks is certainly due to Bro. Barnes, who at a few minutes notice took the place of Bro. Durrant P.M. 1056, who was to have taken the first section of the second lecture, but was unavoidably absent. At the conclusion of the sections twenty brethren were proposed and duly elected members of the Lodge of Instruction, and it was likewise carried the brethren who worked the different sections should be elected honorary members. Bro. Bare P.M. 1685, the worthy Preceptor, proposed, and Bro. Slade J.D. 1685 Secretary, seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the W.M. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. Brown seconded, a vote of thanks to the other fifteen brethren who officiated, both of which were carried with enthusiasm and suitably responded to. Lodge having been closed in the usual manner the meeting adjourned, thus bringing to an end one of the most successful Masonic gatherings ever held in this district

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held on Monday last, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Weeden W.M., Dixie S.W., Turner J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Giffard J.D., McMillan I.G., Western W.M. 1693 Assistant Preceptor; and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Whittle acting as candidate. This brother answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Stockhall acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in second and first degrees in perfect harmony. The brethren and members of this Lodge of Instruction are invited to attend next Monday, to consider a notice of motion by Bro. Dixie, to amend a Bye-law, so that the sections may be occasionally worked in this Lodge. Bro. Edis 228 was elected a member. Bro. Hall P.M. 1693 will rehearse the ceremony of installation on Monday next; Bro. Dixie will occupy the chair on Monday, March 2nd.

Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Friday evening, the 6th inst., at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, when there were present Bros. Wimble W.M., P.M. Powell S.W., L. E. Eagle J.W., Stone S.D., Cattermole J.D., Shorter I.G., Morgan Organist, P.M. Bellis Preceptor, and E. Eagle Secretary; also Bros. Davis, Hitchcock, Anderson, Philips, Powles, F. Dadd, Burnett W.M. 1901, P.M. James Stevens 720, 1216, 1426, McNaughton 291, Bannister 1632, Langley 1986, Bailey 948, Stone 1641, Channon 1475, Cheese 869, Neale 1981, Omer 1259, Wallis 901, Keyse 1314, Eadle 1441, Tilling 765, Pettit 1632, Beneditti 1155, Nomiss 1158, Wills 1901, and others. Lodge was opened in due form at 7.30 p.m., when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then introduced Bro. Stevens to the meeting, and claimed their attention to his lecture, according to the notice which had been issued. The lecturer soon gave evidence of an ability to secure such attention; and, having opened his subject by a brief history of Masonic ritual from what he considers to be about the date of the commencement of Speculative Freemasonry, he took up the numerous points of divergence in verbiage and practice, and hurriedly explained their causes and effects. That these points were numerous and afforded opportunity for considerable comment may be inferred from the fact that lapse of time was forgotten alike by the lecturer and his audience, and the brethren were surprised to find that when Bro. Stevens was only about midway in the initiation ceremony they had given him their undivided attention for considerably over two hours. It was then arranged that an open discussion on some of the points which had been referred to, and the continuation and completion of the lecture, should be deferred to another evening, and Bro. Stevens expressing his willingness thereto, it was decided that the evening of Friday, the 27th inst., should be devoted to that purpose, the meeting to be held at seven o'clock instead of at the usual hour of eight. Bro. Stevens, who had received frequent favourable acknowledgments of satisfaction with his lecture during its progress, resumed his seat amidst considerable applause. On the first rising of the W. Master the following brethren were proposed and elected members:—Bros. Tilling, Wilkinson, Field, Swan, Hunter, and others. The dues were then collected, and the W.M. rose for the second time. It was proposed by Bro. P.M. Ellis, seconded by Bro. L. E. Eagle, that Bro. Powell occupy the chair of W.M. at the next meeting,—carried. It was also proposed by Bro. Bellis, seconded by Bro. James Burnett, W.M. 1901, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Bro. James Stevens for his valuable and instructive lecture, and the same be recorded on the minutes; also that Bro. Stevens be elected an honorary member of the Lodge. The W.M. rose for the third time, and there being no further Masonic business, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned until Friday evening next at eight o'clock.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—A meeting was held on Saturday, 14th instant, at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith. Present:—Bros. G. Gardner (Treas.) W.M., Wing S.W., Wood J.W., Strong Secretary, Walden S.D., Perdue J.D., Alfred Bishop I.G., Weeks Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Ayling Preceptor, Johnson; also Bros. A. Tilbury, A. Williams, D. Stroud, Gomm, J. Sims, and several others. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The brethren assisted the Preceptor to work the sections of the second degree, and Bro. Tilbury answered the questions leading to the third. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Williams offered himself for passing, and was examined and entrusted. Lodge was again resumed and the ceremony rehearsed. Later on, the Senior Warden was unanimously elected to fill the chair of King Solomon for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his Officers. It was then announced that the first annual supper will be held at the Bolton Hotel, Duke's Road, Chiswick, on Saturday, 28th instant, at 7 o'clock precisely. Stewards have been appointed, from whom tickets can be obtained. There being a considerable amount of musical talent among the brethren of this Lodge a very enjoyable evening may be expected. Brethren are cordially invited. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed in ancient 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, 21st FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Choquers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

MONDAY, 23rd 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, Shin 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.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street

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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, 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)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
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. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Dramatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
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.)
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Batter-sea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lamorth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1549—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1714—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
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)
109—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
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
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—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. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

WEDNESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Tavern, at 5.30. for 6 o'clock.
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)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, 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)
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.
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—Chancer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
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—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (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. 12—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Ringley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
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, Berwick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1281—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1411—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1634—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. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
R.A. 357—Apollo University, Apollo Universary Hall, Oxford
R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
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, Market-street, Newcastle
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Phillips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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.)
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
854—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, Lemon Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

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1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)

1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1675—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)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington

R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1633—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
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
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

348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
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

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1184—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1667—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
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R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 27th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
766—William Preston, 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)

1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1345—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, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 740—Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 223—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
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. 342—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1066—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
[illegible]—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street

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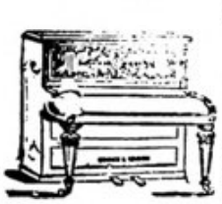

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

VARIOUS are the ideas we have recently heard expressed relative to the mode of admission to, and the conduct of, our Lodges of Instruction; and although from time to time we have ventured to express our opinion on these points, probably a brief space may not be inopportunely occupied if we revert to a few of them in the light of utterances we have overheard within the past few weeks. As most of our readers are aware, these "nurseries" of the Craft partake too frequently of the "free and easy" character; their regulations are in many instances lax; and the test of admission, if any, is far from disciplinarian. We do not mean for a moment that there is often occasion for the ejaculation "It rains" as regards a Lodge of Instruction; there is, and ever must be, an insurmountable barrier against the cowan's approach to the sacred threshold of a Masonic Lodge. But why not the same safeguard against intrusion into a Lodge of Instruction as is provided for in a regular Lodge. As a matter of fact the almost universal rule is, that the outworks are not guarded, and although the brethren may be in themselves assured the conclave is properly tyled, there is no difference. Every Lodge of Instruction, as well as a regular Lodge, should have an attendance book as well as a Tyler. To give a case in point. Only very recently we attended a Lodge of Instruction where several brethren were waiting, during the progress of the ceremony, for admission. Amongst them was a brother—whom we afterwards ascertained was to all intents "good and true"—who, when challenged by the superior Officer of the Lodge, failed in the first instance to give even the rudimentary proofs of his being a Mason. We have known scores of "rusty" brethren—who from a variety of circumstances have fallen into arrears in that respect—similarly placed. But in the case to which we more particularly refer the Officer, insistant upon proof, put our brother through a variety of evolutions, until, in the end, although not *au fait*, he convinced the brethren present of his eligibility for admission, and was thereupon received with the same cordiality as though he had been an expert at the Art and had been known for years amongst the members of the Lodge. But the question arises—Suppose this had been otherwise? Assuming that a man had "picked up" in his travels—as we know many have done—from incautious brethren many of the preliminary signs and tokens of Freemasonry, and by those means had gained sufficient notion of gesture to enter an indifferently conducted Lodge of Instruction? Let it be borne in mind we are only assuming such might be possible. We do not say the intruder would remain long undiscovered, or that he would gain much solid insight into the true work of the Craft; but such an idea has struck us as possible, and it would be as well if the possibilities of such a case were guarded against. Sitting at dinner in a commercial room one night, in the country, the subject of Freemasonry cropped up, and remarks upon it were, as we suggested, used rather too freely. Our "next door neighbour," with signs he, as admitted, had "picked up," expressed himself glad to meet us "as a brother," and to find himself in the congenial company of so many other members of the ancient and honourable Institution. He heartily wished us all well, and the compliment was, though we saw rather suspiciously by some, reciprocated. We ventured to inquire of our newly-found friend where was he made a Mason? and then came the innocent reply, "at Cheltenham!" It need hardly be said that the incipient Ananius who had "tried it on," no doubt with partial success at other places, was quietly advised to get back to Cheltenham as rapidly as he could, and sent to Coventry for the remainder of the evening. It is an undeniable fact that the Masonic signs and secrets are too frequently expressed in mixed assemblies, regardless of that strict caution which is so rigidly enjoined in the earlier stages of the Mason's career; and it may be that the insidious are able to glean much from indiscreet members of the Craft to insinuate themselves far into the regions where they speedily come to grief. We think it was in Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" where somebody who wanted to get to the celestial spheres by royal road vaulted "over the garden wall" instead of entering by the prescribed wicket gate, and who very soon fell amongst thieves and repented of his temerity. Such a fate always meets the man who is foolish enough to assume a virtue he does not possess, and who thinks it wonderfully clever to steal a march in the direction we have indicated. We admit there are few mean or base enough to attempt such a deceit; but there would be more if they thought that by practice and ingenuity they could accomplish a clever feat. It remains, therefore, a question with those who have the interest of our Lodges of Instruction at heart to use every precaution against the possibility of intrusion; and we only re-echo an expression we overheard the other night that absolute security should be provided by the approval of a voluntary Tyler on the occasion of each meeting, and the requirement also of an attendance book such as is used at the regular Lodges. Brethren would be readily found to accept the outer guardship of a Lodge of Instruction as a preliminary step to other offices, and who would see that the applicants for admission were perfectly eligible. Another point which has been frequently argued is, that of the importation of "refreshments" during the periods of labour, and this is one which we think should be seriously considered by Preceptors and members generally of Lodges of Instruction. It may be argued that it is a matter of conscientious scruple, and entirely at the individual option of the brethren, whether the consumption of "liquor" and tobacco during the rehearsal of solemn ceremonies is the "correct thing." But be that as it may, we apparently protest against a custom, which is emphatically on the increase, that *requires* every attendant at a Lodge of Instruction to mingle refreshment with labour, whether or not he is so inclined. It may not be that he is directly coerced into giving his "orders to the waiter," as he may be in an hotel or restaurant; but the look, either askant or derisive, is to a sensitive mind sufficient to divert the attention of the student, and to render his mind uneasy during the rehearsal of sublime ceremonies. As a matter of stern decorum, refreshment should never be mingled with solemn and impressive rites; but at any rate brethren who are scrupulous on the point should be free from reproach if they prefer to defer their predilections for the fourth degree until they are called off by the Junior Warden. There is yet another question to which our attention has often been directed, and that is the compulsion almost which is placed upon visitors to join Lodges of Instruction, There are many Lodges in which, when a stranger appears invited it may be for an evening by a friend, he is immediately pounced upon and—amidst felicitations, no

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doubt—he is unanimously elected a member of the Lodge of Instruction, which under many circumstances he may never be permitted to enter again. It is argued that the entrance fee is a mere bagatelle, and that the small amount received is devoted to Masonic Charity. That may be so; but the principle involved is the same, and for a visitor to be swooped down upon and elected a member of a Lodge before he can pronounce the proverbial "Jack Robinson" is to our mind both out of taste and indicative of a spirit of black mail which should find no place in our Masonic ranks. In every case a brother should be asked beforehand whether it would be agreeable to him to be nominated as a member, and in no instance should a man have the "honour conferred upon him" without his explicit consent. Otherwise the apparently increasing strength of Lodges of Instruction is merely a myth, for no man can belong to, and honestly perform the duties of, a score of Lodges of Instruction, to which in a moment of perhaps well-intended friendliness he has been unanimously elected. It is a very satisfactory feature that, connected with many of our Lodges of Instruction, Associations are being formed in aid of the Masonic Charities, and the ballots which so frequently take place in them are an evidence of the real spirit of benevolence which is engendered in these "conservatories" of the Craft. We only hope they may go on and prosper. Let us recollect that Lodges of Instruction are not primarily intended for the benefit of those worthy brethren who cater for their comfort and enjoyment, but for the weal of an Institution which it is our pride and boast to have so far carried on satisfactorily, and to the admiration of the world.

THE LATE BRO. CURSETJEE NUSSERWANJEE CAMA.

WERE there no other tie to bind us, in memory at least, to the noble Parsee, Bro. C. N. Cama, the interest he took in Press matters, and the enterprise he displayed in promoting the establishment of newspapers, would be sufficient. In this, as in all other business matters, he displayed rare acumen and public spirit, and in his dealings with other subjects he proved that he possessed high moral courage, a heart overflowing with kindness, and a moral energy that demands for him a niche in the gallery of real heroes. Bro. Cama was born in 1815, and was therefore 69 years of age at his death, which took place at Breach Candy, Bombay, on the 24th ult., after a very brief illness. Originally in poor circumstances, by industry, integrity, and pluck, deceased worked his way up until he became one of the most successful merchants trading between England and China. He united in one man the enterprising and successful trader, the social reformer, and the devoted patriot. A brief summary of his career will bear out this statement. It is almost like reading a romance, so full is it of eventful deeds and noble purposes. Bro. Cama, in 1834, when 19 years of age, began his commercial career in Bombay as an apprentice; two years later he went to China, and having there finished his training, he returned to Bombay, where he commenced business as the head of a firm. Branches were opened in Calcutta and China, and prosperity followed every enterprise. Two ships were built, and with proper patriotism Bro. Cama wished to have them officered and manned by a Parsee crew. In this he failed, but he showed the deep interest he took in all matters that affected his race. He was the founder of two newspapers, and took a prominent part in the establishment of a third, all of which are successful. He was instrumental in opening a girls' school, in connection with the Students' Literary Society, and he continued to support it with his means. When Sir Erskine Perry, Chief Justice, retired from Bombay in 1851, Bro. Cama contributed largely to a "Perry Professorship of Jurisprudence," for which he received high commendation from Sir Erskine for "the services rendered by Mr. Cama to the native community," and for "his good qualities of head and heart." The deceased started the Moola Feroze Madrasa (College) in 1854, and afterwards established schools for the poor at Trombay, Kerole, and Worli. The former he helped with his money, the latter he entirely supported for ten years. Two years later Bro. Cama took the lead in opening a school for boys at Nowsaree, and rendered valuable services as chairman and treasurer of the institution. He was one of the prime movers in founding the Victoria Museum, Chairman of the Native Music Club, and principal promoter of a Parsee dramatic company, the object of the latter movement being a means of introducing social reforms among his countrymen. To the foregoing long and eminent record of educational work must be added his labours in favour of sending the sons of Parsees to England to be educated. He set an example by committing his own sons to the hands of English teachers, and as a branch of the firm was established in London, it was made the head centre for counsel and encouragement to all those who were studying in England. Before closing this branch of our subject it should be mentioned that the third paper Bro. Cama was instrumental in starting, the *Stri Badh*, is now entirely written by Parsee ladies.

While engaged in so much educational work, the deceased found time and opportunities for helping in numerous charitable undertakings. When an epidemic of smallpox broke out in India, resulting in the destruction of hundreds of thousands of lives, Bro. Cama "offered a handsome prize for a Gujrati essay on the use and advantages of vaccination, and circulated the pamphlet at his own expense far and wide in the remote corners of the Presidency." He was foremost in the establishment of a charitable dispensary in the Fort, an institution he never ceased to help with his means and counsel. He also assisted to found a similar institution at Bandora. Indeed, there was no movement of a benevolent character that Bro. Cama did not support. While reserving the first place in his heart for those of his own persuasion, he was ever kindly disposed to listen to the call of the oppressed and afflicted. He furthered the cause of the Hindoos, especially with regard to widow remarriage, and no one engaged in literary pursuits sought his aid in vain. He stretched out his hand to help his poorer brethren in Persia, and so highly was he regarded that he was elected a member of a "committee appointed to frame the Parsee law of succession and inheritance," and "his suggestions, which were the results of his long worldly experience and strong common sense, were taken in a kindly spirit by the committee." A citizen so active and large-hearted could not be a bad son, so no surprise need be felt at the fact that, upon the death of his father, Bro. Cama and another member of his family contributed "Rs.1,25,000 towards the nucleus of a charity fund to commemorate his memory." Having sketched the career of the deceased thus far, we may add that very early in his career he displayed business qualifications of a high order. He was brought prominently into notice by his skilful administration of an estate which was said to be insolvent. Subsequently he had a hand in the formation of numerous public companies, and yet he never forgot his duties as a citizen nor the claims of humanity. Like many others, he suffered greatly in the crisis of 1864, from which he never wholly recovered, but it speaks well for the man that the change in worldly circumstances never caused his heart to falter in the promotion and execution of deeds of charity. The *Times of India*, to which paper we are indebted for the particulars here set forth, says of Bro. Cama that "he made the best of his rather unenviable position, and it is said that even in his latter days the needy and the indigent did not seek his aid in vain." Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee, in his history of the Parsees, writing about the Cama family, says: "It has been well distinguished for its commercial enterprise, honesty, and uprightness in Bombay." Deceased was a Justice of the Peace, a Fellow of the Bombay University, and an honorary member of the Students' Literary Society. From the prefix to his name, it goes without saying that he was a Freemason. He was a member of the Lodge Rising Star of Western India, the first native Lodge in Bombay, and we believe that the brethren held a funeral service in his honour at the meeting next following his death. Of course, his countrymen paid all honour to the dead. The Oothumna was duly performed by the High Priest of the Kadmee Parsees, in the presence of a large circle of relatives and friends. At the conclusion of the ceremony, says our authority,

> The high priest proposed, that with a view to commemorate the memory of the deceased, his name should be included in the list of ancient Persian kings and leading Parsees who have rendered rare and valuable services to their community, and should be recited at every public religious ceremony. This is one of the rarest honours rendered to the memory of the dead by the Parsees, and it says much for the esteem in which the deceased was held that the

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proposal met with universal approbation. The sons and relations of the deceased subscribed among themselves Rs. 8,000 to form the nucleus of a fund for the purpose of supporting Parsee students in indigent circumstances.

So ended life's journey, so full of incident and fraught with good. In prosperity and adversity Bro. Cama never neglected the best instincts of the human heart; nought depressed him except the misfortune he could not relieve, and nothing made him so happy as rendering help where it was needed, regardless of creed or country. No doubt charity was an inborn quality of our deceased brother's heart, but its exercise was stimulated and strengthened by the Masonic teaching he could not fail to learn. What an example does Bro. Cama's life present to all, to the young especially; and what hope does it not inspire in the breasts of all true Masons, who can point to such a noble disciple of the Craft. Bro. Cama's career was the spirit of Freemasonry put into action; the embodiment of its loftiest teaching, and the lesson we should learn is that what was possible in his case is also possible in that of others. The deceased was a bright and shining light, the lustre of which has been somewhat dimmed by the death of the mortal body. When the mists caused by sorrow shall have cleared away; when memory recalls the noble deeds done in the flesh, then will the light shine more brilliant that ever, then will it become the beacon for all who desire to emulate their grand prototype. At this time and under present circumstances it seems almost impertinent to mix up the living with the dead, but we cannot resist the opportunity of offering condolence to one member of the deceased's family now amongst us. Our own Bro. Cama has made a name in the Fraternity, and if he but possesses one tithe of his lamented uncle's virtues, he is worthy of all the honour that the Craft can bestow upon him. He comes of a good stock, as we have seen, and if virtue as well as evil be hereditary, then the claims of Bro. Cama stand high indeed. His loss just now must be a deep grief, but in the testimony of worth comes the consolation; and in the bright career of his uncle he will find an example which, if followed, cannot fail to lead him to honour and renown.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday evening, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, Canonbury, at eight o'clock. These meetings invariably command a good attendance; indeed, this has been so since the foundation of the Chapter of Improvement.

As will be seen by Advertisement appearing in another column, the proprietors of the Holborn Restaurant will make special provision for the visit of our Provincial brethren to United Grand Lodge on Wednesday next. The Holborn Restaurant has been justly described "as one of the sights of London," and we do not think our visitors—many of whom, perhaps, will be in the metropolis for the first time—could do better than make arrangements to dine at this deservedly popular establishment.

The unfortunate Press regulations which, as the official authority of the House of Commons, the Speaker felt himself compelled to issue, doubtless at the instance of the Home Secretary, Sir Wm. Harcourt, and others, having now become to a certain extent a dead letter, we cannot but congratulate the Gallery Committee (elected annually by the journalists in the Houses of Parliament) upon the very firm stand which they made in defence of the privileges of their colleagues. There were present at the meeting of the Committee, when the determination was arrived at to see the Speaker, amongst others, Bros. Henry Massey, T. Minstrell, Herbert Wright, and J. Heckther. It may be mentioned that the efforts to deprive the journalists of No. 18 Committe room for transcribing purposes is only one of a series of attempts which have been made in the same direction. There seems to be a little jealousy on the part of some of the officials of the House at the privilege which is given to the Press by sanctioning the use of this room.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred at Ealing, on Wednesday, 18th inst., of Captain A. P. Hobson, the manager of the Royal Aquarium. He had been suffering from blood poisoning, but his condition had not been considered serious.

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL.

THE Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of Bro. Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Gloucestershire. There was a very strong attendance both of London and Provincial brethren, the large Hall of the Tavern being filled to its fullest extent. The banquet was well served, and, considering the large number of guests, reflected the greatest credit on the caterers, Messrs Spiers and Pond. At its conclusion grace was sung.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach proposed the health of Her Majesty the Queen. This was the first toast at every festive gathering of Englishmen, but would be doubly welcomed at a meeting of the Craft, the proud boast of whose members was that loyalty was one of the first attributes of a true Mason. It would be trebly welcomed when it was remembered that the occasion of their meeting was one of Charity; for when any one remembered the history of Her Majesty's reign they must see in her not merely a great constitutional monarch, but also the true and loving heart of a good woman. Whether it be to high or to low, to rich or to poor, the time of distress always brought Her Majesty's kindly sympathy, and thus it was she reigned in the hearts of her people by a prouder title than that of long descent.

The next toast was that of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family. The Chairman felt those present would drink the health of the Prince of Wales, not only with the loyalty due to the member of the Royal Family who was heir to the throne, but also with that peculiar loyalty which as Masons they felt towards their Grand Master. His ability and geniality, he ventured to say had made him popular with every member of the Order. It was a remarkable testimony to the activity with which his Royal Highness performed his public duties, that it hardly ever happened among the numerous occasions when his health was drank at public meetings, that it was not possible to find some new duties he had undertaken, or some fresh idea that had occurred to him for the benefit of the country. It was but a few days back that the press had announced the issuing of treasonable and insulting manifestoes on the other side of the Atlantic, by traitors against the life or liberty of his Royal Highness, who sheltered themselves under the protection of a foreign country, and shortly after came the announcement that the Prince and Princess of Wales intended to pay an early visit to Ireland. This answer of His Royal Highness to the threats of his foes was worthy of him and of our future king—he accepts the challenge—he will visit Ireland. The speaker ventured to think that from the warm-hearted and generous, though often mistaken people of Ireland, he would receive that cordial welcome which his courage and his genial character deserved, and that the Princess of Wales would exercise over this susceptible race that charm with which she had enslaved us from the first moment she set foot on our shores.

The third toast was that of the Pro Grand Master Lord Carnarvon. The Chairman was quite sure he need say nothing to commend the toast to the sympathy of the brethren. They had often witnessed the ability with which the Earl of Carnarvon presided in the absence of the Grand Master in Grand Lodge, and knew full well the eloquence with which it was possible for Lord Carnarvon to expound matters that might be for the welfare of the Craft, or demolish foolish prejudices arising from ignorance of what Masonry really was. The brethren had appreciated his labours for the Craft in the past, and hoped they might long be continued in the future.

In proposing the health of the Deputy G.M. Lord Lathom, and the Present and Past Grand Officers, the Chairman felt he need say little of Lord Lathom. His interest in Masonry and his popularity among the brethren was known to all. He also felt sure there was no necessity to bespeak from those around him a hearty welcome for the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. He spoke of the Grand Officers as he had found them. Whenever any Masonic work had to be done in the Province with which it was his good fortune to be connected—requiring special care in its performance—he had always found the Officers of Grand Lodge most prompt and anxious to help. Their assistance was also given most zealously in the cause of Charity. Only last year, on the similar occasion to that they were then celebrating, one of their number (Sir John Monckton), at a moment's notice took the place of a brother who was absent in consequence of ill health, and nobly pleaded the cause of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In coupling the name of Bro. Monckton with the toast the speaker felt he was sure of a hearty welcome, not merely because of that brother's past services to Grand Lodge and to Masonry at large, but also because of what he achieved last year on behalf of the Benevolent Institution.

Sir John B. Monckton responded. He did so with great gratitude, both to the Chairman for proposing the toast, and to the brethren for the way in which they had received it. The toast was one which any brother might be proud to respond to, associated as it was with the name of the Earl of Lathom, than whom a better Mason, a better man, or a better friend to the Craft, never existed. The Chairman had very kindly referred to the Festival of last year, and had spoken of its result as being unprecedented. He (Sir J. B. Monckton) was not ungenerous when he hoped that honour might not be attached to it much longer. Without betraying any secret, he might predict that the Festival presided over by Sir M. Hicks Beach would prove to be the most successful of all the Festivals held on behalf of the Benevolent Institution.

The toast of the evening—Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons—was next proposed. The President did not doubt that nearly every one present knew as much of the benefits of the Institution as he could convey to them; still it was his duty as Chairman to remember that there might be a brother among them who ought to know more than he did know. Therefore he should tell them, as

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shortly as he could, what the Institution did, how it did it, and why it was worthy of their suppprt. Since the Institution was started it had aided with its annuities more than one thousand brethren and widows of brethren. At the present time 170 old Masons and 203 widows were in receipt of sums of £40 and £32 a year respectively and this was done at a cost of something like £15,000 a year. How was this sum provided? He believed that not more than £3,600 per annum arose from any certain source of income; thus there was something like £11,500 dependent annually upon the charitable gifts of the English Craft, to meet merely the present liabilities of the Institution, and it would be impossible, he ventured to say, for such an association as English Freemasonry to disappoint the old people of the pension which they legitimately reckoned on receiving. But even more was required year by year, as more and more candidates came forward for the benefits of the Institution. At the present moment there were 119 approved candidates awaiting election. The Committee were proposing to elect nineteen more than the vacancies would warrant, but even then they could only elect, with a reasonable regard for safety, 35 out of the 119; he therefore felt the brethren had a reason for the utmost liberality they could exercise that night. The Institution was only some forty-three years of age—a part of it even less—and at its initiation it had to withstand severe opposition. There were many at its formation who felt that it would encroach on the then existing Institutions, who doubted whether the Craft could maintain another Charity, and who felt that the Board of Benevolence sufficiently supplied the needs of decayed brethren. All these doubts had to be met, and he ventured to say that the Institution at its birth must have been very strong and vigorous or it would have perished before it came to perfection. But the difficulties and doubts were surmounted, and the way in which they had been surmounted was perhaps the most extraordinary event in the charitable records of this charitable country. Thirty years ago there was not one-tenth of the interest taken in this Institution that there was at the present time, neither was there one-tenth the number of Stewards or one-tenth the amount contributed. The Charity had grown with marvellous rapidity, and he looked to the brethren that night to provide for a further extension of the work of the Institution. The candidates were deserving objects—not men who had entered Masonry in order to profit by it, but brethren who had been a credit to the Order; while the widows had been the dear partners in life of such brethren. Every case which appeared on the list of candidates was that of a person who had been well to do in past life, often wealthy, and utterly unfit to cope with the workhouse, which their refinement and education would make a veritable purgatory of. By their charity the brethren delivered them from what in many cases would be worse than death itself, and in delivering them the brethren maintained the character of the Craft. Some might think that the claims of helpless children appealed more strongly to their sympathies than those of the Old People. He wished that any one who did think so would do as he had done last Saturday—pay a visit to the Institution at Croydon—he would then see the quiet, peaceable way in which the liberality of the Craft enabled these old people to live, and would be touched by the gratitude which these old people testify to the bounty of the Craft, and by the anxiety which they show that this Festival should be a success, not so much for their own sakes, but that others might share similar benefits to those they enjoy. He earnestly believed that the toast he recommended was success to that which was a true Charity. All the contributions of the brethren went directly to its benefit. In conclusion, he felt he had only to refer the brethren to the day when they were each admitted as candidates to Freemasonry, poor and penniless, and to the admiration which they then expressed for the Virtue Charity, which is not only one of the principal articles of the Masonic creed, but also the distinguishing virtue in the heart of every true Mason. He hoped that day would be a memorable one, not only to those who had subscribed, but to the old folks on whose behalf he, however feebly, had tried to plead.

Bro. Frank Richardson, as Vice President of the Institution, responded. He thanked the Chairman for the way in which he had proposed Success to the Institution, and on behalf of the Institution for the able manner in which he had presided that day. He also thanked the Stewards for the way in which they had seconded their Chairman's efforts. Bro. Terry then announced the totals of the several lists, of which we append details, giving as the sum of the contributions the grand total of £17,636 6s 8d; the Provinces, represented by 186 Stewards, sending up £7,825 10s 8d; and London, represented by 164 Stewards, £9,810 16s. This was the highest sum ever announced in the history of the Institution, being £3,200 in advance of last year's total, which was at the time the largest.

Bro. Col. Lyne proposed the health of Bro. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, paying a high compliment to that brother for the part he had taken in securing the success which had been achieved. Bro. Beach tendered his hearty thanks for the kindness with which he had been received and also for the kind way in which the toast had been welcomed. It had been to him a matter of the deepest satisfaction and thankfulness that the Festival should have had so triumphant a result as had been announced that night. If he had had the smallest share in bringing about that result, he was more than rewarded for anything he had done. He should say no more about himself but might be pardoned for a little egotism, and he wanted to say something of the Province over which he ruled and of which he was very proud. There were but some 600 Masons in Gloucestershire, and they were not too well off. Every one of its Lodges and Chapters had sent a Steward to the Festival, some of them several. Out of every ten members in his district one was a Steward, and between them they had raised a sum of £1200. This result was principally due to the exertions of Bro. Vassar-Smith, but was also the outcome of the true Masonic spirit of the brethren of his Province. He did not mention these facts for the sake of making invidious comparisons, but would say to the brethren of other Provinces "Go and do likewise." What Gloucestershire had done could be done by every Province in England, and he felt sure those present would join him in thanking the brethren of Gloucestershire for what they had accomplished. He was proud to represent such a Province, and was thankful to have had the opportunity of presiding over the Festival. He did not think he should ever forget the triumphant result, or the share which his own people had had in it.

Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn proposed success to the other Institutions, and Bro. Hedges responded. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke gave the Stewards, and the toast having been replied to, that of the Ladies was given, and the brethren separated. A concert followed in the Grand Lodge Temple, which was crowded by ladies and brethren.

THE THEATRES.

LYCEUM.

A FRIVOLOUS modern audience might well desire that the "Hunchback" and his family could retire, with the "Stranger" and the "Gentle Faulkland," to some home for aged Christians, where they could blank verse each other and relieve the unconverted of their "Morality."

But Master Walter has an exasperatingly strong constitution, and Miss Mary Anderson summoned the shade of Sheridan Knowles, with his cabinet of curiosities, "some of them living and some of them stuffed," to occupy the stage of the Lyceum. A full house gathered to do honour to the event. The first scene passed quietly, though both Mr. Arthur Stirling and Mr. Terriss had a hearty welcome. In the second scene the curtain rises on a lovely garden, rich with flowers, a closely-cropped lawn and wonderful mossy gnarled old trees. In the scene with Helen (Miss Bella Pateman) Miss Mary Anderson was at her best; the girlish innocence, tenderness and joyousness of Julia could rarely have been more gracefully rendered. That Miss Anderson looked lovely in her Henrietta Maria gowns we need not say. Her smiles and laughter, touched with soft refinement, gave a charm and interest to the opening of the play which even the gifted Adelaide Neilson failed to attain. The little bit of love making with Clifford was pretty enough, though Mr. Terriss seemed ill at ease, and rather suggested an understudy of Modus cropping through the *jeune premier*. As the action proceeds, and the heroine mounts the crescendo of grief and despair, Miss Anderson failed to give vitality to the part; she now and again seemed to feel a momentary inspiration of real emotion, but before she could arouse the sympathies of the audience it was gone. A beautiful girl in a striking attitude stood on the stage, but why she so appeared stirred the heart of no one present. The most unreal and stilted sentiment if vivified by the passionate soul of a great actress will thrill the pulses and command the tears of an audience; but the audience on Tuesday night sat watching for the next pose, and gave up hoping for anything more. That Miss Anderson is ill-advised to attempt to galvanize this fossilized play into life, she herself will doubtless feel. Let her abandon high pressure sentimental heroines, and let us applaud her in some bright and wholesome comedy, her winsomeness and grace will assuredly command delighted appreciation where now a melancholy crowd is tempted to yawn, and sometimes irreverently to titter. We are sorry for Mr. Terriss, that fate condemns him for a "certain term to walk the night" with scarcely less depressing results than those attending Hamlet Père's proceedings. Sir Thomas is an insufferable prig, but could not Mr. Terriss infuse a little "Sherry" into him to correct the too much "Knowles?" Mr. Arthur Stirling played studiously as Master Walter, but why does he adopt those peculiar twists of the head, turns of the eye, and twitches of the eye-brow we associate with the "Master" of the Lyceum? Miss Pateman struggled hard to lift the weight that seemed to settle on the spirits of the audience, and in the favourite scenes with Modus gained the first really hearty applause of the night. She played as so careful and excellent an artist must play, with delicacy and finish; but her gaiety wanted the ring of spontaneousness, and her efforts were too evidently prepared. Helen is a part little suited to Miss Bella Pateman's gifts, though these are unquestionable. We cannot but think the play would greatly gain if the two ladies exchanged parts, Miss Anderson would thus have better opportunity of showing her comedy powers. Mr. Standing is dull and clumsy as Modus—who was at least a scholar and a gentleman; he need not model his interpretation on the Pickwick fat boy. Mr. Irish as Fathom was a welcome relief among these doleful creatures. The curtain fell amid but tepid expressions of approval. One of Maddison Morton's old farces, "Your life's in danger," was the opening piece of the evening. It was listened to with tolerable patience, but at the tag, "Now if our friends in front approve," there came a vigorous shower of hoots and hisses.

MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

THE grandmotherly care of the Middlesex magistrates in decreeing the clôture on worldly play-acting and such carnal follies fell lightly on the good people of Islington last Ash Wednesday. Mr. Francis, of the Mohawk Minstrels, organized afternoon and evening concerts, with selections from Verdi, Costa, Rossini, Mendelssohn, and other classics. His admirably-drilled band rendered the music with great delicacy and finish. M. Guilmartin, in a euphonium solo, and M. Kottaun, with a cornet, were especially distinguished. Mr. Miles proved himself both a powerful and refined harpist. Among many good vocalists we would especially mention the baratone, Mr. Gordon, who not only possesses an exceptionally fine organ, but sings with the finish and mastery of a true artist.

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	Br. Edgar Bowyer	160	10	0
	Thos W C Bush	63	0	0
	Wm Clarke	10	10	0
	C H Driver	44	2	0
	E G Johnson	32	15	6
	Geo Kenning	10	10	0
	Carter Millbourne			
	H B Marshall, C.C.	105	0	0
	Chas F Matier	21	0	0
	Thos Hastings Miller	31	10	0
	W J Murlis	10	10	0
	Jno Mason	67	4	0
	Matthew Mildred	10	10	0
	Jno Stanley	10	10	0
	Jas Terry	175	0	0
	Geo Weeks	10	10	0
	A W Duret	10	10	0
	Rev A F A Woodford	10	10	0
	Geo Mickley, M.A., M.B.	44	2	0
	W J Crutch	22	1	0
	John A Farnfield	15	15	0
	Wm Hirst	11	11	0
Lodge				
1	Jno Wm Fuller	15	15	0
2	Fras Tagart	26	5	0
3	Thos Robinson	65	2	0
4	Hy Pearce Hughes jun.	15	15	0
5	Henry James	45	3	0
Chapter				
7	Comp. E L Horne	31	10	0
Lodge				
8	Br. Jno Pullman	15	3	0
14	Frank Richardson	88	4	0
15	Edward Stimson	120	4	6
19	Hy Glenn	26	5	0
21	M R Sewill	42	5	0
22	Wm Cook	26	15	0
25	Walter Wingham	36	15	0
27	Fredk Harrison	32	0	6
28	Jas Bonlton	84	2	6
30	Thos E Davey	54	19	0
33	Chas Pawley	31	10	0
34	Stanley J Attenborough	23	7	0
46	Edwd Jno Humphery	53	4	0
55	Henry Potter	38	12	0
58	Jas S Burroughes			
59	Geo R Ousey	53	11	0
65	C J Rich	232	1	0
72	Chas R Williams	70	0	0
73	F G Spencer	68	9	0
79	Henry Roberts	115	10	0
87	W H Bale	82	5	0
101	Edwd J Altman	20	0	0
140	Alexr Forsyth, M.D.	64	6	0
Chapter				
142	Comp. C F Hogard	49	15	0
Lodge				
144	Br. Hy Cox	68	2	0
147	B R Banks	52	16	6
162	Thos Burne	21	15	0
165	Chas Belton	21	0	0
169	Thos J Wallis	67	11	0
172	H R Cope	26	5	0
174	Thos Fras Harvey	90	10	0
179	W F Hughes	52	10	0
Chapter				
181	Comp. E W Stanton	36	15	0
Lodge				
185	Br. Solomon Barnett	51	0	6
188	Lewis Lazarus	39	18	0
193	James H Clare	60	14	0
197	Wm H Stanger	24	2	0
205	J A Gartley	60	15	6
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862	Br. Valentine Day	39	18	0
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901	H McClelland	120	3	6
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905	Thos Yeo	15	15	0
907	Edward J Lowther	45	3	0
957	Hy Von Joel	115	10	0
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	Jno L Mather	10	10	0
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449	Jas Shilcock	38	17	0
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Lodge				
913	Br. Hy Mason	178	10	0
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1915	Rev. A. C. Graystone	143	2	0

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32	Br. S G Sinclair	89	5	0
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730	Comp. Thos Forrester	23	2	0
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792	Haston Clark	29	10	0
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792	Comp. Thos Coates }	47	5	0
792	T C Hill }			
1294	Br. Anderson Bates	13	0	0

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1237	J H Thompson	36	15	0
1238	Job Gillingham	50	0	0
1309	Jno Proffitt	10	10	0
1326	J Laurence	11	11	0
1326	Henry Jas Dawe	10	10	0
1326	Wm R Vassila	26	5	0
1326	F Walters	7	0	0
1326	Edwin Gilbert			
1415	Hy Pritchard	33	12	0
1503	T C Walls	32	11	0
1567	R T Fennell	78	15	0
2024	Chas Graham			
2048	Hy Lovegrove	25	0	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The Province, Br. Saml Davies		200	0	0

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1435	Wm Phelps	158	13	0

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The Province, per A C Spanll		63	5	0
1120	J C W Lister	34	0	6

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340	H G W Drinkwater }	37	14	0
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The Province, Br. Jno Tompsett		70	0	0
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Lodge				
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1149	Frederick Flood	21	0	0
1616	H J Strong, M.D.	99	6	0
1638	J W Moorman	20	0	0
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1981	Jno Youldon	15	15	0

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74	Jas Moffat			
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377	J W Consterdine-Chadwick	15	15	0
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The Province, Br. J S Cumberland		52	10	0

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The Province, J Le Cronier, M.D.		157	10	0

GUERNSEY.

1809	T M Bichard	110	5	0

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

THE installation meeting was held on the 19th inst., at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood. Present:—Bros. Walker W.M., M. C. Joy S.W., Wickens J.W., J. Welford P.M. Treas., T. W. Allen P.M. Sec., Biorn S.D.; P.M.'s Kershaw, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., Hitchcock, Ascott, Goodwin, Hallett, Collins, and a numerous assemblage of other members and Visitors, amongst whom we may mention Bros. Dr. Cuson P.M. 1706 P.P.G.O., Studd, Bailey 1425, Thomas 753, Heal 1642, Ralph 1614, Hewett 1614, Dorsett 172, Groves 172, Conway 1892, Dillon 1667, Hunt W.M. 1425, Stephens 1425, Coleman 1425, Mills 1716, Cuthbertson 1507, Side P.M. 1507, Massey P.M. 1297, Phillips P.M. 205, Hedges P.M. 1706, Lichtenfeld 205, Ansell 1502, Groves 172, Barwell 1425, A. G. Stead 1627, Shaw 1406, Blank 704, Taylor 1642, Hoddenott 901, Debin 1732, Snare P.M. 225, Leah 25, Flood 1642, Levy P.M. 188. After preliminaries the minutes of the former regular and emergency meetings were read. The Auditors' report was read and adopted; it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing condition, and that a good balance remained in the hands of the Treasurer. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Joy S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed in the chair in the presence of 18 W.M.'s and P.M.'s, Bro. Walker performing the ceremony in a very perfect manner; he was deservedly complimented by the brethren and visitors. On the readmission of the brethren, the customary salutations were given, and the following were appointed and invested as Officers:—Walker I.P.M., Wickens S.W., Humfress J.W., Welford P.M. Treas., Allen P.M. Secretary, Bidon S.D., Drew J.D., Burton I.G., Curtis and Cottebrune P.G.P. D.C.'s, Bell Assistant D.C., Eaton Organist, Curtis W.S., Belsham Assistant W.S., Thomas Tyler. The selection made by the Master seemed to be generally acceptable to the Lodge. Hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. The brethren, to the number of ninety, sat down in the large and commodious room to a very sumptuous and récherché banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Rieder. Grace having been sung, the W.M., in excellent terms, proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts, that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master being received with loud and enthusiastic cheering. In speaking to the toast of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said they had a Grand Officer present, one whom they were proud to have with them, that was their respected Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P. In reply, Bro. Cottebrune said it was not his intention to make a long speech; for twenty-seven years he had had to return thanks for the P.M.'s, and for many years for the Grand Officers. He was proud to be associated with so distinguished a body. He was one of the founders of this Lodge. Bro. Walker I.P.M. had now to propose the toast of the W.M. It was some years since the W.M. had been initiated; he had passed through every office, and had done this with great efficiency; he wished Bro. Joy a most enjoyable and successful year of office. Brother Joy, in reply, thanked Brother Walker for the kind manner he had spoken of him, and the brethren for their response to the toast. He was proud to be installed as Master of this Lodge; he trusted during his year of office that he should give them satisfaction. He felt especial pleasure in following so excellent a Master as the one who had preceded him. He would strive to follow in his footsteps and, with the assistance of the brethren, hoped to conduct the business to their satisfaction. In speaking of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Walker, the W.M. said the members had good reason to appreciate his working; he is held in estimation by all in the Lodge. It was with great pleasure he had now to present him with a Past Master's jewel, and a collar; he hoped they might be present together on many future occasions, and that Bro. Walker would always feel a pride in wearing it. In response, Bro. Walker said in his new position he would do all in his power to render service to the Lodge. He had tried to do his best to perform the ceremony of installation, and had had some hard work to do in the various

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degrees. He had also presided at the emergency meeting, but whatever he had done had been a labour of love. He had installed his successor, and he hoped he had done so to the satisfaction of the brethren. With respect to the jewel presented him, he would look on it with pride; it would ever remind him of his connection with the Lodge. Bros. Casson, Relph, Snare, Ansell, Flood and Phillips responded for the Visitors, and paid just compliments to the Immediate Past Master for his working. The hospitality of the Lodge was proverbial, and on this occasion it had been well carried out, while to the W.M. infinite credit was due for the kind and genial manner he had presided. Bros. Snare and Ansell, who were members of West Lancashire Lodges, fully endorsed the remarks of those who had preceded them. Later on a just compliment was paid to the Past Masters for the manner they had looked after the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Walker, in response, said what he had done in the past he would strive to do in the future. Bro. Cottebrune followed; he was the father of the Lodge, and was proud of his children. Other of the Past Masters followed, and all expressed their desire to render service for the good of the Lodge. The toast of the Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and Officers was then given, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening. A very excellent selection of music was provided by the W.M., under the direction of Bro. Hodges P.M. 1706. When we say the artists included Bros. Lawler, Hanson and Linley, we need scarcely add the brethren were delighted. A special feature was the charming vocalisation of Miss Meredith Elliott, who rendered in exquisite style the "Lost Chord," for which she received an enthusiastic encore, and gave the "Better Land." Bros. Belsham and Curtis looked after the comforts of the brethren and visitors. During the evening Bro. Bell sung a very excellent impromptu song.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 1208.

A LARGE number of the members of this Lodge assembled at the Royal Hotel, Dover, on Monday, the 16th inst., to witness the installation of Bro. Perkins as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was very impressively performed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Pearson O. Potter, who was warmly congratulated upon the ability with which he carried out the duty. The following brethren were appointed to the several offices:—Bros. Pearson O. Potter I.P.M., W. O. Kennett S.W., J. Marsh J.W., C. Walker Treasurer, E. W. A. Smeeth Secretary, J. J. Wright Senior Deacon, H. C. Wellard Junior Deacon, C. L. Adams Organist, W. W. Burkett I.G., Wilson Tyler. The first duty of the new Master was the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to his predecessor, in recognition of the zeal, ability, and industry with which Bro. Potter had discharged the duties of the chair during his tenure of that office. The general business being concluded, Lodge was closed, and between thirty and forty of the brethren sat down to the banquet which followed. In this department the well-earned reputation gained by Bro. and Mrs. Oldfield was fully sustained. The various Loyal toasts, and those particularly pertaining to the Craft, were interspersed with a selection of glees, duets, songs, &c., unqualified approval being expressed at the admirable manner in which the musical arrangements were conducted by Bros. Igglesden and Kennett, with the valued assistance of Bro. Winterbon. The National Anthem brought to a conclusion another of those red letter days in the annals of this flourishing Lodge. Among the guests were the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. V. S. Vicars, the Provincial Grand Treasurer Bros. Thorpe, James Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the W.M.'s of Lodges 184 and 1206, Bros. Hearn S.W. 199, Torrington 199, &c.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.—

On Wednesday evening, notwithstanding a number of the regular attendants at this Lodge of Instruction were engaged at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, there was a numerous muster at the Lugard Tavern, Peckham, when Bro. Webster ably filled the chair, and was supported by Bros. Eedle S.W., Harvey J.W., Giddens S.D., Wimble J.D., Eaton I.G., Walter Martin Preceptor, S. Lampen Treas., C. L. Tokely Sec., R. Pierpoint W.M. 177, Ledger P.M. 364, Dutton, Belchamber, Wilkinson, and many others. Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Belchamber personating the candidate. The lecture on the Tracing Board was then ably rendered by Bro. Belchamber, after which the brethren answered questions leading to the second degree, and the second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Wimble. Bros. Ashford and Cray, of Ivy Lodge 1441, were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction, and thanks were accorded to Bro. Webster for his able conduct in the chair. It was unanimously resolved that this Lodge of Instruction should subscribe for the current year's issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and a warm compliment was paid to that journal for the faithful reports of the proceedings of the United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction which had appeared in its pages. Bro. Pierpoint, in remarking that there were many worthy brethren fighting the battles of their Queen and country in the Soudan, expressed the hope that they might have a speedy return to their native land. The patriotic sentiments of Bro. Pierpoint were most enthusiastically responded to, and Lodge closed. On the preceding Wednesday evening Bro. W. Dutton acted efficiently as W.M., with Bros. Webster as S.W., Wimble J.W., Belchamber S.D., R. Pierpoint J.D., S. Lampen Treas., C. L. Tokely Sec., Wilkinson I.G., and many other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and after the confirmation of the minutes, was advanced to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. Garland personating the candidate. The working was such as reflected the utmost credit on Bro. Dutton, who then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Pierpoint, and Lodge having been advanced to the third degree the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, with Bro. S. Lampen as candidate. Bro. Dutton then resumed the chair as W.M. and Lodge was closed in the second and first degrees. A most cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Dutton for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair, being his first time in this Lodge of Instruction. A most instructive and agreeable evening was enjoyed.

Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275. — Of all the

Masonic "nurseries" in the South of London, probably the Star holds the most prominent position, not only in point of attendance and the valuable instruction imparted at its weekly meetings, but also for the substantial support it gives to the Masonic Institutions. We are credibly informed that during the past two years no less a sum than £400 per annum has been sent up from the Association in connection with this Lodge in aid of the Charities; and, judging from the vigorous growth of the Lodge, which is constantly adding to its muster-roll, greater things may be expected from it in the future than in the past. For some weeks, during the regretted indisposition of its worthy Preceptor, Bro. G. Andrews, whose health we rejoice to hear is being gradually restored, the duties have been kindly and efficiently undertaken by the Secretary, Brother Walter Martin S.W. 879; and the manner in which he has discharged his important and voluntary functions has won for him the deserved and hearty approbation of the brethren. There was an extraordinarily strong muster at the weekly meeting last Saturday evening, at the Five Bells, New-cross, when upwards of fifty assembled, under the presidency of Bro. Finch as W.M. He was supported by Bros. Walter Martin Preceptor *pro tem*, Belchamber S.W., Gross J.W., Eaton S.D., Wilkinson J.D., Needham I.G., Tokely acting Secretary, G. Powell W.M. 1135 Organist, and others. Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the ceremony of raising was impressively rehearsed by Bro. Finch, assisted by his Officers, the working being much admired by the numerous assemblage present. Bro. Beavis W.M. 879 was candidate. On closing, several brethren were unanimously elected members of this Lodge of Instruction, and returned thanks in suitable terms, reference being specially made to the Star as an exceptionally strong and useful Lodge, more particularly in reference to the Benevolent Institutions of the Craft. Bro. Belchamber was unanimously elected as W.M. for the first Saturday in March, and allusion was made to him as a well-known and excellent Mason, whose experience and ability were acknowledged by this and other Lodges of Instruction he attended. Bro. Belchamber acknowledged the compliment that had been paid to him, and expressed the hope that, with the assistance of their able Preceptor, he might be able to perform the ceremonies to the satisfaction of the brethren. Bro. Walter, of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, reminded those present that the weekly meetings of that Lodge were held on Monday evenings, at the White Swan, High-street, Deptford, and cordially invited all who could make it convenient to attend. Bro. Powell was sure the brethren would be sorry to hear that Bro. Chatterton, who took so great an interest in the Star Lodge of Instruction, was very ill, suffering from rheumatic fever. He was convinced that any expression of sympathy from the brethren in his affliction would be a source of solace and comfort to him. The Preceptor thought the case would not necessarily involve a resolution, and he asked their acting Secretary to forward a letter to Bro. Chatterton, expressing the deep regret of the brethren under the circumstances, and a hope that he might be speedily restored to health. Bro. Tokely sincerely acquiesced in the request suggested to him. Bro. Martin then said he was sure the brethren would rejoice to hear that Bro. Andrews, the esteemed Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction, whose valuable services had been temporarily lost to them in consequence of indisposition, was rapidly improving in health, and they sincerely hoped he might soon be with them again in his accustomed place. He then proposed that Bro. Tokely, who had been acting as Secretary during the time that he (Bro. Martin) had temporarily filled the position of Preceptor, in the stead of Bro. Andrews, should be elected an honorary member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Tokely had always been ready to assist in any capacity in which his services were requested, and he had certainly rendered valuable aid to the Star by filling his (the speaker's) place during the illness of their Preceptor. The resolution having been carried unanimously, Bro. Tokely, in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, said he esteemed it a very great honour, knowing what a splendid Lodge of Instruction this was. He always tried to do his best, and as long as he was Acting Secretary, which he hoped would not be long, in the improved condition of Bro. Andrews's health, he should do all he possibly could to promote the prosperity and influence of the Lodge. Bro. Martin then intimated that the following Saturday (this evening) would be an "off night," when Bro. Beavis W.M. of the Southwark Lodge 879 would rehearse the installation ceremony. He felt sure the brethren would come and support Bro. Beavis in large numbers. By so doing they would give him, perhaps, better heart in his work, and derive a considerable amount of mutual pleasure and edification. Bro. Beavis thought when he told the brethren that on the occasion referred to he should have the honour of installing their excellent Preceptor Bro. Walter Martin into the chair it would be an additional incentive to them to attend in full force. Hearty good wishes having been expressed, Lodge was closed in due form, Bro. Martin delivering the closing address in an eloquent and impressive manner. The musical portions of the ceremony were rendered with great heartiness, the singing of the anthems and responses being ably led by Bro. Geo. Powell, who presided at the organ. Excellent arrangements were made by Bro. Bear, the proprietor of the Five Bells, for the comfort and convenience of the brethren, and a most harmonious and enjoyable evening was passed.

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ENTREES.—Lamb Cutlets and Peas; Chicken Saute à la Portugaise.—Potatoes Saute.
REMOVES.—Ribs of Beef and Horseradish; Haunch of Venison and Red Currant Jelly.—New Potatoes. Cauliflower.
SWEETS.—Victoria Puddings; Dartois a l'Abricots; Macedoine Jelly; Ice Pudding.
Cheese. French Salad.

DESSERT.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 4th March 1885, at 6 for 7 p.m

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd December 1884 will be read and put for confirmation.

2. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

3. Election of a Grand Treasurer.

8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

The Widow of a Brother of the Islington Lodge, No. 1471, London	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Old Dundee Lodge, No. 18, London	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. Mary Lodge, No. 63, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Zion Lodge, No. 1798, Manchester	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 185, London	80	0	0
A Brother of the St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Benevolence, No. 489, Bideford	100	0	0

5. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board beg to report that their attention having been called to a printed circular issued by a Lodge, inviting the Members to disclose their votes on a ballot which had been taken for a candidate for initiation, and which had resulted in five black balls appearing against him, the Master, Wardens, and Secretary were summoned to attend and produce their Warrant and books, and it having been proved that the circular was drawn up by the Secretary, and issued by a resolution of the Lodge at the recommendation of the Master and Secretary, thus wholly nullifying the principle of the ballot, the Board resolved that the said Lodge be suspended for a period of three months, and the Lodge was and remains suspended accordingly.

The Board further resolved—That the Master and Secretary, being both experienced Past Masters, be censured for instigating and recommending the Lodge to issue such circular, and they were censured accordingly.

A question having arisen as to the effect of this sentence of suspension, it was resolved—That the suspension for any period of a Lodge means the suspension of its warrant, during which time the Lodge cannot meet or perform any of its Masonic functions. The suspension of any particular brother involves an entire incapacity on his part to exercise any rights or duties as a Mason, or to participate in any Masonic privileges during the period such suspension remains in force.

It will be recollected that in March 1880 a sum of £3,000 was voted by the Grand Lodge for the purpose of painting and decorating the interior of the building. Of this sum about £1,300 was expended in the autumn of that year, when the work was unavoidably suspended. The Board have to report that the painting and decorating of the whole of the rooms, together with the grand staircase and corridors, have now been completed by their order, under the personal superintendence of the Grand Superintendent of Works, at a cost within the sum voted for that purpose.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
17th February 1885.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of February instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England, Western Branch, of £2,697 14s 11d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100; and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library £13 17s 6d.

6. REPORT OF SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

To the United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Building Committee, in continuation of their report to Grand Lodge of the 4th of December last, now beg to submit as follows:—

In that report reference was made to certain works, not of mere restoration, but of necessary and substantial improvements, including the re-opening of the Old Gallery, the various new exits in case of fire, the ventilation, the removal of the dangerous flues, the extra expense on pictures, &c., &c., none of which were of course covered by the monies received from the insurances, and the Committee promised to report to Grand Lodge on the 4th of March the amount required to meet the extra expenditure thus incurred.

The works being now almost completed, the Committee have been able to balance the various accounts, and they have thus ascertained that a sum of £800 beyond the monies received from the Insurance Offices will be sufficient to defray the entire cost of the restoration, whereby the Order will be once more placed in possession of their Ancient Hall, with increased accommodation, with its portraits restored, with its decorations renewed, and with many modern improvements.

The Committee therefore recommend to Grand Lodge that a vote of £800 be made for the above purpose.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
Chairman.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
16th February 1885.

7. Report of Brother Stanley G. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1884.

8. APPEALS:—

(1) By Brother Henry Godbier, P.M. of the Victoria in Burmah Lodge, No. 832, Rangoon, against a decision of the District Grand Master of British Burmah ruling that a complaint made by Brother Godbier against the W. Master relative to confirmation of minutes was frivolous and vexatious.

(2) By the same Brother Henry Godbier, P.M. of the Victoria in Burmah Lodge, No. 832, Rangoon, against a decision of the Deputy District Grand Master in charge of the District of British Burmah declining to give a separate ruling on a second complaint made by Brother Godbier against the W. Master and the Lodge, on the ground that the ruling of the District Grand Master had covered both cases.

(3) By Brother Rustomji Cowasji Jaboolee, P.M. of the Cyrus Lodge, No. 1359, Bombay, against a censure passed on him by the District Master of Bombay for printing and circulating documents connected with a complaint which he was submitting to his Lodge.

(4) By Brother Samuel George Davison, S.W. of the Lodge "Emulation," No. 2071, Sydney, against the ruling of the District Grand Master of New South Wales, forbidding the election of a second W. Master, in consequence of the Warrant not having arrived from England, and the Lodge working under Dispensation.

N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during office hours.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 2075—The Lodge Maroubra, Wilcannia, N.S.W.
2076—The Queen's Concert Lodge, London.
2077—The Epping Lodge, Epping, Essex.
2078—The St. Lawrence Lodge, Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire.
2079—The Romsey Lodge, Romsey, Victoria.
2080—The Clarke Lodge, Melbourne, Victoria.
2081—The Lodge of the Golden Fleece, Leicester.

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2082—The Phœnix Lodge of Namaqualand, O'okiep, South Africa, (W.D.)
2083—The Ballina Lodge, Ballina, New South Wales.
2084—The Biggarsberg Unity Lodge, Dundee Proper, Natal.
2085—The Tweed Lodge, Tumbulgum, New South Wales.
2086—The Dacre Lodge, Stevenage, Herts.
2087—The Electric Lodge, Hampton Court, Middlesex.
2088—The Cango Lodge, Oudtshoorn, South Africa (W.D.)
2089—The Frere Lodge, Aliwal North, South Africa (E.D.)

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1885 is now ready; it can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTER AND RUTLAND.

CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF THE GOLDEN FLEECE, No. 2081.

A SPECIAL meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Monday, 16th February, for the purpose of consecrating the Lodge of the Golden Fleece, when there was a numerous attendance of local and visiting brethren. In the unavoidable absence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master the Earl Ferrers, the chair was taken by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Samuel S. Partridge, who proceeded to open the Provincial Grand Lodge, assisted by Bros. Wm. Kelly P.P.G.M., George Toller jun. P.G.S.B. England acting as D.P.G.M., Dr. G. T. Willan Prov. G.S.W., Joseph Barber Prov. G.J.W., Rev. W. Langley, M.A., Prov. Grand Chaplain, R. Waite Prov. Grand Treas., R. S. Toller Prov. G. Reg., Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., Prov. Grand Secretary, W. A. Musson and R. Michie Prov. Grand Deacons, J. Metcalfe Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, J. Young Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, A. Mc Ivor Tindall, Prov. G.S.B., B. A. Smith Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, T. B. Laxton Prov. Grand Organist, George Matt Prov. G.P., Lionel P. Chamberlain Prov. G.A.P., H. Pickard Brown and F. B. Wilmer Prov. G. Stewards. The following Past Provincial Grand Officers were likewise present, viz.:—Bros. C. E. Stretton, Miles J. Walker, Rev. J. Bird M.A., S. Clever, J. O. Law, E. Taylor, E. H. Butler, and J. Hassall, together with a large number of Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the several Lodges in the Province. Amongst the Visitors may specially be mentioned the R.W. Bro. Colonel Le Gendre Starkie P.G.W. England Provincial Grand Master West Lancashire. Letters of apology for inability to attend were received from Bros. Captain N. G. Philips P.G.D., J. F. H. Woodward P.G. Secretary Middlesex, S. J. W. Sanders P.P.G.C. Norths and Hunts, Captain J. G. F. Richardson P.P.G.S.B., James Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, F. Hedges Secretary R.M.I.G., and several others. The Provincial Grand Secretary read the petition for and Warrant of the new Lodge, and at the request of the Prov. Grand Master the ceremony of solemnly constituting and dedicating the Lodge of the Golden Fleece was admirably and impressively performed by the newly appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. S. S. Partridge. A most excellent oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. Walter R. Hurd (Chaplain 1391), Vicar of Oadby, near Leicester. The musical portion of the ceremony was very ably rendered by a Masonic choir, under the leadership of the Prov. Grand Organist; Bro. W. H. Barrow, F.C.O., Organist 523 presiding at the instrument. On the consecration being concluded, Bro. Edward Watson P.P.G.J.D. I.P.M. 1391, was installed by Bro. Partridge as first Worshipful Master, and he was duly proclaimed and saluted. Bro. Alfred Chamberlain P.P.G.O. P.M. 1391 was elected as Treasurer, and, together with the following brethren, invested as Officers of the new Lodge for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. E. P. Steeds S.W., W. H. Lead J.W., John B. Waring Secretary, Rev. W. R. Hurd Chaplain, John L. West S.D., George Jessop J.D., Christopher C. Woodcock P.P.G.R. Director of Cers., and J. G. Parr and W. H. Swingler Stewards. Bye-laws were temporarily adopted for governing the Lodge, three candidates were proposed for initiation, and several joining members. The W.M. in submitting votes of thanks to the Consecrating and Installing Officers, the acting Chaplain, and other brethren who had kindly attended to inaugurate the Lodge of the Golden Fleece proposed the following as honorary members:—Bros. W. Kelly P.P.G.M., F.R.H.S., the "Father of Freemasonry" in this Province, and S. S. Partridge Prov. D.G.M. Thanks were also accorded to the Junior Warden for his generous gift of a handsomely bound and complete set of Lodge books. On the Lodge being closed and the Provincial Grand Lodge resumed, Bro. Partridge called attention to the forthcoming election of Grand Treasurer, and moved that the Provincial Grand Lodge heartily approves the candidature of a Provincial brother for the office, and recommends Bro. John Woodall Woodall P.M., P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorkshire, to the support of the brethren of the Province. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Toller, and carried unanimously. After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been closed, a banquet was served under the presidency of the Prov. Deputy Grand Master when the usual toasts were duly honoured, and a very enjoyable day brought successfully to a close.

The Kensington Museum Authorities have added to the Bethnal Green Museum some charming pictures from the collection of Bro. J. Storey P.M. 1107, Past Superintendent of Works Kent, &c. Fourteen of the works are from the brush of Mr. M. E. Dockree; some of them may be well known to frequenters at the Royal Academy and other West End Exhibitions. No doubt these works will be more enjoyable to visitors at the Museum as they are so well placed that every part of the manipulation and rich mellow colour of this earnest landscape painter can be seen to advantage.

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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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Walk up! walk up! Just going to begin! First you will see—yet, stay; this irreverence will never do! It's all through reading that remarkable circular from Yorkshire. Like every other W.M., I have been treated to a quantity of it. So has my poor Secretary, oh! such a lot. We have sympathized with one another over it—over this "Masonic life-history" as it is called. May I briefly review it? First it appears that a notice on the subject of the Grand Treasurership appeared in the *Freemason*, and such notice heads the circular. There is nothing in the notice to complain of; no candidate's name appears. But see what comes next. A letter from several Yorkshire brethren forming the local committee for assisting Bro. Woodall in his candidature. The committeemen have remarked (so they say) that although the notices in the *Freemason* are in the main correct, &c., they append a brief history of Bro. Woodall's Masonic (and civic) life. From it we learn that Bro. Woodall is a soldier and a sailor, that he was initiated into Masonry, that he served the office of Warden before he became (for once) W.M. Then he was exalted to Royal Arch, and was M.E.Z. of two Chapters, was awarded Provincial honours, was a founder of two Lodges, and is now *acting* W.M. of one of them; then (and why this advertisement?) he was elected an honorary member "in conjunction with" H.R.H. the late Duke of Albany. He was a subscribing member of two other Lodges, &c. Here follows a string of distinctions in degrees not recognized by the Craft. Then we hear about Bro. Woodall's schoolboy days, that he attained manhood and the highest distinctions in the gift of his fellow townsmen, and became an alderman, a mayor, and a J.P., and had his portrait painted, and is a yachtsman; and being all these strangely mixed up things he ought to be elected Grand Treasurer of the United Grand Lodge of England. At least, that is my interpretation of the whole circular. I hear that lately post cards have been liberally distributed, asking *how we intend to vote.*

One cannot but admire the great desire of Bro. Woodall to attain the proud position, but are the means so resorted to justified from a Masonic point of view? I think not. Bro. Woodall is unknown to me, and is doubtless a worthy brother, but if he was a party to the issue of such a circular he is evidently not of a modest turn of mind.

Never heed the civic honours, the soldiering and sailoring, nor the several "fancy" degrees. Look only at those in Craft Masonry. They are honourable ones, suitable to be quoted, but not of an extraordinary character; yet enough to entitle a brother to hope for the coveted collar. Still, in fairness, they should not be quoted to the detriment of any other brother nominated to the office. Each have an equal right, from their Masonic rank and services, to expect success, but I hold that Bro. Willing is, in one respect, the most deserving of support because, quite as anxious, he has not distributed broadcast such printed matter, and, if I am rightly informed, post cards, by way of advertisement. He does now, as he has always done, liberally support our Charities, and devotes a vast amount of his time to the interests of our Institutions, and therefore I trust when the votes are taken that Bro. Willing will find that his unobtrusive conduct has not been the means of causing his friends to forget his virtues. That, in spite of the threatened invasion of Grand Lodge on the night of the election next Wednesday by hundreds and hundreds of Yorkshire brethren, Bro. Willing may be successful; or, if beaten, that the majority may not be the large one the supporters of Bro. Woodall boast of being able to obtain. A point has been made by the latter of the unfairness of again electing a London brother to the Grand Treasurership, and they urge that it is only right that a Provincial brother should, each alternate year, have the honour, but here they argue in Bro. Willing's favour, *for the present Grand Treasurer is a Provincial brother.*

All I need say in conclusion is, that I hope the best man will win, and that the unostentatious conduct of Bro. Willing will not affect his chances of success amidst the very unusual clamour, tom toms, and advertisements of the advancing forces from the North.

Yours fraternally,

23rd February 1885. W.M.

ELECTIONEERING TACTICS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The art of puffing has almost grown into a science, and when the work is seriously undertaken by a paper of respectable character, we naturally look for those little subtleties which cover an ulterior purpose, and which disguise the bait intended to be swallowed. Your evening contemporary, now and then given to Masonic meanderings, on Wednesday last scorned all the little arts of deception, and with a courage bordering on recklessness entered the lists as champion of Bro. Willing for the office of Grand Treasurer. I do not know Bro. Willing. I never saw him in my life to my knowledge. I am just as ignorant of the features and character of Bros. Woodall and Cama, yet I cannot believe that the description given by your evening contemporary of the two latter brethren is altogether fair. The sarcasm about the York gathering is no doubt intended to tell in favour of Bro.

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Willing, but the spite against Bro. Woodall is painfully manifest. Would it not have been as well to have said that Bro. Woodall is Provincial Grand Mark Master of North and East Yorkshire, and that even so recently as last July he presided at the Festival in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Mark Grand Lodge, at which was subscribed the largest amount that has ever been contributed? If Bro. Woodall is not quite as generous as the writer referred to would have us believe, he has at least the merit of drawing out the generosity of others.

I do not agree that this fight for the Grand Treasurership is a battle London versus the Provinces, and I do not think much of a brother who would provoke strife by the bare mention of such a possibility, and I certainly cannot refrain from rebuking him for his want of patriotism in doing his worst to bring about a war of classes. Whether Bro. Woodall's friends have gone too far or not in their mode of canvass, I do not know, but it appears to me something like kettle versus pot, for the writer in your contemporary to condemn in others what he himself practises. In his desire to promote the success of Bro. Willing he forgets the respect that is due to others, and uses means that, to say the least, smack of the gutter. If the course pursued by the friends of Bro. Woodall is wrong, then the action of Bro. Willing's friends is alike condemned, and as Bro. Cama seems to have imitated neither, he stands out as the champion of purity of election and of good taste. I think the best thing the brethren can do on Wednesday next is to elect Bro. Cama, and thus scotch the too obtrusive action of some of our Provincial brethren, and snub the pretensions of a select few in the metropolis whose aim it is to rule the roost. "A plague o' both your houses," say I. There is one sentence in the article to which I am alluding that puzzles me. It is as follows: "Few Masons have done more to carry out the high social teachings of the Order than Bro. Willing." "*High social teachings!*" What are they? Do they belong to the Lodge room or to the banqueting hall? If to the former, all we can say is, that Bro. Willing's fame as a teacher has not reached far; if to the latter, then we have too much of that kind of teaching already.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

ALEX.

"THE GREAT LIGHT."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your issue of Saturday last appears a very beautiful extract from the "Masonic Home Journal," setting forth what the Light of lights defines. To give the exact words will be advisable. They are recorded thus: "The Bible, that great Light and Guide defines" (True religion and undefiled.) To visit the widow and fatherless in their affliction, and keep yourselves "unspotted from the world. ." I will now deviate a little, and return to the subject after a few words. Some little time since I was in the West of England, and sought admission to a Masonic Lodge. Business had caused me to be late, and the Lodge was at work. After due examination I was admitted; prior to entering, not discovering the degree in which the work was progressing in a way in which you generally ascertain the same, I inquired, and was told that upon entering I should find what I required in the West. I there saw "The Great Light," supporting those implements which are to regulate our actions and keep us in due bounds with all mankind, &c. These three lights, directed me to the class of work going, and I acted in accordance. A pedestal set apart for the support of so great a light did indeed appear to me the correct thing; so hallowed a book as the V. of S.L. should have nothing near it of a mean order. I have seen it before occupying such an exalted position, but in how many Lodges do we see it covered up with missives, correspondence, and accounts, which have to be passed from the Secretary to the Worshipful Master to be signed in open Lodge? To "owe no man anything" is a Divine command, but I do not think it was ever intended that "the Great Light" should be used as a support or platform for the Master of the Lodge to attest the correctness of an account by appending his signature. No. That sacred volume was intended as a support for higher aspirations. To cover it up reminds me of the candle hid under a bushel. My time is fully occupied. Perhaps some learned Masonic orators or students will give their opinions.

Yours fraternally,

A BUCKINGHAMSHIRE APPRENTICE.

Miss Marie Davis, a *debutante*, made her appearance at Her Majesty's Theatre, on Monday night. The song "Ruth" was artistically rendered by her; it was loudly applauded and deservedly encored.

COAST DEFENCES OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Port Jackson, Newcastle, and Botany Bay, the three most important points, from a military point of view, on the New South Wales coast, have been formidably strengthened, according to the most approved appliances of modern warfare, and there are now about 60 pieces of heavy ordnance mounted, besides others on their way to the Colony, and exclusive also of batteries of position, consisting of 40 pr. B. L. Armstrong guns and field batteries of 16 pr. M.L.R. guns. The torpedo defences are also upon a formidable scale, and every arrangement has been made for the prompt and effective disposition of these terrible weapons, so as, in case of active hostilities, to form a complete barricade across the harbours of Port Jackson and Newcastle. Other fortifications are in course of preparation.

ELECTION OF THE GRAND TREASURER OF FREEMASONS.

FROM THE EVENING NEWS.

GREAT excitement prevails amongst the members of the Masonic Brotherhood, and, if we are to believe well-authenticated rumours, next Wednesday will see the largest gathering ever assembled within the mystic portals of the Hall in Great Queen-street. To the uninitiated this untoward commotion may savour somewhat of a storm in a teacup, but we are assured by those who should know, that the matter is one of extraordinary importance. The Grand Treasurer, it seems, has little or nothing to do, and incurs a responsibility which is merely nominal, but, on the other hand, the honour belonging to the office is almost the only distinction which the Craft at large has the power to bestow by its suffrages. The battle in the present instance, if we are informed aright, is to be London *versus* the Provinces, and it will be fought out to the bitter end. We hear of special trains from York and Liverpool, and it is expected that the Hall will be besieged at an early hour by a compact mass of north-country Masters and Past Masters in eager if somewhat undignified haste to support by vote and voice the candidate of their choice. All this is fair enough, for the overflow meetings will accommodate the London brethren, and we presume due care will be taken that every Mason within the four corners of the building shall have an opportunity of exercising his privileges. A circular issued by the Committee of the Prov. candidate is, we believe, a very different matter. Although the vote is to be recorded by secret ballot, each brother is asked to give his assurances and state his choice by prepaid post card, and an attempt is thus made to unduly influence the opinion of each individual elector. This proceeding will, if we are rightly informed, give rise to some serious protests, and may possibly involve the nullity of the election. We shall hear a good deal more about Masonic electioneering next Wednesday, and we fear a Masonic Corrupt Practices Act must shortly find a place in Masonic jurisprudence. The candidates are three in number, but only two can be regarded as serious competitors, viz., Bro. Woodall, of Scarborough, and Bro. James Willing jun., of London. Bro. Cama, of Bombay, is practically unknown to Masonic fame, but we are told that his father has built a hospital, and that he has himself given £300 in his wife's name to the Masonic Charities. Major Woodall is a wealthy Yorkshire banker, and knows how to exercise in a very high degree the traditional hospitality of that ancient shire. The brethren of the Mark Degree who visited York last summer will not easily forget the reception which awaited them, and it was evidently an oversight when the visitors were first asked to pay a penny for admission to the banquet-room, and then, in many instances, to purchase the tickets which entitled them to share in the entertainment itself. When some Whytehead of the future comes to tell the story of modern Yorkshire Masonry, not the least remarkable or the least interesting page will be that which hands down to posterity the details of Bro. Woodall's unostentatious munificence in the matter of providing the regalia for his Grand Mark Lodge, an instance of rare Masonic disinterestedness which his detractors fail to rightly appreciate. If the Grand Treasurer had any longer to keep a tight hold on the purse-strings of Grand Lodge, there could be little doubt of the singular fitness of Major Woodall for the office. Unfortunately for the Craft, however, the fiduciary functions once attached to the post have ceased to exist. Except as far as these memorable visits to York are concerned, nobody in London knows anything of Bro. Woodall, but there is probably no Metropolitan Mason who is not more or less acquainted with James Willing. Few Masons are more popular, and few have done more to carry out the high social teachings of the Order than Bro. Willing. He has already made his mark in the Board of General Purposes, and has undoubtedly a prosperous Masonic career before him. He has *not* asked the London brethren to guarantee him their suffrages by return of post, nor have his friends set forth his many qualifications in a pompous prospectus. He never has, nor ever will, attempt to vie with Major Woodall in the exercise of the virtue of hospitality. We hope the brethren of London will resist as one man the threatened combination of special trains, return post-cards, specious circulars, and hall-packing, and give their utmost support to the genial brother they have known so long and so favourably, and who is fighting their battle at the present moment against such formidable odds. The London brethren should resist all attempts to introduce class considerations into Masonic elections, and they can only effectually do so by assembling next Wednesday in such force as will ensure, beyond a doubt, the election of James Willing as Grand Treasurer of England.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the Members of the King Harold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1327, at the Four Swans, Waltham Cross, Herts, next Saturday, 7th March. Bro. John Robinson W.M., Reilly S.W., Lewis J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Bickle, Searle, Middlehurst, Reilly, Davis, Lewis, and Sproat. Second Lecture—Bros. Rogers, Noyes, Gilbert, Robinson, and Fisher. Third Lecture—Bros. Hanchet, Wyatt, and Etherington. Brethren to appear in Masonic clothing. The proceedings will commence at five o'clock. A banquet will take place at eight p.m. Tickets 3s. Bro. A. H. Hanchet Secretary.

The ceremony of Installation of Principals will be rehearsed in the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, at the White Hart, Aldchurch Lane, E.C., on the 10th March next, at 5.30 p.m. Comp. Brown, the Preceptor of the Chapter, will occupy 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, 28th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 2nd 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.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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 Barlett 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. 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-Moors
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
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
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
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1928—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
1442—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1510—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
1977—Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Malden.

R.A. 108—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
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

TUESDAY, 3rd MARCH.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
65—Constitutional, Pedlar's 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.
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
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, 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, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
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)
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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
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)
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1260—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1330—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1513—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1813—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, Manchester

R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
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. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 4th MARCH.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lizard, 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)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, at (Inst)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, 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)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Parliament-court, Middlesex, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 594 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1691—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer S., Westminster, at 7.30 (I.)
1692—Battersea Park, Clarence, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creation, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In).

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Aldersgate, Restaurant, at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
M.M. Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolt-street, Bury, Lancashire
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Deaton
274—Tranquillity, Bour's Head Inn, New Church, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
294—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Wintworth.

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387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
625—Deronshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
676—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1276—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
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1383—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth

R.A. 200—Old Globe, Londesborough Rooms, Scarborough
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 369—Limeston Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 5th MARCH.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst).
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate

R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

34—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
125—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
508—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
798—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
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, Totnham, 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
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecoushire
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 6th MARCH.

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
708—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
740—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1345—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1427—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, 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, 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
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
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

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

BY far the most numerously attended meeting of Grand Lodge since the memorable gathering at the Albert Hall, on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, took place on Wednesday, the cause of the special attendance being the interest taken in the election of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. Considerably over twelve hundred brethren were present,—if we may judge from the number of votes recorded when the ballot for Treasurer was taken, the actual total was 1252, but we are aware that some of those who attended did not record their opinion, while generally we feel that the arrangements for the ballot will prevent anything like a definite idea being formed upon such a basis as the figures referred to. Of course we need hardly say that the attendance was far in advance of what could be accommodated in the Masonic Temple. Indeed, the whole of the available space in Freemasons' Hall was called into requisition, and even then the several rooms were inconveniently crowded. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M. P., Provincial Grand Master Hants and Isle of Wight, presided in Grand Lodge, and was supported by a large number of Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers, among them being Lord Cremorne S.G.W., Alderman R. N. Fowler, M.P., J.G.W., H. B. Marshall Grand Treasurer, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Thomas Fenn President of Board of General Purposes, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, E. E. Wendt Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, Baron De Ferrieres, M.P., and F. Davison Senior Grand Deacons, J. S. Eastes and E. Letchworth Junior Grand Deacons, Horace Jones Grand Superintendent of Works, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) P.G.W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, A. Richards Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, Griffith Smith Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, Major E. Locock Grand Sword Bearer, James H. Matthews and Lieuteant Colonel Samuel E. Taylor Grand Standard Bearers, E. M. Lott Grand Organist, H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, and Henry Garrod Assistant Grand Pursuivant.

The minutes of the last Communication having been confirmed, the election of Grand Master for the ensuing year was proceeded with. Bro. F. H. Goldney P.P.S.G.W. Wilts proposed the re-election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. He had been entrusted with the privilege of proposing His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for re-election as Grand Master, and did so with the fullest confidence that the proposal would meet with the hearty and unanimous approbation of the Craft. It was of great advantage to a society like Freemasonry—so large and influential, and composed of men of every class and of all countries—that it should be ruled over by one who in his own person united exalted rank, sound judgment, and ability, which commanded respect and admiration; one who, unswayed by political motives, and uninfluenced by religious faction, might be above the thoughts of envy, and beyond the reach of rivalry. Such a one had been the Prince of Wales. Born to reign over a great empire and a loyal people, he had yet more intimately attached himself to his future subjects by the bonds of Freemasonry. The eleven years of His Royal Highness's Grand Mastership will be for all time distinguished by the unprecedented increase in the Craft, both as regards numbers and social status, and also by the extraordinary benevolence of the brethren, who, during that period, contributed to the three principal Masonic Charities upwards of £350,000, ample proof, if any were needed, of the beneficial effects of the most excellent rule of the Prince of Wales. Bro. Dr. Paul P.M. 46 seconded the proposition. He would merely say that His Royal Highness had done great service to the Craft. Masonry had flourished under the auspices of the Prince of Wales, who had done his best to promote its interests. The acting Grand Master then put the proposition to Grand Lodge, and His Royal Highness was unanimously elected. In due course he was proclaimed Grand Master by Bro. Sir Albert Woods. The next item of business—the election of Grand Treasurer—was now proceeded with. The names of three candidates nominated at the last Communication—Bro. D. P. Cama, Bro. J. Willing, and Bro. J. Woodall—being formally submitted to the brethren, scrutineers were appointed, the balloting papers collected, and the work of counting the votes commenced. Meanwhile the report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which were recommendations for grants of £50, £100, £50, £50, £80, £50, and £100 respectively was adopted, as was also that of the Board of General Purposes (both reports were given in our last issue). In reference to this letter, Brother Thomas Fenn, the President of the Board, in moving its adoption, said that the only matter in the report which required a resolution of Grand Lodge was that which referred to the suspension of Lodges and the effect of that suspension on the rights and privileges of the individual members of the Lodges suspended. Hitherto it was held that the suspension of a Lodge included all the members of the Lodge. This was abundantly proved by the reports of Grand Lodge and the minutes of the Board of General Purposes, but as this interpretation was not always followed, it was attended with great difficulties, and in some cases with great injustice. It had become the practice for brethren to belong to more Lodges than one, and it might happen that a brother fully and actively engaged in a Lodge or on a Committee of one of the Masonic Charities might find himself suspended from all his Masonic functions because he happened to belong to a distant Lodge; one which he rarely attended or in which he took any active part. It had been suggested that while suspension should attach to all the other members of the Lodge those who belonged to other Lodges should be excepted. This was unjust, because in many cases the penalty would fall on those who were comparatively innocent, while those who had been doing wrong might escape. The Board had therefore considered it would be far better to interpret the suspension of a Lodge as the suspension of its warrant, thus preventing the Lodge from meeting or performing any Masonic functions while those brethren for whose wrongdoing the Lodge had been suspended should be dealt with individually. Grand Lodge was not called upon to make a new law, but to adopt an interpretation of an existing one which was suggested by the Board of General Purposes. As we have already said, the report was adopted. The report of the Special Building Committee (also published in our last issue) was then submitted. Sir John B. Monckton, Chairman of the Building Committee, moved its adoption; Brother Raynham W. Stewart seconded, and the report—involving a grant of £800—was adopted. The Auditors' report was passed, and then the appeals

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—as given last week—were considered, The first and second were dismissed as frivolous and vexatious; the third was allowed, with a direction that there should be communicated to the D.G.M. the reason—that the brother censured was not called upon to explain. The fourth appeal was also allowed, with an addendum that the District Grand Master thought he was doing his duty, and wished to regard the supreme authority of Grand Lodge.

The announcement of the result of the poll for Grand Treasurership was then made, the following being the return of the Scrutineers:—

For Bro. John Woodall	749	votes
„ „ James Willing jun.	424	„
„ „ D. P. Cama	89	„

The acting Grand Master having declared Brother Woodall duly elected, a protest was handed in on behalf of Bro. Willing, but this was not entertained, the acting Grand Master stating that he had declared Bro. Woodall elected. Grand Lodge was then formally closed.

BACKSLIDING AND BIGOTRY.

FREEMASONRY, according to its enemies, is in the unenviable position of being "between the Devil and the deep sea." The expurgation of the cardinal landmark of the Order—the name of God—on the one hand, and the curses of the Pope of Rome and his satellites on the other, seem to give colour to the supposition that before very long either his Satanic majesty will claim his own, or that the Craft will be hurled into oblivion, never again to emerge to corrupt mankind, and to trouble Holy Mother Church. If curses and misrepresentation could effect either or both these ends Freemasons would long ago have paid the penalty of imputed wickedness. Somehow or other the Fraternity has escaped even the temporary punishment inflicted upon that famous Jackdaw which the humorous Barham has immortalised, notwithstanding that candle, bell and book have been freely used in bitter denunciation. They refuse to yield to curses, to even moult a feather; they object to enforced obscurity, and defy the ignorance and malignity of their assailants, as strongly as they regret the backsliding of their French brethren. Unlike the poor bird of the legend, they have escaped visible chastisement, but instead of being accounted "pious" as the reward of restitution, they are damned for their perversity. Still they flourish, in happy ignorance of an impending doom, and are greater stumbling-blocks than ever to tyranny of every kind.

At the present time cowans are taking a peculiar interest in Freemasonry, and it must be confessed that much that is now taking place, both at home and on the Continent, is calculated to attract the gaping multitude. There is the eccentric conduct of M. Andrieux, a French Radical Deputy, formerly Prefect of Police at Paris; a quondam brother, now renegade and slanderer. Then there is the Grand Orient of France, the highest Masonic authority in that country, who declared, in 1877, and has since maintained, that it is not necessary for initiates to affirm their belief in the existence of the Deity. The Grand Lodge of England take a different view, and has broken off intercourse with our French brethren. The Grand Orient do not take their ostracism kindly, and would fain pose as martyrs to English Puritanism. All these matters afford food for scandal, an article that never lacks admirers, and which is as dearly cherished now by the idle and the vicious as ever it was. Sheridan but emphasized the love of slander when he wrote that incomparable play the "School for Scandal." As if to complicate matters, the Roman Catholic Church comes down with its anathemas against all secret societies, and especially signals out Freemasonry as the object of its bitter and vindictive assaults. The situation, therefore, is not only interesting, but is pregnant with grave issues. The mere looker-on, the man who seeks amusement in the entanglement of interests and purposes, will find pleasure in the *imbroglio*. The judicious, who love truth and progress, and not empty demagogisms; those who value simple faith in God and immortality higher than they do the gaudy trappings of an imperious, haughty and persecuting Church, will feel pained at the unholy warfare that is being waged, and will shrink with disgust from the weapons that the enemies of Freemasonry so freely use.

M. Andrieux may be dismissed very briefly. His record is not good. As Prefect of Police he necessarily became possessed of secrets, which he is now disclosing in a newspaper started by himself a short time ago. A man who forgets the obligations of office directly he ceases to hold it can hardly be accounted honourable; but when he uses those secrets to further his own personal ends no language within the bounds of newspaper courtesy is strong enough to denounce such conduct. No wonder need be felt that this same Andrieux is trying to carry on a similar traffic in what are termed the secrets of Freemasonry. He it was who broke up the monasteries in Paris, an act he now condemns. By this means, and by his attacks upon Freemasonry, he has gained some favour with French ecclesiastics. They condone past misconduct with present repentance, and particularly gloat over what they fondly believe to be revelations of the crimes of the Craft. We do not care to disabuse their minds. Any stick is good enough to beat a dog with, and any tool, however foul, seems to be welcome when used by the Roman Catholic Church against Freemasonry. Ignorance is the parent of folly and misunderstanding, and so far as those are concerned whose good opinion we value, we feel we have done enough in laying bare the character of M. Andrieux to secure the Craft from a hasty condemnation. As for secrets, the French renegade can do no harm. He can disclose nothing that cannot be already known without his aid. The knowledge is not worth the seeking, for were the cowan to possess it he could not use it. He would lack the key, which the expert alone holds. These disclosures of M. Andrieux, such as they are, coupled with the omission of the recognition of God by the Grand Orient, has given a handle to the French clerical newspapers. They have some right of complaint against the Craft in France, but none against the Craft in England, at least so far as their attitude to religion is concerned. We are not interested in the subtle distinctions set up by M. Cousin, Grand Master of the Supreme Council of the Grand Orient; we are quite certain that no possible explanation can rid us of the objection we have to the expunging of the name of the Great Architect of the Universe from our ceremonies. The position taken up by the Grand Lodge of England is not open even to discussion, and as our Grand Master has firmly, but courteously declined to re-open the question of the relative positions of the two great bodies, we accept his decision as wise and just.

One of the most extraordinary diatribes ever launched against Freemasonry is the Lenten pastoral lately issued by Dr. Bagshawe, Roman Catholic Bishop of Nottingham. We might here point out that the title the rev. gentleman has assumed is an usurped one. What was once only tolerated has now become a right, only to vanish again some day when the Romish Church shall be seen—as it always has been—the enemy to progress and the tyrant of princes and people. Dr. Bagshawe begins his pastoral by lamenting the alienation of certain funds by the Government of Italy from the Pope, while "so-called Christian Governments" did not think it "worth while to lift a finger in defence of the Supreme Pastor of the Christian flock." When sheep stray, neglect is imputed to the shepherd; and when children forsake their parents, they can generally produce some justification for their conduct. Then we are told that "multitudes deny the very existence of God; many more deny all knowledge of Him. . . . Many deny the immortality of the soul, and a future state of reward and punishments." The consequences of this unbelief are set forth, and among them are—"that marriage has no longer any sanctity; divorces and adulteries are condoned and approved; nay, murder is glorified and becomes heroic." The principal objects of life are "to get rich and to wallow in sensual pleasures;" to destroy and root out "all Christian education of children," with the view of making the rising generation "more immoral and less religious than the ancient pagans themselves." The catalogue of crime is both long and terrible, and it is all owing to those wicked Freemasons. Has not the Pope proclaimed it, and do not his followers take up the parrot cry? The reason for all this wrath and lamentation is not to be found in real sorrow for sin, but in the fact that Freemasonry is hostile to the Romish Church. "Do we not," asks Dr. Bagshawe, "in effect see the hostile movement against the Church and Holy See has grown in extent and importance in proportion as the Freemasons have grown; that the chief and most influential enemies of the Church have been invariably Freemasons,

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and that the Governments which betrayed and persecuted her have been Freemason Governments?" This admission covers the whole ground, and what the Pope is fighting for is his own hand, which is not quite the same thing as absolute truth and right. All the fine phrases about infidelity, immorality, and plunder are used as they affect the Romish Church, and apparently have no wider application. We can forgive much when a foe is driven to desperation, nevertheless it is only prudent to let the world know now and then that the Romish scolds are not altogether the disinterested beings they themselves would make out. Dr. Bagshawe says "the principles of the movements have been consistently avowed and defended in Masonic journals and speeches . . . and the open acts of the society declared its complicity with the evil." We take it that the writer intends these sentences to apply to what follows in reference to the acts alleged to have been committed by French Freemasons from the great Revolution to the present time. We leave our French brethren to defend themselves, as doubtless they are well able to do. For ourselves, we have only pity and contempt for men who forget all the amenities of truth.

We are not left long in doubt as to what Dr. Bagshawe thinks of English Freemasonry. Our French brethren are paid the left-handed compliment of being more open in their evil work than ourselves. Apparently, we are harmless, but really we are the wolf in sheep's clothing, and this is how we have gained this unenviable character. Says our judge: "We do not doubt that a great multitude of English Freemasons would hold such deeds [of the French Revolution] in horror, for it is the avowed principle of Freemasonry to keep always a secret in reserve from its disciples, until its highest grades be reached, so that the three symbolic grades, and even the dignitaries, may easily know little or nothing of what is done and purposed by their superiors in the Order in the higher secret grades." How dreadful! Companions and Knights Templars, what horrors are committed in your names. How do you manage to concoct so much evil, and why, oh why, do you yield your secrets to the Romish Church alone? A little further on Dr. Bagshawe twits the English Freemasons with their inconsistency in contending for the acknowledgment of the name of God while they permit the omission of the name of Christ. The answer is obvious. Craft Freemasonry unites the whole religious world in one bond of Brotherhood, brings them together on one common ground where the bitterness of controversy cannot enter, and where the persecuting priest and the tyrant can find no foothold. The other degrees enlarge the scope of inquiry, while Knights Templary embraces the soldiers of Christ. But this fact will not satisfy Dr. Bagshawe, for according to his theory it is amongst the disciples of the higher degrees of Freemasonry that all the evils he deplores are conceived and matured, from which even the profession of faith in Christ does not save them. In fact no profession except that of belief in the Pope will satisfy this angry Bishop. He gets bolder as he proceeds with his pastoral, and says, "there are abundant proofs that the English and Scotch Masons are one with those on the Continent." He does not furnish any proof, however, but simply refers to the records of Mackey to show that "nearly all the Continental Grand Lodges were established by members of either English or Scotch Lodges." This proves nothing, unless it be the fact that the sire may be good and the progeny sometimes degenerate. Perhaps Dr. Bagshawe could find some apt illustrations of this theory even in Holy Mother Church. Not only is Freemasonry bad in itself, but, urges our authority, "all other secret societies, spreading their deadly poison and ruin to Christian States, are dependents and accomplices, and willing servants and instruments." Then follow warnings and maledictions, and so ends this pastoral of a Christian Bishop to a Christian people.

What a mockery of that Charity which covereth a multitude of sins, which hopeth all things; what a perversion of that spirit of humility which Christ exhibited. What a violation of truth. What can be the object of these Roman Catholic bigots? Surely it may be said of them, those whom the gods wished to destroy they first drove made. Silence would best become them if they do not wish the shame and sin of ages to be laid bare. With such a record,—written in blood, lighted with consuming flame, conceived in tyranny and carried into execution with barbarity — we marvel at the temerity of Romish advocates. Let the past go; a modern instance or two will show that the old Adam is still alive. We are accused of being the accomplices of murder. We deny the charge, and hurl it back in the teeth of the Romish Church. We point to Ireland, where the priests have held unquestionable sway and power for generations, and we ask—What is the record there? We are told that the Government of Italy robbed the Church, but we are not informed that the head of the Government counted his kingly dignity of small moment compared with his high sense of justice, that he voluntarily offered himself as a witness in a common court of law that right might be done. And is it not on record that this same king risked his life among the poor cholera patients that he might lend succour and strength to the sufferers? We might multiply these suggestive comparisons, we might take the war into the enemy's country with powerful effect, but we have said enough to expose slanderers and correct misrepresentations. As Masons we are indifferent to the fulminations of Papal priests, but as citizens we repudiate them.

THE THEATRES.

THE PRINCESS'S.

THE play of "Junius, or the Household Gods," by the late Lord Lytton, presented by Mr. Barrett on Thursday week, for the first time on any stage, is a tragedy in the highest sense of the word. It relies in no way for its interest on well-drilled crowds, startling effects or clever theatrical situations. It is simple, intense, and powerful,—as the old classic tragedies. We feel that fate is dogging the steps of the wrongdoer. The prophecy of the Sibyl, who announces that only with the destruction of the household gods shall vengeance awake and false Sextus' doom be sealed. Our interest is in the development of the human emotions made living by the poet's words, as uttered in thrilling accents that hold us spell-bound. There have been many tragedies on the theme of the Tarquins' fall—some making the assumed madness of Junius the centre of interest. Howard Payne's culminated in the intensely dramatic crisis where Junius condemns his own sons to death as adherents of the Tarquins. Lord Lytton avoids temptation to melodramatic points. It may, perhaps, be regretted he has so slightly indicated the disloyalty of the sons of Brutus, thus foregoing the opportunity for the display of most poignant passion on the part of their patriotic father. Seeing it, however, as it is, we hesitate to wish it otherwise. The mounting is magnificent, not that we are impressed at once by its costliness, but the Rome through which Horatius went forth to meet Lars Porsena seems actually summoned from the past, with its temples, palaces, and towers; its humbler streets, and the life that filled the city in the brave days of old. The curtain rises on a street scene, with a distant view of the city. Here a group of conspirators are assembled; they are presently joined by Junius, whose simulated idiotcy is not made too prominent a feature by Mr. Barrett. No grander figure than this Junius—with his pale, classic face, white hair and white robe—has trod the stage in our generation. The Tarquin gens was of Greek origin, and Mr. Willard, as Sextus, has marked the difference of race in his manner and bearing. It is a fine scene where Sextus enters, with his rose-crowned companions; breaks up the meeting of the conspirators, and mocks the patriot Junius, who is biding his time to avenge his own and his country's wrongs. A most pleasant surprise was afforded the audience by the entrance of Miss Eastlake, who has endowed Lucretia with all the calm dignity befitting the typical martyr of matron purity. The second scene brings us to Tarquin's palace, where Sextus makes the bet with Collatinus, despite Junius' effort to prevent it. Mr. Willard gave a fine picture here of the reckless tyrant, as he lolls on the triclinium whilst his slaves sing, to the accompaniment of the citabo. Here Mr. Neville Doone's "Nonsense! Yes, by Jove!" is certainly out of place, and should be reformed. The scene that follows it is one of the most impressive in the play. It is night, and among lofty pine trees lie the ruined pillars of the temple of Romulus, the moss-grown altar still standing. Here Junius is met by Vindex, the trusted slave and spy of Sextus, who has been ordered to kill the dangerous madman. Vindex is disarmed, and his life spared; whereupon he swears devotion to Junius. Here also a group of conspirators meet to discuss their plans, but they scornfully refuse the proffered adherence of Junius, who is left alone, to muse on the misery of his country. It is then the weird sybil emerges from the rocks, and foretells the downfall of Tarquin, when the measure of his iniquities is full, and the household gods are shattered. The third act passes in Lucretia's home. The curtain rises on a lofty hall; it is late evening, the lamps burn dimly; the fire flickers on the hearth, round which stand the tutelary lares. Lucretia sits with her maidens beguiling her husband's absence—

"As she plied the distaff,
In a sweet voice and loud she sang."

Sextus enters and claims a night's shelter. Lovely Lucretia looks, in her long soft drapery and Roman coiffure of tendril curls. He offers her love. "Her husband may be divorced, and she, as Tarquin's wife, shall be Queen of Rome." His offer scorned, he professes it was but made to prove her supreme virtue. Then, with troubled mind, she commends him to the care of her slaves, and retires. Here the most difficult part of the play has to be encountered. The desired end is, however, achieved by a fine inspiration of the author. The horror is acutely realised, but with no word or cry. Tarquin glides from his chamber to seek Lucretia's, and as he approaches the

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threshold of her chamber the moonlight sky, seen through the open door, grows black, and from the clouds a lightning flash strikes the hearthstone, and the household gods lay shattered amid its ruins. Sextus's own doom is sealed. The scene in the fourth act, where Lucretia summonses her kinsmen to hear the recital of her wrongs, and avenge her, gives a fine opportunity to the actress, and Miss Eastlake held her audience spell-bound by her icy agony. This lady has a most trying and difficult task in the long address to her kinsmen, but she spoke it with the tragic intensity befitting the anguish of the moment, yet with a self-repression and restrained passion worthy of all praise. Here Junius throws off all disguise, and, in a magnificent address, calls on his kinsmen and Lucretia's to do justice on Tarquin. We could have wished Collatinus had displayed more emotion, or that the kinsmen, as they listen to Lucretia, would exhibit more natural pity and horror. Act 5 takes us again to the palace of Tarquin. In the audience hall stands the gold throne, high on its marble dais. The roof is hidden by splendid velaria, draped from the Corinthian capitals. Sextus, pale and conscience-stricken, sits on the throne. He appeals for advice to his soothsayer, Sophronion (Mr. Dewhurst), but is met with scorn; for help to his guards, who mock him. News comes of revolt in the city, when a cry of "Room for the household gods!" is heard. The bronze gates are thrown open, and Lucretia's lifeless form is brought in. Sextus would escape, but is dragged up the marble steps by Junius, and stabbed at the foot of the throne. The curtain fell amid universal and most enthusiastic applause. Each principal actor was summoned by name, and Mr. Wilson Barrett had to return again and again, and still the house seemed unwilling to part with one to whom they owe so much. We cannot close our notice without a cordial recognition of the singularly fine presentment of Vindex, the Eastern slave, played with an Eastern fervour and barbaric force by Mr. Hudson. It is a remarkable creation. Miss Leighton as the Sybil, a small part, has yet fine opportunity to display her impressive elocutionary powers. Her stately presence is of great value. Mr. Speakman as the captain of the guard played with that sincerity and force which always distinguishes him. We regret we cannot praise Mr. Clifford Cooper, who, as the Roman patrician Lucretius, was certainly neither Roman nor patrician in voice or bearing. Lucretius should for no moment forget his dignity of caste and race. He should be, above all things, a Roman noble. In Lucretia's dishonour, not his heart alone but the altars of his ancestors have been outraged. The music, composed and arranged by Mr. Jones, is in excellent taste, a mere undercurrent of melody, never obtrusive, it often intensifies the feeling of the spoken words.

HAYMARKET.

THE revival of "Masks and Faces," at the Haymarket, last Saturday, was welcomed with an enthusiasm that few successful "first nights" could excel. "The calm that marks the caste" of orchestra stalls and balcony vanished at the touch of that sweet womanly pathos, with fleeting lights of smiles and tears, when Peg Woffington is the arch enchantress. Pocket-handkerchiefs were in requisition all over the house, however skilfully dissembled. Mrs. Bancroft played her part with the old charm and freshness; surely we can give no higher praise. Mr. Bancroft gave his carefully-finished study of the gentle-hearted starveling poet. His interview with Lady Vane, when he struggles with his famished longing for the tempting biscuits, was indicated with artistic delicacy. Mr. Bancroft has so rarely trusted himself to a portrayal of the stronger emotions that his rendering of Triplet has the greater claim on our hearty recognition. Miss Calhoun was at her best as Lady Vane; she looked the girl-wife to perfection, and acted with a most pleasant sincerity. Messrs. Kemble and Brookfield are excellent actors, but are too much given to accentuate all they touch. It is a pleasure to welcome Mr. Wyatt into the world of high comedy. His Soaper proves he may soon win an assured position.

ROYALTY.

CROWDED houses and the box-office returns might prove M. Mayer has been well advised to revive "Niniche" for Mme. Jane May's second visit to us, that charming young lady taking the title part. The scene opens, as our readers doubtless know, at Tronville, and no further than Dean-street we may enjoy the fun and the absurdities of life on the sands. In these dull foggy days the sight of the bean baigneur Gregoire (M. Colombey) inspires one with breezy cheerfulness. Colombey is at his best in the part, his professional pride, his ambition to possess the red ribbon. He finds no consolation in his own medals—"any fool would pull a drowning man out of the water, but you can't get the Legion of Honour by doing anything." He is terribly troubled by the adoration of his fair clients, but ambition fills his soul. There is a Count Corniski and his lovely wife staying at the hotel, and through the Countess Gregoire hopes to secure his decoration. She appears very lovely, girlish and innocent, as presented to us by Mme. May. This is surely not "Niniche" the impertinent minx to whom Mdlle. Judic introduced us. This is a refined and pure-hearted young lady, who for mere gaiety of heart is playing at being a something she knows nothing about. We have not Niniche, but we have that which is so much better and brighter and pleasanter; we scarcely think one in the audience could have wished a more realistic interpretation. She gives us something quite other than Messieurs Hennequin and Millaud intended in their heroine. A Rosalind—not with a spear, in the forest of Arden—but still under the necessity of dissembling in this preposterous world of pantomime in which she has lost her way. As Mr. Pigott does not object, why should we cry fie? And then the play undoubtedly is immensely funny; the acting so bright, brisk, and spontaneous, one has no time to stop to criticise. Didier, as the solemn, severely proper, bald-headed Polish Count, makes a splendid portrait of a diplomatist; Madame Rioquier as the lively friend of Niniche is excellent. Our ever-welcome Schey is delightful as the benevolent confidant, who is brought to dire straits by his cheerful trustfulness. Mme. Lion as the femme de chambre is the perfection of pertness and piquancy. Mme. Santa in a very small part, Courdier, Debray, and Rioquier all giving efficient aid in the neat finish of the picture. The colouring is surely excellent—would only the draughtsmanship of the authors were a little less école Régence.

GAIETY.

THROUGH the fictitious sentimentalism and dull factiousness of multitudinous Matinées, the genuine fun and wholesome laughter of our old friend "London Assurance" gave us last Thursday most welcome relief. The play is a little old fashioned perhaps, as some old college chum returning from long absence in regions where ozone is plentiful; but with lively Helen Barry as Lady Gay, and William Farren as Courtley, the old fashioned flavour makes it no less pleasant. Mr. Herbert was agreeable, and the rest of the cast were efficient.

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Miss Minnie Bell, a clever emotional actress from the provincial stage, has introduced "A Fair Sinner" to the London public. This is described as an original drama, by W. Appleton, but it strangely suggests a consommé of some very weak French romance:—A scowling husband, an idiotic father, an undecided lover and a lady with the usual "aching heart" are the chief characters, but they were so cleverly played they almost seemed possible. There is one very dramatic situation, where the husband (Mr. Macdona) forces the lover (Mr. Rosier) to play écarté, with their lives as the stake. This roused even a matinée audience to enthusiasm. Mr. Giddens as a cockney millionaire was delightful, in vivacious Foker style. The Hon. Member for Easthampton was in a private box, and seemed much entertained by Secretary Baffin's tribulations.

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Though the favourite Blue-beard still proves attractive Mr. Burnand's "Mazeppa" is, we learn, in active rehearsal. It is to be produced at an early date.

STRAND.

THE members of the St. Swithin's Amateur Dramatic Club gave an excellent performance of "Caste," on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, at the Royal Strand Theatre. The band, conducted by Mr. Max Schröter, played a good selection of music. The parts of the Hon. George D'Alroy and Capt. Hawtree were taken by Messrs. W. F. Lee and R. C. Lochlein. Mr. E. C. Silverthorne, the stage manager, took that of Eccles, and he pourtrayed the drunken father carefully. Mr. J. W. Williams also did well as Sam Gerridge. The Misses Effie Liston and Cora Stuart took the parts respectively of Esther and Polly Eccles, and the latter kept the audience amused with her jokes and trickery in making the haughty Captain her slave. Mr. Gaston Murray (by permission of Messrs. Hare and Kendal) appeared as the Marquise de St. Maur, and Mr. G. G. McCulloch as Dixon. The acting was admirable throughout, while the dresses and scenery were everything that could be desired.

THE GRAND.

THREE years ago Miss Litton, whose early death has been so great a loss, first introduced "Mankind" to a West End audience, and the West End playgoer learnt that in London, unknown to its Middlesex population, an actor could be found with power sufficient to almost congeal the blood in the veins of his audience, and capable of displaying intensity of passion such as Robson of the old days or Irving at the present time alone could command. Mr. George Conquest's Daniel Groodge, the centenarian miser and murderer, is a Rembrandt portrait that might hang by the side of Daddy Hardacre or Matthias and lose no tone of its grand colouring. Unhappily Mr. Conquest returned to the unknown land on the other side of the artistic Rubicon, though many whom he had fascinated by his weird power have since made pilgrimages across the Thames. We rejoice, however, to be able to say he has brought the same drama to the Grand, where he is delighting large audiences. Mr. Conquest is supported by a capable company; especially we must commend his "masher" miscreant, Mr. Nye, while we cannot too highly praise the delightful delicacy, tenderness, and unaffected pathos of Miss Amy MacNeil, who, in the part of the heroine, may bear comparison with our recollections of Miss Litton. We hear Miss MacNeil has accepted an engagement at Drury Lane, and we heartily congratulate Mr. Harris on his good fortune. Next Monday Mr. George Conquest will make his appearance as Zacky Pastrana in "For Ever."

Bro. Dr. Whalley, M.A., and Bro. Jules Reichet, D.C.L., had the honour to give recitals from Shakespeare on Friday, 20th ult., before a distinguished assembly, at a drawing-room conversazione given at Windsor. Holding high honours and orders, both English and Continental, these gentlemen take high rank as Shakesperian exponents, both in England and France. The beautiful passages from "As you like it," "Romeo and Juliet," "Midsummer Night's Dream," and "Much ado about nothing," given by Mons. Jules Reichet, formed a pleasant contrast to the selections from "Macbeth," "Hamlet," "Othello," "Richard III.," &c., given by Dr. Whalley. The beauty and pathos of one, along with the force and polish of the other, produced a good effect, and ringing cheers greeted each. On Saturday both gentlemen were engaged in a work of charity, for the benefit of institutions connected with destitute women and girls of London, in which an especial interest is taken and high patronage given by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and other members of the Royal Family.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

A REGULAR meeting was held on the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. Martin W.M., Dewsnap P.M. S.W., Wall J.W., Lazarus P.M. Secretary, Lyon Treasurer, Lion S.D., Davis I.G., Van Noorden Organist, Dodson P.M. D.C., P.M.'s Alexander, Myers, Levy, Baker. Visitors—Inwards 1320, Hooper 1320, Jacobs P.P.G.P. Essex, Lichtenfeld 205, Lyon 185. After preliminaries, Bro. Bendit was raised. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Thomas and Marks, who were duly initiated into the Order. The ceremonies were excellently rendered by the W.M. A notice of motion, given by Bro. Levy P.M., that in future the Lodge, in electing an honorary member shall qualify him as a fully subscribing member, was carried. Lodge was then closed, the brethren sat down to a very excellent supper, provided by Bro. Dawkins, and superintended by Bro. Silver. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Alexander P.M. responded to the toast of the Benevolent Fund, and then proposed the health of the W.M., paying him a just compliment for his excellent working. The absence of the I.P.M. was deplored, as it was caused by indisposition. The W.M. made an appropriate response. Bro. Dodson acknowledged the toast of the P.M.'s, and Bros. Marks and Thomas the toast of the Initiates. The latter brother made an excellent speech. The Visitors, the Wardens, the Treasurer, Secretary and Junior Officers were also honoured. Bros. Baker P.M. and Laundy contributed to the harmony.

UNITED PILGRIMS' LODGE, No. 507.

WITH the annual election meeting, which was held at the Bridge House Hotel, on the evening of Thursday, the 22nd ult., Bro. H. E. Joyce, editor of the *Shipping Gazette*, brought to an eminently successful termination his two consecutive years of office as Worshipful Master of this old and vigorous Lodge. Bro. Joyce's interest in the Lodge of his adoption has all along been exemplified in the most practical form, for besides infusing into its membership many of his personal friends, in the City and in the Lewisham district, where he resides and is well-known, both in public and private life; he has stimulated the brethren to a keen sense of their duties and obligations respecting the Masonic Charities. These qualities were so appreciated during his first year of office that on the expiration of his term, the brethren unanimously decided upon paying him a compliment which falls to the lot of very few Masons, namely, to re-elect him to the chair. The expectations that were then formed respecting his retention of the office have been fully realised during the year, and the admirable services rendered by Bro. Joyce to the Lodge by whom he has been so honoured, and deservedly so, were amply recognised on the occasion to which we refer. Lodge was opened at five o'clock, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. E. Blake S.W., Terry P.M. acting as J.W., Peters P.M. Secretary, Wiltshire S.D., Noakes J.D., Worsfold W.S., Sharman C.S., Jordan Organist, Harrison Tyler. The other Past Masters present were Bros. Watts, Cooper and Beckley; and amongst the Visitors were Bros. Bing P.M. 1597, Sindall P.M. 1293, Skelton P.M. 1056, Breton P.M. 788, Williams S.D. 788, Abbott P.M. 192, Winnett 1397, Bennett 1415, Watson 73, Dodson 1397, Pickering 11, and others. Ancient formalities having been observed, and the minutes of previous Lodge confirmed, a ballot was opened for Mr. Marshall, who had been nominated by Bro. Peters P.M. and Secretary, and seconded by Bro. Blake S.W. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Marshall was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the ceremony being performed in perfect manner by the Worshipful Master. Bro. Cockell, having answered the questions satisfactorily, was entrusted, and on his return to the Lodge he was passed to the second degree; after which Lodge was advanced to the third, and Bro. Edgar was raised to the sublime degree, all the work being done by the Worshipful Master in impressive manner and with Preceptor-like ability. Notwithstanding the formidable character of the agenda, Bro. Joyce elected to carry through the whole of the rites unaided, and it is no empty compliment to him to say his working afforded considerable edification, as well as pleasure, to all present. The brethen then proceeded to the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and the choice fell unanimously on Bro. Blake, who had ably discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair during the past twelve months. Bro. Blake suitably returned thanks for the unanimous vote of the brethren, and said as it had afforded him great pleasure to do his duty in the office he now filled, so would it be his pride and pleasure, while in the chair, to conduct the affairs of the Lodge to the satisfaction of the brethren. Bro. Grellett P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison Tyler. An Audit Committee was appointed, of the whole Lodge, and the meeting was fixed for Thursday, 12th inst., at 5.30 p.m., when the revised Bye-laws of the Lodge will be considered. A petition had been received from a distressed brother, and it was resolved to recommend the case to the Board of Benevolence. At the conclusion of business, the brethren and visitors sat down to a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Joyce W.M., who, in genial spirit, conducted the festivities of the evening. The Worshipful Master proposed the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Deputy and Pro Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. Referring to His Royal Highness's intended visit to Ireland, he considered it was a bold step to take, though he questioned if it was well-advised in the present disquiet condition of the sister isle. However, his resolve to go there as a messenger of peace proved that he was possessed of the manliness of heart of a true Englishman and a true Mason. At this stage of the proceedings Bro. Joyce presented to the Lodge a handsomely-bound volume of music, which was accepted with thanks and amidst loud cheers. The Immediate Past Master (Bro. Peters), in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said he could not help being reminded of the autumn evenings, when they watched the setting sun and saw the pristine colours as old Sol disappeared behind the horizon. So it was now with their esteemed Worshipful Master, who was about to vacate the chair of this Lodge as the sun setting in glorious splendour, carrying with him the affection and good feeling of every member of the Lodge. They all felt delighted with what Bro. Joyce had done during the time he had been in office. He had improved the Lodge in many ways, and there could not be a better proof of his affection for it than by his having introduced into the Lodge many of his best personal friends. This was not his mother Lodge, but he certainly regarded it with the affection he might feel towards a step-mother; and although, as they knew, he was about to take an active part in another Lodge, in his own district, they would all rejoice that he would still come amongst them and continue, by his valuable counsel and experience, to uphold the Lodge of his adoption. The Worshipful Master, who was cordially received on rising to reply, thanked the brethren very much for the kind way in which they had received the toast, couched in such friendly terms by his Immediate Past Master. He could only say the two years during which he had filled the chair of this Lodge had been eventful ones to him. He had been exceedingly proud of that position—so proud indeed that there need not be the slightest fear of what Bro. Peters seemed to indicate, namely, that of lessening his interest in this Lodge in behalf of any new one in which he might be interested. They had been reminded that this was the Lodge of his adoption. His mother Lodge, as many present knew, was far too official for him. He was not official at all, and so he joined this Lodge, and no man was ever more devoted to his mother Lodge than he had been to this Lodge of his adoption. That they had felt this was evidenced by their kindness to him during the two years he had occupied the chair, and that kindness had culminated to-night in the very cordial manner in which they had received the mention of his name. He trusted the day might be far distant, not only when he should cease to be a member of this Lodge, but when he should cease to be an active member of it. He knew of certain Past Masters who were so in name only; and though he did not like to speak reproachfully, he regretted there were such Masons. But, turning to a more agreeable subject, he was enabled to speak of Past Masters who did attend, and who were of great and valuable assistance to the Master. He had to thank the Past Masters who were present that evening, and who were ever ready to tender their aid in carrying out any work that he might undertake. His thanks were especially due to the Past Masters for the great help they had been to him during his term of office, without which he could not have carried on the duties to their satisfaction. He also thanked his Officers and the brethren generally for their kind support during his term. He did not suppose that any Master who had preceded him had had such opportunities as had fallen to his lot of initiating members, who had spread so widely the name of the United Pilgrims' Lodge. He had initiated members who were now scattered over the four quarters of the globe, and the United Pilgrims' Lodge had now representatives in China, British Columbia, Canada, the Cape, and Australia. These brethren all retained their names on the roll; and they had recently an exhibition of the love they bore to the Lodge when one who had been initiated in it before going abroad waited until his return to England for the completion of the ceremonies. Two others were looking forward to resuming active membership on their return home from abroad. He hoped the success which had attended him in office would be continued next year, and he had little fear on that head, seeing that one of his chicks was to follow him. He had only one thing to say, and it was this—when Bro. Blake got into the chair he would not have such a capital I.P.M. to prompt him as he (the speaker) had. He should strive to emulate Bro. Peters when he subsided into that chair, and should do his utmost to support the Lodge, for which he wished many years of prosperity, with the same harmony and goodwill that now characterised it. So long as he had health and strength he should not cease to be an active member of the Lodge, That was his intention, and it was the only way in which he could show his appreciation of the great kindness he had received at the hands of the brethren. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Initiate, the toast being warmly received, and Bro. Marshall briefly replied, to the effect that he should endeavour to carry himself as a Mason, an officer, and a gentleman. The next toast was that of the Visitors, to whom the W.M. extended a hearty welcome. Bro. Williams, who was most cordially received, said it was always a great pleasure to Visitors to any Lodge to have the privilege of returning thanks for this toast, and he thought he might say that the visitors to-night shared that pleasure and that privilege. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master elect, said anything that he had himself done to sustain the position of the Lodge would, he felt sure, be continued when Bro. Blake occupied the chair, and that at the expiration of his term of office he would leave the Lodge in as good a position as he found it. Bro. Blake W.M. elect responded in suitable terms. Several other complimentary toasts followed, including the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers of the Lodge, and the proceedings were fittingly concluded with the Tyler's toast. An abundance of good vocal and instrumental music, interspersing the toasts, tended materially to enhance the pleasures of the evening.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723.

THE usual meeting was held on Wednesday, the 25th February, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at 6 o'clock in the evening. Bros. Harwood W.M., John Barrett S.W., Cosgrave J.W., George Ferguson P.M. Treasurer, Nicholson P.M. Secretary, Taylor P.M. D.C., Derham I.G., Roiley Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Thos. Morris, G. R.

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Brockbank, W. Blain, Thos. Higson, W. Court, Robt. Latham; Bros. Whewell, Smith, Pend'ebury, Naylor, Jas. Lever, Brierley, Arden, Parkinson. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Lever having passed a satisfactory examination was entrusted. After he had retired the Lodge was opened in the second; the candidate was readmitted and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, by Bro. Robt. Latham, and the working tools were explained to him by the S.W. Lodge was then closed to the first degree. The Secretary read a letter from the Treasurer of the Ball Committee (Bro. G. P. Brockbank), stating that from the surplus funds the sum of twenty pounds had been paid to the credit of this Lodge with the East Lancashire Systematic Institution, constituting the W.M. for the time being a Vice-President of that Institution. On the motion of Bro. Brockbank, it was resolved that the Lodge become a subscriber annually of £1 1s in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in response to circular issued by Bro. Binckes, Secretary to the School. The circular for the evening exhibited a large amount of work to be done, but owing to the illness and absence of some of the Officers the programme was considerably curtailed. Bro. W. Blain Past Master of the Lodge delivered the lecture on the tracing board of the degree, and greatly enchanted the brethren by his quiet, dignified and correct rendering of this important part of Masonic working. Closed in peace and harmony at 7·30.

ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Swan Hotel, Bolton, on Monday, the 2nd instant, at 6 o'clock. Bros. Pacey W.M., Poyntz S.W., Hardcastle J.W., Brockbank Secretary, Lomax S.D., Naylor J.D., Nightingale I.G., Roiley Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Johnson Mills, John Morris Prov. G.S.W, Freeman and Garstang; also Bros. Forrest, Thompson, Murphy, Robinson, Golding, Gillibrand, Clarke and Mather; Visitor Bro. Jno. Skelton W.M. 146. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bros. Murphy and Thompson passed a satisfactory examination as to their proficiency, and being entrusted with a test of merit retired. Lodge was opened in the third, when Bros. Murphy and Thompson were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by the W.M.; the working tools of the degree were explained by Bro. Mills. Later on Mr. Thos. Baines, who was proposed as a candidate for initiation, was balloted for, elected and duly initiated an Entered Apprentice Freemason by the W.M. The working tools of the degree were explained to him by Bro. Brockbank. A portion of the ancient rules and charges having been read by the Senior Warden, the Lodge was closed in form and with prayer at nine o'clock.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 550.

ON Tuesday afternoon this Lodge assembled at the Town Hall, Folkestone, for the purpose of installing Brother S. Joseph as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably and impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. G. L. Hart, and at its close the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. A. Petts S.W., A. Crane J.W., G. Flint S.D., H. Waite J.D., H. S. Roberts Organist, W. Goddard I.G., F. Francis and W. Dunk Stewards, and Job Baker Tyler. Among those present at the installation were the following:—P.M.'s G. L. Hart, J. Sherwood, H. Stock, W. L. Earnshaw, S. Penfold, F. Klatt, Jas. Kennett, A. H. Holbein, W. Francis, R. White, H. Samson, and C. Gosby 1436, T. G. Pulley 340, and F. Binckes P.G S. and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The Lodge was also honoured by the presence of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Kent (Bro. J. S. Eastes G.J.D.) An interesting feature in the proceedings was the presentation of a jewel to the I.P.M. (Bro. Hart), who has presided as W.M. for the past two years, and rendered most distinguished service to the Lodge, he having initiated no less than 18 brethren. Bro. Stock, who was entrusted with the duty of making the presentation, referred in eulogistic terms to the able manner in which the I.P.M. had filled the post, and to his untiring efforts to promote the prosperity of the Lodge. At the conclusion of the business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Pavilion Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bros. Spurgen and Waite. About sixty were present. The W.M. (Bro. Joseph) presided. The Worshipful Master proposed in able terms the Queen and the Craft, the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Kent (Bro. J. S. Eastes), who responded. Bro. S. Renford proposed the Provincial Grand Officers of Kent Present and Past, to which Bro. F. Klatt replied. The toast of the evening, the Worshipful Master, was entrusted to Bro. Sherwood, who proposed it in an admirable speech. The Masonic Charities was given by Bro. Pulley, and acknowledged by Bro. Binckes, Secretary to the Boys' Institution. Following this toast, the Charity-bag was passed round, and a handsome sum was collected, which a brother generously made up to ten guineas, which will be handed to Bro. J. N. Rogers, who will represent the Temple Lodge as Steward at the Festival of the Boys' Masonic Institution in June next. The Visitors, proposed by Bro. Stock, and responded to by Bro. Poole; the Installing Master, proposed by Bro. Binckes, and acknowledged by Bro. Hart; the Past Masters of the Temple Lodge, to which Bro. H. Stock replied; the Officers of the Lodge, to which Bro. A. Petts replied; and the Tyler's toast concluded the list. The musical arrangements were under the able conductorship of Bro. H. S. Roberts Organist, and the following contributed songs:—Bros. H. Clements, W. Dunk, C. Sheath, W. Francis, and W. H. Major.

KILBURN LODGE, No. 1608.

A REGULAR meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 23rd ultimo, at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn. Bros. Barclay W.M., Kiallmark S.W., Fletcher P.M. 185 J.W., Brooks P.M. Secretary, Bennett P.M. S.D., Johnson I.G., Whitlock D.C., Haswell I.P.M., and F. Brewer P.M. Visitors—Kirk 1681, Potter 742, Smith 1321, Maidwell P.M. 27, Hambling and Kent 2030, Preston 1819, Packer 1571, Thomas P.M. 1319, Tweedale 286, Wray 25, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was formally opened and the minutes were confirmed; a ballot was taken for the admission as a joining member of Bro. Harris 177; this was unanimous in favour. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and then Lodge was closed. The brethren sat down to a capital banquet and dessert, provided in excellent style by Bro. Hartley. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Speaking to the toast of his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the W.M. said the interests of the Order were well looked after by the Prince of Wales. The cheering words spoken to our soldiers on leaving their native land would be echoed in the heart of every brother. The toast was enthusiastically received. The W.M. then proposed the Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Earl of Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. H. Turner I.P.M. then rose. It was with great pleasure he claimed the privilege to propose the health of the W.M., who had advanced step by step. Bro. Barclay is capable in every way to perform any duty required of him. It was a custom in this Lodge to see that the S.W. could do his work, so that he might be able to act as W.M. The present W.M. had endeared himself to every brother in the Lodge, and he (Bro. Turner) was sure at the expiration of his term of office it would be declared he had given every satisfaction. The W.M. thanked Bro. Turner for his kind expressions. If he had the opportunity which he anticipated on the next occasion, he would strive to show the brethren who had elected him he was capable of doing the work. In proposing the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. said it was a toast they were proud of; he would call on Bros. Maidwell and Abrahams. The latter brother said he was pleased to see that so young a Lodge in seven years had contributed the sum of £1,125; the W.M. had undertaken a Stewardship for the Boys' School. He with the other Visiting Brethren thanked the W.M. for his hospitality. Among other toasts were those of the Past Masters, responded to by Bros. Turner and Brewer; the Treasurer and Secretary, for which Bro. Brooks replied; the Wardens and other Officers, &c. The Tyler gave the parting toast. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. F. Packer 1571; Bros. Arthur Thomas, Henry Prenton, and F. Brewer P.M. sang some excellent songs and duets.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 24th February, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, W.C. Present—Bros. Fox P.M. W.M., Tacon S.W., Main J.W., Simpson Sec., Cornu S.D., Bond J.D.; Green I.G., Dodson P.M. Preceptor. P.M.'s Tate, Larchin, Gush, Gardner, &c. After preliminaries the first section of the second lecture was worked by Bro. Tate and the second by Bro. Dodson. Lodge resumed. Bro. Marsden, a candidate for passing, was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. The third section was worked by Bro. Larchin, and the fourth by Bro. Drury. It was arranged that the Fifteen Sections be worked on the 14th and 21st April. Bro. Larchin P.M. kindly consented to preside. Brethren are cordially invited to attend this new Lodge room, it being one of the most commodious and best ventilated in London.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 20th ultimo, at the Star and Garter, Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present:—Bros. Wing W.M., Norton S.W., Camwell J.W., Andrews (Preceptor) Treasurer, C. E. Botley Sec., Thomas S.D., Turner J.D., Sherring I.G. P.M.'s Bros. W. Goss, F. Botley, Bailey, Sperring; also Bros. C. Pearce 1996, and F. Toynbee 1996. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bailey candidate. Questions leading to the second degree were answered by the same candidate, who was entrusted and in due course the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. C. E. Botley gave the lecture on the tracing board of the degree. Bro. Norton answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bros. C. Pearce and F. Toynbee, of the Priory Lodge of Acton, No. 1996, were elected members. Bro. Sperring was elected W.M. for 27th February, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

On Friday, 27th February.—Bros. Norton W.M., Cammell S.W., Thomas J.W., F. Botley Secretary, Turner S.D., C. E. Botley J.D. Bailey I.G., Andrews Preceptor, Wing, &c. Lodge was formally opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and signed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. E. Botley. Bro. Wing answered the questions leading to the third degree and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge closed in the third degree. Bro. Norton resumed the chair. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. C. E. Botley worked the first section, and Bro. F. Botley the second section of the first lecture. Bro. Cammell was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Norton on his taking the chair for the first time. Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren meet at eight p.m.

Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275.—Although an "off night" last Saturday, it was an extraordinarily enjoyable one, at the Five Bells, New Cross, under the auspices of this Lodge of Instruction, which is one of the first rank in the South of London. Bro. Beavis, W.M. of the Southwark Lodge 879, presided, with Bro. Stamp S.W., Nightingale J.W., Giddins S.D., Wilkinson J.D., Eaton I.G., Walter Martin Preceptor, C. L. Tokely Sec., G. Powell Org., and about forty other brethren. Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Holding offered himself as a candidate for passing, answered satisfactorily the interrogatories, and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Holding was

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passed to F.C., the ceremony being perfectly rehearsed by the W.M. The brethren having been called from labour to refreshment and *vice versa*, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Beavis, Bro. Martin personating the candidate. The eloquent manner in which the charges were delivered by Bro. Beavis elicited the unbounded and genuine appreciation of the brethren, whose unanimous verdict was that they had assisted at a rare intellectual treat. The musical portion of the ceremonies, which lend such charm to meetings at this Lodge of Instruction, were conducted by Bro. G. Powell, and tended much to enhance the pleasure of, as well as the interest in, the proceedings of the evening. The newly-installed Master invested his officers, with a few appropriate remarks to each as to his respective duties. Resuming in the third degree and closing to the first, the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Giddins, who acquitted himself creditably. Several members were elected, and heartiest good wishes expressed. On the motion of Bro. Youngman P.M., who had acted as Director of Ceremonies, seconded by Bro. Grummant P.M., and cordially supported by Bro. Good P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Beavis for the admirable and impressive manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremonies, and in response Bro. Beavis tendered his heartfelt thanks. He had endeavoured to qualify himself for the Master's chair, and he thought no Mason's duties were complete unless he was prepared to instal his successor. He would soon have the pleasure of installing their worthy Preceptor *pro tem*, into the chair of his own Lodge, and he had not the slightest fear but that Bro. Martin would signalise his year by giving every satisfaction to the brethren. The Secretary reported that, in accordance with request at the last meeting, he had sent a letter of sympathy to Bro. Chatterton, in his illness, and had received a grateful and appreciative reply. There was reason to hope that Bro. Chatterton would rally, and the brethren expressed their fervent wishes for his speedy restoration to health. Bro. Powell thanked the brethren of this Lodge of Instruction for so liberally contributing to his list as a Steward at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, when he was enabled to take up £150 3s. Out of that sum £15 13s came from his own Lodge, No. 1185, and the remainder from this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Martin kindly withdrew in order to allow him (the speaker) to attend as Steward. There were 164 Stewards representing London, and he stood eleventh on the list; of the total number of 354 Stewards from all parts of the kingdom he was eighteenth in order. He expressed his thanks to the brethren of this Lodge for the support they had given him. Bro. Martin said he should go up next year, and hoped, instead of taking up £150, he might be enabled to take up £300. At headquarters this Lodge of Instruction was well known, and the efforts of the brethren were much appreciated by the executive of the Charities. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—A meeting was held on 2nd March, at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, Paddington, W. Bros. Wood W.M., Mason S.W., Lawrence J.W., Read P.M. 511 Treasurer, H. Dehane P.M. 1543 Secretary, Humfress S.D., Mote J.D., Cruttenden Steward, Friend I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. G. P. Festa, W. H. Chalfont, Jubal Webb; Cliburn, Dobbin, Middleweek, Francis, Coleman, Robinson, Death. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The call off and on was practised. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were then rehearsed. Bro. Mason was elected Worshipful Master for 9th March. A unanimous vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Dobbin for his courtesy and kindness to the brethren who attend this Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 26th ult., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell. There was an unusual number of brethren present, in consequence of its being announced that the Fifteen Sections would be worked. Lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M. Bro. Rose P.M. 73, Preceptor, and the minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, the working was proceeded with, as follows:—First Lecture—Bros. Martin, Kettle-White, Wilson, Stone, Channon, Morshe, Hilton. Second Lecture—Bros. Briant, Grummant, Voisey, Hilton, Voisey. Third Lecture—Bros. Stone, Vincent, Grummant. Several brethren were proposed and duly elected as members. Bro. Britton W.M. 1329 proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Rose for the manner he had conducted the work of the evening. They were indebted to Bro. Rose for the assiduity with which he attended to the duties of Preceptor, both in that Lodge and at the Peckham Lodge, held at the Lord Wellington. There was not a brother present who had not cause to be thankful for the edification received at his hands. Bro. Wilson seconded the proposition. Bro. Rose thanked the brethren. For the last seventeen years he had been a Preceptor, during which time he had assisted in working the Fifteen Sections again and again, but on no previous occasion had he been so much pleased with the accuracy of the work done as on that evening. All the brethren had answered to their names, and all had been perfect. Rev. Bro. Sturdee W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the brethren who had worked the sections. The annual meeting and dinner of this Lodge will be held on Tuesday evening next, when a large assemblage of the brethren is anticipated.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Dixie W.M., Western S.W., McMillan J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Snook S.D., Gifford J.D., Goddard I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Cusworth, Hall, Tillett, Weeden S.W. 861, Fenner, Woodman S.W. 1950, and several other brethren. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Marks acting as candidate. Bros. Marks and Whiddle answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was advanced and Bro. Turner, as candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and in due course that ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Western W.M. 1693 was elected W.M. for Monday, 9th instant. The annual supper will be held on Monday, 23rd March, tickets 3s 6d each. Bro. Western in the chair, Bro. Forge P.M. 1950 S.W. 1693 in vice-chair.

We are compelled to hold over several interesting reports.

The installation meeting of the Southgate Lodge, No. 1950, took place on Thursday, 5th instant. Bro. Edwin Woodman was installed W.M. A full report will appear in our next.

We have been requested to state that owing to unavoidable circumstances the King Harold Lodge of Instruction, Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, Herts, has been adjourned, and the Fifteen Sections will not be worked until further notice.

Bro. Jas. Stevens announces he will publish, on the 15th instant, a new work, entitled "Chips from a Rough Ashlar, 'knocked off' by the Gavel of Common Sense." Subscribers' names may be forwarded to Brother James Stevens, Clapham, S.W. The price of the work will be 3s 6d, or it will be sent by post to any address for 3s 9d.

Bro. James Stevens has accepted invitations to deliver his interesting lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonial of the First Degree, under the auspices of the Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, at Whitstable, on Thursday the 12th inst.; and of the Union Lodge, No. 127, at Margate, on Friday the 13th. The lecture will also be discussed and continued at the Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, No. 1586, at the White Hart Hotel, Church Road, Upper Norwood, on Monday evening next, the 9th inst.

The following Dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 7th March:—

Monday—Joppa Lodge, Lodge of Unions, Regularity Chapter, Caxton Lodge, Premier Conclave. Tuesday—Albion Lodge, Royal York Lodge, Old Concord Lodge. Wednesday—London Morayshire Club, Grand Officers Mess. Thursday—La Tolerance Lodge, Smeatonian Society, St. James Chapter, St. Andrew's Lodge, Victoria Rifles Lodge, Caledonian Society. Friday—Fidelity Chapter, Royal Kensington Lodge, Odd Volumes. Saturday—Phœnix Chapter.

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The Widow, being almost a stranger, earnestly hopes the "Brotherhood" will help her at the next Election.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

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APRIL ELECTION, 1885.

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The Votes and Interests of the Governors and Subscribers are most earnestly solicited for

NEVILLE INNES CHAMBERLAIN,

Aged 10 years, 10th September 1885. Eldest son of the late Brother ROBERT CHAMBERLAIN, Locomotive Engineer of Rewari-Ferozpur State Railway, Punjaub, who died suddenly, at Hissar, on the 26th July 1884, aged 42, from Heat Apoplexy, leaving a widow and two children without adequate means of support. He was initiated in Lodge Corinth, No. 1122, Nagpur, served as W.M. and Secretary over two years; W.M. of Lodge Berar, No. 1619, Budneira; three years D.G.D. of Bombay, and a member of the Grand Lodge of England. He was a subscribing member until death.

The case is strongly recommended by the Berar, Corinth, and Bombay Lodges, and the undermentioned brethren:—

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—In a recent issue of the Freemason's Chronicle, "Mariner" pointed out that many Lodges of Instruction were far removed from their parent Lodges. There are various causes for this state of things, which at first sight appear to be very undesirable. A consideration of the whole question may not be just now out of place, if only to look at it in its many-sided forms.

Aspirants for office naturally seek for instruction in the ritual in use in their own Lodges, and they reasonably expect to find it in those seminaries of the Craft which derive their authority from the parent Lodge. The results hardly ever realise expectations, for reasons which are not far to seek. Much depends upon the Preceptor, who not infrequently belongs to some other Lodge than the one where he instructs; the consequence is some curious discrepancies in working. They are not so serious as to affect the character of the ceremony, or to alter the meaning of the ritual, but they are puzzling to the neophyte, and often confusing to the expert. The remedy for this is an act of uniformity, which I do not recommend, or for the learner to seek out for himself that kind of instruction which will best meet his needs. The parent Lodge of Instruction undoubtedly has the first claim upon the members of the enfranchising Lodge, but loyalty in some cases must yield to necessity. Masonic schools are to be found in every part of London, and he would be a very poor-spirited brother indeed who would count a short journey too much trouble to obtain the teaching he deems so necessary for his success. There is no royal road to Masonic knowledge. It must be toiled for, and he who gains it through difficulties will appreciate it the more. Besides, there is the advantage of extended intercourse, which to the intelligent brother means a fuller and loftier conception of the Craft. Just as travel enlarges the mind, so does the continued and varied interchange of thought as to the rendering of the ceremonies of the Order tend to enlightenment and confidence. He who is working for an appointment should stick to the Lodge of Instruction best suited to his requirements. He who has passed through the ordeal of office should seek every opportunity to enlarge his experience in order to qualify him in reality as well as in name for the distinguished position of a P.M., a post of honour and responsibility. I by no means wish to depreciate Lodge teaching and experience, and exalt the instruction imparted in Lodge schools. There is all the difference in the world between the solemnity and grandeur of a cathedral and the simplicity—almost barrenness—of a secluded room of even a first class hotel. In both cases the ritual may be the same, but how different the surroundings! The Lodge Temple is for service, in which experts lead and the rest follow. Schools of Instruction are for all, where the humblest member may figure as Master one week and lapse into the humblest position the next. To my mind, the brother who desires experience in its most diverse and practical form should frequent Lodges of Instruction rather than regular Lodges. Intercourse would be freer, and certainly the practice in signs, gestures, and formularies would be greater. There would be no fear of the migratory brother becoming slovenly if he attended Lodges of Instruction. A good Preceptor, one worthy of the name, would always insist upon accuracy in the performance of Lodge duties. He is the teacher, the ruler for the time being, and all who sit under him must obey his authority. If challenged, he should be ready with a reason for his own method of working. Endowed with autocratic powers, he should not be an autocrat. He should be "guide, philosopher, and friend." In the presence of such a man intercourse becomes enjoyable and instructive, and affords training, not only in the forms and ceremonies, but in the courtesies of life, and the moral and intellectual character of the Craft.

Some Lodges of Instruction are content to work the ceremonies only; others combine the lectures with them. It is a moot question as to which is best. It appears to me that a knowledge of the former is all that is required for the Master Mason, and that directly he seeks office he should begin the study of the latter. The ceremonies are for the learner, the lectures are for the student. The ceremonies are beautiful in themselves, but when supported by the lectures sublime. In their complete form they open up the portals of mystery and invite reverence and contemplation. Of course, I have set up an ideal Lodge of Instruction and Preceptor. I cannot say that my experience would warrant me in saying that the ideal had been reached. On the contrary, in most cases Preceptors have been neither better nor worse than the brethren generally, and only differ in this, that they are more or less masters of the ceremonies and lectures, and are able to work them mechanically. I never yet heard a Preceptor enter into the hidden meaning of any portion of text or subject, never go beyond mere verbal declamation and accuracy. In this respect even there is great room for improvement. Every brother knows that the language of the ceremonies is beautiful, and many of them know how adapted it is to elocutionary display; and yet how few understand, or if they do understand, care to take the trouble to make necessary emphasis and pauses. I do not expect a W.M. to be a finished elocutionist, but I do look for something like force of expression and clearness of intonation. As a rule, both conditions are violated, and I hold that the blame is due in a measure to the Preceptor, who should instruct as to manner as well as to the *ipsissima verba*. It is, perhaps, too much to expect that Preceptors will become philosophers as well as instructors; but I believe it would be a grand thing for the Craft if efforts were made to blend spiritual, intellectual, and moral lessons with the illustrations of the forms in which they are enclosed.

There are some points in your leader last week on this subject I should be glad to dwell upon, but I must defer the matter until a future opportunity. I should be glad to see this question taken up with earnestness, in order that the most glorious mundane institution ever known should be worthy of its fame.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

Watchman.

FREEMASONRY AND THE PRESS.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—No doubt I shall be put down as very heterodox by all those—and their number is legion—whose god is their stomach, whose love of luxury and ease is a passion, but I hold a higher view of Masonic duty and pleasure, and fearlessly assert that so long as proper discipline in Lodges is permitted to languish as it does now, and so long as the present slavish devotion to the table lasts, there is no possible hope for that new birth of intelligence the necessity for which you contended last week.

At first sight it may appear that the connection between Masonic discipline and the desire for literature is about as remote as is our Royal Grand Master from the man in the moon. There is, however, a relevancy which I hope to make apparent to the thoughtful, though I despair of reaching the consciences of those who forget everything else when indulging in the luxuries of the table. I assume as a fact, and few will dispute the accuracy of my conclusion, that by far the majority of members of the Craft do not know or have forgotten how to enter a Lodge properly. When they know they are generally

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careless in performance, as if the forms of salutation and recognition were mere idle mummeries. If any one doubts this statement, let him observe for himself, and if he be of a humourous turn of mind, he will not fail to find food for amusement; if, on the other hand, he believes, as I do, that the forms are but the caskets of the jewels within, the rough stone covering the sparkling gem, he will feel pained and discouraged at the indifference and slovenliness so habitually displayed. There is no brother so obtuse and illiterate as to be unable to distinguish the difference between the present slipshod methods of salutation and rehearsal and the skilful performance of Lodge duties. Every brother can understand, if he cannot always fully appreciate, clear articulation, grammatical expression, and elocutionary force. To the cultured ear and mind the correct and fervid delivery of the prayers and other ceremonial language is an exquisite charm. It is of itself an elevating kind of education, and were the qualifications for office more studied than they are, were the test of fitness made more real, and the conditions more stringent, much that is now gross, selfish and degrading would vanish. What is true of the working of the ceremonies is also true, but in a lesser degree, of the methods of entering the Lodge. With the enforced careful performance of the several offices of the Craft would come a salutary lesson in discipline. Improved practice would necessarily tend to enlarge thought, and as nature is said to lead up to nature's God, so would the symbols of the Fraternity lead to the study of their hidden meaning. As children begin with learning the alphabet, so Freemasons begin with learning the signs. If the learner stops at either stage, letters and signs become skeletons—mere drybones. Letters skilfully formed into words open out a new hope to the child, signs faithfully and intelligently translated into action are the life of Freemasonry. In both cases the preliminary knowledge must be complete in order that the superstructure may grow in strength and beauty.

It is an admitted axiom that upon the early training of the young depends the career of the adult. Healthy moral and intellectual instincts when properly cultivated in the child, as a rule develop into a strong well-balanced mind. Good training does not necessarily mean ostracism from fleshly indulgences, on the contrary, it enables the man who possesses it to partake of the good things of this world so as to minister to his necessary and natural wants. The educated man makes the pleasures of the table serve their proper purpose, but he refuses to become the slave of desires. The initiate in Freemasonry just needs to be trained in the same way, then like results might fairly be expected to follow. Instead of lamenting the apathy and ignorance that now prevails, a healthy growth of intelligence would spring up, and with it would come an increased desire to know more of the inward spiritual workings of the Order. The learned labours of our forefathers would find new students, mysteries that now lie concealed would probably yield to that keener vision of young enthusiasts, and the moral and intellectual status of the whole body would be placed on a footing as firm as the rock of ages. If Freemasonry is not divine it is nothing, and if hitherto it has been made of little effect, it is because the soul has not burst through the carcase which holds it, or its brightness has been dimmed by dark shadows. Clear these away, let the light shine as full as the grand orb of day, then Freemasonry will appear in its true glory. The pleasures of the table would not be less, their enjoyment would be more pure and chaste. The social intercourse of the brethren would then indeed be "a feast of reason and a flow of soul." How little there is now of either, I leave to the brethren to consider; for myself, I may say that I have often left the banquet table with sad misgivings as to the moral teachings of the Craft, and as to its possible future. I expect to be met with sneers and cries of "goody goody." Even giants in culture and morality have met with the scoffs of the unthinking, and it is not likely that a puny disciple like myself will escape; hard words, however, break no bones, and I am contented to follow those whose motto in all things just and true is "Excelsior."

I shall be met too, most likely, with something like the following: "Look at our Charitable Institutions, at the increase in the number of members, and the power of the Order." My reply would be—that numbers is no test of real progress, that the Charities, glorious as they are, might still be better, and that power is more seeming than real. Most brethren who have given the matter a thought do not regard numbers as equivalent to strength, and it is an open secret that the demands for succour have outgrown the power to relieve. Every year makes the difficulty greater on the part of the Secretaries in getting together the necessary sums to meet the needs of the several Institutions, and no one will say that the means adopted are always dignified and such as bespeak the possession of the power so often claimed. No doubt there is power in the Order, but it wants guiding and utilising. There is the power of the mind as well as the depth of the pocket, the strength and ever-increasing vigour of intelligence which centres its hopes on the science and moral and spiritual beauties of the Craft. Depend upon it, Sir, Freemasonry in England will never be worthy of their inheritance until they learn the value of its literature, until they put the desires of the mind above the lusts of the flesh. One of the simplest and readiest means to this end is to improve the discipline of the Lodge, and to encourage the practice of an easy and correct, at the same time solemn rehearsal of the ceremonies.

Thanking you in anticipation for the insertion of this letter,

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

PROGRESS.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Nottingham Daily Guardian.

SIR,—Bishop Bagshawe's silly attack on the Masonic Brotherhood has now become an annual affair. The general *mot d'ordre* comes, of course, from Rome, but in a local pastoral the matter becomes a gratuitous insult to a large body of leading and honourable men in our community.

So long as Dr. Bagshawe confines his Lenten remarks to those innocent injunctions of culinary discipline, which he deems good for his flock—as, for instance, whether their omelette may be cooked in butter or suet—we have no quarrel with him. We can only hope that his followers are loyal to him in his capacity of *maitre du cuisine*. The Salvation Army has its bill of fare—Hallelujah jam and other delicacies—why should not the bishop and the Romanists enjoy theirs?

When, however, the bishop takes the liberty of classing us, as Masons, with assassins and dinamitards, it is a more serious matter. The attack is neither truthful nor charitable, and by way of turning the bishop's guns on himself I should like to ask him a question or two.

Who are the assassins and dynamiters plotting against the Government? If those we have caught and hanged are specimens of the whole, without exception, whether Irish, French, or American, they all belong to the Romish Church. The Phœnix Park gang present no exception. A priest of Bishop Bagshawe's persuasion invariably gave the last ministrations on the scaffold. I challenge the bishop to produce any one outside his own communion who has put hand to dagger or dynamite against the English Government. Masonry can take care of itself, but how will the Lenten pastoral get out of this?

Dr. Bagshawe would have us believe that the millennium of morals would at once set in if we all joined the Romish Church. I prefer the verdict of history on the subject. Let us take Italy as an example, when the whole nation was on its knees to Rome. The morals of Italy at this stage of her history would have made a Zulu blush. Assassination, of which the bishops speaks, was so rife in Rome itself that it was reduced to a fine art, and could be purchased like any common commodity, and what is worse pardoned by the Church for a consideration.

A bishop of the Romish sect must smile as he pens his little anathema against the Masons as a secret society, for does not his own religious communion embrace the Jesuits, the most gigantic and corrupt secret society the world has ever seen—"a society," says Boileau, "whose work has ever been to lengthen the creed and shorten the decalogue?" The principles of Jesuit morals are so corrupt that no true Mason could for a moment associate himself with such. Let me add for the information of Dr. Bagshawe, and also of his champion, "Pro ecclesia Dei," that they both err in treating Masonry as a religion. It does not profess to be or call itself a religion, but a system of morality; and as a Mason of some experience I may add that the system is so lofty and pure that all the little thunder of all the Lent pastorals of all the Romish bishops in the world will never shake its stability.

I am, Sir, &c.

SQUARE.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you permit me, through your columns, to thank the 424 Brethren who attended Grand Lodge to support me by their vote on Wednesday; more especially those who came from afar.

Yours in fraternity,

JAS. WILLING JUN.

Rock Hall, Cricklewood, N.W., 5th March.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Kindly favour me with space in your columns to thank those brethren who attended Grand Lodge, on Wednesday last, to support me in my candidature for the office of Grand Treasurer.

Yours fraternally,

D. P. CAMA.

3 Gt. Winchester Street Buildings, E.C.

Bros. Brown, Butterworth, and Foulson, Quartermasters of the Brigade of Guards now on its way to Egypt, are all members of the Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604. We wish them success, and a safe and speedy return to their native land.

We note that within the last few weeks Bro. Frank Snook, late of the King's Arms, Kentish Town, has taken over the business of Mr. Harris, at the Golden Anchor Tavern, Evelina-road, Peckham, and that by improvements which have been effected in the management the old "Anchor" is becoming an increasingly favourite haunt of the brethren of "ye mystic tie" residing in this part of the Peckham district. We wish Bro. Snook every success in his new venture.

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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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"Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book for the Year 1885." London: Spencer's Masonic Depot, 23A Great Queen-street, W.C.

"Irish Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Year 1885." Dublin: S. Underwood. To be had at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street.

"The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for Gloucester, 1885." Gloucester: John Bellows.

"The Masonic Year Book for the Province of Cambridgeshire, 1885.' Cambridge: W. P. Spalding, 43 Sidney-street.

"The Freemason's Calendar and Directory for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, 1885." Leicester: J. and T. Spencer, Cane-street.

"Masonic Calendar and Official Directory for the Province of Wiltshire, 1885." Devizes: W. H. Bush, Wine-street.

HERE are six eminently useful Masonic publications, varying in character and importance, yet all fulfilling a good purpose. It is scarcely necessary to dwell upon the merits of the first-mentioned work, they are so well known and widely appreciated. The Calendar is published for the benefit of the Charity Fund, under the sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England, and by command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. *Cum privilegio* is as clearly indicated as if the words were printed on the title page, according to the practice pursued in the authorised issues of Bibles and Prayer-Books. No Mason can be said to be informed upon matters relating to the Craft in general unless he possesses and studies this Calendar, and although improvements might be suggested, we see nothing in the work as it stands to impair its usefulness, or to derogate from the position it has attained.

Like the above, the Irish Calendar is published under authority, and is dedicated to the Most Worshipful his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., Grand Master. It is a very complete compilation. The scope of the work embraces all that is generally found in a pocket-book, so that the Calendar should be almost as welcome to the citizen as to the Freemason. Evidently much labour has been bestowed upon the present work, and if the details are as accurate as the arrangement is comprehensive, it is worthy of all praise. No feature seems to have been omitted that could make this brochure serviceable, and while conning its contents we could not resist the feeling that we should like to know more of our Irish brethren than we do. That they are equal to the business demands of the Craft the book before us proves, and we are sure that moral and intellectual culture has not been neglected. At any rate, it is only necessary to read the names and descriptions of the brethren given in this useful Calendar to arrive at the conclusion that the Fraternity in Ireland comprises the flower of the country, and that so long as they are true to the teaching of Freemasonry, the Queen will never lack loyal subjects, nor England warm allies. Treason mongers may rave, and communists may plot, but our Royal Grand Master will neither lack friends nor a welcome befitting his position and merits when he visits the Emerald Isle.

We hardly know which to admire most in the Gloucester Calendar—the handsome style in which it is printed, or the excellence and completeness of the information which Bro. R. Vassar-Smith, Provincial Charity Secretary, has brought together. All that is needed for a Mason of the Province to know is recorded, and much useful matter is added relative to the adjoining provinces of Bristol, Berkshire, Herefordshire, Monmouth, Oxfordshire, Somersetshire, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, and Worcestershire. It is an able and compact contribution to Masonic reference books, and well accords with the spirit of the Gloucester brethren, as evidenced by their recent liberality and that of their Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Bro. the Right Hon. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.S.G.W., under whose presidency at the Festival last week the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution secured such large augmentation.

The Cambridgeshire Calendar seems to be the production of Bro. W. Spalding, and without bearing the stamp of official recognition, there is internal evidence that great care and labour has been bestowed upon this useful and unpretentious manual. It is a brief but apparently complete compendium of the Lodges and Temples held under the Craft, Arch, Mark, Knights Templar, and Rose Croix degrees. The Province is so small that we wonder at it possessing a Calendar to itself, but Bro. Spalding has faith in the enterprise and in the public spirit of the brethren with whom he is associated.

Bro. Samuel S. Partridge P.M. P.Z., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, is the compiler of the Leicestershire and Rutland Calendar, and right well has he executed his task. The book is compact in size, and the arrangement of dates and diary clear and useful. The information respecting the Province is full, and no doubt accurate. In addition there is a list of Lodges, &c., in the adjoining provinces of Warwickshire, Northe and Hunts, Nottinghamshire, and Derbyshire.

The Masonic Calendar for Wiltshire is issued with the sanction of the Right Worshipful Lord Methuen, Provincial Grand Master, and is edited by Bro. William Nott P.M. P.Z., Provincial Charity Secretary. The style of printing falls somewhat short of other models we have named, but the contents of the work have been well and carefully done. There is no diary, but the Calendar portion furnishes a complete guide to meetings. Those interested in Provincial Benevolent Fund work would do well to get this little guide. It contains a copy of the rules in operation in the Province of Wiltshire, and a record of work done. What is briefly recorded about Wiltshire Freemasonry in the Gloucestershire diary is here set forth fully and clearly, and as a reference book it is all that can be desired.

A Diary and Almanack for 1885 has been issued by the Accident Insurance Company Limited, St. Swithin's-lane, London, E.C. The spaces for diary and dates are sufficient for a book for the pocket, and the incidents recorded at the foot of the pages will help the memory in recalling facts that so soon become history now-a-days. Of course the Company has taken care to give full information of what they are prepared to do for the public, which to those who travel will be very useful. The work is issued for gratuitous circulation, and can be had at the Office as above.

Cassell and Co. are issuing, in monthly parts, a new and revised edition of their "Popular Educator," one of the best and most complete works of the kind ever issued. When first brought out, the style and arrangement were unique; rivals have since sprung up, but none equals the original in comprehensiveness and interest.

"The Life and Words of Christ," by Cunningham Geikie, D.D., is another serial work issued by the same firm. The author is known and admired by all sections of the Christian Church; and it speaks well for him when such representatives of opposite religious views as the Archbishop of York and the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon stand sponsors for the excellence of his work. Dr. Geikie is a somewhat prolific writer; all his works are highly prized, but none exceeds, or indeed equals in interest, the story so graphically and reverently told in the pages before us. It is the sweet story of old, related by a master mind, to which justice has been done by the publishers, so far as outward clothing is concerned. The book will be a handsome addition to Christian literature.

Obituary.

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Bro. WILLIAM STEPHENS P.M., 1489, 1642, Grand Pursuivant, &c.

IT is with extreme regret we have to record the death of Bro. William Stephens, the Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of England for the current year, which sad event recently occurred at Auckland, New Zealand. Brother Stephens had been in failing health for some time past, and his journey to the Antipodes was undertaken in the hope of benefitting him. It has not, however, had the desired result, and we now have to mourn the loss of a most worthy Mason and one of our most intimate acquaintance in the mystic circle. Brother Stephens was well known in London, and took an active interest in more than one Metropolitan Lodge. We may fairly say that the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, owed much of its success to him, and its members will no doubt acutely feel his loss, following as it does on that of more than one of its oldest and most distinguished members. We beg to tender our sincerest sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

UNITED SERVICE CHAPTER, No. 1428.

THE annual meeting for the installation of the Principals of the above Chapter for the ensuing year was held at the Masonic Hall, Landport, on Friday, 20th ult. The ceremony was performed by Comp. Arnold Z. in a very able manner, and he installed the following as Principals:—Comps. C. Travess Z., G. R. Strick H., and John Laverty J. (in the place of Comp. Mason J., who had resigned). The other Officers invested were Comps. W. A. Marshallsay S.E., W. Miller S.N., Lind P.Z. Treasurer, Mitchell P.S., Stockall First A.S., Kenshott Second A.S., Archer D.C., Sylvester Organist, Coleman and Coldrey Stewards, and G. Carter Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed at the close of the ceremony to Comp. Arnold for the excellent manner in which he had performed the duty of Installing Principal. At the conclusion of the business an excellent banquet was served by the steward of the club (Mr. Kingswell). The proceedings were of a most enjoyable character.

Panmure Mark Mariners' Lodge, No. 139.—An emergency meeting was held on the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square. Bros. Poore as C.N.; Vincent and Pulman P.C.N.'s, and the full complement of Officers. Bro. Selfe P.G.D., 25, Sydney, was advanced to the degree of Ark Mariner. Lodge was then closed.

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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 MARCH.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, 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
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 9th 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.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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)
2012—Chiswick, Bolton Hotel, Chiswick
2030—Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster.

R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
461—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
599—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
940—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
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. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 379—Tyrie, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
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, 10th MARCH.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, 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, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
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)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, 33 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Ken
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
273—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
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
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
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpoo

R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Lancashire.
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, 11th MARCH.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, 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, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, 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
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)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
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)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In).
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Couch and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
668—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire

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863—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
864—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
975—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
1343—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1434—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1484—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1530—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1563—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.

R.A. 34—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 351—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 358—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
M.M. 193—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 12th MARCH.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
256—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
667—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
764—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—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1488—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1496—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1509—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1648—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst).
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creston, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1967—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly

R.A. 73—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 538—Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 783—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

36—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
113—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
305—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
316—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
340—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
353—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
359—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
723—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
946—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
961—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1065—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.
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1304—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.
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1560—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1723—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1823—Wellington, 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. 869—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
M.M. 14—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 13th 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)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, 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, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
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.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne

1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harriogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
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
K.T. 126—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 14th MARCH.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., 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.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham
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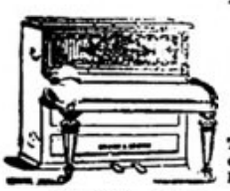

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THE VISIT OF THE GRAND MASTER TO IRELAND.

WHATEVER may have been the reasons which induced their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to undertake a visit to Ireland, it is certain that their mission is looked upon throughout England as one of peace, or certainly one that it is hoped will lead to more tranquil times in the Sister Isle. It may perhaps be asked, What is this visit to do with Freemasonry? Our answer to this question, until within the last few days, would have been,—absolutely nothing, but since the title of Grand Master of the English Freemasons has been introduced into a letter addressed, or supposed to be addressed, by Fenians resident in Paris to His Royal Highness, the matter has assumed a different aspect, and we now look round for the motive which induced these professed opponents of order to address our Grand Master by his official title as Head of the English Craft. Assuming the letter to which we refer, and a copy of which we publish in another column, to be genuine;—to have been written by those who claim it as their own;—by what right, or for what object, do they select the title of Grand Master of the English Freemasons from among the many enjoyed by the Prince of Wales? It cannot be that the writers themselves are Freemasons,—active Freemasons we mean—for no member of our Brotherhood would take part in the work they profess to be engaged upon; while, if they were admitted when in a different frame of mind, and have since renounced the Order, it is hardly to be expected they would so far countenance it as to recognise its Grand Master. We are sure, therefore, that the writers of the letter are not members of our Order. Such being the case, we feel there must be some other motive than mere caprice for associating Freemasonry with so unholy a cause. We are among those who think that the Prince and Princess of Wales are acting somewhat unwisely in trusting themselves to the mercy of such miscreants as we have reason to know Ireland has in its midst, but doubtless all risks were weighed before His Royal Highness came to the decision he has arrived at. Still, it is pretty generally recognised that there are risks, and if it should happen that an attack were attempted on the Royal visitors—which it is to be hoped will not be the case—we feel that the letter to which we have referred would be quoted; and the Masonic Brotherhood accused as being participators in, if not instigators of the attack. It is this eventuality which we think has prompted the writers to address our Grand Master by his Masonic title. Its use in this sense will be an excuse for reproach by the enemies of the Order, even though Freemasons had no hand in using it; while, as we have said, its use will be accepted as evidence of complicity on the part of Freemasons, in any disturbances in Ireland, should such occur during the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

NOT VOLUNTARY.

PERHAPS no phrase employed in connection with the Lodge has been more generally misunderstood than that which is used in the declaration of the candidate indicating that he freely and voluntarily presents himself for initiation. Upon it is built the startling heresy that every duty performed in Masonry is the result of mere volition, and not the direct sequence of a pledge to perform that duty. The mistake originates in the false premise that Masonry is a voluntary institution, whereas directly the contrary is the truth. It is voluntary only in the sense that one is free to ask admission, and that he cannot be received if he applies under compulsion; one is free to assume its obligations, but not to disregard or break them. Once within its pale it is no longer a mere matter of choice. The contract is a mutual one between the initiate and the whole body of the Craft, the consideration for the promise of conformity being the reciprocal promise of others to him. It does not depend upon the faithfulness of others in the performance of their covenants, for if every other Mason in the world should prove false he nevertheless is firmly bound. One has no more moral right to throw off his obligations to the Craft than he has to repudiate his promissory note given for a valuable consideration, and the idea that a Mason may dimit from his Lodge without a cause is as bad in morals as it is in Masonic law. The maxim of the church, "Once a priest always a priest," may be read in Masonry, "Once a Mason always a Mason." The tie is indissoluble and there is no absolution from its consequences.

There is no Masonic obligation stronger, in words, than that which binds the initiate to the observance of the laws, rules and regulations of the Craft, established from time immemorial, and amongst those rules we find one, in the Ancient Charges, which says that "every brother ought to belong to a Lodge and be subject to its bye-laws." When these charges were "extracted from the ancient records," the word "ought" was used in the sense of "to be under obligation to pay—the same as owed," of which Webster gives us three illustrations, as follows, "The due obedience which they *ought* to the king."—Tyndale. "The love and duty I long have *ought* you."—Spelman. "That followed, sir, which to myself I *ought*."—Dryden. Read in this sense it undoubtedly means, that every brother owes to the Craft the duty of belonging to a Lodge. Farther on in the same charges, in speaking of the Lodge, we find these words: In ancient times no Master, or Fellow, could be absent from it, especially when warned to be at it, without incurring severe censure, until it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him." But if this is not enough, there is an old regulation directly in point which reads in this way: "No set or number of brethren shall withdraw or separate themselves from the Lodge in which they were made brothers or afterward admitted members, unless the Lodge becomes too numerous; nor even then without a dispensation from the Grand Master or his Deputy. And when they are thus separated they must immediately join themselves to such other Lodge as they like best * * * * * * or else they must obtain the Grand Master's warrant to join in forming a new Lodge."

What language could have been employed to state more plainly the rule that every Mason must be a member of a regular Lodge than is used in these ancient laws, which have everywhere, since the revival of Masonry, been held in the greatest veneration, and upon what a flimsy basis rests the argument of those who claim that one is free to go, according as his own caprice may dictate? One writer cites from the charge delivered to the candidate in the first degree the following sentence, as justifying the idea that a

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dimit is the inalienable right of a member: "Although your frequent attendance at our regular meetings is earnestly solicited, yet it is not meant that Masonry should interfere with your necessary vocations," language which is far from supporting his position, if, indeed, by implication it does not negative it. While it is true that Masonry regards the obligation to support one's family as paramount to that of attending the Lodge, it never was intended to inculcate the idea that one is free to attend Lodge or not as his comfort, convenience, or pleasure may dictate. It is his employment in his "necessary vocations" which excuses his attendance. But even if it were true that a member is under no obligation to attend his Lodge, that is a very different thing from dimission therefrom.

There is no support for the theory of those who advocate the right of dimission at pleasure any more than there is for the other kindred heresy, which has become so prevalent that an initiate is simply made a Mason by his initiation, and thereafter may become a member, or not, of that or any other Lodge, as he may deem expedient; a sort of honorary member at large, as it were, with no obligations to perform, no responsibility except such as in the exercise of his own "sweet will" he may thereafter choose to impose upon himself, and yet entitled to claim every privilege which Lodge members enjoy, even that of intruding his presence in every regular Lodge, and a participation in its charity fund when his necessities require. It is doubtful if there is any organization outside of Masonry which for a moment would entertain so preposterous a claim as that a dimit is a matter of right without the consent of the other contracting party. It is death by suicide and violation of every economic principle which has been formulated since man was doomed to earn bread by the sweat of his brow. It sets the "drone in the hive of nature, a useless member of [our] society, and unworthy of our protection as Masons," in the chief seat in the synagogue, and places upon him the robe of honour.

There has been an abundance of learned nonsense (I beg ten thousand pardons of the ten thousand brethren whom this shoe fits) written to prove that in its growth Masonry has been governed by a principle so utterly destructive of reason and sound policy.

Said an eminent brother, in a magazine article, not many years ago: "If we cannot make our members feel at home with us, if the principles of the Order are not sufficiently attractive to keep them, in vain shall we attempt to coerce them to remain in our midst. And if Masonry cannot sustain itself without a forced membership the sooner it goes down the better. It is not an institution for freemen if it is a forced involuntary one." All of which sounds very forcible, and doubtless was intended as a "squelcher" upon the very illiberal class of fellows who see in Masonry something more than is exhibited in a political club or a cordwainers' union. The answer is, men should not be made Masons to whom the principles of the Craft are not sufficiently attractive to keep them true to their obligations to it. As well attempt the hopeless task of making a whistle out of a hog's tail as to attempt to make Masons out of such material. It is one of those things which cannot be done. They may go through the forms a dozen times and yet be as far from being Masons as they were before the ink dried with which they signed their petitions. If we could lawfully do so, the sooner we bade them depart with a blessing, the better it would be for them and us too —particularly us—but if they must needs go out, by all means they should leave behind them all which was bestowed upon them when they came in. Force is a relative term, and it is somewhat difficult to understand its application by the esteemed brother. If, however, he means to say that moral force cannot be applied to hold our Lodges together, then he virtually admits that there is no such thing as a Masonic tie, that Masonry is but a rope of sand —a mere worthless, idle ceremonial, utterly beneath the contempt of sensible men. Masonry, like all other human organizations, for good, is held together solely by moral force, acting upon the hearts and consciences of its members. It would "die like a dull worm, to rot," the moment that force ceased to act upon its votaries, and it ought to. The glittering but meaningless generality of the brother quoted, that "it is not an institution for freemen, if it is a forced involuntary one," sounds pretty, but it is wholly inapplicable to Masonry because no one is "forced" to become a Mason, but every one who has become one is forced for ever to remain a Mason. So long as moral forces exert an influence, there can, in the very nature of things, be no such thing as an organized society, which, after its inception, is not a "forced involuntary one," simply because moral obligations are not like garments to be laid aside at pleasure. One might as well say he is not a free man because he is under an obligation from his birth to do right, and is not at liberty to do wrong. No one is free, if the tast of freedom set up by our brother is a correct one, for we are all bound to obey the laws of the land enacted by rightful authority, but if those laws are just, they do not deprive us of our liberties, and the simple fact that we are compelled by a sound public sentiment to obey them does not make us any the less freemen. The fact that we make a voluntary promise to our wife not to get drunk does not make us her slave. Such reasoning, or rather want of reason, would overthrow the whole social system of civilization and destroy every government on earth.

If the Ancient Charges are the law of Masonry, it follows that every Mason is obligated to "belong to a Lodge and be subject to its bye-laws," and the modern practice of granting dimits whenever they may be asked for, regardless of the reason or without any reason at all, is in violation of the very letter of that law, and consequently an innovation upon the body of Masonry. Enforced membership is, therefore, the fixed and immutable law of the Society, which can never be changed. The true remedy for non-affiliation is to firmly impress upon the mind of every candidate the necessity for considering well the step he proposes to take, in view of the fact that the relations he seeks to establish are not for a day, but for all time, and then only to grant dimits for the purpose indicated by the Ancient Charges.

So long as we continue to work into our building timber rotten at the heart, or, in plain English, men who do not keep their promises, made in the face of the world, we need not look for them to keep those made in secret to the chosen few, and when the novelty of being in good company has worn off, we may as well open the door and let them depart with the stamp of perfidy upon them, but when their Masonic clothing is laid aside, with it should be laid all the rights, benefits, and privileges of Masonry. The real question at issue is, not how the matter shall be remedied, but how it may be prevented—some one to tell us how to escape the disease—not a nostrum to cure it. This the writer has endeavoured to point out, with what success his readers must determine for themselves.—*Voice of Masonry.*

PREFERENCES.

A BROTHER, formerly a resident of New York, and an active member of one of our Lodges, moved to another country, from which he writes us, saying that he had visited a Lodge in his new location, and expresses unbounded surprise at finding our methods of procedure entirely set aside, and a formula of their own adopted in its place. He mentions various particulars which, as a matter of course, we cannot re-produce in this place; but we may say that the examination consisted principally in examining his diploma; that the altar formed part of the Master's desk; that the entire ceremonial was read from a book; that the Lodge was opened and all business, including the ballot, transacted in the E.A. Degree; that where a candidate was rejected by eleven adverse votes, the Master ordered that its effect should continue for a corresponding number of years; that a petition after having been received and referred, was allowed to be withdrawn, and others of a more esoteric character.

We are not at all surprised, and proceed to explain to our esteemed correspondent that while the principles of Freemasonry are everywhere the same, and the instructions to a candidate in every country tend to the same point, though each country has its own idiosyncrasies and walks in its path toward the end in view, we cannot make our forms and our laws of force beyond our own jurisdiction. We entertain no doubt that if our brother were to go to England, from whence all our Masonry comes, he would be equally surprised—nay, even shocked—by the difference in their mode of conducting the ceremony of initiation, and he and others may be assured that the real bond of unity which is everywhere the same is the legend of the Third Degree, although even this is differently rendered, as one may see by attending any of our city Lodges, composed

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of brethren of foreign nativity and working in their own language. Nevertheless the result is absolutely the same.

Again, it has probably escaped the notice of our correspondent, as it has that of many others, that, up to 1848 or 1849, not such a dreadful while ago, the Lodges in New York were in the habit of transacting their business in the degree of E.A., which had been their practice from time immemorial up to that date, and that they never thought of opening on the Second or Third degrees, except for performing the ceremony belonging to each degree, respectively. That Lodges in other countries have not thought proper to imitate our example is a matter of their own concern, as will be found by those who visit Lodges on the continent of Europe, or in Central and South America. In many, if not all, the altar is placed in the East, and the use of written or printed rituals is nearly universal among them, our obligations in that respect never having obtained in those countries.

We are of opinion that the placing of our altar is an innovation, made to conform to our ritual, which of itself is an elongation of the practice of the Fathers, and that while it suits us and our habits of thought, must not be held obligatory upon Lodges in other countries, the members of which have not had the advantage of seeing and studying our system, which, professing to be the Ancient York Rite, is in reality the modern or better "American Rite," not practised elsewhere on the surface of the globe.

Finally, our correspondent asks if the Grand Lodge of New York would grant a warrant to a number of brethren domiciled in the country in which he is located, to which we frankly answer that it will not, having quite sufficient to do in caring for the interests of its seven hundred and odd Lodges at home, without any entangling foreign alliances.—*New York Dispatch.*

THE GRAND MASTER.

THE *Christian Million*, which is securing for itself a high position as an Illustrated Weekly Paper, published, on the 5th instant, a capital likeness of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The same issue contains the following interesting particulars respecting the Order:—

His Royal Highness was yesterday (Wednesday) re-elected Grand Master of that powerful and wonderful Brotherhood the English Freemasons. It is ten years since he was first elected to this post, and the term of office having expired he has now been selected once more.

Of course those not initiated into this Secret Order were rigidly excluded from witnessing the ceremony of installation at the Royal Albert Hall ten years ago. But the Craft has so many thousands of adherents that there was no lack of attendance—indeed, the managers had great difficulty in deciding the claims of those who wished to be present. At length it was decided that a certain number of tickets should be sent to each Lodge, which were there disposed of among the members by ballot.

It being a Masonic "crime" to allow any of the clothing of the Order to be seen by the outside world, the brethren had to conceal their gorgeous decorations beneath the sombre folds of prosaic overcoats, and it is to be hoped that no portion of their apparel became out of order during travelling, for the slightest error in Masonic regalia is sufficient to exclude the unhappy offender. For the purpose of scrutiny, examiners of clothing, with Grand Pursuivants, &c., were stationed at the doors, and no person was allowed to pass befored he had satisfied these lynx-eyed guardians of the mysteries of the Craft.

Within, there being no fear of any profane and prying eye stealing a hurried glance at the scene, the glories of Masonry were fully displayed. The gorgeous trappings and decorations of the Order, the glittering gems, the mass of brilliant clothing and the Masonic decorations of the Hall itself, made a truly magnificent picture. The "throne" was cushioned and covered with rich purple velvet, and on either side of it were arranged the state chairs of the principal Grand Officers. Thick and sumptuous carpets covered the floor, and exquisite flowers and graceful palms added their beauty to the imposing ceremony.

Freemasonry is, as we suppose nearly every one knows, the popular name of a wide-spread and secret association, existing now, it is said, principally for the mutual aid of its members. Freemasons are found in every civilised quarter of the globe, and are of every religion and of all conditions of life. Every member, before his initiation, makes a solemn engagement never to divulge any of the secrets, signs, or plans of the Order, and, after a probationary interval, if he be found qualified, he is promoted until he has obtained that wider and more profound knowledge of Masonry which will enable him to hold the highest offices of trust in the Fraternity. After the new member has been initiated with due formalities and ceremonies, certain words and signs are given to him by which he may be able to make himself known to other Masons, and convince them, if necessary, that he is a member of the Brotherhood, and entitled to its privileges, should he be in distress in a distant land.

At certain intervals friendly meetings of the Brotherhood are held in "Lodges," and at these gatherings all distinctions of rank and all political and religious differences are laid aside. The Grand Lodge of England has power to grant charters for holding other Lodges, and at the present time it has over 2,000 Lodges under its authority. In Scotland there appears to be about 400 Lodges. The Masons are possessed of great wealth, and support a Masonic Girls' School, Boys' School, Fund for Aged Masons, a Widows' Fund, &c.

Opinions differ as to the origin and antiquity of Freemasonry, some persons maintaining it is as old as creation, others that it originated at the building of the Tower of Babel, and others again trace it back to the building of Solomon's Temple. There can be no doubt, however, that it is of very ancient origin, and it is said that it has been carried down in unbroken succession, through all changes of governments, religions, and forms of civilisation, to the present time. In the beginning of the eighteenth century, however, a change was effected in the constitution of the Fraternity, and while retaining name and customs, &c., it ceased to be connected with building work, and came to exist for fraternal affection and aid.

The first Lodge said to be formed in England was at York, in the year 926, and it is still in existence. Edwin, brother of King Athelstan, was its patron, and obtained for it a charter from the King, and himself became its Grand Master. Its Constitution—still in existence—is reported to be a very curious document, giving the history of the Order from Adam, and containing Rabbinical tales of the building of the Tower of Babel and Solomon's Temple. The architects of Kilwinning Abbey introduced Masonry into Scotland, and the Kilwinning Lodge was the first established in that country. From these two Lodges the principles of the Craft appear to have spread very rapidly throughout Great Britain, and other Lodges were erected. It has survived the jealousy of the Church and of the Crown, though the feeling of the latter against it appears never to have been very strong, and an act passed in its disfavour in Henry III's reign was never enforced. At first the membership appears to have been confined to architects and builders, but in course of time men of all grades and handicrafts, kings, princes, and noblemen, were enrolled as "Free and Accepted Masons."

For the use of Lodges Mr. James Anderson drew up, in 1723, "The Book of Constitutions," which was based upon the "Gothic Constitutions" of 926, and several editions have since been issued. The Order does not seem to have flourished so largely in France and Germany as in England, but of late years it has made great advances in the United States.

The Prince of Wales is not the only Royal Grand Master who has been installed in comparatively recent years. Some sixty or seventy years ago the Duke of Sussex held the office, and among other great notabilities in centuries gone by who have preceded H.R.H. in this post, may be mentioned Henry VII., Cardinal Wolsey, and Sir Christopher Wren.

It is thoroughly in accordance with the Prince's assiduity in fulfilling public duties that he discharges this high office, another instance of which may be seen in the visit which he and the Princess will shortly pay to Ireland. That visit will be a most important public service, and is certainly well-timed. Drawing-room receptions and levées will be held at Dublin Castle on Her Majesty's behalf, and their Royal Highnesses will also visit other parts of the country. Ireland seems settling down to the enjoyment of the results of recent legislation, and this visit may aid these happy results.

The Prince's popularity is largely owing to his frank good nature, boundless tact, and the admirable manner in which he so readily fulfils so many public duties, and we imagine that not the least of these is the Most Worshipful Grand Mastership of the English Freemasons.

The members of the Metropolitan (1507) and King's Cross (1732) Lodges of Instruction will hold an annual banquet in unison. This will take place on Monday next, 16th instant, at the Holborn Restaurant. Tickets, 4/6 each. Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507 and 1732 will preside, and Bro. Lewis Solomon P.M. 1732 will act as Vice President.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday last, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, the Companions assembling at eight o'clock. The several chairs were filled by Comps. F. Brasted M.E.Z., Wm. Radcliffe H., G. W. Knight J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., T. C. Edmonds S.N., J. Strugnell P.S. The Officers performed their respective duties in a very able manner.

The following Dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 14th March:—

Monday—St. George and Corner Stone Lodge. Tuesday—St. James's Union Lodge, Waldeck Lodge. Wednesday—Enoch Lodge, United Lodge. Thursday — Polish National Lodge. Friday — Britannic Lodge, Bedford Lodge, Eclectic Lodge. Saturday—Phœnix Lodge, Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

DEATH.

EVERETT.—On the 8th instant, at 90 Clapham Road, HARRIETT, the much beloved wife of GEORGE EVERETT P.M. and Treasurer of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, P.M. 1381 and 2012, P.Z. 177 and 1381, &c., in the thirty-fifth year of her age.

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THE THEATRES.

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STRAND.

"OUTCAST LONDON" has been preached for, lectured at, interviewed, and treated as a psychological demonstration; but a little lady comes back to us from Australia,—and from triumphs there,—to show, with a life and poignancy hitherto unrealised by editors or philanthropists, the horrors that lurk in the dark places of our civilisation. She paints, with eloquence of voice and gesture, Charles Dickens' forlorn waif "Jo." The Murillo delicacy of touch has lost nothing since we parted with this gifted artist, and the pitifulness of the hunted scrap of humanity commands our tears and even reluctant laughter as completely as when Jenny Lee's powers first startled a London audience. Miss Lee is supported by several of the original cast, notably by Mr. Burnett, whose Bucket is admirable in its freedom from exaggeration—a characteristic always in jeopardy in representations from Charles Dickens's novels. Miss Ada Ward made a stately and touching Lady Dedlock, whilst Hortense was portrayed with fire and force by Miss Dolores Drummond, who, by the way, possesses the rare accomplishment of a perfect French accent. Miss Katie Lee's "Guster" made a fit pendant to her gifted sister's "Jo." Mr. Lee, however, out-Dickens Dickens in his impossible Guy Faux beadle. Mr. Wilkinson has very carefully reproduced the original Snagsby. His is a Cruickshank drawing made living. The rest of the cast was efficient, and did their best with the episodical business. We hope that Miss Lee may ere long give us occasion to applaud her in some fresh part, which may not owe all its interest and value to its title rôle alone. The play is very well mounted, while the costumes are for the most part characteristic of forty years ago. The drawing room at Chesney Wold is a fine set piece, rich in colouring, and "Tom's Alone" no less good in its melancholy realism.

GRAND.

THE revival of "For Ever," at this theatre, last Monday, was welcomed with great enthusiasm by the residents of Islington. Mr. George Conquest, who takes the part of Zicky Pastrana, played with his usual artistic finish. The scene at the Aquarium, where he simulates madness, was especially good. He is well backed by the company, amongst whom we may mention Mr. T. F. Nye (as the villainous nephew of Sir Philip Daremount), and Mr. E. Gurney (Sir Philip's son), as being well to the fore. Miss Amy McNeill played with great feeling. "For Ever" will be withdrawn on Saturday, the 21st, and on Monday, the 23rd inst., Mr. J. H. Clynds will re-appear, in a new and original nautical drama, "Before the Mast," by Fred. W. Broughton.

ROYALTY.

IN this struggle for the survival of the fittest among managers, we may expect Mr. Mayer to emerge with the smile of conscious merit. His pleasant season at the Royalty is about to close, with the favourite pyrotechnic display of the respected firm of Tricoche et Cacolet. We are heartily sorry to part with our friends Colombey, Didier, Mme. Léon, and their brilliant *confrères*, but we shall look forward to many bright hours with them ere next New Year. In the meantime the beautiful and gifted Jane Hading, and the famous singer Mlle. Van Zandt, are promised by Mr. Mayer for his coming season at the Gaiety. "Le Maitre des Forgès," "Fron Fron," and "Prince Zillar," are to be illustrated by Mme. Hading, Damala, and the company from the Gymnase, whilst Mlle. Van Zandt is to appear in the new operas "Lackmé," "Mignon"" and "Mireille."

THE CANTERBURY.

THE farce "Robert Macaire" was originally written for the dramatic blue fire school, but was turned into a burlesque by Frederick Lemaitre, who by it created one of his triumphs. Some of us have alternately laughed and shuddered when Irving and Toole have put on the tattered garments of Bertrand and Robert. But even the twin brethren of tragedy and comedy, with the power of spoken words, scarce give a more living presentment than that of the Martinettis,—Paul and Alfred. With the aid of their graceful sister Josephine, and a well-trained company, their representation may be pronounced a grand success. The drama of course is acted in dumb show, but so admirable is the gesture and facial expression brought to bear that dialogue seems unnecessary. The escape from prison, introduced as a prologue, was followed by the arrival of the hungry pair of rascals at the village inn, where they partake of breakfast under difficulties that keeps the house convulsed with laughter. The theft of the cash box by Robert, whilst Bertrand keeps watch outside, is made a great feature of. Robert (Paul Martinetti) sees the cloak and cocked hat of a gensdarme on a hayfork, and is seized with terror and a mad instinct to murder his supposed enemy. It was here the actor's tragic power showed. The house at the display of his ghastly fear and ferocity grew silent, as, with clenched teeth and starting eyes, he rushes at his supposed victim and strikes again and again. Presently his companion appears, only to be shot by the awakened gensdarme. Bertrand wildly tries to escape, and climbs to the roof of a shed, only to fall, mortally wounded, to the ground. Here he struggles, till he sees his companion's body, when he staggers to it, and gazes with frantic despair, till the death agony seizes him. The reckless defiant villainy of Robert (Alfred Martinetti) was no less ably represented. Those amongst us who, like the Athenians of old, are seeking for something new, will assuredly find it at the handsome hall on the other side the Thames. For those who care to see women, young and graceful, risk life and limb to make a London holiday, we would say nothing more daring has been seen than the trapeze performance of the sisters Vaidis.

MARK MASONRY.

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PANMURE LODGE, No. 139.

THE regular meeting of the above was held on the 2nd instant, at the Masonic Hall, No. 8A Red Lion-square. Bro. W. Vincent P.G.O. Middlesex and Surrey W.M., G. Gregory as S.W., T. C. Edmonds as J.W., Axford S.O., G. Allen M.O., C. Tayler J.O., T. C. Edmonds Treasurer, C. Pulman Secretary, C. Phillips S.D., J. Bond J.D., C. Lee Organist, John Grist I.G., T. Poore P.M., C. Thomas Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Harington 8, Gardner 8, Selfe P.G.S.D. Sydney 25, Matier P.G.W., Captain Hunter P.G.M.M. North Wales. After preliminaries, Bro. Church, York Lodge, was elected a member, and ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Bignold, Eccleston Lodge 1624, and he was advanced into the degree, Bro. Vincent perfectly and impressively conducting the ceremony. The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a sumptuous and récherché banquet and dessert was provided by Bros. Gordon and Hamp and served in the Venetian Room. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Mark toasts. These included the health of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Past Grand Master; Right Worshipful Earl of Kintore G.M.; Right Worshipful Lord Egerton of Tatton D.G.M., and the Grand Officers. In speaking to the latter toast, the W.M. said they were honoured by the presence of Grand Officers, and he would couple with it the name of Brother C. F. Matier P.G.W., who eloquently responded; he referred to the Benevolent Fund attached to the Degree, and hoped they would not forget the 22nd of July next, on which occasion the D.G.M. Lord Egerton of Tatton would preside. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the R.W. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex, and the Provincial Grand Officers, present and past, and he would call on Bro. Poore P.G.I.G. to respond. Bro. Poore P.M. having acknowledged the compliment, proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Vincent, he said, had proved himself a good worker; that had especially been seen that night. To refer to his various qualities would be superfluous. It is fully recognised he is well qualified to perform any ceremony required of him. Bro. Vincent said in future he hoped the Lodge would show what it could do; he always felt he had the support of the Officers. The toast of the Exaltee was next on the list. Bro. Bignold was one whom they were all pleased to see; he (the W.M.) was present at his initiation into the Craft; he was sure he would be as good a member in the Mark degree. With the toast also he would associate the name of the joining member, Bro. Church. He hoped to see him in the chair of a Mark Lodge. Bro. Bignold having appropriately responded, Bro. Church made a few remarks. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge. He regretted so many were absent; but he could speak of their good qualities, especially so of two who were present, and he would call on Bros. Poore and Pulman. The latter brother responded in a very humorous speech; he might say that during the present W.M.'s occupation of the chair all their meetings had been most successful. In proposing the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. said they were honoured by the presence of Bro. Norman Selfe, from the Colonies; this brother desired to take the Ark Mariners' degree. The Lodge also was honoured by the visit of Bro. Capt. Hunter P.G.M. North Wales. He was very pleased to hear him express an opinion, before they left the Lodge, as to the working. Bro. N. Selfe P.S.G.D. Sydney, No. 25, responded; it was with warm heart and feelings that he did so. He had been for twenty years a Mark Mason, but had never seen better working; he had to thank the W.M. for his kind expressions. The Craft Lodge to which he belonged generally had about 20 visitors; it only took 35 days to visit Sydney; if any of the brethren came there they would receive a hearty welcome. Bro. Gardner said this was his first visit since his advancement. He was pleased with the manner the W.M. had performed his duties. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Wardens and Officers, said that thanks were due to Bros. Gregory and Edmonds; he hoped the Officers would in future be at their posts to be able to assist him, so that the ceremonies might be properly performed; and at the expiration of his year of office that it might be said he had done his duty to their satisfaction. Bros. Gregory and Edmonds having responded, the Tyler gave the parting toast.

Bro. W. W. Morgan, I.P.M. 211, will deliver his Lecture entitled "Our Masonic Institutions; their Establishment and Development," at the Lily of Richmond Lodge of Instruction, at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Tuesday next, the 17th instant, at 7·30 p.m. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Great Need.—The blood is the life, and on its purity our health as well as our existence depends. These Pills thoroughly cleanse the vital fluid from all contaminations, and by their means strengthen and invigorate the whole system, healthily stimulate sluggish organs, repress over-excited action, and establish ordered circulation and secretion through at every part of the body. The balsamic nature of Holloway's Pills exercises marvellous power in giving tone to debilitated and nervous constitutions. These Pills do failure all obstructions, both in the bowels and elsewhere, and are, on that account, much sought after for promoting regularity of action in young females and delicate persons, who are naturally weak, or have from some cause become so.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

KENT LODGE, No. 15.

THIS ancient and flourishing Lodge met on the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, where there was a numerous attendance of brethren and Visitors present:—Bros. Stimson W.M., Woolley S.W., James as J.W., Dr. Sleeman P.M. Treas., Dukes P.M. Sec., Cammell J.D., Pritchard I.G. P.M.'s Stimson, Wells, Hurst, Martin, Posener, C. E. Bull, Inman, &c. Visitors:—Jacobs P.P.G.P. Essex, Legg S.W. 1227, Grinsted P.M. 1692, Day 1227, Clark P.M. 1227, Dickins, Craig P.M. 1120, Inkpen, Major Forbes, Jervis P.P.G.S.B. Kent, Miles 1776, Edwards P.M. 917, Chapman, Hughes 869, Hamis 72, Bolton 51, Smith P.G.O. Essex, Benham 1278, Lennox P.P.G.S.D., Furze 2012, Charpentier, Brigden 51, Meredith 487, Steadman 51, Lyle 1063, Bush 1827, Pellas 905, Waters 504, Jervis P.M. 1424, Cox 780, Watts P.M. 916, Long P.M. 503, Toombs 1445, Dicks 1793, Collins 1793, Cockburn 1817, Lancaster P.M. 534, Booth, Smith 1339, Roberts 1260, Holt 1766, Groome P.M. 860, Brunnell W.M. 1507, Everett W.M. 2012, Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes duly received confirmation. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. J. J. Woolley, W.M. elect, was presented and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Wells P.M., who rendered the ceremony perfectly and impressively, warranting the encomiums passed on him at its conclusion. The work was done in the presence of 17 W.M.'s and P.M.'s. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom. He then appointed and invested the following as Officers:—Stimson I.P.M., James S.W., Cammell J.W., Dr. Sleeman P.M. Treas., Dukes P.M. Sec., Pritchard S.D., Towers J.D., Burton I.G., W. Scott D.C., Saunders Org., Wells P.M. W.S., A. Walkley Tyler. Applause followed the investiture of each officer. The newly-installed W.M. then showed his proficiency by initiating Messrs. J. Williams and H. H. Barr into the Order. His conduct of the ceremony reflected great credit on him, and augured well for the Lodge continuing to prosper. The W.M.'s next duty was to present to Bro. Stimson, in the name of the Lodge, a very elegant Past Master's jewel. Bro. Stimson's year of office had been the most successful one in the annals of the Lodge; he (Bro. Woolley) hoped he would be spared for many years to wear the jewel among them. Bro. Stimson thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. Of all the jewels presented him this would be the most valued. Bro. Dukes P.M. then proposed a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. Wells P.M. for the able and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Venetian Room of the Holborn Restaurant, where, to the number of 101, they sat down to a sumptuous and récherché banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Gordon and Hamp. The tables were artistically decorated, and button-holes were provided for each guest. Grace having been sung, the W.M. said during the evening he should be very brief in his remarks in offering the various toasts. Bro. Stimson I.P.M. said it was his privilege to propose a welcome toast; that was the health of the W.M. On a former occasion he had remarked Bro. Woolley was one who would give them satisfaction and uphold the dignity of the Kent Lodge. The brethren had seen what he could do now he was installed. He knew all hoped he would have a prosperous year of office, and enjoy good health. He would now ask them to drink the toast with the heartiness it deserved. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Stimson and the brethren for their kind expressions. He could promise them that during his year of office he would strive to make them satisfied, both in regard to working and to their comforts. Before he sat down he desired to say it had been a great pleasure to witness the excellent manner in which the ceremony of installation had been rendered by Brother Wells Past Master; he would ask the brethren to drink his health. he was one whom they all respected, while his working was well known and appreciated everywhere. Bro. Wells in reply said it had been a labour of love to be present to instal Bro. Woolley, whom he introduced into Masonry. Wherever he might be he would endeavour to be ready to do any service to support the W.M, but he thought he would not require any help, he knew his duties so well. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates Bros. Williams and Barr, and the latter brother in a few but pertinent remarks responded. In proposing the toast of the Visitors the Worshipful Master said he could take it as a compliment that there were 61 present. He would call on one who had made his mark in Freemasonry, the Mayor of Maidstone, to reply. Bro. G. Long P.M. 503 in an eloquent speech replied. This was his first visit; he regretted not being present in Lodge to witness the ceremony rendered by Bro. Wells; he had often worked with him in a social as well as a friendly capacity, but he would readily admit that London beat Maidstone in working. He was sure from the able manner the W.M. had performed his duties that the collar he wore would fall with dignity on his successor. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Past Masters; they had done their work well; he would call on Bro. Stimson I.P.M. to respond: he had passed through an eminently successful year, which he bored to follow with as good a result. Bro. Stimson duly responded; it was his first appearance in his new capacity. He as well as the P.M.'s would do all they could for the interest of the Lodge. He might here remark that it was with great pleasure he had to take up the sum of £120 Is 6d as the contribution of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The W.M. then announced that Bro. Saunders, the leader of the band, was a member of the Lodge, and that he would play a special selection. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary came next; the former brother was one whom they all respected, and the same remark might equally apply to the latter Officer, whose duties had always been done to their satisfaction. These two popular brethren having responded, the toast of the Wardens and Officers followed. The W.M. said in selecting them, he was sure he had chosen those who knew their duties. After a reply from Bro. James, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren, after passing a most agreeable evening, separated. We append the programme of music, which was most creditably carried out by the brethren named:—National Anthem, "God Save the Queen," Dr. John Bull—Bros. W. A. Frost, Edwin Moss, J. Shirley Hodson, P.M., H. Walmsley Little, Mus. Doc.; Masonic Glee, "How merrily we live, that Masons be," Bro. Michael Este; Song, "No Surrender," E. Burri—Bro. J. Shirley Hodson P.M.; Glee, "King Canute," Sir G. Macfarren; Pianoforte Solo, "Polish Dance," Scharwenka—Bro. H. Walmesley Little, Mus. Doc.; Song, "My own, my guiding star," Sir G. Macfarren—Bro. Frost; Part Song, "I know a maiden fair to see," Hatton; Song, "I seek for thee in every flower," Bro. W. Ganz—Bro. Edwin Moss P.M.; Glee, "Fair Flora decks the flow'ry ground," J. Danby.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE first meeting of this popular Lodge, since the installation of the present W.M., Bro. J. W. Smith, took place on Tuesday, the 24th ultimo, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, W.C. In consequence of the death of Bro. Sillis, the Senior Warden of the Lodge, which sad event occurred on the 29th of January, the brethren wore mourning, and the Lodge-room was draped. After preliminaries had been duly observed, Bros. J. Moore, W. Bowen, and J. Oldridge Dicker were raised, and Bros. F. W. Huddlestone, A. Thomas, G. Moy, W. Wagstaff, and J. Wagstaff were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Mr. Walter Harding, a candidate for initiation, was then proposed by Bro. A. Fleischhener, and duly ballotted for. The result was in favour of the candidate, who was initiated by the W.M. Bro. Smith conducted the ceremonies in an eminently successful manner, and was heartily commended for the ability he brought to bear in his work. A frugal supper followed the work of the Lodge, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close at an early hour.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.—At the weekly meeting of this popular Lodge of Instruction, held on Wednesday evening, at the Lugard Tavern, Peckham, Bro. Belchamber presided as W.M., supported by Bros. Wilkinson as S.W., Harvey J.W., Ashford S.D., Dale J.D., McChristie I.G., Walter Martin Preceptor, C. L. Tokely Sec., and others. Lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Wimple answered the questions for passing and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wimple personating the candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Harvey, and the second by Bro. Belchamber, when the Lodge was called from labour to refreshment. On resuming, Lodge was closed in the second degree and Bro. Pierpoint W.M. of the Domatic Lodge 177 referred to the visit he and his Officers had paid to the Lodge of Instruction in connection with the Domatic on the previous night, and made some practical observations on the duty of Masters of Lodges to encourage, by occasional visits, the offshoots of the bodies over whom they ruled. The J.W. expressed a hope that the Master and Officers of the United Mariners' Lodge might soon be induced to follow Bro. Pierpoint's example, and visit this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Martin reminded the brethren that he intended to go up as a Steward at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and said although early yet to speak about it, he should constantly remind the brethren of the fact, in the hope that by so doing he might ultimately be able to take up a substantial list. Bro. Wilkinson was elected as W.M. for next Wednesday evening, and as a young Mason was highly complimented upon the progress he has already made in the science, and the warm interest he has manifested in Lodges of Instruction.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, W.C., on Tuesday, 10th inst. Present:—Bros. Tongue W.M., Richardson S.D., Snodin J.W., Fox P.M. Preceptor, Simpson Sec., Coleman S.W., Rayne J.D., Green I.G., Sayers, Laury, and numerous others. After preliminaries, Bro. Rayne, as candidate for passing, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the first section was worked by Bro. Dickins P.M. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Rayne acting as candidate. The second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Snodin. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on the 24th inst., and the Fifteen Sections worked on the 21st April. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned to Tuesday next.

Domatic Lodge of Instruction, No. 177.—On Wednesday evening the Worshipful Master of the mother Lodge, Bro. R. Pierpoint, who was accompanied by his Wardens and other Officers, paid a visit to this Lodge of Instruction, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell-road, where they were met with every fraternal greeting by a goodly number of brethren, who had assembled under the presidency of the W.M. of the Skelmersdale Lodge. After the ceremony of installation had been rehearsed, with Bro. Hill P.M. as Preceptor, it was unanimously resolved that a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Pierpoint W.M and his Officers be recorded on the minutes, expressing the pleasure of the brethren to receive a visit from the rulers of the mother Lodge. In response Bro. Pierpoint said he held it as the duty of every Master of a Lodge to pay an occasional visit to the Lodge of Instruction which assembled under its banner, and although their place of meeting was at a considerable distance from the residences of many of the brethren, it afforded him and his Officers the greatest pleasure to have had an opportunity of being

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amongst them. The Installing Master, Wardens, Secretary, and others, were invited to visit the next meeting of the mother Lodge, and the invitation was readily accepted, after which the Lodge of Instruction was closed in harmony.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—At the weekly meeting of this popular City Lodge of Instruction, held at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate Street, on Tuesday evening, the 3rd instant, Bro. S. Pardoe jun. presided most efficiently as W.M., with Bros. L. Wall S.W., S. Laundy J.W., Isaac Botibol S.D., S. Pardoe P.M. J.D., G. P. Nightingale, J. G. Hicks Secretary and other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chillingworth personating the candidate; after which Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. Nightingale as candidate. The Lodge has just entered the fifth year of its existence, and has, up to the present time, created six Life Governorships of the Masonic Charities, in addition to liberal gifts from its funds to necessitous Masons.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 6th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. Cammell W.M., Turner S.W., C. E. Botley J.W., Bailey S.D., Weeden J.D., Norton I.G., Andrews P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. F. Botley, Sherring. The ceremonial work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Brother Sherring candidate. Bro. Weeden answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the second, and Brother Charles E. Botley and the brethren worked the third section of the first lecture. Brother Turner was elected W.M. for next meeting.

Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275.—There was a good muster of the members of this excellent working Lodge at the Five Bells, New Cross, on Saturday evening last, when the chair was occupied by Bro. Belchamber, who made a most efficient Worshipful Master. He was supported by Bros. Gross S.W., Wilkinson J.W., Needham S.D., Beavis W.M. 879 J.D., Carey I.G., Martin Preceptor, Tokeley Secretary, and about forty other brethren. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of previous meeting confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Arlidge as candidate. The ceremony was perfectly rendered by Bro. Belchamber, who acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. Lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, and *vice versa*, when the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Tokely, and the fourth and seventh by Bro. Martin. On the Worshipful Master rising for the first time, Bros. Watts 1571 and Cocks 120 were unanimously elected members of this Lodge of Instruction, and they suitably acknowledged the compliment paid to them. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Belchamber for the admirable manner in which he had performed the work and delivered the impressive charges, after which Bro. Gross was appointed W.M. for this (Saturday) evening. The musical portions of the ceremony were led by Bro. Powell Organist, who presided ably at the organ. Visitors are cordially invited to this Lodge of Instruction, where the heartiness of their welcome will be only exceeded by the perfection of the work which is always witnessed here.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., Bros. Western W.M., Edis S.W., McMillan J.W., Collingridge Secretary and J.D., Gifford I.G., Tillet acting Preceptor; P.M.'s Bros. Jordan W.M. 141, Mullord, Cooper, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Marks acting as candidate. This brother answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was called off and on. Bros. Cooper and Whittall were elected auditors, and Bro. Edis to occupy the chair next Monday, 16th instant. Bro. Coles was elected a member. Lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The fifth annual supper will be held on Monday, 23rd instant, Bro. Western W.M. 1693 in the chair, Bro. Forge P.M. 1950, 619, S.W. 1693, in the vice-chair. Tickets, 3s 6d each, may be had of the Stewards, and of Bro. Collingridge, Secretary, 66 Thornhill Road, N.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No 2012.—At the meeting held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, there were present:—Bros. H. Perdue W.M., Jas. Wood S.W., A. Williams J.W., Geo. Gardner Treas., Wm. Gomm S.D., V. Wing J.D., A. Tilbury I.G., J. Weeks Tyler, E. Ayling Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Sims acting as W.M. elect. He invested and appointed Officers. Bro. Perdue afterwards worked the second section of the first lecture. Bro. J. Wood was elected to fill the chair at the ensuing meeting. Bro. Gardner announced that he should be able (from the proceeds of the recent successful first Annual Supper) to place a small amount to the credit of the Lodge funds. This brother also suggested that the ceremonies be worked with more uniformity. Bro. D. Stroud, in order to carry out the suggestion, gave notice that he should bring forward a motion that the different degrees be worked seriatim, on the first, second, and third Saturdays of the month, leaving the fourth Saturday to the option of the W.M. Lodge was then closed in perfect love and harmony. The Fifteen Sections will be worked, for the first time here, at an early date.

SOUTHGATE LODGE, No. 1950.

ONE of the most successful meetings held in connection with this Lodge since its consecration, took place on Thursday, 5th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Arthur Hancock W.M., at the Railway Hotel, New Southgate, on which occasion Bro. Edwin Woodman was installed as Worshipful Master for the current year. The Lodge having been formally opened, and the minutes confirmed, was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Woodman was presented to Brother R. P. Forge, who had assumed the chair, for the benefits of installation. Having been obligated he was duly installed and saluted, after which he invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Matthews S.W., Cooper J.W., Lefeber Treasurer, Trewinnard P.M. Secretary, Butcher S.D., Clark J.D., Dixon I.G., Cleverley D.C., Lewis and Stretch Stewards, Rowe Tyler. Bro. Forge then proceeded to complete the installation ceremony, giving the customary addresses in his usual forcible manner. The ballot having been satisfactorily appealed to, Brother Woodman was at once called upon to display his proficiency in the ritual, three candidates presenting themselves for initiation, viz., Messrs. Leopold Plaut, William Schlencker, and Dr. William John Simpson Ladell, M.R.C.S. These gentlemen were admitted to a participation of Masonic Light by the new W.M. in a careful and impressive manner, and then the Lodge was closed. An excellent banquet followed, and at its conclusion the usual toasts were honoured. That of the newly-installed Master was most enthusiastically received, and the heartiest good wishes expressed towards him for a successful year of office. In proposing the health of the I.P.M. the W.M. referred to the way in which his predecessor had fulfilled his duties as Master during the past year, and concluded by presenting him with the handsome Past Master's jewel voted by the members, which he trusted would long be worn by Bro. Hancock, as a memento of the pleasant hours he had spent in the Southgate Lodge and among the Southgate members. The toast of the Installing Master, who it will be remembered was the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, was among the most warmly received of the evening. The Masonic Charities was ably proposed by the Worshipful Master, and coupled with the name of Brother Frederick Binckes, who, in responding, enumerated the claims the three Institutions had on the Craft. He spoke of the joint Stewardship undertaken by the Worshipful Master and Brother Forge on behalf of the Boys' School, and strongly urged those present to do their utmost in support of it. The result of the efforts of those two brethren promised to be a handsome one. Still, the heartiest co-operation of every member was needed, and this he hoped the Institution he represented would receive. Other toasts were honoured in due course, and eventually the Tyler was summoned to give the parting one, thus bringing to a conclusion a meeting which was conducted throughout without a hitch. An excellent programme of music was gone through during the evening (Bro. Collings officiating at the piano), and everything gave promise of a successful year, which we trust it will be the good fortune of the Southgate Lodge to enjoy under the presidency of Bro. Woodman. Among the Visitors present were Bros. Seaman P.M. 619, Fox Royal Savoy, Thompson 1693, Collings Organist 1693, Osborn P.M. 1602, W.M. 1897, Hammond 1471, Harding 1471, Turner W.S. 1693, Sewerby P.M., Bayne Organist 1897, Rhodes 1524, Akehurst 1693, Salmon 177, Binckes P.G.S, Busby St. Andrew's Lodge, Western W.M. 1693, Whittell 1693, Potter 1693, Hirst P.M. 15, Snook S.D. 1693, Newton Alexandra Park, Brown Chiswick, R. Baker P.M. 188.

RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

UNDER the presidency of Bro. B. E. Blasby W.M., the brethren assembled to conduct the business of this Lodge at the Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, on Tuesday, the 3rd instant. With the exception of the Junior Warden, the Officers were all present, and the Lodge was honoured with the company of the following Visitors:—Bros. Sir John Whittaker Ellis P.G.W. P.M. No. 1; E. Ayling P.M. 975, J. Noble P.M. 975, Samuel Blasby 780, C. Sims 861, N. Courlander A.W.S. 975, J. H. Custance 975, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, D. Argyle P.M. 946, Norris 174., Thomas 1632. After the Lodge had been formally opened, the Secretary (Bro. W. R. Phillips P.M. 975) proceeded to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were unanimously confirmed. Lodge was then advanced, and in due course the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. Burrell. Bros. Meeres, James, Cook, and Trinder were next passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and then the brethren balloted, for Mr. George Harriss Hester, who was proposed as a candidate by Bro. Maton W.S. and seconded by Bro. Aldin. The result was in favour of the candidate, who was allowed to take his first step in Freemasonry. The next business was to elect a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and the Senior Warden, Bro. C. I. Digby, was unanimously chosen to fill the office. Bro. F. Reynolds was selected Treasurer, and Bros. Aldin, Covell, and Rowland were appointed auditors. The banquet which followed was served in most excellent style by Bro. Munro, and the after proceedings, which were of a most agreeable character, were enlivened by some good singing, Mr. Gatfield and Miss Harris especially distinguishing themselves.

The Montague Guest Chapter was consecrated last evening at the Inns of Court Hotel. We shall give a report of the proceedings in our next.

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THE MASONIC SCHOOLS AND THE CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATIONS

THE results achieved by the pupils of the two Masonic Educational Institutions who competed in the Cambridge Middle Class Examinations in December last have just been announced, and are of the most gratifying character. In the case of the Girls' School, all who went up succeeded in satisfying the Examiners, while of the ten juniors four obtained honours. Of the boys—sixteen in number—twelve passed with honours, and the other four satisfied the Examiners. We thus see that all of the Masonic pupils passed, while the number who did so with honours was exceptionally large. Those who are acquainted with the inner working of our Schools will not be surprised at this result, as it is felt that everything is being done that can be done to give the orphans under our care a sound and thorough education. The result, however, is particularly gratifying to all concerned—the subscribers, the tutors, and the Committees—while it affords another instance of the care which the English brethren bestow on those who, through misfortune, are obliged to claim their sympathy. We append a list of the pupils and the special honours secured by each.

GIRLS.

SENIORS—SATISFIED THE EXAMINERS.—Mary Norrish, Mona Hennett, Eleanor Spurging, and Clara Kingcombe.

JUNIORS—HONOURS—CLASS II.—Julia Harvey, (distinguished in English subjects).

HONOURS—CLASS III.—Alice Cecil, (distinguished in English subjects and Religious Knowledge), Edith Hicks, (distinguished in French), and Jane Taylor.

SATISFIED THE EXAMINERS.—Ellen Ward, (distinguished in Religious Knowledge), Amy Swaine, Mary Wyatt, Cicely Jardine, Ellen Senier, and Agnes Deeley.

BOYS.

JUNIORS.—HONOURS—CLASS I.—1. H. Bingham, (distinguished for Mathematics and Latin); 2. W. R. Cooper, (distinguished for Latin and French); 3. A. T. Howarth; 4. H. King, (distinguished for Latin and French).

HONOURS—CLASS II.—5. J. Hurst; 6. A. J. Kennedy, (distinguished for Latin); 7. S. W. Richardson; 8. C. B. Sharp; 9. W. Stanton.

HONOURS—CLASS. III.—10. G. N. C. Keighley; 11. J. C. Potts; 12. A. Woon.

SATISFIED THE EXAMINERS.—13. R. P. Deeley; 14. P. A. Gedge; 15. N. G. Southam; 16. J. Ward.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, Bro. William Roebuck P.G. Steward, Vice Patron and Trustee, occupying the chair. There was an exceptionally large attendance of the subscribers; the question of election for brethren to serve on the House Committee being evidently the attraction. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and those of the special meetings of the House and Building Committees on the 7th ult., and the House Committee on the 20th ult., having been read for information, it was moved, seconded, and resolved that so much of the minutes of the General Committee as referred to the rejection of petition on behalf of L. C. E. Ambrose be rescinded. Two petitions, on behalf of Ambrose and another, were submitted and accepted, and their names will accordingly be included in the list for the October election. Grants of £5 each, for outfits, in two cases were made, after which the Scrutineers appointed to conduct the ballot at the election of two brethren to serve on the House Committee handed in their report, from which it appeared that the result was as follows:—Bros. Henry Venn 56 votes, T. Hastings Miller 52, Charles Belton 37, and W. H. Saunders 24. Accordingly Bros. Venn and Miller were declared elected, and the meeting terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last. Bro. H. B. Marshall, Past G. Treasurer and Patron presiding. There were present Bros. J. Newton, J. L. Mather, Cottebrune P.G.P., W. Murch, W. Daniell, West, Tattershall, Murliss, Goodall, Case, Hogard, Bush, Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D, Freeman, Bowyer P.G.S.B., Fairchild, Bulmer, Holton, Moore, Adlard, Hilton, Stean, Cubitt P.G.P., Dilley, Festa, and James Terry, Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of five annuitants,—two male and three female. The Matron's report was submitted and approved. There being no resident brother at Croydon who, in the opinion of the House Committee, could be recommended for the appointment of Warden, it was agreed that Miss Norris should discharge the duties of the office, in conjunction with that of Matron, the emoluments of the Wardenship being paid to her additionally. The result of the Festival on Wednesday, the 25th ult., was reported as £17,802 6s 6d, with three lists still outstanding. The resignation of Bro. G. S. Recknell, who has been appointed to a Clerkship in Grand Secretary's office, was announced and accepted. Bro. Vassar Smith was made Honorary Vice-President in consideration of his services at the Festival, and generally in behalf of the Institution. Bro. Edgar Bowyer gave notice of motion to vote to Bro. Terry the sum of 100 guineas, in recognition of his valuable services at the Festival. After this a vote of thanks to the Chairman was passed, and the proceedings terminated.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards of the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 6th inst., under the presidency of Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas. The usual formal business having been disposed of, votes of thanks were passed to the Board of General Purposes for the use of the Temple on the occasion of the recent Festival; to the Grand Secretary, for having interested himself in arranging for its use; and to Bro. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Master, Gloucestershire, for his kindness in presiding. The resolution of the Board of Management of the Institution, thanking the Stewards, individually and collectively, in the most complimentary manner, for their valuable services was read. Votes of thanks were passed to the Officers of the Board of Stewards for the part they had taken in securing the success which had attended the Festival. The accounts having been passed, and the Hon. Treasurer instructed to discharge the same, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman of the meeting, and the business was concluded.

The following additions to the Stewards' lists have been made since the amounts announced in our issue of the 28th February:—

Lodge 65	per Bro. C. J. Rich	. . .	10	10	0
1558	Charles Sims	. . .	27	5	0
1679	John Bagot Scriven	. .	24	3	0
1716	Henry J. Hancock	. .	54	5	0
1732	Henry Stiles	. . .	29	2	6

EAST LANCASHIRE.

163	The Lodge	. . . .	42	0	0

SUFFOLK.

The Province, per Bro. Major W. Dods	. .	26	5	0

WEST YORKSHIRE.

Sir H. Edwards, Bart., P.P.G.M. and another (ten guineas each)	. . . . .	21	0	0

Obituary.

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MRS. GEORGE EVERETT.

IT is with deep regret we have to announce the death, which occurred on Sunday last, of the wife of Bro. George Everett. The deceased lady, who was but thirty-five years of age, had earned for herself the lasting gratitude of many a poor widow and orphan child, by the interest she took in our periodical elections, while, in the immediate locality in which she resided, she was at all times prepared to counsel and assist, to the best of her ability, the necessitous and afflicted. We are sure all who know Brother George Everett will receive this mournful intelligence with sad but sympathetic hearts. The funeral took place at Norwood Cemetery, on Thursday, and amongst those who contributed Floral Wreaths, by which the coffin was literally covered, were the brethren of the Domatic and Chiswick Lodges, in the former of which Brother George Everett holds the office of Treasurer, while in the latter it is well known to our readers he was the Founder and first Worshipful Master.

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(AGED 8 YEARS),

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Aged 10 years, 10th September 1885. Eldest son of the late Brother ROBERT CHAMBERLAIN, Locomotive Engineer of Rewari-Ferozpur State Railway, Punjaub, who died suddenly, at Hissar, on the 26th July 1881, aged 42, from Heat Apoplexy, leaving a widow and two children without adequate means of support. He was initiated in Lodge Corinth, No. 1122, Nagpur, served as W.M. and Secretary over two years; W.M. of Lodge Berar, No. 1619, Budneira; three years D.G.D. of Bombay, and a member of the Grand Lodge of England. He was a subscribing member until death.

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THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—If ever there was a time when Freemasons ought to feel proud, it is now. The Festival of the Benevolent Institution was a gigantic success, and from it ought to spring results that should make many a heart glad. I expected something good from the presidency of Bro. Sir M. Hicks Beach, and I was sure the brethren of the Province over which he so ably presides as Grand Master would subscribe liberally, but I was not prepared for the very generous amount of £1,200. There are only fourteen Lodges in Gloucestershire, comprising 600 members; so that the contribution of each Lodge averages £85 (over), £2 each brother, respectively. That is something like a backing of pretensions. This special subscription and the gross total of £17,636 6s 8d will make the Festival of 1885 a memorable one, both locally and generally. While rejoicing over this increase of £3,000 on last year's list, I am not unmindful of the fact that leaps and bounds in finance are apt to be followed by severe reaction. It would be difficult to anticipate the future growth of the Craft, or the generosity of the brethren. Results have put all such calculations out of the question, and perhaps it would be "as well to feel" that sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. Nevertheless, I do not think between £17,000 and £18,000 a normal subscription list, and therefore caution should be exercised in entering upon fresh obligations. I should like to see the capital fund increased, so as to provide that the operations of the Institution could never sink below a point which, if not altogether satisfactory, would still be highly beneficent. The question is, where shall this increased capital come from? That is a problem the Committee, who have all the facts and figures before them, must solve. It is enough for me to say that it should not come from assured yearly income. Every farthing of the contribution of Grand Lodge ought to be spent in the year in which it is subscribed, and for the purposes—special or general—indicated. As far as I can perceive, this practice is not now completely carried out. If this is so, it is to be regretted, for so many candidates are knocking at the door of charity that every farthing of secured yearly income should be spent in relief, and not hoarded.

I have got a few figures together which may not be altogether unworthy of notice at the present moment, assuming they are correct. Before I introduce them I would just observe that I am not contending for a fad, or striking a blow at any one. I only want the truth, and if, upon investigation, it turns out that I am wrong, I shall be quite ready to make the *amende honorable*. I make no charge, insinuate no imputation, and if my testimony be worth anything, I may say that I believe the affairs of the Institution are honourably and ably governed. What I have to say, therefore, touches methods, and not honour or capacity.

In 1882 there were 335 annuitants on the Benevolent Fund. At the election of 1883 the number was set out in detail as follows:—

165	Brethren - - - - -	£6,720
170	Widows - - - - -	5,440
20	„ (half-pay) - - -	440
355		£12,600

The difference in the number of recipients in the two years is just 20. This increase was warranted, I take it, by the success of the previous Festival, and was in no way affected by the extra contribution of £800 by Grand Lodge. Ten widows were added to the list of annuitants in 1883, at a cost of £320. Supposing this was taken out of the increased grant by Grand Lodge, what became of the balance of £480? But I do not see that this fund would be available at that particular time, and therefore the increase of annuitants was made in consequence of the success of the Festival. In 1881 ten female candidates were added to the regular vacancies, but as the Festival of that year produced £14,612 10s, the largest sum ever known, the additional expenditure of £320 already incurred, and £320 about to be incurred, seems out of all proportion to the income. I do not see what became of the additional grants of Grand Lodge unless they were used to swell the capital invested. Coming to the present year we have the enormous sum of £3,000 more than last year's Festival yielded, and it remains to be seen what further advantages will be offered beyond the nineteen candidates already proposed to be added to the sixteen vacancies. The time seems to me to be particularly favourable for considering the whole matter, and I trust what I have said may help on the subject.

Before I close, permit me to point out what appears to be a very singular discrepancy. At the election of 1883 it was stated that 325 annuitants involved an outlay of £12,600. At the recent Festival the Chairman said: "At the present time 170 old Masons and 202 widows were in receipt of sums of £10 and £32 respectively, and this was done at a cost of something like £15,000 a year." The difference in numbers in the two cases is 18, and allowing £10 for each that would make £720. Add the latter to the absolute cost of 355 annuitants in 1883, and the gross total would be £13,220. What becomes of the balance of £1,680? No doubt the discrepancy can be accounted for, but as it stands there appears to be a looseness of statement. In the interest of accuracy, therefore, I deem it right to call attention to what appears to me to be a serious confusion of figures.

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

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THE GREAT LIGHT.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Brother Editor,—I was much pleased with the letter of "A Buckingham Apprentice" in your issue of 28th February. I would like to know how it is that this Great Light is not placed in its proper position in a Lodge-room? The present arrangement in some Lodges that I have visited is grossly in error, or the tracing board is wrong. If a Master is not to work according to the tracing board, why have it in a Lodge-room at all?

A commotion was made in May 1816 respecting the Master's Light being blown out or covered, and a lanthorn showing a star introduced for a short time in lieu, yet but little notice is taken of the Light of Lights being covered over with circulars, papers, or anything that comes to hand. Is this irregularity to continue? I trust not, but that the matter will be taken in hand by the Craft in general, and so move that all will see the importance of placing separate and distinct the Holy Bible, so that all in the Lodge-room can see it, get round it in a circle, and this be the centre, or on the vertex of the circle East of the centre.

Let the solemn Act of Union and the arrangement of the Hall for that event be brought to light, then the Craft of to-day will be a little wiser on this point.

Yours fraternally,

Argumentum ad Judicium.

ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Another contest for the G. Treasurer's collar has ended, leaving behind much matter for anxious thought. Strongly as I feel in favour of the principle of open competition, and impressed as I am with the propriety of the mass composing Grand Lodge conferring the only favour they have to bestow in their own way, I am not a little ashamed of some of the tactics that were discovered during the recent election. There is a good deal of truth in the aphorism—*Vox populi est vox Dei*, but it is only really true when the public voice itself speaks, and not when heard through a medium, or at the instigation of cliques. It must be admitted that leaders are often necessary, and it is imperative that they should be intelligent, of sound judgment, and courteous in demeanour. Their power over the popular will is generally great, and their responsibility is not less because unseen they pull the string while the puppets dance. All these conditions, I fear, were violated during

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the late contest, and what is of more importance, the tendency seems to be in a downward direction. Candidates for a distinguished post are not like goods at a sale, to be catalogued and appraised after the style of a Robbins. Their virtues might be great and numerous, but it would not be dignified to set them forth in the language of an auctioneer, however eminent and gifted.

It is very desirable that the merits of those seeking office should be as widely known amongst brethren as possible, and the safest and best medium for that purpose would be the Masonic Press. Apart from the question of special fitness, the two able exponents of the Craft in England would be in sympathy with the movement, and would possess knowledge that cannot be within the ken of outsiders. Cases set forth in these journals would necessarily have to be carefully considered. Any exaggeration would be at once detected, error would be corrected, and the truth made apparent. With this knowledge before, and loyalty to principle, mistake would be next to impossible. Something no doubt was done by the Masonic papers in question in maturing opinion in the late contest, but the area of battle was chiefly confined to circulars and canvassing at Lodge meetings. An article appeared in a profane paper—copied by you I suppose on the principle of giving everything as far as possible—which recalled the very obnoxious Old Bailey practice of bullying. A more offensive and un-Masonic attack I never read. It discounted one brother for the purpose of exalting another, and made a hero out of very questionable materials indeed.

I do not approve of the way in which the fight in favour of Bro. Woodall was carried on. I admire the pluck and determination shown by the country brethren. They fought with the only weapons that appeared to them most likely to be effective, and in success they have satisfaction, if not justification. It is, perhaps, vain to expect the practice of the higher virtues until Masons understand their duties as well as privileges, and so long as popular methods are followed, it would be idle to look for much else than detraction on the one hand, and fulsome adulation on the other. Apparently Brother Willing never had a chance of winning, and few out of his own circle will regret his defeat. If he reads the lesson aright he will come out of the ordeal purged of some faults, and enlightened on matters that hitherto have only presented one view to him. He will find that in a candidate for distinction in Grand Lodge something more is wanted than the will and the power to make Masons and to found Lodges. It is not enough to seek offices, and then parade the work done as a good conferred on the brethren only, without taking into account that the holder counted it an honour to be selected. Bro. Willing has time on his side, and if he works and waits patiently his reward will come in due season. A majority vote, although a large one, is not a great compliment. The fact remains, that the minority vote was given against the successful candidate, and that of itself, in the case of an honorary office, is a considerable drawback, and so it must ever be until a better system than now prevails in estimating character and fitness is adopted.

Bro. Cama avoided all the arts and wiles of popular advocacy, and he polled 89 votes. This fact of itself tells a lamentable tale. Bro. Cama is in no sense inferior to Bro. Willing. On the contrary, I should say that socially he stands higher, and that his Masonic record is as good. He has the additional advantage of inheriting a name and reputation which few possess. He belongs to a foreign race who hold Masonry in high reverence, and to elect him to a post of honour would be paying a just compliment to the Parsees in particular, and foreign brethren generally, throughout the world. The fact would be practically recognising that cosmopolitan character of Freemasonry which all profess to admire.

I hope we have seen the last of vestry and Old Bailey tactics. The Press is a mighty power, but its action must be spontaneous to be useful and reliable. I think few will say that the article that appeared in the *Evening News*, and another one that followed in the *Evening Standard*, reflected the unbiassed opinions of the editors of those papers. They were friendly contributions to Bro. Willing's cause, but they were mistaken kindnesses, for the purpose the writers had in view was too evident, and the means used worked its defeat.

Perhaps another year we may see an improvement upon present methods; at any rate we ought to profit by experience.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

ALEX.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was one of those present at the last Communication of Grand Lodge. I am also a pretty regular attendant each quarter, but I must say a worse organised meeting I never took part in. In addition to my being nearly crushed through the block in the passageway, I had my coat torn. However, that is not what I am about to claim from you space to record. With respect to the Provincial brethren, many belonged to London Lodges, and could, if they had been so minded, have signed more than once, and thereby had a chance of receiving their voting papers twice. So much for the past, for the present the matter ends. Now for the future. Let the Grand Treasurer be elected annually, and the brethren be nominated as now; but why compel brethren to travel hundreds of miles to the neglect of their business affairs, and mulct them for expenses when this could be easily obviated? In my opinion, the balloting papers should be sent to every Lodge where those entitled to vote could receive them. Let them be returned under cover to the Grand Secretary, and the scrutineers could announce to Grand Lodge the result of the election.

I am, yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the Canadian Craftsman.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am rejoiced to see and read your article entitled "Stand by the Ancient Landmarks." It may be, and doubtless is, an unpopular view just now in America generally, as respects our Masonic legislators, but never mind, your view, and our view, as to the subject will yet prevail. I am really astonished that so much valuable time is wasted by so many intelligent and zealous Grand Masters in the United States, in discussing the physical qualifications of candidates. To come to the point—How many of them are perfectly sound? You speak of one having ruled, that if a man had a cataract in the eye he could not be admitted. Well, that is the most absurd decision I have yet met with, but if men are to be wholly physically sound, as candidates for initiation, then, of course he was right and we are wrong. I have many times had a few words to say against any such absurd interpretation of what are called the "Ancient Landmarks," and I think now of adding slightly to the discussion, by supporting your opinion that "The whole thing is a farce, and an arrant humbug, and a remnant of the dark ages." Let us inquire how it originated, and what possible justification can be urged for the "physical qualification" legislation of American Grand Lodges. The only authority for these physical tests is to be found in the Charges of a Freemason, which precede the General Regulations of the Book of Constitution of 1723, and subsequent editions. I make bold to say that they were never intended to apply practically to the modern Craft, but are simply presented in each Book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England from 1723 to 1884, as extracts from The ancient records of Lodges beyond sea, and of those in England, Scotland and Ireland, for the use of the Lodges in London. To be read at the making of new brethren, or when the Master shall order it. Notwithstanding all the numerous alterations in our laws they remain practically the same in 1884 as in 1723, and there is not a Grand Lodge under the sun that could adopt them as their Rules and Regulations at the present time. Some apply to the present, as of old, because, mainly, to do with the conduct of brethren; but others refer us more to the Craft now, than they did in 1723, having only to do with the brotherhood in ancient times, when Masonry was a monopoly, and chiefly if not exclusively operative. These Charges are an abridgment, with additions and alterations by Dr. Anderson in 1723, of the Old Charges, of which we have now about fifty copies, ranging from the fourteenth down to the last century. A number of these I had printed in my Old Charges of British Freemasons, in 1872. Take one of the oldest as a sample of the others, viz.: The York MS. of A.D. 1600: Such apprentice, sufficiently able of body and sound of limbs, and also of good birth, free born, noe alian, &c. Now it would be unfair to take out this rule from the context and ignore the others, such as: 1. True to ye Holy Church (probably Roman Catholic then). 2. True allegiance to ye King of England. 3. Noe Mason shall be a common player att cards or dice, &c., &c. I want to know why the physical qualification regulation should be retained, and the others passed out. But, say some, we have to do with the extracts of 1723. Now let us see what they say:—No Master should take an Apprentice, unless he has sufficient employment for him, and unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art, of serving his Master's Lord, and of being made a Brother, and then a Fellow Craft in due time. Surely this regulation, even in early days, would not have been considered sufficient to exclude from initiation a man with a glass eye, one who had lost a portion of the second finger of his right hand, or one who had a cataract in his eye. So long as any defect of a physical character was not such as to render a candidate incapable of learning the art of serving his Master, or of being made a brother, he was not ineligible for initiation. But I go further, and ask, why the many curious rules in these extracts are omitted, but the one as to physical perfection retained? A Fellow Craft, by these old charges, was eligible for election as a Warden, or even a Grand Master; all the tools used by the operative Masons had to be approved by the Grand Lodge, all the candidates must have had honest parents, have served their full time, according to the custom of their country, before being a Fellow Craft. All Masons must meekly receive their wages and not leave their Masters until the work is finished. And there are also other curious rules, which no Grand Lodge could possibly observe at the present time. It is evident, therefore, that they were not intended other than as an abridged account of the old operative charges, and the Grand Lodge of England from 1723 has never accepted them in any other sense. Therefore, I also say,—Away with it.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.

CHRISTIANITY AND FREEMASONRY.

We reproduce the following letter from the *Nottingham Daily Guardian*:—

To the Editor.

SIR,—I did not originally intend to write anything upon this vexed question, being quite incompetent for such an undertaking, but happening this morning to refer to Fredk. von Schlegel's lectures on the "Philosophy of History," delivered in Vienna about the year 1828, I thought the following passage might satisfy the curiosity of your readers, as it bears kindly on the question.

"There are in the history of the 18th century many phenomena which occurred so suddenly, so instantaneously, so contrary to all expectation, that although on deeper consideration we may discover their efficient sources in the past, in the natural state of things, and in the general situation of the world, yet there are many circum-

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stances which prove that there was a deliberate, though secret, preparation of events, as, indeed, in many instances has been actually demonstrated. I must now say a few words on this secret and mysterious branch of illuminism, and on the progress it made during the period of its sway, in order to complete the sketch of that period, and to show the influence of this principle, both in regard to the origin and general spirit of the Revolution (which in its fanaticism believed itself a regeneration of the world), and in regard to the true restoration of society, founded on the basis of Christian justice. But there is this peculiar circumstance in this historical inquiry, that those who, as eye-witnesses, could best speak from their personal experience, cannot always be considered as the most credible vouchers; for we never know, or can know, what their particular views and interests may lead them to say or conceal, to suppress wholly or in part. However, it has so happened that, in the universal convulsion and overthrow of society, many things have come to light on this mysterious and esoteric clue in modern history—things which when combined together furnish us with a not incorrect and a tolerably complete idea of this mighty element of the Revolution and of illuminism, true and false, which has exercised so evident and so various an influence on the world. And it is only on such historical grounds (which are quite sufficient for our purpose, and can alone be made the matter of moderation here) I am at all competent to pronounce an opinion on this subject; or rather, I should say, to give an account of this event, and it is from historical sources, facts, and references alone, that the following sketch has been taken.

"As to the origin of this esoteric influence, the impartial historical inquirers cannot doubt (whatever motives or views some may have to deny the fact) that the Order of Templars was the channel of which this society in its ancient and long preserved form was introduced in the West. The religious Masonic symbols may be accounted for by the Solomonion traditions connected with the very foundation of the Order of Templars; and, indeed, the occasion of these symbols may be traced in other passages of Holy Writ, and in other parts of sacred history, and they may very well admit of Christian interpretation. Traces of these symbols may be found in the monuments of the old German architecture of the middle age. Any secret spiritual association, however, diffused at once among Christians and Mahometans cannot be of a very Christian nature, nor long continue so. Nay, the very men of an esoteric society for the propagation of any secret doctrines, is not compatible with the very principle of Christianity itself, for Christianity is a divine mystery, which according to the intentions of its Founder lies open to all. For this reason, in a revelation imparted to all alike, there can be no secrecy, as in the Pagan mysteries, where, by the side of the popular mythology and the public religion of the State, certain esoteric doctrines were inculcated to the initiated only. This would be to constitute a church within a church—a measure to be as little tolerated or justified as an *imperium in imperio;* and in an age where worldly interests and public or secret views of policy have far greater ascendancy than religious opinions or sentiments. Such a secret church would unquestionably, as experience has often proved, be very soon transformed into a secret directory for political changes and revolutions. That in this society the unchristian principles of a negative illuminism, veiled, as they often were, in sentiments of universal philanthropy, were of a date tolerably modern, all historical analogies would lead us to suppose. On the other hand, the Christian opinions which survived in this order (though in our times, amid the innumerable factions which have agitated this by their contests, the adherents to Christian principles form a small minority of its members)—the Christian opinions surviving in this order partook, conformably to the historical origin I have assigned, more of an Oriental and Gnostic character . . . . Who does not know, or who does not remember, that the ruler of the world (Napoleon) in the period just passed made use of this vehicle in all the countries he conquered, to delude and deceive the nations with false hopes? And on this account he was styled by his partizans the Man of the Age, and in fact he was a slave to the spirit of his age. A society from whose bosom, as from the secret laboratory of revolution, the Illuminés, the Jacobins, and the Carbonari have successively proceeded, cannot possibly be termed, or be, in fact, very beneficial to mankind, politically sound, or truly Christian in its views and tendency. Still I must here observe, that it has been the fate of the oldest of secret societies, that its venerable forms, which are known to all the initiated, should serve as a cloak to every new conspiracy. In the next place, we must not forget that this order itself appears to be split and divided into a multitude of different sects and factions; and that on this account we must not suppose that all those fearful aberrations and wild excesses of impiety, all those openly destructive or the secretly undermining principle of revolution, were universally approved of by this society. On the contrary, such a supposition would be utterly false, or at least very exaggerated. The mere notice of all the highly estimable characters, mistaken but on this point—of most distinguished and illustrious personages in the 18th century, members of this association—would suffice to annul, or at least materially modify, this sweeping assertion. From many indications we may consider it certain, or at least extremely probable, that in no country did this esoteric society so well harmonise with the State and the whole established order of things as in that country where all the conflicting elements of morals and society are brought into a sort of strange and artificial equipoise—I mean England."

So for our German professor; the immense authority of the Schlegels must be my justification for so lengthy a quotation. The author has been styled by intellectual Germans "one of the profoundest thinkers Germany ever produced," whose works "are a vast repertory of thoughts, hints, perceptions, and views on æsthetics, history, theology, and metaphysics, whose memory was stored with the riches of all climes, whose imagination was so vigorous, whose understanding was so profound, even to mystical intention," &c. My quotation is from the "Philosophy of History," pp 455-8 (London: H. G. Bohn, 1846, Robertson's Trans.) Not being] myself a theologian, I shall be glad to have your readers' opinions on the above citation, which evidently appears to be written with great deference to the intellectual prejudices of others. "In things necessary, unity; things doubtful, liberty; in all things, charity."

I am, Sir, &c.

GEORGE O'BYRNE.

Nottingham, 4th March 1885.

INTERNATIONAL MASONIC CONGRATULATIONS.

ON Friday, the 6th inst., the members of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, 574, met at the Temperance Hall, Newbury, Bro. W. H. Belcher W.M. presiding. In connection with the 250th Settlement of Newburyport, Mass., it was unanimously resolved to forward the following congratulatory address to the Masonic Lodges in that place:—

Newbury, Berks, 24th February 1885.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—The W.M., Officers and Brethren of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, in open Lodge assembled, desire me to convey to the Officers and Brethren of your Lodge their hearty and sincere congratulations on the 250th Anniversary of your Settlement. They are very pleased to find that Craft Masonry is recognised and practised at Newburyport, and they also hope the W.M., Officers and Brethren of your Lodge will accept the hearty good wishes of the Masons of the old Town of Newbury in England, for the success of Freemasonry and the general welfare of your Town and Settlement.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

STEPHEN KNIGHT P.M. P.Prov. G.D.C.

Secretary.

To the Secretary,
St. Mark's Lodge,
St. John's Lodge,
Newburyport, Mass., U.S.A.

THE FENIANS IN PARIS.

THE *Gaulois* affirms that the Fenian residents in Paris met on the 6th inst., near Sannais, and addressed the following letter to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the English Freemasons:—

"The good will manifested by your Highness promising to visit Ireland obliges us, whose hatred for England's bad administration is so pronounced, to establish a distinction between all stupid and fanatical attacks against your person and the inexorable war which we are determined to make when our arrangements are more complete and better organised. Once for all, the members of the Irish Revolutionary Directory are desirous of assuring you that you and the Princess will be perfectly safe so long as you remain on Irish soil. Go and see yourself what the Irish people have suffered, and we shall feel grateful. Although you must be some day the heir of centuries of usurpation and of attempts to exterminate us, the time has passed when Irish patriots believed they could have saved Ireland by the constitution of an Anglo-Irish Republic. Now Ireland rises single-handed, and the sight of your Highness, besides the good impression which no doubt your projected visit will produce, has nothing to do with the aspirations and griefs of Ireland."

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the members of the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction No. 1695, at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, N., on Tuesday, 24th March, and Tuesday, 31st March. Bros. Larchin W.M., H. G. Gush S.W., J. A. Powell J.W., A. W. Fenner I.P.M. First Lecture (24th March)—Bros. Moon, Mercer, Salmon, Fenner, Cutchey, Gush, Powell. Second Lecture (31st March)—Bros. Cross, Airey, Weedon, Lardner, Gush. Third Lecture—Bros. Dixie, Williams, Hall. Lodge will be opened at eight o'clock each evening punctually. Bro. Berry 1695, Secretary.

On Wednesday last, at the New Hall of the London Cottage Mission, 67 Salmon's Lane, Limehouse, E., in addition to the usual weekly dinner of irish stew provided for the little ones, a number of adults of both sexes were admitted, and furnished with a good substantial meal of a similar character, which was most gratefully appreciated. The advent of spring has as yet worked little, if any, change in the destitute condition of the labouring class population of the East End of London, and funds are most urgently needed to carry on the work of the Mission in its various phases. All contributions or donations are requested to be sent to Mr. Walter Austin, 44 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., or to Miss Napton, 304 Burdett Road, Limehouse, E.

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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 MARCH.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., 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
1961—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 16th MARCH.

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.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.

1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Pratt 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)
1707—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1624—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. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
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
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
829—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, Bailey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1413—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1969—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham

R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 734—Lonsdesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R.A. 1054—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
K.T. 30—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 17th MARCH.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners', Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
85—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, London-wall-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.
[illegible], Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
193—St. Paul, Crown Street Hotel,
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
[illegible] Yarborough, [illegible] (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
[illegible] Prince Frederick William, Prince Tavern, Castle Road, Mattia Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
821—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
890—[illegible], Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Enderby, Red Lion, Yeoman's Row, Brompton Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
1444—Friars, Lecture Room, [illegible], Bouverie Street, E.C. (Instruction)
1466—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Primrose Park R., Lee, at 8. (Instruction)
1581—Kennington, Three Tuns, Kennington Park Road (Instruction)
1129—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Bromley, Old Bromley
[illegible] Road, Salvation [illegible], Three Stags, Kennington Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1514—Hengist, Chapman, Albert Gate, Knightsbridge, [illegible] (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)
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, Truedens, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
488—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
950—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1425—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1344—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
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, 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. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York

WEDNESDAY, 18th MARCH.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 8
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lizard, 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, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barlett-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, [illegible], Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1159—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1284—Bruce Castle Park, Clock Tavern, Hornsey, at 8 (Instruction)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 340 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mile-end, [illegible], at 8 (Inst)
1601—Wanderers, Admiral Eyre Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1662—Beaconsfield, Commercial, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, Joan Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1750—Stanton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1804—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In).

R.A. 177—Dunstable, Town Tavern, Aircastle, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 923—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 1539—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leyton Line
M.M.—Grand Masters, 33 Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Preston, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan
240—Old Concord, Private Rooms, Old Cheapside, Scarborough
241—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Castle-gate, Carlisle
258—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, Bridge-street, Bilston
277—Faithful Brethren, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Peel-street, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Lambeth
360—Integrity, Masonic Rooms, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
424—Stanhope, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Saltaire, Town Hall, Bradford
557—Zetland, 9 Hewitt Street, Bloomsbury.
568—Thomas, Wheat Sheaf, Oldham
581—Faith, Dewsbury Inn, Queensbury
592—Cotteswold, Kings Head Hotel, Cirencester
593—Downshire, Private Room, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
614—Yarborough, Freemasons Hall, Manchester
[illegible] St. John, Masonic Hall, Lincoln, at 8. (Instruction)
681—Usk, Freemasons Hall, Bridge-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
697—Underley, George Hotel, Kirkby Lonsdale
753—St. Fidus, Freemasons Hall, Lauderdale
758—Economic, Masonic Hall, Rochdale, at 7.30. (Instruction)
816—Royal, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
824—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells

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889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropercate, Pontefract
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
1090—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Rochdale Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1213—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
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
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1988—Mawddack, Twysfing, Via Dolgelley, N. Wales

R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
R.A. 682—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, 19th MARCH.

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—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
65—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)
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1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
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.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1675—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst).
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
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. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Bursledm
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hasbingden
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
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344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
623—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Hufford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1192—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1269—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1402—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
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1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
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FRIDAY, 20th 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, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, 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)
1278—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1612—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1789—Unique, 79 Priory Street, Pimlico, 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, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, 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. 18—Kemeys Tynte, 33 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
317—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
490—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
641—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
908—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1036—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instuction)
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. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
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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
R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 21st MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Priory Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
2042—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
M.M. 101—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
454—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
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CHRISTIANITY AND FREEMASONRY.

UNDER the above title we last week reproduced a letter that had been sent to the *Nottingham Daily Guardian*, in which was given a long extract from one of Freiderich von Schlegel's lectures on the "Philosophy of History," delivered about the year 1828. Freiderich was the younger of two sons, but he was far less distinguished than his brother August Wilhelm Schlegel. Born a Protestant, he subsequently became a Roman Catholic, and this fact must be borne in mind when estimating his opinions on matters referring to secret societies. The ban of the Romish Church was not less bitter against Freemasonry in the latter part of the eighteenth and beginning of the nineteenth centuries than it is now, and it is not at all likely that Freiderich Schlegel would be more tolerant of the Craft, being himself a pervert and therefore zealous, than the heads of his own Church. His brother was the intimate friend of Madame de Stael and Goethe. The latter was a Freemason, and the lady was an admirer of the Order. This simple record is suggestive, and points to the inference that care should be observed in admitting, without question, even the statements of a man of the character of Freiderich von Schlegel. In the extract referred to, he is careful in discounting the authority of eye witnesses of events, because he says: "We never know, or can know, what their particular views and interests may lead them to say or conceal, to suppress wholly or in part." Just so, and therefore, for the reasons already given, we should be somewhat sceptical in receiving the views even of the great German philosopher, especially when he omits the grounds upon which his conclusions have been founded.

Freiderich von Schlegel assumes at the outset that "the Order of the Templars was the channel of which this society [Freemasons] in its ancient and long preserved form was introduced to the West." Without attempting to contest this assumption, it may be stated that men quite as capable, if not more capable, than this authority, are by no means agreed as to the relative positions of Templarism and Craft Freemasonry. The evidence is not so overwhelming as not to admit of doubts, and this fact alone is sufficient to arouse caution in accepting as *ex cathedra* what is a matter of opinion. As if apprehensive of a damaging conclusion being drawn from his own premiss, the philosopher hastens to show that spiritual associations could not long exist among Christians and Mahommedans; that "an esoteric society for the propagation of any secret doctrines is not compatible with the very principle of Christianity itself, for Christianity is a divine mystery, which according to the intentions of its Founder lies open to all." With regard to the first statement it may be boldly asserted that spiritual associations between Christians and Mahommedans do exist, through the medium of Freemasonry. This is one of the grandest features of the Order—that it can retain its spiritual essence without being crippled in its operation by creeds and dogmas. It embraces men of all creeds, and only closes its doors to the atheist. It teaches a belief in God and the immortality of the soul, and although the name of Christ is not invoked there is nothing in the Craft that can offend the most earnest disciple of the Saviour. "Christianity," says Schlegel, "is a divine mystery." So is the religion of the Jews, and is just as open to all as is Christianity. It is hardly correct to say that Freemasonry is founded for the propagation of secret doctrines. Its secrets are not of principles, but of methods of salutation and recognition. It is founded on a universal basis, and never can become a "church within a church." In this sense it stands out in noble contrast to Roman Catholicism, which is, what our author condemns, an *imperium in imperio*. With a strange perversity he urges that such a Church as he opines Freemasonry to be, "would unquestionably be very soon transformed into a secret directory for political changes and revolutions." Surely he had in view his own Church, which has contributed so much to political strife and dynastic changes. The harsh, imperious sway of Rome, the usurpation of all power over the civil and religious life of mankind, the boasted claim of infallibility, shocked the natural love of liberty. Against all this Freemasonry revolts, and hence the enmity of Pope and priests, who must have the obedience of the dumb brute or no tie at all. This clashing of interests so diverse has led to a bitter antagonism on the part of the Church of Rome, and as her methods of working are violent and unscrupulous, charges have been brought against Freemasonry which are altogether untrue and contrary to its very nature.

If we had not known that Schlegel was a Roman Catholic, we should have been very much surprised at the attitude he has taken up. His connection with the Church, however, explains everything, and certainly detracts from his authority on any matter connected with the Craft. He alleges that the latter is the "secret laboratory of revolution," from whose bosom have proceeded the "Illumines, the Jacobins, and the Carbonari." This is an old fallacy, and scarcely worth refuting. It is enough to say that Freemasonry has nothing whatever to do with affairs of State, except to be loyal citizens; and the secret societies, such as those we have named, were organised because there was no room for the hot spirits that founded them within the extensive boundaries of the Craft. But Schlegel gets more than ordinarily weak towards the close of his argument. He seems afraid of the boldness of his accusations, and modifies them by stating that "the oldest of secret societies appears to be split and divided into a multitude of different sects and factions, and that on this account we must not suppose that all those fearful aberrations and wild excesses of impiety, all those openly destructive or the secretly undermining principle of revolution, were universally approved of by this society." He continues to say that such a supposition would be utterly false, and admits that there were many estimable persons in the eighteenth century connected with Freemasonry, against whom charges of wild excesses could not be brought. Then comes the reference to this country, which can hardly be considered a compliment. He says, "In no country did this esoteric society so well harmonise with the State and the whole established order of things as in that country where all the conflicting elements and morals of society are brought into a sort of strange and artificial equipoise—I mean England."

The admission made in the last quotation explains much of the difference that exists between English and Continental Freemasonry. Here the Craft has been free and unsuspected, and has remained loyal to law and religion. It has grown into a moral power of great magnitude, and the secret of success lies in its cosmopolitan character. It speaks one universal language and proclaims one universal principle. All Masons can recognise each other, and all

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can claim a Brotherhood of Charity. On the Continent priestly power has contended for the supremacy, and in the struggle for freedom from a corrupt and tyrannical church, men deserted the legal Institution of Freemasonry and established other secret societies. They were driven to desperate resources, and, in the wild excesses that followed, the good suffered with the bad. But, notwithstanding all that took place, there was much to pity in the offenders. Freemasonry could not find a remedy for their grievances, and it ought not to be made responsible for their crimes.

INITIATION OF PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR OF WALES.

THERE can be no question as to the views entertained by our Grand Master in regard to Freemasonry. The Order evidently has his Royal Highness's warmest sympathy; not only in his official capacity as Grand Master, but also in private life as a citizen and a father. That such is the case was amply demonstrated on Tuesday, when His Royal Highness personally initiated his eldest son into the mysteries of the Craft, and conferred on him membership of an Order which must be held in high repute by our future King, for he has taken the earliest opportunity of introducing his son into its ranks. The ceremony took place in the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, and was of all but a private character; simply the members of the Lodge being present to witness the initiation, which, in all probability, will be recorded as one of the principal events of English Freemasonry of the nineteenth century. The Prince of Wales was supported by the leaders of the Craft, who filled the respective offices, and assisted in the admission of the Royal Initiate, who we trust will take as much interest in the welfare of the Order as has been displayed by the members of his Royal Family in the past.

FROM THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, 17TH MARCH 1885.

Ever since the Prince of Wales was initiated into the rites of Freemasonry by the King of Sweden at Stockholm in 1868, His Royal Highness has taken a close personal interest in the welfare of the Craft. He has not been content to appear occasionally among the brethren as a mere ornamental patron of their ancient and widespread society, but has worked in Lodge with industry and assiduity, and is, indeed, apart from other high qualifications, an accomplished Craftsman. When, on the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon, the Prince accepted the duties and responsibilities of Worshipful Grand Master, eight thousand Officers in Masonry assembled at the Albert Hall to witness a sight which for splendour and impressiveness was probably never equalled among Free and Accepted Masons since the time of King Solomon, Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff. His Royal Highness has served the office of Worshipful Master in the Apollo University Lodge at Oxford, in the Prince of Wales' Lodge—in which he initiated his brother, the Duke of Connaught—and in the Alpha Lodge, in which he will receive his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor. Freemasons throughout the world—wherever brethren are known to one another by the occult mysteries which bind them together—will rejoice at the latest accession to an Order which, though founded on the principle of the equality of mankind, is yet full of veneration and respect for rank and precedence. Prince Albert Victor will be the seventeenth of the Blood Royal of Great Britain and Ireland to join the Freemasons since the year 1737, beyond which period the records of the Craft are occasionally vague and not always to be relied on. Without going outside the confines of England, the historians of the society claim for it an antiquity further back than the invasion of the Romans under Julius Cæsar. St. Austin, assumed to be a zealous Mason, helped to found the Cathedrals of Canterbury, Rochester, St. Paul's, and St. Peter's, Westminster, all in the seventh century; and, if the records may be trusted, the Craft has continued to flourish here, with the exception of a period of stagnation during the Heptarchy, from these days to those. According to Anderson's account, St. Augustine, Alfred the Great, St. Dunstan, and Edward the Confessor were all Grand Masters before the coming of the Normans. Nevertheless, the list of the holders of this exalted position among the brethren is not generally accepted without reservation until the end of Queen Anne's reign. Undoubtedly Henry VII. and Henry VIII. were Freemasons, and Inigo Jones and Sir Christopher Wren Masters of Lodges. An historic list of Grand Masters, however, accurate beyond all possibility and dispute, only begins with the Grand Mastership of Henry Sayer in 1717, followed by that of George Payne in 1718. In the year following the office was conferred on Dr. Désaguliers, who initiated Frederick Lewis, twentieth Prince of Wales, eldest son of King George II., at the Palace of Kew, on the 5th November 1737. If we are to place implicit reliance on the Memoirs of Lord Hervey—Pope's "Sporus"—the character of Prince Frederick Lewis was not above criticism. Certain it is that his father, a vain and selfish old man, despised him, and he was hated by his mother, the generally acute Queen Caroline. The Prince, however, was popular with the multitude, and that he must have been popular with the Craft is manifest from the fact that the Book of Constitutions for the year 1748 was dedicated to his Royal Highness.

The uninitiated are in the habit of asking: If Freemasonry be such an admirable institution, why is it not thrown open to everyone; and, furthermore, if it be good for men, why are not women also entrusted with its secrets? To this the Freemasons reply that were the privileges of the Order to be indiscriminately dispensed, its mysteries, becoming familiar, would lose their value and sink into disregard, and, when pressed, they are fain to admit that upon one occasion a lady was actually passed through the degrees of the Craft and emerged a full Freemason. It would appear that at some time during the second quarter of the eighteenth century the meetings of Lodge 44 used to be held at Donoraile House, the seat of Lord Donoraile, in Ireland, his lordship being then Worshipful Master. Lord Donoraile had a sister, the Hon. Elizabeth St. Leger, afterwards the Honourable Mrs. Aldworth, and the young lady so managed affairs that she possessed herself of all the secrets of the Lodge workings. The St. Legers, it will be remembered, were an enterprising family. "Handsome Jack Sellinger," one of the founders of the "Hell Fire Club" and the Doncaster St. Leger, a boon companion of the "First Gentleman in Europe," inherited all the curiosity and liveliness of the Donoraile blood. Some say that the Honourable Elizabeth secreted herself in a clock-case, others that she witnessed the working through a crevice in the wall of the apartment sacred to the mysteries of the Craft. What were the members of Lodge 44 to do under the circumstances? Having discovered her, had they let her go free she might have revealed secrets, close kept since the days of the building of the Temple, to all the parish, and so to society at large. We may suppose that her brother the Worshipful Master, and the Officers and brethren assembled, were hard put how to act for the best. Women might not become Freemasons. Yet here was a woman who, so far as a knowledge of some of the most important secrets, never revealed to the outer or popular world, was already one. The Constitutions did not provide for such a contingency, and it became necessary to create a precedent. Thereupon the Honourable Elizabeth St. Leger, only daughter of Arthur, first Viscount Donoraile, was brought before the authorities of Lodge 44 and solemnly inducted into the secrets and mysteries, the signs and tokens, of a Free and Accepted Mason. What was imparted to the lady is not likely to be made public. For, as one of the most learned of Masons had laid down, "of all the arts which Masons practise the art of secrecy particularly distinguishes them; and that it is agreeable to the Deity Himself may be easily conceived from the glorious example which He gives in concealing from mankind the ways of His Providence. The wisest of men cannot pry into the Arcana of Heaven, nor can they divine to-day what to-morrow may brink forth." Indeed, Harpocrates and Angerona were not more sacred to silence among the Greeks and Romans than is all that goes on in a Lodge close-tiled to the discreet Freemason. Whatever was told to Miss St. Leger, under the seal of secrecy, she possessed the conscience and prudence never to let pass her lips. The Irish Masons revere her memory, and her likeness in full Masonic clothing is still preserved.

When, at the Royal Alpha Lodge, to be held at Willis's Rooms to-day, Prince Albert Victor is received into the Craft by his father, he will become the member of a society illustrious alike for its antiquity and "respectability," and for the innumerable works of charity with which its name is associated. The word "respectability" is used advisedly. It is a word understood and applied according to its best and truest meaning—respect-worthy by the Craft at large. Freemasonry is, in this sense, before all and above all, a respectable institution. Its tenets teach the principles of honour and the practice of virtue. The society aids and assists the sick and the poor, and the widows and orphans of its members. Fond of good fellowship and lavish in the cause of Charity, the typical British Freemason is a good man and a decent citizen. Although it is a secret society, religion has nothing to fear from an Institution based on belief. Only lately the English Lodges have cut themselves adrift from the Grand Orient of France, not, as has been erroneously supposed, because the Orient favours freedom of thought, but because the Grand Commander of French Freemasonry and his Officers refuse to admit that the very life of the Institution is founded on the Masonic acknowledgment of faith in the Great Architect of the Universe. For the Grand Commander of the Orient, or for any lesser Mason, native or foreign, to pretend that the Craft in its purity is possible without a profession of faith is to misunderstand the first principles of Masonry, to misinterpret its injunctions, and to misread its records. Freemasons are, or should be, brethren wherever they meet. The Craft, like Art, speaks a universal language understood by all races of the initiated—East, West, North, and South. In the past it has left its traces upon almost every sacred Jewish and Christian fane famous in the annals of architecture. When the Freemasons really handled the tools of the mason's trade they were a guild by themselves, protected by every enlightened Monarch throughout the civilised world. And now that there are speculative Masons more particularly devoted to ethics and morality, Kings and Princes equally delight to honour an institution which upholds the safety of the State and the stability of the Throne. As of other learning, so of the knowledge of Freemasonry, there is no Royal road to all that it teaches. With the aid of an instructor, however, as able and accomplished in the lessons of the Craft as his illustrious father, Prince Albert Victor enters upon his Masonic career under a most auspicious star.

With respect to some of the remarks as above, a Past Master writes to the *Daily Telegraph* as follows:—

In your able leading article on Freemasonry, of last Tuesday, you say, "that on one occasion a lady was actually passed

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through the degrees of the Craft and emerged a full Freemason.' Permit me to add that no less than four of the softer sex have been initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. These were the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, in Lodge 44, about 1735, whom you mention; Mrs. Beaton, a native of Norfolk; a certain landlady of a Devonshire hotel; and Madame de Xaintrailles, in France.

We may add that reference is made to "Women in Freemasonry" in the "Occasional Papers," which may be had of our publisher, price 1/.—[Ed. F.C.]

THE UNRECORDED YEARS OF THE CRAFT.

WHEN we consider that from the beginning the established policy of Freemasonry has been to commit to writing as little as possible concerning the actual life of the Craft, and when we remember that the art of printing is a modern invention, only some four centuries old, it is not matter for surprise that we know so little of the history of the Masonic Fraternity, not only in the primitive times, but even in the Middle Ages, comparatively near to our own era. Indeed, it is remarkable that we have so *many* manuscript Constitutions and Old Charges preserved as are now in the possession of old Lodges, or of public or private libraries, when we recall the fact that at the so-called "Revival" in England, in A.D. 1717, the policy was to destroy rather than to preserve the old records of the Craft. Notwithstanding all this, though year by year the past is becoming more remote, the possibility of recovering some of these documents, long hidden away or lost, is improving. Old muniment chests and old garrets, when compelled to give up their possessions, sometimes present records of the greatest value. Thus are old Minute Books and MS. Constitutions discovered, and little by little our vista is extended into the centuries anterior to those now regarded as historic. Yet what we are now absolutely certain of is inadequate to the demands of an enlightened curiosity. We crave a knowledge of the details of Lodge life when Sir Robert Moray was made a Mason at Newcastle, England, in A.D. 1641; when Elias Ashmole was initiated at Warrington, in Lancashire, in 1646; when Randle Holme was a member of the Chester Lodge, in 1665; and generally prior to 1686, at which date, according to Aubrey's "Naturall Historie of Wiltshire," then just completed, "the Fraternity of Free-Masons" * * * "have Severall Lodges in severall Counties" [of England]. Then, prior to that, how gratifying it would be to know something at least concerning the inner history of the Lodges of the Cathedral-builders in Great Britain and on the continent of Europe; the particulars of their connection with the monasteries, the transmission of their art to them from the prior building corporations and guilds, and their derivation, in turn, from Byzantium and the Orient. Then what would we not give to penetrate to the arcana of Lodge life in Palestine in King Solomon's era, and in Egypt in the Mysteries of Osiris? How we should like to learn of the stimulus given by all of these instrumentalities to the impulses of genius among the elder Craftsmen, which resulted in the triumphs of architecture in ancient and mediæval times. How we should delight to verify legend, and change it into history. The poet Longfellow was right:—

> "The legend, I feel, is a part
> Of the hunger and thirst of the heart."

Now, we have only the paucity of a few attested facts, while, if the past were unfolded to us, we should see as we are seen and know as we are known. Will this ever be? We have faith to believe that it will—measurably, at least. The delving, antiquarian, archæological spirit is actuating not a few prominent, able, and laborious Brethren, and their efforts have already revealed many interesting facts in the past, and have stimulated Freemasons everywhere to be on the *qui vive* for the discovery of other ancient records. There is a growing demand for information concerning that long period which now includes the unrecorded years of the Craft, and all analogies justify us in expecting that the demand will be gratified, and light gradually be shed upon these dark ages. A few years ago the histories of Nineveh, Babylon, and Egypt were almost closed books to us, but since the labours of Layard, Bunsen, Wilkinson, Mariette, Lenormant, and Rawlinson have uncovered the ruins and discovered the relics of those mighty empires, we have come to feel almost familiarly acquainted with their peoples, who flourished millennials ago. So it may be in Freemasonry. The events of the past are irrevocable, but evidence concerning them is not irrecoverable. Even in the case of a mystic fraternity like that of the Freemasons, sufficient *disjecta membra* of its once complete records may yet be found, out of which may be reconstructed a satisfactory sketch of its continuous career, and of the early manners and customs of the Craft. The last twenty years have been marked by remarkable discoveries in this respect, which justify us in anticipating a continuous succession of fortunate "finds." Indeed, we have only just set out upon the quest. Not only is the literature of Freemasonry a rapidly growing one, but not a few of the Brethren who are engaged in the labour of diffusing light to the Craft are gifted with rare ability. They are patient, laborious workers, critical scholars, bold and fortunate discoverers, and actuated, withal, by the most loyal affection for our ancient and honourable Fraternity. We wish them "God speed" in their labour of love. "More light" is the earnest cry of earnest Craftsmen, and more light is dawning, year by year. We can bear the full effulgence of the sun of truth. We crave to know all of the past. Little by little this knowledge shall be ours, until the unrecorded years of the Craft are crowded off the pages of Masonic history.—*Keystone.*

Several installation meeting reports are unavoidably held over.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Joppa Lodge of Instruction, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate Street, on Tuesday next, 24th instant, by Brother A. G. Dodson P.M. The Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely. Brethren are invited to attend.

The following Dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 21st March:—

Monday—Grand Masters' Lodge, British Lodge. Tuesday—Benevolent Society of St. Patrick, Cadogan Lodge, Salisbury Lodge. Wednesday—Grand Stewards' Lodge, Oak Lodge, Buckingham and Chandos Lodge. Thursday—Home for Little Boys, St. Mary's Lodge, Globe Lodge. Friday—Jordan Lodge, London and Suburban Railway Officials, King's College Hospital Clerks and Dressers. Saturday—Highland Society.

An International Exhibition of French Cookery, "Concours Culinaire Artistique," will be held on the 22nd and 23rd of April, at Willis's Rooms. Exhibitions of this character have been held in Paris, New York, Vienna, and Berlin, but never before in England. Prizes, consisting of medals and diplomas, will be presented. A committee, consisting of Bros. M. Ponard President, Bohers, E. Devien Secretary, Allibert, Lecomte, Mandin, Penet, &c., has been formed.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company was appointed to be held on Friday, the 20th instant (yesterday), at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, for the reception of the Report, the confirmation of the Balance-Sheet by the auditors, the election of a new auditor in the place of Bro. James Glaisher P.G.D. resigned, the declaration of a dividend, and the transaction of other business. We learn from the Report, which is of a satisfactory character, that the Directors have resolved on reducing the price of gas to 2s 10d per 1000 cubic feet from and after the date of the Lady Day accounts, and that the following are the rates of dividend which it had been resolved to propose for declaration, 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 Dividends, which will be payable less income tax, will absord over £11,938 out of the balance of net profits for the half-year—over 19,704. We note further that Bro. Glaisher has succeeded the late Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson on the Board of Directors, hence his resignation of the Auditorship, and that Messrs. R. J. S. Beeton and Charles Beeton are candidates respectively for the latter office. We may also mention—and we do so with pleasure—that one of the Board's recommendations is that a substantial addition be made to the salary of the Secretary, Bro. Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C., whose valuable services to the Company are evidently appreciated as they deserve.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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VITRUVIAN LODGE, No. 87.

ON Wednesday, the 5th inst., the installation meeting was held at the Bridge House Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Bale, the Worshipful Master. There were present Bros. W. R. Davis W.M. elect S.W., T. Minstrell P.M. 1928 J.W.; P.M.'s Timothy Thurkle Treasurer, Stuart Secretary, T. Janeway, J. Harnor, R. Whiting, R. T. Hopkins, J. C. Walter, and a large number of Visitors and members of the Lodge. After previous minutes had been confirmed, the ceremony of passing was performed in the usual excellent style which has characterised the working of the W.M. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, the retiring W.M. performing the first portion, and P.M. Whiting the last part. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Davis, invested his Officers—Bros. Minstrell S.W., Birch J.W., Stuart Secretary. P.M. Thurkle, who, like P.M. Stuart, has done good suit and service in the Lodge, again received the collar of Treasurer. The other Officers appointed were Bros. Watson S.D., Lamborne J.D., Chamberlain I.G., Irwin D.C., Payne and Nicholls Wine Stewards, Knollys Organist. The new Worshipful Master afforded ample proof of the Masonic ability which it was known he possessed, in the initiation ceremony which he subsequently performed. Brother Davis is the author of a new song, "The Initiate." During the evening a valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring Master, who, as a further mark of respect of the brethren, was presented with a beautifully emblazoned address, which recorded his services in the Lodge during the year. The address was signed on behalf of the Officers of the Lodge. A suitable speech accompanied the presentation, and the same was warmly acknowledged. After Lodge had been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. A suggestion has been made that the Lodge should have affiliated with it a Chapter; and although the brethren have not yet been asked to sanction the necessary application to the Grand Chapter for a warrant, the movement has been very heartily taken up by the members, very many of whom have expressed a desire to be associated with it. Bro. Minstrell has kindly undertaken the necessary preliminary arrangements.

LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY, No. 185.

AN ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 16th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C., Bro. Sydney Boas W.M. in the chair. There were present Bros. Barnett I.P.M., Staley as S.W., Tipper J.W., Bayley P.M. Treasurer, Myers Secretary. Several of the minor Officers were absent, but there was a goodly muster of Brethren. It is the custom in many Lodges for the retiring Master to clear off his work, and not infrequently recourse is had to an emergency meeting for this purpose, generally held about a week before the night of installation, and thus leave the course clear for the new Master. However, such an arrangement is sometimes aggravating, especially when no new candidates are forthcoming, and the newly installed W.M. is up to his work and eager to convince the members that their choice was justified. On the other hand, it is by no means pleasant to a brother, tolerably efficient, but of a nervous temperament, to commence his career with three or four passings and the eventual working of the Master Masons' degree, when, in all probability, the performance of an initiation, in which perhaps he is more at home, might have imparted to him the confidence necessary under such circumstances. Brother Boas had to commence his duties by conferring the second degree upon Bros. M. Marks, Stanley, Bamberger, Van Gelder, T. Davis, Frisher and Lazarus, no easy task for a beginner. After the termination of the Lodge business, an ample supper was served, and the usual toasts were proposed and responded to with very commendable brevity. The Worshipful Master, in response to the toast of his health, expressed his sincere thanks for the cordiality with which the brethren deemed it proper to receive his name. He confessed to a certain amount of nervousness, which every one must have noticed, during the proceedings, but he assured the brethren that his future efforts would be found satisfactory. Brother Barnett I.P.M., who replied for the Past Masters, dilated upon the readiness of that body to render services whensoever and wheresoever they were called upon; this was evidenced that evening, when one of them was required to fulfil duties which he had not attempted for the last four years. Brother Bush P.M. announced his intention to serve a Stewardship at the next Festival, unattached and independent of any Lodge of which he is a member, but he requested the aid of the brethren in the matter. Brother Bush deserves all recognition. He is an indefatigable worker for the Charities, and through his influence no mean amount has been contributed during the last few years. Brother Bayley P.M. and Treasurer, whose name is always received with the most sincere affection, could assure the brethren that he most heartily reciprocated the kind feeling ever shown to him. Brother Asher Myers, the able Secretary, is making rapid strides in securing the esteem of the members, by his unfailing courtesy. A very pleasant and enjoyable gathering came to a close with the Tyler's toast. Bros. Bayley, Tipper, and Thompson amused the brethren by their vocal efforts. The Visitors were Bros. Harris 177, Hills 754, Durrant 34, Hamilton 53, Shiffield 1896, Skipton 1603, Hawkis 107, Rexworthy 1728. The P.M.'s present were Bros. Staley, Bush, Barnett (Organist), Harfeld, Rose, Gluckstein, and Gottheil.

PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 487.

THERE was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren at this Lodge on Thursday, the 12th instant, to witness the installation of Bro. Horace E. Loader as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Lodge was opened in due form by the outgoing W.M. (Bro. H. Poulden Holley), who in suitable language acknowledged the services rendered by the retiring Secretary (Bro. J. T. Thackara) and the Organist (Bro. G. Pearman), each of whom were presented with a gold medal, and the recipients severally returned thanks. The impressive ceremony of installation was ably performed by one of the "fathers" of the Lodge, Bro. M. E. Frost, after which Bro. Loader invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. Holley I.P.M., Cowd S.W., J. T. Thackara J.W., T. P. Palsgrave P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Boughton Secretary, J. Rae Assistant Secretary, G. Whitehall S.D., W. Bates J.D., W. M. Outridge P.M. D. of C., G. Pearman Organist, J. Jenkins I.G., Brough and G. C. Sanderson Stewards, J. Exell and T. Smith Tylers. The new W.M., who had a most cordial welcome, after a few well-chosen remarks, presented his predecessor with a Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the members, in recognition of the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office. The musical portion of the ceremony was effectively rendered by a choir, comprising Bros. G. Pearman (who presided at the harmonium), R. W. Downing, J. Jenkins, T. P. Palsgrave, T. Batchelor, G. Grant, C. Larkins, and W. H. Sperring. The ceremonies in the handsome Lodge concluded, an adjournment took place to the banquetting-room, which was tastefully decorated with bunting, while on the tables were candelabra and other plate and choice flowers, the *tout ensemble* being exceedingly effective. The name of each guest was inscribed on an artistically-executed *menu* card, which, besides the toasts, contained the following programme, played by the band of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, under the direction of Mr. W. O'Keefe, the Bandmaster:—March, "Triumphal," Robinson; overture, "Le lac des Fees," Auber; valse, "Mariana," Waldteufel; selection, "Falka," Chassaigne; cornet solo, "The lost chord," Sullivan; valse, "Moonlight and starlight," Dobrowolske. A *récherché* banquet was served from the Albany Hotel, Landport, and the wines were of the first quality. The arrangements were excellent, and the W.M. received valuable assistance from Bro. J. T. Thackara and others. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual toasts were honoured, Bro. Major Shalden Smith responding for the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers. The toast of the Worshipful Master, proposed by Bro. M. E. Frost, had a very warm reception, and elicited an appropriate reply from Bro. Loader. With the aid of harmony a very pleasant evening was spent.

ERME LODGE, No. 1091.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their annual meeting at their rooms, at Ivybridge, on Wednesday, 11th inst. The W.M. elect, Bro. Velvin, was installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Cobeldick, assisted by Bro. Lavers P.M. and an efficient Board of I.M.'s. At the close of the installation the W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Cobeldick I.P.M., Henwood S.W., Lavers J.W., Cole Treasurer, Ford Secretary, Strain S.D., Shepherd J.D., Sellick D.C., Baker A.D.C., Hy. Shepherd I.G., Gulley and Mudge Stewards, Coyte Tyler. Bro. Cole was reappointed the representative of the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions and Lodge Steward for the Devon Educational Fund. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Cobeldick, with the following inscription engraved thereon:—

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Bro. Cole made the presentation, remarking in laudatory terms on the zeal and industry shown by Bro. Cobeldick in carrying out the duties of the Lodge during his year of office. In the evening the brethren dined together at Bro. Sandover's, Erme Hotel. Bro. Velvin presided, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

JORDAN LODGE, No. 1402.

BROTHER W. J. HUGHAN P.G.D., &c., lately delivered a lecture, under the banner of the above Lodge, at Torquay, the Master (Bro. B. Knight) in the chair. There was a good attendance of the Past Masters and members of the Lodge, and also of the Master and members of the sister Lodge St. John's, No. 328, as well as of the Masters and members of neighbouring Lodges from Paignton, Brixham, Teignmouth, &c. Bro. Westcott P.M. 70 P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works attended as Treasurer of the Devon Educational Fund. The subject of the lecture was "The Four Grand Lodges of England," the first having been formed in 1717 by four old Lodges meeting in London; the second originated at York in 1725, and was started by a Lodge assembling in that city—in all probability for centuries before; the third was started as a rival to the first in London in 1751; and the fourth was in existence only for ten years from 1779, under the wing of the Lodge of Antiquity during a temporary secession. The York Grand Lodge collapsed in 1792, the first and third continuing as opposing bodies until December 1813, when under the Grand Masterships of their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Sussex and Kent respectively, they joined hands and formed the United Grand Lodge of England, peace and harmony having since happily prevailed, the difficulties during the last century being in part incident to the change of the Society from a partially operative to a wholly speculative Institution. Many questions were asked and answered at the close of the lecture, and a collection was made on behalf of the Devon Educational Fund, which has benefited that Institution to the extent of five guineas. On behalf of the same Society Bro. Hughan will lecture on the 26th instant, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, under the banner of the Lodge Fortitude, No. 105, on the "Connecting Links between Ancient and Modern Freemasonry," being the last of the series for the season, when the whole of the proceeds, as hitherto, will be devoted to the Educational Fund.

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THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE last meeting of this Lodge for the season was held on Saturday, 14th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Baber W.M. presided, supported by his Officers, Brethren and Visitors:—Bros. Venn P.M. 23, Simpson 1196, Crosbie 1635, Baxter 1296, Doyle 146, Tallent P.M. 186, Parkinson 57, Cozens 907, Goodwin 1768, Deacon 29. The minutes of the last Lodge having been read by Bro. Blackie P.M. and Secretary, some motions concerning the government of the Lodge were discussed and disposed of; the next business was the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Fendick being unanimously chosen to fill that office. The same unanimity was shown in the case of Bro. Headon P.M., who was re-elected to the responsible post of Treasurer of the Lodge, an office which he has filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren for many years past. Bro. Potter was also re-elected Tyler of the Lodge. The Audit and Almoners' Committees were appointed. An application came from a person who represented himself to be a Spanish Mason; after an investigation of the case, it was dismissed as unworthy the assistance of the Lodge. There being no further business Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, the W.M. presiding. At its conclusion, the toast of the Queen was given, followed by the National Anthem, Bro. Cozens presiding at the pianoforte. The W.M. said the next toast he had the honour to propose was that of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, who at all times felt the greatest interest in Freemasonry, and, as proof of this, if any were wanting, he heard that on Tuesday next he intended to introduce his eldest son and initiate him into the ranks of Freemasonry. Therefore, there was every probability that at some future time the Craft would greet him as Most Worshipful Grand Master. It showed how deeply his Royal Highness had the interests of the Craft at heart by thus early initiating his eldest son as a Freemason. Their Grand Master was always engaged in some good work; it was only the day before that he and the Princess of Wales were at the Mansion House, rendering whatever services they could to do honour to the memory of General Gordon. The W.M. gave the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, which was enthusiastically responded to, followed by "God Bless the Prince of Wales," by Bro. Cozens. The other formal toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Keeble I.P.M. said that was the last time he should address the brethren as I.P.M., and therefore he should ask their indulgence while he proposed the health of their W.M. He no doubt felt that it was his misfortune not to have done a greater amount of work, for had it been given him to do he would have performed it with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the Lodge; but as it was, he would leave the chair with the best wishes of every member, adding lustre to the noble band of Past Masters, of whom he would become a worthy member. As this was the last opportunity he should have of addressing them, he was determined to make the most of it, but if he was interrupted, he feared he should break down; he therefore thought he had better stop at once and propose the health of the W.M. Brother Baber said he thanked their I.P.M. for the manner in which he had proposed, and the brethren for the cordial way in which they had received the toast; he was sorry that the term of his office had come to an end, for it appeared to be a very short one. He was rather dissatisfied he had had so little to do, and that was why the time appeared so short. He thanked them sincerely for the manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and for the uniform kindness shown him since he occupied the chair. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of the Visitors; The Great City Lodge always gave them a hearty welcome. Bro. Tallent returned thanks. The W.M. then gave the P.M.'s, and alluded to the services they had rendered to the Lodge. Bro. Keeble returned thanks; he was much obliged to the W.M. for the manner in which he had proposed the toast. It had been to him a great pleasure to be at the right hand of the W.M. during his term of office. He had already mentioned that that would be the last occasion on which he should return thanks in the capacity of I.P.M., and from henceforth he should take a lower seat amongst the Past Masters with a deal of pride. Other Past Masters likewise returned thanks. The W.M. said the toast he had next to propose was that of the Treasurer and Secretary. Their Treasurer had that night been re-elected with unanimity, and he doubted not that he would be so re-elected for some years to come. The same remark would apply to Bro. Blackie, the Secretary, who although labouring under disadvantages in necessarily being away so much from London, yet still had devoted his best energies to the good of the Lodge. The toast was cordially received. Bro. Headon P.M. and Treasurer said it almost appeared idle on his part to say that he heartily returned thanks for the compliment which he had received for many years past, as the brethren were always kind in the manner in which the toast of the Treasurer was received, but he must say that he had endured a certain amount of agony for years past, as all his ideas were worn out. He wanted some new ideas; they had the same old toast and the same old thanks; he looked forward with anxiety to the time when he should have something new to say, but that was exceedingly difficult to find. At present he was placed in much such a dilemma in returning thanks as in singing "God save the Queen" over and over again; he was exhausted in speech, but at the next meeting he would endeavour to give them something new; they must be content with his formal thanks for the favour they had conferred upon him. Bro. Blackie P.M. and Secretary, in returning thanks said, in delivering up his collar, from that night he should not again have to respond to the toast of the Secretary, but he should leave everything in order and a perfect state; when a successor came in and took possession he would find the duties of his office a much easier task than he had found them. That was the last time he should address them as Secretary; although he had occupied the position for five years he had always been received with courtesy, and he believed that during the whole of that time he had never given offence to any one. In conclusion he thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him. The W.M. proposed the health of the W.M. elect, saying that they had worked together for some years past; it was a pleasure to be associated with him, and it would be a satisfaction to him to instal him into the chair, certain that he would fulfil all the duties and add lustre to the Lodge. Bro. Fendick S.W. returned thanks. The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close.

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

THE installation meeting was held on the 11th instant, at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak, S.E., and the brethren must be congratulated on the arrangements made for the convenience and comfort of those who attended. Sixty brethren were present in Lodge, of whom fifty-five afterwards sat down to refreshment. Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. C. H. Phillips, who was well supported by his Officers. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. There were three candidates for initiation, viz.:—Mr. Joseph Andrews, Dr. Robert Lockhart Lawson, Mr. Wm. Henry Cloake; these gentlemen were approved by Ballot, and were admitted to the mysteries and privileges of antient Freemasonry; the working of the ceremony being most creditable to the W.M. and Officers. The Lodge having been advanced, the W.M. elect, Bro. H. Maunder Williams, was presented by Bro. John Hammond, for the benefit of installation. The Board of Installed Masters numbered twenty. In due course the new W.M. appointed his predecessor I.P.M. and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Henry Stokes S.W., J. W. Hartley J.W., W. Hopekirk P.M. (elected) Treasurer, John Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex Secretary, Herbert Hooper S.D., Aug. Daroh P.M. J.D., T. W. Aldwinckle I.G., F. France D.C., J. H. Worstencroft A.D.C., W. H. Simons Organist, W. Bartlett Wine Steward, J. Fuller A.S., A. Pitman Assistant Organist, G. R. Langley Assistant Secretary, C. Thomas Tyler. The installation ceremony was concluded by the Installing Master Bro. Phillips giving the several charges most impressively. The W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Phillips, as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of his valuable services as one of the Founders of the Lodge and Worshipful Master for the year 1884-5. He had also to ask his acceptance of a collar and P.M.'s jewel, from some of his friends in the Lodge, as a token of Brotherly Love. He added that the brethren valued Bro. Phillips' services most highly, and trusted that he might long be spared to them, to his Lodge, and to his family. Bro. Phillips acknowledged the gifts in suitable terms. Visitors present:—Bros. E. Bowyer, J. L. Mather, R. A. Matthews, G. Beavis, H. Baldwin, P. T. Breary, W. H. Williams, A. R. Cranch, C. H. Spiller, T. H. Spiller, J. R. Johnson, C. W. Fox, A. J. Bellis, S. Richardson, Sidney Hill, R. Walden, C. Wise, S. R. Smith, J. W. Williams, E. A. Francis, A. E. Albert, James Leutchford, W. T. A. Mayer, W. M. G. Cooper, R. R. Johnstone, J. H. Hudepohl, A. Gooch. The ceremonies were accompanied throughout by Bro. Sidney Hill, Org. 1216, whose improvisations on the organ were extremely appropriate. An excellent banquet was provided by the host, Bro. Bye, and after the cloth was removed the W.M. gave The Queen and the Craft, following this with the M.W.G.M. To the toast of the Grand Officers Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G.St.B. responded. The I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., said they had worked shoulder to shoulder in Masonry for several years. No more worthy brother than the W.M., nor one who worked more zealously for his Lodge and the interests of the Craft generally, could be found. He predicted a most successful year of office. The W.M., after thanking them, assured the brethren he would do all in his power to maintain the credit of the Lodge. He had no doubt he should have the cordial co-operation of each Officer and member. Each of the Initiates responded to the toast given in their honour. The W.M. welcomed the Visitors to the Lodge. Seveveral personal friends had come from long distances to support him and to favour the Lodge with their presence. Many brethren from Cheshire and Lancashire, with whom he spent the early days of his Masonic career, had sent their congratulations and best wishes to the Lodge. Bros. Williams, Beavis, Matthews, Mather, Breary, King, Baldwin, and Bellis responded. Bro. Binckes acknowledged the toast of the Masonic Institutions, and made a powerful appeal to the brethren to practise the great Masonic Virtue—Charity—and to support Bro. C. H. Phillips, their I.P.M., who had promised to represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It was incidentally mentioned that the brethen of the Lodge had an especial interest in the approaching election, as the son of their late Brother Ambrose would be a candidate. After some other toasts Lodge was closed. The vocal music between the toasts was contributed by Bros. Simons, Cranch, Johnstone, Pitman, and S. S. Young, Bro. Sidney Hill as pianist. As the result of Bro. Binckes' appeal, we are gratified in being able to state that a considerable sum was added to the I.P.M.'s list.

ABBEY LODGE, No. 2030.

PROBABLY the career of the Abbey Lodge, Westminster, has no equal in Masonic annals. As its number—2030—indicates, it is of recent creation; its first anniversary was, indeed, only celebrated on the 9th inst., at Westminster Town Hall, yet it has a roll of membership of nearly eighty, and applicants to participate in its benefits rather increase than diminish. Doubtless much of the success of the undertaking is due to the interest which Mr. Burdett-Coutts and the Baroness Burdett-Coutts have taken in its welfare; the former has now for a year occupied the chair, and is about to retire from office with the thanks and esteem of his brethren; the latter, at its inception, presented the Lodge with one of the handsomest sets of furniture to be found in a young Lodge. That the brethren of the Lodge fully appreciated the labours of their W.M. was shown on Monday, when they informally offered him the

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chair for a second year. The W.M. was courteous in his answer, ascribing his non-acceptance of the honour to business engagements; but those who know him best shrewdly suspect that the welfare of the Lodge and the promotion of the present Officers influenced his decision. After his refusal to continue in the chair, Mr. W. H. Baker was unanimously chosen W.M. elect, and the installation will be proceeded with at the next Lodge meeting. Meanwhile a handsome P.M.'s jewel was voted to the W.M., and a vote of £10 10s made from the Lodge Funds to the W.M.'s list as Steward of the Boys' Festival. An incident of the evening was the presentation to the Lodge, by the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain, of a handsome album, the only condition of gift being that the Baroness should adorn the first page. This, the W.M. remarked, her ladyship had done, and he expressed the hope that the members would render the album complete by adding their likenesses. The business of the Lodge included the raising of Mr. J. E. Smith, Mr. H. H. Bridgeman, C.C., Mr. Z. A. Berry, the passing of Mr. S. Hodges, Mr. A. W. Hillier, Mr. G. White, and Mr. Pilkington, all of which work was excellently performed by the W.M. Joining members were elected as under: Mr. H. W. Roach, Mr. B. Genner, Mr. T. Vaughan, and Mr. J. M. Hughes. At the banquet the W.M. of course presided, supported by Mr. H. Bowman Spink I.P.M., Mr. W. H. Baker S.W., Mr. F. Seager Hunt J.W., Mr. J. C. M. W. Rogers P.M. Treasurer, Mr. J. E. Shand P.M. Secretary, Mr. W. Sugg P.M. S.D., Mr. R. Montague J.D., Mr. J. Gibson A.D.C., Mr. H. R. Baker I.G., Mr. H. W. Schartau Organist, Mr. R. E. H. Coffin, Mr. C. C. Piper Stewards. The list of thirty-seven Visitors included Mr. Horace Jones P.M. Grand Superintendent of Works, Mr. F. Davison S.G.D., Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G. Chaplain of England. The loyal and Masonic toasts were, of course, duly honoured, Mr. F. Davison and Mr. Horace Jones responding for the Grand Officers, the latter of whom, in a jocular speech, wished the Lodge long life and increasing prosperity. It would be impossible to over-estimate the enthusiasm with which the toast of the W.M. was received, at the instance of the I.P.M., and loud was the applause when, having congratulated the members and himself upon the establishment of the Lodge, Mr. Burdett-Coutts expressed the hope that his year of office had rendered him and his brethren life long friends. To the Officers he expressed his thanks for their able cooperation. In submitting the toast of the Visitors the W.M. paid a tribute to the memory of General Gordon, "that most soldierly saint and saintly soldier"—the members impulsively rising to their feet whilst he spoke the words. Gordon was a grand exemplification of the great principle on which the Masonic Order was founded, of Charity in the highest sense of the word, of Charity and kindness to his fellow creatures, of fidelity to the trust reposed in him, of cheerful obedience to the will of God. He was, he felt sure, in sympathy with his brethren when he paid that tribute to the just and virtuous man, to whom death had no terrors equal to the stain of falsehood and dishonour—a tribute in full sympathy with the spirit of a loyal, faithful God-fearing body of Masons. Col. Lugard, of the Army and Navy Lodge, and Mr. Trevannion, P.P.S.W. of Essex, replied. The good services of the Treasurer and Secretary and the other officers were of course recognised in toasts, the W.M. elect being spoken of by the W.M. as "the organiser" of the Lodge. Over £50 was collected in the banquetting room for the W.M.'s list on behalf of the Boys' Charity. Mr. Burdett-Coutts remarking that he knew of no grander or more efficient form of Charity than was to be found in the Masonic Institutions.—*The Citizen.*

LODGE LA FRANCE, No. 2060.

THIS newly-consecrated and flourishing Lodge, the membership of which is confined to representatives of French nationality, was held on the 16th inst., at the Café Royal, Air-street, Regent-street, under the presidency of the W.M. E. H. Thiellay P.P.G.S.B. Middx., supported by Bros. Montauis P.G.S. S.W., H. Bué J.W., A. Coiffier P.M., L. Mesrouze P.M. Sec., Dubois S.D., E. Cadiot Treas. J.D., Leon Clerc I.G., E. Casabianca D.C., Grummant 1559 as P.M. Visitors—E. Daoust 1627, E. Ponard 1627, H. M. Levy P.M. 180. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes, which were read in French, were confirmed. Satisfactory ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. L. A. Cabuzet and A. Chiboust, who were duly initiated into the Order. A book of the Constitutions was presented to each candidate. Bros. Sauve, Fournet, and Lacoste, were passed to the 2nd degree, and Bros. St. Clair, Aret, and Benoit were raised. All the ceremonies were performed in a perfect and impressive manner by the W.M., while each Officer was perfect. The Treasurer, Bro. Coiffier P.M., being about to leave England, resigned office, but will continue a member. Expressions of regret at his leaving this country, and wishing him health and prosperity on his retirement, was then proposed, and a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for his efficient services as Treasurer. This was carried unanimously. After a hearty response Bro. Leon Clerc was elected as Treasurer, and Bro. St. Claire, who was the first Initiate, was invested as I.G. Hearty good wishes were then given, and the Lodge was closed until the third Monday in May. The brethren sat down to a very excellent dinner and dessert, provided by Bro. Nicols, and superintended by Bro. De La Coste. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking to the toast of the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., he said it truly showed how his Royal Highness's heart and soul was in Freemasonry that he was about to initiate his eldest son. The W.M. next proposed "Our Country—La France." He would associate with it the name of the President, M. Grèvy. He regretted that the time was so short for toasts, or he would expatiate more fully. Bro. Grummant P.M. 1559 in a very able speech proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, whose good qualities were well known; the brethren had seen in other Lodges what he had done. Great credit was also due to him for what he had done in this Lodge. The W.M. in reply said all his energies would be at the service of the members; they knew what his feelings were towards them; his aim was to secure the success of the Lodge. Before resuming his seat, he would propose the toast of the Initiates; they had two present, and he was proud to meet them, and hoped one day to see them wield the gavel he now held. This having been responded to in appropriate terms, the W.M. complimented the Visitors. Bros. Grummant and Levy responded. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. To the latter brother great credit was due for his services, and also the brother who assisted him. This toast having been responded to, the toast of the Wardens followed. In due course, the Tyler's toast was given, and a very enjoyable evening was closed, Bros. Montauis and Bué contributed to the harmony. The motto of the Lodge—"Union est Force"—is delineated in a garter; this shows the title, Lodge La France 2060; the Union Jack and the French tricolour firmly bound together, with excellent effect.

ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

TO the minds of many a step in the right direction has been taken by Lodges occasionally having a Ladies' Night, as well as a Summer Banquet. The Eccleston Lodge had a very successful gathering last year, and a second Ladies' Night was held on the 18th instant, at the Criterion, Piccadilly. The regular meeting was held at an earlier hour the same day, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. R. Bottle; Grist as S.W., A. A. Johnston J.W., A. W. Beckham Treasurer, Isaacs Secretary, Moorman S.D., J. W. Wray J.D., E. Hooper I.G., Weston D.C., G. R. Egerton Organist, C. Lee and Bignold Stewards, J. Grist Tyler; P.M.'s C. Tayler, W. Vincent, J. E. Flattery, E. Powell, I. G. Fisher. Visitors—Bros. H. Dehane P.P.G.D. Essex, C. Pugh 1346, James Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts, W. H. Baker W.M. elect 2030, R. Goffin W.M. 1572, A. Fenn 1614, J. Hayler 2030, Aitcheson 2021, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. C. Pugh was elected a joining member. Bro Smith was raised to the third degree, and Bros. G. Lane, W. E. Lane and Pope were passed; while Mr. E. Nice was duly initiated into the Order by Bro. Powell, who had expressed a wish to initiate his friend. It is almost needless to say (our readers knowing the qualifications of Bros. Bottle and Powell) that the ceremonies were perfectly rendered. Lodge was then closed until September. The Ladies were now introduced, by the Director of Ceremonies, and the guests, eighty-nine in number, sat down to a sumptuous and récherché banquet, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and superintended by Bro. Bertini. The tables were artistically decorated, and the service gave unqualified satisfaction. After the cloth had been cleared, the W.M. said he did not wish to take up time with long speeches, but in no assemblage of Masons was the toast of Her Majesty the Queen omitted. On this occasion he would associate with it the name of His Royal Highness our Most Worshipful Grand Master. Only yesterday the Prince of Wales had initiated his eldest son into the Order, and it is said he performed the work in a most efficient manner. Bro. Tayler I.P.M. most cordially proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Bottle, in reply, thanked the brethren for their kind expressions. Their last meeting of a similar character to this had been held under the direction of the I.P.M. Bro. Tayler; it was a great success; he hoped the present one would be equally so. The W.M., on again rising, said he did so to propose the toast of the evening,—the Ladies,—and he would call on the youngest Mason in the room to respond to it; he referred to Bro. Nice, who had been initiated that night. After a suitable response had been made, the Ladies retired, and several other toasts were introduced. Bros. Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts, and Dehane P.Prov. Grand Deacon Essex, responded to the compliment paid the Visitors. In the interval the ladies listened to some excellent singing, by Bros. Roberts, Lee, and Tayler. A ball afterwards took place, when all assembled thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The band was under the direction of Bro. Kinkle, while Bro. Chilcott efficiently acted as M.C. To Bro. Vincent P.M., who acted as Director of the Ceremonies, great credit is due for the success of the meeting. It was suggested, before leaving, the brethren should drink to the health of the worthy manager, Bro. Bertini, whose efforts to make every one comfortable had proved so effective. Bro. Bertini gracefully acknowledged the compliment.

Metropolitan and King's Cross Lodges of Instruction.—A joint annual banquet of these two Lodges of Instruction took place on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507, 1732, &c. There was a large attendance of brethren, close upon one hundred being present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. A substantial repast having been done ample justice to, and grace having been said, the President proposed Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft. Those around him were such loyal subjects that he knew it was not necessary to say anything to ensure a hearty reception being accorded to the toast of Her Majesty the Queen. Of the heads of the Order—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the other Grand Officers Present and Past—Masons were exceedingly proud, and in coupling their health with the toast of the Queen, the President felt sure additional enthusiasm would be accorded to it. The toast having been honoured, was followed by the National Anthem, after which Brother Michael P.M. 1107, 1507, 1732, &c. assumed the gavel to propose the next toast—the health of the President of the evening. He had had the pleasure of a long acquaintance with Bro. Stiles; had seen him initiated into Freemasonry, and had watched his career ever since. He had seen Bro. Stiles occupying every office that a Mason could be called upon to fulfil, and in every one he had carried out the duties creditably and in a way of which any one might be proud. Bro. Michael's position was that night an unfortunate, but at the same time a most pleasurable one. He stood there to propose the health of their President, and he supposed the fact of his having

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been the second Master of the Metropolitan Lodge and the first Master of the King's Cross Lodge somewhat entitled him to the honour; yet he felt his position was an unfortunate one, as he was wholly incapable of doing justice to the task before him; tax himself how he would, he could not speak of Bro. Stiles as that brother deserved. His position was also a most pleasurable one, from the fact that it afforded him another opportunity of paying a compliment to their esteemed President, Bro. Stiles, than whom a more energetic or painstaking brother it would be difficult to discover. He was, however, speaking to those present on a subject with which they were almost, if not quite, as intimate as he was himself, and therefore he should not do any more than call upon them to honour their President. The toast was drunk in the most enthusiastic manner, and in due course Bro. Stiles replied. He felt unable to adequately express his thanks for the hearty manner in which he had been received among them, not only on that occasion, but also on many previous ones. He did not think he deserved anything like so much praise as had been given him, still, he had endeavoured to deserve it, and accordingly hoped some part of it was due. He was very happy in being associated with the two Lodges the festival of which they were then celebrating, and proud, as their founder, that they had prospered as they had done. It was indeed gratifying to be called upon to preside over such a body of brethren as were assembled around him. He next proposed the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction. It was within a day of seven years since its foundation. During the term of its existence it had had a most prosperous career. Much of its success was due to the exertions of its executive Officers. Bro. Solomon, the Secretary, was particularly to be mentioned in this regard. He was painstaking, energetic, and persevering in his work, and had had no small share in securing the success which had characterised this Lodge of Instruction. The Preceptor, Bro. James Hemming (whose name was greeted with hearty cheers) had only to be mentioned to call forth such a burst of enthusiasm as unmistakably proved the estimation in which he was held; he also had a very great share in securing the success which had attended them in the past. Known throughout the Craft for his ability, Bro. Hemming was universally respected and esteemed. He had been the tutor of many of the shining lights of Masonry of the present day, and could point to many Lodges, now noted for the superiority of their working, whose Officers had perfected themselves under his direction. Bro. Hemming had certainly tried his utmost to carry out his duties satisfactorily, and all praise was due to him for the success he had achieved in his self-imposed task. Speaking of the company present, Bro. Stiles felt that the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction were very pleased to be associated with the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction on such an occasion as the present, although it must be admitted there were very few members of either but who belonged to both. Deeds were louder than words, and the actions of those present far in advance of anything he had said or could say. He would therefore at once proceed to the task which he had been asked to undertake, which was to present to Bro. Hemming a memento in appreciation of the manner in which he discharged the duties of Preceptor of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction. The presentation took the form of a handsome gold watch and chain, the former bearing the following inscription on the case:

Presented, with a Gold Chain,
To Bro. James Hemming, J.D. 1287,
By members of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732,
In appreciation of his valued services as Preceptor, and in token of the high esteem and regard in which he is held by his numerous Masonic friends.

March 16th, 1885.

We do not remember having seen a more substantial or handsome present during the many years we have been associated with the Craft. It reflected the greatest credit on those who contributed towards it, and was a speaking testimonial of the taste and ability of Bro. Kauffmann, to whom was entrusted the procuring and engraving the articles. In presenting it Bro. Stiles hoped that Bro. Hemming would long be spared to be among his fellow members of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, and continue to give them the benefit of his ability, Masonic knowledge, kindly and gentlemanly conduct, and true brotherly bearing. All they desired was a continuance in future of the same services that had been rendered in the past. Bro. Stiles concluded by calling upon the brethren to drink the toast of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, coupling with it the name of their esteemed Preceptor. Bro. Hemming replied. He thanked the brethren for the cordial way in which they had associated his name with the Lodge of Instruction, and for their truly Masonic reception of the toast. As Preceptor of the Lodge he had striven to do his very best. It was quite true that seven years had all but elapsed since the foundation of the Lodge. Then there were some eight or nine brethren who desired instruction, and eventually he was asked to undertake the duties of Preceptor. From the proceedings that night it would appear he had given some amount of satisfaction. They had had some grand Masons, and they had had some grand meetings in the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, and among the results had been the sending up by the members of something like four hundred guineas to the Masonic Charities—this of itself was a result of which they were justly proud. The gift he had received at their hands that night was a far more difficult matter to acknowledge than was the toast he had just spoken to. It came quite as a surprise to him, he having no idea that anything of the sort was proposed—it was, indeed, a grand present and one which he felt he never could repay them for. He had made many friends in Freemasonry, many of them in the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction. He hoped their friendship would continue for the remainder of his life. That day, and the handsome gift of his brother Masons, would ever be stamped on his mind as one of the red letter days of his life. Bro. Stiles next proposed the health of the Vice-President of the evening—Bro. Solomon. The speaker had the pleasure of giving Brother Solomon his first instruction in Freemasonry. Since that time he had done a great deal of good work for the Order. Both in the Lodges of Instruction and in regard to the Masonic Charities had Brother Solomon displayed his energy, and both had felt the benefit of his exertions. Brother Solomon had laboured hard to secure the success of the evening's Festival, and a great share of its success was due to him. Brother Solomon was much delighted in filling the honourable position of Vice-President. It was a very great compliment to fill the post in connection with such a Chairman as they then had, and the pleasure was much enhanced when he considered the special event of the evening—the presentation to their worthy Preceptor. When the Lodge of Instruction was started, its members were seven in number, and those seven had considerable difficulty in even opening the Lodge. Now he felt that any one of them could acquit himself creditably in the matter, and they had to thank Brother Hemming for their proficiency. Brother Solomon next proposed the toast of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. He had never been called upon to submit a toast more sure of a hearty reception than this was. Brother Solomon briefly reviewed the history of the Lodge, referring to the active part taken in it by Bro. Stiles, the President of the evening, who, first as Secretary and since as Preceptor, had secured for it a reputation enjoyed by few such institutions. In Bro. Storr, the present Secretary, the Lodge had a worthy successor to Bro. Stiles, but the work had outgrown even that brother's ability, and it had been found necessary to appoint an Assistant Secretary. Bro. Davis filled that office, and he was doing his best to emulate the good example of his predecessors. Bro. Scales was an efficient Treasurer, and completed a roll of permanent officials who would do credit to any Lodge of Instruction. The Metropolitan he looked upon as a pattern school of Freemasonry. If all other Lodges were conducted in the same unanimous manner it would materially add to the credit and reputation of Freemasonry. Bro. Stiles was the first to respond. He very much appreciated what had been said of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction on various occasions. He felt that its success was owing rather to the kindly feeling existing among its members than to anything done by the permanent officials. He felt it a great honour to occupy the exalted position he did in connection with it. Brother Storr followed. The aim of the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction was to secure good working and good fellowship. Bro. Scales spoke of the great success they had achieved in the past, and hoped they would go on with even improved prospects. They were always pleased to see new members, and usually gave them such a welcome as induced them to continue their association with the Lodge. The fees were small, but mounted up in such a manner as enabled them to do some good with them. They had already contributed four grants of five guineas each to the Charities, and hoped shortly to be able to vote two more such sums. Bro. Davis also spoke to the toast, which was followed by that of the Visitors, given by Bro. Stiles. He hoped the welcome given to the Visitors that night had been sufficient to induce them to seek further acquaintance with the Lodges of Instruction, and that many of those present who were not members would soon become so. Bro. Griffiths replied. As Past Master of two Lodges he fully appreciated the value of Lodges of Instruction; if what he had seen that night was a criterion of what was usual in the two Lodges of Instruction whose festival they were celebrating, they must indeed be models of perfection. Bro. Roberts was also much struck with what he had seen that night. It proved the class of men who were connected with the Lodge when they could present such a testimonial as had that night been given to their Preceptor. They were also mindful of hospitality, which, although perhaps not a leading feature in Freemasonry, was at least an important adjunct. Bro. Easman, March, Hemming sen. and others replied. Bro. Hemming was pleased, to an extent he did not know how to express, to see the way in which those assembled honoured his son. He was much gratified to find he was so beloved and respected as he evidently was by those with whom he was associated. The toast of the Officers of the Mother Lodges was next given. Bro. Stiles was pleased to see Bro. Edwards, the present W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge among them, and regretted the absence of the presiding Officer of the King's Cross Lodge. They had, however, a worthy substitute in Bro. Michael, the first Worshipful Master of that Lodge. The Lodges of Instruction were much indebted to the parent Lodges for permission to hold their meetings; they endeavoured to faithfully discharge the trust reposed in them. Bro. Edwards expressed the pleasure he felt in being present. Although not able to attend the meetings of the Lodge of Instruction as often as he desired, he yet appreciated what was done in them for the welfare of the Order. He considered Freemasonry owed much to the exertions of brethren who gave their time and ability in Lodges of Instruction. Bro. Michael replied on behalf of the King's Cross Lodge, and then the Committee and Stewards of the Festival were toasted. There were not many, said Bro. Stiles, who had any idea of the amount of work which had been performed by those who had had the arrangement of the banquet and testimonial. They had thoroughly done their work, and were to be highly complimented on the result of their exertions. Bro. Kauffmann had been particularly active in the matter and he would be called upon first to respond. This brother expressed the pleasure it had been to him to act as he had done. He was amply repaid for the time he had devoted to the matter when he saw the success the meeting had been. The seventh anniversary of their Lodge of Instruction, and the presentation of the testimonial to their worthy Preceptor, would ever be pleasurable associations to him. Bros. McKay, Scurrah, Bolton, Knight and others having spoken, Bro. Stiles resumed the active duties of Preceptor, and gave the Tyler's toast "in true Masonic style"—sympathy for the brethren in their distress, with hearty expression of good feeling towards them. The meeting was thus brought to a conclusion.

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(AGED 8 YEARS),

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—In a recent issue you gave me an opportunity of airing my views with regard to the character and conduct of Lodges of Instruction. I now propose to recur to the subject, taking in view some of the points suggested by your leader of the 28th ult. It was hardly to be expected, with the facilities possessed by Lodges generally, that the prevailing tendency to selfish indulgence should not have found its way into them, and that the pleasures of the table should not be regarded with greater solicitude. The habits of the time affect all classes more or less, and however much we may philosophise on the matter, the fact stares us in the face, that the desires of the carnal appetite have to be satisfied, whatever else may be sacrificed. It is the universal practice, so far as my experience goes, and it has been rather large, at Lodges of Instruction to drink and smoke while business is progressing. The incongruity of beer and divinity, the absolute profanity of combining drinking with the exposition of the most sublime system of morality, seem never to have struck the minds of those who smoke and drink while performing or listening to the performance of a ritual the grandeur and sublimity of which cannot be over-estimated. Why what is forbidden in a regular Lodge is permitted and encouraged in a Lodge of Instruction is a puzzle I cannot explain. I deplore the fact, and put its existence down to the spirit of self indulgence which in the present is so dangerously rife. Not only is the habit tolerated, but, as you say, if a brother does not drink, he runs the risk of being derided. Lodges of Instruction should be schools to all intents and purposes, and while at work the mind should be drawn entirely to the lessons to be learned. The soul should be attuned to the splendour of the ceremonies, and nought should be allowed to interfere with the contemplation of moral and divine truths, which are scattered like gems in a noble setting. If brethren must drink and smoke, let the Lodge be called off, according to the ritual in that case made and provided. Better still—shorten the hours of labour, and let those who wish for social enjoyment remain, while others not so inclined might retire. No one would be the worse for such an arrangement, but many would be gainers, and certainly the Institution would be put more in harmony with the genius of the Craft.

The other evil you allude to, namely, urging visitors to join Lodges of Instruction, has not struck me very forcibly, although I have seen what may be described as the touting system freely indulged in. It is only prudent and courteous to inform visitors upon what terms they could become members, and when that has been done they should be left to their own free action. It is a mistaken zeal to force membership, a practice that would be more honoured in the breach than in the observance.

Now, Sir, after having had my grumble, I can turn to the pleasing side of the subject. For some years past I have watched the charity movement in connection with Lodges of Instruction with pride and pleasure. The weekly meetings are suited for the collection of subscriptions, and the machinery is ready to hand for giving effect to the charitable instincts of the brethren. The periodical ballots provide the necessary excitement, and the constant example affords the requisite stimulant. A brother might go through his life without being able to get together ten guineas in one sum, and sincerely lament his inability to help on the Charities connected with the Order. Nearly all, however, can afford the customary weekly shilling, and in due time arrive at the happy consummation of being a life subscriber to one of the Institutions. Many continue to subscribe, until they have obtained the same position with regard to the three Charities. And, after all, the money is not missed, while the reward is beyond description. I am always pleased to hear of these charitable associations, and welcome them, not only for the good they do of themselves, but for the noble discipline of the heart, when the world, the flesh, and the devil strive so hard to corrupt.

With many thanks for past favours,

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

Watchman.

THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I desire emphatically to endorse the criticism of "A Past Master" which appears in your issue of the 14th inst., upon the disgraceful mismanagement of the last meeting of Grand Lodge. I cannot conceive anything more calculated to bring contempt upon what ought to be the most cherished exponent of the dignity and decorum of our Masonic assemblies.

I think the main cause of all the confusion and actual danger which characterised the struggle to enter the Temple may be attributed to the unwise arrangement of keeping the doors closed until almost the last moment. It seems to me that if the brethren, in their desire to be present, arrange to attend early, they should be allowed to proceed into the Temple as they arrive.

If this simple course had been adopted, all the unseemly confusion and the dangerous crowding would have been avoided.

There should be no such difficulty as that which was offered as an excuse, viz., that the early attendance of the officials could not be secured.

I consider the suggestion of a ballot being taken in every Lodge a very valuable one. Such a course would be infinitely preferable to bringing the proceedings of Grand Lodge into disrepute.

I am,

Yours fraternally,

Another Past Master.

The opening ceremony of the International Inventions Exhibition has been fixed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, President of the Exhibition, for Monday, the 4th May.

On the day of the University Boat race the old civic barge, the "Maria Wood," will be moored near the winning post, at Mortlake. A limited number, who desire to see the finish, will be accommodated by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, of the Guildhall Tavern, at 15/ each. The menu states that hot soups and a cold collation will be supplied. A military band will be in attendance.

We are requested to state that on Friday, 27th March, the ceremonies of Installation and Exaltation will be rehearsed in the Pythagorean Chapter of Improvement, No. 79, by Companion E. J. B. Burnstead, P.Z. 548, at the Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. The Chapter will be opened at seven p.m., when the attendance of Principals and Past Principals is particularly requested. Bro. Burnstead has rehearsed the above ceremonies for several years past, and therefore we hope to see a large attendance of brethren present on the occasion.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Diseases of Advanced Years.—The grand climacteric being passed, mankind passes to old age. Then the digestion becomes impaired, the nervous system grows feeble, and the physical powers become enervated. Now arises congestion of the liver, lungs, or head, followed by dropsy, asthma, or apoplexy, which frequently afflict and often destroy the aged. As the liver usually becomes torpid, its activity may speedily be revived by rubbing Holloway's Ointment thoroughly over the pit of the stomach and right side, at least twice a day, and taking the Pills at the same time. This treatment also disperses all other congestions by varying the parts rubbed according to the situations of the mischief.

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THE THEATRES.

SAVOY.

ONE of the dramatic memorabilia which will mark the season was presented at the Savoy Theatre on the evening of the 14th inst., when Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan's new opera, the "Mikado," saw the foot-lights. The dark places of the Embankment were alive with multitudinous carriages, all wending to the new Japan. Hours before the doors opened enthusiasts sat down at the pit and gallery doors of the beleaguered citadel. Thirty years ago no London theatre could have hoped to bring together such a gathering of notables as were in attendance when Sir Arthur took up his baton. The densely crowded house was hushed when the overture commenced; it was listened to without enthusiasm; its characteristic feature is an adaptation, greatly europeanised, of a native air. It concluded with applause, for the composer rather than for the music. The curtain rose upon a picture, real yet unreal—the very men and women of the land of Nipon, surely no inhabitants of our own prosaic isle. We turn to the bill of the play, half expecting to find that these wonderful folk were really come in a body from the village at Knightsbridge. They were grouped in the quaint attitudes in which we have seen them on tea-trays and tea-pots, and when they presently sing the sparkling opening chorus, we are startled to find that they can speak English. The scene represents the court-yard of Ko-Ko's Palace at Titipu. The costumes have been supplied by Liberty and Co. for the ladies, and by Wilhelm for the gentlemen, after native authorities, and for beauty of colour and richness of fabric nothing more beautiful has been seen. The most exquisite embroidery in silk and gold thread, upon stuffs that an Eastern Sultan might wear on feast days. The pretty girls of the chorus looked fascinating in their clinging robes, dainty sandels, and coiffeurs of jet black hair, wonderfully braided and dressed in orthodox Nipon taste. The story told is simple enough. Ko-Ko (Mr. George Grossmith) holds the office of Lord High Executioner for the town of Titipu, on condition he performs its duties at least once in ten years. There has been a plethora of virtue; his term approaches its end, and he must find a "subject" or kill himself as a substitute. It happens that Nanki-Poo (Mr. Lely), son of the Mikado, has escaped from court to avoid marriage with the "elderly-ugly" lady chosen for him by his papa. He loves the beautiful Yum-Yum (Miss Leonora Braham), and in the disguise of a minstrel woos her. He sings a very effective "minstrel lay" refrain, closing with a Dibden-like "Yo heave ho." In the chorus the assembled multitude of lords and ladies join with a vigour of action rather suggestive of the deck of the Pinafore. Nanki-Poo relates how he has fallen in love with the beautiful Yum-Yum, and having heard that Ko-Ko, to whom she has been betrothed, has, through a new law against flirting, incurred the penalty of death, hurries back in the hope of finding her free. Pish-Tush, a noble lord (Mr. Bovill), informs him of the state of things, and then enters Pooh-Bah (Mr. Barrington), who on all the other ministers resigning has embodied their various offices in his own person. He informs the lover that

> "This very day,
> From school, Yum-Yum
> Will wend her way,
> To wed the Lord High Executioner."

The song and chorus following was bright and effective, with that factastic touch of which Sullivan is so great a master. From the opening no doubt of the success of the work had suggested itself, but still a chief factor in a Savoy triumph had to appear, and the audience were impatiently awaiting its Grossmith, who now entered, disguised with the shaven crown, sandalled shoon and gold embroidered robe of Ko-Ko, the Lord High Executioner. Mr. Grossmith's crisp incisive style told admirably, and if the role had not the opportunities of H.M. First Lord, or of Wellington Wells, it was fitted to the special gift of its exponent, and delighted applause followed his first song. Presently enters Yum-Yum (Miss Braham), Peep-Bo (Miss Sybil Grey), and Pitti-Sing (Miss J. Bond). Nothing more facinating or fantastically delightful has ever been given on the stage than the delicious trio,

> "Three little maids from school are we."

Each of the ladies evidently enters into the grace of the situation; they fairly carry away their audience. The trio was thrice re-demanded. It would be impossible to praise too highly the manner in which the intention of composer and author was rendered; nor have these talented ladies ever seemed more to enjoy the work assigned them. It would be worth a visit to the Savoy to hear this trio. How the story proceeds and Yum-Yum is united to her Prince, whilst Ko-Ko escapes the doom pronounced, it is needless to say. There is a pretty fanciful duet between the lovers, and Mr. Grossmith has a good patter song, with which, perhaps, the audience expected a little political sauce piquante, but Mr. Gilbert discreetly leaves blanks for the names of the apologetic statesmen. As the "elderly-ugly" fiancée of the Troubadour Prince, Miss Brandram has some of the finest numbers allotted her, and she rendered them with artistic finish. In Act II. there is a merry duet between Mr. Grossmith and Mr. Lely. In short, Sullivan has never produced music brighter or more dramatic. That the story has nothing of Japan in it but the costumes is true enough, while the dialogue might have been put into the mouths of any of the pleasantly preposterous forbears of these youngest heirs of the Bab gens. Perhaps the Savoyards prefer the mirror held up to reflect the nature familiar to the Strand. In any case it would be unreasonable to carp at a work which will produce smiles and laughter through hundreds of nights and matinées yet to come.

THE EMPIRE.

GLAD tidings for our "golden youth." At the magnificent temple in Leicester-square there is now offered a spectacle more brilliant and costly than the London stage has seen since the days of "Babil and Bijou." Five thousand pounds have been spent in mounting the "Lady of the Locket." The scene opens near the Grand Piazza, Venice, with the Ducal Palace in the distance. A youthful and well-favoured chorus represent the population. When we think of the choruses of earlier days—which were composed of severe matrons and lean-shanked patriarchs—we cannot praise too highly the careful drilling through which those who now fill the stage must have passed. Moreover, they sing with spirit, and more like living men and women, a characteristic at one time difficult to realise. The music, though possessing no marked originality, is graceful and refined, and deserves a better "book" than the words supplied by Mr. Hamilton. Both Miss St. John and Miss Edith Brandon were evidently suffering from the East winds, and though both won deserved applause, will certainly sing with greater effect when the evil influence to which we have referred is dispersed. The story is simple enough. Francesca, the lovely daughter of Baron Bombazine, is betrothed to Cosmo (Mr. Coffin). She, of course, prefers another (Mr. Bracy), who loves her, though he has only beheld her picture in a locket. Cosmo is devoted to the lovely Stella, a ballad singer (Miss Brandon). The story carries us through the hall of the Doge's palace, a magnificent scene, crowded with brilliant costumes, more or less archæologically correct, but all picturesque, and as rich as brocade and cloth of gold can make them. Here there is a very fantastic ballet of Turkish slave girls, dressed in the late popular dual garment, and wearing yashmaks of light gauze, though why Almées should veil their faces we know not; perhaps they were more bashful in the fifteenth than in the nineteenth century. Francesca consents to elope with her adorer, and to this end she is to be assisted by the son of the Doge. Here Miss St. John has a very taking chansonette, "I'm such a pretty girl," and that is followed by a charming quintette, "When you want to elope," given with much spirit by Miss Brandon, Miss St. John, Mr. Bracy, Mr. Coffin, and Mr. Ryley. The political allusions on the first night produced a good deal of opposition from the audience. The Venetian ballet of the last act, in the moonlit gardens of the palace, is very graceful and fantastic, recalling the triumphs of the Alhambra. The ladies represent sea-nymphs, with the colouring of brilliant marine creatures. A dancer from La Scala, Mdlle. Zanla, as the Adriatic, won great applause. She wore a curious costume of darkest blue below, and vapoury skirts of dark blue trenched with green. Mdlle. Sismundi made a fascinating Neptune. Mr. Coffin's drinking song was the success of the evening; he sang it with a spirit that merited the enthusiastic applause it evoked. A good part of the dialogue might be curtailed with advantage; it serves no purpose but to drag out the performance to an unreasonable length. Among the crowd on the stage there is a youthful black, who may be in training for a future Othello, but is now draped most picturesquely in a leopard skin, and enters into the humour of the situation with such evident relish that one wishes the author had found a few lines for him. We are greatly mistaken if he is not the Moorish slave whose dagger made us shudder in the "Claudian" prologue.

GAIETY.

ON Thursday, 12th inst., "Mazeppa," a new three act burlesque by F. C. Burnand, was produced at this house, and, judging from the applause of a large audience, it may be regarded as a success;—to our mind, deservedly so. The dialogue is full of humour, the music bright and taking, and the acting excellent throughout. In this latter respect Miss E. Farren, in the part of Casimir, an orphan Tartar boy, bears away the palm. From start to finish she has the weight of the piece on her shoulders, and splendidly she carries her burden. Her unceasing vivacity and ability cannot be adequately described—these qualities must be seen to be appreciated. Edward Terry makes the most of a comparatively unimportant part, and the other characters are satisfactorily represented, by Messrs. Royce and Dallas, Misses P. Broughton and Clara Jecks—the latter of whom deserves an especial word of praise for her artistic rendering of the small part of a Tartar conspirator. At the conclusion of the performance both author and actors received a hearty call before the curtain.

PRINCESS'S.

OF all farewells we have sorrowfully had reference made to, none have been received with more regret than the announcement that on the 28th of this month the curtain is to fall on "Junius" for the last time. The magnificent scenery, the poetic elevation of the dialogue, the admirable interpretation by the leading artists, to say nothing of Mr. Barrett's own perfect rendering of a classic ideal, have not ensured the success the lessee had a right to expect. "The Silver King" will doubtless be welcomed back, with all its old popularity, but for those who love the loftier heights of tragedy "Junius" will remain a recollection of unfading delight.

COURT.

EMILE ANGIER is to give place to Mr. Pinero, and the hero of the Denhams, in the original made so grand a tradition by Mons. Got, and translated for us by Mr. Clayton with no less tenderness, earnestness, and manly dignity, is to pass away. "The Denhams" is a play full of strong interest, and at the Court it has been admirably staged, except in one instance, where the temptation to bid for cheap applause forced one of the personages grotesquely out of drawing. It is surely well that "Die lustige person" say no more than is put down to him—or her.

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CONSECRATION OF THE MONTAGUE GUEST CHAPTER, No. 1900.

WHEN we take into consideration the spirit and energy displayed by the Montague Guest Lodge, and the position it has secured for itself in the estimation of the Craft, we are not surprised that the earliest opportunity should be taken to form a Chapter in connection with it. The popularity of the esteemed First Principal of this Chapter is sufficient to justify us in predicting as grand a success as has already been secured by the Lodge, while those who have been appointed to subordinate positions in it are Companions well able to support the First Principal in all that may be required of them. The consecration took place on Friday, the 13th instant, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, the consecrating officer being Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Scribe E., who was assisted by Comps. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Superintendent of Essex as H., Rev. C. W. Arnold P. Grand Chaplain as J., Fenn President of Board of General Purposes as S.E., R. Costa P.G.D.C. as S.N., and Frank Richardson as D.C. At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony Comp. Clerke installed the three Principals:—John Montague Guest, M.P., P.G.N. Z., Giovanni P. Festa J. 77 H., and F. R. W. Hedges 1319 J. In due course the other Officers were appointed, as follows:—Comps. S. Brooks Z. 975 S.E., John Goddard Treasurer, Harry Slyman P.Z. S.N., A. R. Carter P. Sojourner, W. H. Gardener First Assistant Sojourner, E. J. Petts Second Assistant Sojourner. The thanks of the First Principal having been expressed towards the Consecrating Officers, and the names of several brethren handed in as candidates for exaltation, the Chapter was closed in regular form, and the company adjourned to the banquet room, where, after a most enjoyable repast, the customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were honoured. The M.E.Z. proposed the first in order—that of the Queen and Royal Arch Masonry—which was followed by that of the Grand Z. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The head of Royal Arch Masonry in this country devoted himself to further its interests in every way that lay in his power. The benefit of his well-known energy and perseverance being felt in this, as in everything else with which he associates himself. He was about to introduce his eldest son into Freemasonry, a step which would give to the Order a worthy successor to the present head, when he should vacate that position, which, however, all hoped would not occur for many years to come. The next toast was that of the Pro G.Z. and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, and with it was coupled the name of Comp. Philbrick. That Companion in the course of his reply referred to the presence among them of nine Grand Officers—equal in number to the Muses—and competent by themselves to form a Chapter. He took this as a happy augury of the success of the one they had assisted in constituting. The toast of the Grand Officers was always well received. Both the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom well deserved the thanks they secured from all quarters, while the same might be said of the other G. Officers. Comp. Clerke gave the health of the Three Principals, complimenting the Chapter on having secured so distinguished a Companion as Montague Guest—who had shown to advantage in all his Masonic connections—for its First Principal. Comp. Festa was one well able to support him, and the same might justly be said of Comp. Hedges. The M.E.Z. replied, tendering his best thanks to those present. It was always interesting to witness the birth and watch the life of a new Institution. Like a man, a Lodge or a Chapter had its up and downs. He looked forward with confidence to a successful career for the Montague Guest Chapter. He then proposed the health of the Consecrating Officer—a Companion known and respected wherever Freemasonry was practised. Comp. Clerke responded. It had been a great pleasure to him to fulfil the duties he had undertaken in connection with their new Capter. Companions Goodchild and Bush responded on behalf of the Visitors, and then the toast of the Officers was given from the Chair. The Most Excellent felt he had good material with which to creditably build the structure just commenced. They were particularly indebted to Comp. Brooks for the way in which he had carried out the duties he had undertaken, and this was also the case with Comp. Slyman. He could not, however, omit a special reference to Comp. Festa. Much of the success of the Montague Guest Lodge was due to him, and to him was also due most of the credit for having brought the Montague Guest Chapter into existence. This toast having been replied to, that of the Charities was given, and to this Comp. Frank Richardson responded. With the Janitor's toast the meeting was brought to a conclusion. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Comp. Seymour Smith, who was supported by Comps. Hodges and Carter. Madame Festa contributed some very handsome floral table decorations, which were objects of general admiration.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards in connection with the coming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 16th inst., under the presidency of Bro. H. B. Marshall, Past G. Treasurer. The Officers of the Board of Stewards were chosen, as follows: Lieut.-General Randolph, Prov. S.G.W. Sussex, President, Bro. D. P. Cama, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Patron of the Institution, Treasurer, J. H. Matthews, Chairman of Ladies' Stewards, F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Instititution, Hon. Sec. of the Board. Music and Dinner Committees were appointed, and the Stewards' fee fixed at the usual sum,—two guineas. Other formal business having been disposed of, the meeting was brought to a conclusion with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—The annual supper was held on Tuesday, the 17th instant, at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., (where the Lodge of Instruction holds its meetings every Saturday evening), under the presidency of Brother I. P. Cohen P.M. 205, the Preceptor, who was supported by Bro. A. J. Powell 186. The creature comforts were bounteously provided by Brother Langdale, whose efforts to give satisfaction were duly appreciated. The cloth having been cleared, the President in able terms gave the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Success to the Percy Lodge of Instruction was proposed by Brother Powell, who was one of the brethren who aided in its resuscitation, some ten years since. Boasting an existence of over one hundred years, it claims to be the oldest Lodge of Instruction, being originally part and parcel of the mother Lodge, whose members met together for the purposes of mutual instruction. It has passed through stages of prosperity and adversity, even sometimes lapsing into obscurity altogether. However, for the last ten years, under the patronage of the Officers of the mother Lodge, it has had an unequalled time of prosperity and usefulness, of which the members may well be proud. All work together with that harmony and brotherly love so essentially requisite for the well-being and success of a Lodge. The toast was enthusiastically received by the brethren, and responded to by Bro. Cohen. The Officers of the Lodge of Instruction was very flatteringly proposed by the President, and responded to by Bro. A. W. Fenner Treasurer, and R. W. Galer Secretary, who, in a few words (brevity was the order of the evening) thanked the brethren for the support at all times accorded to his efforts, in conjunction with those of the Preceptor, to maintain the efficiency of the Lodge, and to inculcate the grand principle of Freemasonry—Charity. In furtherance of this, sixteen months since, a Masonic Association was inaugurated; it has been so far successful that in that period 22 ballots have taken place, thus benefitting the Institutions to the extent of £231. The health of Bro. G. Lambert P.G.S.B., W.M. for the fourth time of the mother Lodge, with his Officers, was well received, and we trust that the kindly feeling existing between the parent and its offspring will be maintained. Much regret was expressed at their unavoidable absence. The President could not allow the evening to pass without referring to the ceremony which was being performed at that time in the Royal Alpha Lodge, where Prince Albert Victor was being initiated into Freemasonry by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master. Bro. Cohen, with a few appropriate remarks, proposed the health of the Royal Initiate. Votes of thanks to the host, to the pianists—Bros. Baynes and Wright—for their kindness in favouring with their services, were unanimously accorded. Thus a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close. Bro. Mullord undertook the musical arrangements. He was supported by Bros. Bayne, Wright, Gifford, Money, Snook, Woodman, and Langdale.

Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622.—On Tuesday evening the annual supper of the above flourishing Lodge of Instruction was served at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, the W.M. of the mother Lodge, Bro. Goldschmidt, presiding, Bros. D. Rose Preceptor, T. Grammant Secretary, and Stone Assistant Secretary, being present, with the following brethren:—Martin, Penney, Vickery, Kettlewhite, Woodwell, Terry, Hilton, Smith, Hamlyn, Addington, Burnett, Benedittti, Petherbridge, Sturdee, Channon, Dunn, Sadler, and J. J. Brinton. Bro. Hill, the host, in order that the repast should be supplied in ample form, had secured the services of Bro. C. G. Slawson, the popular chef, of 736 Old Kent-road, who served a récherché meal, which elicited praise from all the guests. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and heartily pledged. Brother W. Hamlyn proposed the health of the President, the I.P.M. of the Rose Lodge. Bro. Hamlyn referred to the care and forethought of Bro. Goldschmidt as W.M. of the mother Lodge, and the time and energy he devoted to furthering the cause of the several Masonic Charities. The President acknowledged the compliment, and stated that the knowledge he had acquired in Freemasonry had been due to the instruction of Bro. Preceptor Rose, who had, from the time of his initiation, most carefully directed his steps. For this he cordially thanked him, and concluded by proposing his health, to which Bro. Rose responded in his usual able manner. The President next proposed the health of the Visitors; and then the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Cowley and Grammant, were complimented. The latter responded in a most feeling speech. The President next proposed the Stewards, to which Bro. Stone responded; other toasts followed. The brethren who contributed to the enjoyment of the evening, musically and vocally, were Bros. White, Briant, C. White, Hamlyn, Voisey, and Murché, the editor of *Funny Folks*. Upwards of forty brethren were present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The regular meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence took place at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, when the President, Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., and the two Vice-Presidents, Bros. James Brett P.G.P. and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., occupied their respective chairs. Last month's recommendations—to the extent of £265—having been confirmed, the consideration of the forty-four new cases on the list was proceeded with. Three of these were dismissed, seven deferred, and the remainder relieved to the extent of £755. The grants made or recommended included two of £5 each, eight of £10, five of £15, six of £20, one of £25, seven of £30, four of £40, and one of £75.

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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 MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Karl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1558—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

MONDAY, 23rd MARCH.

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)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (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.)
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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
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).
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)

R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 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
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 24th MARCH.

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.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
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)
1380—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, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
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.
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent' Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 25th MARCH.

3—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
8—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)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
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)
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.
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)
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, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1830—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
390—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
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
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1364—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, Ghusnee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent

R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
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 MARCH.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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.)
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (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)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1308—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden 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).
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
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 London, 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

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51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
79—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
205—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
206—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
462—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
504—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
536—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
669—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
754—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
907—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
986—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1256—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1460—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1606—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1676—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1680—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1696—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1882—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. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 443—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
R.A. 733—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
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, 27th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
26—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.
207—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
569—Pitzroy, 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
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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)
1206—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1623—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, 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, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
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.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
553—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton

1148—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1631—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1713—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. 153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 845—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. 30—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 28th MARCH.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2013—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greitheenh
1631—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1963—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

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.

REVIEWS.

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"The Cosmopolitan Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1885." London: George Kenning, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, and Little Britain, Aldersgate-street.

It is only necessary to observe the title of this work to realise its ambitious character. A book that claims to be a complete storehouse of Masonic reference, and to contain "full particulars of every Grand Masonic body throughout the globe," sets up a bold position, and one that challenges criticism. It is, however, almost enough to say that as time has rolled on the work has been improved, until now it may be said that it defies criticism. We do not mean to say that it is without error, or that improvements might not be suggested, but we do affirm that as a reference book of the Craft and its cognate legitimate branches throughout the world, it is a marvel of comprehensiveness. Started, we believe, in 1871, this Diary is now in its fifteenth year. It has been long enough in existence to test both its strength and weakness, and the fact that it grows in popularity is proof enough that strength is developing with age, while the weakness is vanishing. It is impossible to test the accuracy of much that appears in this work. We may, however, by inference conclude that as the labour of compilation must be both great and full of detail, that accuracy would naturally form one of the most essential features of the compiler's duties. We may, therefore, confidently assume that the "Cosmopolitan" is to be relied on in every respect. Those who travel ought not to be without the book, and those who stay at home would do well to consult its pages, for therein is to be found a record of one of the mightiest movements of this or of any other age. The book is a study, and although it is little better than a mere directory in form and character, it is suggestive of an institution the origin of which is lost in the midst of time, and the future of which none can foresee.

"The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Oxfordshire and neighbourhood, for 1885-86. Oxford: W. R. Bowden, High-street.

A melancholy interest attaches to the present issue of this handy and useful directory. Bro. Bowden is editor, as well as printer and publisher, of his work, and as a matter of duty as well as of advantage, he sought and obtained the official sanction for his labours. The Duke of Albany was Provincial Grand Master of the Province, and he was a patron of Bro. Bowden's Calendar. Here is an extract from the letter, dated 10th February 1884, giving official sanction for the last time: "H.R.H. will renew his patronage, but begs you will not style him 'Prince Leopold' Duke of Albany, but simply Duke of Albany." The death of H.R.H. followed very shortly afterwards, and Oxfordshire lost its valued head, and the Craft a noble brother. Bro. Reginald Bird, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, took charge of the Province, and from him Bro. Bowden has received official authority for the present issue of his Calendar. It contains a portrait of the late Duke of Albany, and a brief account of his Masonic career, couched in terms of brotherly sympathy and affection. The work before us is rather bulky for a Province, but in addition to information respecting the Craft and Arch in Oxfordshire, it contains an account of the Mark Degree in alliance with Berkshire, also a list of the United Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks, and the Lodges contained therein. An enlarged digest of the schemes of the several Charities is given, and for the first time is published "lists of brethren in the Province holding votes in the Girls', Boys', and Benevolent Institutions, corrected to January in the present year." All the usual information is given, and Bro. Bowden deserves the support of the brethren of the Craft for the very excellent reference book he has provided for them. The next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge will be an important one for them, the successor to the late Duke of Albany must be appointed. Bro. Bowden has anticipated that event in the following suggestive manner: "Rumour has already sketched the portrait of a nobleman residing in our midst as the more than probable successor to the much lamented Royal Duke; let us hope and pray 'so mote it be!' for no brother could be more supreme and acceptable to the hearts of Oxford Freemasons."

Royal Freemasons. Sketches of Scions of Reigning Houses in Europe who have donned the lambskin apron since A.D. 1717. By G. William Speth, of Margate, England. Philadelphia: Masonic Publishing Company. 1885.

We welcome the appearance in book form of these interesting sketches. They appeared originally in the columns of the Philadelphia *Keystone*, whose readers must have been pleased to make the acquaintance, through this medium, with so careful a compiler as our Bro. Speth. Great pains have evidently been taken in order to obtain all possible information as to the Masonic doings of Royal members of our Society, and to present that information in the most readable form, and Bro. Speth deserves credit for the success which has attended his efforts. Some portions of his task must have been comparatively easy, as in the case of the Masonic members of our own Royal Family, but, on the other, there are some Royal Masons about whom it must have been a work of very considerable difficulty to procure even the barest particulars. However, Brother Speth seems to have gone about his task in a determined and methodical kind of way, and the result is a handy little volume, which will probably find a place in most Masonic libraries. We congratulate both Bro. Speth and the *Keystone* on the re-appearance of their "Royal Freemasons" in so compact and pleasant a garb.

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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 MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 69—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

MONDAY, 23rd MARCH.

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)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (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.)
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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
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).
1633—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)

R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 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
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 24th MARCH.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, 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)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
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)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
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.
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent' Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 21—Cyrus, Slop and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
169—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent
807—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
988—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1998—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 25th MARCH.

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)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
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)
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.
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)
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—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hookmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1063—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
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. 326—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 806—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
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 MARCH.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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.)
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (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)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—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.)
1602—Sir Hugh Mydelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Chiswick. (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)
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 London, 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

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51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
303—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
306—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
340—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
375—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
376—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
383—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
386—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
986—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1235—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1636—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1929—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. 394—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
R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
M.M. 33—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, 27th 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.
706—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
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"The Cosmopolitan Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1885." London: George Kenning, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, and Little Britain, Aldersgate-street.

IT is only necessary to observe the title of this work to realise its ambitious character. A book that claims to be a complete storehouse of Masonic reference, and to contain "full particulars of every Grand Masonic body throughout the globe," sets up a bold position, and one that challenges criticism. It is, however, almost enough to say that as time has rolled on the work has been improved, until now it may be said that it defies criticism. We do not mean to say that it is without error, or that improvements might not be suggested, but we do affirm that as a reference book of the Craft and its cognate legitimate branches throughout the world, it is a marvel of comprehensiveness. Started, we believe, in 1871, this Diary is now in its fifteenth year. It has been long enough in existence to test both its strength and weakness, and the fact that it grows in popularity is proof enough that strength is developing with age, while the weakness is vanishing. It is impossible to test the accuracy of much that appears in this work. We may, however, by inference conclude that as the labour of compilation must be both great and full of detail, that accuracy would naturally form one of the most essential features of the compiler's duties. We may, therefore, confidently assume that the "Cosmopolitan" is to be relied on in every respect. Those who travel ought not to be without the book, and those who stay at home would do well to consult its pages, for therein is to be found a record of one of the mightiest movements of this or of any other age. The book is a study, and although it is little better than a mere directory in form and character, it is suggestive of an institution the origin of which is lost in the midst of time, and the future of which none can foresee.

"The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Oxfordshire and neighbourhood, for 1885-86. Oxford: W. R. Bowden, High-street.

A MELANCHOLY interest attaches to the present issue of this handy and useful directory. Bro. Bowden is editor, as well as printer and publisher, of his work, and as a matter of duty as well as of advantage, he sought and obtained the official sanction for his labours. The Duke of Albany was Provincial Grand Master of the Province, and he was a patron of Bro. Bowden's Calendar. Here is an extract from the letter, dated 10th February 1884, giving official sanction for the last time: "H.R.H. will renew his patronage, but begs you will not style him 'Prince Leopold' Duke of Albany, but simply Duke of Albany." The death of H.R.H. followed very shortly afterwards, and Oxfordshire lost its valued head, and the Craft a noble brother. Bro. Reginald Bird, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, took charge of the Province, and from him Bro. Bowden has received official authority for the present issue of his Calendar. It contains a portrait of the late Duke of Albany, and a brief account of his Masonic career, couched in terms of brotherly sympathy and affection. The work before us is rather bulky for a Province, but in addition to information respecting the Craft and Arch in Oxfordshire, it contains an account of the Mark Degree in alliance with Berkshire, also a list of the United Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks, and the Lodges contained therein. An enlarged digest of the schemes of the several Charities is given, and for the first time is published "lists of brethren in the Province holding votes in the Girls', Boys', and Benevolent Institutions, corrected to January in the present year." All the usual information is given, and Bro. Bowden deserves the support of the brethren of the Craft for the very excellent reference book he has provided for them. The next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge will be an important one for them, the successor to the late Duke of Albany must be appointed. Bro. Bowden has anticipated that event in the following suggestive manner: "Rumour has already sketched the portrait of a nobleman residing in our midst as the more than probable successor to the much lamented Royal Duke; let us hope and pray 'so mote it be!' for no brother could be more supreme and acceptable to the hearts of Oxford Freemasons."

Royal Freemasons. Sketches of Scions of Reigning Houses in Europe who have donned the lambskin apron since A.D. 1717. By G. William Speth, of Margate, England. Philadelphia: Masonic Publishing Company. 1885.

WE welcome the appearance in book form of these interesting sketches. They appeared originally in the columns of the Philadelphia *Keystone*, whose readers must have been pleased to make the acquaintance, through this medium, with so careful a compiler as our Bro. Speth. Great pains have evidently been taken in order to obtain all possible information as to the Masonic doings of Royal members of our Society, and to present that information in the most readable form, and Bro. Speth deserves credit for the success which has attended his efforts. Some portions of his task must have been comparatively easy, as in the case of the Masonic members of our own Royal Family, but, on the other, there are some Royal Masons about whom it must have been a work of very considerable difficulty to procure even the barest particulars. However, Brother Speth seems to have gone about his task in a determined and methodical kind of way, and the result is a handy little volume, which will probably find a place in most Masonic libraries. We congratulate both Bro. Speth and the *Keystone* on the re-appearance of their "Royal Freemasons" in so compact and pleasant a garb.

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SPRING TIME.

THE season is now rapidly approaching when many of our Lodges, especially in the Metropolis, will be called from the winter session of labour to a prolonged period of refreshment; and although within the past few days we have been visited with as keen a touch of snow, and a painful reminder that Jack Frost has not yet finally taken his departure, yet in the intervening glimpses of sunshine with which we have been favoured we see, in the parks and gardens which form the "breathing-spaces of London," a thousand signs of the approach of the bright, sunny days we are all longing for. Bud and blossom are fast appearing on the trees and shrubs, amidst whose branches the already mated birds chirrup gleefully in anticipation of Spring. The evenings are "drawing out" apace, and the various out-door pastimes in which British youth delight are fast developing into active preparation for the summer campaign. The railway companies are announcing trips and excursions in every available direction, and to every possible quarter of our "tight-little island," and elsewhere. Many other symptons there are which forcibly remind us of the nearness of that period when the gavel is put aside for a space in favour of the oar or the cricket bat. It is to all of us a time when our aspirations brighten and hopes rise, in view of the change of scene and variety of pleasure which the balmy period of the year affords. The busy merchant, amidst the worries of life, the fluctuations between temporary briskness and the far too preponderating depression—the hard-worked clerk, chained to his desk, year in year out—the toiling artizan and labourer—all look forward to the longer days with a certain degree of hopeful pleasure, when skies are bright, and glad nature tempts them to spend such leisure as they have away from the "madding crowd," and the din of city life. In like manner, in their own particular sphere, the brethren of "ye mystie tie" hail with satisfaction that respite from labour to the refreshment provided for them by the Universal Junior Warden, and with a consciousness of having done their duty in the session which is now nearly ended, they will enjoy with all the more solidity the respite from the duties of office to which they are eminently entitled. As our columns have attested, the work of the Craft during what may be called practically the working half of the year has not diminished in importance or activity; and, though increasing rapidly in number, there is not the slightest indication of any falling off in the spirit which actuates the members of our Order. On the contrary, there is an ever-growing desire manifested to emulate, and even to outvie, the efforts of preceding years, and the splendid contributions recorded a week or two ago to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is only one amongst many proofs of the deepening interest taken in the Craft by its adherents, and the strengthening and solidifying influences that are being brought to bear upon it. Whilst we hear of many other charitable institutions languishing for want of means, and their well-wishers bewailing the "badness of the times"—the commercial and industrial depression which renders them less capable than they could desire of practising the principles of benevolence to which they have set their hands—it is most significant that the charitable impulses of the Craft are not impeded by such considerations, nor the hand of beneficence closed in time of urgent need. We utter these remarks in no invidious spirit, nor would we compare our own boastfully with other institutions whose aim it is to "go about doing good;" but it is, and must be, to all who are interested in the welfare and "good report" of Freemasonry, a matter for the most cordial and heartfelt congratulation that, amidst all the vicissitudes of commercial life, and the strain that is felt on all public and private sources of benevolence, the wheels of the Masonic chariot never flag, but roll grandly and sublimely on, on their mission of succour to the needy and afflicted. We have reason to believe, from the hints thrown out by those brethren who propose going up as Stewards at the Boys' and Girls' Festivals, that, notwithstanding the magnificent total which was made up last month for the Old People, the lists in behalf of these former Institutions will not be in the slightest degree depreciated thereby. We are fain to believe also that the additional help needed for the Preparatory Boys' School, on behalf of which Brother Binckes, the excellent Secretary of the Institution, recently issued so manly an appeal, will be forthcoming; and all these facts, when considered collectively, are a convincing evidence of the undying interest which Masons feel in the great principles they have espoused, and the sound and healthy vitality which permeates the Order of which we have so much reason to be justly proud. Well may the brethren, after such efforts as have elicited the admiration of the world, look forward with complacent satisfaction to the season when they may rest awhile from their labours; though amidst their pleasures—at the seaside, on the Continent, in the country—they will never for a moment lose sight of the fact that whatever good may have been accomplished during the last year must be excelled in the ensuing. "Onward and upward," in all that is beneficent and good, is the "Excelsior" of that Brotherhood whose sustaining pillars are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. And thus while we lay aside the trappings and insignia of our Lodge for the summer season we do so with the conviction that they will be taken up again "when the evening shadows lengthen" with a renewed determination to carry on the work with undiminished efficiency, and with increased fervency and zeal. When our brethren who have the means, leisure, and inclination to recruit their physical and mental powers amidst "fresh woods and pastures new" return with the beneficial evidences of their tours upon their countenances, then will recur the hearty "hail fellow, well met!" which is so characteristic of our Masonic gatherings, and the sturdy grip of the hand once more linked in the twice-blessed cause of Charity. In the meantime proposals are being made for those enjoyable interludes in Masonic work in which the fair sex are enabled to participate, and which they do with so much interest. We are glad to see that this spirit is on the increase, and hope that our summer banquets this year may be not only more numerously attended, but that they may be more general amongst our Lodges. They tend to an eminent degree to bind the members of various Lodges together, and by the interchange of amenities between the lady friends and acquaintances of the brethren they engender a most valuable social advantage. Thus, it is satisfactory to learn that already committees are busily engaged considering the preliminary arrangements for these pleasant outings to the country side, the records of which give so agreeable a change to the events that are chronicled in our pages in the summer time; and we earnestly hope that,

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apart from the personal enjoyment which is invariably afforded by such *réunions*, they may produce a most potent influence in bringing into closer contact, and uniting in firmer bonds of love and activity, the various branches of our Ancient and Honourable Institution. Thus, when we hear the words "Happy have we met; happy have we been; and happy part again," we know that it will not be for long, and that even in the brief interregnum the spirit of the Craft will be still growing and increasing in volume, while the tide of Benevolence and Charity is never still. Even as, during a Parliamentary recess, the political life of the nation is kept alive by what are known as "extra Parliamentary utterances," so in our own circle will the active principles of the Craft be kept in healthy activity and perpetual motion. That it will be ever thus may be safely concluded by each and all of us; and, whether at hard work or enjoying the delights afforded by the quiet season at which we have hinted as close upon us, the prevading spirit of the Craft will be ever kept alive as one of the most vital and practical exponents of Benevolence and Charity on the face of the habitable globe.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

THE balloting paper for the approaching election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which takes place on Saturday, the 11th April, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, contains the names of thirty candidates, of whom twenty-two are to be elected. Fourteen of the candidates have made previous applications, ranging from one to four in number, the remaining sixteen being fresh cases. Four of the girls now appear for the last time, their age precluding them from participation in future elections if unsuccessful at the coming contest. These four are J. W. Hutchings, No. 1; R. A. M. Smith, No. 9; G. F. Greenwood, No. 13; and J. E. Cooke, No. 22. No. 1, Jane Wheeler Hutchings, now appears for the fifth time, with 905 votes to her credit. She is one of four fatherless children dependent on their mother, and a daughter of an old member of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382, London. Her father figures as one of the few who have a record of past services for the Charities on this list, he having been a subscriber to the Benevolent Institution; for this reason, if for no other, we hope his daughter will be successful at the next election. No. 9, Rose Adelaide Marsac Smith, now makes a second application, with a total of 56 votes already polled on her behalf. She and one other child are dependent, both parents being alive. She has had a sister in the Institution, a fact which, so far from proving the need for the admission of the present applicant, should, we think, have called for some special details as to the case, especially when we remember that both parents are living. However, as usual, no particulars are given beyond the necessary dates, &c.; and the only redeeming feature in the case—judged from a general point of view is, that the father has served as a Steward and qualified as Life Governor both of the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions. No. 13, Gertrude Frances Greenwood, was very successful at the last election, polling no less than 1,379 votes on that occasion, which augurs well for her chance of success next month. She is one of five children, who, though having both parents alive, are in reality dependent on their mother, whose husband is insane. This is one of those cases where all the help that Freemasons can give is not too much; indeed, we should like to see the Craft in a position to do even more than it does do in relief of such an awful affliction. The Province of Kent has the case in hand, and, but for miscalculation—or so we should imagine—would have secured this Girl's election last October. No. 22, Jessie Edith Cooke, the other "last application," is a new case. She is one of two children dependent on a widowed mother. Her father was P.M. of St. John's Lodge, Cheshire, and this being the only case from that district, there can be little fear as to the result. What a blessing it must be to have the support of such a Province.

The case of Minnie Madeline Mansell, No. 11, is perhaps one of the most deserving on the list. She is one of six children left parentless, four of whom are entirely, and two partially, dependent on friends. The father was a member of the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, London, and his daughter now makes a second application, with 184 votes to her credit. No. 15, Mary Alice G. Smith, is another parentless child, and so also are No. 18, Ethel Clara Gillett, No. 29, Myrtle Speed, and No. 30, Mary Frances Read. These four are all fresh cases. Mary Smith is one of three children, whose father was S.W. of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, Lincolnshire, at the time of his death in January 1881. Ethel Gillett is one of nine children dependent. Her father was a member of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, London. We feel we may look for this child's early election to the School, as the brethren of her father's Lodge are hardly the ones to allow such a case to remain long uncared for. Myrtle Speed comes from Derbyshire, her father having been an initiate of the Scarsdale Lodge, No. 681. She is one of six children now dependent on their friends, and we hope that the Freemasons of England will soon be entitled to be ranked among such, by undertaking the care of at least one of the orphans. Mary Reed is an only child dependent, and is in good hands if the brethren of her father's Province—North and East Yorkshire—have taken up her case. We hope for her sake they have done so.

Among the other cases there are ten whose fathers are dead, each of whom have already figured at one or other of the elections of the past two years. No. 4, Jessie Louisa Beilby, now comes forward for the third time, with 1669 votes to her credit, a total which we think should be ample to secure her election, even if no others are polled for her on the 11th proximo. She is one of seven dependent children, and is accredited to Northumberland. No. 2, Mary Amelia Wheeler, and No. 3, Maude Mary Bromley, follow very closely so far as votes already polled are concerned. Both girls now make a fourth application, the one having already polled 1569 votes, and the other 1568. Wheeler is one of six, and Bromley one of seven dependent children. No. 6, Florence Jane Obey, one of three children left to the care of their mother, was a candidate in October last, and then secured 1347 votes. Her father, formerly a member of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1445, died in 1881. No. 5, Florence Eleanor Relph, polled 1319 votes at the two elections of last year. She and one other child are now relying for support on their mother, the widow of a Past Master of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188. No. 8, Rose Isabel Marian Woodforde, polled 775 votes at the last election, a number which, if duplicated in April, should place her on the list of successful. We trust her friends will be able to support her to this extent. Her case is accredited to Somersetshire, and she is one of four fatherless children left to the care of their mother. 560 votes already stand to the credit of No. 12, Louisa Adelaide Smithers, who with six other children are left dependent on a widowed mother. Her father was a member of the Faith Lodge, No. 141, London. No. 10, Edith Fanny Tanner, has a brother in the Boys' School. There are still three children—including the present candidate—relying on their mother for support. Her father was a member of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, at the time of his decease, and most faithfully have the brethren of this Lodge fulfilled their obligation to him. As we have said, one of his sons has been admitted to the Boys' School, and now one of his daughters stands a fair chance of being cared for in the sister Institution. She goes to the poll with 477 votes to her credit. No. 14, Kate Sharland, one of four fatherless children, polled 198 votes in October last. Her father was initiated in St. Peter's, No. 1125, Devonshire, and rose to the office of S.W. in that Lodge. No. 7, Margaret E. M. Holmes, closes the list, so far as the candidates who have already taken part in previous elections are concerned. She comes forward with 178 votes in hand. She is one of five fatherless children whose father was a member of the Barnard Lodge, No. 1230, Durham.

The new cases—other than the five already disposed of—do not appear to present any particular feature for notice. They are no doubt all worthy, but it is impossible to assign to them any order of precedence. In the case of No. 24, Florence Ellen Dunlop, there is a family of nine children dependent on the mother. The father was a P.M. of the Star in the East Lodge, No. 650, Harwich, and his daughter will doubtless secure the sympathy of the Essex brethren. No. 20, May E. Marlow, and No. 21, Lilian Frances Wells, are each members of families of seven left to the care of widowed mothers. No. 25, Lelia Constance Whitaker, and No. 28, Maud Emily Fitt, each members of families of six similarly circumstanced, and No. 16, Marien Grace M. Watson, No. 19, Mary Sybil Tucker, No. 26, Mary Scott Patience, and No. 27, Gertrude Lockwood, each members

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of families of five. In the case of Mary Tucker it is not known whether or not the father is dead, but in each of the other cases the mother is the only parent surviving. No. 23, Hetty July Wrightson, daughter of an old member of the Prudence Lodge, No. 388, and who attained to Provincial honours in Suffolk, is one of three children dependent on that brother's widow. No. 17, Mary Louisa C. Allen, is one of a family of four, two of whom are partially provided for. Her father was initiated in the Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge, No. 1539, and died in July of last year.

Having concluded our review of the several cases we can but congratulate the candidates and their friends on the comparatively large number of vacancies in proportion to the number of applicants. Twenty-two of the former to relieve the needs of thirty of the latter is about as satisfactory a state of affairs as we could wish for if we desire to maintain a spirit of healthful competition for the benefits of the Masonic Educational Institutions.

One of the customary series of entertainments was given in the well arranged Gymnasium at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, on Wednesday. Herr Frikell performed some very clever sleight of hand, card, and other amusing tricks. The Boys enlivened the evening by playing several pieces, in a manner that reflected credit on their Bandmaster Bro. W. Whare. After a couple of hours had been spent most enjoyably, the proceedings concluded, with three cheers for "The Conjuror," Miss Binckes, Bros. Bowyer and Dr. Morris, M.A., LL.D., given with right good will. Several prominent supporters of the Institution were present.

The regular meeting of the General Committe of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls took place on Thursday, at Freemason's Hall, London, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Rucker. The minutes of the last meeting, and of the other committees, having been read and disposed of, an additional vacancy was recommended for the April election. A grant of £10 was made to one of the pupil teachers on leaving the School. It was then resolved, that in order to relieve Miss Jarwood—the Matron of the School—of the more laborious part of her duties, the House Committee be empowered to appoint an "Acting Matron," at a salary of £70 per annum. A notice of motion for the next Quarterly General Court was then given by Bro. Grey, to the following effect:—

"That, in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the Institution by Mrs. Howell, she should be elected as Hon. Vice-Patron, with the votes attaching thereto."

Five petitions were then considered, and of this number three were accepted and ordered to be added to the list of candidates for the October Election; one was rejected, and one was deferred. The meeting was then brought to a conclusion.

The first meeting of the Industry Lodge, No. 186, since its enforced recess, was held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. John G. Horsey P.P.G.D.C. Surrey. Some considerable discussion ensued during the evening as to the best course to be adopted under the circumstances in which the Lodge is placed, and for its regulation in the future. A banquet was afterwards served, under the presidency of the W.M., and an agreeable hour was spent. We sincerely trust that wise counsels will in the end prevail, and that this Lodge, which boasts of a long career of usefulness, will carry out in peace and harmony the good work it has in the past been noted for.

We are requested to announce that the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, has removed its headquarters from the White Hart, Belvidere Road, to the Bridge House Hotel, and the meeting nights have also been altered, from the second Wednesdays in September to April, to the second Wednesdays in March, May, July, September, November, and January; this commenced on the 11th instant. The meetings of the Lodge of Instruction are not, we understand, yet definitely arranged.

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The Southwark Lodge of Instruction, No. 879, has been removed to Bro. Day's, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon-street, Rotherhithe New-road, S.E., and the night of meeting has been altered from Wednesday to Thursday. On Thursday, 2nd April next, the Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. Walter Martin, S.W. Southwark Lodge, No. 879, assisted by several eminent and well-known brethren.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, No. 1922, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road (close to the Camberwell New Road Station of London, Chatham and Dover Railway), on Wednesday, 1st April 1885, by Bro. J. T. Wentworth Chapman, W.M. of the mother Lodge. The Lodge will be opened at eight o'clock p.m. precisely,

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The Masonic Hall, Chertsey, will be formally dedicated this day (Saturday). The proceedings will be conducted by the Provincial Grand Lodge and Officers of Surrey, who will assemble in the new building at 3 p.m.

The following Dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 28th March:—

Monday—Old Kings Arms Lodge, De Grey and Ripon Lodge, Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge. Tuesday—Waldeck Lodge, Tuscan Lodge, Royal Savoy Lodge, Industry Lodge. Wednesday—Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers, Hackney Carriage Proprietors' Fund, London Galloway Association, Lodge of Antiquity. Thursday—Old Acquaintance Musical Society, Mount Moriah Lodge, Grenadier's Lodge, St. George's Chapter, Vane Chapter. Friday—Scottish Ball, Jerusalem Lodge, Peace and Harmony Lodge.

Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction, No. 1744.—At the meeting held at the Yorkshire Grey, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, on Thursday, 19th instant, Bro. Smith W.M., Thom S.W., Mordey J.W., Holland S.D., Verdin J.D., Burgess I.G., Smith Preceptor, Scurrah Sec. pro tem. There were also present Bros. Bathard, Guyer, Hemming, Greenway, Dickey, Pratt, Davies, Nadenik, Rusicki, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Guyer candidate. The second section was worked by Bro. Hemming. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the first section was worked by the Preceptor. This being the night for election of executive Officers, Bro. Smith was unanimously re-elected Preceptor, and Bro. Smith Treasurer. Bro. Mordey then proposed, and Bro. Holland seconded, Bro. Scurrah as Secretary, in place of the late respected Bro. Sillis; while Bro. Guyer proposed, and Bro. Thom seconded, Bro. Davies; on a show of hands there was a large majority in favour of Bro. Davies, who was thereupon elected. Bros. Guyer, Greenway, and Thom were unanimously elected Auditors. The Lodge was closed until the following Thursday.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.—There was a goodly attendance at this popular Lodge of Instruction, on Wednesday evening, at the Lugard Tavern, Peckham, when the duties of the chair were ably discharged by Bro. Wimble, who was supported by Bros. Harvey S.W., Webster J.W., Belchamber S.D., Nomico J.D., Smith I.G., Martin Preceptor, Tokely Secretary. Lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of previous meeting confirmed, was advanced to the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, with Bro. Best as candidate. Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, and the first section of the lecture worked by Bro. Harvey, and the second by Bro. Belchamber. It was announced with considerable regret that Bro. Lampen, who had taken such an active interest in this Lodge of Instruction, of which he was one of the Founders, had been laid aside by severe illness for some time, and it was unanimously resolved that a letter of sympathy should be forwarded to him, expressing the sincere regret of the brethren with Bro. Lampen in his temporary disablement, and their equally earnest hope that he might speedily be restored to health and participate in the good work in which he has ever taken so deep an interest. Some other formal business having been transacted Lodge was closed in the customary harmonious manner.

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A STORM IN A TEACUP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Why all this "pother" about the alleged "missing jewels," anent which so much fuss has been made in the columns of your contemporary? I was not fortunate enough to have noticed the first letter which appeared on the subject from Bro. Gamble, but I glean from the many correspondents who have since been gambolling in his train that over forty of the brethren who attended last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge lost their jewels in the general "scrooge" to get in, and that the original correspondent had not yet recovered his—for which misfortune he not only blames the officials of Grand Lodge, but also casts a slur upon the honesty of some other of the brethren who attended on that occasion. Various thoughts are suggested by all these incidents, but that so much "dirty linen washed in public" should have been the outcome of them is to me astoundingly inexplicable. Without doubt there was a great crush at the meeting, in consequence of the election of Grand Treasurer—a scene of party feeling never before witnessed in a Masonic gathering, and which I hope never to witness again; and it was with "many a mutual punch and shove" that those who gained admission to the hall succeeded in doing so. Very naturally, bejewelled brethren ran the risk of having some of their cherished decorations detached in the human friction that prevailed, and one would have thought they would have taken due precaution against such accidents. When one squeezes with the crowd to see a pantomime on Boxing-night one usually takes the precaution to button up close, and to frustrate the knavish tricks of those who would ply their deft, dishonest fingers. In a Masonic gathering there could be no apprehensions of this kind; still it is only natural to assume that in the onward pressing throng, such as that to which I refer, every care would be taken to prevent the jewels worn on the breast from being accidentally "rubbed off." This, it appears, was not the case in some instances, and four—not forty!—brethren lost their Royal Arch jewels, three of which were found by the Grand Tyler and restored to their owners, though the fourth had, unfortunately, not come to hand up to the 16th instant. Forthwith the owner of the unhappy "fourth," rushes into print, and, to gather from the later correspondence, accuses all round of something more than dereliction of duty because *his* particular "jewels" have not been returned to him! We are not told how many "jewels" or what degree are those which have been lost—when or how they were missed, or the place which the complaining brother occupied in the assembly. The only inference to be drawn from the perusal of the letters—which ought never to have appeared in a public print—is that Bro. Gamble somehow and at some time "missed" certain undefined "jewels," and that instanter he hurls a volley of vague charges at the officials and others who attended Grand Lodge. Was ever such an exhibition of peevishness and exceeding bad taste? Did any one ever come across so sweeping a slur upon the honesty of the officials, indeed of the Craft in general? I have more than once—and no doubt most of your readers are in the same position—inadvertently left articles of personal property at the Lodges I have attended; but never in a single instance have I had any cause for apprehension as to their safety, and never have I been in the slightest degree disappointed. I have in every such case intimated my loss to the Tyler, who, true to his post, has repaired the loss. Why was not a similar course taken by Bro. Gamble after he had discovered his mishap on the occasion to which he refers? I dare say that most of those who have read the correspondence on the subject are personally acquainted with Bro. Sadler, our excellent Grand Tyler, and would scout the insinuation—even if such were intended—that he is inattentive to his duties. From my personal knowledge of him, I can vouch for the courtesy and gentlemanly ability with which he discharges the functions of his by no means unimportant office, and to suggest the slightest impeachment of his integrity would be a libel which would receive the indignant resentment of the Craft.

Instead, however, of making his loss known, as is the invariable and proper course, to the Grand Tyler, Bro. Gamble, like a good many other impulsive and inconsiderate brethren, flies off into the regions of print, and there are many who will share with Bro. Sadler "some astonishment and considerable regret," inasmuch as they will be unable to conceive that "such fearful havoc had been made with the decorations of the brethren as to occasion the loss of between thirty and forty jewels." Good gracious! Through what kind of "double-barrelled magnifying glasses," as the younger Weller described them, was Bro. Gamble looking when he "saw double" in so extraordinary a fashion? There is a quiet satire in Bro. Sadler's letter when he premises that the length of time our Bro. Complainant has been in the Craft "has obliterated from his memory the importance of caution, with which young Masons are perfectly familiar;" and if this acrobatic exhibition does not make him careful in the future, we shall have to give up all hope of his reclamation. Equally homethrust is the allusion to the correspondent preferring "the medium of the Press to the usual method of communication;" and I have heard on all sides expressions of profound surprise that such a letter should have been admitted into the columns of a newspaper. If the "jewels" were irretrievably lost—either in Grand Lodge or in some post-prandial festivity, it could not be expected that the editor of a journal could recover them. That being the case, what earthly use could there have been in flaunting before other than Masonic eyes the fact that on the occasion of a great gathering of the Craft certain "jewels" have been missed, and the owner had failed to trace them? The whole affair has caused a titter in the Masonic ranks, albeit the fun is mingled with a certain amount of regret. I only hope that by this time Bro. Gamble has recovered his lost jewels, but of this we may be sure, he will not cease to regret having so petulantly aired his grievance in the columns of the public Press, and that your contemporary will equally regret having inserted the communication instead of having consigned it to its rightful place—the waste-paper basket. I should have imagined that on receipt of such correspondence the conductor of a journal devoted to the interests of Freemasonry would have reminded his correspondent of the oft-repeated assurance that caution is needful, and have advised him to take the usual and proper course of communicating with the custodian of Grand Lodge. Hoping soon to hear the announcement that the "jewels" have reached their rightful owner,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

QUIZ.

[We have received a number of letters from brethren in various parts of the country, but agree with our correspondent that such matters are not fit subject for comment in public, and have therefore consigned the communications ruthlessly to the limbo of forgotten things. Intimation should certainly have been made to the Grand Tyler, whose probity is only excelled by the courteous and gentlemanly ability with which he discharges his duties.—ED. F.C.]

A MISSING JEWEL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—What do you think? I lost my *temper* at that tremendous crush at Grand Lodge recently! A brother—I cannot think intentionally—trod upon my foot as we moved slowly on towards the portals, &c. Now, I had scarcely recovered from an acute attack of rheumatic gout, and my feelings may be "better imagined than described!" Yes; and instead of sending you a whining, complaining letter about it, I have sent an intimation to the Grand Tyler, who I hope will speedily find and restore to me my temper, which my wife regards as the brightest *jewel* of which I am possessed.

Yours fraternally, &c.

GOUTY.

OPINIONS ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As Freemasons we often have the opinions of great persons thrown at us, the latest artist selected for mud throwing being Freiderich von Schlegel. I was pleased to see that you did not allow the bane to go without the the antidote. Mr. George O'Byrne, the gentleman who called attention to Schlegel's writing, is evidently an Irishman, and probably a Roman Catholic. I find no fault with him for that, but there is just one point in his letter which appears to have escaped your critical vision. O'Byrne says: "The immense authority of the Schlegels must be my justification for so lengthy a quotation." I know you say that August Wilhelm Schlegel was more distinguished than his brother Freiderich, and you add that the former was the friend of Goethe, a giant among giants—and of Madame de Stael, but the connection implied between the brothers, as being of major authority, you lose sight of. Freiderich's opinion alone, as a Roman Catholic, on a subject anathematised by his Church would be of small moment; but, backed by the authority of August Schlegel, it would be of very great importance. There was no connection whatever between the brothers on the subject of Freemasonry, and "the immense authority" therefore just rests upon Freiderich von Schlegel alone. You have discounted the value of that authority already, and I need not further refer to the matter. You mention in your article both Goethe and Madame de Stael. The former was a member of the Fraternity for over fifty years, and Herr Pitsch, in his record of that career says: "Masonic echoes are to be detected in all the works written by Goethe after the year 1780, and particularly in his letters to Charlotte von Stein." One of the most attractive of Goethe's shorter poems, I believe, is devoted to the praise of the Craft, and declares, according to the eloquent translation of Carlyle, that

> The Mason's ways are a type of existence,
> And his persistence is as our days are.

This genius was the intimate friend of August Wilhelm Schlegel, and associated with both was Madame de Stael, daughter of the great Finance Minister Becker. Through her intercourse with Goethe, Schlegel, Wieland, and Schiller, she gained an extensive knowledge of German, which she embodied in a work on that country. Immediately after the publication of this work, entitled "De l'Allemagne," 10,000 copies were seized by Napoleon's minister of police. Madame de Stael protested against this act of spoliation, but it was met with the reply from the Minister: "Your last work is not French, and I have stopped its publication. Your exile is a natural consequence of your constant behaviour for years past. I have thought that the air of France was not suitable to you, for we are not yet reduced so low as to seek for models amongst nations you admire." A greater tribute could not have been paid to the book. What was rejected with scorn at that time was forced by war a few years ago, when Germany brought proud France on its knees and despoiled it of fair provinces.

I propose, Sir, to take an extract from the work referred to,

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showing the estimation in which Freemasonry was held by this remarkably gifted lady. She says: "Freemasonry has existed in all countries. It is an institution much more serious in Scotland and Germany than in France; but it nevertheless appears that it was from Germany especially that this association took its origin; that it was afterwards transported to England by the Anglo-Saxons, and renewed, at the death of Charles I., by the partizans of the Restoration, who assembled somewhere near St. Paul's Church, for the purpose of recalling Charles II. to the throne. It is also believed that the Freemasons, especially in Scotland, are in some measure connected with the Order of Templars." Lessing has written a dialogue upon Freemasonry, in which his luminous genius is very remarkable. He believes that this association has for its object the union of men, in spite of the barriers of society; for if, in certain respects, the social state forms a bond of connection between men, by subjecting them to the empire of the laws it separates them from by the differences of rank and government. This sort of Brotherhood, that true image of the golden age, has been mingled with many other ideas, equally good and moral, in Freemasonry. However, we cannot dissemble that there is something in the nature of secret associations which leads the mind to *independence*, but these associations are very favourable to the development of knowledge; for everything *men* do, by *themselves* and spontaneously, gives their judgment more strength and more comprehensiveness. It is also possible that the principle of democratic equality may be propagated by this species of institution, which exhibits mankind according to their real value, and according to their several ranks in the world. Secret associations teach us what is the power of number and of union, while insulated citizens are, if we may use the expression, abstract beings with relation to each other. In this point of view these associations may be a great influence in the state, but it is nevertheless just to acknowledge that Freemasonry in general is only occupied with religious and philosophical interests. Its members are divided into two classes—the Philosophical Freemasonry, and the Hermetic or Egyptian Freemasonry. The first has for its object the internal Church, or the development of the spirituality of the soul; the second is connected with the sciences—with those sciences which are employed upon the secrets of nature. . . . . Political institutions, social relations, and often even those of our own family, comprehend only the exterior of life. It is, then, natural that, at all times, men should have sought some intimate manner of knowledge and understanding each other; and also those whose characters, having depth, believe they are adepts, and edeavour to distinguish themselves, by some signs, from the rest of mankind. Secret associations degenerate with time, but their principle is almost always an enthusiastic feeling restrained by society."

I am,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

OBSERVER.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Some sensible remarks by the Worshipful Master of the Domatic Lodge at a meeting the other night on Lodges of Instruction, a report of which I read in a recent issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, strikes me as worthy of attention. Bro. Pierpoint held it to be the duty of the Masters and Officers of Lodges to pay occasional visits to Lodges of Instruction established under their own banners; and I echo that sentiment most cordially. It may be—it invariably is—that these offshoots meet at a distance from the residences of many members of the Mother Lodge, and that, as a rule, they are prevented from collectively attending the weekly meetings, as they would no doubt like to do, in company with the brethren of the mother Lodge. But surely it is no great hardship, and it ought to be a pleasure as well as a duty, for the Worshipful Master and his Officers to attend their own Lodges of Instruction occasionally—say once in three months—so as to encourage the brethren who take a lead in fostering the work of the Craft and training the younger brethren who are anxious to qualify themselves to take office in their respective Lodges. By following the example of the Worshipful Master and Officers of the Domatic, and which is no doubt emulated by many others, the rulers of the Craft would do much to cement the good feeling between Lodges and their Lodges of Instruction, and stimulate the laudable intentions of those who are solicitous for the welfare and good working of the Lodges to which they belong. I know of Lodges of Instruction in which it is held as a sort of reflection that the Master and Officers not only do not attend, but absolutely ignore, the offspring of their Lodges. Thus, a laxity of spirit is engendered, and much benefit is lost which might otherwise accrue to both mother Lodge and "child." As to the importance and influence of Lodges of Instruction it would be superfluous for me to speak, as it is so well known. In country districts there are fewer opportunities for gaining that instruction which every student of Masonry desires to attain, or of the interchange of visits where work in all its phases may be practised. I am free to admit that having been a Mason ten years, I have gained a greater insight into the inner working of the Craft in one year through attending good Lodges of Instruction than in all the rest of the time besides; and thus I am grateful for the means afforded of emerging from what I fear might be construed a position usually designated as a "rusty" Mason.

I remain,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

STUDENT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There is no doubt a great deal of truth in what your correspondent "WATCHMAN" says as to the "incongrnity of beer and divinity, the absolute profanity of combining drinking with the exposition of the most sublime system of morality," and as to brethren smoking and drinking "while performing or listening to the ritual, the grandeur and sublimity of which cannot be over-estimated." I have often thought the same, and the subject has been most thoroughly threshed out in the columns of your own and other Masonic journals. The conclusion arrived at, after a conscientious discussion of the subject, was that too hard and fast a line in that direction cannot be drawn. It is argued, and with some degree of practical force, that brethren, however anxious of working up the ritual, would scarcely care to spend a couple of evenings weekly under the rigid school-like discipline which "WATCHMAN" suggests, and that it is better to allow a little margin in the matter of "personal comforts" than to run the risk of diminishing the attendance or discouraging young brethren from availing themselves of the advantages afforded by Lodges of Instruction. Whilst admitting the theory propounded by your correspondent, therefore, my experience is that where brethren can combine rational enjoyment with educational improvement, there should be no impediment cast in the way. It must not be inferred from "WATCHMAN'S" remarks that a Lodge of Instruction is comparable to a drinking bout in a tap room, or that the grand r tual is performed amidst a dense fog of tobacco smoke. I have seldom seen, during the two hours, or two hours and a-half, over which the work of Lodges of Instruction extends, a second glass ordered by a brother; if it is done, it is not the rule, but the exception, so far as my experience goes. And the innate consciousness of the brethren causes them naturally to cease from smoking during the more reverent portions of the ceremonies. For the rest, and while the ordinary ritual is being rehearsed—without the solemnities by which they are accompanied in open Lodge—there is little to complain of if the brethren think proper to assist their memories and concentrate their thoughts over the "fragrant weed," and its almost necessary accompaniment a glass of ale. To grumble at this one little fault, if it can be called a fault at all, is to strain at a gnat and swallow a camel. "WATCHMAN" says, "if brethren must drink and smoke, let Lodge be called off, according to the ritual made and provided. Better still—shorten the hours of labour, and let those who wish for social enjoyment remain, while others not so inclined might retire." One might as well say if a brother does not find it in accordance with his conscientious scruples to combine social enjoyment with such instruction as is imparted in these "nurseries of the Craft"—as you once described them—let him try and find, if he can, some other Lodge of Instruction which will suit his tastes in *every* particular. For my own part, I thoroughly enjoy my cigar whilst listening to, and endeavouring to learn, the routine of our interesting ceremonies, and look upon my evening at my Lodge of Instruction as one of the most soothing, agreeable, and edifying of the week.

Yours fraternally,

VIA MEDIA.

Obituary.

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BRO. W. PLOWS, No. 87.

IT is with unfeigned regret that we announce the death of Bro. W. Plows, an active member of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, which melancholy event occurred somewhat suddenly at Brixton, on Saturday, the 7th instant. The funeral took place on the 14th, at Lingfield, Surrey, and was attended by the Secretary and several of the members of his own and other Lodges, by whom he was sincerely and deservedly respected. The procession was met at the church by the Vicar of the parish, who performed the solemn rites to the Church of England in an impressive manner. In addition to about fifty members of the Craft who attended, there was a number of Oddfellows present, our deceased Brother having been a member of a local branch of that Order. We understand that a letter of condolence has been sent by the Vitruvian Lodge to the widow, expressing the regret of the brethren at the loss of so respected and valued a member of the Lodge, and their sympathy with her in her bereavement. Our deceased Brother was a quiet, though earnest Mason, and his kindly disposition had earned for him the respect and esteem of all by whom he was surrounded.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Changes of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are most careful of their health, and particular in their diet. These corrective, purifying, and gently aperient Pills are the best remedy for all defective action of the digestive organs. They augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness, and carry off all that is noxious from the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare balsams, unmixed with baser matter, and on that account are peculiarly well adapted to the young, delicate, and aged. As this peerless medicine has gained fame in the past, so it will preserve it in the future by its renovating and invigorating qualities, and the impossibility of its doing harm.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE ST. JOHN, No. 221.

THE monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at Bolton, at six o'clock p.m. Bros. Bradburn W.M., Crompton S.W., Walker J.W., Brookbank P.Prov. G.S.D. Treasurer, Boothroyd P.M., Melrose P.M., Morris P.M., Taylor P.M. P.Prov. G. Org., Rutter P.Prov. G. Steward, Cuerden I.G., Siddorn J.D., Briscoe, Haslam Organist, Stevenson, Truman, Draycott, Crompton. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bros. Geoghegan and Buttricks were raised. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, after which Lodge was closed in form and harmony, at 7 p.m.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 382.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, the 16th instant. Lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. H. W. Nicholson, with the Officers, Past Masters, and the following Visitors:—W. H. Liddall 45, W. R. Cooper I.G. 599, J. R. Hayward Organist 414, J. F. Tarrant 1158, J. T. Brown 2043, C. E. Botley W.M. 1996, C. Andrews P.M. 77, J. W. Parry P.M. 1314, W. Clarke P.M. 141, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, James Kift 1791, F. Percival 1314. Amongst the Past Masters of the Lodge who were present were Bros. G. Rowles, Samuel Halliday, W. Webb, Joseph Lonsdale (who fulfilled the duties of Installing Master), G. Febrenbach Treasurer, and W. Coombes P. Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex Secretary. After the Lodge had been formally constituted, the Secretary read the minutes of the last regular meeting, which duly received confirmation. Several matters of interest were then discussed, and it was incidentally mentioned that Bros. Harvey and Goodbun, candidates respectively for raising and passing, were unable to be present on this occasion. As the installation ceremony had been set down for 5·15, and there was still some time to spare, the W.M. directed the Junior Warden to call off. On Lodge duties being resumed, the chairs of Senior Warden and Junior Warden were taken by Bros. Past Masters Febrenbach and Andrews, while Bro. Rowles undertook the duties of Inner Guard. The W.M. elect was now presented, and obligated by Bro. Lonsdale, who performed the duties of Installing Master. In regular order a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Cotton was placed in the chair. On the re-admission of the brethren who had not yet reached the chair, Bro. Cotton was saluted in the three degrees, and he invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. W. C. Hall S.W., J. J. Wilson J.W., G. Febrenbach P.M. Treasurer, W. Coombes P.M. Secretary, T. Brooks S.D., J. Tapling J.D., Fleming I.G., Bailey Organist, J. Lonsdale P.M. D.C., T. Aitken Steward, F. Stacey Assistant Steward, G. Duffin Tyler. Bro. Lonsdale completed his duties by giving the customary charges to the new Master, the Wardens, and the Brethren. He was heartily congratulated on the way he had conducted the proceedings, and his services were recognised by a cordial vote of thanks from the Lodge. Bro. Nicholson, the outgoing Master, was presented with the Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted at the last meeting of the Lodge. This compliment he gracefully acknowledged. Anything he had done had been to him a labour of love. He should ever take an interest in the progress and welfare of the Lodge. One proposition for joining was handed in; this to be considered at the next meeting. The Auditors' report, with a detailed statement of receipts and expenditure, which had been printed for distribution amongst the members, was then presented and adopted. The condition of the Lodge may be considered satisfactory, while the Benevolent Fund, after handing over £17 10s to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and granting relief to a distressed brother, shows a balance in favour of the Lodge of about £10. The Immediate Past Master now presented a financial statement respecting the expenditure the Lodge had incurred over loss of its furniture. It will be in the recollection of many of our readers that a disastrous fire occurred last year at the Chequers Hotel, the headquarters of the Lodge, by which the furniture and other properties were almost totally destroyed. Fortunately, the Lodge had taken the precaution to insure in the Royal Office, and Brother Nicholson recounted the steps he had taken to get the furniture replaced. From his report we gather that the members have every reason to be gratified at the liberality displayed; the amount for which the Lodge had secured itself in case of loss amounted to £100, and the Company liberally paid the brethren £90, and handed them over what salvage there was. As a consequence, the Lodge-room is again well appointed and, we need hardly add, presents a very neat and satisfactory appearance. After some other matters had received attention, the Visitors tendered their good wishes, and Lodge was closed. The customary banquet was capitally served by host Bro. Phillips, and in due course the toasts were brought under notice. These were interspersed with songs by Bros. Cantle, Percival and Kift. We congratulate Bro. Cotton on entering on his duties as W.M. under such favourable auspices. We append the programme of songs, &c. Grace, "For what we have received," Bailey. National Anthem, "God save the Queen," Dr. Bull; Solo, Bro. Frank Percival. Masonic Anthem, "God bless the Prince of Wales," B. Richards; Solo, Bro. J. Ion Cantle. Duet, "The Sailor Sighs," Balfe, Bros. Frank Percival and J. Ion Cantle. Song, "A City Man," C. T. West; Bro. Jas. Kift. Song, "Death of Nelson," Braham; Bro. Frank Percival. Song, "To-morrow will be Friday," Molloy; Bro. J. Ion Cantle. Duet, "Oh, Albion," Braham; Bros. Frank Percival and J. Ion Cantle. Song, "The Deutsche," Bro. Jas. Kift. Song, "Come into the garden, Maud," Balfe; Bro. Frank Percival. Song, "In days of old," Hatton; Bro. J. Ion Cantle.

UNITED PILGRIMS' LODGE, No. 507.

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After the addresses had been delivered, Brother Arnold, who had conducted the ceremony throughout most impressively, was heartily thanked for his services. Brother Dickman was formally presented with the P.M.'s jewel, and then the next feature was to ballot for Mr. John Rewcastle—who was proposed by Brother Bassett and seconded by Brother Aslett—as a candidate for initiation. The result was favourable, and Bro. Baldwin conducted the ceremony in favour of Mr. Rewcastle with the most perfect regard to detail, and by his impressiveness produced a marked effect upon the candidate. Soon afterwards Lodge was closed. The banquet was given at the Greyhound Hotel, Carshalton, and it was served in excellent style by Brother Verdun. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the first toast—Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft—which was most loyally responded to. After the National Anthem, the W.M., in proposing the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, called attention to the fact that the Prince of Wales was essentially a Master in the Craft. This would be readily recognised from the fact that he had taken upon himself the duty of initiating his eldest son into the ranks of Masonry. The Prince was earnest in all he undertook, and he (the W.M.) had great pleasure in offering the toast for the acceptance of the brethren. In speaking of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. Baldwin drew attention to the zeal these brethren displayed in the fulfilment of their duties. This was especially evidenced by Bro. Arnold, who spared no effort to promote the best interests of Freemasonry. In reply the Deputy Provincial Grand Master thanked the brethren for the way they had received the toast of the Leaders of the Craft. Many of those present had been in Grand Lodge, and could testify to the interest taken by those Leaders in the fulfilment of their duties. In their names he thanked the brethren for the reception they had given the toast. In speaking of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, General Brownrigg, the Worshipful Master only desired he could command words sufficient to recount the praises of the Provincial Grand Master, who was beloved and respected by all in the Province. The next toast was the health of the Very Worshipful Bro. the Rev. W. C. Arnold, M.A., P.G. Chaplain and Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past. In response Bro. Arnold said that when he replied for the Grand Officers he did so in general terms, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master he felt he was getting nearer home. He was proud in being able to state that Freemasonry in Surrey was progressing in every way. He had now had eight years' experience with the brethren, and in that period he only knew one instance of anything unpleasant having arisen, and then the difficulty had been surmounted with the exercise of a few words. It was eminently gratifying to know that there was a uniformity adopted in the working; that proper attention was given to this in the several Lodges of Instruction. The members of the Province were earnest in their efforts on behalf of the Charities of the Order. He urged the brethren to support the Charity organisation that had been established, and to make the most of their voting powers. He forcibly impressed on them the desirability of exercising proper caution in the admission of candidates. He looked back with pleasure to the day of the consecration of the Wallington Lodge, on which occasion he had acted as Principal Officer. He had perhaps not been with them so frequently as he could have wished, but this might be accounted for by the fact that there was a mutual arrangement with the Provincial Grand Master that they should each confine themselves, to some extent, to a district. Bro. Arnold then made happy reference to the way in which he found the Lodge was carrying on its work, and to the ability displayed by the present Master, and concluded a most interesting address by proposing Bro. Baldwin's health. This compliment was modestly replied to by the W.M., who seemed intensely gratified at the reception given by the brethren to the toast. The Initiate, Bro. Rewcastle, acknowledged the toast given in his honour; he trusted he might always appreciate the favour conferred on him by electing him a member of the Order. For the Visitors Bros. Gibbs, Major Williams, Greenwood, Smith, Vincent, and others replied. Several other toasts followed, and when the Tyler was summoned all were agreed a most harmonious meeting had been celebrated. During the evening a capital programme of songs was gone through; Bros. Crowe, Carter, Bishop, Gibbs, Tite, Frayling, and Maspero rendering good service. Bro. Morgan contributed one of his popular recitations.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 25th instant, at the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N. Present—Bros. Solomon P.M. 1732 W.M., Thom S.W., Day J.W., Silvester Treas., Treadwell Sec., Messer J.D., Bleakley I.G. P.M.'s Ferguson, Burgess, Larcom, Cordwell. Visitors—Chinnery, Wheelock, Gregory. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ferguson, assisted by the brethren, worked the first section of the Lecture. Some discussion then took place with reference to the removal of this Lodge of Instruction from its old quarters. Bros. Larcom, Cordwell, Solomon, Ferguson, and others taking part. It was ultimately proposed and seconded that a letter be written to the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 3, on the matter. A vote of thanks was then recorded on the minutes to Bros. Larcom and Cordwell, of the mother Lodge for their attendance on this occasion. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Wheelock was examined and entrusted. Lodge was further advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. Thom was elected to preside at the next meeting.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 25th instant, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bros. Cubitt W.M., Saint S.W., John Egan J.W., Pitt Secretary, Hewlett J.D., Holland P.M. D.C, Freeman I.G., Webb P.M. Preceptor; Visitors, Bros. Geo. D. Stephenson, E. T. Westwood. After preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Stephenson candidate. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bros. Stephenson and Westwood were elected members. Bro. Webb P.M. congratulated the Lodge on the accession to its membership of Bro. Stephenson, who had gained much reputation by his masterly embellishment of our Grand Lodge. Bro. Saint S.W. was elected W.M. for ensuing week. One Guinea was voted to the W.M.'s list for the Girls' School, and a vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. on this his first occupancy of the Chair. All labour ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604.—A regular meeting of this Military Lodge was held on the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. Present:—Bros. W. Brindley W.M., J. Gibson S.W., Wray P.M. as J.W., T. Meredith P.M. Treas., R. Scott Sec., Coleman S.D., Minns J.D., Glover I.G., Halpin Chap., P.M.'s Wade, Brooks, and Bolton. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Blackman was raised to the third degree, the ceremony being worked very impressively. Bro. J. Gibson was unanimously elected W.M., T. Meredith P.M. Treas., and Lacklin Tyler. A gold P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M., for the zeal and ability he had displayed in performing the duties during his year of office. Lodge was then closed until the second Tuesday in April.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 16th inst., at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., Bros. Dixie W.M., Edis S.W., Cooper J.W., Collingridge (Secretary) J.D., Finck S.D., McMillan, &c. After preliminaries, Brother Snook, as candidate for passing, answered the questions, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the second, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Giffard candidate. Bro. Coles 1693 was elected a member.

The members celebrated their fifth annual supper on Monday last, and, thanks to the able manner in which Bro. J. Baker catered, the result may be pronounced a great success. 50 Brethren and Visitors sat down. The usual Masonic toasts were briefly given. Bros. Bayne Organist 1897 and Collings Organist 1693 presided at the piano during the evening. Prosperity to the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, and the health of its Treasurer and Secretary having been duly honoured, Bro. Collingridge responded. He informed the brethren that a successful year had passed; the roll of members showed an increase of 38 above those who joined last year. The receipts also were above those received the previous year. The Lodge had been enabled to award five guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and also two guineas to the Christmas Entertainment of the "Old Folks." Bro Forge briefly responded on behalf of the Treasurer, and he, with Bro. Woodman, were later on called on to respond for the Masonic Charities; these brethren work together as Stewards for the Boys' School next Festival. Bro. Binckes P.G.S. was called on to respond for the Visitors; this he did in his usual able manner, and of course incidentally mentioned the Boys' Institution. During the evening Bros. Snook, Woodman, Bayne, Giffard, Atterton, Collings, Mullord, Symon, &c., sang. The health of the Chairman was proposed, and the brethren separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

There was again a satisfactory attendance at the North London Chapter of Improvement, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Thursday. The chairs were filled by Comps. Phillips M.E Z., Carter H., George J., Sheffield S.E., Strugnell S.N, Radcliffe P.S. The work was performed in an able manner.

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LODGE ST. JOHN, No. 221.

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ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 382.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, the 16th instant. Lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. H. W. Nicholson, with the Officers, Past Masters, and the following Visitors:—W. H. Liddall 45, W. R. Cooper I.G. 599, J. R. Hayward Organist 414, J. F. Tarrant 1158, J. T. Brown 2043, C. E. Botley W.M. 1996, C. Andrews P.M. 77, J. W. Parry P.M. 1314, W. Clarke P.M. 141, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, James Kift 1791, F. Percival 1314. Amongst the Past Masters of the Lodge who were present were Bros. G. Rowles, Samuel Halliday, W. Webb, Joseph Lonsdale (who fulfilled the duties of Installing Master), G. Fehrenbach Treasurer, and W. Coombes P. Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex Secretary. After the Lodge had been formally constituted, the Secretary read the minutes of the last regular meeting, which duly received confirmation. Several matters of interest were then discussed, and it was incidentally mentioned that Bros. Harvey and Goodbun, candidates respectively for raising and passing, were unable to be present on this occasion. As the installation ceremony had been set down for 5·15, and there was still some time to spare, the W.M. directed the Junior Warden to call off. On Lodge duties being resumed, the chairs of Senior Warden and Junior Warden were taken by Bros. Past Masters Fehrenbach and Andrews, while Bro. Rowles undertook the duties of Inner Guard. The W.M. elect was now presented, and obligated by Bro. Lonsdale, who performed the duties of Installing Master. In regular order a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Cotton was placed in the chair. On the re-admission of the brethren who had not yet reached the chair, Bro. Cotton was saluted in the three degrees, and he invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. W. C. Hall S.W., J. J. Wilson J.W., G. Fehrenbach P.M. Treasurer, W. Coombes P.M. Secretary, T. Brooks S.D., J. Tapling J.D., Fleming I.G., Bailey Organist, J. Lonsdale P.M. D.C., T. Aitken Steward, F. Stacey Assistant Steward, G. Duffin Tyler. Bro. Lonsdale completed his duties by giving the customary charges to the new Master, the Wardens, and the Brethren. He was heartily congratulated on the way he had conducted the proceedings, and his services were recognised by a cordial vote of thanks from the Lodge. Bro. Nicholson, the outgoing Master, was presented with the Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted at the last meeting of the Lodge. This compliment he gracefully acknowledged. Anything he had done had been to him a labour of love. He should ever take an interest in the progress and welfare of the Lodge. One proposition for joining was handed in; this to be considered at the next meeting. The Auditors' report, with a detailed statement of receipts and expenditure, which had been printed for distribution amongst the members, was then presented and adopted. 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From his report we gather that the members have every reason to be gratified at the liberality displayed; the amount for which the Lodge had secured itself in case of loss amounted to £100, and the Company liberally paid the brethren £90, and handed them over what salvage there was. As a consequence, the Lodge-room is again well appointed and, we need hardly add, presents a very neat and satisfactory appearance. After some other matters had received attention, the Visitors tendered their good wishes, and Lodge was closed. The customary banquet was capitally served by host Bro. Phillips, and in due course the toasts were brought under notice. These were interspersed with songs by Bros. Cantle, Percival and Kift. We congratulate Bro. Cotton on entering on his duties as W.M. under such favourable auspices. We append the programme of songs, &c. Grace, "For what we have received," Bailey. National Anthem, "God save the Queen," Dr. Bull; Solo, Bro. Frank Percival. 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After the addresses had been delivered, Brother Arnold, who had conducted the ceremony throughout most impressively, was heartily thanked for his services. Brother Dickman was formally presented with the P.M.'s jewel, and then the next feature was to ballot for Mr. John Rewcastle—who was proposed by Brother Bassett and seconded by Brother Aslett—as a candidate for initiation. The result was favourable, and Bro. Baldwin conducted the ceremony in favour of Mr. Rewcastle with the most perfect regard to detail, and by his impressiveness produced a marked effect upon the candidate. Soon afterwards Lodge was closed. The banquet was given at the Greyhound Hotel, Carshalton, and it was served in excellent style by Brother Verdun. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the first toast—Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft—which was most loyally responded to. After the National Anthem, the W.M., in proposing the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, called attention to the fact that the Prince of Wales was essentially a Master in the Craft. This would be readily recognised from the fact that he had taken upon himself the duty of initiating his eldest son into the ranks of Masonry. The Prince was earnest in all he undertook, and he (the W.M.) had great pleasure in offering the toast for the acceptance of the brethren. In speaking of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. Baldwin drew attention to the zeal these brethren displayed in the fulfilment of their duties. This was especially evidenced by Bro. Arnold, who spared no effort to promote the best interests of Freemasonry. In reply the Deputy Provincial Grand Master thanked the brethren for the way they had received the toast of the Leaders of the Craft. Many of those present had been in Grand Lodge, and could testify to the interest taken by those Leaders in the fulfilment of their duties. In their names he thanked the brethren for the reception they had given the toast. In speaking of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, General Brownrigg, the Worshipful Master only desired he could command words sufficient to recount the praises of the Provincial Grand Master, who was beloved and respected by all in the Province. The next toast was the health of the Very Worshipful Bro. the Rev. W. C. Arnold, M.A., P.G. Chaplain and Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past. In response Bro. Arnold said that when he replied for the Grand Officers he did so in general terms, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master he felt he was getting nearer home. He was proud in being able to state that Freemasonry in Surrey was progressing in every way. He had now had eight years' experience with the brethren, and in that period he only knew one instance of anything unpleasant having arisen, and then the difficulty had been surmounted with the exercise of a few words. It was eminently gratifying to know that there was a uniformity adopted in the working; that proper attention was given to this in the several Lodges of Instruction. The members of the Province were earnest in their efforts on behalf of the Charities of the Order. He urged the brethren to support the Charity organisation that had been established, and to make the most of their voting powers. He forcibly impressed on them the desirability of exercising proper caution in the admission of candidates. He looked back with pleasure to the day of the consecration of the Wallington Lodge, on which occasion he had acted as Principal Officer. He had perhaps not been with them so frequently as he could have wished, but this might be accounted for by the fact that there was a mutual arrangement with the Provincial Grand Master that they should each confine themselves, to some extent, to a district. Bro. Arnold then made happy reference to the way in which he found the Lodge was carrying on its work, and to the ability displayed by the present Master, and concluded a most interesting address by proposing Bro. Baldwin's health. This compliment was modestly replied to by the W.M., who seemed intensely gratified at the reception given by the brethren to the toast. The Initiate, Bro. Rewcastle, acknowledged the toast given in his honour; he trusted he might always appreciate the favour conferred on him by electing him a member of the Order. For the Visitors Bros. Gibbs, Major Williams, Greenwood, Smith, Vincent, and others replied. Several other toasts followed, and when the Tyler was summoned all were agreed a most harmonious meeting had been celebrated. During the evening a capital programme of songs was gone through; Bros. Crowe, Carter, Bishop, Gibbs, Tite, Frayling, and Maspero rendering good service. Bro. Morgan contributed one of his popular recitations.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 25th instant, at the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnabury, N. Present—Bros. Solomon P.M. 1732 W.M., Thom S.W., Day J.W., Silvester Treas., Treadwell Sec., Messer J.D., Bleakley I.G. P.M.'s Ferguson, Burgess, Larcom, Cordwell. Visitors—Chinnery, Wheelock, Gregory. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ferguson, assisted by the brethren, worked the first section of the Lecture. Some discussion then took place with reference to the removal of this Lodge of Instruction from its old quarters. Bros. Larcom, Cordwell, Solomon, Ferguson, and others taking part. It was ultimately proposed and seconded that a letter be written to the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 3, on the matter. A vote of thanks was then recorded on the minutes to Bros. Larcom and Cordwell, of the mother Lodge for their attendance on this occasion. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Wheelock was examined and entrusted. Lodge was further advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. Thom was elected to preside at the next meeting.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 25th instant, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bros. Cubitt W.M., Saint S.W., John Egan J.W., Pitt Secretary, Hewlett J.D., Holland P.M. D.C, Freeman I.G., Webb P.M. Preceptor; Visitors, Bros. Geo. D. Stephenson, E. T. Westwood. After preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Stephenson candidate. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bros. Stephenson and Westwood were elected members. Bro. Webb P.M. congratulated the Lodge on the accession to its membership of Bro. Stephenson, who had gained much reputation by his masterly embellishment of our Grand Lodge. Bro. Saint S.W. was elected W.M. for ensuing week. One Guinea was voted to the W.M.'s list for the Girls' School, and a vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. on this his first occupancy of the Chair. All labour ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604.—A regular meeting of this Military Lodge was held on the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. Present:—Bros. W. Brindley W.M., J. Gibson S.W., Wray P.M. as J.W., T. Meredith P.M. Treas., R. Scott Sec., Coleman S.D., Minns J.D., Glover I.G., Halpin Chap., P.M.'s Wade, Brooks, and Bolton. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Blackman was raised to the third degree, the ceremony being worked very impressively. Bro. J. Gibson was unanimously elected W.M., T. Meredith P.M. Treas., and Lacklin Tyler. A gold P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M., for the zeal and ability he had displayed in performing the duties during his year of office. Lodge was then closed until the second Tuesday in April.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 16th inst., at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., Bros. Dixie W.M., Edis S.W., Cooper J.W., Collingridge (Secretary) J.D., Fluck S.D., McMillan, &c. After preliminaries, Brother Snook, as candidate for passing, answered the questions, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the second, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Giffard candidate. Bro. Coles 1693 was elected a member.

The members celebrated their fifth annual supper on Monday last, and, thanks to the able manner in which Bro. J. Baker catered, the result may be pronounced a great success. 50 Brethren and Visitors sat down. The usual Masonic toasts were briefly given. Bros. Bayne Organist 1897 and Collings Organist 1693 presided at the piano during the evening. Prosperity to the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, and the health of its Treasurer and Secretary having been duly honoured, Bro. Collingridge responded. He informed the brethren that a successful year had passed; the roll of members showed an increase of 38 above those who joined last year. The receipts also were above those received the previous year. The Lodge had been enabled to award five guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and also two guineas to the Christmas Entertainment of the "Old Folks." Bro Forge briefly responded on behalf of the Treasurer, and he, with Bro. Woodman, were later on called on to respond for the Masonic Charities; these brethren work together as Stewards for the Boys' School next Festival. Bro. Binckes P.G.S. was called on to respond for the Visitors; this he did in his usual able manner, and of course incidentally mentioned the Boys' Institution. During the evening Bros. Snook, Woodman, Bayne, Giffard, Atterton, Collings, Mullord, Symon, &c., sang. The health of the Chairman was proposed, and the brethren separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

There was again a satisfactory attendance at the North London Chapter of Improvement, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Thursday. The chairs were filled by Comps. Phillips M.E Z., Carter H., George J., Sheffield S.E., Strugnell S.N, Radcliffe P.S. The work was performed in an able manner.

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JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE regular meeting was held on the 23rd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present :—Comps J. Henochsberg M.E.Z., Lazarus P.Z. Treas., Emanuel S.E., Phillips S.N., Dewsnap P.S., Myers 1st A., Wyman 2nd A. P.Z.'s Lazarus I.P.Z., S. M. Lazarus, Levy, Dickinson, Isaac. Visitors :—Comps. Derry 177, Day 657. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed. Comp. A. J. Gartley, No. 142, I.P.M. 205, was elected a joining member, and Bros. H. Van Stavern 188 and F. D. S. Siemms 241 Liverpool, were duly exalted, the ceremony being perfectly rendered. Comps. Lichtenfeld, Rev. Marcus Haines, Myers, Weil, and Kool were proposed for exaltation at the next Convocation. The resignation of Comp. G. T. Mann was accepted, with regret. Chapter was closed until the fourth Monday in May. The Companions afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. Swaine, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. L. Lazarus I.P.Z., in proposing the health of the M.E.Z., said it was his privilege and pleasure to propose this toast. Comp. Henochsberg was undoubtedly the right man in the right place; he is an able worker, and is assisted by his Officers in a way that the Companions cannot but be pleased at. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked Comp. Lazarus; in accepting office he had tried to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, and had endeavoured to do the work properly; he trusted to their satisfaction. The Exaltees were next complimented. The M.E.Z. said that night he had had the pleasure of exalting two Companions, who doubtless would become a credit to the Order. Comps. Van Stavern and Siemms, in appropriate speeches, responded. Both felt proud at having been exalted by the M.E.Z. To the toast of the Visitors Comp. C. May replied. He complimented the M.E.Z. and Companions on their excellent working. Comp. L. Lazarus returned thanks for the Past Z.'s toast. In speaking to the toast of the H. and J., Comp. Henochsberg was fortunate in being supported by such able Companions. The junior Officers, Treasurer, and S.E. were not overlooked, and in due course the Janitor's toast was given. Comps. Phillips, Dickinson, Isaac, Gartley, and Siemms exerted themselves with excellent effect to enliven the evening's proceedings.

ECCLESTON CHAPTER, No. 1624.

THE Companions held the Installation meeting of this excellent Chapter on the 25th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present :—Comps. Fisher M.E.Z., Wyer P.Z. H., Tayler J., Isaacs Treas., Beckham S.E., Coulthard S.N., Wray P.S., Vincent P.Z. Visitors—Comps. Mackie, Stamp, Levy. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The installation of Principals then took place: Comp. Wyer M.E.Z., Tayler H., Bond J. were installed by Comp. Vincent in his usual perfect and impressive manner. The M.E.Z. then invested and appointed the following as Officers—Comps. Fisher I.P.Z., Isaacs Tr., Beckham S.E., Flatteley S.N., Coulthard P.S., Lee 1st As. Soj., Jones 2nd As. Soj., Wray W.S., Shepperd Janitor. The I.P.Z. was presented with an elegant jewel, set with diamonds and other stones: this had been unanimously voted him for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair. Comp. Wyer hoped their I.P.Z. might be spared for many years to wear it amongst them. Comp. Fisher in few words, but well to the purpose, returned thanks; his future efforts would be for the interest of the Chapter. The newly-installed M.E.Z. then exalted Bro. W. Weston No. 1624, into Royal Arch Masonry, the newly-installed Principals and Officers performing the ceremony in a very efficient manner. The Chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a capital banquet and dessert was provided by Bros. Gordon and Hamp. The M.E.Z., who ably presided, proposed the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts. Companion Fisher, in proposing the health of the First Principal, said his merits were so well known that they required no comment from him. Suffice it to say, they had seen his working and his able presidency, and he trusted they would drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited. The M.E.Z. felt it a great honour to have his health proposed in so eloquent a manner. This was not the first time he had occupied the chair of Z., but he felt an especial pride in presiding over the Eccleston Chapter. He was one of its Founders, and hoped to have a successful year of office. The M.E.Z, in proposing the toast of the Exaltee, said Comp. Weston was highly respected in his Lodge, and they were pleased to have him with them in the Chapter; he had paid deep attention to the ceremony, and would doubtless be a credit to the degree, and eventually occupy the chairs. Comp. Weston, in few but appropriate terms, responded. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s, Comps. Vincent and Fisher. Comp. Fisher during his year of office had done his duty well, and it was with pleasure he presented him with the P.Z.'s jewel, which he richly deserved. Comp. Fisher thanked the M.E.Z. for his kind expressions, but he felt their thanks were more especially due to Comp. Vincent, who had the interests of the Chapter always

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at heart. Comp. Vincent said if ever there was a duty to perform he would try to do it. It was always a pleasure to do anything for the Chapter. The Z. in proposing the toast of the H. and J., referred to the satisfaction he felt in being supported by two such excellent Principals; all had witnessed their working, and he was sure they in due course would occupy the chair. After a reply the toast of the Visitors was given, and Comps. Levy P.Z. and Stamp responded. It was gratifying to see such excellent working, and such good feeling and harmony as existed in the Chapter. Several other toasts were given before that given by the Janitor. Comps. Tayler and Isaacs contributed to the harmony, and Comp. Wray was very attentive to the comfort of the Visitors.

Earl of Carnarvon Chapter of Improvement, No. 1642.—A Convocation of this Chapter was held at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on Tuesday, 24th instant. There was a fair attendance of members, amongst others the following being present: Comps. Captain A. Nicols M.E.Z., P. Monson H., Samuel Smout J. and Scribe E., George Davis P.Z. Preceptor, S. H. Parkhouse P.Z. Treasurer, N. Moss P.Z., Robert Schofield Scribe N., J. H. Wood P.S. and W. R. Hatton. The Treasurer's accounts having been audited and found correct, were adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The ceremony of exaltation was then rehearsed, Companion W. R. Hatton being the candidate. Comps. G. Davis Preceptor, Parkhouse Treasurer, and Smout Scribe E., were unanimously re-elected to the several offices they had so ably filled during the past year, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to them by the Chapter. All Royal Arch Masons are heartily invited to attend the fortnightly Convocations of this well-appointed and well-worked Chapter, where instruction and practice may be had under able supervision. The next meeting will be held, as above, on Tuesday 7th April, at eight p.m., and on following alternate Tuesdays.

Lily of Richmond Chapter of Improvement.—Held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Saturday, 14th instant. Comps Briggs Z., Austin H., Sapsworth J., Forge P.S., Tucker N., Blasby, &c. &c. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a very able manner. This young Chapter of Improvement meets every Saturday, as above, at eight p.m.

The Temple Preceptory of Knights Templar will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on the 10th proximo. After the Preceptory is opened, the Provincial Grand Priory will be opened, when the Officers will enter in procession, and the business of the Priory will be proceeded with, under the presidency of General Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Prior for Kent and Surrey.

The installation meeting of the Hiram Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Thursday evening, when Bro. Lister, who is well known in Masonry in connection with the United Service and other Lodges, was installed into the chair, in succession to Brother Nettleship. This Lodge is most successful, a result that may be in a great measure attributed to the exertions of Bro. R. H. Thrupp who has always taken the liveliest interest in its welfare.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, held at the White Hart Tavern, King's Road, Chelsea, on Good Friday next, 3rd April. Bros. Cleghorn P.M. 1287 W.M., Stuart P.M. 141 S.W., Cox P.M. 144 J.W., John Murch P.M. 27 Secretary.

A SENSITIVE AUTHOR.—A well-dressed man, who stated that he was the author of a pamphlet on "Freemasonry: Traced from Prehistoric Times," applied to Mr. D'Eyncourt, at the Westminster Police-Court, on Friday, for a summons against the writer of an alleged libellous notice of the work which appeared in one of the Masonic papers. He considered the notice more than adverse criticism, for, at the conclusion, the question was asked when the Craft would be rid of incompetent brothers who considered "that a score or two of initials clapped on to their names justified them in writing trash?" As an engineer and surveyor he considered that such reflections on his works were calculated to do him a great deal of injury. He had been a Master Mason 27 years. Mr. D'Eyncourt said it was absurd to ask for a summons for libel on such grounds as were put forward. The comments in the newspaper would do no harm, but probably help the sale of the work. Process was refused.

[In answer to numerous inquiries that have reached us, we beg to state that the notice referred to above appeared in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. We had no desire to treat our brother unkindly, but we gave expression to our opinions on his work fairly and conscienciously. To those of our correspondents who have expressed a desire to know what we did say, we can only refer them to the notice itself; it will be found on page 122 of Volume XX., issued 23rd August 1884.—ED. F.C.]

THE THEATRES.

COURT.

FOR months past a persistent atmosphere of adverse fortune seems to have hung over the Court Theatre. In its dual control, and ministers working under its flag, it numbers some of the ablest artists on the English stage, but though French, American, and English drama have been successively mounted, the result may be represented at zero. Mr. Clayton and Mr. Cecil, Miss Marion Terry, Mrs. John Wood, and their clever coadjutors, have made many artistic successes, but "Art for Art" is too cold an abstraction for even a stony-hearted critic to desire. "Reculez pour mieux sauter" is often excellent strategy, and the management of the Court have for a time abandoned romantic drama or higher comedy to seek the aid of that frisky Muse Thalia the eccentric. Last Saturday night the little house was crowded from stalls to ceiling when the curtain rose upon Mr. Pinero's comedy "The Magistrate." The play bill assures us the work is original, and though to a sophisticated old playgoer it may seem to bring a whiff, not of hay, but of Meilhac or Halévy; and a little playhouse nearer the Palais Royal than Sloane-square—still—no matter! The play's the thing, and when it is a thing so good as "The Magistrate" it would be vile ingratitude to inquire as to its pedigree. It is cleverly and closely constructed; the characters all possible men and women, moved by the feelings or follies of humanity. The dialogue runs briskly, the situations follow upon each other with a fatality as of Æschilian tragedy, whilst with them the fun mounts in an ever-rising crescendo till the triumphant close arrives. On Saturday night the laughter of the audience again and again threatened to make the dialogue inaudible; while amongst them none seemed to enjoy the humour of the situation more than our beloved Princess of Wales, who, with the Duchess of Edinburgh and Prince George of Wales, honoured the "first night" with their presence. The management have had to seek recruits for the cast, and have secured the fittest exponents within their reach. Mr. Pinero has indulged in a certain touch of Gilbertian humour, that fits perfectly to his story—which may be thus briefly summarised. A benevolent police magistrate (Mr. Posset) has married a lovely and lively widow, who has declared her age to be five years less than is actually the truth, and too late awakens to the awful dilemma of accounting for her son having reached nineteen years; who, as a consequence, she has to dress and treat as a schoolboy of fourteen. His precocity is a matter of wonder to his father-in-law, as also to the innocent little music mistress who has been engaged to instruct him. This lively youth has plunged into debt at a tavern, and persuades his new father to go with him to settle the account. His maternal parent, in the meantime, finds that Colonel Lukyn, an old friend of her first husband, is coming to London, and that he is staying at this same tavern. She, in terror of her secret being divulged, hastens there, and meets the Colonel. But it is too late. The police find the house open after prohibited hours; they search the rooms, and after a most exciting scene take the Colonel, with a friend of his and the two ladies, into custody. How the Magistrate and his precocious son escape, by the balcony, how they are pursued; how the old gentleman reaches his office dishevelled, splashed with mud and humiliated; how he, in his agitation, afterwards sentences his wife and her sister to seven days' imprisonment, and how a brother magistrate intervenes when domestic wreck and ruin seem imminent; how all this is worked out, doubtless all London will go to see. Mr. Clayton as the Indian Colonel, the soul of honour, maddened with the indignities heaped on him, is a capital portrait, the creation of a master. Mr. Cecil as the meek, painfully conscientious husband, hurried from misery to misery, is no less excellent. Mrs. John Wood—who of late has been almost carried away by her own supreme talent, seemed on this occasion in danger of sinking her individuality in the George Cruickshank style of caricature—played the distracted mother with artistic self-restraint and finish; indeed, when the situations were most extravagantly farcical she kept the tone within the limits of comedy. Miss Marion Terry, as her sister, gave brightness and grace to a small part—indeed we must congratulate this charming young lady on the gracefulness and refinement she imparts to the picture. Mr. F. Kerr gave effective individuality to a languid young comrade of the Colonel, while Mr. Eversfield was the big-collared Eton-jacket boy to the life. Miss Norreys as the music-mistress imparted simplicity and girlishness to a part that would in many hands have proved dangerous. Miss La Coste is a smart soubrette, but we think it would be in the interest of good taste if her business with Mr. Eversfield were cut out. It is the one point in the play where the fun leaves an unpleasant impression. The play must have been rehearsed with great care. Each part was as carefully filled as to detail as the work of the principal artists. We congratulate the management on an assured success.

DRURY LANE.

DRURY LANE on Thursday afternoon, when so many of our most distinguished actors gave their services for the "Theatrical Fund," was filled from floor to ceiling. A crowd besieged the "early door," and when the curtain rose at 1.30 there were but few seats unoccupied. Mr. Wilson Barrett's recitation, "Gone with a handsome man," has never been given with more unstrained force and pathos. He held the house, and went straight to the hearts of his audience. In "Tragedy and Comedy" there was a treat in store. Miss Anderson, carried away, perhaps, by the occasion, seemed to forget the attitudinizing which so materially mars her acting. In the difficult part of Clarisse she was sincere and passionate, losing herself in the emotions which rise in ever-increasing poignancy till the actress is merged into the agonized woman. She fairly carried away her audience. Mr. Terriss played admirably as the

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noble-hearted gentleman Clarisse's husband. Great interest was felt in Mr. Charles Wyndham's appearance in "Delicate Ground," and warm was the welcome given to our modern Charles Matthews. The quiet, benevolent cynicism of the much-tried Citizen was given with the delicate touch of a master, whilst the earnestness and genuine feeling underlying the raillery made us feel how nearly the highest humour touches on pathos. Miss Rorke played gracefully as the volatile wife, but surely that very clever artist, Mr. Giddens, should have invested her *ci-devant* admirer with some aristocratic gifts or graces—such an ignoble Alphonse could scarcely have realised the ideal of a waiting-maid, and must have been a subject for ridicule to a high-bred lady. The several other items which make up a long programme were thoroughly appreciated.

AVENUE.

THE Avenue Theatre has passed through some depressing vicissitudes; failure following swiftly on each new venture. However, Miss Violet Melnotte, with the courage of youth, attacks the unsolved problem, and seems determined to deserve success. "Tact," by Messrs. Bellamy and Romer, has plenty of excellent situations, not more new than we may hope for in these days, but they are effectively worked out by a company which, though recruited in haste, evidently works together with thoroughness and spirit. We have a stage Irishman, played "with a difference" by Mr. J. B. Ashley. He it is who is supposed to embody the "Tact" of the title, but the more genial gift of "blarney" would better characterise his aptitude in shuffling the human pack of cards to bring the right suits together. Miss Sophie Larkin finds excellent opportunity for her "specialité" in spinsters. Miss Melnotte, very graceful, with fine stage presence, does all required; she displays archness and spirit. It is to be regretted that Mr. Odell, with his excellent gifts, should indulge in caricature which throws the personage he desires to portray quite out of place in the picture. The play is carefully staged, while the scenery is especially good; indeed, the "glade in the Park" is among the most beautiful effects of the kind we have seen. For those who enjoy a hearty laugh, we prescribe a visit to the Avenue.

OLYMPIC.

THE adventurous Matinéer should be largely endowed with the virtues, especially that of Charity. A very liberal supply would not have been superfluous at the Olympic last Thursday morning, when Miss A. Montague introduced "In Life or Death" to the London stage. The story is taken from Mr. Gibbon's novel, "For the King." It is concerned with the trials of a fair lady whose husband is an officer of King George II., while her father is an adherent of the Pretender. Mr. Elton is answerable for the present dramatization; but to our mind it was an evil moment for him when he determined to abandon the traditions of burlesque and produce this romantic play. He undertakes the *rôle* of the Jacobite father, whose appearance involves his son-in-law in a charge of treason. Miss Bella Pateman, as the devoted wife, struggled hard to infuse life and interest to the play, but the endless stream of talk, cut up for the most part into duologues, proved a heavy labour. Mr. A. Wood, as a benevolent doctor, was a boon to the audience; he displayed a quiet, unctuous humour, and avoided those accentuated outlines to which he is somewhat prone. We understand that "In Life or Death" is to be taken on tour. We trust it may prove acceptable to the more robust appetites maintained on country air.

CRITERION.

WE are delighted in having to congratulate the Hon. Member for Easthampton on his centenary, which was celebrated last Thursday. Our brilliant friend, as time goes on, loses no jot of his popularity, and will probably retain his seat through Sessions yet to come. Assuredly it is long ere his constituents would suggest that he apply for the Chiltern Hundreds.

ST. JAMES'S HALL.

WE recorded a short time ago the marvels worked by Mons. Verbeck, and now in the pretty drawing-room at St. James's Hall a rival wonder worker invites us, by his wondrous power, to disbelieve the evidence of our senses. Mr. Bertram's "palming" is certainly of the neatest we have ever been puzzled by. The inexhaustible hat, placed within a few feet of the audience, gives out its hundreds of yards of ribbon and paper. A singing canary in its cage is held up by Mr. Bertram, and whilst the audience watches it, it is gone. Cards grow large or small whilst the operator holds them in his hand, and he will play "nap" with any member of the audience with cards that come as though the supposed father of the "paste board" supplied the winning numbers. A very pleasant hour can be spent with Mr. Bertram, while the ferns and flowers of his pleasant "At Home" are alone worthy of inspection. The artist has the benefit of some graceful pianoforte playing by Miss Ruff.

EGYPTIAN HALL.

TRAGEDIES and comedies come and go, but Bros. Maskelyne and Cooke's mysteries defy the instability of earthly things. The crowded audience last Saturday afternoon evidently found no loss of charm in the bewilderments into which they plunge on entering these magicians' charmed circle. A very pleasant interlude is provided by Mr. Verne's musical sketch, "Our Amateur Concert," which was given with excellent dramatic characterisation.

STEINWAY HALL.

THOSE popular entertainers of the olden time, the trouvères and Minnesingers, for a long time have been literally buried and forgotten. Except on the stage of a theatre we could not hope to hear the words of the poet endowed with the life and passion they can only receive in fullest intent from the voice trained to mould thought into emotion. Of late, however, the charming art of the reciter has taken its proper place among the recognised forms of intellectual recreation. Mr. Clifford Harrison is delighting crowded audiences at his Saturday afternoon Recitals. He has the advantage of an agreeable face and figure, and the ease of a man of the world. Mr. Harrison accompanies his recitations with shadowy, quaint music; he touches the piano as the poem proceeds, so that vague chords and cadences form a background to echo the spoken words. This was especially effective in the poem of the "Pied Piper;" the vengeance of the rat charmer, and how he wiled away the little children from the ungrateful town was rendered with force and pathos. Especially fine too were the delicately rendered touches of Thackeray's "Death of the old Squire," the underlying current of tenderness which marks the great humorist's writing being accentuated with artistic touch. We recommend all who would enjoy "poetry" in its perfection, but have neither time nor inclination for the chill satisfaction of home study, to spend a Saturday afternoon at Steinway Hall. Mr. Harrison recites or plays without apparent effort, and sends his audience away delighted.

SATURDAY POPULAR CONCERTS.

THE present season closes to-day (the 28th instant); it has proved a most successful one. Last Saturday's programme was among the most interesting. The second part consisted of compositions by Bach, admirably interpreted by Mons. Joachim, L. Ries, Strauss, Hausmann, and Mdlle. Clotilde Kleeberg. Miss C. Elliott greatly moved her audience by her exquisite interpretation of Bach's songs, "Thine heart, oh give me, dearest!" and "My heart ever faithful."

An Ethiopian entertainment was given by the Carolina (original) Minstrels at the Royal Masonic Girls' School, at Battersea, last Saturday evening, at which many supporters of the Institution were present. The first part of the entertainment consisted of an overture and well-selected programme of choruses, songs, &c. The following gentlemen were enthusiastically encored:—Mr. C. Luke, "Mary is mine;" Mr. T. E. Davis, "Susan will be there;" and Mr. T. H. Davis, "George, tell me if you love me?" The second part commenced with a selection by the band, in which the solos by Mr. F. E. Clark, "Irish Melodies;" Mr. T. Stevens, "Midgè," by Gounod (violin) were excellently rendered, after which a quartette, "The two Roses," sung by Messrs. Penman, Mitchell, T. E. Davis and Sutcliffe, was well received. This was followed by an Ethiopian absurdity, "Photographers' Difficulties," the parts being well sustained by Messrs. H. Kippax, E. Luke, and T. Hopper. The National Anthem, by the company, concluded the entertainment. The pupils evidently enjoyed the performance; their bright, happy, intelligent faces, and the order and gentle bearing showed that Miss Davis's kindness is thoroughly appreciated. The children, after having partaken of refreshment, reassembled in the handsome hall in the Alexandra wing, and hearty thanks were tendered to the "Carolinas" for their entertainment. Mr. R. Jones responded, wishing prosperity and success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and expressing how pleased he and his companions were in having been instrumental in adding to the amusement. The Institution is open at all reasonable times for the inspection of visitors, and we trust the Stewards' lists at the forthcoming Festival will benefit by many such visits having been made.

The *Evening News* has more than once pointed out the value of obtaining all the material that can be got together for the acquisition of a correct history of Freemasonry, and several indications have recently come to hand that for some time past numerous brethren have been exerting themselves in this direction. The following extract from the *Newcastle Journal* of Tuesday will show the latest contribution to the increasing store of knowledge. The event occurred at the installation of Mr. Adamson Wragg, on Monday, as Master of the Industry Lodge, No. 48, Gateshead. "Bro. R. B. Reed P.M. presented to the Lodge a box, containing, in restored binding (1) the old minute-book of the Lodge of Industry of 1723; (2) a History of Freemasons, 1764; (3) Masonic Constitutions, 1768; (4) the Indenture of Joseph Reed, 1773, who was an operative apprentice in the Lodge of Industry, and grandfather of Bro. R. B. Reed P.M. The box containing the books was made from a portion of an oak tree which was found in the River Tyne near Newcastle, which must have lain in the position in which it was discovered for considerably over a thousand years. The Industry Lodge is the oldest in the province of Durham, in which, too, it is the only Lodge with its minute-books dating back so far. The Industry Lodge joined the Grand Lodge of England in 1735, 130 years ago on Monday. The books Bro. Reed mentioned had been restored and bound in the best possible manner by Bro. Andrew Reid."

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.

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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 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)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greitheenh
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MONDAY, 30th MARCH.

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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Malden.
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 31st MARCH.

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)
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
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, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
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)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch

1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1258—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1696—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1799—Arrold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk

R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 1st APRIL.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion Square, 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)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, 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)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, 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)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.

R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
R.A. 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
128—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
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.
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth

R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
R.A. 469—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
R.A. 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 2nd APRIL.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stamgate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (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.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Belford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1674—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)
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval

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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.)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
433—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1183—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, Devonshirre
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1560—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham

R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 1074—Bective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

FRIDAY, 3rd APRIL.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
860—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
443—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
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

1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
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
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth

SATURDAY, 4th APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the meeting held on 13th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, there were present:—Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., Norton S.W., Thomas J.W., Sperring S.D., Wing J.D., Sherring I.G, Andrews P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Cammell, F. Botley, Turner, Maton, Rev. P. G. A. Pickering, Sugg, &c. After preliminaries, Lodge was opened to the third degree, and resumed to the second, when the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. C. E. Botley acting as Installing Master, Bro. Turner as W.M. elect. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. C. Botley gave the addresses and resumed the chair. Bro. Cammell afterwards answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

Lily of Richmond Lodge of Instruction, No. 820.—A meeting was held on the 17th inst. Present:—Bros. F. Botley W.M., Mouflet S.W., Sapsworth J.W., Houghton S.D., A. Turner J.D., C. Clarke I.G., Morgan I.P.M., Phillips Preceptor, Austin Sec., Forge, Eales, Marjason, Cammell, Trinder, E. Clark, Flack, Abell, Jones, Green, Gowing, Meeres, Rowland, James, Aldin, R. Norton 1818, &c., &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Morgan then delivered his Lecture on the "Masonic Institutions," which was received by all present with rapt attention and every sign of approval. Honorary membership of the Lodge was unanimously conferred on the lecturer, and the compliment having been acknowledged, Lodge was closed and the brethren separated.

Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275.—There was again a numerous attendance at this popular Lodge of Instruction at the Five Bells, New Cross, on Saturday evening, when the duties of the chair were most efficiently discharged by Bro. C. L. Tokely, who has acted as Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction during the indisposition of the Preceptor, Bro. G. Andrews. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Needham S.W., Dale J.W., Beavis W.M. 879 acting as Sec., Belchamber S.D., Harvey J.D., Eaton I.G., G. Powell Org., Walter Martin Preceptor, and about forty other brethren. Lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes confirmed, it was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Tilling answered the necessary questions. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, with Bro. Tilling as candidate. The whole of the impressive rite was performed in masterly style by Bro. Tokely, who recited the ancient charges and traditional history with much elocutionary effect. Lodge having been called from labour to refreshment, and *vice versâ*, Bros. Bates, of the Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, and Backhouse, of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, were unanimously elected members of this Lodge of Instruction, and suitably returned thanks. Prior to this, however, the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Beavis. Bro. Needham, on being elected W.M. for the first Saturday in April, said it was some time since he occupied that position; but he had had a good example set him that night, which he should endeavour to copy. Bro. Martin, Preceptor, reminded the brethren that on the following Friday the ceremonies of installation and exaltation would be rehearsed in the Pythagorean Chapter of Improvement, No. 79, by Comp. E. J. B. Burnstead P.Z. 548, at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich. He assured those who had not heard Bro. Burnstead in these ceremonies they would receive a great treat if they could make it convenient to attend. He also mentioned that the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, 879, was to be removed from the Southwark Park Tavern to Bro. Day's, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon-street, Rotherhithe New-road, and it had been decided to alter the night of meeting from Wednesday to Thursday. He should endeavour to work the Fifteen Sections on 2nd April with the assistance of the co-Preceptor, Bro. Beavis, W.M. of the mother Lodge, and several other eminent and well-known brethren; and he hoped they would be supported by a large attendance. It was announced with regret that Bro. Church, an active and zealous Mason, and once a Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction, had lost his wife; and it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to him in his bereavement. Bro. Powell said Bro. Church was Tyler of his Lodge (No. 1185), where he was much respected for the satisfactory manner in which he discharged his duties. Lodge was then closed in harmony. We understand that this (Saturday) evening a very pleasing and gratifying incident will vary the proceedings, the nature of which, for obvious reasons, we are not permitted to disclose. It is certain that there will be a very full muster of the members on this occasion.

PLATINUM IN NEW SOUTH WALES.—This metal has been found with gold in the Shoalhaven River, in the Ophir gold district, in the form of small grains at Bendemeer, and at Calton Hill, Dungog, in the Hunter and Macleay Districts. A small nugget, weighing 268 grs. was obtained from Wiseman's Creek, with alluvial gold. A small quantity of platinum occurs in the sand along the sea-coast, near the Richmond River.

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THE BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

THE prospects of the candidates seeking admission to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the next election, on Monday, the 13th inst., are not so bright as those of the Girls who will compete for the vacancies in the sister Institution on the previous Saturday, for while in the case of the Girls there are twenty-two vacancies to be divided among thirty candidates, in that of the boys there are but twenty-five to be admitted from an approved list of forty-four. Still, the chances of success, even in the candidates for the Boys' School, are very much greater now than was the case with those who competed for the coveted scholarships a few years back. Then it was customary to have a much longer list of candidates, and frequently a smaller number of vacancies; then it was usual for a very large proportion of the candidates to be sent away disappointed, or at least to find themselves shut out from all chance of securing the benefits of the Institution for another six months, but now we are pleased to find that considerably more than half of those eligible can be admitted, while the anxiety imposed on their friends in the collection of votes is considerably lessened by reason of the smaller number required to secure election. On the whole, those who are compelled to seek the benefits of the Educational Institutions of Freemasonry have much to be thankful for just now, for if they can only secure the support of a moderate number of influential brethren, the early admission of a child is certain. We sincerely hope that sufficient funds may always be forthcoming to maintain the Institutions in their present state of usefulness, and to enable them to be extended in proportion to any increase that may occur in the numbers of those needing assistance from them, and found worthy of receiving it. As we have already said, the number of boys seeking admission at this month's election is forty-four, of whom twenty-one are new to the present list, while twenty-three are brought forward from previous ones.

The last applications are three in number. No. 1, James Murray Green, is a candidate who now comes forward for the fifth time, with a total of twenty-three votes to his credit. He is one of two children left to the care of a widowed mother. His father, who died in 1877, was a subscriber to the Craft for ten and a half years, during which time he rose to the position of W.M. of his Mother Lodge—the Royal Clarence, No. 976, Somersetshire—he also filled therein the office of Secretary. This being the only case accredited to this district we hope the brethren there have decided to support the lad in this his last appeal. No. 15, Cuthbert John George Roddam, has not had so severe an experience as a candidate, he having only competed once before, securing 187 votes; he also is one of two children dependent on their mother. His father was initiated in the Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, London, and appears to have remained a member of the Order until his death. The support the lad received in October last, small in itself, is yet indicative of an amount of sympathy which should be capable of carrying him through this time, as it is hardly to be supposed so large a number of votes would be polled for a lad whose age bordered so close on the limit fixed for admission if within six months it was to be proved that they had been thrown away. The friends of the lad have much to do, but the Euphrates Lodge members are capable of much if they only determine on doing it. No. 32, Harold John Walker, the other last application case, now comes forward for the first time. His father, an initiate of Trinity Lodge, No. 254, Warwickshire, is still alive, and has this child and two others dependent on him. In the days of his Masonic membership he rose to the rank of Worshipful Master of his Lodge, and likewise secured the honour of Junior Grand Deacon in his Province, positions which prove he must have secured many friends in the Order; these we trust will now come forward, and practically demonstrate their Masonic fellowship. It may be unkind to this brother, who is compelled to ask for the benefits of the School for one of his family, as well as to those who are supporting the case, yet we must ask our usual question—Why is not the reason stated which renders this case eligible? We think, in fairness to the subscribers, that something should be said on the ballot papers to explain, in face of no particulars, what appears strange.

Both parents being dead always seems to us sufficient to entitle a candidate to especial sympathy. No. 35, William Edward Tappenden is the only lad on the present list so circumstanced. He is the son of an initiate of the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, London, and he and two other children are now dependent on friends for their maintenance. His is a new application, and we hope will be so well supported on the 13th that he will be found among the list of successful when the result of the poll comes to be announced.

All the other candidates have one or both their parents living, and all have other chances of competing provided they are unsuccessful on this occasion. We shall now proceed to briefly review the particulars given in each case, taking first those who have already participated in previous elections, and attending to each of them in the order in which they stand as regards number of votes brought forward. In this respect No. 22, Charles Henry Wurr, heads the list, with 754 votes brought forward from the October election of last year. He is one of seven fatherless children, and is accredited to the Province of Nottingham, his father having been initiated there in the Newton Lodge, No. 1661. Judging from what has already been done for this lad, it will not be long ere he is admitted to the School. No. 9, Frank Perkins, follows very closely, his total of recorded votes being 749, but it has taken him two elections to secure that number. He also is one of seven fatherless children. His father, an initiate of Saint James Lodge, No. 765, London, appears to have been a most energetic brother, for although only a subscribing member of the Order for seven and three quarter years, he had secured the rank of P.M. and Secretary of his Lodge; he had also done good work in the cause of Charity, having served as Steward both for the Boys' and Girls' Schools, these qualifications alone, from their comparative rarity among the fathers of candidates, entitle to special consideration. The lad stands a good chance of succeeding in his next attempt, if his friends only support him as they have done in the past. No. 20, Walter John Richards, has a sister in the Girls' School and may himself be said to be half elected to the Boys' Institution, for he brings forward a total of 687 votes from the one previous election in which he has taken part. He is one of two children now dependent on a widowed mother, who, we imagine, will never regret her husband's initiation into Freemasonry, which took place in the Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, London, less than twelve months prior to his death. 663 votes

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stand to the credit of No. 10, Lewis John Thomas Harvey, who also has a sister in the Girls' School. This lad, one of three children now dependent on their mother, has taken a part in two previous elections. His father was initiated in Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72; he afterwards joined Peckham, No. 1475, and, later on, became one of the founders of Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658. He had qualified as Life Governor of the Boys' School previous to his death, which took place in 1878. No. 6, Stanley Claude Dawson, is a candidate now for the third time, and goes to the poll with 594 votes to his credit. He is one of six children left to the care of a widowed mother. His father was an initiate of the Weyside Lodge, No. 1395, Surrey. This being the only case from that district we think the brethren thereof might, by united effort, succeed in securing the lad's admission to the School at the coming Election. No. 4, John Sinclair Barker Allan, has already contested three elections, and has secured 574 votes as the result thereof. He is one of a family of four children dependent on their mother. His father was admitted into Freemasonry in the Friendship Lodge, No. 100, Norfolk, and was a member there until within a short time of his death. No. 12, Percy White Musgrave, one of five fatherless children, appears now for the second time. He has a sister in the Girls' School, and his friends will no doubt soon secure a place for him in the Boys' Institution, they having polled 481 votes on his behalf in October last. His father was a member of two London Lodges that are noted for the way in which they care for any who, through misfortune, are compelled to make appeal for assistance—the Acacia, No. 1309, and the Metropolitan, No. 1507. The members of the latter Lodge alone have before now carried an election in a comparatively short space of time, and doubtless can again; let us see if they will so manage this lad's case during the coming contest. No. 3, Benjamin Meeds Hildred, is another who has a sister in the Girls' School, but even now there are eight children dependent on his widowed mother. The lad comes forward for the fifth time, and brings forward 403 votes, a number which will have to be materially increased ere long, or the age limit will put an end to all efforts on his behalf. His father was an initiate of the Harmony Lodge, No. 272, Lincolnshire, and rose to the dignity of Grand Deacon in that Province. No. 23, Harry Edwards Henshaw, is yet another who has a sister in the Girls'. The present is his second application for admission to the Boys' School, and he goes to the poll with 326 votes to his credit; he and two other children are yet dependent on their mother. His father was an initiate of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, and died in 1879. No. 11, Samuel William Knight, is next in order. He has already taken part in two elections, and brings forward 311 votes as the result thereof. He and two other children are dependent on their mother, the widow of an old member of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London. No. 16, Francis Buckland Brocksopp Kent, polled 307 votes in October last, that being the first election in which he took part. He is one of five children left to the care of a widowed mother, whose state of health necessitates some kindly assistance, and which will doubtless be accorded by those who were acquainted with her husband. The late Brother Kent was an initiate of West Kent Lodge, No. 1297, London. No. 13, John Nicol McMillan, one of a family of six, of whom two only are partially provided for, has both parents living; but the father is insane, an affliction which alone should entitle the case to attention from all who have not yet pledged their votes. The boy has a sister in the Girls' School, and has had polled on his behalf 257 votes. His father was initiated in a South American Lodge; afterwards joined Inniskillen and St. Patrick's Lodges in Ireland, where he rose to the dignity of W.M., and finally became a member of the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, London. He has qualified as Life Governor of the two Schools, and we trust his family will secure such further assistance from them as they are able to afford. No. 5, Arthur Warner, is one of six dependent children of a late W.M. of the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, London. At present he has not secured any very great support, having only polled 230 votes at the last three elections, at each of which he was a candidate. Perhaps his friends are reserving their strength for the October election of the present year, which will be his last chance, but it is doubtful if that occasion will be so favourable as the present one—it is therefore to be hoped that something special may be attempted for him this month. No. 19, Isaac Harold Lester, has the good fortune to be the son of a Kentish Mason, his father having been an initiate of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, and afterwards a joining member of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208. Not only, therefore, has this lad the benefit of being accredited to a good Province, but the two Lodges with which his father associated himself are amongst the most charitable in that benevolent county. So far this lad has secured 187 votes; he was a candidate for the first time in October last. He and four other children are dependent on their widowed mother. No. 17, Algernon Sackville West, son of an old P.M. of the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, London, who has a sister in the Girls' School, now makes a second application for admission to the Boys'. He has 170 votes already polled on his behalf, and doubtless friends at his back capable of recording as many more as may be needed to place him among the pupils of the Institution. He and one other child are dependent on their mother. No. 7, Arthur Moore, has 102 votes to his credit, as the result of two past contests. He is one of five children, of whom two are partially provided for. His father was initiated in the Montague Lodge, No. 665, Dorset, and rose to the honour of Senior Grand Deacon in that Province. No. 8, Alfred Thompson Mushens, has also competed at two elections, but all he has to show for it are 14 votes. He is one of three children dependent on their mother, the widow of an initiate of Williamson Lodge, No. 949, Durham. No. 14, George Cannon, an only child for whom his mother has to provide, secured 11 votes in October last. The case is accredited to Northumberland, his father having been initiated in the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481. No. 21, Albert Taylor also made a start at the last Election when 7 votes were polled for him. He is one of five fatherless children, from the Province of East Lancashire, and will doubtless secure attention from the brethren of that model Province when his turn comes. For his sake and for the sake of his mother, we hope he has not long to wait. No. 2, Frederick Teilo Davis, has stood four elections and has secured two votes. Such a state of affairs, however, does not imply neglect when we look to the Province to which he is accredited—the Eastern Division of South Wales. So perfect are the arrangements in that district as regards the Elections for the Charities that, as we here see, all votes can be diverted from any particular candidate until his turn comes; when that happens for this lad, as we trust it soon will, he will not have to wait long outside the portals of the School. He is one of five fatherless children. No. 18, Arthur Taylor Richardson, is the only candidate who comes forward without something in the way of recorded votes to his credit. His father was a Devonshire Mason, having been initiated in Jordan Lodge, No. 1402. He is one of two children dependent on their mother, who was left a widow in 1880.

The new cases, other than those already disposed of, are nineteen in number. No. 24, Cecil Taylor Hamerton, is one of six children, whose father was initiated in an Irish Lodge, afterwards joined True and Faithful Lodge, No. 318, Cornwall, which he subscribed to until his death, in 1883. No. 26, William Forrest Morley, is also one of six dependent children. His father was initiated in the Cambrian Lodge, No. 364, Eastern Division South Wales, and died in 1878. No. 42, Edward Bembridge Hickenbotham, is one of six fatherless children, of whom one is partially provided for. His father was initiated in Fletcher Lodge, No. 1031 Warwickshire; was a P.M. and Provincial Grand Junior Warden, and a Founder of the Alma Mater Lodge, No. 1644. No. 27, Alfred Ernest Astrington, is one of five children dependent on their mother. His father was initiated in Old England Lodge, No. 1790, London, and died in June of last year. No. 30, Frederick Hanmer France, and No. 38, Edward Lloyd Reynolds, are each members of families in which five children are dependent on widowed mothers. The father of the former was initiated in the Salopian Lodge, No. 252, North Wales and Salop; and of the latter in the Halsey Lodge, No. 1479, Hertfordshire. No. 36, Ambrose Charles Harold Warren, No. 39, John Stephens Skurray, and No. 44, Frederick William Puttison, are each members of families of four fatherless children, accredited to London, Wiltshire and West Lancashire respectively. Skurray has a sister in the Girls' School. There are five candidates where the number of dependent children are three, and five where the number is only two. The former are No. 31, James Talbot Scarfe (Hertfordshire), No. 37, George James Senior (Malta),

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No. 40, James Hall Oscroft (Derbyshire), No. 41, Francis Walford Higgison (Staffordshire), and No. 43, Percy Gibbs (Hants and Isle of Wight); the latter, No. 25, Thomas Robert Foord (Kent), No. 28, Charles Ernest Haxthausen (Hants and Isle of Wight), No. 29, William Percy Cole (London), No. 33, Neville Innes Chamberlain (Bombay), and No. 34, Frank Murley Watkins (London). In each of these ten cases—excepting No. 28, Charles E. Haxthausen, the father is dead. In the case of No. 28, the father is living. No reason is assigned for the appeal now made on behalf of his child, but we suppose there are circumstances which render the lad eligible.

There is one point to which we may refer here in regard to the list of candidates we have just reviewed, and it is one upon which a letter has been addressed to us by a correspondent who, we know, is among those who take a great interest in the Charities. We refer to the number of cases in which the candidates have now, or had, a brother or a sister in the Schools. We are of opinion that when the laws were altered in 1879 it was intended that only one member of a family should be eligible for the Institutions, "unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates," but whether this was the case or not it is very certain that the rule is not so construed. We shall be pleased to insert any letter which may be addressed to us on this subject, as we feel it is one which requires ventilation.

THE ANTIQUITY OF FREEMASONRY.

ONE great stumbling-block in the way of rational investigation is caused by extravagant expectations, and an unphilosophical demand for a too exact correspondence between alleged ancient Masonic organizations, and the emblems relating to them, with modern Masonic bodies, their degrees, emblems, verbal rituals, and the modern version of our ancient legends. Many worthy brothers, among whom are some of much learning, seem to entertain the idea that unless we go to the full extent of demonstrating that the ancient Mysteries were identical in all respects with modern Masonry, including not only our present ritual and Lodge-work, but also the division and order of the degrees, that our arguments amount to nothing, and afford no proof of the antiquity of our Fraternity.

Nothing less, I fear, would convince this class of investigators than the discovery of the whole ritual or catechism, beginning at "From whence came you?" &c.—as authorized by the Grand Lodge of their State—sculptured in hieroglyphics, or written in Coptic on a roll of papyrus from an Egyptian tomb. Certainly all such expectations are unreasonable and unphilosophical. Rest assured we shall never find any proof that Lodges exactly like ours, presided over by a Worshipful Master and Wardens, and conferring the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master's degree, existed in ancient Egypt. Freemasonry has undergone many modifications since the day of its advent; yet it has preserved its identity, as well as all of its vital principles and most exalted features in all ages.

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The antiquity of our Fraternity and its identity are established, not so much by any close correspondence of our present ritual and emblems with those of ancient times (as some investigators illogically look for), as from other considerations. It is quite enough if we are able to discover in ancient times, when polytheism was the dominant state religion in all nations, societies possessed of similar organizations, and, like Freemasonry, teaching the two great doctrines of the unity of God, as One Eternal Spiritual Being, and the immortality of the soul of man—societies like Masonry, secret in their nature, and possessed of words, signs, and other occult modes of recognition, also of similar but not identical form of initiation, the ceremonies of which were founded upon a similar legend, allegory, myth, the same in substance, and only differing as to the name, era, and nationality of its hero—societies which taught the same truths by similar and in many cases the very same emblems, signs, and symbols. These things certainly demonstrate the identity of modern Freemasonry with those ancient organizations, just as conclusively as the identity of modern Christianity, as a system of religion, with that of the first century or any intermediate time, is established by a like train of reasoning and correspondence. If, on the contrary, we confine our attention to the present condition of Freemasonry, as disclosed in the various degrees and "rites" into which it has divided itself, just as Christianity has split into Catholics and Protestants, and the latter again into numerous sects—if we regard nothing but the verbal form of our ritual—it is easy to show that Masonry is not of any very great antiquity. The date and even the authorship of some parts of our verbal ritual can be and have been traced, but neither the Chevalier Ramsey nor yet those who met at the famous "Appletree Tavern," in 1717, were the founders and inventors of Freemasonry, any more than Luther and Wesley were the authors of the Christian religion.

If we view Masonry from a rational standpoint, and contemplate its mystic legends and allegories in their substance, without regard to the modern language in which they are now clothed; if we investigate the meaning of its ceremonies, without regard to the specific words now used in conducting them; if we study the signs, symbols, and emblems, disregarding the erroneous modern explanation given to many of them—the great antiquity of Masonry is at once apparent. It is now admitted on all sides that all the ancient Mysteries were identical, and had a common origin from those of Egypt, a conclusion which has been reached by the same method of reasoning and comparison. The legend of Osiris is the parent stock from which all the others came, but in Greece and Asia Minor the name of Osiris disappeared, and those of Dionysus and Bacchus were substituted, while in the Hebrew-Tyrian temple legend the name of Hiram is found. The claim, however, that the legend of Hiram is an actual history, descriptive of events which really took place about the time of the building of King Solomon's temple, must be abandoned by the few who still blindly cling to it.

Masonry can no longer hope to stand without criticism in this age of inquiry. There is a spirit abroad which does not hesitate to catch Antiquity by its grey beard, stare into its wrinkled face, and demand upon what authority, of right, reason, or authentic history, it founds its pretensions. The Masonic tradition cannot hope to escape examination in its turn; and, when it is examined, it will not stand the test as claiming to be *historically* true. If, then, we have no explanation to offer, it must be discarded, and take its place among many other exploded legends of the past. By showing, however, that it is not *intended* as an actual history, but is really a sublime allegory of great antiquity, teaching the profoundest truths of astronomy, and inculcating, by an ancient system of types, symbols, and emblems, an exalted code of morals, we at once reply to and disarm all that kind of criticism. The Masonic Order is thus placed on a loftier plane, and assumes a position which challenges the respect and admiration of both the learned and virtuous; the learned, because they will thus be enabled to recognize it as the depository of an ancient system of scientific knowledge; the virtuous, because the Order also stands revealed to them as having been in past ages the preserver of true worship, and the teacher of morality and brotherly love It has been the boast of Masonry that its ritual contained great scientific as well as moral truths. While this was plainly the fact as to the moral teachings of our Order, to a large number of our most intelligent brothers the key which alone could unlock the Masonic treasury of *scientific* truth appeared to have been lost. We believe that key is at length restored; for, if the Masonic traditions and legends, with the ritual illustrating them, are regarded as astronomical allegories, the light of scientific truth is at once seen to illuminate and permeate every part. And if this explanation is correct, any person who fully understands the meaning and intention of the legends and ceremonies, symbols and emblems of our Order, is necessarily well informed as to the sciences of astronomy and geometry, which form the foundation of all the others.—*Brown's Stellar Theology and Masonic Astronomy.*

The ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at the Wanderers' Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, Westminster, S.W., by Bro. James Terry P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, P.Z., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Lodge will be opened at 6·30 p.m.

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UNFAIR CLAIMS ON THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you please give me some part of your space for the expression of my opinion on what I deem an error in the system of management of the Masonic Schools. I allude to the admission of more than one member of a family to the benefits of the Institutions, to the exclusion of others equally and perhaps more deserving, though not so fortunate. I had an idea there was a law to prevent more than one child of a family being admitted, but such can hardly be the case, as evidenced by the balloting papers for the next elections. I there find ten instances in which it is sought to secure for a second child of a family admission to our Schools, and that in the face of there being seventeen other candidates beyond the number of vacancies. In the case of the Girls one of the candidates has a brother in the Boys' School, while another has had a sister educated in the Girls' School. In the case of the Boys there are no less than eight of the applicants who have sisters in the other Institution. Is this fair, just, equitable or advisable? I think not. However deserving a case may be, I think that if the Masonic Schools take one of the children they should not be asked to do more until all the other families desiring assistance have received something, and this of course can only be determined when there are not as many candidates as there are vacancies. I shall be very pleased to learn the views of other subscribers on this point, and if you will do me the honour of inserting this letter it may lead to the expression of some opinions.

I am, &c.

A SUPPORTER OF THE SCHOOLS.

ABUSE OF THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The minds of some brethren just now are much exercised as to the right use of the ballot in Lodges. As to theory there can be no question. Every Lodge regulates the admission of members after its own fashion, the prevailing rule being that three black balls exclude. In some cases one black ball excludes. The principle is a right one, though, like other principles, it is open to abuse. Or, as Scotia's bard, Brother Burns, puts it in his "Poem to a Mouse"—

> The best laid schemes o' mice an' men
> Gang aft a-gley.

The ballot is just one of those dangerous instruments by the use of which vicious men may gratify their feelings of revenge. When used spitefully it is the weapon of the assassin. Its proper use is the safeguard of individuals and protection to the Lodge. I do not see how it is possible to prevent the misuse of the ballot, except it be by extending the number of black balls. If this were done it is hardly likely that a sufficient number of vicious malcontents could be found banded together to gratify their spite. Where, however, disaffection runs high, there is generally some justification for the resort to extreme measures. I do not say that the ruthless exclusion of innocent men can be justified, but that the evil temper that prevails has some foundation, however slight, for its existence. A Master of a Lodge, if he be discreet and generous, can generally regulate these matters. If not, the Secretary and the Past Masters ought to be able to compose differences. To seek to discover the blackballers would be a violation of the principle of the ballot, and all that can be done is by precept and example to enforce the moral obligation which every one accepts when he becomes a Freemason. Whenever it is known that an obnoxious person is to be proposed, it is wise for those who object to quietly lay the facts before the W.M. and the Secretary, and the Lodge must be in a bad way indeed if some satisfactory arrangement cannot be come to. If any overt offensive act is done by any one in authority no surprise need be felt if reprisals are taken. When such is the case it would be better by far to suspend the Lodge Warrant for a time, for morally the Lodge is defunct. A case occurred in my own Lodge, where a candidate was proposed, whose character and social position were objected to by some of the members. The matter was quietly laid before the Secretary. He caused inquiries to be made, and found that the representations of the complaining brethren were well founded. He informed the mover and seconder of the candidate of the position of affairs, and as loyal brethren they at once withdrew the nomination. Mark the sequel. The facts were known to an old Past Master of another Lodge, a Preceptor of a Lodge of Instruction, and a P.Z., and he either nominated or got the rejected candidate nominated in his own Lodge. The action of my Lodge was defied, and another Lodge, without inquiry, accepted the material we thought unworthy. I can positively vouch for the fact that there was no personal feeling with regard to the candidate so far as we were concerned; the Lodge simply acted up to its sense of duty. It was foiled in what I term an unworthy manner, but we had no remedy. There are many things done in this life which the laws of courtesy and kindness alone can regulate, and when this law is absent, and vindictive feelings take its place, the purest institution in the world is powerless to protect itself. The only plan is to avoid cause of offence, for those in authority to be above suspicion, and then when the evil day comes the strength of loyalty will be too much for the disaffected. Masonry to be worth anything should approach its ideal as closely as possible, and no opportunity should be lost of enforcing the moral and spiritual lessons inculcated in the ceremonies. The Lodge is happy and prosperous in proportion to the standard of morality it has attained. When suspicion has no foothold, when the acts of the brethren are accepted without question as to their *bona fides*, then disaffection cannot rear its head, and laws become mere records, because they are not needed in operation. I accept the ballot as a necessary adjunct to the carrying out of some of the affairs of the Lodge, but I honour and revere the courtesy that is born of chivalry and kindly feeling.

I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

BALLOT.

INTEMPERANCE AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The title of my letter may be somewhat repugnant to the taste of my brother Masons, but I hardly feel myself justified in removing the little prefix "In" from the first word, although, perhaps that would leave almost as good a title as the one I have adopted. Inasmuch, however, as it is my desire to refer to an intemperate, and to my mind unmasonic title, I accept the responsibility of the connection I have associated Freemasonry with and proceed to my subject. Both you and your contemporary have in many cases recently prefixed a "W." to the initial "S." used in your reports to signify the Stewards of our Lodges. What does this mean? I am informed it signifies "Wine Steward," and that the revised title is now becoming general in many Lodges, the brother appointed as "Steward" being formally invested as "Wine Steward" and his duties in the *latter* capacity being graphically described. Is this a fact? If so, I certainly think those who use the prefix are acting wrongly. Where do our Lodges get their authority from to appoint or retain a *Wine* Steward? Is such a title calculated to add to our reputation for Temperance? I think not, and I also feel that the use of the, to me, obnoxious prefix should ere this have called forth official denunciation from the rulers of the Craft.

I am, &c.

A SENSITIVE ONE.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "VIA MEDIA" has a somewhat elastic conscience. He admits that he has often thought, with me, that "the practice of drinking and smoking during the progress of business in Lodges of Instruction is not compatible with the "exposition of the most sublime system of morality." But then, he urges, the whole matter has been threshed out, and the happy—I was going to say the naughty, therefore nice—conclusion has been arrived at "that too hard and fast a line cannot be drawn." I do not see that any line is drawn at all by anything advanced by "VIA MEDIA." The whole case, according to his reasoning, is just where it was. Every brother has been and apparently is to remain a "law unto himself," and the enjoyment of social pleasure is to take rank with duty and reverence. I never compared the practices of a Lodge with "a drinking bout in a tap room," and I certainly cannot subscribe to the theory that a brother's indulgence is, as a rule, limited to one glass. If that were so, I do not think publicans would be quite so ready as they appear to be to have Lodges of Instruction at their houses. "VIA MEDIA" says, "the innate consciousness of the brethren causes them naturally to cease from smoking during the more reverent portions of the ceremonies." This admission seems to me to yield the whole case. He must have a very discriminating judgment who can determine between that which is "reverent," "more reverent," and to make comparison complete, "most reverent," in our ceremonies. The spirit of reverence reaches from the beginning to the end; it only takes different forms, and is only more or less beautiful according to the degree that is being rehearsed. There is scarcely a paragraph throughout the three ceremonies that does not breathe religious and moral truths, and these, as a whole, and not in degree, claim our reverence. Smoking and drinking are, logically speaking, as incongruous in a Lodge of Instruction as they would be in a church or chapel. I pass over the welcome myth about the "fragrant weed," and a glass of ale assisting memory. Neither the habit of concentration nor memory needs any such stimulus.

Further on, "VIA MEDIA" quits my company altogether. He says: "To grumble at this one little fault (meaning smoking and drinking), if it can be called a fault at all, is to strain at a gnat and swallow a camel." He forgets that he has already swallowed a very respectable camel in admitting much that I have stated to be true. Then I am rebuked for suggesting that the Lodge should be called off to allow of the brethren taking refreshment, or that the hours of labour should be shortened. No, says "VIA MEDIA," let the brethren who have conscientious scruples as to combining social enjoyment with instruction look elsewhere for what they desire; "for my own part, I thoroughly enjoy my cigar while listening to, and endeavouring to learn, the routine of our interesting ceremonies, and look upon an evening at my Lodge of Instruction as one of the most soothing, agreeable, and edifying of the week." A brother seeking instruction has a right to expect it to be broadly the same everywhere, and it is not competent for any other brother virtually to say that if he does not like what he gets at certain Lodges, he must go elsewhere. The complaining brother knows all that perfectly well, but it is no

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answer to his complaint, and to tell him he must "lump" what he does not like, and what his conscience tells him is wrong, is very much like tyranny. But then the whole truth leaks out in the closing paragraph. "VIA MEDIA" likes his weed and his beer; they soothe him, and instruction under such conditions is agreeable and edifying. Well, perhaps this is all true. As I said before, it is a condition of things very acceptable to an elastic conscience, but scarcely in agreement with the entire teaching of the Craft.

As Lodges of Instruction are generally conducted, there is great sameness and monotony. The desire for creature comforts under such circumstances is not to be wondered at. Dulness is not a necessary accompaniment, however, to instruction, and it is not essential to always get through a given quantity of work each evening. What is done should be done well and thoroughly, and instead of merely rehearsing the ceremonies it would be better to question the relevancy of phrases and the meaning of terms. By this means a true spirit of inquiry would be evoked, a new interest created, and the desire for beer and smoke would yield to the nobler demand for knowledge. There are many words and phrases in the ritual of Freemasonry which cannot be considered in print; they would come rightly under discussion in a Lodge of Instruction. I am aware that better Preceptors would be required, and no doubt they would be forthcoming were the demand for improved teaching as general as it ought to be. How many there are who lament the lack of interest taken by the mass of the brethren in Masonic literature. How can it be otherwise with the present dull level of Lodges of Instruction? Now and then a battle is fought between "Emulation" and "Stability" working, and sometimes a brother may make a bold innovation upon accepted theories; but as a rule the instruction is confined to the mere repetition of the ceremonies and lectures according to the style followed in each particular school. There is nothing edifying about this; it is a parrot-like training, adapted to the meanest capacity, but not calculated to excite a desire for deeper inquiry, nor to satisfy it when it exists.

I would make our Lodges of Instruction real schools, and as teachers in ordinary schools are bound to understand what they teach, and to prove their power by giving object lessons, so should Preceptors be men learned in Masonic lore and capable of giving an intelligent, if not always correct, explanation of every phrase and symbol. Just as ordinary schools have now become pleasant as well as more instructive places, so would Lodges of Instruction answer their high privileges were they to follow a similar plan.

If beer and smoke still be considered desirable they might be enjoyed either at calling off time or at the close of labour. The latter method I should prefer, because an opportunity would be afforded of discussing many matters of Masonic interest that do not belong to the ceremonies. I once saw this plan adopted on a limited scale, and do not hesitate to say that it was eminently agreeable. An hour devoted to the consideration of questions affecting the Charities, the office of Grand Treasurer, the conduct of Grand Lodge, and various other matters would be most beneficial, and certainly would not lack in interest. Masons would thus come to have a higher view of their duties and responsibilities, would become intelligent judges instead of partial recorders of the opinions of individuals and cliques. Knowledge grows by what it feeds upon, and as there is no limit to the supply, there would be no end to the growth. A never-ceasing interest would ensue, and the demand for Masonic books and papers would necessarily increase. The present almost Cimmerian darkness that prevails in the minds of the majority of the Craft as to the moral and spiritual meaning of the ceremonies would vanish, and light, more light, would illumine the Masonic path.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As rather an old Mason it strikes me that lately there has been an unnecessary amount of criticism written and uttered as to the manner in which Lodges of Instruction are conducted, and for which I fail to see there has been any adequate provocation. It would have given some idea of the necessity of a change in the working and conduct of Lodges of Instruction had any evil been pointed out as injurious to the interests of the Craft, but as such has not been done, I am led to believe that it has not been found to exist. When we consider the growth of Lodges of Instruction year after year in the Metropolitan area, numbering about 130, I think it can be taken as very fair evidence that they are doing their work well, and when we consider the very liberal sums they annually present to the Masonic Institutions there does not appear much to complain of. Under these circumstances I would humbly suggest that it would be as well "to let well alone," and not attempt to enforce any alteration from outside, but leave each Lodge to regulate its business in its own way, when that is compatible with the Constitutions of the Order. As to the recommendation of Bro. Pierpoint, W.M. of the Domatic Lodge, lately expressed, that it is the duty of the Masters and Officers of Lodges to pay occasional visits to Lodges of Instruction established under their banners, with this I entirely concur, but allow me to observe that this is by no means a new recommendation, for as far back as 1864, when I had the honour of filling the chair of the Domatic Lodge, I frequently expressed the same views, not only to the Officers, but to members of the Lodge, and to give an earnest to my advice I often visited the Domatic Lodge of Instruction, which was then held at the Holyrood Palace Hotel, in the Strand, which stood on the site of the New Law Courts. I once took the chair on the occasion of working the Fifteen Sections while occupying the chair of the Mother Lodge. I do not put this forward in any boasting spirit, but mention it merely to show that the necessity of attending Lodges of Instruction was not neglected, but enforced, many years ago.

I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M. 177.

30th March 1885.

TALKATIVE MASONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can nothing be done to put a check on that happily few and far between abomination—the talkative Mason; the brother who will speak under some pretext or other at every meeting he attends? I trust, however, no member of this band will ask you to put a stop to the Mason who will write—taking me as an example—and yet if one does so, it will be a fair case of tit for tat, and may perhaps lead to some good in the end. I have recently, as a Visitor at some of our most popular Lodges, had much of my enjoyment spoilt by being compelled to listen to the twaddle of a talkative brother I have had the misfortune to meet on several occasions. Really it has been a misfortune to meet him, although to say so may not be in strict accordance with the teachings of the Order. He pushes himself forward in the most obtrusive manner, and on one occasion in particular had the bad taste to persist in speaking out of turn in direct opposition to the "call" of the Worshipful Master, much to the disgust of several Past Masters who were present, and some of whom did not fail to express their surprise at the ruler of the Lodge being overruled by a visitor. It was the Worshipful Master's first night in the chair, and from what I have heard, it will not be safe for my talkative friend to try his persevering tactics again in that Lodge. The Master has not forgotten the way in which the occurrence was referred to by some of his friends afterwards, and will I think take care the offence is not repeated. Surely, Sir, your representatives can recognise among the more familiar faces they meet some one or two of the class I refer to, and if when they recognise them they will avoid all reference to what they say something perhaps will be done to put a stop to the "talk" I and others object to, for I believe that the vanity of these effusive members is increased when they see their utterances reported in the journals of the Craft.

I am, &c.

AN ADMIRER OF DEEDS RATHER THAN WORDS.

THE MATRON OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I gather from your report of the proceedings at the last General Committee Meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, supplemented by information gathered from other quarters, that our dear old friend Miss Jarwood is suffering from the effects of a long-well-spent life; in other words that she is getting too old to carry out her duties as Matron of our Girls' School, without entailing on her unnecessary trouble and anxiety. I wish to know if there is any necessity for us any longer to impose on her the responsibilities attaching to her office? I believe she has been officially associated with the Institution for upwards of fifty years, and has, I think, fairly earned a full retiring pension. It would not be a grave act of extravagance to offer her retirement on full pay, and I for one should like to hear of her enjoying her remaining days in the peace and quietness she so well deserves. Doubtless she is attached to the School in which she has spent so much of her life, and perhaps would not care to leave it, but like many others similarly circumstanced she would soon find the benefit of relief from the cares and anxieties which must necessarily surround her office, and such a course would no doubt add a few years to her already lengthy life. I will not refer to the course taken by the Committee in creating another officer, an *acting* Matron, further than to say that I consider such an act impolitic, unbusiness-like, and almost implicative of slight to the dear old lady who has endeared herself to all friends of the School in the past, and who, I hope, has yet many years to spend among us.

I am, &c.

A SUBSCRIBER R.M.I.G.

TRADING ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have recently seen references in Masonic Reports to the trade or profession of the Master, Officers or Brethren of several Lodges. I must say I feel such references are out of place. In the last number of your contemporary a sort of apology is offered for the omission of mention of an initiate's particular branch of business, who we are now told is "an agent for a firm of ink makers." This reference can hardly have been made without a request from the brother more particularly concerned, who being young to the Craft may perhaps be excused for this unmasonic outburst; but what can we say of your contemporary? Surely the Editor ought to know that to blazon forth to the world the business of an initiate is in direct opposition to the teachings of Freemasonry.

Yours fraternally,

TRADITIONAL.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

THE title of this Lodge seems to be fully justified, if success may be tested by increasing numbers, a goodly balance in hand, and a liberal support given at all times to the Charities. The members held their installation meeting on the 26th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Rich; Hawkins S.W., Walters J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, Brown P.M. Secretary, Dyson S.D., Haller J.D., Wall I.G.; P.M.'s Chivers (Father of the Lodge), Cornwall, Daniel, Chicken, Arnold, Roberts, Schadler, Leins, and a large number of Visitors, amongst whom we may mention Bros. Galton P.M. 173, Buckland 1338, Vincent P.M. 1963, Brown 975, Wisley 1426, Chivers P.M. late 65, Akehurst 1623, Neale 179, Rubarda 901, Voisey P.M. 1641, Cosworth P.M. 813, Halford P.P.S.G.D. Hertfordshire, Chapman W.M. 1922, Jaquet 1501, Colledge 1693, Glyn 1426, Thompson 1471, Raymond 1716, Cruikshank P.M. 177, Snow 1728, Stokes 1963, Nash 73, Collings 1693, Cooper J.W. 1693, Marsden S.W. 1329, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After preliminaries had been duly observed as regards opening, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' Report was read and adopted; it showed the Lodge Funds, as well as the Benevolent Fund, were in a prosperous condition. Bro. Bradford No. 669, and J. Waterer No. 765, were elected members. Bros. Hardwick and Wooldridge were raised to the third degree, and Bros. Sparrow and Wormesley were passed. The ceremonies were all well worked. A Board of Installed Masters was now opened, and Bro. J. H. Hawkins P.M. 1693 S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W. Master Bro. Schadler impressively gave the addresses, Bro. Roberts I.M. acting as D.C. All were perfect in their working. On the readmission of the brethren the customary salutations were given, and the W.M. appropriately appointed and invested his Officers, as follow, Bros. Rich I.P.M., Wall P.M. 1743 S.W., Dyson J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Secretary, Haller S.D., Stafford J.D., Ruse I.G., Haynes W.M. 27 D.C., Carey A.D.C., Harriss W.C., Speight P.M. Tyler (for the 26th time). Applause followed the investment of each Officer. The question of a Summer Banquet was brought under consideration, and a Committee appointed to make arrangements. The widow of a deceased brother was relieved, with £10 10s. After hearty good wishes had been given by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren, 84 in number, sat down to a récherché banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, and superintended by Bro. Mills. The cuisine was perfect, and the artistic programmes, designed by Bro. Ferry P.M., were much admired. The W.M. in brief but appropriate terms proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, the National Anthem and God Bless the Prince of Wales being enthusiastically received. Bro. Rich said he had been entrusted with the gavel to propose the next toast, which was always received with an amount of pleasure—it was the health of the W.M. Bro. Hawkins knew his work thoroughly; he had passed the chair in another Lodge. He would now ask them to give a hearty reception to the toast, and hoped that Bro. Hawkins would have a successful year of office. The W.M. in reply said, during the past year they had had a very good Master; personally he thanked him for his kind expressions; he would strive to follow in the footsteps of the I.P.M., and hoped by the time he should be called upon to leave the chair he should have secured many more friends; he would strive to do all in his power to gain their approval. In speaking to the toast of the I.P.M., the W.M. said Bro. Rich had ably performed the duties of the chair, to the satisfaction of the Lodge, and he had great pleasure in presenting him with the Past Master's jewel. He thought he would have especial pleasure in wearing it, as it had been unanimously voted, and all agreed he well deserved it; he wished him long life and prosperity. With the jewel he had also to present a very elegant clock and two vases, which the brethren desired him to accept. No Master had better earned such gifts; they testified to the respect he was held in by all. Bro. Rich was enthusiastically received. It was with great pleasure he rose to return thanks for their valuable gifts. He was gratified to see the brethren display such unity; he was proud, moreover, that after so many years of his having aspired to the chair that he had attained his wish. He begged to return his grateful thanks; he should ever feel, when wearing the jewel, that it was a further incentive for him to work for them with heart and mind. Again, he took their gifts as a recognition of kindness both to him and his family, who would look upon them as a recognition of appreciation. The W.M. next asked the brethren to drink the health of Bro. Schadler. Those who heard him perform the portion of the ceremony entrusted to him must have appreciated his excellent working, and he would ask the brethren to drink his hearty good health, and would couple with it the name of Bro. Roberts. Bro. Schadler, in responding, said the honours of the day were due to Bro. Rich. As for the portion of the ceremony he had given, he was pleased that his efforts had gained their approval; he sincerely thanked them. Bro. Roberts also responded; he was pleased to know his work in the installation ceremony had been approved of. He thanked Brother Schadler for his assistance. Bros. Chapman, Stokoe, and Ackerman were named to reply for the Visitors. The former Brother said the working of the Lodge of Prosperity was well known; nothing further need be said on that point; its hospitality was also proverbial; he wished the brethren further prosperity. Bros. Stokoe and Ackerman also acknowledged the toast. The Worshipful Master in speaking to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary said, no one had the interests of the Lodge and the Masonic Charities more at heart than Bro. Brown; for his valuable assistance in the Lodge he could hardly find words to express all he desired to say. The same might be urged in favour of Bro. Goodwin. Bro. Brown in reply said, in the course of 10 years the Lodge had sent up a sum of £1,820 to the Masonic Charities, while from other sources he had received a further sum of £147. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s; there was a goodly array of them; their names were treasured in Freemasonry, and might be written in letters of gold. Incidentally he would mention that the Worshipful Master was a Steward for the Girls' School, and he hoped his list would reach a large amount. With the toast of the Past Masters he would associate the names of Bros. Ferry and Roberts. In response the W.M. was assured the Past Masters would support him. Brothers Wall Senior Warden, Dyson Junior Warden, Haller, Sparrow, Ruse, Haynes, Carey, and Harup each responded for the Officers. Then the Tyler's toast was given. During the evening, a capital selection of music was provided, under the direction of Bro. Chapman. We append the Programme. National Anthem, "God Save the Queen," Bro. A. Thompson; Song, "God Bless the Prince of Wales"—Bro. J. Stock; Song, "The Wanderer"—Bro. B. Neale; Song, "I fear no foe"—Bro. R. J. Voisey; Song, "Oh! hear the wild winds blow"—Bro. Akehurst; Song, "John Wellington Wells"—Bro. J. W. Chapman; Song, "Tell her I love her so"—Bro. A. Thompson; Song, "The Love Chase"—Bro. E. Wesley; G'ee, "King Canute"—Bros. Taylor, Thompson, and Chapman; Song, "The press gang"—Bro. Akehurst; Song, "The Boatswain's Story"—Bro. Voisey; Song, "Oft in the stilly night"—Bro. A. Thompson; Song, "He did and he didn't know why"—Bro. G. Danter; Song, "The monkey and the masher"—Bro. J. Sparrow; Song, "The Skipper"—Bro. Chapman; Glee, "Sleep, Gentle Lady," Bros. Neale and Chapman.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 348.

THE monthly meeting was held on Thursday, 26th ultimo, at the Bull's Head Inn, Bolton. Bros. John Partington W.M., R. H. Philips S.W., W. Chadwick J.W., J. Kenyon P.M. Treas., J. Alcock P.M. Secretary, R. Jones S.D., James Eckersley J.D., J. B. Taylor P.M. I.G., W. H. Alcock P.M. Assistant D.C., Thomas Higson Tyler; H. Greenwood Past Prov. Grand Pursuivant, Charles Holgate, W. Green, George Barnes, W. Wood, W. Greenwood, J. Wood, E. Hindley, H. Heyes, T. Raby P.M., James Mantell, H. Stephenson, W. Crankshaw P.M., J. Aspinall. Visitors—Bros. Sloan 51, J. Jardine, T. McEwen 325, R. Nightingale Steward 31, W. H. Brown 221. After the minutes of preceding meeting had been confirmed, Bros. Heyes and Hindley passed a satisfactory examination as Craftsmen, and on being entrusted retired. Lodge was again advanced, when Bros. Heyes and Hindley were re-admitted, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. Kenyon, who also explained the working tools of the degree. Lodge was closed to the first, when Mr. John Aspinall, who was proposed at the last regular meeting, was ballotted for and approved, and having complied with the requisite forms, was initiated an Entered Apprentice by the W.M. Bro. Partington, while the working tools of the degree were explained by the J.W. Bro. Chadwick. A portion of the Ancient Rules and Charges were read by the Senior Warden, and Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at eight o'clock.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723.

ON Wednesday, 25th March, the monthly meeting was held at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at six o'clock in the evening, when there were present Bros. E. G. Harwood W.M., R. Latham I.P.M., John Barrett S.W., A. Cosgrave J.W., N. Nicholson Secretary, J. W. Taylor Past Provincial G.O. D.C., T. E. Smith Organist, Ben Derham I.G., J. W. Roiley; P.M.'s G. P. Brockbank Past Prov. S.G.D., Thomas Morris, William Blain, Thomas Higson; Bros. James Parkinson, J. W. Hawksworth, M. Fielding, J. P. Elliston, John Collins, James Lever, J. W. Forbes, Thomas Arden, J. B. Goulburn, Thomas Morris, J. B. Bolton, T. M. Whewell, J. F. Elliston, John Priestley, E. Korshaw. Visitors—J. Holland Watson W.M. 350, Peter Bradburn W.M. 221, P.M.'s William Cooper 146, W. Crankshaw 348, J. Richardson 350, Thomas Murphy 37, J. W. Thompson 37. Bro. Lever was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by Bro. Nathaniel Nicholson P.M. and Secretary, who also explained to him the working tools of the degree. Lodge was closed to the first degree, when Mr. John A. Mackenzie, of Tamworth, was balloted for, approved, and subsequently initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason, by Bro. Robert Latham, the working tools of the degree being explained by Bro. Cosgrave. An alteration in the bye laws, substituting January as a month for holding meetings in the place of July, was unanimously agreed to. On a ballot Bro. Barrett S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Ferguson re-elected Treasurer. Bros. Brockbank and Smith were appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the past year. Bro. Roiley was re-elected Tyler. A very hearty and cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Harwood, the retiring Master, and a suitable acknowledgment of the Lodge's gratitude was arranged for. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the various visiting brethren, and then Lodge closed, in peace and harmony, at eight o'clock.

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ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM PRECEPTORY.

A MEETING of this Preceptory was held on Saturday, 21st March, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at four o'clock. Sir Knights George Ferguson E.P., John Bromley Prov. Grand Aide de Camp P.P., W. Nicholl Constable, C. S. Lane Marshal, G. P. Brockbank Past Grand Captain Treasurer, R. H. Swindlehurst Registrar, A. Hopkinson as Sub Marshal, J. W. Taylor Prov. Marshal Organist, Thomas Higson and J. W. Boiley Equerries; also W. Blain and Morris P. Prov. G.W. of R., J. M. Rutter P. Prov. G.V.C., James Horrocks Prov. D.C. Visitors—Sir Knights R. B. Seddon, J. D. Murray Prov. Grand Standard Bearer Faith Preceptory, H. Gardner, J. W. Mycock, James Richardson, John Wray, Clement R. N. Beswicke Royds Prov. G. Commander. After the confirmation of the minutes of the last regular meeting, the ballot was taken for the following Companions:—Ebenezer Green Harwood, St. George, No. 1723, and Chapter of St. John, No. 221; Nathaniel Nicholson, Lodge and Chapter of St. John, No. 221; Robert Latham, Lodge of St. John, No. 221, and Chapter of Concord, No. 37; John Booth Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, and Chapter of Concord, No. 37: Johnson Mills, Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, and Chapter of Concord, No. 37; John Barrett, Earl of Ellesmere Lodge, No. 678, and Chapter of St. John, No. 221; Henry Greenwood, Lodge and Chapter of St. John, No. 348; John Morris, Lodge of Antiquity, No. 146, and Chapter of Concord, 37. The candidates were proposed by Sir Knight G. P. Brookbank P.G. Captain, and seconded by Sir Knight R. H. Swindlehurst P.P. Registrar. The result being unanimous in favour, they were installed Knights of the Order, the duties of the chair being divided between the Very Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knight Murray, the office of Expert devolving on the Senior Member of the Encampment. The Sir Knights accorded a hearty vote of thanks to Captain Beswicke Royds for his attendance, recognising the deep interest he has evinced at all times in the prosperity of this old Encampment. The services of Sir Knight Murray and the other Knights were suitably acknowledged. Alms were collected, and the Preceptory closed in peace and harmony at eight o'clock.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, held at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday evenings, the 14th and 21st instant, at half-past six o'clock. Bros. Larchin P.M. 1541 W.M., Fox P.M. 201 I.P.M., Brown P.M. 852 S.W., Dodson P.M. 862 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Wynn, Main, Jenkins, Fox, Cornu, Brown, Hardy. Second Lecture—Bros. Bond, Tate, Drury, Larchin, Giddings. Third Lecture — Bros. Richardson, Kearne, Dodson.

At the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., on Thursday evening, 9th April, commencing at 6·45. Bro. W. C. Smith J.W. 1563 W.M., E. Farwig P.M. 180 S.W., J. Hemming J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Reynolds, Kedge, Laundy, Frank Gulliford, D. Stroud, G. Fowles, J. Hemming. Second Lecture—Bros. Coleman, Corby, Paul, Farwig, Hurdell. Third Lecture—Bros. Clark, Brindley, Pinder. Bro. Smith Preceptor; Bro. Reynolds Secretary and Treasurer.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has accepted the invitation of the Royal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, at Newbury, Berks, to deliver his lecture "Knobs and Excrescences," explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonial of the first degree, on the evening of Friday, the 10th inst. A visit to Manchester during the present month is in course of arrangement, and Bro. Stevens would be pleased to hear from Lodges in East Lancashire.

Over one hundred ladies and gentlemen assembled on board the "Maria Wood," which was moored at Mortlake, near the winning post, on the Boat Race Day. A *récherché* luncheon was provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford A steam launch afterwards towed the barge to Kew, where dancing took place to the excellent music of Bro. Wellington's band. Mr. Hart acted as M.C. This old civic barge was renovated in 1851, during the mayoralty of Sir John Musgrove. Among those present on Saturday were Bros. Baron De Ville, A. De Barry, T. Beard, C.C., E. Hart, C.C., Halesrobe, the members of the Thames Rowing Club, Hollington, H. Pannell, C.C., Lichtwitz, Summers, W. Smith, Dave, H. M. Levy, &c.

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AUGUSTUS FREDERICK Z.

DUNDAS H. J. RAMSBOTTOM J.

In the name of the Grand Architect of the Universe,

To all the enlightened our Brethren of the several Degrees of the Royal Craft, but more especially those Citizens of the World and Servants of the

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who have been, or hereafter may be honoured by Exaltation to our Sublime Degree,

HEALTH. PEACE. GOOD WILL.

Be it known, That our Excellent Companions John Ellis Z., Henry Williams H., John Roberts J., B. B. Falck, James Cornish, Richard Edwards, Samuel Symonds, William Broad and Matthew Brougham, having made known to our supreme Grand Chapter, their desire of holding a Chapter of our Order, for the cultivation of this Grand and Universal Science, in hopes thereby the more to extend their aid to, and promote the happiness of all our Brethren and link Mankind together by indissoluble bonds of friendship Peace and Harmony, And that our Grand Chapter having taken their petition into consideration and finding it concordant with our grand system of universal Benevolence, We do hereby with the consent of our said Grand Chapter grant unto the said Companions this our *Charter of Constitution*, to be held with and attached to the warrant of the Lodge No. 110 called the Lodge of Love and Honour with full power for them their Companions and successors to open and hold a Chapter of our Order at the Royal Hotel Falmouth on the third Tuesday in January, July and October and on the 14th day of April or at such other place, and at such time, as our said Companions and their successors shall with the consent of us and our successors Grand Officers for the time being, think meet, The first Chapter to be opened on Tuesday the 18th day of January now next ensuing by the title of The Volubian Chapter of Virtue, Silence and Peace with such privileges, powers and immunities, as do of right belong to regular established Chapters and Companions of our said most excellent order, Subject nevertheless to the general laws and ordinances already or to be hereafter enacted by our most excellent Grand and Royal Chapter.

Given at London under our hands and the Seal of our Grand and Royal Chapter this 10th day of January A.L. 5825 A.D. 1825.

WILLIAM H. WHITE E. EDW. HARPER N.

According to Bro. Hughan's "Origin of the English Right of Freemasonry," a Chapter was formed at Falmouth in 1810 as No. 157, the above being doubtless a Charter of Confirmation granted after the union of the two Grand Chapters.—[EDITOR F.C.]

COAL AND IRON IN NEW SOUTH WALES.—From Sydney we learn that endeavours are being made to float a Company to work the extensive mineral deposits, chiefly of coal and iron, in the neighbourhood of Mount Edgecombe, near the Great Western Zigzag. The proposed capital of the Company of £60,000, a portion of which has already been subscribed in Victoria and New South Wales.

NEW SOUTH WALES QUICKSILVER.—The Rev. W. B. Clarke states that he received his first sample of native quicksilver in 1841 from near Carwell Creek, on the Cudgegong River, where cinnabar occurs. It has also been found in the Mookerawa Creek, and Great Waterhole at Ophir. It is said to occur in the casing of the reef at the Clifton Mine, Boorook. Mercury is also said to have been detected at Wagonga, in a bed some 10 feet thick, and situated some 90 feet above the sea level.

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Aged 10 years, 10th September 1885. Eldest son of the late Brother ROBERT CHAMBERLAIN, Locomotive Engineer of Rewari-Ferozpur State Railway, Punjaub, who died suddenly, at Hissar, on the 26th July 1884, aged 42, from Heat Apoplexy, leaving a widow and two children without adeqnate means of support. He was initiated in Lodge Corinth, No. 1122, Nagpur, served as W.M. and Secretary over two years; W.M. of Lodge Berar, No. 1649, Budneira; three years D.G.D. of Bombay, and a member of the Grand Lodge of England. He was a subscribing member until death.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 11th day of April 1885, at Twelve o'Clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider recommendation of General Committee "That one more vacancy be declared for the April Election." Also to consider Notices of Motion, as under, and to elect Twenty-two, or in the event of the above Recommendation being adopted, Twenty-three girls into the School from a list of Thirty approved candidates.

The election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over).

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

By Bro. HENRY SMITH, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, Vice-Patron.

"That in pursuance of notice this Court accept the sum of one thousand guineas from the Province of West Yorkshire for the purchase of a perpetual presentation of one girl to the School, to be called the 'Sir Henry Edwards Presentation,' the right of such presentation being vested in Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., D.L., &c., for his life, and in the event of his wife, Lady Edwards, surviving him, for her life, and afterwards to revert to the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire for the time being, or such other duly authorized person, in accordance with the terms of a similar Presentation, made in 1880, and named the 'Bentley Shaw Presentation.'"

By Bro. ROBERT GREY P.G.D., Patron, upon recommendation of the House Committee.

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A VOICE FROM THE "ANTIENTS."

IT is inspiriting to find every now and then brethren devoting time, talents and money to the elucidation of Masonic history. We have a notable instance before us in the case of Bro. W. M. Bywater, who has compiled and published one of the most interesting records in connection with the Craft. The work before us* was suggested at the time Bro. Bywater was searching old books formerly belonging to the Grand Lodge of the "Antient" Masons, for the purpose of getting together material for a brief history of the Royal Athelstan Lodge on the occasion of its Centenary in 1869. He was so struck with the many facts and incidents scattered through the old records that he made full notes, strung them together, and embodied them in a paper which was read before the members of his Lodge in May 1884. This paper now sees the light in a compact and handsome shape. It may be described as a monograph, or even a Masonic autobiography of one of the foremost men in the Fraternity during a period of the history of the Craft of momentous importance. It would be altogether beyond our purpose to enter upon the causes that led to the unhappy Schism that culminated in the formation of a third Grand Lodge in England, in 1738. Masonic students will find material for a judgment elsewhere. Brother Bywater, in briefly introducing his subject says, that Freemasonry was revived in the South of England in the year 1717, "when the four existing Lodges constituted themselves a Grand Lodge, under the title of 'The Grand Lodge of England,' as distinctive from the York Masons, who designated themselves 'The Grand Lodge of *all* England.'" The seceders from the southern Grand Lodge styled themselves "Antient" Masons, "in accordance with the accepted appellation of the York Grand Lodge." They applied the term "Moderns" to the parent body they had left, in consequence of alleged departures from some of the old plans. This feature of history has been dealt with by William Preston, but as Brother Bywater points out, his authority can hardly be considered impartial. Preston was initiated in an Ancient Lodge, in 1763. That Lodge was reconstituted under the "Moderns" in the following year. But Preston and others, in 1779, were expelled from his adopted Grand Lodge, "for disavowing allegiance to it," averring that his Lodge (Antiquity) "derived its rights from the Grand Lodge of York, and was therefore of more antient descent than that of the Grand Lodge of 1717." It will be seen that this was a repetition of the events of 1738. We shall not follow Preston nor the events that took place during the years involved further. It is a subject of keen interest, but at the present moment our attention is confined to the "Antients" and Laurence Dermott. At first the "Antients" were ruled by a "Grand Committee presided over by a Master, selected in rotation according to the number of his Lodge, a new Chairman being appointed for each meeting." Bro. Bywater says, "it is doubtful whether they preserved any minutes or records of these proceedings before 1751," the period when Dermott comes upon the scene.

We have it recorded that Laurence Dermott was an Irishman, and was born in 1720, but in what part of Ireland it is not stated. He was initiated in 1740, when he was only twenty years of age, an incident that would not be allowed in our day according to our English Constitution. He served all the offices, including that of Secretary, and was installed W.M. of No. 26, Dublin, 24th June 1746. He was a worker from the first, and must have been a man of large capacity. He was fairly well educated, and his character stood out "conspicuous amongst his fellows." Dermott soon found his way to London, where he first

* Notes on Laur. Dermott, G.S. and His Work. By William Matthew Bywater, P.M. No. 19. London: 1884. [Privately Printed].

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joined a Lodge of the "Moderns," and afterwards went over to the "Antients." He worked twelve hours a day, he says, for a master painter, so that apparently he was not rich in time or substance. Yet he soon distinguished himself as a Mason, and in a comparatively short time he was in possession of sufficient means to make liberal contributions to the Craft. Although the record Bro. Bywater has consulted begins in 1751, it is not until February 1752 that Dermott appears in Grand Committee. From that period to 1771 he acted as Grand Secretary, and was hands, eyes, and soul to the "Antient" brethren. He was bard, historian, and philosopher. He composed songs, and sang them with such force that on one occasion it was made a charge against him that he sang the brethren out of their senses. With true Irish readiness he proposed that he should sing the senses in again; and forthwith he proceeded to carry out his suggestion, to the pleasure of the brethren who heard him. We shall have occasion to speak presently of his records, and proceed just now to notice Dermott as a philosopher. In 1756 he produced his "Ahiman Rezon: or, a Help to a Brother," a work that will preserve his name green for ages in the annals of Freemasonry. Speaking of this book Bro. Carson, of Cincinnatti, says, "The 'Ahiman Rezon' is one of the most famous books in connection with Masonic literature. It was the 'law-book' of the 'Antients,' in contradistinction to Anderson's 'Book of Constitutions,' the book of the 'Moderns.' Dermott was the literary man of the 'Antients.'" We should add that Bro. Bywater gives a *facsimile* of the title-page of the work, and as it is a table of contents as well, and intensely interesting, we quote it in full.

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(To be continued).

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BYE-LAWS OF MASONIC LODGES.

EVERY Masonic Lodge must have a code of bye-laws for its government. Unlike most other organized bodies, however, the power to enact its own bye-laws does not reside primarily in a Lodge, but in the Grand Lodge under which it holds its charter. Some Grand Lodges exercise their full powers by adopting a uniform code of bye-laws for Lodges holding charters under them, while others concede to Lodges in part the right to adopt their own. In the latter case, however, such bye-laws do not become valid until approved by the Grand Lodge, so the enactment of them is really by the Grand Lodge. When thus approved, they become a law for the government of the Lodge, and must be followed strictly in the transaction of business and management of its affairs. They cannot be altered or amended except in the manner provided in them for alterations or amendments, and any change made must be submitted for the approval of the Grand Lodge, as in the first instance.

In many organizations the practice of suspending a bye-law for the time being prevails, in order to meet some emergency that has arisen, in which the body desires to act contrary to its provisions. That such a right exists is very generally conceded where there is no law prohibiting it. In a body thus empowered to adopt its own bye-laws its government is wholly within itself, and if the members by unanimous consent decide to suspend one or more of its bye-laws, for the time being, there is nothing to prevent it, although such action is always of doubtful expediency, and is often productive of bad results. Unless all the members have been duly notified of such proposed action it is not treating the absent ones fairly, as they have the right to expect that the proceedings will be in accordance with existing regulations.

As a Masonic Lodge cannot change one of its bye-laws without the consent of the Grand Lodge, it must necessarily follow that it cannot suspend one for the time being without the same consent. It cannot, of its own volition, set aside what it cannot make. No emergency can arise to justify such action. The Worshipful Master, and every other Officer, before being installed into office is obligated to support and maintain the Constitution and general regulations of the Grand Lodge, and to discharge the duties of his office to the best of his ability. He will not, therefore, knowingly permit any violation of Masonic law, and should be especially careful to see that the bye-laws of his Lodge are strictly enforced.

In noting the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges, as they come to hand, we find in the official reports of Grand Masters many dispensations granted to Lodges to perform some act contrary to the provisions of their bye-laws. We have always supposed that it was the duty of a Grand Master to see that existing laws were enforced, and that, of all others, he should be the last to assist in violating them. Some of these Most Worshipfuls seem to think differently. They appear to be as much of an autocrat as was King Solomon in his palmy days. As dispensators they are a success. If a Lodge wants to spread a ballot in less than the required time a dispensation is granted. We notice one instance of a dispensation to receive the petition and ballot for the candidate at a special meeting. How about the previous notice and due inquiry into his character, that the W.M., obligated himself, should have in every instance? What right has a Grand Master to obligate a Mason not to perform a certain act, and then give him permission to violate his obligation? The right does not exist, and we have no hesitation in saying that the exercise of such power by a Grand Master is outside the line of his duty and authority.—*Masonic Advocate.*

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EMPIRE.

IT was pleasant to find, on revisiting the Empire last Monday, to find that certain superfluities had disappeared from the text of 'The Lady of the Locket," and though the book even now cannot boast much brilliancy, yet it moves briskly, and leads smartly up to the songs and dances. Mr. Hayden Coffin's drinking song is still as heartily applauded as ever, and the grace of his impersonation tends greatly to the success of the opera. Miss St. John is once more in good voice. At the present time, when the arts of decoration are much more valued than natural gifts, the Venetian costumes, in their lavish richness, might alone secure the run of this piece. The effort to appreciate the fashion and colour of a slashed doublet is pleasant to all persons of taste, and not exhausting to the most attenuated intellect. The two ballets introduced are remarkable, even in these days, for their fantastic beauty.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Chapter of Hertfordshire assembled at the Town Hall, Hertford, on Wednesday, 26th ult. M.E. Comp. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G. Supt., E. Comps. J. E. Dawson H., J. Terry J., G. E. Lake S.E., J. Parrott P.S., E. Swain 1st A.S., F. Sumner Knyvett Treasurer, E. Bowyer Swd. B., E. R. P. Francis Org., T. S. Carter P.H., J. B. Scriven P.H., J. R. Cocks P.J., W. P. Willson P.J., J. Shilcock P.N., P. Taylor P.P. Soj., W. Warrener P. 1st A.S., W. J. Crutch P. 2nd A.S., R. Fisher Young P. Swd. Br., Comps. Marras and G. T. Carter. After the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter had been confirmed the roll of Officers and Chapters was called. Comp. Sumner Knyvett was re-elected Treasurer. The following were appointed and invested Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—

Comp. J. E. Dawson P.Z. 404 (re-appointed)	P.G.H.
E. Swain P.Z. 403	P.G.J.
G. E. Lake P.Z. 404 (re-appointed)	P.G.S.E.
E. Taylor P.Z. 409	P.G.S.N.
E. C. Rogers Z. 403	P.G.S.
A. W. Nash J. 409	P.G. 1st A.S.
F. Venables J. 1383	P.G. 2nd A.S.
F. Sumner Knyvett P.Z. 404 ...	P.G. Treas.
R. B. Croft H. 403	P.G. Registrar.
J. Cutbush J. 1385	P.G. Sword Bearer.
J. E. Morris H. 409	P.G Standard Bearer
J. Terry P.Z. 1385	P.G.D.C.
Mihill Slaughter 404	P.G. Organist.
T. Wright and C. Thomas (re-appointed)	P.G. Janitors.

The Report of the Board of Finance was adopted.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—On Wednesday, the 1st instant, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, Bros. Saint W.M., Cubitt S W., Clare J.W., Pitt Secretary, Hollands P.M. J.D., John Egan D.C., John Little I.G., Brown, Webb P.M., &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown candidate. Bro. Clare offered himself as candidate for passing to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Clare was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Brown was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned to Wednesday next, at 7 o'clock.

Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275.—There was a goodly attendance at this popular Lodge of Instruction on Saturday evening, when the Preceptor, Bro. George Andrews P.M., was heartily welcomed back to his accustomed post after his long and serious illness. The chair was occupied by Bro. Walter Martin, who has ably and kindly performed the duties of Preceptor during Bro. Andrews's indisposition, and he was supported by Bros. Waterman S.W., Beavis W.M. 879 J.W., Wimble S.D., Needham J.D., Belchamber I G., C. L. Tokely Sec., and others. After preliminaries Bro. McChristie answered the questions leading to second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, after which one or two brethren were elected members. The acting W.M. then rose and referred to the circumstance that for some months past Bro. Andrews had been kept away from his duties as Preceptor by illness. They were all sincerely pleased to see him once more amongst them, and to witness that he was being rapidly restored to health and vigour. For himself, it was a source of the utmost satisfaction that Bro. Andrews was about to resume his valuable services as Preceptor, for they had worked side by side together for some years. He now asked Bro. Andrews's acceptance of a beautifully-mounted address on vellum, enclosed in a massive gilt frame, and glazed, and which it was admitted was executed in the highest artistic style. The text of the address ran as follows:—"This Testimonial was presented to Bro. George Andrews P.M. and D.C. 871, on March 28th, 1885, by the members of the Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, on his recovery from a severe illness, as a token of the esteem in which he is held, and in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him as Preceptor to the above Lodge for many years." The gift was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Andrews, who expressed the pleasure it afforded him that he was once more with his old friends of the Star Lodge of Instruction. He thanked the brethren for their kind expressions of sympathy and esteem, which were as gratifying to him as their gift had been unexpected. He hoped to be among them on many future occasions to enjoy their mutual harmony and advantage. The Secretary said he had much pleasure in reporting that Bro. Lampen, who had been laid aside for some weeks, was a trifle better, although he was afraid it would be some time before he had sufficiently recovered to come amongst them again. A vote of sympathy with Bro. Lampen was passed. It was reported that a reply had been received from Bro. Church, acknowledging the letter of condolence voted to him on the death of his wife. After the transaction of some other business Lodge was closed.

The appeal made by Bro. E. Bradnam, Mayor of Hastings, to the inhabitants of that port in aid of funds for relieving the distress prevalent among the poorer classes, has resulted in a sum of £1260 being contributed for the purpose.

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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, 4th APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 185 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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 6th APRIL.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons Tavern, W.C.
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
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
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
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—Witton, 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
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
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. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 7th 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)
860—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
1288—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)
1369—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lamouth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1603—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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 8.30.
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, York
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 8th APRIL.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, 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, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, 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.
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
861—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.
1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 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)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 4 (Instruction.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
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)

1013—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1249—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1275—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
1284—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1508—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1524—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1535—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1563—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llandloes, Trewythen Arms, Llandloes
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.

R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 350—Meriboh, Grapes Inn, Stonebough, near Manchester
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 869—Ethelfreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
R.A. 1177—Dinlycn, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Leeds
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

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THURSDAY, 9th APRIL.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1506—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1539—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1654—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—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)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
113—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
733—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

1036—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1058—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
1304—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1373—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
1389—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1560—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
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
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
M.M. 146—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

FRIDAY, 10th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
167—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
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SATURDAY, 11th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
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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
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
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THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

THE Washington Monument Association was organised in 1833, and the Corner Stone of their hoped for Obelisk in commemoration of Liberty and the perpetuation of the memories of the worth and virtues of Brother George W. Washington was laid on the 4th July 1848, by the Masonic Fraternity.

This Memorial Obelisk, 555 feet high, outtops all human structures in height from base.

In consequence of the 22nd of February, the Anniversary of Washington's birthday, coming on Sunday, it was concluded by the authorities that the ceremony of celebrating the completion of so grand an undertaking should occur on the preceding day. The themometer recorded close to zero, and a stiff north breeze knew no intermission.

The Press of the day has been so full of comments on the event that we need but record in brief the share assumed by the Masonic Brotherhood in the event that makes every citizen feel the more proud of his country.

As Lafayette and Washington were so intimately interested in the cause of liberty and freedom, and bound as well by the mystic tie in the service of universal humanity, we quote the congratulations of the former to the latter upon the conclusion of the struggle favourable to Liberty. It was written from Cadiz, in 1783: "Were you but such a man as Julius Cæsar or the King of Prussia I should almost be sorry for you at the end of the great tragedy where you are acting such a part; but with you, my dear General, I rejoice at the blessings of a peace in which our noble ends have been secured. * * * As for you, who truly can say you have done all this, what must your virtuous and good heart feel in the happy moment when the revolution you have made is now firmly established?"

The pleasurable duty of the Masons, gathered from every State of the Union, in dedicating this Monument, was marred by the intensity of the weather as the throngs stood shivering at the base of this immense stone pile.

The proper functionaries declared that the square, the level and the plumb had been applied to the Obelisk, that its corners were found to be square, its course level, and its walls skilfully erected, according to plan.

Grand Master Myron M. Parker scattered corn, and poured out wine and oil—emblems of nourishment, refreshment and joy—and in the course of the mystic ceremonies brought into use certain historic relics with which General Washington, as Grand Master pro tem, laid the corner stone of the National Capital, on 18th September 1793. The sacred volume belonging to Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, of Virginia, upon which Washington took his first vows of Masonry; that belonging to St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of the city of New York, on which, on the 30th April 1789, he took the oath of office as the first President of the United States; the Great Light, belonging to the Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, of Alexandria, Va., upon which he, as Worshipful Master, received the vows of initiates; the apron worn by him, which was worked by Mme. Lafayette; a golden urn containing a lock of his hair, belonging to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; the Lesser Light; one of the three sperm candles borne in Washington's funeral procession, were exhibited.

The address of the Grand Master concluded as follows:—Know ye, all ye people, that we be Free Masons, loyal and true citizens, obedient to law and order, and can never be concerned in plots and conspiracies against true government. The immortal Washington, himself a Freemason, devoted his hand, his heart, his sacred honour, and, if need be, his life also, to the cause of freedom of conscience, of speech and of action, and from his successful leading has arisen this nation. To him and the memory of his deeds a grateful people have erected this memorial in the capital which he founded, and which will bear his name to remotest ages, a monument towering above other monuments as he towered above other men.

A brief prayer by the Grand Chaplain, asking the blessings of nourishment, refreshment and joy upon all who were assembled, and a response by the brethren, So mote it be, Amen, brought this part of the proceedings to an end.

The first marble block was set in the Shaft on the 7th August 1880, and the last stone was placed in the level 500 feet on the 9th August 1884. The topmost stone of the pyramidion was set on the 6th December 1884.

The procession through Pennsylvania Avenue after the ceremony at the base of the pillar was very imposing, both as a military and civic display. The indoor services then commenced in the Capital. In the evening commemorative pyrotechnics were visible on every side, as the various Masonic organisations took their trains for home.

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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THIS, the oldest of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, is now preparing for the celebration of its annual Anniversary Festival, the event being fixed for the 13th May next, when, under the presidency of Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, the usual banquet will be held, and it is hoped as large, or even a larger sum will be subscribed than has ever been announced in connection with this Institution. We have so recently referred at length to the several candidates who are seeking admission to the School that we do not feel it necessary to say much now in regard to them, but may mention that the number of those who have been passed as eligible is in advance of those who can be admitted to the extent of twenty-five per cent., or, in plain figures, there are thirty candidates going to the poll to-day of whom seven must be sent away unsuccessful. There are many who will say this is a most satisfactory state of affairs; and so it is, were it not the case that the friends of each of these seven children are really in distress—are perhaps brought down by misfortune to such a state that they do not know how they will even feed these seven orphans until another election comes round, and they have another chance of receiving relief from the brethren of the Mystic Tie. Seven candidates out of a list of thirty to be sent away. Is that all? Yes, that is all on this occasion, and light as it may seem to those who have never had to ask for assistance, it means anxiety and sorrowful hearts to most of those who are associated with the seven unfortunate ones. And why is it necessary to send these seven away? Simply because the funds of the Institution they desire to enter are not in such a flourishing condition as would warrant the executive taking them on to the establishment. A very small contribution from each Mason who is in a position to give it would alter this state of affairs, and a very small regular subscription from each would enable the School to be kept up to a similar state of usefulness. May we ask from our readers as much as they can afford in furtherance of the objects of our Girls' School.

So far we have spoken of those who will to-day seek admittance to the School. Thirty girls in all; to twenty-three of whom food, clothing, and education will be guaranteed until they reach the age of sixteen. No small undertaking, as many who have children of their own can testify; but what is this in comparison with the total that is being done by the Institution? We speak of a brother with eight children as having a large family; to-day the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take to itself three such large families, and yet they will, so to speak, be lost among the number of children already resident in the Institution at Battersea Rise. When those twenty-three children find their way into the School there will be two hundred and forty-one girls to be cared for, and everything provided for them by the supporters of the Institution. And this work has to be carried on, not for the current year only, but continuously, while the amount of money required for it has—except a comparatively small income arising from invested funds—to be provided year to year by voluntary donations. How much, therefore, depends on the efforts of brethren who undertake the office of Steward it is easy to imagine. The very existence of these two hundred and forty-one girls may be said to depend on what is done, as it would be found impossible even to discharge existing obligations on what the Institution already possesses.

This year the School has the benefit of the advocacy, as Chairman of its Festival, of a Provincial Grand Master who is respected, not only in his own district, but throughout England. One who will do his best personally, and will urge others to do the same. But even if he and every brother in his Province give to the best of their ability it cannot be expected they will provide more than a moiety of what is required. To secure anything like the total we should like to see, exertions will have to be made in every part of the kingdom, and that, too, without any delay. At the present time, the number of brethren who have accepted the office of Steward is below that at the corresponding date last year, and this, notwithstanding the fact that the Festival takes place a week earlier than it did then, thus giving the executive shorter time in which to induce brethren to come forward. Mere numbers, however, are not everything; a small number of Stewards may produce a greater total than a large one, but to do so it is necessary that one or a few of their number should represent one or other of the premier Provinces; Provinces which, if they do make an effort, are as good for their thousands as ordinary ones are for hundreds, but this year we are afraid no such fortune is in store for the Girls' School. It is true that most of the districts into which Masonic England is divided are doing something, but few of them, outside the Chairman's own county of Sussex, can be said to be making a supreme effort. They are doing their work quietly but surely, collecting that regular flow of money which is so useful, but which, in face of the extraordinary calls which are made on the liberality of the Institution, has to be supplemented by occasional extraordinary liberality on the part of brethren, and we almost doubt if this regular method of working will produce such an amount of as will relieve the managers of the Institution from anxiety during the coming twelve months. At present, we believe, the North of England—Durham, Northumberland, Cumberland, and Westmoreland—is unrepresented among the Stewards. Is it too late to secure a brother to represent this large district? To represent it and work it in such a manner as shall call forth a grand total from the Northern Counties. It is certainly not too late for something to be done, and we feel sure that anything would be better than that so large a part of the country as is here referred to should remain quiescent. There are other districts at present unrepresented, but we are not in a position to refer to them other than generally. Any one who thinks he can do something towards raising the funds needed for the work of the Girls' School for the current year should place himself in communication with the Secretary of the Institution, who, we venture to think, will have no difficulty in pointing out a method of exercising such energies.

The Chairman of the year—Sir W. W. Burrell—will, we understand, pay a visit to the Schools on Tuesday, the 21st instant, and we believe most of the Sussex Stewards will be there to meet their chief. Much good may come from this visit if the visitors are pleased with what they see,—and it can hardly be imagined they will not be pleased. But with what additional encouragement Sir Walter would undertake his duties if he knew that the number of brethren who would supplement his exertions was

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above the average. A little extra enthusiasm on the part of the Craft would enable the Secretary to greet the Chairman with such pleasing news on the occasion of his visit to the Schools, and we trust it may yet be possible for him to do so.

We feel there is little to be added to what we have already said as to the way in which the children are cared for and educated in the School. The result of the Cambridge Local Examination, in December last, is ample testimony as to the latter. Fourteen girls were entered for examination, and all of them passed; while the appearance of the girls themselves amply demonstrates the former. We hope the Craft will give the Institution as much support as is possible, and that this year's Festival may be no exception to the many successes which have occurred in the past.

FREEMASONRY'S INCEPTION.

THE origin of Freemasonry is lost in the unexplored past. The principles, however, upon which it is founded have existed in active exercise ever since the creation of man, and so perfectly is it adapted to the necessities—intellectual moral, and social—of his nature that it must have taken shape and body at an early period in the history of organised society. Of course it is not claimed that Masonry, exactly as we now see it, took its origin in that early period and continued unchanged until the present time. But what is meant is this: Masonry, or something analogous to it, being a necessity of man's nature and of the circumstances of a primeval age, must have originated in the earliest stages of social organisation. And as man's necessities demanded its creation, so it has been kept in existence by his wants, social, moral and intellectual, until it has reached its present perfect and universal character; and, doubtless, it will continue his companion, instructor and purifier as long as time shall last.

Whilst the institutions of antiquity and all history appear to confirm this view, yet it must be acknowledged that even among well informed brethren there are wide differences of opinion as to the origin of our Institution.

Some, seeing only the fact, which all are bound to admit, that the rituals of Masonry, as they now exist, were systematised and crystallised into their present forms by the revival of 1717, in London, will have it that *then and there* Masonry had its origin, calling that movement not a *revival* of a living institution by an infusion into it of young blood, and life, and enthusiasm, but a renaissance—a resurrection of a defunct system of pagan antiquity, by breathing into its nostrils the breath of genuine life—the knowledge of the true God and the practice of divine charity. Their position, however, and arguments are generally regarded as untenable, as inconsistent with the well known facts of the 1717 movement, with its consequences, and with, indeed, many antecedent facts.

Others attribute its introduction into western Europe to the returning Crusaders of the middle ages, supposing that they became acquainted with it in Palestine. This theory, whilst many cling to it, adds nothing directly to the solution of the question of origin, but only postpones it and so tends to corroborate another view of the matter.

A third party to the discussion claims that Masonry was known in England as early as the time of Alfred the Great, and suppose it a Christian modification of Druidism or some other pagan initiation, but they do not attempt to locate its origin in time and place.

Others, with great probability, antedate the Christian era, and ascribe, not the origin proper of Masonry, but its purification and consecration, to Solomon, during the erection of the magnificent temple of the true God, in Jerusalem. The drama, the traditions of the Institution, its systems of words, grips, signs, and much of its symbolism, point to this origin, and, what is remarkable, recent discoveries, on the site of the ancient temple go, they claim, to confirm our legends.

Some ascribe it to Noah, some to Enoch, and some to Adam, our great forefather himself, who, in order to perpetuate the knowledge of the true God, to teach good will to men, and to inculcate a horror of all bloody violence, and especially of murder, based the first drama of the world upon its first tragedy and made it the vehicle of moral nstruction for all time.

Such are some of the conflicting views of even well informed brethren. As for myself, having reflected somewhat on this subject, and examined the evidence, both external and internal, I have no hesitation in saying, that to my mind it is clear, either that Masonry antedates the Christian era, or that it is, at least, not Christian in its inception. Were it of Christian origin, then its drama would be based upon the passion of Christ, and the doctrine of the resurrection, now faintly perceived by the general mind would be unequivocally enunciated, inculcated and insisted upon as a cardinal article of belief.

The whole ritual of Masonry—Blue Masonry as we technically call it—in its system of words, grips and signs, as well as its traditions, points to a non-Christian origin, and most unequivocally is Judaistic in its conception. Its hieroglyphic and mnemonic records, its oral transmission, its impressive manner of imparting instruction and fixing valuable lessons, and its thorough consecration to law and order, all go to show that it is not modern in origin and conception. Indeed, it seems to be impossible that Masonry, as we now know it, could have been devised in its general outlines since the era of printing, or in a Christian country, or among any other people than orientals, or in any other age than that of remote antiquity.

To suppose that this broad and comprehensive system, requiring knowledge of the most rare, abstruse and recondite character, could have been devised and put at once into successful operation by a few unknown and illiterate men, in 1717, either is absurd or calls for the direct agency of Deity. But whilst Masons believe that their Supreme Grand Master smiles upon their Institution and blesses their work, and whilst they claim that, like everything else that is good, Freemasonry is an inspiration of the Divine goodness, or an emanation therefrom, they do not feel authorized to claim a miraculous origin.

To suppose, on the other hand, that the most learned men of any particular age or country could, in addition to their learning, have had the necessary practical and minute knowledge of the handicraft interested and of human nature; could, without the largest experience, have conceived the broad philanthropy upon which the Institution is founded; could have imbibed the spirit of antiquity which it breathes; could so have translated themselves into the past as to originate and develop into instant maturity this giant Institution, with all the odour and sanctity of hoary age, is no less impossible, or calls no less for the direct interposition of Deity.

I feel constrained, therefore, to give Masonry an origin in the unknown depths of the misty past, and to ascribe it as we now have it, not to any particular man or set of men, nor to any particular age or country, but to regard it as the result of the combined wisdom and philanthropy of the race working harmoniously together through untold ages, now advancing, now retrograding, now innovating, now pruning. And as it must have its vicissitudes, now in prosperity, now in adversity, courted at one time and persecuted at another, zealously cultivated in one age and country, and neglected if not disavowed in another, we naturally expect to find in its ritual, its work, its traditions, evidence of these fluctuations.

Accordingly we do find upon examining this mysterious structure, proceeding very much as does the geologist whilst exploring the crust of the earth, that the upper story, its roof and battlements, its ornaments, and furniture and general appointments, are largely modern and especially Anglo-Saxon in their character, showing that it is now the heritage of that great branch of the human family; going lower down, everything is of a medieval age; pushing our way still farther toward the foundation, the misty, glimmering light enables us to discover relics of a character undoubtedly Judaical, perhaps of the age of Solomon; groping our way still downward, as far as the fitful light will allow us to go, we come to unquestioned Egyptian remains. Beyond that all is impenetrable gloom, a darkness which can be felt, and we are compelled to give up the farther search, but with a curiosity, a zeal, an interest, all the more whetted as it is impossible to gratify it.

I believe, then, in the antiquity of Masonry; that it was once specially Egyptian in its character; that subsequently it was purified, by Solomon, perhaps, and by him consecrated to the noblest purposes; that becoming then the heritage of the Israelites it assumed its undoubted Hebraic character; that it has been largely modified by

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successive generations and nations; that in the lapse of ages it became, under the providence of God, the inheritance of the Anglo-Saxon race, who, after perpetuating it for centuries as they received it, finally, under the inspiration of genius, following the example of others, remodelled and reconsecrated it, giving it its Christian character, and yet, in the broadness of its charity and the glory of its philanthropy, not excluding any one who, believing in the true God, has the other necessary qualifications for initiation.

While contending, therefore, that Masonry antedates the Christian era, and clearly is not Christian in its inception, it is further claimed that not only is there nothing anti-Christian about it, but that Christianity is its necessary complement and perfection, engrafting, as it does, upon Masonry the idea of spiritual regeneration and pointing the way, through the Church, to the Lamb of God, the Saviour of the world; yet not requiring a belief in that Saviour, nor an acceptance of Him, as a prerequisite for admission into the mysteries of the Fraternity, but welcoming every sincere believer in the one true God, whether he be our elder brother, the Jew, or our younger brother, the Mahometan, or a purified heathen, led by natural religion through nature up to nature's God and Maker, as well as the enlightened believers and followers of Christ.—*Voice of Masonry.*

Obituary.

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BRO. GEORGE HUGGETT.

WITH extreme regret we have this week to record the death of Bro. George Huggett, P.M. of the Tredegar Lodge, No. 1625, and P.Z. of the Sincerity Chapter, No. 174, which took place on the 3rd inst, in the 42nd year of his age. Bro. Huggett was initiated into Freemasonry in November 1868, in the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65. He was one of the Founders of the Tredegar Lodge, being nominated in its warrant as Senior Warden, and regularly served that office. He was subsequently elected to the office of W.M., and acted in that capacity in a most satisfactory manner. He remained a subscribing member of the Lodge until his death. He was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the Sincerity Chapter, and there attained the honour of the chair of Z. In public life Bro. Huggett filled the appointment of Assistant Clerk of Poplar Union, a post he occupied for a term of twenty-two years, only relinquishing his duties seven days before his death, although in delicate health some time previously. During his long association with the district, he had made many friends in Poplar, and was respected by all the inhabitants by whom he was known. He leaves a widow and three sons—aged seven, nine, and eleven years respectively—to mourn his loss. His funeral took place at Ilford Cemetery on Thursday, and was attended by a large number of his brother Masons, among whom were Bros. Hubbard W.M., Verry P.M., Deason P.M., Anning P.M. Treasurer, Lacey P.M., Kendall P.M., Sly S.W. (all of 1625); also Bros. J. J. Berry, G. Graveley, C. H. Webb, Tippett, Maloney, Stunt, T. B. Daniells Treasurer 781, and several other brethren. The coffin bore a number of handsome wreaths, sent by his brother Officers and other sorrowing friends. A melancholy feature at the grave was the appearance of the three sons of our deceased brother, each with a basket of flowers to scatter over the remains of their parent.

BRO. DR. JOSEPH J. POPE.

ANOTHER old friend, and a well known brother, has passed away in the person of Bro. Dr. Joseph J. Pope, who died of syncope on Monday, the 6th instant. Bro. Pope was initiated in March 1879, in the Lodge of Sincerity, and afterwards became a joining member of No. 946—the Strawberry Hill Lodge, Twickenham. Bro. Pope was a popular member of the medical profession, and a surgeon in the military train and artillery. His geniality secured him many friends in the circle in which he moved. His remains will be interred at Abney Park Cemetery, at 12 o'clock to-day.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 4th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G.Std.B. The minutes having been confirmed, those of the House Committee on the 20th and 24th ult. were read for information. Three petitions on behalf of candidates were submitted, considered, and accepted for the October Election. Grants of £5 each, towards outfit, were voted to four former pupils of the Institution, and it was ordered that £3000 India Four per Cent. Stock should be sold on account of the Preparatory School Building Fund. The handing in of notices of motion for the Quarterly Court of the 13th instant, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman, concluded the proceedings.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday, the 8th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. H. B. Marshall, Grand Treasurer. The customary formalities having been disposed of, Bro. Terry, the Secretary, reported the death of four annuitants, three males and one female, and then read a letter from the solicitor to the estate of the late Gilbert C. Harris, of Clifton, announcing that a legacy of £100 had become due to the Institution, the former tenant for life having recently died. Letters were also read from Brother Vassar-Smith, of Gloucester, and Brother G. S. Recknell, acknowledging the compliments paid to them at the last meeting of the Committee. The reports of the Warden and of the Finance Committee were submitted. The latter shows that there is now a balance of £9076 6s 1d in favour of the Institution, made up as follows: Balance brought forward on Male Fund, £486 10s 10d; subsequent receipts, £3985 5s 5d; total, £4471 16s 3d; expenditure, £1921 3s 4d; balance on Male Fund, £2550 12s 11d; balance brought forward on Female Fund, £2075 9s 10d; subsequent receipts, £6224 6s 9d; total, £8299 16s 7d; expenditure, £1872 11s; balance on Female Fund, £6427 5s 7d; and balance on Sustentation Fund, £98 7s 7d. The investment of £2000, from the Widows' Fund balance, in East India Four per Cents., and the depositing of £5000 at the Bank on call was recommended by the Finance Committee, and after formal proposition was agreed to by the Committee of Management. The receipt of a petition from the Fishmongers' Company, to be presented to Parliament, against the Corporate Property Security Bill, was announced, but on Bro. Terry explaining that it did not in any way affect the Benevolent Institution, it was resolved not to take any action upon it. The appointment of Brother James Terry jun. as clerk in the office, in room of Brother Recknell, resigned, was confirmed, the commencing salary being fixed at £130 per annum. The preparation of the annual report of the Institution was entrusted to a Committee, consisting of Bros. Farnfield, Lacey, and Newton, and it was resolved that the Stewards of the late Festival should be invited to visit the Institution at Croydon. The proposition was then brought forward to present to Brother James Terry the sum of one hundred guineas, in recognition of his exertions in connection with the late Festival. The motion stood in the name of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, and was formally moved by him. It was seconded by Brother Hogard, and, after some discussion, was carried. An amendment, proposed by Brother Charles Lacey, and seconded by Brother Henry Moore, that Brother Terry be presented with the Vice Patronship of the Institution, in lieu of the one hundred guineas as proposed, was lost, the original proposition being carried by 17 votes to 9. The proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the passing of a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

We congratulate the brethren of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, on the eminent success that attended the celebration of their Centenery, on Thursday. Their arrangements were happily conceived, and were carried out with a liberality that shews that at Derby the true spirit of Freemasonry is prevalent. We feel that our esteemed Bro. Thomas Cox P.M. P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Treasurer, the present Master of this flourishing Lodge, will ever look back on this meeting as one of the most pleasant he has been associated with. We hope to give a full account in our next issue.

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UNFAIR CLAIMS ON THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I quite endorse the opinions expressed by your correspondent, "A SUPPORTER OF THE SCHOOLS," with respect to the plurality of benefits sought for and obtained at the hands of our Institutions; and it is a question which should be anxiously taken into consideration by the rulers of the Craft. Like yourself, I had always understood that when the laws were altered in 1879, it was fully intended that only one member of a family should be eligible for the Institutions, "unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates." This, it appears to me, is nothing more than is fair and reasonable, for, as every brother must have observed who has watched elections in the past, many children whose claims to the bounty of the Craft were admitted to be more deserving have had to stand aside for some time, and probably altogether, because of the interest taken by a section of the brethren in the case of a child whose brother or sister was already in receipt of the benefits of the Schools. I am sceptical enough to think that it is not always the most deserving or necessitous who find their ways upon the lists of successful candidates at Masonic elections. Is not the position lately occupied by the deceased brother—the amount of his subscriptions to the funds of his Lodge and the Charities—and such like often made a primary consideration, before the real necessities of the widow and the fatherless? A man might have been a good and useful member of the Craft, and on his death might leave his family well, if not amply, provided for. Such a case, in my opinion, does not compare with that of the less opulent brother who from "circumstances of unforeseen calamity and misfortune" is unable to leave anything whatever to his unfortunate widow and little ones. In the latter case the hardship is far greater, and should be the first to enlist the sympathies and help of the brethren. That one of these little ones should be elbowed aside for the sake of securing the benefits of education and maintenance for two children of a comparatively independent widow is scarcely fair and reasonable, nor is it, I should say, within the meaning and intentions of those by whom the laws of our Masonic Charities were framed.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

A STEWARD.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with peculiar interest the correspondence that has recently passed in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE on various matters of detail in connection with Lodges of Instruction, and if the various opinions expressed and suggestions thrown out by the several writers are taken to heart by those who are the leaders in this useful branch of the Order, no doubt the effect will be most salutary and tend to greatly improved results. I am cordially in favour of "WATCHMAN'S" view with respect to the blending of refreshment with Masonic labour, which has always appeared to me "incongruous," though of course the old saying comes in—"Many men, many minds." The duty, also, of Masters and Officers of Lodges attending as often as they conveniently can the Lodges of Instruction formed under their respective banners, and which has likewise been alluded to by several of your correspondents, seems to me to be an essential point, as tending to stimulate the coming generation in their laudable endeavours to master the ritual and qualify themselves for office, to which it should be the ambition of old and young Masons to attain. But there is yet another matter to which probably the attention of Preceptors may be called with some advantage, and that is the too prevailing custom of "ringing the changes," so to speak, in the selection of Officers at the weekly meetings of Lodges of Instruction. For instance, we see brethren who are enthusiastic in their desire to work up, repeating the round of the chairs, and in many of your reports of these meetings lately I have seen the same names appearing week after week as filling the various offices. I am aware it is the invariable custom to appoint Officers by rotation, but it is frequently found that a brother who has worked up to the chair re-appears on the following week, "after his term of office has expired," contrives to secure a minor position, and in a short time he is again in the chair. Thus the younger or more retiring brethren are shut out from many of the advantages they hoped to gain by attending Lodges of Instruction. It may be said that the old verdict, "serve 'em right" applies to this case, that they should press their suit, and secure for themselves the privileges they covet. But in most instances they are too shy, or too modest, to push themselves forward, and thus they are nowhere in the race. What I wish to suggest is, that there should be no such race—that Preceptors should cast about them for men who have not before taken office, and endeavour to induce them to begin at the lowest rung of the ladder with a view to ascending by degrees to the chair. In many cases, as at present arranged, Lodges of Instruction resolve themselves into a select coterie, the same Officers appearing in kaleidoscopic fashion all the year round, and the natural consequence is that the meetings become somewhat monotonous, and fall short of the object intended, viz., of giving an opportunity of practice, as well as of instruction, to all the members. I trust there will be a continuance of that interchange of thought and opinion you have evoked upon this important subject, and remain,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A YOUNG MASON.

JAMES ANDERSON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the first volume of a new English Biographical Dictionary, recently printed in London, I find a biographical sketch of James Anderson, which contains some matter that never appeared in a Masonic publication, and also references to works that may lead to a further extension of the life of Anderson. The writer of the said sketch made some mistakes, which I endeavour to correct.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

"James Anderson, preacher and miscellaneous writer, brother of Adam Anderson, was born about 1680, at Aberdeen, where he was educated, and probably took the degree of M.A. and D.D. In 1710 he was appointed minister of the Presbyterian Church in Swallow-street, London, whence he was transferred, in 1734, to a similar charge in Leslie-street, Leicester Fields. According to the 'Gentleman's Magazine,' he is said to have been well known among the people of that persuasion resident in London as Bishop Anderson, and he is described as a learned but imprudent man, who lost considerable part of his property in the fatal year 1720. Several of his sermons were printed. One of them 'No King Killers,' preached in 1715, on the anniversary of the execution of Charles I., was a zealous defence of the conduct of the Presbyterians during the civil wars, and reached a second edition. Anderson was a Freemason, and when in 1721, [soon after] the revival of Freemasonry in England, the Grand Lodge determined to produce an authoritative digest of the Constitutions of the Fraternity, the task was assigned to him.—(Entick's edition of the Constitutions, p 194, 1747) [probably 1754 or 1767]. It was as Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge that he presented it on completing his task—'The Constitutions of the Free Masons, containing the History, Charges, Regulations, &c. of the Most Ancient and Right Worshipful Fraternity, for the use of the Lodges, London, in the year of Masonry 5723, Anno Domini 1723.' This work, which passed through several editions, was long recognised by English Freemasons to be the standard code on the subject, and was translated into German. An American fac-simile of the first edition of 1723 was issued in New York in 1855, and there are reprints of the same edition in Coxe's 'Old Constitutions' belonging to the Freemasons of England and Ireland (1871), and in the first volume of 'Kenning's Masonic Archæological Library, 1871.' Anderson also contributed to Masonic literature a defence of Masonry, occasioned by a pamphlet, 'Masonry Dissected, 1735,' which was translated into German, and is reprinted in Oliver's 'Golden Remains of the Early Masonic Writers (1847).

In 1732 appeared the work by which Anderson is chiefly remembered, viz., Royal Genealogies of Emperors, Kings, and Princes, from Adam to these times. Professedly based on "Genealogisch Tablen," by Johann Hübner, it was largely supplemented by Anderson's industry. While the earlier sections of the work are of little historical value, the latter are often of use in relation to genealogies of continental dynasties and houses. The volume closes with a synopsis of the English Peerage, and in the preface the author intimated his readiness, if adequately encouraged, to delineate and dispose at full length the genealogies of all the peers and great gentry of the Britannic Isles. Anderson's last work, which he was commissioned to undertake by the first Earl of Egmont and his son, from materials furnished by them, bore the title, "A Genealogical History of the House of Yvery, in its different branches of Yvery, Lovel, Perceval, and Gournay;" but the first volume alone was completed when he died, on 25th May 1739, and a second volume, subsequently published, was due to another pen (see vol. 2). The work was soon withdrawn from circulation, on account of disparaging remarks in it on the condition of the English Peerage, and on the character of the Irish people. It was re-issued, however, without the offensive passages, in 1742. (See Notes and Queries, First Series, iv. 158, and Letters of Horace Walpole (1857) I. vi. and II. 145). Much of the genealogical matter in the book has been pronounced to be mythical. (Drummond's "History of Noble British Families" (1846), Art. Perceval. Another work of Anderson's, viz. "News from the Elysium; or, Dialogues of the Dead, between Leopold, Roman Emperor, and Louis XIV., King of France," was published directly after his death in 1739.

[Anderson's Works. Brief Notices, published in Catalogue of the Edinburgh Advocate's Library. "Gentleman's Magazine," LIII., 41, 42. Gowan's Catalogue of Books on Freemasonry (New York, 1856). Kloss Bibliographia der Freimaurerie, 1844].—F.E.

INEQUALITIES OF CHARITY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—To expect perfection in the administration of Charity is about as reasonable as to fix the date of the millennium. All mundane matters are liable to human error. If the affairs of life could be regulated with the same absolute precision as a mathematical problem, there would be no difficulty in securing perfect justice. But conditions vary in almost every case, and all that can be done is to approximate as nearly as possible to that happy condition of doing to others as we would that they should do unto

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us. If we would understand the feelings of others we must try and realise their position, and regard matters from their stand-point. Suppose two widows with equal numbers of children, and in a somewhat similar pecuniary condition. Mrs. A. has already a girl in the Masonic School, and desires to get a son in also. Mrs. B. wishes to get her son in the School too, but finds her chance discounted by the double claim of Mrs. A. What naturally would be the feelings of any one placed in the position of Mrs. B.? Why, I have no hesitation in saying it would be a keen sense of injustice. I have supposed perfect equality in necessity, but this rarely exists. It may be, and often is the fact, that the most successful are the least deserving, comparatively speaking. It is a truth which cannot be controverted that many a deserving case is lost for want of means and friends to secure success. To make matters worse, by giving double to some, while others are sent empty away, is the refinement of cruelty. While the demand continues to be what it is, the rule should be one family, one school place; and if there is no law to that effect, the sooner one is made the better. I am ashamed sometimes to witness the way some claims are pushed. I often think that the mark of true charity is missed, and that it is administered upon the principle that "he that hath, to him shall be given; and he that hath not, from him shall be taken away, even that which he hath." This is a selfish age, I am afraid, and in the struggle for gain people forget the rights and claims of others. Perhaps the Committees of the two Schools will take the matter into consideration, and adopt the single plan of election. If they cannot do this, I see no possible means of correcting an injustice, the result of might and the possession of cash and friends.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JUSTICE.

ROYAL ARCH.

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KENNINGTON CHAPTER, No. 1381.

THE installation meeting of this excellent-working Chapter was held on the 2nd inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. Present:—Comps. W. P. Webb M.E.Z., C. H. Kohler (M.E.Z. elect) H., H. M. Appleton J., G. Everett P.Z. Treas., H. Higgins P.Z. S.E. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. W. A. Dowling, who was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. Later on Comp. Kohler was installed as M.E.Z., H. M. Appleton H., E. Ayling J. The ceremonies were performed by Comp. Jas. Terry P.Z., who as usual gave a faultless and impressive rendering. The M.E.Z. then appointed and invested the following Officers: G. Everett P.Z. Treasurer, H. Higgins P.Z. S.E., G. Gardner P.S., H. J. Lardner P.Z. S.N., H. Cruse 1st Asst. Soj., W. A. Dowling 2nd Asst. Soj. A letter of condolence, to be recorded on the minutes, was unanimously voted to Comp. G. Everett, sympathising with him on his recent sad bereavement. A cordial vote of thanks was also given to Comp. Jas. Terry for the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided by Comp. Buxton. After the formal toasts, Comp. Kohler, in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the M.E.Z. This having been responded to, the M.E.Z. proposed the health of the I.P.Z., and presented him with a very elegant P.Z.'s jewel for the services rendered by him to the Chapter during his year of office. Comp. Kohler having suitably replied, the newly-exalted Companion was complimented; the M.E.Z. was proud of the introduction Comp. Dowling had brought with him, while from the attention he had paid to the ceremony he felt sure he would be a credit to the Chapter. Comp. Dowling said it afforded him great pleasure to be exalted; he and Comp. Gardner had worked side by side in the Craft satisfactorily, and he hoped they would work equally so in the Chapter. Comps. H. Lee P.Z. 795 and H. E. Price 1507 responded for the Visitors. The toasts of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers, and that of the Janitor were given in due course. Comps. Webb, Walls and Cruse contributed to the harmony, and Comp. Jas. Terry gave an excellent recitation.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday evening, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at o'clock. Comps. W. Radcliffe M.E.Z., J. Strugnell H., G. Gregory J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., R V Davis S.N., E. W. Money P.S., T. C. Edmonds Preceptor. This Chapter of Improvement is always well attended, and on this occasion the respective offices were ably represented. Unfortunately Comp. Captain Nicols, through indisposition, was unable to be present to recite the clauses of the R.A. degree.

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

REVIEWS.

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"Chips from a Rough Ashlar 'knocked off' by the Gavel of Common Sense; a Discourse on the Ritual and Ceremonial of Freemasonry. By W. Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., &c. Author of 'Uniformity of Masonic Ritual and Observance,' 'Map of the Masonic Lodges in England and Wales,' &c., &c. London: Bro. Richard Tilling, 55 Warner-street, Great Dover-street, Southwark, S.E. 1885.

AMID some verbiage that might very well be left out, there is a great deal in this capitally got up volume to make Freemasons think. We cannot say of it what Professor Sedgwick once said of a sermon of his that had swollen into a bulky volume, that the discourse looked "like a grain of wheat between two mill stones." On the contrary, the grains of wheat are everywhere in Bro. Stevens' Book, and if now and then there is more of the husk than there should be, we must remember that men differ in style of writing as well as in modes of speech. Bro. Stevens is an earnest reformer, and an enthusiastic Mason. Earnestness and enthusiasm are not quite so much admired in this utilitarian age as they used to be, and we must not be surprised if men discount words as they do time, by crowding as much as possible into a given space. Were it not, however, for such men as Bro. Stevens, Freemasonry would lack a spur that is sadly needed, sincerity would lose some of its force, and example its encouragement. We commend Bro. Stevens for his discretion in dealing with points of ritual that cannot be disclosed to the vulgar world. In this sense his work is a model of propriety; while, in a critical sense it is bold and assertive, it is not offensive nor bigotted. Every Preceptor of a Lodge of Instruction ought to have this book, and no student of the Craft should omit consulting its pages. There is much that is suggestive in it, and a good deal of wholesome truth is told in a manner that cannot offend. We should be glad to learn that the labours of Bro. Stevens have been successful, for two reasons: one is in the interest of Bro. Stevens himself; and the other, the more important reason, is because success would imply progress in Masonic study. It would show that the brethren are desiring more light, and without being hypercritical or iconoclastic, are demanding purity in ritual and a general though liberal uniformity of working. However conservative brethren may be, however desirable it is to avoid alterations, it must be confessed that the diversity of working that now exists is a serious reflection upon the intelligence of Freemasons. And what is true of working is not less true of some of the language of the ceremonies. A pruning hand—firm but tender—is very much needed, and if Bro. Stevens does not in every respect fulfil the conditions of a complete reformer, he goes a long way in meeting existing difficulties. We invite a study of "Chips," therefore, as an earnest though reverent effort to improve Craft Freemasonry in its outward visible form, in order that the inward spiritual meaning may grow and fructify.

THE PORTSMOUTH FREEMASONS' CLUB.

ON Tuesday, 31st ult., the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Borough of Portsmouth Freemasons' Hall and Club Company (Limited) was held at the Club, Commercial-road, Mr. A. W. White in the chair. There was a large attendance, and the utmost satisfaction was expressed at the state of the company. The following report was read by Mr. Main (secretary). The directors submit the balance sheet for the past year, from which it will be seen that the figures allow of the payment of a dividend at 2½ per cent. The alteration and improvements which the shareholders, at the last annual meeting, expressed as desirable, have been carried out in a manner which is believed to have given general satisfaction. An additional mortgage of £600 has been raised upon the property for the purpose of meeting the extra capital expenditure. During the year Messrs. G. T. Cunningham, J. Craven, S. R. Ellis, and T. Marrs have resigned their seats at the board, and they have been succeeded by Messrs. A. W. White, H. J. Leader, W. Miles, and A. H. Hancox, who, with Mr. James Willmott, who retires by rotation, are willing to continue their seats at the board if the shareholders so desire. Messrs. T. P. Wills and T. H. Casey, the retiring auditors, are also willing to be re-elected, but the shareholders will be asked to vote some remuneration for the services they render. A dividend of 2½ per cent. was declared. The retiring directors were unanimously re-appointed, but Mr. F. J. Proctor was nominated in addition to the retiring auditors, and elected to the post hitherto occupied by Mr. Casey. It was resolved that £2 2s a year should be paid as remuneration for services rendered by the auditors. The balance sheet, made up to the 31st December 1884, and audited by Messrs. T. P. Wills and T. H. Casey, was submitted, and showed that the year's receipts on the revenue account amounted to £494 10s 1d, and payments to £223 1s 3d, giving a balance to be carried forward of £201 9s 1d. In the course of his address the Chairman remarked that the affairs of the company would warrant the payment of a higher dividend than that declared, but the directors thought it well to retain a good balance in hand. No doubt next year a dividend at a higher rate could be recommended.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, 8th inst., at the Three Nuns, Aldgate, when there was a numerous attendance of brethren and visitors. Bro. Couture, the retiring W.M., was supported by Bros. Clements S.W. and W.M. elect, Holdom J.W., Beck P.M. Treasurer, Swetman Secretary, Twinn S.D., Loftus I.G., Magrath P.M. D.C., Oxley and Sommers Stewards, and other brethren. The other Past Masters present were Bros. Mann, Veal, Tyer, Wooding, Parding; and the Visitors included Bros. Myers P.M. 1445, McClelland W.M. 901, Stephens W.M. 1623, Jennings 1237, Benson 160, Pope 1306, Dale 1278. Lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of last regular meeting confirmed, the Audit Committee presented their report, which was most satisfactory. Bro. Wooding then took the chair, and Lodge having been advanced to the third degree, Bro. Halcrow was raised, the ceremony being ably performed. Bro. Clements was then presented by Past Masters Mann and Magrath as W.M. elect, and having assented to the responsibilities of office, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and the impressive rite of installation performed by Bro. Wooding, who acquitted himself most creditably. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W.M. was greeted with the customary honours, and after the delivery of the charges, invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. Couture I.P.M., Holdom S.W., Twinn J.W., Beck P.M. Treas., Swetman Secretary, Loftus S.D., Oxley J.D., Eldon I.G., Magrath Past Master Director of Ceremonies, J. Sommers, Hurst and Flick Stewards, and Longstaff Tyler. The Worshipful Master then said he had a pleasing duty to perform, namely, to present to his Immediate Past Master a handsome and valuable jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the Lodge, as a mark of respect and esteem, and in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Lodge and in appreciation of the satisfactory manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office. He was sure it must be very gratifying to Bro. Couture to receive such an expression of their esteem and appreciation, and he hoped the Grand Architect of the Universe might spare him many years to wear the jewel, and to enjoy that respect which the brethren now one and all entertained for him. The Immediate Past Master said as he should have another opportunity during the evening of thanking the brethren for their kindness he would reserve his observations. After the transaction of some Lodge business, during which the Visitors at their own request withdrew, Lodge was closed with the customary good wishes, and subsequently the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the new Master, who, in giving the loyal toasts, referred appositely to the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Ireland, and rejoiced at the loyal enthusiasm evinced towards our Most Worshipful Grand Master, in whose movements all Freemasons take a lively interest. He also spoke in felicitous terms of the zeal and ability of the Masonic rulers in the discharge of their onerous duties in Grand Lodge. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the toast of the evening, the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, expressed the opinion that Bro. Clements would be equal to the expectations any of the brethren had formed of him. He and their W.M. were both initiated on the same evening, and had passed through the Lodge together, and if they only gave Bro. Clements the opportunity and trial, he thought they would find him worthy of their confidence and the position in which they had placed him that night. They would be proud of their present Master during his term of office, and they would all share the hope that he might have a most successful and prosperous year. The Worshipful Master, in responding, said if one thing more than another could have appealed directly to his feelings of sensitiveness it was the hearty manner in which the toast had been received by the brethren. He was truly grateful for the hearty good wishes that had been made manifest, and for which he sincerely tendered his thanks. It was to him a great consolation to see such a display of kindly feeling around him, and it would be impossible for any man to more appreciate the responsibilities which attached to the high and honourable position to which he had attained than he did at that moment. He felt proud at having attained the summit of his ambition, and he trusted that during his term of office harmony would prevail, and that he might have plenty of work to do; this he pledged them his word he should do all he could to discharge to his own satisfaction as well as to the credit of his Lodge. In conclusion he exhorted the brethren to be strictly careful as to whom they recommended as candidates for introduction into the Lodge. They wanted good men and true—men of honour and uprightness—men worthy of the high and noble Order to which they belonged; ever remembering that it was far easier to keep ineligible applicants outside than to rid the Craft of them when once they were admitted. He then proposed the health of the Visitors, the toast being heartily received. Bro. McClelland, in responding, thanked the brethren exceedingly for the cordial welcome which had been extended to the Visitors. He had not been present at a meeting of this Lodge for two years, but he saw no diminution of the kindly feeling which they always extended to brethren of other Lodges whom they invited as guests. He thanked them for their kind reception and abundant hospitality on this as on former occasions. Bro. Myers P.M. also suitably returned thanks. The W.M. then proposed the health of the P.M.'s, the toast being most heartily received, and responded to by the I.P.M., who said he could hardly find words to express his thanks for the very handsome jewel with which they had presented him, and which he should esteem with fifty times more value than if it had come from any other hands. He was sure one and all of the Past Masters would be always willing to render any assistance that laid in their power. He asked the acceptance by the Lodge of an obligation stool, which he hoped they would receive in the same spirit that he would like to present it. He did not give it because the Lodge was not in a position to secure it for themselves, but as a means of comfort to the candidates in the various degrees. Bro. Mann, as the first Master of the Lodge, said it was gratifying to him to see it in so prosperous a condition; he could not be among them so often as he could wish, as he was passing into the "sere and yellow leaf." He spoke of the progress of Freemasonry since this Lodge was consecrated, fourteen years ago, and alluded in feeling terms to the visit of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Princess of Wales to Ireland, and the spontaneous loyalty which had been evinced by the better classes of the people in the sister isle. Referring to the summer banquet, he hoped it would be better supported than hitherto, and in humorous fashion suggested that if more of the brethren would take their ladies, and so have a "jolly good day of it," they would go ever afterwards. Bros. Beck and Veal also suitably responded. The health of the Installing Master was then proposed and heartily received, and in responding Bro. T. Wooding remarked he could assure the brethren that although he feared he had made a poor show that day, he had done his best, and hoped to improve on a future occasion. The Officers of the Lodge were next mentioned from the chair, and severally acknowledged the compliment paid to them. The list was fittingly closed by the Tyler. During the evening some excellent songs were sung, notably "The Midshipmite," by Bro. Veal P.M., Bro. Sherwin rendering efficient aid as accompanyist on the pianoforte.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THIS Lodge, which has, since its consecration by the Earl of Zetland in 1876, been holding its meetings in the Queen's Hotel, has just completed its purchase of buildings, which will at once be converted into a Masonic hall. The Lodge has been fortunate in finding a place eminently suited for the purpose. It will be remembered that in 1883 the Grand Master laid the foundation stone of the new Institute of Science, Literature, and Art, in York, and that there was on that occasion a most brilliant assemblage of the Craft. This building has just been completed, and the old building, which for a number of years has accommodated the members of the Institute, has been purchased by the Eboracum Lodge, for the sum of £1250. That so young a Lodge should have been able to acquire such a building without interference with its work for our Masonic Charities is almost startling, and reflects the utmost credit upon its members, many of whom are amongst the most active and intelligent of our brethren in the north. It is anticipated that a further outlay of about £200 will render the building fit for Masonic purposes, and it is expected that the May meeting of the Lodge will be held in the new premises. The location of the hall is as nearly as possible the exact centre point of the city, and the street (St. Saviourgate) has the advantage of being a very quiet thoroughfare. Entering from the street, by folding doors and through the inner glass doors, we find on the left the smoke room, 29 feet by 12, opening out of which is a small cloak-room and pantry, 14 by 7. On the same side of the entrance is a committee-room, 12 feet by 12, which can be added to the smoke-room when required by means of doors. On the opposite side of the passage is the banquet room, 42 feet by 13. Further on is an excellent lavatory and pantries, whilst at the rear of the building is a comfortable four-roomed Tyler's cottage, with all conveniences, and detached from the main building. Below there is extensive cellarage. A broad flight of stone steps with an iron balustrade leads to the Lodge-room, which measures 42 feet by 31, and is very lofty and well-ventilated, and has an organ recess measuring 10 feet by 10, with unlimited height. At one corner there is a small room, to be utilised as a library and museum, &c., 16 feet by 8. Altogether few more handsome or convenient Masonic halls will be found in that part of the country. The Eboracum Lodge possesses a large collection of Masonic prints and portraits, so that the walls of its new abode will be amply decorated, whilst its library has also swollen to a collection of some 200 volumes. The ceremony of dedication will probably take place at some late period in the summer.

RAYMOND THRUPP LODGE, No. 2024.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on 30th ult., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, when the brethren were honoured by the presence of Sir Francis Burdett Prov. G.M. Bro. E. Graham P.G.S. performed the ceremony of installing the new Worshipful Master, Bro. Mildred, most creditably. In thanking the brethren for the honour done him, the new Worshipful Master said he would endeavour to imitate the example set by his predecessor. In carrying out the duties of his office he felt sure that he should have the support and goodwill of the brethren. All would, he felt convinced, unite in promoting the interest and harmony of the Lodge. By the bye-laws the membership is limited; the W.M. said they already had two-thirds of its number. The Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren and their friends adjourned to the drawing-room, where an excellent banquet was served. The Visitors included Bros. Chapman P.M., W. R. Davis W.M. No. 87, W. H. Bale P.M. Several good songs were rendered during the evening, and Bro. Chapman gave his amusing recitation, "Old Mother Hubbard." A most enjoyable evening was spent.

The following Dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 11th April:—

Tuesday—Caxton Lodge. Wednesday—Cavendish Pupils' Ball, Enoch Lodge, Lodge of Fidelity. Thursday—Polish National Lodge, Pilgrim Lodge, Rosicrucians. Friday—Britannic Chapter, Bedford Lodge, Thistle Lodge. Saturday—Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

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THE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

ON Monday last the Earl of Rosslyn was installed as the Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Master and Governor of the Royal Order of Scotland, at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Order in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. Included in a large attendance of the Order were the Earl of Rosslyn, the Earl of Mar and Kellie Grand Sword Bearer, the Earl of Kintore Grand Marischal, the Earl of Haddington, Bros. A. Hay Senior Grand Warden, William Hay Junior Grand Warden, D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, George Dickson Grand Treasurer, J. T. S. Elliot Grand Banner Bearer, the Rev. T. N. Wannop Grand Chaplain, A. Mitchell Deputy Grand Marischal, R. S. Brown Instructor and Examiner, W. Edwards Grand Constable of the Tower, H. J. Shields Grand Guarder, W. N. Fraser, J. Webster, and F. E. Villiers Grand Stewards, W. M. Bryce Deputy Grand Guarder, and other gentlemen. The Earl of Rosslyn has been appointed Deputy Grand Master and Governor in room of the late Bro. John Whyte Melville. The Hereditary Grand Master of this Order is the King of Scotland; and, hence, in course of the installation ceremony, the Deputy Governor (Bro. W. Mann S.S.C.), addressed the Earl of Rosslyn to the effect that, in consideration of his ability, in his care for, and interest in, their ancient Order, he had been elected to fill the throne, in absence of the Hereditary Grand Master, the King of Scotland. The Deputy Grand Master and Governor having taken the oath *de fideli*, he was thereafter installed in the throne of the Grand Lodge, and invested with the badge of office. The Earl of Rosslyn having returned thanks for his election, the Grand Chaplain pronounced the benediction; and thereafter the Deputy Grand Master and Governor closed the Lodge. The ceremony of installation, conducted with full Masonic honours, was throughout of a most picturesque and impressive character. Prior to the installation, the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington and eight other gentlemen were received into the Order. Dinner was served in the Freemasons' Hall in honour of the installation and investiture of the Earl of Rosslyn as Deputy Grand Master and Governor of the Royal Order of Scotland. About a hundred brethren were present. The Earl of Rosslyn occupied the chair, supported by the Earl of Mar and Kellie, the Earl of Kintore, the Earl of Haddington, Bros. Villiers of Closeburn, Shaw-Stewart, and other brethren. The vice-chairmen were Bros. William Mann Deputy Governor, and Alex. Hay Senior Grand Warden. All the office-bearers above mentioned were present, as were also, among others, Bros. F. A. Barrow, Glasgow, Dr. Winchester, Edinburgh, J. H. Balford, W.S., J. D. Dalrymple Duncan, Glasgow, Captain F. W. Allan, Glasgow, W. Officer S.S.C., James Crichton, Edinburgh, W. Maclaren jun., Glasgow, E. Armitage, Dr. Lilburne, Dr. Lavies, London, James Webster, G. P. Brockbank, Bolton, Fraser of Tornavean, Alexander Mitchell, David Kinnear, Edinburgh, Dr. James Carmichael, Dr. John Falconer, Ex-Provost Christie, Stirling, Lindsay Mackersey, W.S., and others. Apologies for absence were received from the Earl of Breadalbane, Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., J. T. S Elliot jun. of Wolfelee, Grand Banner Bearer, Captain Russell Colt of Gartsherrie, Sir Molyneux Nepean, Bart., Captain Charles Hunter, North Wales, and other brethren. The Earl of Rosslyn wore the Star and Ribbon of the Grand Commander of the Order of Charles the Third of Spain. Dinner over, the chairman proposed the toasts of the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family. The toasts were pledged with great cordiality. Bro. F. E. Villiers of Closeburn proposed the Navy, Army, Militia, and Volunteers. Dr. Lilburne, R.N., replied for the Navy, R. F. Shaw-Stewart for the Army, the Earl of Kintore for the Militia, and Captain Allan for the Volunteers. The Earl of Rosslyn, in a sentence, proposed in solemn silence the Memory of Robert Bruce, the hero of Bannockburn, and Restorer of the Royal Order. The toast was pledged in silence, and thereafter the band played "Scots wha hae." The Earl of Mar and Kellie proposed the toast of the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, Deputy Grand Master and Governor. The Earl of Rosslyn, who was received with loud and prolonged applause, observed that this Order, as a purely Scottish Order, had in it something which was so entirely Scottish, and brought with it something which, if he might be allowed to say it, rang of the old Clanship, that appointment to the head of it might be accepted as a token that the Scotsman who accepted of this purely Scottish office might be regarded as one who would endeavour to do his duty. He paid a compliment to the high and flourishing condition in which the Grand Office Bearers of Scotland, and the present permanent officials had placed the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The pleasantest duties of his life had been spent in connection with Scottish Masonic company. He looked forward still to many happy and pleasant day in connection with that noble body. The Grand Lodge was now in a flourishing condition, socially and financially, and that success was shared in by all the Orders of which the Grand Lodge might be said to be the head. Bro. William Mann S.S.C. proposed the Provincial Grand Lodges. This was acknowledged by Bro. F. A. Barrow for Glasgow, and Bro. G. P. Brockbank for Lancaster. The Earl of Kintore proposed the health of the Countess of Rosslyn, which was pledged with great cordiality. Bro. Mann proposed, and ex-Provost Christie, Stirling, responded to the toast of the youngest members of the Grand Lodge. The other toasts were—the Grand Lodge of Scotland, by Bro. J. H. Balford, W.S., and replied to by the Earl of Mar and Kellie; the Supreme Council, by Bro. F. E. Villiers, and replied to by the Earl of Kintore; the Deputy Governor and the other Grand Officers, by the Chairman, and acknowledged by Bro. William Mann S.S.C.; the Supreme Council Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, by Captain F. W. Allan, and replied to by the Earl of Kintore; the Croupiers, by Bro. J. Dalrymple Duncan, and acknowledge by Bro. Alexander Hay; and the Memory of Bro. John Whyte Melville, proposed by the Chairman. In the death of Bro. Melville, he said, there was a blank created among Masons, and a void which it was difficult indeed to fill. So long as Masonry existed and flourished in Scotland, so long would this melancholy but just tribute to departed worth be paid throughout the length and breadth of the country. The meeting, which was of an exceedingly pleasant character, separated shortly before eleven o'clock. On leaving, the Earl of Rosslyn, as Deputy Grand Master and Governor of the Order, received three hearty cheers.—*The Scotsman.*

Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 7th instant, when there were present:—Bros. Murch W.M., Chretien S.W., Montague J.W., Farwig Acting Preceptor, Mount S.D., Swain J.D., Stroud I.G., Cross Secretary; also Bros. Lovegrove, Woods, Skinner, and Weeks. After preliminaries, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Swain candidate. Bro. Skinner answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The First Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren. Bro. Chretien was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his Officers in rotation. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that "The future meetings of this Lodge be held at the Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria-street, and that the first meeting be held there on the 21st instant." It was agreed Bro. Cottebrune should occupy the chair on that occasion. Bro. Farwig was elected an honorary member. Business being ended, Lodge was closed.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—Held at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., on Wednesday, 1st inst. Bros. Weeden W.M., Perl S.W., Dixie J.W., Cusworth P.M. Preceptor, Ockelford S.D., Langdale I.G., Conrad Secretary. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ashton answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was regularly closed in the three degrees. The Secretary begs to announce that the Fifteen Sections will be worked at the above Lodge on the 3rd inst., by brethren of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198. Any brother who can make it convenient to attend will be heartily welcomed.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 26th March, at the White Horse, Liverpool-road. Bros. Crawley W.M., Ware S.W., Dearing J.W., Osborn Treasurer, Hughes Secretary, Galer S.D., James J.D., Brown I.G. After the minuutes of last meeting, which included a vote of £5 5s to the Royal Benevolent Institution, on Bro. Hirst's list, had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown acting as candidate. This was followed by the rehearsal of the ceremony of raising, Bro. Hughes acting candidate. Bro. Ware was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

A meeting was held on Thursday, 2nd inst., at the White Horse, Liverpool-road. Present: Bros. Payne W.M., James S.W., Glass J.W., Hughes Sec., Snook S.D., Brown J.D., Weeden Preceptor, McMillan I.G., and other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Everett as candidate. This brother answered the questions leading to the second degree, but was not entrusted, being only an E A. The first section of the lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Everett was elected a member.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on 30th ultimo, Bros. Colliegridge W.M., Dixie S.W., McMillan J.W., Turner S.D., Fluck J.D., Western I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor, and several other brethren. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hazell acting as candidate. Bro. Snook answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bros. Hazell and Whittall answered the questions leading to the third. Bro. Trewinnard Preceptor, Bro. Forge Treasurer Bro. Collingridge Secretary, were re-elected unanimously. Bro. Hazell 1693 was elected a member, Bro. Eddis 228 will occupy the chair on Monday, 13th April, Lodge being closed and adjourned till that date. The brethren enjoyed a little harmony. Bros. Mullord, Hazell, Bayne, Snook, Dixie, &c., singing; Bro. Collings at the piano.

Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction, No. 1744.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 2nd inst., at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square. Present—Bros. Thom W.M., Mordey S.W., Verdon J.W., Davis Secretary, Burgess S.D., Webb J.D., Scurrah I.G., Smith Preceptor; also Bros. Smith, Hemming, Greenway, Dickey, Stroud, Ross, Nadenik, Barling. After preliminaries, Bro. Burgess worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dickey candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. J. C. Smith worked the first section of the lecture of the degree, assisted by the W.M. Lodge resumed to first degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the fifth section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mordey was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Bro. Charles Morton, late of the Canterbury Hall, the Philharmonic, and now acting manager of the Alhambra, will, by permission of the Directors, have a Matinée at the Alhambra on the 25th April, when, in addition to the talented company engaged, several popular artists will appear to support this old favourite of the public.

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THE NINETY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of this Institution will take place

On WEDNESDAY, the 13th MAY next,

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF

SIR WALTER W. BURRELL, Bart., M.P.

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*** Brethren willing to serve the office of Steward are *very urgently needed*; they will much oblige by forwarding their names as *early* as *possible* to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

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APRIL ELECTION, 1885.

The favour of the Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of

WILLIAM FORREST MORLEY

(AGED 8 YEARS).

Son of the late Bro. Thomas Morley, of the Cambrian Lodge, No. 472-364, Neath, who died in 1878, leaving a Widow with nine children only partially provided for.

The case is strongly recommended by the following brethren:

* Sir James Joseph Allport, 197.
Sir Michael Arthur Bass, Bart., M.P., P.M. 624 P.P.G.S.W. Staffordshire.
* W. Bartlett Coutts W.M. The Abbey Lodge, Westminster, 2030.
* W. Walters P.M. 253 624 353 P.P.J.G.W. Derbyshire.
* W. L. Ball P.M. 802 P.G.D. Derbyshire, Vice-Patron R.M.I.B.
* C. W. Radway P.M. 41 335 P.P.S.G.W. Somersetshire.
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* J. Willing jun. W.M. 1987 P.M. 177 1507 1744 1319, &c.
* J. Brockett Sorrell W.M. 1260 P.M. 176 and 2176.
* J. Heaton P.M. 1260, Midland Railway, St. Pancras, London, N.W.
P. Wallis P.M. 850 P.G.D. of C. Derbyshire.

Voting Papers, duly signed, will be thankfully received by any of he Brethren marked thus *, or they may be sent to the Widow, Mrs. Morley, 1 Rose Hill Cottages, Rose Hill Street, Derby.

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NEVILLE INNES CHAMBERLAIN,

Aged 10 years, 10th September 1885. Eldest son of the late Brother ROBERT CHAMBERLAIN, Locomotive Engineer of Rewari-Ferozpur State Railway, Punjaub, who died suddenly, at Hissar, on the 26th July 1884, aged 42, from Heat Apoplexy, leaving a widow and two children without adequate means of support. He was initiated in Lodge Corinth, No. 1122, Nagpur, served as W.M. and Secretary over two years; W.M. of Lodge Berar, No. 1649, Budneira; three years D.G.D. of Bombay, and a member of the Grand Lodge of England. He was a subscribing member until death.

The case is strongly recommended by the Berar, Corinth, and Bombay Lodges, and the undermentioned brethren:—

Edward Tyrrell Leith, District Grand Master Bombay.
Andrew Hay, P.D.D.G.M. Bombay.
* W. Bro. J. Percy Leith P.G.D. P.D.G.M. Bombay.
* Nathaniel G. Philips P.G.D. P.G.S.N. England, 23 Belgrave Road, S.W.
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Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. England, 61 Nelson Square, S.E.
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* Aaron Stone P.M. 671 P. Prov. G.W. Western Division South Wales.
* William Bowen P.M. 671 P. Prov. G.D. Western Division South Wales.
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* G. Pritchard, Heath Street, Hampstead.
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W. Radcliffe P.M. and Secretary St. Michael' Lodge, No. 211, 41 Aldersgate Street, City.

*Proxies will be received by those marked thus *, and by the Grandfather, Rev. J. A. Chamberlain, 1 Mallinson Road, Wandsworth Common, S.W.*

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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 13th day of April 1885, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

To elect as Members of the General Committee, representing the Life and Annual Subscribers, Twelve Brethren not being Life Governors.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

1. By Bro. E. F. STORR:
"That in line 2 of Law 53 the word 'ten' be substituted for the word eleven.

2. By Bro. A. F. GODSON, V. Patron:
"That Law 57 be erased."

3. By Bro. J. L. MATHER, V. President:
"That the House and Building Committee be empowered to expend a sum not exceeding £750 in providing Laundry Accommodation for the requirements of the Original Institution, in addition to the amount provided for in the Estimates for the New Buildings, to avoid the expense of two separate establishments."

4. By Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND:
"That the name of William Edward Tappenden, No. 35, be removed from the List of Candidates for Election on 13th April."

5. By Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, V. Patron:
"That Twenty-six Boys be elected on 13th April, instead of Twenty-five Boys."

To Elect Twenty-five Boys from a List of Forty-four Candidates, as approved by the General Committee.

The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will open at One o'clock, or so soon as the General Business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By Order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.), V. Pat. Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
4th April 1885.

THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
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Votes thankfully received by

Mr. C. BECKINGHAM, 415 Strand; or by
Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL (V.P.), 8 Thurloe Place, S.W.

The Widow, being almost a stranger, earnestly hopes the "Brotherhood" will help her at the next Election.

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A VOICE FROM THE "ANTIENTS."*

(Continued from p 218.)

IT seems surprising how Dermott found time for his Masonic duties, and the composition of such a work as we have shown "Ahiman Rezon" to be. A journeyman painter, working twelve hours a day, as he describes himself, would scarcely be regarded as a likely person to distinguish himself as Dermott undoubtedly did, and yet his career is but another example of what can be accomplished when the heart is in the work. Dermott's life shows what an enthusiast he was, what a worker he proved himself to be, and what intelligence and courage he possessed. It does not appear that he continued his occupation as a painter very long, for in a comparatively short time after his settlement in London we find him liberally contributing to charitable objects. He next figures as a wine merchant in the City of London. From this trade he probably derived his means, as also the gout, with which he was afflicted for many years prior to his death, and which often prevented him from discharging some of his many Masonic duties. In addition to money gifts, he presented Grand Lodge with a throne, and "gave all his interest in the 'Ahiman Rezon' for the benefit of the charity." Dermott succeeded Bro. John Morgan as Grand Secretary, and, as we have stated, he first appeared in office, according to Bro. Bywater, in February 1752. On the 4th March in the same year he commenced these records, which abound in quaintness, terseness, and interest. On this occasion he reminded Grand Committee that complaint had been made against Thomas Phealon and John Mackey, known by the name of "leg of mutton Masons," for having initiated "many persons for the consideration of a leg of mutton for dinner or supper." Dermott describes Mackey as an empiric, and both as impostors in Masonry. Mackey claimed supernatural powers, by which he could teach a Mason how to become invisible. The first mention of the Royal Arch occurs in these minutes, and it refers to the pretensions of the two impostors, of being able to make Royal Arch men. It appears that "the parties had not the least idea of that secret, and that Mackey was incapable of making an apprentice with any degree of propriety." He deceived the people by "a long story about twelve white marble stones, &c., &c., and that the Rain Bow was the Royal Arch, with many Other Absurdities equally foreign and Ridiculous." The Grand Committee had no settled home for long, and the frequent changes that took place sometimes led to unpleasant encounters between the landlords and their friends and the rest of the brethren. In some of these Dermott came in for no little share of abuse. We do not propose to follow these disputes; they only show that human nature is the same in all ages under similar conditions, and that publicans are as human as any other beings.

Dermott was not long in discovering the necessity of having a Grand Master, and accordingly on the 6th October 1752 the following motion was carried: "Resolved, it is the unanimous opinion of Grand Committee that the Craft has flourished most and best when governed by a noble Grand Master. For though a General or Grand Committee have power to form new laws for the Fraternity, yet, to render them binding or render stability, a Grand Master is absolutely necessary to confirm them." Philip, Earl of Chesterfield, was thought to be a very proper person for the Office of Grand Master, and Dermott was appointed to wait upon this accomplished courtier and polite letter-writer. Nothing, however, came of the matter so far as the Earl was concerned, but on the 5th December 1753, a meeting of the Grand Committee was held, at which "Brother Robert Turner, Master of No. 15, was

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nominated and unanimously chosen its first Grand Master." From this time until the Union in 1813 (when the Duke of Kent, father of the Queen, held the position of Grand Master), the Antients were never without a supreme ruler. On 2nd March 1771 the Duke of Atholl was installed Grand Master, and from that time the Grand Lodge of the Antients was distinguished as the "Atholl" Grand Lodge. Dermott had now ceased to be Grand Secretary, and was installed Deputy Grand Master, the Duke signalising the occasion by giving the brethren a "Grand feast." It would be wearisome to follow the many events that occurred between this period and 1789, when Dermott's visits to Grand Lodge appear to have ceased. He was often the object of attack, and his conduct in the chair was not unfrequently challenged. But he came out of every ordeal with credit, if not always triumphantly. Though quick to resent, he was no less quick to forgive and forget. His position was one of great difficulty, and offered temptations for the exercise of arbitrary power that none but those possessed of superhuman unselfishness could resist. It is to the credit of Dermott that he always placed the Craft generally, and his own Grand Lodge in particular, before all other considerations; and finding that he had accomplished so much, he was content to bear hostile criticism—not without protest, defiance and disproof—with the confidence that his work would live to testify of him.

A few extracts will give some idea of the customs and manners of the times in which Dermott lived, and will let in a little light on disputed matters. In Grand Committee, 1st July 1752, "Heard complaint, and ordered Bro. Willoughby to refund nine shillings to a brother whom he had wronged, whereupon Bro. Moses Willoughby declared they might expel him, for he would not conform to the rules of any society upon earth by which he should lose nine shillings. Expelled accordingly."

Upon desiring to know whether there were any other books or MSS. more than had been delivered to him, Dermott was assured by some that there were not, and by others "that they knew Mr. Morgan had a Roll of parchment of prodigious length, which contained some Historical matters relative to the Antient Craft, which parchment they did suppose he had taken abroad with him." Next comes a blow and a vindication. "It was further said that many MSS. were lost amongst the Lodges lately 'Modernized,' where a vestige of the Ancient Craft was not suffered to be revived or practised, and it was for this reason so many of them withdrew from Lodges (under the Modern sanction) to support the true Ancient System. That they found the Freemasons from Ireland and Scotland had been initiated in the very same manner as themselves, which confirmed their system and practice as right and just, without which none could be deemed legal, though possessed of all the Books and Papers on Earth." There is no doubt but that the Grand Lodges of both Ireland and Scotland were on friendly terms with the "Antients," but that does not follow that they were unfriendly with the "Moderns." It is not unlikely but that the Craft sustained loss in consequence of the fierce antagonism that existed between the "Antients and Moderns," and that documents were lost or destroyed which would now have a most precious value.

In February 1754 Dermott was presented by Grand Lodge with a jewel, for his great services, to be worn and retained by him as his property. But the unselfish character of the man, where the Craft was concerned, is shown in the fact that when he retired from the office of Grand Secretary he handed over the jewel to his successor, and it was worn by succeeding Grand Secretaries. On the 14th of the same month, on the recommendation of the Grand Secretary, it was resolved "to hold a monthly Committee of Masters at the Crown, St. Paul's Churchyard, under the name of Committee of Inspection, to consider the merits of petitions for charity." In November of this year, "it was resolved to call the Committee of Charity henceforth 'The Stewards' Lodge.'" It was Dermott who proposed, in June 1756, that instead of the small fees usually paid to the Secretary, "One guinea should be levied on every new Warrant for the future." Here we see the basis of that grand superstructure—the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund.

As exhibiting the angry feeling that prevailed between the rival Grand Lodges, it is recorded that not knowing the difference, one Carroll, a distressed Mason from Ireland, petitioned the "Modern" Masons, when he was met with the following reply from Mr. Spence, then Secretary to the Modern Society: "Your being an Antient Mason, you are not entitled to any of our Charity. The Antient Masons have a Lodge at the Five Bells in the Strand, &c. Our Society is neither Arch, Royal Arch, or Antient, so that you have no right to partake of our Charity."

With instances of how our brethren enjoyed themselves more than a hundred years ago, we shall close our extracts. In March 1766 it was resolved to wait upon the Grand Master, Lord Kelly, when "The Grand Officers and others, in fourteen coaches and chariots, went in Masonical procession to his Lordship the Grand Master's house, near Soho-square, and from thence through Hampstead and Highgate, back to dinner at the Five Bells Tavern, Strand." Again, in June, on St. John's Day, "the Fraternity, by permission of the Grand Officers, met at the Angell, in Whitechapel, and thence walked in procession to Stepney Church, where an excellent sermon was preached. . . . . After the sermon the Fraternity, amounting to a vast number, with three bands of musick, walked in like manner to the Angell aforesaid, where they separated, and each Lodge went to dine at the houses where held." On the occasion of a sermon being preached on St. John's Day, 1767, at St. Clement's in the Strand, it was "Ordered that the ringers of St. Clement's shall be paid one guinea, the poor of the Parish five guineas, and the Beadles ten shillings and sixpence." On St. John's Day, 1768, the Grand Officers and brethren assembled at Deptford, and after listening to a sermon, "walked in Masonical procession to the Assembly Rooms on Blackheath, where they dined in form, but did not think proper to open the Grand Lodge."

At the end of the book, Bro. Bywater gives a copy of Dermott's will. It is a short document, and the whole of its purport is contained in the following: "I bequeath my immortal soul to the immortal Creator of all things, my body to the earth, and all my worldly riches I bequeath to my dearly beloved wife, Elizabeth Dermott." The will was proved by the widow, 15th July 1791, just a month after her husband's death. The document adds that the testator was formerly of St. Botolph, Aldgate, but late of Mile End Old Town, St. Dunstan, Stepney. Bro. Bywater is anxious to find out where Dermott's remains were interred, and solicits help in that direction. He has searched the following registers, without success:—St. Botolph, Aldgate; Christ Church, Spitalfields; St. Mary, Bow; St. Mary, Bromley (Middlesex); St. Anne, Limehouse; St. Dunstan, Stepney; St. Mary, Whitechapel; Bunhill Fields; Bull Lane. It is singular that the burial place cannot be discovered; but as Bro. Bywater has done so much, evidently as a labour of love, he has a few claims upon the brethren to assist him in the completion of his self-imposed, though honourable task.

Brother J. Terry P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, P.M. P.Z., Secretary R.M.B.I., will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation at the Wanderers' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1604, at Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., on Wednesday, the 22nd instant. A banquet will follow, at which the W.M. of the mother Lodge will preside.

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THE THEATRES.

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ADELPHI.

THAT kind hearted democrat Bro. George R. Sims—whose "How the Poor Live" lately startled the world west of Aldgate Pump—has once again gone forth and achieved a victory. His melodramas first enabled Mr. Wilson Barrett to drag the Princess's Theatre out of the slough of neglect and despondency it had fallen into; his Merry Duchess brought sunshine to the flagging fortunes of the Royalty; his In the Ranks for some fifteen months crowded the Adelphi with delighted audiences, to be withdrawn in full vigour; and it is succeeded by "His Last Chance." By three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, the 4th instant, the pit entrance was besieged by claimants for seats, and when the curtain drew up on the new drama not a corner from which the administration could allow a glimpse of the stage was unoccupied. "His Last Chance" is a play of the good old fashioned sort, with plenty of situations, each one rising in intensity till the curtain falls on the last act. There are fourteen set scenes, some of them as complicated and ingenious as any this era of the stage carpenter has yet seen. Solid walls and ceiling darken; then revolve, changing as mysteriously as a card in the hands of M. Verbeck. There are thirty-two speaking parts, and each one filled by a fitting exponent. The dramatis personæ constitute a curious congerie. There is a French adventuress (Miss Louise Moodie), her son (Mr. Glenney), formerly a burglar, the avenger Karasof (Mr. D. Beveridge), escaped from Siberia, Squire Darryll a landed proprietor (Mr. G. Warde), Barton (Mr. Fernandez), a nefarious schemer, who has loved the adventuress whom the landed proprietor married, who devotes his energies to the ruin of his former rival. His daughter has secretly wedded young Darryll (Mr. Charles Warner). The French woman has been supposed dead for years, when Barton brings her from South America, to confront her husband, now married a second time. We need not follow the story. Miss Moodie gained a distinct triumph in the leading part; painstaking indeed must have been her study, for not once did the accent or gesture fail to mark the assumed nationality. As the plot thickens, and her scheming involves her in crime, she rose to tragic intensity of passion, and carried the house completely with her. Mr. Glenney surprised many of his friends by his portrait of the cunning, relentless, soft-voiced villain. The honours of the night were, however, divided by Mr. Fernandez, who has perhaps never produced a finer bit of character than this Barton, cruel and reckless until he finds his villainy has involved his daughter in the ruin he planned for the Darrylls. Mr. Charles Warner of course plays the hero, young Darryll, with manliness and feeling, but the part does not give much scope for gradation of tone. Mr. Garden gave a comic lover, in humble life, with excellent effect, avoiding over accentuation. Mr. Beveridge was earnest and picturesque as Karasof. Miss Mary Rorke as Mary Barton was graceful and sympathetic, as she always is. It would be but just to particularise nearly all the characters, but lack of space stays the pen; however, we must draw attention to the delicious vignette of the Irish landlady, given by Mrs. Carter. Loud applause summoned the scenic artists at every act, but the chief triumphs were, perhaps, the lovely "Garden and view of Haddon Hall," the realistic "Dock gates," and the wonderful interior of the Docks, with its multitudinous shipping, warehouses and working cranes. Bruce Smith, Hann and Telbin have evidently received cartes blanche, and have excelled themselves. It was nearly midnight before the green curtain fell, but no one had left the crowded theatre when, in answer to the triumphant thunder of applause, Mr. G. R. Sims appeared to bow and smile,—the most triumphant man in London that Saturday night.

ST. JAMES'S.

LONDON playgoers may well feel grateful for the happy inspiration which suggested to the managers of St. James's the revival of "The Queen's Shilling." It is far from a new play, but with each return to the footlights it seems to gain on our affections. The story is honest and wholesome. There is not a line in it that seems superfluous, while the interest rises through tears and laughter to the brilliant close, where youth and love take the prize of victory but share the glory with the generous foe, the gallant old Colonel, a character which, in the hands of Mr. Hare, gains such distinction and dignity. In fact, it may be described as one of the finest of this gentleman's fine creations. Mrs. Kendal, as the winsome, generous-hearted English girl, is at her best; indeed, where could we find a better? Mr. Kendal as Frank Maitland has a part that exactly suits him; one that makes his limitations seem excellences. Mr. Waring, as Jack Gambier, played brightly and well; while Mr. Hendrie was excellent as the unsophisticated Sam, who does not hesitate at an honest lie in furtherance of a good cause, but will not let his sweetheart indulge in such luxuries. Miss Cowel as Jenny was thoroughly natural, but we regret that the one discordant note should be imposed on this little lady. In the original the peasant girl is foster sister to the young chatelaine, and when she imperils her reputation to save the lady's lover the motive is perhaps sufficient, but in the English version her declaration that the young soldier passed the night at the inn seems somewhat reckless. But who would cavil at a detail amid such excellences? Admirably as the chief exponents acquit themselves the minor characters are most carefully portrayed. Especially good are the rollicking, dashing group of Lancers, with their sergeant (Mr. H. Vernon). The scenery is new and very beautiful; there is an especially lovely *renaissance* drawing room—white, with foliation in relief and brocade panels—an exquisite architectural study, perhaps not quite in harmony with the fallen fortunes of the house of Greville. "A Quiet Rubber" opened the evening, and Mr. Hare gave his wonderful study of the poor, proud Irish nobleman, Lord Kildare. The house was crammed from floor to ceiling on the first night of the revival, the Duchess of Edinburgh being among the visitors present.

STANDARD.

WE have often regretted that an actress with such emotional powers as Miss Amy Steinberg should so rarely give the public occasion to enjoy them. In Mr. Rose's new romantic play, "Two Women," produced on Easter Monday, at the Standard, this lady has excellent opportunity to display her mastery of dramatic passion. The story is an adaptation of Victor Hugo's "Mary Tudor." In its present form it is, perhaps, somewhat diffuse and episodical; but doubtless the author has exercised the experience gained by the first night to touch up certain roughnesses left here and there. There is a singularly fine scene, in the Fourth Act, where the duchess (Miss Steinberg) with her rival Agatha (Miss Jordan) await the news of an execution, neither knowing whether her or her enemy's lover is the victim. The tension of terror was finely indicated by Miss Steinberg, and the audience (5000 persons) acknowledged her efforts by enthusiastic plaudits. Mr. Daore seemed ill at ease as the romantic lover, Bernardo—perhaps his undoubted ability was marred by first night nervousness. The costumes are in excellent keeping, and some beautiful new scenery has been painted by Mr. Richard Douglass. The spirited management of the Standard assuredly deserves success in this its latest production.

ST. JAMES'S HALL.

ON our more pensive public holidays, Londoners who neither rejoice in the comforts of a club nor the social consolations of drawing rooms may well be grateful to the kindly entrepreneur who offers refuge from the blank dullness of the streets. Like the shadow of a rock in a thirsty land, St. James's Hall welcomed the Good Friday pilgrim, giving him in exchange for his meek thank-offering two hours and a half of delightful music, ably interpreted. The careful drill through which the Moore and Burgess Minstrels pass was well exemplified by the smoothness and finish with which both band and vocalists gave their selections, from Mendelssohn, Haydn, Meyerbeer, and other great composers, with whom in their dark days they have so little to do. Mr. E. Wilson sang "Oh, live, or let me die," by the composer of the Huguenots, in splendid style. Mr. C. A. Wilson gained an enthusiastic encore with "Angels ever bright." Blamphin's "Dreaming of Angels" was very gracefully interpreted by the choir and band, the harp obligato being given with exquisite sweetness. An overflowing house proved how well these Good Friday Concerts are appreciated.

MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

THE sweet discourse of music was liberally bestowed on the dwellers in "Merrie Islington" on Good Friday. The Mohawk Minstrels provided their annual sacred concert, and some four thousand persons assembled within their commodious hall to enjoy it. Mr. Francis, the impresario, has gathered an exceptionally good orchestra around him. His Harpist, Mr. G. Miles, would alone repay a visit to the Hall; the brilliancy and tenderness of his touch is supreme. Mr. Kottaun (cornet) interpreted Rossini's "Cujus Animam" with great dramatic power, and was no less applauded for Handel's "The trumpet shall sound." Master Vernon Douglas charmed his hearers with Rossini's "Inflammatus"—the sweet, bright tones of his young voice went directly to the heart. One of the chief successes of the night was the "Ave Maria" of G. T. Miles. The Latin words of the touching appeal needed no translation but that given by the emotional faculty of the singer, Mr. Ernest Gordon. "The Lost Chord" was very well sung by Mr. Kavanagh. The programme throughout was a most interesting one.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

WE have before us the programme of amusements just issued for the Great Handel Festival which is to take place at the above resort in June next, in commemoration of the bi-centenary of Handel's birth—an event which will be looked forward to with more than ordinary interest. As our readers well know, these Festivals are anticipated with peculiar pleasure on each occasion of their triennial recurrence by the musical world, both professional and amateur, who will have certainly no objection to this auxiliary to the ordinary routine; and we opine that the Palace, on the four days appointed, in the last week in June, will attract to itself vast numbers of those who have learnt, both in London and the provinces, to love and admire the magnificent compositions of this great master, whose jubilee will thus be celebrated. In the programme there is an interesting sketch of the life and writings of the eminent composer, his inexhaustible energy, unwearying industry, and marvellous conception. The pre-eminence of the Crystal Palace as the only suitable locale for the commemoration of such gigantic creations as those of Handel has remained unchallenged from the outset, and is now more impregnable than ever. It was chosen as the birth-place, it proved itself the nursery and training-school, and is now by common consent the home, of Handel Festivals. Therefore we anticipate that the attendance on the forthcoming occasion will be more numerous than ever before, and judging from the programme it is doubtful whether the great oratorios of Handel will ever have been heard to such advantage.

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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, 11th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' 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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., 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
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street W, Hamm ersmit

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 13th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
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
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.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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—Trafalgar, 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)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham

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.

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, Lowler-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
599—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
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
1592—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. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
R.A. 379—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 951—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.C. 22—Victoria, Ipswich

TUESDAY, 14th 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.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
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)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

1044—Wandsworth, 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, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
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)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

23—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Ken
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
636—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
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
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpoo

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. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodmin
R.A. 452—Frederick of Unity, 105 High Street, Croydon
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
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. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 15th APRIL.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Grand Stewards, 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.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, 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)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
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)
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.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 934—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 1594—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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
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178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
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673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
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874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
958—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
1096—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
1346—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (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
1969—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales

R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester
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R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
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R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M. 136—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 16th APRIL.

23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
40—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
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1186—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (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)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden 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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, 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. 190—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

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
1303—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
968—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
533—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
606—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead

1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1049—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1337—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1353—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1673—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton

R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotal, King Street, Penrith
R.A. 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raigan Tavern, Plumstead
R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 17th APRIL.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, 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)
983—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)
1543—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, 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, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 176—Era, Greyhound, Hampton Court, at 3
K.T. 45—Temple Cressing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

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
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire

SATURDAY, 18th APRIL.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE April Quarterly Court and usual Half-yearly Election of this Institution took place on Saturday last at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Grand Treasurer, occupied the chair, and in due course the minutes of the previous Court were put to the meeting and confirmed In accordance with the recommendation of the General Committee, one more vacancy was declared for the day's election, bringing the number of vacancies up to twenty-three, and later on that number of girls were elected. Bro. Horace B. Marshall was re-elected Treasurer of the Institution, and in acknowledging the compliment said he feared he should not be able to devote that time and attention to the duties of the office which had been given by his predecessor—the lamented Bro. Colonel Creaton. His many other engagements rendered the amount of time at his disposal very small. He was willing to devote as much as he could spare to furthering the efforts of the managers of the Institution in their labour of love, efforts which had raised the School to its present state of perfection, and he hoped that what he could do would be of service. From an experience of upwards of a quarter of a century in the working of many orphan establishments he could emphatically state that the pupils of the Masonic School at Battersea were excelled by the girls of no other similar establishment, either in their general bearing, their lady-like deportment, or their scholastic acquirements. To be associated in the management of such an Institution—in virtue of the office to which he had that day been elected—was a great honour, and he thanked the brethren for having elected him to it.

Bro. Henry Smith Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorks, Vice-Patron of the Institution, then submitted the motion standing in his name to the effect that one thousand guineas be accepted from the Province of West Yorkshire, for the purchase of a perpetual presentation of one girl to the School, to be called the "Sir Henry Edwards Presentation." He felt it was quite unnecessary for him to say many words in offering this proposition, as he knew he had the sympathy of the brethren in the matter, and also felt they would readily give their consent to it. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Samuel Rawson P.D.G.M. China, and carried. Bro. Frank Richardson, in the absence of Bro. Robert Grey, moved the proposition standing in the latter brother's name, seeking to confer the rank of Honorary Vice-Patron, with the votes attaching thereto, on Mrs. Howell, wife of the hon. surgeon of the Institution. Few brethren were aware, he said, of the great services rendered by this lady to the School and its inmates. In an Institution such as theirs it was not customary, nor would it be politic, to spend the money of the subscribers in teaching the pupils singing, but Mrs. Howell, who was an accomplished vocalist, attended regularly at the School and did her best to instruct the girls in singing. The great progress made by the pupils must have been manifest to any one who had recently heard them. He accordingly proposed that the honour he had mentioned should be conferred on Mrs. Howell. Bro. Chas. Lacey heartily seconded the proposition. He was pleased to learn how much the lady had done for the Institution. Scrutineers of balloting papers were then appointed, and the election for Girls was proceeded with, the result being that, of thirty candidates, twenty-three—of whom we give a list in another column—were elected, while the following seven were unsuccessful. The votes recorded against each will be carried forward to the next election, when we trust those of the girls then eligible will be more fortunate than they have been this time.

No. on List.		Forward.	Polled.	Total.
28	Fitt, Maude Emily		1403	1403
12	Smithers, Louisa Adelaide	560	766	1326
30	Read, Mary Frances		1219	1219
11	Mansell, Minnie Madeline	184	798	982
21	Wells, Lilian Frances		574	574
15	Smith, Mary Alice G.		197	197
9	Smith, Rose A. M. (Last application.)	56	42	98

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Subscribers and Governors of this Institution held their regular Quarterly Court on Monday, the 13th instant, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, under the presidency of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. V.P. &c. The usual formalities as regards the minutes of the last court having been observed, the brethren proceeded to the election of a Treasurer for the Institution, Bro. George Plucknett being unanimously re-elected, on the proposition of Bro. W. Roebuck seconded by Bro. J. L. Mather. Bro. E. F. Storr gracefully announced that after consultation with several friends he had come to the conclusion it was better to withdraw his proposition affecting the age of candidates, and this was accordingly done. Bro. A. F. Godson, Vice-Patron of the Institution, proposed that Law LVII.—which stipulates that candidates resident within six miles of Freemasons' Hall shall attend on presentation of their petition, and give evidence to the Committee of their ability to read, whereas those resident beyond the six miles have only to forward a Certificate to the same effect — should be erased. It had now become useless, and it was no longer necessary that children should be brought before the Committee for the purpose of proving their ability to read, as a special rule was in force that a certain standard should be attained previous to the admission of a child's name to the list of approved candidates. Bro. C. F. Hogard seconded the proposition, which was opposed by Bro. C. H. Webb. Law XLI., which fixes the standard to be attained by candidates prior to their being accepted, was of a general character, and he thought that the Committee should personally satisfy themselves that candidates were eligible whenever it was possible for them so to do. As an old attendant at the Committees of the two Schools, he was able to say that children who had reached an age when they should read fluently were frequently referred back to qualify themselves in reading. He thought that the old system should be continued, as when once a child was put on the approved list, it was simply a question of influence to secure election. Bro. J. E. Curtois moved as an amendment that the proposition should be adjourned until the next Court, in order that the question might be fully considered, but the Chairman ruled that the amendment could not be received. Bro. Ratcliffe considered that a law which made so invidious a distinction between candidates resident within six miles, and those outside that limit,

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should be got rid of as soon as possible. Eventually the proposition was put to the meeting, and it was decided that Law LVII. be erased. Bro. Mather then proposed that the House and Building Committee be empowered to expend a sum not exceeding £750 in providing laundry accommodation for the requirements of the ordinary Institution, in addition to the amount provided for in the estimates for the new buildings, to avoid the expense of two separate establishments, and this proposition was unanimously agreed to. Bro. J. S. Cumberland next drew attention to the case of William Edward Tappenden, No. 35 on the list of candidates, and proposed that the lad's name be removed from the list of approved candidates, stating as his reason that the boy's father had not left him penniless. He urged that the lad was provided for, and that to admit him to the Schools would be to shut out one not so fortunate. The proposition was duly seconded, but after discussion was rejected, the Chairman, among others, pointing out that the School was not intended for the reception of paupers. Brother Bowyer's proposition to increase the number of boys to be elected to twenty-six was carried. Scrutineers having been appointed, the election was proceeded with in due course. In our advertisement columns will be found the names of the successful candidates, while below we give a list of those who did not succeed, together with the number of votes recorded on behalf of each :—

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on List.	Name.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
12	Musgrave, Percy White	481	359	840
16	Kent, Fras. B. Brocksopp	307	473	781
3	Hildred, Benjamin Meads	403	369	772
13	McMillan, John Nicol	257	487	744
28	Henshaw, Harry Edwards	326	393	719
41	Higgison, Francis Walford		426	426
21	Haxthausen, Charles E.		415	415
11	Knight, Samuel William	311	—	311
27	Astington, Alfred Ernest		275	275
5	Warner, Arthur	230	8	238
1	Green, James Murray	23	169	192
17	West, Algernon Sackville	170	18	188
37	Senior, George James		188	188
8	Mushens, Alfred Thompson	14	3	17
21	Taylor, Albert	7	10	17
14	Cannon, George	11	5	16
2	Davis, Frederick Teilo	2	5	7
43	Gibbs, Percy		1	1

CENTENARY OF THE TYRIAN LODGE, No. 253.

THE celebration of the centenary of a Masonic Lodge is an event of such rarity, that possibly very few brethren, excepting the more prominent members of the Order, have had the opportunity of assisting at even one such Festival, and it will be very many years before such celebrations will become of anything like frequent occurrence. At the present time, there are not more than three or four Lodges in any one year which can claim to have completed their one hundredth birthday, and as these are spread over all parts of the world, the possibility of any particular district having such an event to celebrate is indeed remote. Derbyshire has, however, been called upon within the last few days to do honour to such an occasion; the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, completed one hundred years of uninterrupted Masonic existence on the 26th March last, it having been founded on the 26th March 1785. This Lodge being the oldest in the Province, and indeed for many years the only one in the district, it follows that the centenary of the Lodge was also the centenary of Derbyshire Freemasonry, which fact made the celebration under notice of even greater interest than it would have been had the centenary been confined to this Lodge only. As we said last week, in briefly recording the meeting, the brethren of the Tyrian Lodge are to be congratulated on the success that attended the celebration.

The Centenary Festival took place on Thursday, the 9th instant, when the proceedings commenced with the opening of a Lodge of emergency at the Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby, Bro. Thomas Cox P.M. P.P.S.G.W. P.G. Treas. presiding. Bro. Cox is one of the oldest and most esteemed Masons of the Province, and one of the oldest Past Masters of the Lodge, in which he has twice previously filled the office of Worshipful Master. He was well supported by a numerous assemblage of brethren, among those present we may name J. B. Coulson P.P.S.G.W. I.P.M., F. Campion P.P.S.G.W. S.W., T. Carter Wigg P.P.G.D. Essex J.W., Rev. C. T. Bromwich P.G.C. Chaplain, Wm. Naylor P.P.G.S.W. P.G. Sec. Treas., W. Silver Hall P.M. Sec., R. L. H. Mole S.D., Percy Payne J.D., E. R. Ward P.P.G.R. D.C., W. H. Marsden P.P.G.S.W. Org., J. H. Clarke I.G., J. Wright and M. Attwood Stewards. The other members of the Lodge present were—Past Masters W. Giles, R. Waite, Thomas Hall P.P.J.G.W., A. Grimwood Taylor, F. J. Robinson, T. Horsley sen., W. Welbourn, T. Horsley jun., J. Cutting, Fitz-Herbert Wright P.P.S.G.W., J. O. Manton, Percy Wallis P.G.D.C., John Smith P.P.S.G.W.; Bros. A. J. Flint, H. Davis, H. A. Bemrose, Colonel John Evans, F. E. Taylor, E. Sutton, T. H. Boam, A. Woodiwiss, H. V. Edwards, H. Woodiwiss, E. Molnnes, J. H. Richardson, and Rev. H. Price. The visiting brethren were very numerous and influential. It had been hoped that the Provincial Grand Master, the Marquis of Hartington, would have honoured the proceedings with his presence, but he was unavoidably detained in London by important State business. The Prov. G.M. was, however, worthily represented by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Haughton C. Okeover, of Okeover, whose genial presence is always a source of pleasure to the brethren. He was supported by Bros. Walters P.S.G.W., Maltby P.J.G.W., Rev. C. T. Bromwich P.G. Chaplain, Naylor P.G. Sec., E. Belfield P.G. Reg., James Crossley P.S.G.D., J. Bland P.J.G.D., W. Butterfield P.G.S. of Works, P. Wallis P.G.D.C., T. Parker P.G. Purs., and others. Among the visiting brethren present we noticed Bros. Colonel Le Gendre Starkie Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, Major John Woodall Grand Treasurer elect, C. S. Partridge P.P.G.M. Leicestershire, F. Binckes P.G. Steward, W. Roebuck P.G. Steward, H. R. Hatherley P.G.S. Notts, G. Beech P.G.S. Warwick, C. F. Wood P.G.S. Leicestershire, J. Chadwick P.G.S. East Lancashire, H. Smith P.G. Sec. West Yorkshire, James Terry P.P.S.G.W. Northampton and Huntingdon, W. B. Hextall P.P.S.G.W., Wright P.P.J.G.W., W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, J. Copestick W.M. 731, A. J. Waller W.M. 802, J. E. Russell W.M. 1085, besides representatives from nearly every Lodge in the Province.

The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge having been saluted, and a similar honour paid to the representatives of neighbouring Provincial Grand Lodges the hymn, "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," was sung and then the actual business of the day commenced. The Secretary read the circular convening the meeting, and the Chaplain having offered prayer the Provincial Grand Secretary read the Centenary Warrant from the M.W.G.M., certifying completion by the Tyrian Lodge of a hundred years of Masonic labour, and authorising all subscribing members to wear a centenary jewel in honour of the occasion. This was followed by the delivery of a most interesting history of the Lodge, by Brother Thomas Hall P.M. P.P. Grand Junior Warden, which we have much pleasure in reproducing in full.

An interesting document which had been brought under his notice served to establish the fact that a Masonic Lodge existed in Derby at least twenty years before the date of the Tyrian Warrant. It was a small piece of ancient-looking parchment, on which was plainly written the following:—"This is to certify that the bearer hereof William Sparkes, is a Regular Registered Mason, in our Lodge, No. 104, held at the Royal Oak Inn, in Derby, and has behaved himself as becomes a worthy brother of this Lodge. Given under our hand and the seal of the said Lodge, this 6th day of May, in the year of Lord God, 1766, and in the year of Masonry, 5766. Samuel Brown, Master; Richard Rutland, Senior Warden, and Henry Pratt, Junior Warden; Secretary, Thomas Greasley." The speaker added that this document was in the possession of Bro. John Smith, and was left by a Mr. Sparkes (presumably the son of the person referred to in it), who died some thirty years' ago, at an advanced age. The Warrant which authorised the foundation of this Lodge, a hundred years ago, was issued in the name of the Grand Master H.R.H. Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, brother of George III. He was elected Grand Master in 1782, three years before the warrant of the Tyrian was granted. The Earl of Effingham was appointed acting Grand Master, and his name appeared upon the warrant. Two years after the Tyrian was established, the Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV., and his brother, the Duke of York, were initiated. Their brothers, the Duke of Kent (father of our present Queen) and the Duke of Sussex, afterwards Grand Master, had been received into the Craft shortly before, on the Continent, and on the death of their uncle, the Duke of Cumberland, in 1790, the Prince of Wales was elected Grand Master. He was not installed until two years later, and shortly after that event, in January 1793, the Tyrian Lodge voted an address to his Royal Highness, expressing the loyalty and attachment of the Lodge to his person, his family, and his Constitution. The Tyrian Lodge gave further proofs of its loyalty. In 1798 an address protesting against revolutions and treasonable practices was adopted, and contributions raised in aid of the Government "in the alarming crisis." In 1813, the Tyrian sent to London £42 5s towards the purchase of a jewel for the Earl of Moira (a distinguished Mason), on the occasion of his being appointed Governor General of India, whilst in 1815 no less a sum than £80 was contributed by the Lodge towards the relief of the families of the soldiers who fell at Waterloo, and five years later the death of the Duke of Kent was made the occasion of holding a Lodge of Emergency, when an oration was delivered by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Charles S. Hope. The Tyrian, three years after its consecration, was 468 on the roll of Grand Lodge, but by the dissolution of older Lodges it now ranked as 253. At the time of its foundation the town did not contain more than a tenth of its present population. Reviewing the connection of well-known Derby merchants and public men with the Lodge, the speaker mentioned that the son of the celebrated William Duesbury, the founder of the Derby China Works, was initiated in the Tyrian Lodge in the first year of its existence, whilst his grandson, Henry Duesbury, architect, who designed the Derby Town Hall and the Derby Waterworks, was admitted in 1852. In 1825, William Corden, the artist, was initiated. Joseph Strutt, youngest of the three sons of the famous introducer of the Derby rib-stocking, was admitted to the Lodge in the first year of its existence; and Jedediah Strutt and George Henry, of Belper, in 1810. These were grandsons of the first Jedediah, and the former was the father of Mr. G. H. Strutt, of Bridge Hill. The connection of the Lodge with the industrial development of the town was further illustrated by the initiation in 1794 of John Whitehurst senior, described as "clockmaker," and who placed the chimes in All Saints' Tower. The application for the Tyrian warrant was headed by John Hollis Pigot, physician, who was Master for six years after its foundation. Daniel Parker Coke, M.P. and barrister-at-law, was initiated in 1787, and was W.M.in 1794, and again in 1796. He sat for Derby with the Lord Frederick Cavendish of that time, a few years before he entered the Lodge. In 1813 and 1814 William Spencer, sixth Duke of Devonshire, whose portrait adorned the Derby Town Hall, occupied

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the chair of the Lodge. His grace had been initiated in 1809. The chair now used by the I.P.M. was his gift, and he also presented his banner to the Lodge. He was for many years Grand Master of this Province, and was succeeded in the title and estates by the present Duke, and as P.G. Master by the heir to the Dukedom, the Marquis of Hartington. Bro. Henry Browne, whose name frequently occurred in the annals of the Lodge, must have been a very zealous and able Mason, as from 1785 to 1817 he was eight times W.M. and seven times acting W.M., when the office was held by brethren of high social position. In 1810, Viscount Tamworth, eldest son of the seventh Earl Ferrers, was received into the Lodge, and two months later, Nathaniel, second Lord Scarsdale, his father-in-law, was initiated. The Hon. Augustus, and the Hon. Edward Curzon, of Kedleston, became members in 1815, and the Hon. Francis Curzon, of Kedleston, joined in 1825, and was elected W.M. in 1826. Earl Howe was initiated in 1815, the Hon. Augustus Stanhope, son of the third Earl of Harrington, in 1815, and Earl Ferrers in 1858. In 1791, Mr. Charles Sedley Burdett, of Foremark, second son of the fourth Baronet was initiated. Of other members, he might name three Poles of Radbourne, and two of the Heathcotes, an old Derbyshire family, formerly of Littleover. The father and grandfather of the present Sir Henry Wilmot were members. Amongst other well-known names were two Gells, of Bopton, W. Pole Thornhill, of Stanton, the present Sir Henry Allsopp, the late Michael Thomas Bass, two members of the old Bainbrigge family, and last, but not least, Bro. C. R. Colvile, formerly M.P. for South Derbyshire and D.P.G. Master for many years. For many years the Tyrian was the only Lodge in Derbyshire. The Royal Sussex was consecrated in 1817, and no other until 1844. There were now in the Province twenty Craft Lodges, six Chapters of the Royal Arch, three Mark Mason Lodges, and a Chapter of the Rose Croix. Bro. Hall, in conclusion, said he would spare his hearers a narrative of the migrations of the Lodge from hostel to hostel, from its first home, at the Bunch of Grapes in the Market Place, until ten years ago it found an abiding place in that handsome hall, of which they were all proud, and for which they were grateful to those brethren to whose untiring perseverance and profuse liberality its erection was due, and particularly to the Provincial Senior Warden of last year, Bro. John Smith, whose name must always be associated with this material evidence of the prosperity of Derbyshire Masonry.

Major Woodall followed with an address, in which, after thanking the brethren for the honour they had assisted in conferring on him by electing him to the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England, he reviewed the progress of Freemasonry during the past century. Socially, intellectually and in every sense the Craft had made extraordinary strides. The opposition to which the Order had been subjected was due to ignorance, but let it be their duty to answer the baseless charges of their critics by deeds of charity and love, and thus show the world that the aspersions cast upon them had their origin solely in the prejudices of their opponents.

The hymn "Maker and Father of us all" having been sung, Bro. E. R. Ward the Director of Ceremonies proceeded to unveil the Mural Tablet which had been placed in the Hall in commemoration of the event. This Tablet contains the dates of the foundation of the Lodge, the completion of its centenary and of the centenary festival, together with a list of the officers of the Lodge; while in a cavity at its back are deposited a number of Masonic documents. After the reading of a portion of the Volume of the Sacred Law by the Chaplain, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master proceeded to distribute the centenary jewels among the members entitled to wear them, and then address the brethren. He had hoped that the Provincial Grand Master would have been able to attend, and sincerely regretted his absence. The meeting was one in which he felt the utmost pleasure, while the interest of it would never be effaced from his memory. Interesting as the occasion was, however, he could but feel that it suggested many grave thoughts to their minds. There was something solemn in the lapse of one hundred years. It led them to think of all the different phases and experiences the Lodge had gone through, and of the many eminent members it had been instrumental in introducing to the Craft. These men had included representatives of all classes of society, and it was evident that they worked hard, in less favourable times than those in which they then found themselves, to promote the honour and usefulness of the Craft. The interesting record they had listened to could not fail to make them ponder over the work done by those who had gone before them, the zeal and fidelity they had shown, and the useful lives they had led. Then the contemplation of the past led them, as Masons, to think of the future, of the responsibilities which rested upon them. Bro. Okeover concluded by exhorting his brethren to feel that in the discharge of their duties as citizens and as Masons, their best and surest guide was the Great Architect of the Universe.

The Rev. E. A. Hillyard P.P.G.C. was next called upon for an Oration on the Nature and Principles of the Order, and in an address, delivered with much earnestness, he repudiated the right of any body of men, or the right of any potentate, to cast aspersions upon the Masonic body. It was a matter of concern and deep sorrow that an Order to which he was affiliated, and in which he, as a clergyman, had the fullest confidence, should be openly derided as a means for propagating the doctrines of infidelity, and for engaging in acts subversive of all good government. Some of his hearers might be disposed to feel less keenly on this subject than he did, but he reminded them that the most baseless charges, if constantly repeated, were calculated to impress themselves on the minds of some, and be the means of keeping apart from them men eminently calculated to advise the Craft and carry out its principles. The strangest and saddest feature in connection with these aspersions was that no attempt was made to support them with a grain of evidence. Let them, for example, turn to the record of a hundred years work which had been given them that day. Did they find in it the names of any regicides? Did they meet with treasonable plots, or the names of those who had been disturbers of the public peace? On the contrary, they found mention made of those whose aim it had been to cultivate deeds of brotherly kindness and charity, and who had lived in the affection and esteem of their fellow citizens. This was no exceptional experience, but the experience of Masonry generally. It was perhaps the best answer they could give to those who spoke of them as a disloyal and a materialistic body; but, nevertheless, it was wise now and then to protest against the aspersions which were cast upon those who had no knowledge of the Order to guide them. Referring to the spirit of the Order, our reverend brother said it was the principle of uniting all men of all grades in the one idea of a common brotherhood, and the common service of humanity in the name of that brotherhood. If he were asked "What is Masonry," he should say "Brotherhood;" and if he were asked "What is its principle," he should say "Love."

The singing of the hymn "Great Architect of earth and heaven" followed, and during its progress a collection was made in aid of the Masonic Charities, resulting in a goodly amount being raised for the Institutions, and then Lodge was closed.

Shortly afterwards the brethren reassembled at the Midland Railway Station, in the Board Room of which the banquet was served. The repast was placed on the table with every regard to detail, and gave the most unqualified satisfaction. The tables were elaborately decorated with flowers of the choicest description, whilst the service was of a most bountiful character. The customary toast list was done full justice to, and was interspersed with songs, choruses, &c., which were rendered under the direction of Bro. W. L. Dodd P.P.G.O., who was assisted by Bros. Banks, Myers and Bickley.

Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., Deputy Prov. G.M. Suffolk, has requested us to bring to the notice of our readers the case of Miss Mary Ann Hill, who is a candidate for the benefits of the Governesses' Benevolent Institution Annuity Fund, and whose application is strongly recommended by Bro. Martyn. The case stands No. 64 on the list for the election of 1st May next. Further particulars in reference to this lady's appeal will be found in our advertisement columns. Knowing the large number of supporters this Institution has among the Freemasons of England, we hope a few votes will be forthcoming from them in support of Bro. Martyn's recommendation. While on this theme, we may add that we are in want of a few votes for the Infant Orphan Asylum, Wanstead, the case we desire to support being that of Arthur Robert Garrioch, aged two and a-half years. We shall be very pleased if any of our friends can favour us with votes for either of these cases, or proxies for other Institutions may be serviceable in exchange.

Mr. Charles Du Val's South African Experiences, recently published in popular form by Messrs. Dean and Son, have achieved a remarkable literary success, two editions having been sold out in a few weeks from date of issue. The enterprising publishers in announcing a reprint of the popular shilling issue, announce also a special drawing-room edition in cloth and gold at half a crown. Mr. Charles Du Val has done wisely in publishing a popular edition of "With a Show through Southern Africa." In its pages Mr. Du Val is as entertaining as on the boards, and that is saying no little. More than this, from it we learn much of the Diamond Fields, of the Boers and their policy, and of the idiotic meddling and peddling that hoisted a flag only to pull it down, and annexed a territory only to evacuate it. Mr. Du Val volunteered as a soldier, was besieged in Pretoria, was editor of the "News of the Camp," and an attaché on the staff. He speaks not as a globe trotter, but with an intimate knowledge of his subject, paid for with hard-bought experience, as hard as the biscuits he was condemned to eat. The interest in South Africa is by no means dead, and the public have yet much to learn on the matter. Unfortunately the British public gain their geographical knowledge in the most expensive manner—at the cost of a war. Here they can learn much for a shilling, and Mr. Du Val's brother historians should be amongst the earliest to invest in the latest publication of Messrs. Dean and Son.—*Society.*

Bro. Frederic Penna is to give a recital of Shakespeare's "Othello" on the 12th of May. It will be remembered with what success he recited "Macbeth" last year. Our brother's claims to the support of the Craft are many, and we doubt not they will be met.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, No. 1922, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, close to the Camberwell New-road Station of the London, Chatham and Dover Railway on Wednesday, 29th inst., by W. Bro. E. S. Bower W.M. 1310. Lodge will be opened at eight o'clock p.m. precisely. Bro. R. J. Paton Secretary.

Messrs. Cassell and Company will shortly commence the issue in monthly parts of "Picturesque Canada," a new fine-art work, uniform with "Picturesque Europe" and "Picturesque America." "Picturesque Canada" is edited by Dr. Grant, Principal of Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, and will contain about six hundred illustrations by leading artists, executed under the supervision of Mr. L. R. O'Brien, President of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts.
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An issue, in sixpenny parts, will be shortly published by Messrs. Cassell and Company of "The Illustrated Book of Pigeons," by R. Fulton, with fifty coloured plates, specially executed for the work.

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AN ANCIENT PEOPLE—PAST AND PRESENT.*

IN the work before us the author deals slightly and generally with the very early history of the Parsis. It is well known that they occupied Persia many centuries before the Christian era. Their kings were amongst the most powerful on earth, and the youth, early taught "to ride, to draw the bow, and to speak the truth," formed the backbone of an empire as large as half of modern Europe. Persia is supposed to have been peopled by the children of Shem—the Elamites of the Scripture. But whatever may have been its real history, now obscured or lost in the mist of ages, to Zoroaster, who lived in the reign of Gushtasp, 1300 B.C., is to be credited the Parsi religion, which became the national faith, and which is still held in the highest esteem by the lineal descendants of the ancient empire—the Parsis of India, and the few still remaining in Persia. Time weaves myths in all history, and Persia has shared the fate of other countries whose greatness at one period was unmistakable, but whose records are either lost or exist in romantic traditions. Whatever may have been the history of Persia in other respects, there is a reality about the wars it waged, especially with Greece and Macedonia. Who has not read of Miltiades and Alexander the Great—of Marathon and Arbela? With these, however, the work we are now considering has little or nothing to do; it begins really with the flight of the Persians in the sixth century, and with the present condition of their descendants. Naoshirvan, surnamed "Adal," or the Just, was the "last of those monarchs whose virtues and talents shed a lustre on the pages of Persian history," whose reign began A.D. 531. Enervating peace and luxurious indulgence in the course of years left the people an easy prey to the all-conquering Mahomedans. Their fate was sealed A.D. 641, on the field of Nahavand, under the monarchy of Yardegard. This ruler protracted a wretched and precarious existence for some years after his defeat, and at last fled to Merv, but the city being treacherously surrendered he had to escape on foot for his life. He reached a mill eight miles from Merv, and after having sought for and obtained concealment at the hands of the miller, the latter, in his lust for possession of the rich robes and arms of his guest, beheaded him. So ended ingloriously the last of the Persian Kings of the ancient faith. After the complete conquest of the country, the majority of the Parsis embraced Islamism. An effête people were just the material for apostates, and no surprise need be felt at the facility, if not alacrity, with which they cast off the old garment, and put on the new. If any excuse were acceptable for their apparent too ready submission, it would be found in the fact that wherever Islam ruled, the Mahomedan faith was thrust upon the conquered people with savage brutality, and resistance was threatened with a tyranny worse than death. Some faced the latter extremity, and suffered martyrdom in consequence. Indeed, they became almost extinct; but whether that was owing to other causes than oppression is open to question. Persecution, no doubt, was the chief instrument in the downward course of wretchedness and effacement. Only a hundred and fifty years ago the Parsis in Persia numbered 100,000 souls, and now they have dwindled down to 7000 or 8000. This comparatively modern extinction is hardly accounted for by oppression alone; but as that is a matter that does not affect our present purpose, we leave it to those most interested to solve what appears to be a grave social and political problem. A considerable number of Parsis risked their chance in flight. They "abandoned the rights of dominion sooner than sacrifice their most cherished religious convictions and their independence and self-respect." The faithful band sought protection in the mountainous district of Khorassan, where they led a hunted and chequered existence for a hundred years. At last they were compelled to seek a new home farther afield. Previous intercourse with the Hindus seems to have suggested India as the future settlement. They first went to Diu, and afterwards to Sanjan, where they remained for six hundred years, "in tranquillity and in the full enjoyment of their religious rights." They were prudent enough to conciliate the Hindus by setting forth a brief description of the tenets of their faith, in which they masked some of their views, and in some instances seemed to agree with their hosts. Still the sixteen "schloks," or "distichs" in which they expressed their belief gave a broad outline of their creed. The Parsis found homes in other parts of India, but owing to their dispersion and the loss probably of their religious books, their faith became corrupted. In the fourteenth century an Italian monk, named Oderic, travelled in India, and he thus records his impressions of the Parsis: "The people thereof (Thana) are idolators, for they worship fire and serpents, and trees also, and here they do not bury the dead, but carry them with great pomp to the fields, and cast them to the beasts and birds to be devoured." The latter charge will hardly hold good, for it is an essential element of Parsi faith not to bury their dead, as we shall see when we come to speak of the mode of sepulture. It is singular that during all these centuries nothing of importance is recorded of the Parsis. Their history at this period has no romance. They lived quietly with their neighbours, following agricultural pursuits chiefly, until they came in contact with the English, and then began a life of activity, which if not national, has left, and is still leaving, its mark on the civilisation of India. The Parsis had to leave Sanjan, and after wandering from place to place with the sacred fire, they ultimately deposited it at Udvada on the 28th October 1742, where it now remains, and where it is held in great veneration. A small colony settled at Variav, some distance from Surat, and here an event happened that broke the peaceful tenure of their way. The Raja of Ratanpur attempted to extort extraordinary tribute. He was opposed by the Parsis, and his troops were defeated. He took his revenge, however, in the most barbarous manner. Having invited a large number of Parsis to a marriage festival, he surprised them in the midst of their pleasures, and caused the whole party, including women and children, to be ruthlessly massacred." The anniversary of this cruel outrage is still observed at Surat, and religious ceremonies are performed in honour of those who fell on that disastrous occasion." It is rather remarkable, seeing that the Parsis lived under Hindoo, Mahommedan, and Christian Governments, and were somewhat scattered, and altogether insignificant in number, that they should have escaped the usual penalty of weakness and those vicissitudes which generally mark the career of a conquered people in a strange land. But the Parsis, from disposition as well as from interest, found it desirable to live on good terms with other races. There were little breaks, however, and one of these occurred in the reign of Akbar, about 1556, when a Parsi priest named Merji Rana visited Delhi at the request of the Emperor. He returned armed with privileges which laid the foundation of a great change in Western India and in the career of the Parsis. Akbar seems to have been struck with the Parsi religion, and it is even related of him that he received the "sudra" and the "kusti." Akbar was a wise ruler, and he saw good in most races. Speaking of him the Rajah of Joudpoor said, "He preserved every tribe and men in ease and happiness, whether they were the followers of Jesus, or of Moses, of Brahma, or Mahomed. Of whatever sect or creed they might be, they all equally enjoyed his countenance and favours." Whatever may have been the religious inclinations of the Mogul Sultan, it is quite clear that his favour was highly beneficial to the Parsis, who from that period began to manifest signs of a higher civilisation. The hundred years that elapsed between the mild reign of Akbar and the commencement of the British rule at Bombay in 1668 seems to have been spent in the development of the capacity for trade, for the accumulation of wealth and the noble uses they made of it, which marked their subsequent career, and which still distinguishes them.

Amid the cares of mundane things other matters engaged the minds of the Parsis. The loss of their religious books accounts in some measure for the difference that exists in the computation of time. In the absence of the authority of Zoroaster, the Parsis are divided into two sects, not as to points of faith, but "as to the correct chronological date for the computation of the era of Yazdezard." The sects are called Shehenshais and Kadmis. The former means imperial, or according to custom, and the latter

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ancient, or according to the practice of their ancestors. When the Parsis pray, they have to recite the names of the month and day on which they offer their petitions. As the Kadmis year begins on the 19th August, and the Shehenshais year a month later, it will easily be seen how important the difference becomes, especially when it is remembered that each day has its influence assigned, for good or evil. A fierce fight was waged between the contending sects, but finally they agreed to differ. The Shehenshais are the more numerous, but not more influential than the Kadmis, to whom belong the Kama family, so well known to commercial England, although here it is spelled Cama. The Parsi month is a uniform thirty days; five days, called *Gathas*, are added at the end of the year, but the odd hours and seconds, amounting to a month, are only added once in one hundred and twenty years. This is called the "kabisa," and its omission on one occasion has led to the confusion of dates and to the existence of the two sects we have named. There are some points of interest in the description of the merits or demerits of each day in the Zoroaster month, but as the modern Parsi no longer follows either, we pass on to other matters. There are several Parsi festivals, the chief aim of which is to promote social harmony, charity, and philanthropy. The description of these can hardly be summarised, but among them may be named the *Pateti*, or New Year's Day, and *Rapithvan*, a ceremony in honour of the archangel Ardibehesht Ameshaspend, who presides over light and fire. The world, according to the Zoroastrian religion, was created in three hundred and sixty-five days, at six unequal intervals; at the end of each was a day of rest. The intervals themselves are called Gahambars, each of which has its especial functions, such as the mixing together of all classes and feasting, the ingathering of harvest, prayers (Jasan) in honour of the sun, the creation of the lower animals, and the creation of man, which took place at the end of the three hundred and sixty days. The five remaining days are termed the period of Gathas—sacred songs—which are recited in honour of the advent of man on the earth. For a description of the other festivals we must refer our readers to the work itself, but there is one that demands attention. It is called the "Jamshedi Naoroz," from King Jamshid. It is also called "Sultani Naoroz," and "goes back for thousands of years. On this day the sun enters the sign of Aries, and it is also the day on which the ancient Persians began their new year, and made great rejoicings. The Parsi new year ought to begin from this date instead of the Pateti day, as it does at present. . . This day is observed by the Parsis as a great holiday. In Bombay the native Freemason Lodges celebrate this festival." One of the chief causes of anxiety among the Parsis was the danger of losing their religion. To avoid this they sent emissaries to Persia, who were successful in bringing back with them much valuable information and works on religion, which enabled them to preserve their identity. They also brought back a sad account of their brethren in their native land. This knowledge and subsequent information stirred up the Indian Parsis, and in the course of years they had the gratification of knowing that they had been instrumental in alleviating, if not in removing entirely, the oppression under which their brethren groaned. This feeling of kinship and sympathy is very marked in the case of the Parsis, and affords another instance of how largely the claims of humanity enter into their creed.

There does not appear to be any record of how the Parsis governed themselves in the early period of their sojourn in India, but in theirs, as in most other cases, men arose who were fitted to be leaders. The Hindus governed by what is termed a Panchayet, and the Parsis adopted the same method after the British had taken possession of the island. The Panchayet of the Parsis was composed of the elders and influential members of the community. It was a court of justice, and armed with the power of excommunication it enforced obedience, and under what may be termed Lynch law offenders were punished by being beaten with a shoe. This practice fell into desuetude from the want of authority to enforce it. In 1778, in reply to the Panchayet of that date, William Hornby, President and Governor of Bombay, writes: "You are hereby empowered to meet and inquire into all matters that are committed by your caste, contrary to what has been agreed to by the majority of the caste, and to punish the offender agreeably to the rules of your caste, so far as not permitting them to come to your feasts, or beat them with *shoes*, but no other corporal punishment." The history of the Parsi Panchayet is a record of good and bad government, of mildness and tyranny, of honest effort and corruption; but for the last fifty years "it has not possessed the slightest authority over the people." The functions of the Panchayet are now limited to those of trustees of certain charitable funds, a by no means unimportant office. The difficulty of government grew with the increase of the community and their progress in social and civil life, and some of these were of a very important character. The priests ("Mobeds") and the laity ("Behdins") could not agree about the custom of marriage. The priests would take the daughters of the laity and wed them, but they would not give their own daughters to the laity in turn. The Panchayet dissolved this monopoly, but three European Commissioners ultimately intervened, and the "mobeds" were triumphant. The serious and growing evil of bigamy had to be confronted, but the most difficult problems of all were the laws relating to inheritance and to marriage and divorce. These were afterwards solved by two Acts passed in 1865, which are administered by a judge of the High Court, assisted by Parsi Commissioners. Such are the general outlines of the history of the Parsis. We shall next devote attention to the customs observed on the occasions of births, deaths, and marriages, to the religion of Zoroaster and the Parsi creed, Monotheism and fire-reverence, to the question of education, and refer to some distinguished Parsis, and to the progress and present position of the community.

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CONSTANTINE LODGE, No. 145.

THE annual festival of this Lodge took place on Thursday evening the 9th inst., when Bro. Thomas Eustace Senior Warden was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. N. Tracy P.M. 70, P.G. Secretary East Anglia. The Worshipful Master afterwards appointed and invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. J. P. Lewin Prov. G.J.W. I.P.M., Thos. G. Mills S.W., Richard Clowes J.W., J. T. Bailey M.O., George A. Eustace S.O., William Sowman J.O., Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. P.G. Chap. Eng. Chaplain, Frederick A. Cole Treasurer, Thomas J. Rallings P.M. P.G.D. Eng. P.P.G S.O. Secretary, Thomas Rix P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Reg., J. G. Renshaw S.D., R. D. Poppleton J.D., H. J. Skingley Organist, A. H. Bowles I.G., S. Munson Tyler, F. Quilter and H. C. Welch Stewards. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Tracy for his kindness in attending, and so ably performing the ceremony of the day; and to Bro. J. P. Lewin, for the able and energetic way he had presided over the Lodge for the last two years. At the close of the Lodge business, between 20 and 30 brethren dined at the George Hotel, Colchester, an excellent repast being, as usual, provided by the Hostess, Mrs. Gniver. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Mark toasts were given and responded to. In returning thank for the Grand Officers, Bro. Matier, Assistant Grand Secretary, said the Mark degree never was in a more flourishing condition than now. And it was a remarkable fact that more certificates had been issued during the first quarter of this year than in any previous three months since the degree was established. He appealed to the brethren to support the Benevolent Fund, as they had just incurred a heavy loss owing to the failure of their bankers. The health of the Installing Master having been heartily drunk, Bro. Tracy returned thanks, and announced that he proposed to represent the Province of East Anglia at the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, on which occasion he hoped to have a good list. He urged upon brethren to support the Fund, which was doing a good work amongst indigent brethren of the Order, and widows and children of Mark Masons. Eventually between seven and eight guineas was subscribed in the room. Several brethren contributed songs, and altogether the whole meeting passed off most successfully. Among the brethren present were:—Bros. C. F. Matier P.G.W. Assistant Grand Secretary, N. Tracy P.M. 70 P.G. Secretary, S. R. Anness I.P.M. 70 P.G.D.C., Charles T. Tyler, H. J. Wright S.D. 70, and J. G. Potton, and the following members of No. 145, in adition to those already mentioned:—Bros. J. E. Wiseman, S. D. Ablitt, J. H. Miller, A. J. Ward, A. F. Ginn, W. Pepper, L. F. Manley, A. F. Hart, and B. Barber.

Many of our readers will be glad to hear that Bro. T. W. Casburn Bush, whose sudden illness three weeks since caused his friends serious anxiety, is now almost recovered. We congratulate the Craft on this fact. Brethren with Bro. Bush's energy are few and far between, and can ill be spared from the duties of active life.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

AUDIT Committee held their meeting at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on 3rd instant, when the Lodge was found to be in a most flourishing condition, with a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The following brethren were present:—Bros. J. J. Runtz W.M., J. O. Birling W.M. elect, Dr. Corrie Jackson P.M., Dr. Jagielski P.M., Ebner P.M., J. Lancaster P.M. Secretary, J. Zowakowski P.M. Treasurer; Bros. Fauser, Bowley, and J. Runtz.

WANDERERS' LODGE, No. 1604.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge, the majority of whose members are military men, was held on the 14th instant at the Freemasons' Hall. Bros. W. Brindley W.M., J. Gibson S.W., Meredith P.M. Treasurer, R. J. Scott Secretary, Coleman S.D., Wray P.M. as J.D., Harvey I.G., G. C. Young Organist, Rev. R. C. Halpin Chaplain; P.M.'s G. Bolton, C. A. Cottebrune, Brookson, and Wade. Visitors—Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G. Chaplain, W. H. Baker W.M. elect 2030, J. Mason P.P.S.G.D. Middlesex, T. W. Murley P.M. 1257, R. South 704, Garrard 582, Rogers P.M. 898, Varner 184, D. Kerrell P.M. 145, Hayes 1425, Fuller 1967, Edwards 1305, Parsons 160, Bateman P.M. 172, H. Baker I.G. 2030, Bramley P.M. 957, Vincent P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, Browne 1424, Ascott P.M. 733, Rogers 898, Hayes 1425, Lloyd 1967, Coulthard 1624, Bennett 1365, Ball I.P.M. 45, G. Wynn 201, G. Taylor 1539, Bellville 407, Whiddington 1827, Bramley 958, Thomas 1744, Welford 733, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Middleton 390. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Lieut. Joel Davis, who was duly initiated into the Order by the W.M. whose rendering was perfect. A Board of Installed Masters having been opened, Bro. Jas. Gibson S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Brindley, perfectly and impressively, in the presence of 19 W.M.'s and P.M.'s. The I.P.M. received a well-merited ovation at the conclusion of the ceremony. On the re-admission of the brethren the W.M. was saluted in due form. He then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow: W. Brindley I.P.M., W. Coleman S.W., W. F. Mimms J.W., Meredith P.M. Treasurer, R. J. Scott Secretary, Harvey S.D., Luckhus J.D., Glover I.G., G. C. Young P.M. Org., Rev. R. C. Halpin, M.A., Chaplain, G. Holland D.C., Taylor Steward, Tucker A.S., Lackland Tyler. The W.M. informed Bro. Coleman, on investing him, that Bro. Folson, who was now with the Army in Egypt, should have been the Senior Warden, and he hoped he would return in health to resume his position in the Lodge, and eventually fill the Master's chair. The applause that followed the investment showed the W.M. had made a proper selection. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. acted as Director of the Ceremonies. A reference committee was appointed, and then hearty good wishes were given from the various Visitors. Lodge was closed, and the brethren now adjourned to the Crown room, where an excellent banquet and dessert had been prepared by Messrs. Spiers and Pond; it was personally superintended by Bro. Dawkins, and gave great satisfaction. The W.M., in brief but appropriate terms, proposed the Loyal and Masonic toast; this was followed by the toast of H.R.H. the M.W. the Prince of Wales Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. The W.M. said, we have among us two Grand Officers, Bro. Woodford Past Grand Chaplain, and a dear old friend, Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Bro. Woodford is a great supporter of the Charities, and has rendered goodly service at the Elections this week. He is a zealous Mason, and his services are always at command. Brother Woodford P.G.C. said he was one of the oldest Grand Officers living; he was pleased to be present with them on the present occasion; it was 43 years ago since he received the light, in the Lodge of Friendship at Gibraltar; that he had never forgotten. It always pleased him to see, as they had seen that night, all creeds united in Brotherly Love. This would ever tend to cement a happy feeling, and enforce loyalty to the Queen, obedience to our country, and a sympathetic attachment between brother and brother. Brother Cottebrune also replied. Bro. Brindley I.P.M. said it was with extreme pleasure he rose to propose the health of the Worshipful Master; they could not have a better man or a better Mason; may he have health and a prosperous year of office; he well deserves it. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Brindley for his kind expressions; he appreciated the cordial manner in which the brethren had received the toast; he would endeavour to carry out his duties in the Lodge to their satisfaction. The Installing Master, Bro. Brindley I.P.M., was next complimented; his name was received with prolonged cheering. The Worshipful Master felt proud in investing him with the jewel that had been awarded him for his efficient services in the chair; he also referred to the impressive manner in which Brother Brindley had installed him into the chair. Bro. Brindley thanked the brethren for their kind estimation of the services he had rendered; he was proud to say the Lodge was prosperous in every shape, and he appreciated the kind manner in which his services had been recognized. To Bro. C. A. Cottebrune his thanks were especially due; his experience and readiness to instruct had helped him materially; it was a great compliment to receive a meed of praise from so distinguished a brother. In speaking of the Initiate, the W.M. referred to the manner in which Bro. Lieut. Davis had listened to the ceremony. He was sure he would become a credit to the Order, and that they should have reason to be proud of him in the future. Bro. Davis, in reply, thanked the W.M. for what he had said; he did, indeed, feel impressed with the ceremony, and hoped never to disgrace the Craft; he would strive to be an honour to it. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Past Masters. He could not sufficiently thank them for their assistance; they had contributed to the success of the Lodge. Bro. Brookson P.M. was the first to respond. He was followed by Bros. Wray, Bolton, and Wade; each expressed their appreciation of the kind manner in which their health had been proposed. Their aim always had been, and would be, for the success of the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors came next; they were very numerous. The W.M. would call on Bros. W. H. Baker S.W. and W.M. elect of the Abbey Lodge, Rogers, Ascott, and Bramley, who severally responded. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was now given by the W.M., who said no better or more worthy brethren could be found in any Lodge. Bros. Meredith and Scott replied. Bro. Meredith then proposed the toast of our absent brethren, viz., Bros. Hornblower P.M., Folson J.W., Holmes and Butterworth, now serving with the Army in Egypt; also Bro. Col. the Honourable P. Methuen, C.B., now serving in Africa; also other members, who are serving their Queen and country in various parts of the world, wishing them health and a safe return to their native country. This toast was received with hearty cheers. The Wardens and other Officers were not forgotten, after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren and their Visitors separated. Bro. Brookson P.M. sang an excellent comic song. Bros. H. Baker and Richard South were deservedly applauded for their exertions to amuse.

MIZPAH LODGE, No. 1671.

THE closing meeting of the season of this very popular Lodge was held at the Albion Tavern on Saturday last, when a large company of Officers, Members, and Visitors assembled to congratulate the retiring W.M. on the successful completion of his year of office, and to greet the W.M. elect on his accession to the chair. At an early hour the business of the meeting was opened by the W.M., Bro. T. O. Warden, who ably initiated Mr. Bolton into the Order, and then proceeded to instal Bro. George Lewis as his successor, in a manner that deservedly elicited hearty expressions of approval. The ceremony throughout was most impressively rendered, Bro. Warden gracefully requesting the senior P.M. Bro. Nelson Reed to deliver the address to the Wardens. The W.M. then invested his Officers for the year, as follows: Bros. H. Warden I.P.M., C. W. Meiter S.W., H. White J.W., R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, J. J. Avery P.P.G. Treasurer Devon Treasurer, N. Reed P.M. Secretary, C. G. Hayman S.D., A. G. Darby J.D., P. Keeling I.G., R. A. Morgan P.M. D.C., C. Danoocks S., J. Bergmann P.M. Organist, Church Tyler. After the usual formalities, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where an excellent repast was served, and a most enjoyable evening was spent in toasts, songs, and recitations, Bro. Edward Terry especially delighting the company with some of his drolleries in prose and verse. Amongst those present, in addition to the Officers before-named, were Bros. P.M.'s Bergmann, Schmidt, Wells; J. W. Cartwright, A. R. Cartwright, J. Russell, T. H. Wiles, W. Wilson, E. Moore, T. Moffat, P. Freick, E. Clavel, A. Benthall, W. E. Downey, H. Ford, W. Hemingway, D. W. Wise, &c., &c. The Visitors included Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, J. M. Stidwell P.G.S., William Cox P.P.G.R. Somerset, A. Buck P.P.S.G.W. Essex, R. W, Forge P.G.D.C. Middlesex, Roberts P.P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, R. C. Sindall P.P.G.S.B Middlesex, G. R. Ousey W.M. 59, R. E. H. Goffin WM.. 1572, Edward Terry P.M. 29, H. J. Thompson P.M. 742, E. W. Braine P.M. 1471, E. H. Lawton, W. Mackie S.W. 2054, G. Jenkins S.W. 72, J. Champness J.W. 18, F. Austin S.D. 993, J. M. Corney S.D. 206, A. Robinson J.D. 1714, G. L. Eyles J.D. 197, A. Cumner 1426, W. R. Hunt 2021, J. Hopkins 1578, M. W. Bretnall 1339, T. Brown 1572, E. J. Morgan 1571, A. Johnson 1046, J. Spurrell 177, J. Jackson 1287, E. Bibra 1669, W. Anderson 1446, and R. Marshall 809. Bro. Bergmann presided at the piano.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—On Wednesday, 8th instant, at Bro. Lashbrooke's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street; Bros. Mount Brown W.M., Saint S.W., Stevenson J.W., Biddle P.M. Treasurer, Westwood S.D., Egan J.D., Foster I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Webb, Cubitt, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Egan acting as candidate. Bro. Webb worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Egan was instructed in the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees. On the Lodge being resumed, Bro. Saint was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuring week. A cordial vote was unanimously recorded to Bro. Brown for the able manner he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time in this Lodge.

On the 15th instant there were present Bros. Saint W.M., Stevenson S.W., Cubitt J.W., Biddle P.M. Treasurer, Pitt Secretary, Little J.D., Freeman I.G., and John Lashbrooke. The minutes of previous Lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lashbrooke candidate. Bro. Pitt worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lashbrooke was elected a member, and the S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 10th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel Kew Bridge. Present: Bros. Morton W.M., Sherring S.W., C. E. Botley J.W., Cammell S.D., Turner J.D., F. Botley I.G., Andrews Preceptor. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient custom, and the minutes read, confirmed and signed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. F. Botley as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the third, called off and on, and closed in the second and third degrees. Bro. C. E. Botley gave the addresses of the installation ceremony. Bro. Sherring will preside at the next meeting.

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Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, 1602.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 9th inst., at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, N. Present—Bros. Turner W.M., Homan S.W., Snook J.W., Hughes Secretary, Everett S.D., McMillen J.D., Weeden Preceptor, Browne I.G.; and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Everett acting as candidate. This brother, as candidate for passing, answered the questions, but was not entrusted. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Dixie. Bro. Cook, of the Highgate Lodge, was elected a member. It was announced that in future the Lodge meetings be adjourned over the third Thursdays in January, April, July and October, in consequence of the room being required for other purposes. Lodge was then closed, and the meeting adjourned until Thursday, 23rd April.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—A meeting was held on Saturday, 11th instant, at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith. Present:—Bros. Craggs W.M., Brown S.W., Furze J.W., Gardner Treasurer, Strong Secretary, Wood S.D., Tilbury I.G., Weeks Tyler; P.M.'s Ayling 975, Mann 186, Tipper 2090, Stroud 2090, Sims 834, Perdue W.M. 834, Williams 834. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Brother Williams candidate. Bro. Brown S.W. was duly elected to fill the chair for the ensuing week. The Preceptor made arrangements for working the Fifteen Sections. Bro. George Reid P.M. was appointed S.W., and W. Mann P.M. J.W. for the occasion, viz., Saturday 2nd May. The following brethren will assist:—Bros. H. Sanfield P.M., Causton P.M., Westley P.M., H. Perdue W.M., J. Greenway, A. Stenger, J. Brown, H. Furze, R. Harvey, H. Price, D. Stroud, W. W. Williams, A. Williams. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Old Warrants (G). "Ancients."

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No. 140. Kelly Grand Master.

Richd. Swan S.G.W., Wm. Dickey D.G.M., Richd. Swan for Wm. Clarke } J.G.W.

To all whom it may Concern.

We the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, Anno Domini Nine Hundred Twenty and Six, and in the Year of Masonry Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and Six) in ample Form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Right Honourable Thomas Erskine, Earl of Kelly, Ld. Viscount Fenton, Baron of Pittenweim in Great Britain, Grand Master of Masons! The Worshipful Mr. William Dickey, Deputy Grand Master, The Worshipful Mr. Richard Swan, Senior Grand Warden, and the Worshipful Mr. William Clarke, Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, viz., Thomas Todd, one of our Master Masons, William Burn his Senior Warden, and Francis Collingwood his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and accepted Masons aforesaid, at *the Masons Arms in the Town of Ford and County of Northumberland, to be known by the Title of Sr. John Hussey Delavel's Lodge, upon the first Monday of every Kallendar Month*, on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons, according to the most ancient and honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations, throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Messrs. Thomas Todd, William Burn & Fras. Collingwood (with the consent of the members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors to whom they shall deliver this warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Freemasons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner, nominate, chuse, and install their Successors &c. &c. &c. Such Installations to be upon (or near) every St. John's Day during the Continuance of the Lodge for ever.

Providing the above-named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force, nor Virtue.

Given under Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this *Twentifourth* Day of *January*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred Sixty and *Six*, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand seven hundred Sixty and Six.

Lau. Dermott Grand Secretary.

Note.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge. Vol. 5th, Letter E.

["Lord Delaval's Lodge" was 140 on origin to 1814, when it became 169, and soon after collapsed. The portions which are written on the Charter appear in italics in the foregoing transcript, which has been made from the original, in the possession of Bro. John Smith P.M. 280 (S.C.), to whom we offer our best thanks.—Ed. F.C.]

A "regular" Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Wednesday, 7th January last. Our brethren in the land of the Celestials seem to have a peculiar idea of time; the District Grand Lodge was not opened until a quarter past nine at night, and the business lasted until within half an hour of what we may term "low" twelve. R.W. Brother C. Thorne, after having held the position for seven years, had previously given notice of his intention to cease to preside as District Grand Master, and was only waiting a letter from Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, notifying the acceptance of his resignation. This had been received and was read. It expressed regret at the retirement of Bro. Thorne, and directed that the Lodges in the District should be summoned for the purpose of selecting a successor, whose name should be submitted without delay to His Royal Highness the Grand Master. The courtesy of leaving unfettered in the hands of the District Grand Lodge the appointment of a new District Grand Master was much appreciated. The R.W. District Grand Master received the expression of the District Grand Lodge for what he had done for Masonry in the District with gratitude, and in reply, said he should always be prepared to give all the advice and assistance in his power to the District Grand Lodge of Northern China. W. Bro. J. I. Miller Deputy D.G.M. was appointed to take charge of the district, but he gracefully handed over the gavel on this occasion to R.W. Bro. Thorne, for probably the last time. Comparing the list of Officers present with the list of those subsequently appointed it appears that some additions were made, about nine altogether. This ought to be a healthy sign. It points to the fact that the candidates for honour are increasing, and that the time has arrived for gratifying the natural and reasonable ambition of the brethren. To show that the brethren were in earnest they not only sanctioned the additional number of Officers, but ordered that the necessary regalia should be obtained from Bro. Spencer, without delay. We are glad to add that the finances seemed to be in a prosperous condition. The most interesting part of the proceedings was the discussion that took place relative to the Masonic School Scheme. The idea first originated in the Tuscan Lodge, No. 1027, and was taken up by the R.W. District Grand Master. At his instance a meeting of representatives of the various Lodges in the District was called, and a sub-Committee appointed, who now brought up a report. The scheme is a hybrid one. The school will not be "entirely Masonic, but it was intended it should be under the patronage and control of Masons." The details are by no means clear. For instance, we do not know whether the school is to be for girls as well as for boys. Some figures are given representing possible cost and conditions, but they are not definite enough, and so thought the District Grand Lodge, for while they were prepared to subscribe 100 taels (somewhere about £30) towards a guarantee fund, they wanted "more information than was supplied in the report. According to this document about 3000 taels will be required for the first outlay, and notwithstanding the figures that follow, it is impossible to say how the scheme is to be worked. There is nothing put down for rent and management, and although it is said that the school "will prove an inestimable boon to the Masonic Fraternity in Northern China, and supply a home for the children of indigent and deceased brethren under the immediate supervision of the respective bodies to whose charge they may be left," there is no machinery provided for carrying this theory into practice, nor are we told how the necessary funds are to be provided. It is supposed that the school will be self-supporting after the first outlay, but how that is to be accomplished is not made known. Are non-Masons to pay for Masons' children, or are the latter, where indigent, to be kept at the expense of the Lodge to which the father belonged? The scheme seems to be in a most inchoate condition. The object is right, and the means may be forthcoming, but assuredly a great deal still remains to be done before the scheme can be ripe for operation.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 11th April 1885,

Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, C.C., Treasurer, 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 30 approved CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

No. on List		Votes	No. on Poll
16	Watson, M. G. M.	2396	1
7	Holmes, M. E. M.	2129	2
19	Tucker, M. S.	1965	3
22	Cooke, J. E.	1838	4
2	Wheeler, M. A.	1786	5
17	Allen, M. L. C.	1720	6
20	Marlow, M. E.	1708	7
26	Patience, M. S.	1703	8
18	Gillett, E. C.	1688	9
4	Reilly, J. L.	1679	10
8	Woodforde, R. I. M.	1673	11
13	Greenwood, G. F.	1658	12
6	Olsey, F. J.	1632	13
3	Bromley, M. M.	1592	14
24	Dunlop, F. E.	1585	15
27	Lockwood, G.	1581	16
25	Whitaker, L. C.	1576	17
23	Wrightson, H. J.	1573	18
5	Relph, F. E.	1560	19
1	Hutchings, J. W.	1522	20
10	Tanner, E. F.	1511	21
14	Sharland, K.	1495	22
29	Speed, M.	1490	23

The number of votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.
11th April 1885.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MRS. HUTCHINGS begs to tender her sincere thanks to the Ladies and Brethren, Governors and Subscribers, who so kindly supported the candidature of her daughter,

JANE WHEELER HUTCHINGS,

At the election on Saturday, 11th inst. The child was returned No. 20 on the list of successful candidates.

58 Glengall Road, Poplar, London, E.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

THE REV. J. A. CHAMBERLAIN begs to return his sincere and grateful thanks to the ladies and gentlemen, Subscribers to the above Institution, who supported the candidature of his grandson,

NEVILLE INNES CHAMBERLAIN,

At the election on Monday last. By the kindly help then accorded the lad was returned at the head of the poll. Mr. Chamberlain highly appreciates this tribute to the memory of his beloved son—the father of the candidate—who he feels assured must have stood high in the estimation of those gentlemen with whom he was associated, both here and abroad, in the circle of Freemasonry.

1 Mallinson Road, Wandsworth Common, S.W.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

MRS. RODDAM begs to thank the many Governors and Subscribers of the Institution who so kindly polled their votes on behalf of her son,

CUTHBERT JOHN G. RODDAM,

At the election on Monday, the 13th inst., when, by the support accorded her, the lad secured the nineteenth place on the list of successful candidates.

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President:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

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 13th day of April 1885,

Bro. RAYNHAM WILLIAM STEWART, in the Chair,

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of TWENTY-SIX BOYS from an approved List of Forty-five Candidates, the following being declared successful:—

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	33	Chamberlain, N. I.	2155
2	22	Wurr, C. H.	2112
3	20	Richards, W. J.	1995
4	32	Walker, H. J.	1933
5	7	Moore, A.	1903
6	25	Foord, T. R.	1895
7	35	Tappenden, W. E.	1889
8	26	Morley, W. F.	1887
9	38	Reynolds, E. L.	1879
10	36	Warren, A. C. H.	1879
11	9	Perkins, F.	1868
12	4	Allan, J. S. B.	1831
13	40	Oscroft, J. H.	1830
14	19	Lester, I. H.	1797
15	24	Hamerton, C. T.	1780
16	18	Richardson, A. T.	1757
17	10	Harvey, L. J. T.	1736
18	44	Pattison, F. W.	1730
19	15	Roddam, C. J. G.	1713
20	42	Hickenbotham, E. B.	1711
21	29	Cole, W. P.	1677
22	6	Dawson, S. C.	1619
23	39	Scurray, J. S.	1617
24	30	France, F. H.	1606
25	34	Watkins, F. M.	1162
26	31	Scarfe, J. T.	859

Lists of Candidates (successful and unsuccessful), with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office. Votes of unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for Election in October next.

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.), V. Pat. Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
13th April 1885.

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On WEDNESDAY, the 13th MAY next,

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*** Brethren willing to serve the office of Steward are *very urgently needed*; they will much oblige by forwarding their names as *early* as possible to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I do not like the use of foreign words, but I can find no English equivalent in the present case, and therefore reluctantly borrow from our French neighbours the word "bureau."

There are three noble Charities in connection with Freemasonry—the Institution at Croydon, and the Boys' and Girls' Schools. In addition there is what I may term a "Relief Society" in the Board of Benevolence. All these organisations deal with effects, not causes. Before assistance is given the ordinary sources of income and help must have been dried up, then these agencies step in and do a grand work. They provide for the aged Freemason or his widow a home and income, or the latter without home; they supply the place of parents to the boys and girls, and so far as education is concerned in a superior degree, and they meet the cases of temporary distress in a substantial and generous manner. So far excellent, and no one who loves his kind can do otherwise than wish God speed to the various movements. But there is a serious omission, and with your leave, Sir, I desire to broach it.

Masonic authorities agree that modern Masons owe their Fraternity entirely or in great part to the Ancient Guilds. I am not going to discuss this question; it is not necessary. The fact of the existence of Guilds is enough for my purpose, and one use to which they were put will enforce my argument in a practical way. For the moment I will leave that point, and go to another. Trades Unions were formed to aid members in getting employment, as well as to assist in defining the conditions under which they should labour. There are various other combinations, all directed and carried on in the inte-

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rests of those who are seeking employment. I have stated these facts in a plain and simple way, and I think the inference I would draw is plain. Taking it for granted that the Ancient Guilds were our progenitors, we have their example as to the value of union for trade purposes. No one can doubt the value of Trades Unions at the present day in the same direction; while the other subsidiary agencies prove their usefulness and necessity by the success they enjoy. Now, why should not our own Fraternity share the advantages of a system that has almost universal recognition? I confess I see no reason against the establishment of an Employment Bureau, but on the contrary there are many arguments in its favour. Perhaps a word as to its necessity is desirable, although to me the whole case is apparent. The tendency always has been, and is now, more marked than ever to make Freemasonry the medium of advancing the trade interests of some of its members, and in order to secure this end various devices are used. They are worn on the person, printed on circulars and cards, and often form a prominent feature on signboards. I do not defend this practice; as a matter of taste it is execrable, and in policy most undesirable. But the practice exists, and it meets with no resistance in high quarters—sometimes it receives direct encouragement. What is permitted to the trader should not be denied to the worker, especially when the claims of the latter are free from any of the objections that necessarily attach to the former. At present a Freemason, who happens to be a skilled mechanic or a member of some profession, unless he belongs to a Trades Union, or is virtually in possession of a monopoly, has no special means of getting employment. His Freemasonry does not take him out of the crowd of struggling men. He puts on a pin or a ring, or a charm to his watch-chain, but these things are regarded as ornaments, and have no practical value. It is considered by many vulgar to wear them, but why, in a moderate sense, I cannot conceive. Some are under the belief that these outward signs may help them through the world, and only experience convinces them that they are useless except as ornaments of the person.

Now without disturbing the prevailing practice, indeed, I would just leave it to take care of itself, I would make the fact of a man being a Freemason a substantial reality. I would establish a central agency, or bureau, in London, under official government, to which Freemasons who are employers and those who seek employment should be invited to come. A register should be kept of wants in both cases, and a small fee should be demanded, so that by these means the interests of all would be served by a movement that should be self-supporting. An employer would be placed in no worse position than he is in at present. He could accept or refuse service, he could exercise the same scrutiny as to character and fitness, and would be under no obligation to depart from any reasonable rule for the conduct of business. But how different would be the case of a brother seeking employment. He would begin with hope, and would have a fair chance of success. At any rate, he would be face to face with those who could serve him, and it would be his own fault if he did not succeed. Of course, I know it is easy to call spirits from the vasty deep, but will they come? It might be doubted whether employers would favour an agency of the kind I have suggested. If self-interest did not determine them, I should say they would be very bad Masons indeed who would not take a little trouble to further a system that would inevitably work good all round. As a medium of sympathy and help, I know of nothing that would equal it; as a bond of union it would be irresistible. This bureau would complete the agencies for practical good in every direction, and many a man who now seeks work in vain, would find himself the richer by employment. The necessity of appealing to the Board of Benevolence would be lessened, and who can tell but that many a brother, now doomed to despair and misery, would be saved from premature death and consequent demands upon the Masonic Charities were such a system as I have named established. In these days of hard struggling, when young men shoulder out their elders, not because they are more competent or useful, but because they are young, every assistance should be given to the brother, especially when he has a family to bring up, and when employing him means no loss to the employer.

I have broadly indicated the mode by which the scheme could be carried out, but I am only pledged to the principle. I should certainly advocate that every want should be advertised in the two Masonic journals, and I have no doubt that special terms could be arranged. I am certain that were the scheme taken up it would succeed, and that the true spirit of Masonry would receive such an illustration as would still further convince its members and the world at large that it is indeed a blessed Institution.

I am, Sir,

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

Bro. Frederic Penna announces his Benefit Concert at the Steinway Hall on the 1st of May; he will be assisted by several eminent artists, vocal and instrumental, among whom we may mention Madame Osborne Williams, Miss Belval, Miss Pattie Michie, Miss Florence Coltman (first appearance), Herr Pollitzer, Mr. Aquilar, and Bro. Maybrick.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Cure for Indigestion.—Indigestion and Constipation, with torpidity of the liver, are the sources of misery to thousands, who spend each day with accumulated sufferings, all of which may be avoided by taking Holloway's Pills. They strengthen and invigorate all the secretive and nutritive functions. Their action is essentially purifying and strengthening. They may be safely taken without interfering with ordinary pursuits, or requiring much restriction in diet. They quickly remove noise and giddiness in the head, and dispel low spirits and nervous fears. These balsamic Pills work the cure without debilitating or exhausting the system; on the contrary, they conserve and support the vital principle by substituting pure for impure blood.

THE THEATRES.

VAUDEVILLE.

WE are told the gods rejoiced to see a good man struggling against adverse fortune. Was it the satiric influence of the April Festival that made the dwellers on the Vaudeville Olympus receive Mr. Thomas Thorne's efforts as a disinterested Romeo with such scant appreciation. It is not long since another delightful king of comedy fell a victim to a like ambition, and our well-beloved Major Wellington de Boots performed his vanishing trick as a romantic lover "Just in Time." The cleverly-written and ably acted drama of English modern life, "Saints and Sinners," has made way for the new comedy, "Under Fire," by Westland Marston. Much interest was excited at the appearance of a fresh work by an author whose name will ever be associated with Macready's triumphs at Drury Lane. On the ominous 1st the curtain rose on a very pretty set scene, Lady Fareham's house and grounds. A garden party is assembled. Like too many garden parties, the guests suffer from hopeless dulness. But let us introduce the dramatis personæ. A lovely widow, Lady Fareham, who began life on the stage of a Marseilles café chantant; her daughter Caroline, with much sentiment but invertebrate; Guy Morton, chivalrous and magnanimous, of noble simplicity, exemplifying all the rustic virtues as opposed to the wickedness and selfishness of the town representative, embodied in this instance by the political adventurer, Charles Wolverly; a Mrs. Naylor, who has quartered herself on Lady Fareham on the strength of the café chantant secret, and five other characters, represented by Mr. Sugden, whose business it is to stutter and wear an eyeglass; Miss le Thiere, who is strong-minded, and talks of diet tables and wears a billycock; Miss Kate Phillips, who has nothing to do but to flout at her inane admirer (Mr. Yorke Stephens), whose business it is to talk about a mysterious embrocation. Miss Amy Roselle struggled hard to give vitality and interest to Lady Fareham, but the task was a difficult one. At one moment we are expected to regard the fair widow as possessed of all the virtues, including, of course, the most tender maternal affection, and the next we find her willing to sacrifice her daughter's hopes of happiness should her own social status in the county be imperilled. Guy Morton offers his hand to Caroline, on the opening of the play, and is refused; Wolverly then takes his innings, though Mr. Frank Archer seemed ill at ease in this tender situation. Lady Fareham learns that Guy has come in for a baronetcy, and as Mrs. Naylor has indulged in a little forgery known to Guy, her ladyship determines to secure the latter for a son-in-law, and so trump her antagonist's card. The interview between mother and daughter is played by Miss Roselle with so much power that the audience forget the miserable triviality of the motive. The daughter promises assent, but immediately after takes a farewell of Wolverly. Their conversation is overheard by Guy Morton. Here was Mr. Thorne's opportunity. In the agony of his disappointment and humiliation he forgives the girl who has wronged him. But, alas! the pathos and magnanimity recalled memories of "Sainted Maria." The second act gives a magnificent opportunity to Miss Roselle, when she defies her enemy (Mrs. Canninge). The latter, however, rose to the occasion, with scarcely less intensity of dramatic power. Here again the talent of the actress completely disguised the futility of the material. These ladies, by their magic spells, summoned a resplendent mirage to the sandy waste through which their comrades painfully toiled.

OPERA COMIQUE.

WE are to enjoy the boon of "extended suffrage and redistribution" at the hands of Gladstone Semper Augustus. There be some who misdoubt the policy, and now David James is carrying out a benevolent little resolution among the "seats" at his new theatre, the Opera Comique. He spares the sacred fauteuils of the stalls, but, the dress circle is to be offered to the great god Demos, and will give 500 better pit seats than any theatre in London. Matthew Arnold's middle-class Philistine, who of erst claimed the favoured place, may now betake himself to the second boxes. The theatre has been redecorated, and bright and brilliant it looked on Mr. James's opening night. Every seat was occupied, and a very hearty house-warming was provided by the friends of "our Mr. Jenkins." The new piece, "The Excursion Train," was originally produced at that risky little house the Palais Royal, where, as "Le Train de Plaisir," it carried laughter-loving Paris triumphantly for a long run to Monaco, but, alas! in crossing the Channel it has "suffered a sea change," the lightness and brightness, the delicious impertinence of the Parisian touch, is a thing that cannot be "adapted," and even Mr. James, with his clever coadjutors—Mr. Irish, Mr. Gardener, Miss Cicely Richards, and pretty Miss Buckstone—put into these preposterous personages, are evidently conscious of the absurdity of the whole thing, and with all their talent and good will cannot make these fantoccini seem living men and women. Mr. James, a prosperous butcher, as the curtain rises, has just married, and starts with his pretty bride (Miss Buckstone) and three friends to Monaco. Here they lose all their money at the tables, and in desperation for want of funds, offer themselves to a restaurateur as the five servants he is awaiting. The genuine five servants shortly arrive, the friends are charged with imposture and sent to prison, but, as a matter of course, to be set free without a stain on their characters in the last scene. Mr. W. Irish, as the Commissionaire of Police, tried bravely to give individuality to the part, and the station master, "as gruff as they make them" on the Continent, was well sketched by Mr. Corcoran; but on the whole the extra gentlemen who played the gendarmes were the most successful, as they were spared the utterance of any dialogue. The piece is well mounted, and the scenery very true to local character; especially beautiful is the sunlit bay of Monaco.

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PRINCESS'S.

THE "Silver King" is once more bringing crowds to welcome back Wilfred Denver to his trials and triumphs. On the first night of its reproduction, though the social and literary illustrissimi who had filled the stalls and dress-circle for Rome and Denmark of late, were not so numerous, all the more popular parts of the house were crowded to their capacity by a crowd as eager as for some first night of a new play. The enthusiasm which greeted the favourite was of the warmest; recalls followed each act, and the plaudits elicited by Mr. Barrett's scene after the death of Ware, and again when telling the murderer's dream, evidently touched the actor's heart. It was pleasant to note how much Miss Eastlake has improved in method and self-control since she last appeared as Nelly Denver. Only for a brief moment did the old "hysterical feebleness" threaten to mar the portrait; doubtless this was due to nervousness. Shrieks and the hoarseness of overstrained utterance may be true to nature, but nature on the stage must submit to the laws of harmony and proportion, and so grow into the harmony of art. We miss our sprightly friend Mr. Coote, the "Duke of New York," but he has a clever successor in Mr. G. Walton, whose portrait of "'Arry" has the right Whitechapel specialité. Mr. Barnege makes a capital bit of character of the parish clerk, and we must give a word of praise to Miss Nellie Steele, who is charming in her simplicity and naturalness. Master Phillips, the newsboy, who gained so much kudos at the Court in "Comrades," is one of the smartest little fellows we have seen on the boards.

PRINCE'S.

THE revival of "Peril" marks the most satisfactory event of Mrs. Langtry's present season. Here she is fitted with a character to which the ease that mark the caste of "Vere de Vere" gives graceful realism. We see the spoilt beauty, fresh from social triumphs, sorely bored by the good natured Philistine her husband; we see how, unconsciously, such a woman, from mere want of occupation, can slide into the fatality of "une grande passion." At the crisis, where the heroine awakes to consciousness of the abyss over which she stands, Mrs. Langtry acts with feeling; she forgets her lovely face, forgets her beautiful dress, and is the true hearted-woman, filled with a righteous anger and an honest shame. Her agitation when her husband entered was very expressive; and from that point she carried the house with her. Mr. Carne was equally successful as Sir George Ormond; he played with sincerity and feeling. Mr. Everill has rarely found a more congenial part than that of the kind-hearted doctor, with its true comedy mingling of irony and tenderness. His contemptuous "jump, cuckoo, jump," seemingly addressed in jest to a stopper, but really intended for the lover hidden on the balcony, was admirably effective. Mr. Grattan was excellent as the naughty boy Percy Grafton, and Miss Rose was a really charming ingénue. Mr. Coghlan has not a congenial part in Captain Bradford, he is too much in earnest for so frivolous a Lothario. The rest of the characters worked smoothly and well. We cannot but think the adaptors of "Nos Intimes" have mistaken M. Sardou's intention when they promoted their personages from a suburban villa to a grand country mansion. The incongruous, ill-mannered guests we meet in the first act are inexplicable at a Sir George Ormond's country seat, though a Paris bourgeois might ask promiscuous acquaintances to the family *pot au feu*. Nos Intimes in this aspect are simply impossible. Mr. Beerbohm-Tree is admirable in his make-up as Woodbine Grafton, but he should resist temptation to make farcical points. The play is well mounted; "the drawing room" of the second act especially fine in colour and decoration.

TOOLE'S.

HOW gladly London welcomes back to his bright little shrine the humorous divinity of King William Street is seen in the applause which marks the "obligato" to "Upper Crust." Mr. Toole plays the dear old aitch-less Doublechick with the same geniality as of old, and seems to infuse an atmosphere of benevolence around him. Miss Marie Linden is very charming in the part of Kate Vennimore, and the rest of the company play with that ease and smoothness that come of long association with their parts. The theatre has been newly decorated. Very pretty effect is obtained by the shaded backgrounds to the medallions of the *renaissance* decorations. Mr. Toole promises some novelties shortly, with certain old friends for Saturday afternoons. This is good news for his friends in front, who will certainly be there to give their hearty acknowledgments to the genius of honest laughter.

ROYALTY.

GREAT expectations were excited by "François the Radical;" this, foolishly enough, because a brilliant comedy from the "House of Molière" had been done into English by the same gentleman who translated this trivial operetta from a minor boulevard play house. Miss Kate Santley plays the heroine, and sings her songs with her old verve and brilliancy, but the weight is too much even for her courage and powers. Mr. Henry Ashley makes the very best of an impossible role, the Marquis de Pontcornet. Miss Santley's solo, with chorus, "The Little Sailor," is a very taking trifle; the best number allotted her is "Soldier, I drink your health in wine," this won a deserved encore. Mr. Kelleher scored a success in "Make way for the gallant Schweitzers," and there is a sparkling "Soldier's chorus." But, alas! the work as a whole drags sorely, though it has all the aid that can be given by exquisite costumes and beautiful scenery. The Pont Neuf being especially picturesque.

GLOBE.

ON Thursday next, the 23rd instant, the successful farcical comedy "The Private Secretary" will be portrayed here for the 400th time. All the parts are well represented, although special praise should be awarded to Mr. W. S. Penley, who takes the part of the Rev. Robert Spalding, to Mr. Wilfred Draycott (Douglas Cattermole), and Mr. W. J. Hill (Mr. Cattermole). Morning performances are given on each Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, at 3½ o'clock. We cordially recommend our readers to visit this Theatre.

ST. JAMES'S HALL.

MRS. ANNA LONGSHORE POTTS has benevolently come from America to make our sad London thoroughfares scientifically picturesque with perambulating écorchés, and mural skeletons. We may hear her, at St. James's Hall, discourse on the dire results of eating white bread uncorrected by proper medicine; on the sad custom, prevalent among English girls, of sitting "in boudoirs and drawing-rooms," ignoring constitutionals and tennis," whilst English mothers prohibit out-door exercise to their children! Mrs. A. L. Potts is a very intelligent lady, but surely she has not yet studied English habits.

MR. ALFRED CAPPER.

FROM the calm precincts of Steinway Hall sounds of merriment have been heard on the last Thursday afternoons, when Mr. Alfred Capper has held the platform, and given to the fashionable audience crowding the room an hour or two of unflagging fun and delicious bewilderment. Mr. Capper has a ready wit and good humour. He commences with some illustrations of how we seem to feel what we do not feel, and seem to hear when our ears mislead us; then he gives some capital comic recitations. Especially amusing was "My first and last appearance on the Stage;" this delighted the audience, and left it in congenial mood for the "Pin trick." Mr. Capper laughingly disclaims any pretence to mystic power, or "Irving Bishop" thought reading. He declares his experiments mere jests, having no value. He invites any gentleman from the audience to mount the platform and watch against collusion. He places himself in charge of two volunteers, whilst a third hides the "pin." He is blindfolded, and holding the hand of the hider of the pin starts off with a rush, to pounce presently on the object of search. Among other wonders achieved, bouquets were chosen by three gentlemen. Mr. Capper identified each one selected, and the lady to whom they should be presented. Mr. Capper left the room, and Mr. George Barrett, who was among the assessors on the platform, was requested to assassinate some one in the audience (a dramatic critic was suggested, a pencil representing the lethal weapon). When Mr. Capper returned, he took his way blindfolded to find the victim; dragged him to the "fatal spot," and showed how the death blow was given. But how is all this done? We say, "Go and find out if you can;" in any case you will be none the worse for a merry afternoon's enjoyment.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 1507, on Monday, the 20th, at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at seven p.m. precisely. Bros. J. Paul D.C. 1287 W.M., J. Hemming J.D. 1287 S.W., D. T. Davies 72 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Duncan, Webb, Saunders, Sourrah, Procter, Hemming, Ager. Second Lecture—Bros. Thom, McKay, Davies, Smith, Emblin. Third Lecture—Bros. Burgess, Storr, Giddings.

At the Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction, 1744, on Thursday, at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, W., at seven p.m. precisely. Bros. J. W. Ager W.S. 957 W.M., James Hemming J.D. 1287 S.W., J. W. Smith W.M 1744 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Webb, Kauffmann, Dickey, Sourrah, Procter, Smith, Hemming. Second Lecture—Bros. Thom, Burgess, Davies, Paul, Mordey. Third Lecture—Bros. Smith, Greenway, Barling.

Bro. E. C. Beedell has been elected an overseer of the poor and auditor for the parish accounts of St. Bene't Fink for the current year.

It is proposed to hold a Lodge of Instruction at Carr's Restaurant, Strand, to meet at 5·15 in the evening. Brethren who would be willing to join the Lodge are requested to communicate with 1539, c/o Mr. C. Laver, Carr's Restaurant, 265 Strand, W.C.

A large Map of Egypt and the Soudan, printed in colours, will be issued with Part I. of "Egypt: Descriptive, Historical, and Picturesque," to be published by Messrs. Cassell and Company on the 27th inst. This map has been constructed by Mr. F. Weller, F.R.G.S., from the latest authorities, including the Admiralty and War Office Charts and Maps, and also from private information, special attention being given to the districts which are at present the scene of British military operations.

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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, 18th APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 142—St. Thom s's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton

MONDAY, 20th APRIL.

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.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
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
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
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
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield

TUESDAY, 21st APRIL.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
130—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
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)
849—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, Three Stags, Lamoth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
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)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
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, Coruwall
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
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. 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
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 22nd APRIL.

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)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, 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)
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.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
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)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
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 4 (Instruction.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1284—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
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
1907—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent

R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 23rd APRIL.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
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)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
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)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (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.)
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1632—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Thelbertin Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden 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)
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington

R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W
R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)

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208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1590—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. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
R.A. 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. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

FRIDAY, 24th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
766—William Preston, 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)
983—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.)
1366—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, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, 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
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
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. 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. 126—Sussex, Southdown Hotel Eastbourne

SATURDAY, 25th APRIL.

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)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
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The first pound of tea carried to England was presented to Queen Elizabeth, who boiled it in a pot, and then straining off the water, threw it away, and ate the leaves. Sir Walter Raleigh, the first smoker of tobacco, was well soused by his servant, who thought he was on fire, and was going to put him out. The Elizabethan cottages we hear so much about, had only one room, and the chimney was a simple aperture in the roof. At the royal levées the floors were strewn with straw in lieu of a carpet, and at one time Parliament protested against such extravagance.

Religion has wrought a great change. The Bible has given civilization, fine buildings, colleges—everything. Look at travel and the means of travel as evidence of advancement. Take Syra, with its barbarism, and compare it with England or this country, with their railroads, manufactories, &c. Italy is the same, and had no railroads until within a few years, and then English and Yankee religion placed them there. In Elizabeth's time a stage-coach was no better than is now a Jersey farmer's ox team, and in old times a man would make more fuss to come from Vermont to New York than he would now to go hence to China. In the time of Charles the Second, London was dark and unsafe. There was no police, and a man was in constant danger of robbery or assassination, yet an "insane" fellow was denounced a dangerous innovator because he proposed to light the city by putting a light in every ninth house.

Look at the inventions of the present day, not for kings and nobles, but for the people, to enlighten and make labour pleasant. Now, we can control diseases and plagues, and it is a fact that the average longevity is thirteen years more in civilized countries than it was. Formerly there was no surgeon but the barber, who drew your blood and let you run. Now the dumb are taught to speak, the blind to read, and the insane, who were once deemed incurable, are now successfully treated in our asylums. When vaccine was proposed as a preventive against small-pox the people rose against it, and were afraid of being turned into cattle. The noble barons who wrung the charter from King John, could not write their own names even; but now the poorest child in the city may receive a fair education. Our age is full of liberality, religous tolerance, enlightenment and progress.—*Detroit Freemason.*

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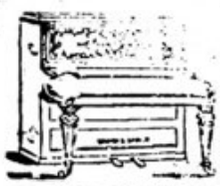

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AN ANCIENT PEOPLE—PAST AND PRESENT.*

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WHEN we come to regard the domestic life of the Parsis, we are struck with the unique character of some of their practices, and the extraordinary variety of incident that marks their progress from the cradle to the "tower of silence." The followers of Zoroaster do not believe in graves. It is difficult to say which is more reverenced by them—the living or the dead Parsi. The interest taken in their progeny begins before birth, for the expectant mother, after a period of gestation of five months, "is presented by her mother-in-law with a new dress, which she puts on, and then goes to the house of her own parents, who also give her a new dress." After another two months, or it may be immediately before confinement, the pregnancy ceremony of "Agharni" is performed. The young lady is decked in new clothes, presents of fish, curds, milk, and sugar are sent to her mother. These are returned with the store increased, and the whole converted into a repast for the family and friends who may be invited for the occasion. A room is afterwards prepared on the ground floor, facing the east, and decorated with devices of birds and animals and variegated flowers. The young lady is then placed on a flat wooden stool, two or three inches high, a new dress is put on her, and her forehead marked with "kimku" (red powder); in the fold of her "sari," near her breast, a cocoa-nut, betel nut leaves, dates, and other descriptions of dry fruit are placed, as symbols of fructification. In this array she visits her mother, accompanied by her relations and friends, who take with them some wheat, and also sweetmeat, "as being emblematical of plenty and happiness." Here she is met "with an ovation of rice and the breaking of a cocoa nut and egg." Placing her right foot foremost, she enters the house, and goes direct to the room where she expects to be confined. With a light in one hand and a cup of water in the other, she goes round the room seven times, besprinkling it with a little water at each turn. The object is said to be "that her children may always enjoy the sunshine of life and be never in want of water, as the vernacular phrase goes." Her mother removes the clothes she is wearing, and replaces them with a new dress, and after having sweetened her mouth with sweetmeat or suger, sends her back to her husband with an added store of the good things she had brought with her. Other presents, such as new clothes, rings, shawls, &c., with sweetmeats wrapped up in silver paper, in the shape of a cone, are sent to her husband by her mother. The ladies—bearers of these gifts—are entertained by the husband, after which they recite songs appropriate to the occasion. When the period of accouchement approaches, the young lady is presented by her mother-in-law with a little money and a cocoa-nut, her forehead is marked with red, and she is then sent to her parents. When in travail the woman is sent to the room already prepared, where an iron cot with a cotton bed is provided for her, and a cradle with an iron framework for the expected child. More feasting and presents follow birth. For forty days afterwards the woman is considered unclean, and "during that period she is not allowed to touch anything besides her own bed and the child's cradle. Nor can any member of the family, not even her own husband, touch her." This system operates very harshly in some cases, and as it is not based on any religious injunction, it seems cruel to carry out what has become a superstitious practice. Our author denounces the custom, but adds: "None dare break through the practice except in case of serious illness, when the doctor may order the mother and child to be removed to some other place." Other mitigations are now permitted, and it is hoped that in time the prejudices connected with child-birth will die out. Another custom is to note the exact time, "even to a second, when the child comes into the world," in order that the "Joshi," or astrologer, may cast its nativity. This is a very grave operation in the eyes of fond and ignorant parents, but is regarded by the educated Parsi much as we regard the fortune-telling powers of the gipsy woman whose palm has been crossed with silver. A still more extraordinary practice is the following: "On the night of the sixth day . . . near the girl's bed is placed a tray containing a sheet of blank paper, ink, pen, a cocoa-nut, and red powder, for the intended service of the goddess who presides over the destiny of the child, and who is supposed to determine its good luck." Of course, no writing is found on the following morning, but faith supplies the omission, and "the anxious parents console themselves with the happy idea that the writing is invisible, and that the book of fate is sealed." When a child, male or female, is six years and three months old, the imposing ceremony of investiture with the "sudra" and "kusti" takes place, according to religious injunction. The candidate is placed before the Parsi priest, who makes it drink three times the sacred "nirangdin," and chew part of a leaf of pomegranate tree. After having been bathed, and dressed in a pair of trousers and cap, with a clean white linen sheet wrapped round the body, the candidate is taken to the hall where the ceremony is to be performed. The "dastur" (chief priest) and other priests, dressed in snow-white robes and turbans, the gentlemen dressed in their best, and the ladies attired in brilliant costumes, are assembled. Strict silence prevails, broken only by the "patet," or prayer of repentance uttered by the "dastur" and another priest. The candidate is seated on a flat wooden stool, and joins in the prayer if able to do so. Holding the "sudra" (the sacred shirt), the child repeats a confession of faith, and is then invested with the "sudra." The "kusti" (a girdle) is passed round the child's waist three times during the recital of the "kusti nirang" by the "dastur," who afterwards delivers the "hosbam," a sort of sermon in praise of honesty, truth, and purity. "This over, he pronounces blessings upon the candidate, throwing over his head the whole of a mixture composed of pieces of cocoa-nut, rice, and almonds." Such is the initiation of a boy or girl into the Zoroastrian religion. Presents follow the ceremony, and if the parents are rich a sumptuous feast brings the proceedings to a close. The "sudra" is always worn next the skin, and is made of fine linen gauze or net. The meaning of the word is "the garment of the good and beneficial way." The "kusti" is a thin woollen cord, or cincture, of seventy-two threads, to "represent the seventy-two 'has,' or chapters of the sacred book of the

* "History of the Parsis, including their Manners, Customs, Religion, and Present Position." By Dosabhai Framji Karaka, C.S.I., Presidency Magistrate and Chairman of Her Majesty's Bench of Justices, Bombay; late Member Bombay Legislative Council; late Chairman of the Municipal Corporation, and late Sheriff of Bombay. Author of "Travels in Great Britain," &c., &c. With coloured and other illustrations. In two volumes. London: Macmillan & Co. 1884.

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Parsis, called Yazashne." The "kusti is passed round the waist three times, and tied in four knots, two in front and two behind, during the chanting of a hymn. At the tying of the knot the following confession and exhortation are made, first knot: "There is only one God, and no other is to be compared with Him;" second: "The religion given by Zoroaster is true;" third: "Zoroaster is the true Prophet, who derived his mission from God;" fourth: "Perform good actions, and abstain from evil ones."

Perhaps no event in the life of a Parsi is regarded with more importance than his marriage, and some curious customs used to prevail. For instance, it is said "that less than twenty years ago it was the custom in Bombay, and in some other cities of the Gujarat, to arrange or negotiate for the marriage of children who had not even seen the light of this world; that is to say, if two lady friends were *enceinte*, they would conclude an arrangement that if one should bear a son and the other a daughter, the infants would be united in marriage." The general practice was in favour of early marriages, but now there is a disposition to follow the example of the Zoroastrians in Persia, where a boy is not married before he is twenty years of age, nor a girl before the age of fifteen. Match-making amounts almost to a science, the professors of which are found amongst priests. These favoured visitors make all necessary inquiries, and if they see a couple likely to suit each other, they recommend the alliance to the parents. The latter satisfy themselves of the respectability in each case, the most important personage, perhaps, being the young man's mother. Sons usually live with their parents even when married, so that the mother-in-law becomes a very important person indeed. When the parties are satisfied of each others character and position, the girl's parents are asked to send her horoscope, cast by the "Joshi," in order "that the astrologer may be consulted as to the eligibility or otherwise of the match." The "Joshi" receives both horoscopes, and upon his report depends the success or failure of the match. If the decision be favourable the astrologer fixes the day for the celebration of the betrothal, the ceremony consisting of an exchange of presents, which renders the "pucka" or contract complete. Certain days of the year are considered propitious for the marriage ceremony, and when the day is fixed, then commence a succession of dinners or "natches" and exchanges of gifts. The rich can afford this kind of thing, but the poor often cripple their resources for years in order to vie with their richer neighbours in the show, glitter and *eclât* attendant upon the marriage of their offspring. The wedding takes place in the evening, after the custom of the Hindus, and is sometimes witnessed by over a thousand persons. To meet the requirements of those who dwell in small houses, a building known as the "Albless Bag," has been erected, "where many marriages and other festivities are celebrated without payment." Of course, the visitors are dressed in their gayest attire, and the sight is both rich and imposing. Presents of dress, jewellery, &c., are made, and at "about sunset bouquets of roses or other beautiful and fragrant flowers and small triangular packets of 'pan-sopari,' *i.e.* betel-leaf and nut wrapped in gold leaf, are distributed to each member of the assembly, upon whom also rose water is sprinkled from a gold or silver jar." Then comes the procession to the bride's house, accompanied by a band of music, and after a further distribution of nosegays and "biddas," the nuptial ceremony is proceeded with. It generally takes place in a hall or spacious room on the ground floor, where a "galicha," or carpet is spread. Seated opposite to each other, the happy couple grasp each other's right hand. A piece of cloth divides them, another piece encircles them, tied at the ends by a double knot. Raw twist is wound round the pair seven times by the officiating priests, who during this performance repeat short prayers. On completing the seventh round, the twist is tied seven times over the joined hands of the couple, as well as round the double knot of the end of the cloth previously put about them. Incense is burnt, and the cloth curtain is suddenly dropped, when the bride and bridegroom are seen throwing rice at each other. The first to succeed in aiming the rice is accounted the most earnest lover. Clapping of hands greet the bridal pair within, while without the men take up the applause. Two "dasturs," one before the bride and the other before the bridegroom, recite the "ashirwad," or blessing, and then proceed with the ceremony, which is of a most elaborate character. The senior "dastur" opens with the following blessing: "May the Omniscient Lord bless you with many sons and grandsons, with good livelihood, heart ravishing friendships, long life, and an existence of one hundred and fifty years!" Questions are here put and answered relative to the assent of all parties concerned, followed by an address containing advice of the purest and noblest kind. We are sorry that want of space will not permit of its reproduction here. An earnest supplication is made to the Almighty "to bestow upon the newly-married pair good moral and social qualities. In this prayer are recited the names of the thirty angels after whom the thirty days of a Parsi month are called." As this supplication is instructive as well as interesting, we quote it fully:—

"May Ahura Mazda bestow upon you
Good thoughts through Behman,
Good words through Ardibehesht,
Good actions through Shehrivar,
Perfect thought through Spendarmad,
Sweetness through Khordad,
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May God (Depadar) bestow upon you
Increasing lustre through Adar,
Purity through Aban, or Avan,
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Good sight through Marespand, and
Nourishment of body through Aneran."

Blessings in the languages of the Avesta of the Pazand, and Sanscrit follow, the whole ending with the "Tandarusti," a blessing invoking the bestowal of physical strength, energy, and health on the newly-married pair. The marriage certificate having been signed, all invited to the marriage feast sit down to a banquet, consisting "of fish, vegetables, fruits, sweetmeats, preserves, and similar articles." Parsis refrain "from eating meat on the day of marriage to avoid giving offence to the feelings of the Hindus, as a number of sheep would require to be killed for so large a party." Toasts are drank, always including the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen of England and Empress of India, and the Royal family. No toast is more heartily received than this, which affords evidence of the thorough spirit of loyalty to this country that pervades the Parsis. A much simpler form of marriage service is observed among the Zoroastrians in Persia, and even in Bombay the tendency is toward greater simplicity in the ceremony. Parsi widows are permitted to marry again, but they seldom avail themselves of this liberty, denied to the Hindus.

(To be continued).

THE PROSPERITY OF MASONRY.

WE often speak of the prosperity of Freemasonry, or of the prosperity of this or that Masonic body, but do we always have a clear idea of wherein prosperity consists? Words sometimes misrepresent facts, and that which we term prosperity may be, at times, a delusion and a snare. Indeed, it not infrequently happens that popular notions are wrong—the voice of the people being anything but the voice of God. In what, then, does prosperity consist?

Does it consist in great numbers? If it does, there can be no doubt of the prosperity of Masonry to-day. It never was so popular. The Craft was never so crowded. Both Lodges and Grand Lodges are multiplying, and year by year the number of Freemasons in the world is steadily and largely increasing. But, remember this, in great size there is always great danger. Grossness is disease. It is the thin man that has length of days, while the stout man goes lumbering along, and falls before his time. So, great nations are always unwieldy, and their unmanageable size often is their ruin. We should not expect Freemasonry to

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be any exception to this often-proved principle. Too great numbers in the Fraternity may naturally promote its disruption and destruction. Do not let us, then, regard the historical growth of the Craft as proof-positive of its prosperity, since, far from being so, it may betoken its decline and fall. There is all the difference in the world between a healthy growth and a rapid one. The black-ball is the safeguard of Freemasonry in this respect, and wherever a section of the Craft "lets down the bars," and requires two or three black-balls to reject, it places a premium upon insufficiency, and introduces into the Brotherhood elements which may work its ruin. Let us not be led astray by the easy belief that a great number of initiates is proof of the Craft's prosperity, for to do so may be to deceive ourselves, and to invite adversity.

Does it consist in great wealth? Excess in wealth, no less than excess in numbers, betokens enervation, and induces destruction. It puffs up, and pride goeth before a fall. Not only are all men and all societies liable to failure from this cause, but no matter what their first principles may have been, great wealth is almost certain to cause them to over-ride those principles. The history of monarchism affords a striking example of this, as also does that of the mediæval Knights Templar. In their origin the monastic orders were pure and of good report, but when they came to own half the country where their domains existed, dividing it practically between themselves and royalty, their wealth caused them to ignore their principles, and exemplify the grossest and most law-defying lives. So the Templars, whose original seal represented two Knights riding upon one horse, by way of testifying to their poverty, in after years became enervated as a consequence of the possession of unlimited wealth. It seems that man in no state of life can assuredly bear what we vainly style great prosperity. Freemasonry cannot expect to stand where all others have fallen. The Craft should not desire to have its coffers lined with silver and gold, for to do so would not be to increase its efficiency, but to invite its decline and fall.

Does it consist in great popularity? *Masonry has no right to be popular.* It is a secret society. It is for the few, not the many; for the select, not the masses. It wishes not to be evil spoken of: but better that than to be lauded to the skies. Whatever directly tends to bring Masonry before the profane, or to bring the profane into a Masonic Lodge-room during the performance of any of the ceremonies of the Craft, is to seek that prosperity which is utterly hollow, and that popularity which is as fickle as the wind. Neither great wealth, nor great numbers, nor great popularity can serve as the corner-stone or the cap-stone of our ancient and honourable Fraternity. It must continue to exist independent of all these, and avoiding *all* extremes. In the middle course only is safety.

The true prosperity of Freemasonry consists in the universal prevalence of the germinant and unifying principles which distinguished its origin and prosperity in the past, and these must be maintained if we would ensure its prosperity in the future. We must continue to exemplify kindness, courtesy and unaffected good feeling towards all of our Brethren; genuine charity for the imperfections of our fellows, and for the material relief of the distressed; and we must persevere in an ardent advocacy of Masonic truth, and exhibit it in action in our daily lives. This is real Masonic prosperity, and it may exist without great numbers, without great wealth, without great so-called prosperity, and, indeed, it cannot exist with them. A Masonic persecution is often a blessing in disguise. The company of the Brethren is strengthened by the loss of its selfish and half-hearted members. They are stragglers and deserters, whose natural home is with the enemy. They weaken any cause they espouse. Such a persecution is medicine for the Craft, unpleasant to take, but curative in its results. Let us trust that in the future truth may be so upheld, principle so exemplified in practice, and undue popularity, excessive wealth and great numbers so avoided, that the prosperity of Freemasonry may be assured through all the years of coming time.

—*Keystone.*

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

A TILT AT THE VICES OF THE AGE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

THERE are many things done in the name and under the cover of Freemasonry that are reprehensible, and not the least of these is the trading spirit that so largely prevails. Were the love of religion, morality and justice really the moving springs of men's actions, instead of being, in the vast majority of cases, the outward covering of a selfish purpose, there would be little need to point so frequently to the abuse of the fundamental principles of the Craft. In dealing with what may be termed conspicuous vices among modern Masons the prevailing vices of the times must always be borne in mind. Glitter and show pass current, while simple worth goes unheeded. Men's desires have become necessities that formerly were accounted luxuries. Deception in trade is looked upon as justifiable, provided it is successful; and what is now viewed as a venial offence, in the days of greater purity was looked upon as dishonourable, if not dishonest. To keep up show requires money; increased indulgence necessitates increased means; and to thrive in trade demands the whole energies of men to the almost utter disregard of moral and spiritual culture. Even the intellect is crammed with a view to trade, and although books and newspapers have multiplied enormously, they tend to satisfy the lower wants of mankind, rather than the higher aspirations. They are often shallow and showy, and like the Yankee's razors, made to sell. It would be wonderful if Masonry escaped from the grovelling vices of the age. The trading spirit is rampant, and many men see in a Masonic jewel or symbol a talisman of fortune. They join the Fraternity, and forthwith their outward person becomes the adorned sepulchre, while within often is found rottenness or stagnation. In some cases shop fronts proclaim the fact that the occupier is a Freemason, while in other instances Masonic symbols figure on cards and circulars, indicating that those who issue them wish to announce to the world that they are members of the Craft. These personal shop front and printed witnesses of a fact are not always dictated by the trading spirit. The love of show is a powerful lever, especially to the men of shoddy. In Masonry they find a means of ready access to society which is denied to them by social conventionalities. They have wealth, but neither by birth nor education are they eligible for polite and refined intercourse. Masonry supplies them, in a modified form, no doubt, with something approaching to their requirements. Hence are found in the Craft a large number of successful traders, who are satisfied with the social advantages they obtain. They observe the outward form of the Fraternity, but they are veritable dead bones to all that is spiritually beautiful. They are charitable even to lavishness, but that involves no sacrifice, while the popularity gained by giving gratifies their pride, and solaces them for inroads upon their purses. These men are neither better nor worse than the average class of the day; they are traders in spirit, and the shop is never absent from their words and actions. Happily a few only have all the vices of their class without their virtues; they are the unwholesome leaven that now and then disfigures the Order, and brings reproach. The Masonic body includes a large number of publicans, and this fact is not regarded with favour by many. But the explanation is simple; sociality is an essential feature of the publican's business; indeed it is its mainspring; and in joining Masonry a publican at once gratifies his social instincts and promotes the interests of his class. As a rule he cares little for ritual and ceremonies; he shines best at the banquet table, where physical enjoyment and his trade are so favourably combined. In fairness it must be admitted that while the publican enjoys the pleasures of the table, as a rule he is no niggard with his money, and some of the most generous supporters of the Charities are to be found in this class. Still the fact remains that the good that is achieved springs from the lower motives of action, and that the esoteric character of the Craft is preserved in virtue of its inherent excellence and the efforts of the educated few. The intellectual life of Masonry is still further circumscribed, and were it not for a devotion worthy of martyrdom, the ritual and ceremonies would lose that exposition which throws light upon disputed points, opens up new views of origin and history, and enlarges and intensifies the spiritual glories of the Order.

It would be vain, perhaps, to hope for any great alter-

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ation in the present order of things. There must be a change in the whole body politic before any of its branches can become thoroughly purified. Much may be done by the moral teacher. His functions never cease, and his duties become more onerous and imperative as difficulties increase. It is his privilege to proclaim eternal truths, to insist upon purity of motives, and the absolute necessity of cultivated intelligence as the means of action. He is met at the outset with the money-grubbing spirit, which rules the world as probably it has never ruled it before, and in its sordid nature is absorbed all that is best in the human heart. Wordsworth had a true poet's scorn for the love of wealth. In one of his sonnets he exclaims:

"Great God! I'd rather be
A pagan suckled in a creed outworn,"

than waste powers in "getting and spending." He knew the curse that the race for wealth brings, and like a prophet, he raised his warning voice against an evil that while it destroys it fascinates. There is a remarkable consensus of opinion among poets of the debasing character of money getting, and the pretensions that the possession of wealth too often inspire. The fool with money ranks with the most gifted in the eyes of the world, and the distinctions between real worth and vulgar shams are growing less. Tennyson hits the mark most vigorously when he says:

"Cursed be the gold that gilds the straitened
forehead of the fool."

He wars against the crying sin of the age. Another teacher not less gifted, Mrs. Barrett Browning, strikes a different chord, but vibrating to the same purpose. She is not unmindful of the achievements of enterprise, of the results of trade and civilisation, but she has this very suggestive line in "Lady Geraldine's Courtship":

"Little thinking if we work our souls as
nobly as our iron."

Do we? While the trophies of trade and commerce are seen everywhere, the practice of the higher virtues is little regarded. That must be the answer to the poetess. The man who sets up a high standard as the rule of life in business, in all other matters is too often regarded as a fool; that is, if he happens to be poor. The wealthy man escapes any test, and success alone covers all offences of omission and commission.

This moralising is peculiarly suitable and applicable to Freemasons. Possessing in common with all mankind the veritable truths of religion and the facilities for its exercise, enjoying all the advantages that are supposed to belong to the present state of civilisation, the Freemason has the additional privilege of belonging to a Fraternity that embodies in its teaching all that is excellent in mind and heart. He is afforded special opportunities of becoming practically acquainted with all the virtues, and his whole training as a Mason is calculated to lead him in the paths of intellectual and spiritual development. The heritage of a Mason is beyond price, and it is sad to see it appraised at so low a value by the many, while the few are powerless to adequately sustain its wisdom, strength, and beauty. Still more might be attempted in the way of mental and moral progress than has hitherto been the case, and a beginning might be made in repressing as far as possible the trading spirit so apt to be manifested by the neophyte, and so offensive in the old Mason. It is of no importance to let the world know that a man is a Freemason, and there are ways of making the fact known to the brethren without artificial aid. It is just this difficulty—the becoming known to, and recognised by, each other outside of the Lodge room, that creates the great stumbling block to real brotherly feeling. The Charities are marvellous monuments of liberality, and reflect honour upon the Masonic body. But there is something more wanted to complete the bond of union, affection, and help. The great want is expressed in the word "sympathy." If a brother is considered worthy to be on a level with princes and nobles in the Lodge room, surely he is entitled to some regard out of it. There would be no sacrifice of social distinction in recognising a brother in the street, while the very difference that separates some would give a peculiar value to the friendly nod of a superior to an inferior in social status. It is not the mere fact of recognition that creates the value, but the assurance that it implies. It means that a brother is not only such within the confines of four walls and surrounded with certain regalia, but that he retains his character in the ordinary relations of life. There need be no fear of undue familiarity; true dignity never lacks defence, while the sham article is not worth preserving. It is impossible to estimate the value of a real band of brotherhood such as is here indicated, but it is easy to understand that were it to exist the circle of Masonic duty would be enlarged, ugly gaps that now disfigure it would be closed up, sympathy would strengthen the weak points, and a boundless charity would embrace the whole.

MASONRY AND WOMAN.

THE "science" of Masonry is the science of morals—teaching us how to rear a spiritual Temple, and how to perfect and adorn it, by the aid of that wisdom and strength which God supplies, for a "habitation of the Spirit," in which God may dwell and reign for ever and ever. Is not this science accessible to woman? It is true it is not earth-born, it is of heaven's own revealment; but it is written on the arched heavens and the green earth; it is recorded on the ample pages of nature; it speaks on every leaf of the great Light of Masonry—the Bible; and the Divine Spirit, like an ever present tutor, is always ready to explain and amplify and lead on from step to step, from one essential principle to another, until the great Truth is reached and comprehended, and the novitiate is enabled to shout his rapturous "Eureka!"

Is woman excluded from the sociabilities of Masonry? From those which belong to the Lodge room she is, but they are not essential to woman's welfare. She is excluded from them as man is excluded from the private interviews, communications, and associations of ladies. Men do not ask to be admitted there, for they have no business there, and it is not suitable and proper they should be there. God has stamped upon the elements of human nature the necessity, and we all may see the propriety of this exclusion. But women are not excluded from Masonic sociabilities outside the Lodge room. And so far as sympathies are concerned a Mason's heart beats first and highest for woman's happiness. Woman is not excluded from the honours of Masonry. To be honoured is to be loved; to be honoured most is to be loved most. And we assert that in the affections of all the worthy Craft woman is the presiding divinity, next to the Deity. Our earliest and latest and purest affections are for her. Our first care is for her, and at her shrine we would offer the fairest and brightest gifts of earth. To wear a Masonic dress of a peculiar shape or colour is not honour. To have suspended from the neck a jewel of peculiar construction is not honour. To sit in the East, and preside over the work, is of itself but little honour. But to be enthroned in the affections; to be the object of first consideration; to be obeyed with promptness and served with pleasure, this is to be honoured. Is not woman honoured by the Craft? Does she not share in the "honours" of Masonry, and largely too?

But she is debarred from our traditions and mysteries. These two words imply almost the same thing, and as such we shall consider them. Women we believe have too much respect for Masonry to wish it destroyed. But were we to reveal its traditions and mysteries to ladies, it would be a violation of its laws and might prove its ruin. Besides, we cannot, without first becoming recreant to every principle of honour and integrity. Would woman be gratified with the knowledge at such a price? We think not. Nay, she would reject the coveted prize and spurn the traitor from her presence. The secrets of Masonry, among brothers of the Craft, are like the secrets of the physician and his patient; the lawyer and his client; the husband and his wife. To reveal them would be to show ourselves unworthy of them, and place on record the evidence of our own infamy. We know that women place too high a value upon the virtues of truth, honour and integrity to desire admission to our mysteries at such a sacrifice. The brow of her honoured father whom we hail as a brother of the Royal Art would darken upon her pathway at such a wish. And, after all, we are satisfied that a lady would decline the honour of becoming a Brother amongst us, if that distinction were freely tendered. Her heart is with her home; and neither our mysteries nor traditions could allure her to the Lodge-room.—*Hebrew Leader.*

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held at Uxbridge, on Saturday, 6th June.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY, No. 185.

THE last meeting of the present session of this Lodge took place at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C., on Monday, the 20th instant, and although not numerously attended, proved one of those happy gatherings at which the spirit of enjoyment and content prevail, created by the absence of the more or less noisy exhilaration which characterise large assemblies on grand occasions. Bro. S. Boaz W.M. presided, and in consequence of the absence of some of the minor Officers several of the Past Masters acted for them. The business of the evening consisted of conferring the Master Masons' degree upon Bros. Davis, Fisher, Lazarus, M. Marks, and Van Gelder. As was anticipated, the W.M. had thrown off his hesitating timidity, and approached his task with sufficient confidence to render his work acceptable, thus showing that it was not want of ability which made his performance appear somewhat unfinished on the former and first occasion. At the meetings on these "off" nights many of the more pompous observances are very properly dispensed with, and the toasts and responses given with brevity. Bro. Barnett I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., embraced the opportunity of making some favourable comments upon the ability with which the onerous task of raising five brethren to the third degree had been accomplished. The W.M., in reply, said he did not hesitate to cast some justly deserved blame upon several of the minor Officers, who were conspicuous by their absence. Bros. W. D. Bailey P.M. and Treasurer, Harry Tipper J.W., Thompson W.S., and J. D. Barnett P.M. and Organist, contributed to the harmony of the evening by their vocal and instrumental talents. The Visitors were Bros. Boose P.M. 306, Morling S.W. 948, Oppenheim 1306, Robinson 1328. There were also present Past Masters R. Z. Bloomfield, Harfeld, Staley, F. Croaker, N. Gluckstein, and E. Gottheil.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Tuesday, the 21st instant. Present:—Bros. M. J. Withers W.M., S. Wheeler jun. I.P.M., D. H. Witherington S.W., Frederick Blackwell J.W., R. C. Mount P.M. Treasurer, A. W. Parry Secretary, J. W. Martin S.D., C. G. Hawkes J.D., J. R. Hayward Org., William Sherwood I.G., J. C. B. Tirbutt and C. T. Rayner Stewards, W. Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters:—Bros. J. W. Hounslow, Samuel Bradley, John Long; also Bros. H. Higgs, G. H. Stubington, F. H. Furnival, Ed. Farrell, B. Ruddock, R. Adams, W. J. Maurice, H. P. Knill; Visitors Bros. R. C. Hurley P.M. 1101, E. J. Blackwell P.M. 1101, William Ferguson P.M. 1101, J. T. Stransom Treasurer 1101, W. Ravenscroft J.W. 1101, Cyril B. Tubbs I.G. 2043. Lodge was opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last regular meeting (which included the newly adopted Bye-Laws) were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree and Bro. William James Maurice having given proof of his proficiency was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third, and Bro. Maurice was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the W.M., the traditional history being given by Bro. Wheeler I.P.M.; the working tools were presented by the W.M. The Lodge was resumed in the second and third degrees. The Worshipful Master then alluded to the serious illness of their highly esteemed Brother W. W. Moxhay, senior P.M. of the Lodge; he felt certain it was with sincere regret that every brother heard of their dear old friend's illness; he was convinced that they all heartily prayed that his valuable life might be spared. They always welcomed the cheery and happy face of Bro. Moxhay, who had for so many years acted as their installing Master; he was sure they were all anxious for his speedy recovery. He begged to propose—"That the brethren assembled in open Lodge desire to express their sincere sympathy with their esteemed Brother W. W. Moxhay in his illness, and devoutly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may be pleased to restore him to health and strength." This was cordially seconded by Bro. Wheeler I.P.M., and carried unanimously, and the Secretary was requested to forward a copy of the resolution to Bro. Moxhay. All business being ended the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper at the Great Western Hotel, after which the toasts of the Queen and the Craft, the Visitors (responded to by Bros. Hurley P.M. 1101 and Flanagan W.M. 2043), the W.M., and the newly raised Brother (Maurice) were proposed and received in a hearty manner.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE annual meeting of this old established and flourishing Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 9th inst. Bro. Runtz W.M., supported by Bros. Bieling W.M. elect S.W., Bryant J.W., Tongue S.D., Gordon J.D., Apsey I.G., Turner D.C., Banks Tyler; P.M.'s Smith, Jackson, Jagielski, Rath, &c., Paas Secretary, Nowakowski Treasurer. The business of the evening consisted of raising Bro. O'Neil and passing Bro. Bailey; then followed the ceremony of installation. This was performed by the retiring W.M., in the impressive and able manner which is habitual with him, and the ceremony seemed to afford the highest satisfaction to the fifteen P.M.'s who formed the Board. In due course the new W.M. was saluted in the usual degrees, and the following Officers were appointed:—Bryant S.W., Tongue J.W., Gordon S.D., Apsey J.D., Turner I.G., Runtz D. of C., Banks Tyler. After these brethren had taken their seats the W.M. presented Bro. Runtz with a P.M.'s jewel, which was voted to him at the last Lodge meeting. The W.M. addressed Brother Runtz as follows:—"In the name of the Polish National Lodge I have very great pleasure in investing you with this beautiful P.M.'s jewel, which has been presented to you by the brethren. It is the emblem of a perfect Master, and is suspended from the Polish White Eagle, a combined emblem of purity, swiftness and progress. It is not only the members' jewel of this particular Lodge, but it also represents a noble and chivalrous people—for history tells us how their splendid horsemen turned the tide of battle against the all conquering crescent which at one time threatened to overrun Christendom. May you, Bro. Runtz, live many years to wear it on your breast in our Masonic assemblies, and when that great summons arrives which we all must obey, may your children, and children's children, look upon this jewel as the most precious heirloom in their possession, for their father's sake." This short address was received by the brethren with great applause, and the I.P.M. made suitable reply, thanking the brethren for their kindness. The next business was the reading of the report of the Audit Committee, which showed there was a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer; it was unanimously accepted. After a few communications had been read, the W.M. was greeted with hearty good wishes, and a candidate proposed for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed in the usual manner. The brethren now repaired to the banquet room. When the cloth had been removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts received attention. The I.P.M. proposed, in fitting terms, the health of the new W.M., who thanked the brethren for having selected him to the responsible office of Master; he was reminded of the night when, nine years ago, he was initiated in the Polish National Lodge; he had worked hard to perfect himself for the duties of Master, and felt that he had his reward in being elected. He hoped to transmit the warrant to his successor pure and unsullied as he had received it. The next toast was that of the Visitors, and to this Bro. Adlard responded; he had been over fifty years a Mason, and had passed the chair so long ago as 1834; he might therefore be supposed to have had some experience; he had never seen the work performed in a more perfect or abler manner than he had seen it that evening. Bro. Saegart also alluded to the able manner in which the I.P.M. had performed his duties; he was glad to see the brethren had given honour to whom honour was due, in having voted Bro. Runtz the Commander's White Eagle. Bro. Saegart terminated his remarks by wishing the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office. The I.P.M., in response to the toast in his honour, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner they had received it; it was both painful and pleasant for him to respond to the toast—painful, as he was giving up his position; and pleasant, as he was terminating one of the brightest years of his life. As long as he lived he intended to be a member of the Polish National Lodge, and hoped to retain the good wishes of the brethren. The health of the Past Masters was then proposed. Bro. Jagielski ably responded, alluding especially to the significance of the Polish Eagle. Bro. Jackson thanked the brethren for having included his name; he thought that some allusion should have been made to the visit of the Most Worshipful Grand Master to Ireland. He hoped the Grand Master would visit some of the Irish Lodges, and cement the brotherly good feeling which already existed between English and Irish Lodges. The rest of the Officers were called upon to respond to the toast of their health, and at length the Tyler's toast completed the evening, and the brethren separated, at a somewhat late hour. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Norman P.M. 125, Newton 90, Underwood W.M. 1366, Adlard P.M. 7, Saegert P.M. 548, Inglis S.D. 946, Taylor 1441, Kelsey 45, Debenham 28, Frost P.P.G.D. Surrey, Alford P.M. 228, Kew P.M. 179, Snowdin W.M. 157, Hughes W.M. 179, Pritchard S.D. 1415, Pink P.M. 1420, Cogan P.M. 1365, Newcomb 569, Busney 569, Potter 1158, Swain 1298, Couzens 907.

RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th instant, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when there was a good muster of the brethren present, and they were honoured with the presence of several visitors. The business of the evening consisted of two initiations, two passings, and one raising. This was followed by the installation of Bro. J. Sims, who had been unanimously elected W.M. at the last regular meeting of the Lodge. Bro. H. Purdue, the retiring Master, performed the whole of the ceremonies in the most able manner; while the way he conducted the installation of his successor, called forth the praise of all. Bro. Oliver P.M. was voted a jewel in recognition of his valued and kind services as Organist for the last ten years. Bro. Sims's year of office promises to be a successful one; there will be two candidates for initiation at the next meeting of the Lodge. The banquet was served in the most satisfactory manner, under the able direction of Bro. Bertini, of well-known Criterion fame. A string band was in attendance, and played during the banquet. In due course, the Masonic toasts were honoured, and some good singing was rendered by Bros. Bryett P.M., Oliver P.M., May, Craigs, Cliburn, and others.

CALLENDER LODGE, No. 1052.

THE Festival of St. John and installation of Bro. Roger Walker was celebrated in the Masonic Rooms, 74a King-street, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 21st instant. The Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer by the installing Master, Bro. Daniel Edwards (P.M. 1052 and the first Master of the Wolsey Lodge, No. 1993), in absence of the W.M. Bro. Outram, who was unavoidedly prevented from being present at the opening. Bros. R. Walker S.W., S. Wrigley J.W., R. White I.P.M., D. Edwards Treas., J. Jordrell Sec., Ernest Jones S.D., C. J. Bennett Org., A. Williams I.G., J. Sly Tyler; W. Duncan P.M., P. Barker P.M., S. Warburton P.M., T. Fallows P.M., Jas. Campbell, W. H. Clayton, T. W. K. Start, H. Battersby, Jno. Shaw, W. W. Lofthouse. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge

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was then opened in the second degree, and the W.M. elect was presented to the installing Master by Bro. Phillip Barber P.M., an old and esteemed member of the Lodge. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with and completed by Bro. Edwards in a masterly manner, that frequently elicited demonstrations of applause. The following brethren were then invested:—Bros. A. B. Outram I.P.M., Seth Wrigley S.W., Jno. Jordrell J.W., A. B. Outram P.M. Treas., D. Edwards P.M. Secretary, S. Davies D.C., Ernest Jones S.D., C. J. S. Bennett Org., Acton Williams I.G., James Sly Tyler, J. Campbell and W. H. Clayton Stewards. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the following Visiting brethren:—Bros. Hatton P.M. 78 1993, Riley Sec. 815 1993, Harris W.M. elect 1993, Evans 1993, Withington S.W. 78, Burtles W.M. 78, H. Darbyshire, Howe W.M. 993, Rowe 1 52, Beresford P.M. 104 P.P.G.S.D.C., Nathan P.M. 1798, Jefferies W.M. 1161, Wilcock 1998, Gleave S.D. 104, Marshall P.M. 61 308 1283 P.P.G.P. West Yorks, Griffith 935 1993, Fletcher 993, Board I.P.M. 1798, Hebden P.M. 1458. Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where the tables were set out in splendid style, and beautifully decorated with fruit and flowers, by the caterer, Mrs. Edwards, of 5 Bury New Road, Manchester, who has already attained great local fame for her efficient catering. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received in the most cordial manner. The Visitors spoke most enthusiastically of the Masonic treat afforded them by the delivery of the ceremony of installation, and expressed their gratification at the bountiful liberality displayed at the festive board. Past Masters and Officers spoke hopefully of their newly made Master, Bro. Roger Walker, who seems to be deservedly beloved and respected by all who know him. A bright future is anticipated for this Lodge under his rule; in fact, we believe a more harmonious and friendly Lodge does not exist in the provinces. The menu cards, printed by Bro. Beresford P.M. 104, were neatly got up, and we shall be pleased to place the one sent by our correspondent with the Masonic souvenirs in our collection.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1743.

THIS new and flourishing Lodge, consecrated only five years since, has had an uninterrupted career of success, owing to the feeling of unity existing amongst its members. To this is combined good working and proverbial hospitality. A short time since a committee, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, was formed for the purpose of welcoming the Ladies, and giving them an enjoyable evening. This has resulted in unqualified success. On Saturday, the 11th instant, the elegant suite of rooms of the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, the headquarters of the Lodge, were thrown open, and, lighted by the Electric Light, presented a very attractive appearance. The Ladies on their arrival were received by Bros. Lovell and Thompson; but previous to this, at 4 o'clock, the Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Alfred Eade, supported by Bros. Mollindinia S.W., Read J.W., A. L. Leins P.M. Treasurer, C. E. Ferry P.M. Secretary, Mitchell S.D., Smith J.D., Fox I.G.; Bros. Sparrow I.P.M., Kearney and Walls P.M.'s. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. C. Lonsdale, No. 205, was unanimously elected a joining member. The Bye-Laws were read. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year next took place, and resulted in Brother Mollindinia S.W. being unanimously chosen. Bro. A. L. Leins P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and R. W. Goddard P.M. Tyler. Lodge was then closed until the second Saturday in September. The Ladies and Brethren, 82 in number, now sat down to a sumptuous and *récherché* banquet and dessert, superintended by Bro. A. Begbie. The tables were most artistically decorated. Grace having been said, the Worshipful Master, who very ably presided, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts briefly and appropriately. Bro. Sparrow I.P.M. then rose; it afforded him great pleasure to propose the health of the W.M. It was the last time he should have that privilege. Bro. Eade had ably filled the chair, and, by his courtesy, able working, and presidency, had endeared himself to all the members, who trusted he would have long life, health, and prosperity. The W.M. in reply said he felt a great amount of diffidence in responding; he was one of the founders of the Lodge; he had held every office in it. It was with intense gratification he could say that every meeting had been one of unity. To those who had assisted him in his duties as Master his thanks were due. It was with especial pride he presided over such an assembly as was present on this, his last night in the chair. The next toast was the health of the W.M. elect. Bro. Mollindinia was also one of the Founders; he had done his work well, and it was pleasing to see that he had been unanimously elected. He would now ask them to drink to his health, and to a prosperous year of office. The W.M. elect said he hoped to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, and would do all in his power for the comfort of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Ladies; he felt it a great pleasure to preside over such an assembly; he could not find words to express his gratitude for having been honoured by their presence. He hoped this evening would but be the precursor of many more, equally enjoyable. He could not find a better respondent than Brother F. Binckes Past Grand Steward. Bro. Binckes felt gratified at being present in a Lodge where the brethren had elected to have Ladies with them to participate in their pleasures, and he hoped others would follow the example set. He felt it an honour having been called on to respond; but he thought he was in somewhat of an enigmatical situation. However, the Ladies were in a position to judge as to whether Freemasons did their duty, and he would suggest as a fitting motto to the toast they should add the words "Love and Honour." The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, for which compliment Brothers Johnson, Binckes, H. M. Levy, and W. Smith severally responded. The next toast was the health of those gentlemen present who were not Masons; the W.M., as well as his brethren were pleased to see them. Perhaps eventually they might have to enrol their names amongst those belonging to the Order. After a reply from Mr. Cattell, the W.M. gave the health of the Past Masters. To them his thanks were due. They had rendered the Lodge every assistance. Bro. Sparrow I.P.M. responded. The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers were not forgotten, and then the Tyler gave the parting toast. The company adjourned, and dancing took place. During the evening Miss Leins, the Misses Lucy Elliott and Agnes Leins sang some excellent songs. Messrs. Packer, Frassini, and Albert Leins also sang. Bro. Tasker gave a capital recitation, while Bro. F. Binckes, by request, gave "Othello's Address to the Senate," in masterly style.

Among the Visitors were Bros. Binckes P.G.S., Packer 1571, Wright 1692, Burgess 2048, Thompson 1299, Soudam 749, Johns 1297, Smith 933, Kemp 1706, Hyams 487, London 1580, Levy P.M. 188; Mesdames Salter, Mentz, Reeve, Smith, Soudam, Fidler, Sparrow, Gasson, Watt, Thompson, Baker, Belhomie, W. Smith, London, Eade, Chamberlain. Misses Young, Rees, Bennett, Fox, Felsen, Packer, Wright, Moldinia.

CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday, the 18th instant, under the presidency of Bro. John Osborn the W.M., who was supported by the following Officers and Visitors:—Brothers Edwin Woodman J.W., Lee Secretary, Weston S.D., Osborn J.D., Von Holtorp I.G., Gaskin Steward, P.M.'s Bird, Mayes; also Bros. Davison, Sheffield, Hibberd, Cole, Trotman, Broach, Lee, Mayne, Wright, Hughes, Banks. Visitors—Bros. Thrupp R.W. D.P.G.M. Middlesex, Moulton 1693, Holt S.W. 496, Nelson I.G. 1423, Jones 1278, Ball 1567, Stretch jun. 1950, Forge P.M. 1950, Hammond 820, Payne W.M. elect 1602, Collings 1693, Plant 1950. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Lee was raised, and then, by the courtesy of the W.M., Bro. Woodman, the J.W. of the Lodge, who is also W.M. of 1950, assumed the chair and proceeded to confer the second degree on Bro. Plant, an initiate of 1950, who is about to leave for America. Bro. Osborn having resumed the charge of his Lodge, and the ballot having been successfully taken, Mr. Banks and Mr. Broach were initiated into the Order. Bro. Jones 1278 was admitted as a joining member, and the following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Bro. Lee W.M., Hurran Treasurer, Very Tyler. Other business having been disposed of, Lodge was closed, and was followed by a dinner, where the usual toasts were honoured. Bro. Osborn was congratulated on the success which had attended his presidency of the Lodge, and regrets were expressed that the time had arrived for his retirement from the chair. Bros. Sheffield, Lee jun., Woodman, Collings and others contributed to the harmony of the evening.

EARL OF LATHOM LODGE, No. 1922.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 13th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, Surrey, and was numerously attended by members and Visitors. Bro. Wentworth T. Chapman, the W.M., was supported by G. W. Evans S.W. and W.M. elect, Runacres P.M. Treas., Witts P.M. 144 Sec., Evans S.D., Clark J.D., Beal as I.G., Sims P.M. D.C., Albert Org., Spencer S., Taylor I.P.M., and the following Visitors—Warren I.P.M. 1348, Barham P.M. 144, Croaker P.M. 185, Taylor P.M. 1558, Evans 177, Dickins P.M. 860, Walker 1348, Voysey P.M. 1641, Bently Haynes W.M. 27, R. Stokoe 1963, Paton 205, Treacher 1475, Larlham P.M. 1216, Mattock P.M. 1441, Horne P.M. 227, Stokes 1558, Clyde, Pawsey 1539, Day 1539, Hyde 1662, Hawkins 1287, Stacey 382, Town 973, Griffiths P.M. 1446, Leaper P.M. 1275, Johnson W.M. 1320, Edgley 1446, Dickey 1744, Voisey 172, Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the former regular meeting, and of emergencies of the 9th February and 9th March, having been confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was adopted. Bros. Cope, Darling, and Edwards were raised. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. G. W. Evans was installed in the presence of 22 W.M.'s and P.M.'s, by the retiring W.M. Bro. Chapman. The W.M. was saluted according to antient custom, and appointed and invested as his Officers Bros. Chapman I.P.M., Turle Lee S.W., Evans J.W., Runacres P.M. Treasurer, Witts P.M. Secretary, Clark S.D., Cannon J.D., Sims P.M. I.G., Spencer D.C., Albert Steward, Coates Org., Shipton A.S., Church Tyler. Bro. R. Taylor P.M. acted with his usual ability as D.C. during the proceedings. Two propositions for initiation and one for joining were handed in, while the resignation of a P.M. was received with regret. Hearty good wishes were then given by the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed until the second Monday in May. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Carlton Hall, Tunstall-road, Brixton, where an excellent banquet and dessert was served by Bro. C. G. Slawson. Grace having been sung, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. Bro. Chapman I.P.M. said the brethren perhaps thought that they had heard his voice for the last time. It was so as W.M., but not as a Past Master. He had a pleasing duty to perform, to submit an important toast—that of the W.M. That brother had shown his aptitude for the office by the way in which he had invested his Officers, and had since presided over the Lodge. He hoped he might have health and prosperity during his term of office. The W.M. fully recognised the responsibilities of office. It would be a source of pleasure to be of any service to the Lodge. He was sure he should have the assistance of the members to enable him to carry out his duty. He then proposed the toast of the Visitors, of whom there were thirty-four present, twenty-two of them Installed Masters. He felt it an honour to have so many guests around him, his own father being among the number. Bros. Haynes W.M. 27 and Johnson W.M. 1329, with others, responded. The W.M. proposed the toast of the I.P.M., Bro. Chapman. The Lodge was indebted to him

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for its success during his year of office; he had always looked after their comforts, and it was now with great pleasure he invested him with a jewel, as a token of the regard in which he was held. Bro. Chapman felt honoured in receiving the jewel just presented him. He could not find words to properly thank them. He hoped to obtain higher honours in the Order. He was pleased to say the Lodge was in a prosperous condition, and he was proud that it was free from debt and had funds in hand. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, which was acknowledged by Bros. Taylor and Runacres. The toast of the Treasurer, Secretary, Wardens and Officers was given, as also was that of the Musical Brethren who had so ably rendered service. The Tyler's toast followed, a very agreeable and harmonious evening was brought to a conclusion. Bros. Albert and Spencer were assiduous in their exertions for the comfort of the brethren and Visitors. The music was under the direction of Bro. Turle Lee, the S.W. of the Lodge, who was ably supported in his endeavours to amuse by Bros. James Brown, W. Coates, Henry Taylor and Franklin Clive.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Held at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday, 22nd inst. Bros. Saint W.M., Cubitt S.W., Gildersleve J.W., Pitt Secretary, Hollands S.D., Biddle J.D., Foster I.G., P.M.'s Webb Preceptor, Barnes; also Bros. Egan, Lashbrooke, Fernley. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Lashbrooke acting as candidate. Bro. P.M. Barnes worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. S.W. Cubitt was elected W.M. for ensuing meeting. The brethren greeted the assembly of Past Masters; they were especially gratified at the visit of Bro. Barnes, after his severe illness. All labour ended, Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Wednesday next, 29th April, at seven o'clock.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 17th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. Edmiston W.M., Turner S.W., Sperring J.W., C. E. Botley Secretary, Thomas S.D., Wing J.D., Baily I.G., W. Goss P.M., Norton, Cammell. Visitor—Bro. Russell 1996. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Russell candidate. This brother then answered the questions leading to the second degree; Bro. C. E. Botley worked the first two sections of the first lecture; Bro. Russell was elected a member; and Bro. C. E. Botley appointed W.M. for next meeting, when he will rehearse the installation ceremony. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned until 24th, at eight o'clock.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—Held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., on the 15th inst. Bros. Cohen P.M. W.M., Powell S.W., Money J.W., Fenner P.M. Preceptor, Catling S.D., Weeden J.D., Ashton I.G., Conrad Secretary. After preliminaries, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees. The Fifteen Sections were then worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Ashton, Fenner, Turner, E. M. Money, Watts, A. Money. Second Lecture—Bros. Lone, Weeden, Catling, Sadler (Grand Tyler), Dixie. Third Lecture—Bros. Ferrar, Galer, Powell. Bros. Catling and Christmas were elected members of this Lodge. Bro. Dixie proposed, and Bro. Mustoe seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded to Bro. Cohen, and that he be elected an honorary member of this Lodge. This was carried unanimously. The W.M. proposed, and W. Harper seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded to the brethren taking part in the working, and also to Bro. Sadler P.M. Grand Tyler for his kindness in coming, and giving the brethren the pleasure of hearing his working. This also was carried. Lodge was then closed.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—There was a very large gathering of members and visitors at the meeting of this excellent Lodge of Instruction on Monday last, the 20th inst., when the V.W. Bro. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C., &c., completed the second portion of his lecture on the Early Ritual of Freemasonry. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. G. Read P.M. 511 W.M., W. J. Mason S.W., Jas. Lichtenfeld J.W., Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. Chap., H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex Sec., F. Chandler S.D., A. Hardy J.D., C. J. Morse I.G., W. Middlewesk S.; P.M.'s Bros. W. H. Chalfont 1425, Browne Kidder 12, A. E. Gladwell 172, D. Cama 258 P.G.D.C. Middx., Capt. A. Nicols P.M. 1974 P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, C. Higgins 1381, James Stevens 1216, G. Gregory 1538, C. Andrews 77, also Bros. W. Harris, E. Coleman, R. P. J. Laundy, C. Coleman, A. P. Lake, A. Le Clair, J. Greenway, D. Stroud, H. J. Phillips, W. A. Landey, Laurence, C. Bellerby jun., Cliburn, W. R. Hatton, C. Breitbach, M. D. Cama, N. D. Francis, Rev. M. Haines, C. Craig, C. S. Mote, J. H. Wood, T. C. Edmonds, R. C. Cursons, E. Bessell, A. S. Death, Owen. Visitors—Bros. J. Carter 212, C. P. Langley 2045, E. Lange 141, A. Stong 141, Capt. H. S. Andrews 1974, J. E. Sheffield, A. Cornwall 969, Owen, Hills. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, it was raised to the third degree, and the W.M. introduced Bro. Woodford to the brethren for the purpose of the meeting. The worthy and rev. lecturer at once took up his address, at the point of termination of the first portion of the lecture given on a former occasion, when the Lodge was in the first degree and carrying his remarks into the following Craft degrees greatly interested his hearers by comparisons of the style of ritual antecedent to the present century with those now adopted in our English Lodges. The lecturer strongly argues for an unbroken connection of antiquated verbiage with that of modern times in the composition of the ritual at the date of the Articles of Union in 1813, and certainly some of his arguments are deserving of considerable attention, although they do not meet with general acceptance. Bro. Woodford should be heard in Lodge by those who desire to receive interesting instruction in respect of former "working," for it is of course impossible to give publicity in these pages to his remarks thereon. It is sufficient to state that a very pleasant hour was spent by a most attentive audience, who, at the close of Bro. Woodford's address, greeted him most cordially. At the request of the W.M. Bro. Stevens P.M. moved "that the thanks of the Lodge be accorded to the V.W. Bro. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. for his very instructive lecture, and that the same be recorded on the minutes." In the course of his speech Bro. Stevens, remarking upon the evident desire of Lodges of Instruction to vary the monotony of continued rehearsals of ceremonial, by availing themselves of opportunities such as Bro. Woodford had that evening afforded, maintained that it could not now be said that Masonic Lecturers were not forthcoming, or that the brethren generally could not be interested and instructed in a manner different from that which obtained but a few years since. Bros. Hughan, Whytehead, Cumberland, and others were, equally with Bros. Woodford, W. W. Morgan, and, he hoped he might add, himself, ever ready when called upon to devote what ability they might respectively possess to the advancement of the literature of the Craft. The worthy lecturer on this occasion gave, by his position in the Order, a countenance of no slight importance to these lectures, and therefore such service should be recognised in the manner which his motion indicated. Bro. C. Andrews very eloquently seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation. Bro. Woodford having thanked the brethren, the Lodge, which had been duly closed down, received several of the Visitors as members, and was subsequently closed in peace and harmony.

Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction, No. 1744.—A meeting was held on Thursday 9th April, at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square. Present—Bros. Mordey W.M., Verdin S.W., Burgess J.W., J. W. Smith Treas., Davies Sec., Webb S.D., Scurrah J.D., Sillis I.G., J. C. Smith Preceptor; also Bros. Dickey, Thom, Pratt, Walker, Harrison, Nicholls, Ross, Perry, Holland, Barling, Nadenik, Rusicki, Kauffmann, Greenway, and Sharpe. After preliminaries, minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the Preceptor worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Thom answered the questions leading to the second and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Thom as candidate. The Preceptor worked the second and third sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Verdin was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. The Preceptor proposed and Bro. Baring seconded that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the ability he had displayed in conducting the duties of the chair. This was carried unanimously, and Lodge was then closed.

On Thursday, 16th April, Bros. Verdin W.M., Burgess S.W., Webb J.W., Smith Treas., Davies Sec., Scurrah S.D., Thom J.D., Ross I.G., J. C. Smith Preceptor, also Bros. Holland, Mordey, Rogers, Nadenik, Solomon, Pratt, Harrison, Dickey. After preliminaries Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the first section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was opened in the third, and resumed to the second degree. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Dickey. Bro. Rogers having answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted. Lodge resumed to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Rogers as candidate. Bro. Verdin having resumed the chair, the second and third sections of the lecture were worked by the Preceptor. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the Preceptor worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Webb J.W. Bro. Burgess was elected W.M. for the 30th inst., next Thursday being the night appointed to work the Fifteen Sections. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. delivered his interesting lecture on Freemasonry, entitled "Knobs and Excrescences," at the monthly meeting of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, at the Temperance Hall, Newbury, Berks, on the 10th instant. Bro. W. H. Belcher W.M. presided. The thanks of the brethren were unanimously accorded to the lecturer at the close of his able and instructive address.

The following Dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 25th April:—

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CHARITY AND CLAIMANTS.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—It is not easy to discuss the merits of the various claimants to our Charities, without being open to the charge of hostility to a person or of unkindness. Yet cases arise occasionally which demand more than a passing notice, even at the risk of being misunderstood. At the last Quarterly Court of the Masonic Institution for Boys, Bro. J. S. Cumberland called attention to the case of William Edward Tappenden, and proposed that the lad's name should be removed from the list of candidates, on the ground that the boy's father had not left him penniless, but had provided for him. This objection elicited from the Chairman, Bro. Raynham Stewart, and others the remark, "that the School was not intended for the reception of paupers." I had a slight acquaintance with the late Bro. Tappenden, and I know well some of the supporters of his son. The former was very much respected in the Lodge to which he belonged, and I can vouch for the latter that they are men of high character and deep sympathy. In making these admissions, I am not quite sure whether Bro. Cumberland was not right in raising the question of claim, although I do not see how he could expect to succeed in the case of the boy Tappenden, seeing that he is only the type of many. It would be unfair to single out one boy, when there are others in a similar position. The value of Bro. Cumberland's action in this instance consists in the attention he has called to a matter that ere long will have to be considered. The necessity for some alteration is continually occurring, and the remark of the Chairman will tend to hasten the time when the whole system of candidature must be revised.

I recollect being taken seriously to task for calling the Institution at Croydon "Almshouses," but my offence was venial compared with that of Bro. Stewart's. In both cases no harm was meant; at least there was none in mine, and I feel sure that Bro. Stewart would not wilfully hurt the feelings of any brother, much less those of the widow and orphan. But these cases only show how tender are the susceptibilities of the brethren, and how cautious all ought to be in the use of words and phrases. What strikes me forcibly is that Bro. Stewart's remarks point to the assumption that the benefit of the Charities is circumscribed by the financial position of the claimants, and those outside of the charmed circle—the most pitiable and often the most deserving—must look elsewhere for help. Thomas Noel, in his "Pauper's Drive," has the following refrain:—

"Rattle his bones, over the stones,
He's only a pauper, whom nobody owns."

Practically, that represents the unhappy condition of the very poor Freemason, although it may shock the sensitive nerves of some to have it so bluntly stated.

Looking at the question in a broad and common-sense light, the whole case presents itself to me in something like the following form. When a man becomes a Freemason, he is accepted as having complied with the financial requirements as well as the moral conditions of the Order. He meets on the level, and is the equal of princes and peers, and he does not lose that equality unless he violates his obligations. His acceptance into the body covers his failings as well as his virtues; the former should be the object of solicitude, independent of any narrow limitation, while the latter should be regarded as the common property of all. A brother's success in life increases his responsibilities to others; his failure demands sympathy and succour. His claim is altogether independent of social status; were it otherwise, class distinctions would be set up, a state of things utterly subversive of the fundamental principles of the Craft. Charity, we are taught, is "the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart," and I nowhere find that its exercise is limited, except by self-preservation, and the duty that is owing to relatives. I go farther, and say that the ritual points to those "reduced to the lowest state of poverty and distress" as objects of the special regard of the brethren. It may be urged that it is impossible to relieve in every case, and that therefore some rule of choice must be laid down. No doubt this is so, but a rule that shall, in the case of charity, exclude the most wretched cases, while it helps those capable of helping themselves, is a direct violation of the principles and of the teaching of the Fraternity. I deny the right of any body of men to frame laws that are opposed to the constitution, to the spirit of charity, which is the essence of Freemasonry. Their first duty is to the poorest, working upwards, and their object should be to select the most helpless cases for relief. It is not for them to define the social status of candidates, nor even of the inmates of the Schools. In the latter case that is a matter for the pupils themselves. All that the Governors are called upon to do is to afford the best facilities they can for their charge, leaving distinctions to assert themselves, as they always do in any body of human beings.

There is a good deal of social cant among Freemasons. "I am holier than thou," is as clearly expressed in the actions of some as if they wore the phylacteries of their ancient type on their foreheads. They are the Pharisees of the Order, who observe its forms with rigid exactness but reject its spiritual teachings. The time is near, if it has not come, when the word "pauper" shall be unknown among Freemasons, when the principle of equality shall assume its rightful position, and when the exercise of charity shall no longer be limited to class, but be as free as its genius is pure and unbounded.

Yours fraternally,

Watchman.

ONE OF THE UNEMPLOYED.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Will you kindly grant me space in your columns to make an appeal to the brethren of the Order to solicit their assistance and influence to help me in obtaining some kind of employment whereby I shall be enabled to earn my living. I have tried my utmost to obtain a situation since the first week in January last. I have advertised, answered advertisements, and applied personally, but all to no purpose. I have been told by a great many employers that they require young men, and one gentleman (a partner in a firm to whom I have paid some thousands of pounds when in more prosperous circumstances) told me that there was always a home open to me by applying for admittance to the workhouse. With the above results, after my daily endeavours to obtain an honest living, I think it is sufficient to crush the spirit of the strongest. I am happy to state that I can give good references, and can also refer to Brothers in the Craft to whom I have been known for many years. I shall be pleased to answer any inquiries, either personally or by letter, that might be required of me. Trusting you will excuse me for taking up so much of your valuable space, in making this appeal as my last resource,

I remain,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

Master Mason.

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WANDERERS' CHAPTER, No. 1604.

THE installation Convocation of this Chapter was held on the 21st inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present—Comps. Vincent P.Z. M.E.Z., Wray H., Seale J., Fuller Treas., Baker S.E., Gibson S.N., Coop P.S.; P.Z.'s Boulton, Meredith. The minutes of last meeting having been confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; it showed a balance in hand of £42 11s 2d. A ballot was taken for Bro. A. Hawksford 1604, who was duly exalted into the Order. The election of J. took place, in consequence of Comp. Capt. Butterworth being with the Army in Egypt, and Comp. Gibson was unanimously chosen. Comp. Coop was elected S.N. A Conclave of Installed Principals was opened, and Comp. E. F. J. Wray was installed M.E.Z., Seale H., Gibson J. The ceremonies were excellently rendered by Comp. Vincent P.Z. On the re-admission of the Companions the newly-installed Z. appointed and invested his Officers: Comps. Vincent I.P.Z., Fuller Treasurer, Baker S.E., Coop S.N., Brindley P.S., Hamilton 1st A.S., Stamp 2nd A.S., Lackland Janitor. The M.E.Z. had a very pleasing duty to perform, to present to Comp. W. Vincent P.Z., and place on his breast, a gold P.Z.'s jewel, not only for having served the chairs of the three Principals, but also for the manner in which he had discharged the duties attached thereto, and for the high respect he was held in by every Companion. Comp. Vincent, in appropriate terms, returned thanks for the valuable gift, and the kind words accompanying it. The resignation of a Companion was accepted with regret. Hearty good wishes were given by the various Visitors. The Chapter was closed until the third Tuesday in September, and the company sat down to banquet. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. Vincent I.P.Z. said for the first time he had the honour to propose the toast of the M.E.Z. In selecting Comp. Wray the Companions had not only done honour to him, but also to themselves. The M.E.Z. thanked Comp. Vincent for his kind remarks; his aim had always been to enhance the success of the Craft, and this Chapter in particular. The toast of the Exaltee, Comp. Hawksford, was given, and duly responded to. In a very pertinent speech the M.E.Z. proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s. and regretted that several of them were absent. Comp. Vincent, in reply, said his services were always at their command. Comps. Meredith, Boulton, Ascott, Levy, C. Taylor, Bond, R. Taylor, Graham, Lowe and Cantle responded as Visitors. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the H. and J. Had they not done their duty they would not have been selected to fill those important offices. The toast having been responded to in excellent terms, the M.E.Z. proposed the toast of the Officers of the Chapter, Comps. Fuller Treasurer, whose interests in the Chapter showed such a good balance, and Comp. Baker S.E., who was one that looked after their interests. If they regretted losing his services, in future they hoped to have him in a more prominent position, to enable him to occupy the chair. The same might be applied to those other Companions who had been selected for office. No better working ones could be found. Comp. Fuller, in responding, said they were in a flourishing condition. It was to Comps. Vincent, Meredith, and Boulton they were indebted for the prosperous condition of the Chapter. The toast of the Companions now serving their country in the Soudan was next given, the proposer (Comp. Fuller) hoping they would return to their native country safe and sound. Comp. W. H. Baker S.E. followed, and said how pleased he was to see the Chapter crowned with success. He alluded to Comp. Smith, and said they owed a debt of gratitude to him for the services he had rendered to the Chapter. Comps. Coop and Brindley followed. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of absent Companions. This toast was enthusiastically received, with the hearty co-operation of every Companion, and then the Janitor's toast was given. Among the Visitors were Comps. Bond H. 619, Grist 1624, Taylor J. elect 1540, Ascott P.Z. 733, Love 1387, Edwards 65, Garrard 582, Cantle 186, Levy P.Z. 188.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday, 23rd instant. Comps. W. Radcliffe M.E.Z, G. Gregory H., S. George J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., Sheppard S.N., T. C. Edmonds P.S. The respective offices were ably represented, and a very profitable evening was spent.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Joshua Nunn President, James Brett Senior Vice President, and C. A. Cottebrune Junior Vice President being present, and occupying their respective offices. The recommendations made at the last meeting having been confirmed, the consideration of the forty-eight new cases on the list was proceeded with. Four of these were deferred, one was dismissed, and the remaining forty three were relieved—with a total of £983, made up of one sum of £3, three of £5 each, ten of £10, three of £15, six of £20, two of £25, ten of £30, six of £40, one of £50, and one of £60.

THE THEATRES.

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Vaudeville.—The 17th of April 1885 will be a red letter day in the annals of the Thorne administration. Poor Henry J. Byron has gone from us to the land of shadows, but has left us at parting the richest and ripest fruit of a wit that at its best shone with the kindly light that loves, or pities the folly it mocks at. That the "Open House" did not unfold its doors before the author had left us must be regretted. However, on this the first night, when the universal laughter that had flowed like a tidal wave subsided, the happy manager was no longer in doubt of a new triumph. We who had known the gifted writer, to whom English men and women owe many happy hours, felt it might be as well if the memory of the dead had been considered in silence. As for the story of "Open House," it deals with the mistakes and mystifications brought about by an impudent cad, Jack Alabaster, played with almost painful realism by Mr. Thorne. Never before has this clever comedian so completely merged his own individuality in his author's creation; his meanness, impudence, preposterous misquotations from the Latin Grammar, his almost pathetic absence of moral sense, reach the sublime of the unconscious. Mr. W. Farren, as a senile lady-killer, played like the master he is; he would invest almost any part with the charm of highest comedy. Mr. Yorke Stephens is fitted with an excellent opportunity. Mr. Cayley, as the noble-hearted but hot-tempered husband, maddened with jealousy by this "Iago" Alabaster—who establishes himself in Cayley's house, and would marry his niece, on the pretence of having saved his life. Miss Cissy Grahame gives promise of improvement, and has almost given up those Burne Jones attitudes and æsthetic lispings so trying to the sterner sex. Mrs. Canninge is excellent as a strong-minded widow, and Mr. Wheatstone will doubtless tone down his "Joseph." The comedy is prettily mounted, and will provide laughter of the "Regency" flavour. Howard Paul's sparkling little triologue, "The Man Opposite," commences the evening. The author and Miss K. Phillips are at their best in it. Except by the hon. member for East Hampton, Mr. Howard Paul is unapproached in the lightness of touch that gives the charm to this kind of work. Those will miss a treat who go only for the more important play.

Olympic.—We are having a plethora of farcical comedies; we hear, too, of a farcial tragedy; and now the management of the Olympic provides us with what is probably intended as a farcical melodrama. "Heartless," a new play, was presented last Saturday evening. "Adapted" (is this a misprint for "distorted") from Ouida's "Puck." We all know this novelist's mannerism; her fervour, high colouring and passion at fever heat; her lime-light and moon-light effects, glorified with the glamour of her picturesque genius, which lends a charm to her most impossible creations. In the story of "Puck" the pathetic character of the brother gives poetic value to the work, whilst the author throws an advantageous chiar-oscuro round her figures by placing them in an Italian background. The anonymous adapter has dragged all the dramatis personæ over the Channel, and commences his drama in a cottage, where the heroine, Avice Dare, and her brother Ben, are discovered speaking an eclectic dialect, compounded of Whitechapel, Yorkshire and Lowland Scotch. Avice robs her brother, to buy a cotton pocket handkerchief from a pedlar (Mr. Girardot), who speaks the same peculiar tongue; she then sells her brother's dog, and joins a travelling circus. Mr. Alleyne, as Ben, did his best with the part; his devotion to his sister is indicated under his cynical indifference. Miss Wade, in a realistic Scotch peasant's dress, promised also well in the opening. The play is divided into a prologue and four acts. In the first act the fate of the drama seemed hopeless; it however sank into lower depths until unmistakable marks of disapproval were exhibited at the close of the third act. In act 1—"Temptation"—Avice is engaged at the Coronet Theatre, and apparently as *bonne amie* of the manager, Lord Bethan, played with spirit by Mr. P. Lyndal; she is beloved by Carlos Mirle, a preposterous painter and poet, stage manager of the Theatre; the part was magnificently played by Mr. K. Bellew. Avice fools him; she is furiously jealous of the leading lady, lately in the street "button hole" trade, but introduced to the manager by a virtuous but very slangy young person, a member of his ballet. Avice tries to kill her rival, by tampering with the stage machinery. In the second act we are in the green room, where a young lady is discovered trying to sing, for what purpose does not appear. Then Carlos goes mad, the leading lady marries Lord Bethan; then Ben appears; he is in search of Avice; accompanied by the repentant pedlar, she enters, and renounces her brother; adopting for the nonce the eclectic dialect of her youth; whereat the house giggles. In the last scene Avice, in terror, seeks safety from her insulted lover, who has escaped from an asylum. He enters, and here occurs the one thrilling scene of the play. The portrayal of madness may not be legitimate art, but Mr. Bellew so steeps himself and his audience in the passion and wild horror of the madman's thirst for vengeance, with his doubts and agony of misgiving, that we felt completely carried away by the magic of his art. Miss Wade also realised the terror of her doom with excellent effect. It recalled the last act of Fedora. But the great love underlying this fury was most subtly indicated by Mr. Bellew, where M. Berton only showed the rage of outraged confidence. A woman with no moral sense, a manager with no common sense, and a lover with no sense at all—these are the factors. Surely laughter and hisses should reward their inventor.

Opera Comique.—Alas far our poor dramatic muse that she must have recourse to those ancient rites, and set her Mr. Merryman to grin through horse collars, jump in sacks, and seek for laughter in a hospital for incurables. Mr. David James has surely been ill-advised to revive "The Guv'nor," a story improbable even for a farcical comedy, and relying for its effect on the miserable affliction of deafness in an old man, and the no less miserable affliction of stammering in a young one. Mr. James is too good an actor to

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waste his talents thus, and we look forward to his next production with the hope of finding a worthy successor to "Our Mr. Jenkins." Then may old Macclesfield retire to his Deaf Asylum, and cease to find wit in calling his wife "you fool!" and his daughter "you simpering idiot!" Mr. F. W. Irish was excellent as Butterscotch—his jealousy was a fine bit of comedy acting. Mr. Lestocq gives a capital sketch of a smart Yorkshire groom. This artist shows a great improvement in finish. The MacToddy of Mr. Dobson had a true North British flavour, and Mr. E. W. Gardiner, by his simplicity and sincerity, managed to rescue the tedious jeune premier, with his perpetual stutter, from being utterly exasperating. Mr. James has a capable company, one of the prettiest theatres in London, with delicious memories of "Pinafore" haunting its stage, and London will rejoice when its old favourite claims his proper position in the world of light and wholesome comedy.

Gaiety.—Miss Santry's second Matinée at the Gaiety proved that she has the gifts required for modern comedy. In "Promised in Pique" she played with grace and sprightliness, and the hardness of method which marred her "Constance" disappeared. Miss Sophie Larkin had one of her favourite parts; in these she is unapproachable. Miss Norris was agreeable in the "juvenile lead."

Grand.—For the man who would once more see a melodrama such as thrilled his sires with terror and delight in the days of large collars and short jackets there is a very pleasant evening offered at the pretty Islington Theatre, where the luxury of electric lights and comfortable arm chairs rivals the glories of Western houses. Sir Randal Roberts takes the leading part in his new play "A Dangerous Game." His Alcibiade Pignet, a French travelling showman, is drawn with delicious brightness and lightness of touch. His French patter is admirable, reminding us of the Maurice Barnett of our earlier days. When a baronet assumes the comic masque, he should have exceptional talent, and certainly Sir R. Roberts has this justification. J. H. Clynds as the dear old British tar, ready for any odds in the cause of "England, home, and beauty," played with thorough go. We hope to see him one day in "Black eyed Susan." Miss Alice Raynor is winsome and touching as the heroine. There is some good scenery with an especially effective set—"A Bastion, and the harbour of Marseilles."

The Royal, High Holborn.—This place of entertainment is just now the scene of special attractions. Bro. Purkiss, the proprietor and manager, always provides a good bill of fare for his patrons, but in the present instance he seems to have combined variety with excellence in a superior degree. There are the usual sentimental and comic performers, including Mdlle. Bleiken, described as a "Continental Songstress," and that popular favourite Bessie Bonehill. Cheevers and Kennedy, exponents of American peculiarities in song and dance, are clever, and the Brothers Griffiths are in reality "comical clowns," and show to great advantage in their bar and hat throwing exhibition. Hettie Keeble, transformation dancer, has the true dramatic instinct. Her gestures and action convey to the mind at once what language would almost fail to do; they are picture representations of character, further illustrated by dresses, the changes of which are effected with great rapidity and skill. One of the chief features of attraction is a spectacular entertainment, entitled "Shadows of Fate; or, Heroes of the Soudan." Scenes, war songs, and music combine in producing a result, solemn in some aspects, but which is most instructive and interesting. Taking the entertainment as a whole, it shows an advance, both in taste and character, to that usually witnessed at music halls, and is indeed worthy of the support that is nightly accorded it. Brother Purkiss is not less charitable than he is clever as a caterer, and we are glad to be able to record the fact that he has received a letter of thanks from Bro. Col. Henderson, C.B., for having handed over a sum of £350, being the proceeds of a benefit at the Royal in aid of the City and Metropolitan Police Orphanage.

Agricultural Hall.—Mr. Hamilton comes back to London with a very interesting and timely change of programme. His scenes in the Soudan give a vivid reflection of our soldiers' experiences—the pitiless desert and burning sky. Our pleasant showman of course takes the picturesque side, and enlivens his pictures with some capital songs. It is a capital place for the youngsters, who will find here an Appendix to School Geography.

MASONIC BALL.

ON Wednesday, the 15th inst., the annual ball of the United Masonic "At Home" and St. George's Quadrille Party was held at Cawte's Assembly Rooms, Southsea, and proved a success, both from a numerical and terpsichorean point of view. The company numbered about 250, and dancing was indulged in with much zest from 8.30 until after two the next morning, to the enlivening strains of a band under the direction of Mr. T. F. Wilton. There were twenty-two dances on the card. The catering of Mr. H. Cawte gave great satisfaction, and the general arrangements, which were admirably carried out, were entrusted to a Committee consisting of Messrs. J. Arnold Chairman M.C., S. Gardner Secretary M.C., W. J. Boyce, F. Green, A. Proctor, W. Smart, J. Taylor, H. G. Tuck, J. Vincent, and R. Watson.

A meeting of the members of the Metropolitan Council, T.I. will be holden at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion Square, on Friday, the 1st May, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, on which occasion duly qualified brethren will be received into the Allied Masonic Degrees, and then the W.M. elect will be installed and the new Officers invested.

THE OLD WORK.

THE generation of Masons of which the writer forms a part, are, in the course of natural events, gathering up their working tools to part upon the Square and be succeeded by younger Brethren, in whose veins the blood has not yet been chilled, either by age or long-continued work.

During our more than forty years' service, there has been a constant tendency to add to the ritual, with the idea that it is thereby improved, or else that some Brethren, with more push than wisdom, may flatter themselves that they have made a personal mark on the Craft, all of which is certainly taking ground in the wrong direction, by giving encouragement to alterations and innovations diametrically opposed to the spirit and instructions of our institution.

The true aim of every Brother is to set his face resolutely against alterations of the old forms and customs of any kind whatever, and especially of the frippery dragged in head and shoulders by quotations from authors not Masons, and therefore not capable of that knowledge of our Adytum.

A striking instance of this idea occurs in the selections from Shakespeare, Oliver Goldsmith and others, whose expressions, vigorous or tender, as the case may be, never formed any part of the esoteric ritual, and therefore never can, legitimately. So of Cross's "Monument."

Without any original invention of his own, he appropriated a design in Trinity Church yard in New York city and had it engraved for his monitor. Since then tens of thousands have been taught to believe this fictitious symbol to be a part of the traditions of Freemasonry, and young Masters, knowing no better, roll the story as a sweet morsel under their tongues, and look around for a verse or two of poetry to make the thing look and sound more harmoniously when a glib tongue pours out its sentences.

Halt, Brethren! No more improvements, modern or otherwise. Stand on the old ways and then make progression. Discountenance, as you would sacrilege, the trumpery that tries to improve on the old, and thus fit yourselves to direct the Masonic Ship of State, that when you, too, become old men, your example and your lessons may increase the devotion of your descendants, and perpetuate our glorious Craft to the end of time unchanged and faithful unto death.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

On Thursday, the 16th instant, the Gallery Lodge lost a highly respected member by the death of Mr. Oswald Willson. The previous Thursday he was fulfilling his parliamentary duties for the *Standard*, although not feeling well. After that day he never returned to his duties, being confined to his bed the next day through increased illness, caused by an attack of smallpox. The disease was running its usual course for a day or two, when he suddenly caught a chill, in the momentary absence of an attendant, and congestion of the lungs supervening he became unconscious, and, continuing in that state, passed quietly away on Thursday afternoon. Among his colleagues the shock produced was very great. The event was entirely unexpected. Though never of a robust constitution, he kept uniformly well, and was foremost among the members of his profession. There were none of the projects which the Reporters' Gallery started that Mr. Willson did not support; and the Gallery Lodge, its balls and picnics, the Press Club, and any little excursion intended for the general good of the profession, found in him an instant, an ardent, and a firm advocate. If at any time he could conduce to the pleasure of an evening by a vocal performance, the Master of the Lodge had never to put any pressure upon him, the subject had only to be mentioned and the request was immediately complied with. Sensitive to the last degree himself, he had the finest appreciation of the sensitiveness of others, and for amiability, courtesy, charity, and comradeship, he leaves behind him one of the fairest names that any man or Mason could hope to secure. His remains were laid to rest on Monday, in the family grave at Finchley, and in addition to his immediate relatives, including his mother as chief mourner, the members of the Gallery who followed, including those of the Gallery Lodge, numbered over thirty. The Master of the Lodge (Bro. W. M. Duckworth), and the Secretary (Bro. R. J. Albery), and the Past Masters were present. Several members of the *Standard* corps were also in the *cortège*. The Reporters' Gallery and the Gallery Lodge, as well as private individuals, sent wreaths.—*Evening News.*

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

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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, 25th 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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greitheenh
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

MONDAY, 27th APRIL.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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.)
1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
498—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Malden.

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. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1305—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
R.A. 1322—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

TUESDAY, 28th APRIL.

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.
146—Faithful Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
184—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18 Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Canonbury-street Hotel, E.C.
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Scarborough, 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.)
1348—Emury, 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)
1387—Keanington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Joint Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1475—Healey, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1607—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1694—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Clemo's, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1269—Stanhope, Thanet Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
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
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Ecsketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1290—Waddon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1358—Torbay, Torbay Hall, Plaignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1533—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze

R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 29th APRIL.

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)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
5[illegible]—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, 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)
869—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)

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)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.

R.A. 177—Dramatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 934—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tydno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1283—Rylburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1545—Cone Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire

R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
R.A. 409—Hertford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THURSDAY, 30th APRIL.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, 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)
757—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
872—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
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)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1308—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (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—Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Royal Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1673—Carnarvon, 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)

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1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
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)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
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
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley

1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
R.A. 366—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 1st MAY.

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)
983—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, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, 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.)
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.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—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.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
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
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instuction)
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. 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart, Romford
R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 2nd MAY.

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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction
2012—Chiswick, Hamoshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1213—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1867—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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On Sunday, the 19th instant, about 200 brethren assembled at Freemasons' Hall, Oldham, and went in procession to the parish church, where a sermon was preached, in which the Craft of Masonry was highly spoken of. A collection was afterwards made in aid of the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Association, amounting to just on £30.

THE ORIGINAL SOCIETY OF COOKS AND CONFECTIONERS.

ON Monday evening the fifty-ninth annual dinner in aid of the funds of this institution was held at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Sir John Bennett. Upwards of a hundred guests sat down to an excellent repast, worthy of the Cooks and Confectioners. After the removal of the cloth the chairman proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were duly honoured. Mr. Brooke proposed the Corporation of London, in a capital speech, in the course of which he feelingly alluded to the death of Bro. Alderman Nottage. Mr. Dowling, C.C., responded. He stated that the Corporation of London had especial reason to be grateful to the Cooks, to whom they were so much indebted for the comforts of life. The Chairman next proposed the toast of the evening, "The Original Society of Cooks and Confectioners." He said that a few days since he visited a shop in the City, where for a penny he was served with a cup of tea with bread and butter, all being very good. As regarded the Society, he hoped it would undergo a complete resuscitation. After an existence of sixty years but little had been accomplished. There were but few members, subscribers, or donors. This should not be, and he hoped that more life, energy, and co-operation would be manifested, so that during the ensuing year better results might accrue. The toast was enthusiastically received. Then followed the toasts of the chairman, the donors and subscribers, and the Press. The chairman warmly eulogised the latter in an attractive speech. Bro. J. J. Brinton responded, and then the chairman proposed the Ladies. The stewards were Messrs. G. Heywood, E. Bunting. T. Wallace, C. Slawson, R. Duncan, J. Ansdell, and H. Goddard, the Secretary being Mr. W. A. Rawson. It is well known that most of those who are connected with the Society are brethren, the above names being familiar to the Craft. There is a wide field open for the operations of the Society, and no doubt steps will be taken whereby its usefulness may be extended. During the evening Bros. Cross and F. H. Cozens, together with other artists, gave a selection of excellent music. Upwards of £80 was subscribed during the evening, and an accession of members was announced.

MASONIC VETERANS.

THERE are twenty-one Freemasons now living who were initiated prior to the year 1817. Bro. Stephen Berry, editor of the *Masonic Token*, keeps his official eye on these brethren, and for the year 1885 gives their names and dates of initiation as follows:—

		Initiated
1	Captain Sylvanus Hatch, Port Lavacca, Texas	1809
2	Colonel Edward Sawyer, Grand Blanc, Mich.	1809
3	Wait Garrett, New Hartford, Conn.	1810
4	Edward Nichols, Woodbury, Conn.	1810
5	Edward L. Kidder, Berlin, Conn.	1812
6	Hon. James Garland, Lynchburg, Va.	August 1812
7	James Scott, Middlebourne	1812
8	Elijah Pratt, Castleton, New York	1812
9	Abijah Bessique, Ridgefield, Ct.	13th October 1812
10	John B. Hollenbeck, Burlington, Vt.	1813
11	Sir Moses Montefiore, England	1813
12	David McDaniel, Johnson, Vt.	May 1814
13	Benedict Aldrich, Providence, R.I.	30th May 1814
14	William Crane, Warren, Me.	7th February 1815
15	Captain Hiram Ferris, Fond du Lac, Wis.	1815
16	J. W. Doane, New Glasgow, N.S.	1815
17	Silas Wheeler, Corry, Pa.	12th September 1815
18	Pierpont Potter, Jamaica, L.I.	October 1815
19	William Eliot, Weymouth, England	February 1816
20	Hezekiah Hubbell, Huntington, Conn.	1816
21	Phineas S. Bradley, Woodbury, Conn.	1816

This list is interesting, and will be useful to our readers for reference.—*Keystone.*

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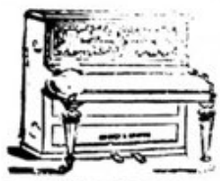

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THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A FEW weeks since, in writing on the approaching Elections of the two Educational Institutions of English Freemasonry, we had occasion to point out that one-third of the candidates eligible to compete at those Elections would have to be sent away, in consequence of the Committees being unable to admit twenty-seven out of the seventy-four candidates, for want of room to accommodate them, or funds wherewith to maintain them. Since then the Elections have taken place, and although in each case the number of candidates to be admitted was increased on the day of Election—to twenty-three instead of twenty-two in the case of the Girls' School, and to twenty-six instead of twenty-five in that of the Boys'—it was still necessary to disappoint twenty-five of the candidates who took part in the contests. Thus a number of children were sent away, some of them deprived of all further right of competing—by reason of their age being beyond the limit—while the others will in all probability come forward at the Election to be held in October next. The majority of these twenty-five unsuccessful ones will have this opportunity of competing again within the next six months, so that the disappointment which their friends naturally felt in the announcement of the result which proclaimed their position on the last poll may be changed to rejoicing within that period, or when the result of the October ballots is announced; but how different all this to what is in store for the Old People who, from unforeseen calamity or misfortune, are compelled to seek assistance from their brother Masons, or from the brethren of their departed husbands. The election of annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons will take place on Friday, the 15th instant, and the contest will not only be very severe, but must of necessity end in disappointment to a very large number of those who will take part in it. There are one hundred and eighteen approved candidates on the balloting papers, and only thirty-five declared vacancies to be divided among them; six of these vacancies, three of each Fund, being Deferred Annuities, not available until death has removed those who have prior claims on the Funds of the Institution. Eighty-three old people to be sent away from the Institution, unassisted and unbefriended by their Masonic brethren; not because they are unworthy of receiving assistance—far from that—but because the funds of the Institution are not in a condition to warrant the number of annuitants being increased so as to include them. The ballot paper of the Male Fund has the names of forty-two candidates, of whom twenty are to be elected as annuitants—seventeen immediate, and three deferred—while that of the Female branch has particulars of seventy-six approved applicants, for whom there is at present only accommodation for fifteen—three of whom will, as in the case of the Male Fund, be Deferred Annuitants. Can nothing be done to alter this distressing state of affairs? Yes, but only by supplying such funds as shall warrant the Governors and Subscribers pledging the Institution to a still greater amount of annual outlay in the form of annuities than it at present stands committed to. It is true that the Anniversary Festival of this Institution for the current year has been held, and that therefore it is hardly to be expected any very large amount will be subscribed by the Craft to further swell this year's receipts, but it must not be supposed that such a course is impossible. Although the Festival has been held—a grand success it proved; and although the probable income of the Institution for the year has been estimated, it is not too late to collect subscriptions, or to make donations, to be credited to the current year's income, while it might be possible to secure votes for this year's Election on account of sums to be included in next year's Festival returns, provided the amounts were deposited with the Institution. Extra votes may be acquired in this way—votes which will be available for this month's Election at a time when, by reason of the great competition, every vote will be of service. Those, therefore, who have decided to support the Old People at next year's Festival, and who wish to get an extra year's votes for their money, should seriously consider the advisability of paying in their subscriptions at once.

This year's Festival of the Benevolent Institution was undoubtedly a grand success, and a sufficient amount was then subscribed to warrant the Committee taking on a large majority,—even if not the whole of those now seeking admission to the benefits of the Charity,—provided the liability of doing so ceased with the current year, but such is not the case. As we have before said, it is the wish of every subscriber of the Institution that when once an aged brother or widow is elected he or she may live for years to enjoy the comforts the Institution is able to afford them in the closing days of their lives, and so long as they live the Institution stands morally committed to pay them their annuities—£40 each in the case of the old men, and £32 each in the case of widows. It will therefore be understood that the declaration of an additional vacancy does not mean the expenditure of £40 or £32 only, but that amount year by year, so long as the recipient may live, and fifteen or twenty years would not be too long to make calculation for in this respect. Thus, it would not be justifiable—from a purely business point of view—to largely increase the number of annuitants simply because one year's income was exceptionally good, nor would it be expedient—from a charitable point of view—to take on such a number as would cripple the Institution in years to come, or place it in a position such as to render the continuance of its operations a source of anxiety and trouble to those who, in the future, will be called upon to complete the work being carried on. What is wanted is, a more general practical recognition, on the part of Lodges and Brethren, of the annual needs of the Institutions. This is more particularly the case in regard to the Royal Masonic Benevolent, which may be said to have a stronger claim on Lodges and Chapters for annual subscriptions than the other Institutions, from the fact that the Worshipful Master of each Lodge and the first Principal of each Chapter annually receives votes direct from that Institution in recognition of its grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. Special votes or donations must of course always be looked upon as the main support of such a Charity, but promises of annual subscriptions greatly assist in removing that uncertainty which must always attend an Institution which, to a large extent, relies for its income on spasmodic efforts. We do not think we shall be guilty of egotism if we assume to ourselves the credit of having made propositions which have ultimately proved beneficial to the Institution. One we

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particularise;—that of altering the Life Governorship, Life Subscribership, and other qualifications, from pounds to guineas. This, although small in itself, is shown to be of material assistance. We now submit another scheme, which we trust will be as readily adopted and as heartily supported. It is, that the Chairman of the year, or some other prominent official at the Festival, should endeavour to secure each Steward becoming an annual subscriber to the Institution. We venture to think that if the Chairman would make such an appeal to his co-workers at the Festival itself, he would receive unanimous support from those around him, and he might thus have the gratification of being able to refer back to the introduction of some two or three hundred or more annual subscribers as a memento of the work he undertook on behalf of the Institution at the Festival for which he presided. This would be putting the Festivals to a good use, and as it would not be encroaching on the liberality of those present for the year, we do not think it could be considered as evidence of "never being satisfied." The great need of our Institutions is, an increase of regular income, and such a proposal as that mentioned would go far to secure it. The Benevolent Institution would be the best with which to make the experiment, because for it an annual subscription of five shillings could be accepted, while the lowest recognised donation to either of the Schools is one guinea. Surely five shillings a year is not much to promise after having so far recognised the merits of an Institution as to undertake a Stewardship on its behalf. Shall the experiment ere long be tried?

Referring to the eligibility or needs of the candidates themselves, we think no better evidence of their worthiness to receive assistance can be adduced than the particulars concerning them given on the balloting papers, where we find details as to the age and circumstances of each applicant, while coupled with this are the restrictive laws of the Institution, which provide that no male candidate shall be eligible until he has reached the age of 60 years, and no widow until she has arrived at the age of 55, or has been overtaken by such illness or misfortune as renders them incapable of earning a livelihood; while those in the annual receipt of £40 in the case of men, or £30 in that of widows, from any source, are likewise prohibited from seeking relief from the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

In conclusion, we again urge on our readers, and on the Craft at large, the necessity for giving all the help that can be afforded in aid of the Funds established to relieve the aged of both sexes, and we trust that such support may yet be forthcoming as will enable the Governors and Subscribers at the meeting on Friday, the 15th inst., to still further increase the number of vacancies to be filled that day, while we sincerely trust that our suggested method of increasing the number of annual subscribers to our Charities may meet the approval and support we venture to think it deserves.

AN ANCIENT PEOPLE—PAST AND PRESENT.*

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FROM birth to marriage is the period of hope, strength, and pleasure. Then follow worldly struggles, and finally death. To the ceremonies observed by the Parsis in the last extremity we purpose devoting some space. When the patient is moribund, and all hope of life has fled, the "dastur," or the "mobed," with other priests, perform religious service, in which the dying man joins if he is able; if not, then his son or nearest relative does this duty for him. When dead the body is wrapped in clean clothes and placed on an oblong piece of polished stone, which is laid on the floor. The hands are laid crosswise, and joined upon the chest, and the feet are crossed and tied, or are kept straight, according to the wish of the head of the family. The female members of the family and relations sit down together on a carpet in the room where the dead body is placed, the men sitting on chairs or benches in the verandah. When death occurs at night, the corpse is kept until the following morning; but if it occurs in the daytime, the body is removed to its final resting-place in the afternoon. All the time the body is lying in the house a priest is continually reciting prayers and burning sandalwood over a fire. Upon the removal of the corpse, on an iron bier, two priests facing it recite the seven "has" called "Ahunavaiti Gatha." It is singular that these "has" contain no reference to the dead, and are intended chiefly "as a sermon upon our transient life in this world." It is also noticeable that the "has" are recited before the dead body, and not in the presence of mourners, a proceeding the author says he cannot understand. "Nasesalars" carry the bier on their shoulders to the "dokhma," or tomb of silence, amid the lamentations of relatives and friends. Immediately the bier is out of the house, the strange custom is observed of throwing cow's urine over the spot where the corpse has laid, and along the path taken by its bearers. A last look is permitted to be taken of the face of the deceased, and then the body is deposited inside the tower, and there left exposed to the vultures, who speedily denude it of flesh. Before dealing with some peculiar facts in connection with the Parsi dead, we may just describe the "dokhma." Our author likens it to a great gasometer with the top off, only the walls are built of the hardest stone, faced with white "chunam," or lime plaster. Inside the tower is a circular platform about three hundred feet in circumference, and entirely paved with large stone slabs, and divided into three rows or exposed receptacles, called "pavis" for the bodies of the dead. As there are the same number of "pavis" in each concentric row, they diminish in size from the outer to the inner ring; that by the side of the wall is used for the bodies of males, the next for those of females, and the third for those of children. These receptacles, or "pavis" are separated from each other by ridges called "dandas," which are about an inch in height above the level of the "pavis," and channels are cut into the "pavis" for the purpose of conveying the liquid matter flowing from the corpses, and rain water, into a "chandar," or a deep hollow in the form of a pit, the bottom of which is paved with stone steps. This pit forms the centre of the tower. When the corpse has been completely stripped of its flesh by the vultures, which is generally accomplished within one hour, at the outside, and when the bones of the denuded skeleton are perfectly dried up by the powerful heat of a tropical sun, with other atmospheric influences, they are thrown into this pit, where they crumble into dust, the rich and poor thus meeting together after death on one common level of equality. Four drains are constructed, leading from the body of the pit. They commence from the surrounding wall of the "chandar" and pass beyond the outside of the tower down into four wells sunk in the ground, thus observing one of the tenets of the Zoroastrian religion, that "the mother earth shall not be defiled." The wells have a permeable bottom, which is covered to a height of five or seven feet. The laying of the foundation of a new "dokhma" and its consecration are attended with great and solemn ceremony, to attend which is considered an act of piety. Before consecration, the "dokhma" is open to public view; afterwards it becomes the holy of the holies, and any attempt to look inside is regarded as an act of gross sacrilege. The mode of disposing of the dead we have just described may seem revolting to those not used to the practice, but the Parsis regard it as less so even than our own method of committing bodies to the earth as food for worms. Perhaps the defence of the Parsi system had best be given in the language of a distinguished native. Replying to Professor Morrice Williams, Mr. Nasarvanji Beramji said: "Our prophet, Zoroaster, who lived three thousand years ago, taught us to regard the elements as symbols of the Deity. Earth, fire, water, he said, ought never, under any circumstances, to be defiled by contact with putrefying flesh. Naked we came into the world, and naked we ought to leave it. But the decaying particles of our bodies should be dissipated as rapidly as possible, and in such a way that neither Mother Earth, nor the things she supports, should be contaminated in the slightest degree. In fact, our Prophet was the greatest of health officers, and following his sanitary laws we build our towers on the tops of the hills, above all human habitations. We spare no expense in con-

* "History of the Parsis, including their Manners, Customs, Religion, and Present Position." By Dosabhai Framji Karaka, C.S.I., Presidency Magistrate and Chairman of Her Majesty's Bench of Justices, Bombay; late Member Bombay Legislative Council; late Chairman of the Municipal Corporation, and late Sheriff of Bombay. Author of "Travels in Great Britain," &c., &c. With coloured and other illustrations. In two volumes. London: Macmillan & Co. 1884.

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structing them of the hardest materials, and we expose our putrescent bodies in open stone receptacles, resting on fourteen feet of solid granite, not necessarily to be consumed by vultures, but to be dissipated in the speediest possible manner, and without the possibility of polluting the earth or contaminating a single living being dwelling thereon. God, indeed, sends the vultures, and, as a matter of fact, these birds do their appointed work much more expeditiously than millions of insects would do if we committed our bodies to the ground. In a sanitary point of view, nothing can be more perfect than our plan. Even the rain water which washes our skeletons is conducted by channels into purifying charcoal. Here in these five towers rest the bones of all the Parsis that have lived in Bombay for the last two hundred years. We form a united body in life, and we are united in death." His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, when in India, visited one of these "dokhmas," on Malabar Hill, and expressed "his approbation of the sanitary precautions adopted in the mode of Parsi sepulture." Returning to the presence of the dead before being taken into the "dokhma," some very interesting incidents are noticeable. There is no truth in the theory that a dog is made to lick or eat a portion of the flesh of the corpse before its removal from the house, but the custom prevails of exposing the face of a dead Zoroastrian "to the gaze of a dog three or four times during the recitation of the funeral sermon or oration." The exact object is not known, but as dogs are considered sacred animals, they are supposed to guide the souls of the dead toward heaven, and to ward off on their way the bad influence of evil spirits, to which they may be exposed. Our author says, "This belief is not generally shared in by the educated Parsis of the present day." Certain dogs, too, are supposed to "possess peculiar magnetic power in annihilating impurities surrounding a dead body." This fact is as doubtful as the other, and may be taken for just what it is worth. A more important and relevant belief is that contained in the Parsi Scriptures, which declare that the soul does not leave this world for three days, therefore "a priest prays constantly during that period before a burning fire fed with sandal-wood." On the morning of the fourth day, when the soul is believed to enter the other world, a religious ceremony called "Uthamna" is performed, either in the house of the deceased, or at a fire-temple, during which the bequests left in his will are announced. Contributions are made to the Parsi charitable funds, the lame, halt, and blind are fed, "as an act of charity intended to benefit the soul of the deceased." The chief acts of mourning consist of washing faces and offering up prayer. It should be stated that deceased's relations are the object of solicitude to the Parsis, who perform ceremonies "on every day during the first year, and on every anniversary of the melancholy event." Fruit and flowers form a most essential part of the Parsi ceremonies for either the dead or living, and prayers for the dead are always insisted upon.

It is claimed for the Parsi religion that it is one of the most ancient in the world. For a period of three thousand years it has undergone many fluctuations and vicissitudes. It flourished most during the thousand years between the reign of Gushtasp and the conquest of Persia by Alexander the Great. For nearly six hundred years afterwards the religion declined, but it was revived by Ardeshir Babekan. For over four hundred years this revival was more or less maintained, until the monarchy was overthrown by the Arabs, when the Khalif Omar destroyed many of the Parsi religious books. Several philosophers of the name of Zoroaster lived at different times and places, but the one recognised by the Parsis was born at Rae, in Media, about a thousand years before Christ, and flourished in Bactria. Kharshedji Rastamji Kama, a well known Oriental scholar, puts the birth of Zoroaster three hundred years earlier. The name, he says, means "Old Camel-keeper," but this has been disputed. Zoroaster was a member of the Spitami family, and descended from King Ferdun of the Peshdedian dynasty of Persia. A miraculous conception is claimed for him. In one of the later books of the Parsis it is said "that an angel presented Pourushaspa [Zoroaster's father] with a glass of wine, soon after drinking which his wife Doghdo conceived and bore a son destined to create a new era in Eastern history." The life of the infant was often in jeopardy, but the attempts of the enemy were "arrested by divine agency." His youth was spent in divine meditations and in the study of philosophy, and ultimately he left Rae for Balkh, the capital of Gushtasp, then King of Iran. In the thirtieth year of the reign of this monarch, Zoroaster appeared before him bearing the sacred fire called "Adar Burzin Mehr," and a cypress tree. At first the religious reformer was persecuted, but he performed miracles and was taken into favour. Nothing more is said of him except that when engaged in prayer Zoroaster was "killed by a sharp instrument thrown at him by a Turbaratur, a general of King Arjasp, who hated the new monotheistic religion." In return Zoroaster flung his rosary at his enemy, which killed him on the spot. The prophet left three sons and three daughters, but whether they ever distinguished themselves, or were objects of honour, pity, or enmity, we have no means of knowing. The more important part of the Parsi scriptures now remaining are written in the Gatha dialect of the Avesta language, five of the Gathas—chapters 27 to 54 of the Zasna—being by the Prophet himself. A few other pieces are in the same dialect, but the rest are in the ordinary Avesta language, which is the same as that of the Gatha, only written at a different period. "Zend," or "zan," "to know," applies to that portion of the Avesta which is explanatory of the original text. Originally, the Zend Avesta consisted of twenty-one volumes, or "nusks." It is stated that the religious words of the Parsis were destroyed by Alexander or Omar, but a description of their contents has been retained, and the spirit of the whole, we presume, preserved. The Vendidad is the only book or chapter that is complete, and contains "the code of the religious, civil, and criminal laws of the ancient Iranians." The Zasna, that forms one of the three books of the Vendidad Sade, includes "prayers that are to be offered with certain rites and ceremonies." It is now recited by two priests before a sacred fire, accompanied by consecrated water, consecrated bread, with "glu," or butter spread over it, goat's milk, twigs of the homa plant, and of the pomegranate tree, hair of a purely white ox, and a bundle of metallic wires known as "Barsom." The Vispared, the third book, contains "an invocation to all lords, *i.e.*, to the chiefs of the spiritual and terrestrial creation." The Khordeh-Avesta, or small Avesta, contains all the remaining portions of the Zend Avesta. The whole has been given in a German version, which was translated into English, and circulated gratuitously among the Parsis by Mr. Mancherji Harmosji Kama. Some other religious books are in the Pehlevi language, to which the Parsis look for most of the details relating to the traditions, ceremonies, and customs of the ancient faith. One of these books criticises the Jewish and Christian doctrines. There are other writings of minor importance, to which we need not allude.

(To be continued.)

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ON 27th May 1876 we began the publication of Transcripts of Warrants of the "Atholl," or "Ancient" Lodges, and by dint of perseverance, the kindness of friends, and more especially the energy and determination of Bro. John Constable, we succeeded in obtaining copies of nearly the whole of these valuable documents, many of which are exceedingly curious and interesting, and some of which were utilised by Bro. Gould in his "Atholl Lodges." We are now desirous of completing the series, and therefore solicit the services of our readers to obtain copies of the following charters for publication, when our object will be achieved:—

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INSTALLATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

THE installation of Bro. Thomas W. Tew, of Carleton Grange, Pontefract, as Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, was the most successful Masonic function which has taken place in Leeds since the installation of the Marquess of Ripon. An event of such importance and interest drew to the town on Friday, the 24th ult., Masons from every part of the Province. No better proof of the esteem in which Bro. Tew is held could have been given than by the crowded assembly which witnessed the imposing ceremony in which he was the chief figure. As soon as Sir Henry Edwards, of Halifax, was compelled to resign this exalted and honourable position, on account of ill-health, the Masons throughout West Yorkshire felt that in the hands of Bro. Tew the interests of the Craft would be as safe as they had been under the care of his respected predecessor, and the announcement that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of England, had nominated Bro. Tew to this position was therefore received with gratification by the Craft generally. The ceremony of installation, which was performed by the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, took place in the Albert Hall, which had been suitably furnished from the Philanthropic Lodge. The brethren began to assemble before eleven o'clock, and at the opening there could not have been fewer than 1800 Masons present. The effect was very beautiful, as the Provincial Grand Lodge, in their gorgeous insignia of purple and gold, marched up the Hall to the dais at the eastern end of the Hall. The arrival of the procession was announced by a flourish of bugles, and as they took places Bro. Dr. Spark P.P.G.O. performed suitable music. Among the distinguished brethren assembled to do honour to the occasion were:—Bros. the Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust Dean of York and Provincial Grand Chaplain, Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., Cheltenham, G.S.D., J. W. Woodall Grand Treasurer, Scarborough, Colonel Le Gendre Starkie P.G.M. East Lancashire, John P. Bell D.G.P.M. of the North and East Ridings, Hull, the Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope Past Grand Chaplain of England, Croston House, Cheshire, T. Mount Humphries P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, Walsall, John Holme R.W. P.P.G. Warden, Cumberland and Westmoreland, J. G. McKay P.P.G.S.W., Leeds, J. N. Hartley P.P.G.J.W., Shadwell H. Clarke G.S., London, Charles J. Bannister P.P.G.S.D., Durham. There were also present:—Bros. W. H. Brittain, Mayor of Sheffield, Lieutenant-Colonel J. E. Bingham, Master Cutler, Sheffield, J. Rhodes, Mayor of Pontefract, T. Bateman Fox, Mayor of Dewsbury, T. Hill, Lieutenant-Colonel Albany H. Charlesworth, A. F. McGill, C. Scriven, W. H. Thompson, E. Woodhouse, R. P. Brindley, E. Crosby, E. Woodcock, W. L. Jackson, M.P. Every town in the Province sent a contingent of Masons to do honour to the occasion, and as soon as the Grand Lodge had taken up its position the scene was a most animated and beautiful one. The rich clothing worn by many of the brethren contrasted pleasingly with the prevailing light blue; whilst the red upholstery of the Hall seemed to bring out into still greater relief the beautiful blending of the colours. The Earl of Lathom took his seat, and Lodge was opened in due form. After prayer from the Rev. Canon Bullock, P.G.C., and a reading from the Scriptures by the Rev. W. T. M. Sylvester P.G.C., the Deputy Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Master were saluted in ancient form, this ceremony being most imposing. The roll was called, and it was shown that all the 69 Lodges in the Province were represented.

The Provincial Grand Registrar then read the following address:—

To the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of England and R.W. Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire.—The congratulatory, dutiful, and affectionate address of welcome of the 69 Lodges of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the Province of West Yorkshire, assembled in the Albert Hall, Leeds, on Friday, April 24th, 5885, at the installation of R.W. Brother T. W. Tew, J.P., P. Grand Deacon of England, and P. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, offer to you a most cordial welcome and the assurance of their loyal devotion to the Grand Lodge of England, which sentiment has ever animated the Masons in this Province. They also offer to you their warmest thanks for the compliment you have paid them in coming to perform this important Masonic ceremony, affording them an opportunity of acknowledging their appreciation of your devoted and distinguished services to the Craft for a long series of years. They desire to express their satisfaction that the ceremony has also been graced by the presence of your excellent neighbour and friend Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, D.L., P. Grand Warden of England, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, who will take part in the proceedings of the day. Their pleasure is further augmented by the presence of W. Brother Dr. J. Pearson Bell Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who, in the name of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, represents the Province of North and East Yorkshire, Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, and many other distinguished brethren. In conclusion, they again tender their obligations for your kindness in coming among them on this auspicious occasion, and they pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may prolong your useful life.

Lord Lathom briefly acknowledged the compliment that had been paid him, and assured the brethren that it gave him great pleasure to visit Leeds on so auspicious an occasion. On such an interesting occasion he was proud to be the representative of his Royal Highness the Grand Master, and to have the honour of installing Bro. Tew.

Escorted by Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P. (W.M. Fidelity, 289), and Bro. Alderman E. Woodhouse (W.M. Prudence, 2069), Bro. Tew was led to his place in front of the Master's chair, and various formalities were gone through, ending in the investiture, in accordance with ancient practice. At the conclusion of the ceremony, impressively rendered, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master said: I congratulate you, Bro. Tew, on having been called upon to assume the high position of ruler over this important Province. I understand that the choice has fallen upon you unanimously, and this unanimity on the part of your brethren will no doubt be a great help to you in performing the responsible and onerous duties of your position. Allow me to express the sincere hope that you may enjoy health and strength long to enjoy the position which you are now about to occupy.

Bro. Tew having been obligated and conducted into the Grand Master's chair, the applause was loud and long continued.

The Director of Ceremonies then proclaimed the Provincial Grand Master according to the ancient form, as follows:—

Brethren,—By command of the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom, Installing Master, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England and the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire—and with the sanction and approbation of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, Colonel Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, D.L., investigating Officers—I do now, according to ancient usage and established custom from time immemorial, proclaim and make known that Brother William Tew, one of Her Majesty's Justices of Peace for the West Riding of the County of York, of The Grange, Carleton, in the said Riding, and of the Manor of Rawcliffe, in the North-West Riding of the County of York, Past Grand Deacon of England, and by patent of the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., dated the 10th day of January, A.L. 5885, the Provincial Grand Master Designate of the Province of West Yorkshire, who was initiated into Masonry on the 2nd day of October, A.L. 5856, in the Scarsdale Lodge, No. 981, now 681, at Chesterfield, in the County of Derby, and on the 7th of April, A.L. 5862, became Worshipful Master of the St. Oswald's Lodge, Pontefract, No. 1212, now 910 on the Master Roll of the Grand Lodge of England, of which Lodge he was three times Worshipful Master, Provincial Grand Senior Warden of this Province, April 5th, A.L. 5865, Deputy Provincial Grand Master on the 21st of A.L. 5875, has been duly installed and now is the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the Province of West Yorkshire in succession to Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B. and D.L., the last Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

I, therefore, by virtue of my office as the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in this Provincial Grand Lodge, and in accordance with the ancient usage and established custom, do call upon all the brethren here present in this Albert Hall, in this town of Leeds, to salute the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, according to ancient form; and may the Great Architect of the Universe guide, direct, and prosper him in all His ways.

The requisite salute was then given with much heartiness and effect.

Colonel Starkie, on behalf of East Lancashire, congratulated the newly installed Provincial Grand Master upon the exalted position he had attained in the Masonic body. The manner in which Brother Tew had hitherto discharged the duties which had devolved upon him were sufficient to prove that the larger duties would be equally well performed, and West Yorkshire had reason to be congratulated upon the appointment just made. He expressed the hope of the Freemasons of Lancashire when he wished the Provincial Grand Master might have a long and prosperous rule. His reign was sure to be distinguished by courteous acts and judicious principles, by which the prosperity and stability of the Order would be maintained. Might that great Province of West Yorkshire, under his genial rule, flourish, and prosper! Bro. Tew was sure to maintain with ability and zeal the traditions of the Order, and so gain the respect of all. Might the white rose of Yorkshire, as emblematical of Freemasonry, shed its fragrance and rival the red rose of Lancashire, that both might be united in the garden of Freemasonry to spread abroad the fragrance of that flower to the benefit of Freemasonry in general!

Dr. Bell also conveyed the felicitations of North and East Yorkshire, and presented an address signed by the Earl of Zetland.

Dr. Taylor, of Scarborough, presented an address from the Freemasons of Scarborough and Filey, and Sir Frederick Milner, Bart, M.P., presented an address from York. These various marks of distinction were suitably acknowledged by Bro. Tew, and the brethren present cheered again and again.

Bro. Tew then rose to address the meeting, being received with cheering loud and long continued. He said they had met together on no ordinary occasion to the Craft, and for no ordinary Masonic purpose, which was fraught with interest to the Freemasons of the Province of West Yorkshire. The circumstances which had assembled together so numerous and so influential a body of the Brotherhood from all parts of England must be regarded as of the utmost significance to the Order of which they were all proud to belong. In obedience to the laws of the Craft, with the sanction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the acquiescence of the Grand Lodge of England, their duty was to place a Provincial Grand Master in the chair of the Provincial Grand Lodge vacated by their beloved and late gallant commander-in-chief, Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, C.B. Their first duty was to render a tribute of respect to that honoured Baronet, who had done so much for the County of York, and who had retired from active service in the Craft only through inadequate health. Might the Almighty grant him perfect recovery from his indisposition, and that some day they might again greet him in that Provincial Grand Lodge was the sincere hope of all. He then went on cordially to acknowledge the presence of the Earl of Lathom, Dr. Bell, the D.P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, and other distinguished guests whose presence had lent *éclat* to the scene. In the presence of the Very Rev. the Dean of York, the Provincial Grand Chaplains Present and Past, and the Chaplains of the various Lodges, they were proud that Freemasonry had that opportunity of showing its attachment, not only to their sacred offices, but as the symbolisation of their devotion to the Volume of the Sacred Law which ruled and governed the Craft, and their belief in the principles of the Christian faith, whilst their attendance at the Leeds Parish Church would cement that sentiment of feeling which so fervently

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pervaded the Craft. The unity of the Province, the harmony prevailing among the brethren in the 42 towns, in which were 69 Lodges, told of the efficiency of the influence of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The policy of the Province in the future, as in the past, would be to work to still further conclusions this unity of purpose, and to cultivate brotherly friendship in every possible direction, to mould the Lodges as component parts of one vast system under one reign of equal law, so that the identical interest of Masonry could be moved by one general impulse throughout the whole body. Such were the aspirations which actuated his feelings, and in obedience to those instincts he acknowledged the salutations of the brethren which had been accorded to his position in the Craft. Might their goodness and cordiality towards the office never be misplaced. He could not but express his regret at vacating the office of Deputy Grand Master, owing to circumstances over which he had little control, and to complying with the pressure of good wishes from many quarters to accept the most honourable position it was in the power of the Grand Master to confer. In 1875 he accepted the Deputyship only for three months, and at the request of Sir Henry Edwards, until he could appoint some more appropriate brother. Little did he think that that probationary term was to extend for ten years, and now perhaps longer, and until that time when all links must be sundered in this world and all engagements terminated. He had tried to win their confidence and merit their esteem. To keep the affection and loyalty of the Province would ever be the work of his proudest efforts. He accepted this higher trust only at their hands with a sense that a great honour had been conferred upon him; yet he must look back upon the Deputyship with lingering regrets of affection for the friendships made and the marvellous forbearance and kindness shown him. Could his wishes have been regarded, he should have wished that a royal prince or some distinguished nobleman had succeeded Sir Henry Edwards. To see in their midst Masonry flourish, whether under the Earl of Mexborough, the Marquess of Ripon, Sir Henry Edwards, or any other Provincial Grand Master whom His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master might designate, was the only ambition of every one present, who would delight to show zeal and fidelity to whatever head was appointed. A retrospect of the doings of the Craft in that Province would testify to the sincerity of the character of the Order and its determination to make the principles of Masonry applicable to the good of their fellow creatures. On the 28th of October 1868, when a convalescent home was founded by Charles Brooke, of Meltham, Lord de Grey and Ripon and the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire laid the chief corner stone of that magnificent institution. The foundation-stone of East Hardwick Church was laid by a noble Marquess and three other Cabinet Ministers, all members of the Craft. The Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., then Minister of War, and a brother of the St. Oswald's Lodge, laid the first stone of the Pontefract Dispensary. The late Bro. J. C. D. Charlesworth laid the great stone of the Clayton Hospital, and Sir H. Edwards fixed the plinth stone of Dewsbury Infirmary. The generous work of restoring Halifax Church was fostered by the Provincial Grand Master Sir Henry Edwards. The principal stone of the Delph Literary Institute was laid by the Provincial Grand Lodge. Did a royal prince visit Sheffield, Leeds, or Huddersfield, to inaugurate a college, to countenance a musical festival, to open an art exhibition, or what not, the Craft and the Lodges took the most prominant places in the labours of organisation, and were foremost with skilful arrangements to make the visits of royalty successful. In various other ways in this Province Freemasonry was foremost in all that was good and noble. In conclusion, he said it would be their desire in the future to emulate the good deeds of the past. To be permitted to share in that emulation of generous principles was indeed an honour such as the Sovereign on the throne might think not unworthy of participation. To guide the energies of such a philanthropic Order was an aspiration of the loftiest kind. Into that position of responsibility the brethren had that day enthroned him. The chain placed around his neck fettered the links of attachment that had bound him to them for the past 25 years in cordiality and friendship more indissoluble than ever. The collar would be the symbol to remind him of another's wants, and the apron to labour for the welfare of the Craft without distinction of office, or without asperity of opinion, only to be laid aside when by the mutability of time those things were cast aside, and when the tomb of transgression was burst at the Resurrection dawn, and by the mercies of the Son of Righteousness we were permitted in the Grand Lodge above "to shine as the stars for ever and ever."

Brother Henry Smith was then duly installed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, amid great cheering. He was then proclaimed as follows:—

Brethren,—By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, I now proclaim Brother Henry Smith, of St. John's, Wakefield, who has been obligated by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, and in the presence of the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England, and of the Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of this Province, to be the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of West Yorkshire, in succession to the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master Brother Thomas William Tew, exalted to the office of Provincial Grand Master. Furthermore be it known unto all whom it may concern, that Brother Henry Smith was initiated into Masonry in the Lodge of Hope, Bradford, No. 374, now 302, on 3rd May, A.L. 5852, and raised on the 2nd day of August following, and subscribed 33 years to this date. Joined the Airedale Lodge, Baildon (now at Shipley), No. 543, now 387, June A.L. 5854, Installed Worshipful Master A.L. 5857, and subscribed 31 years to this date. The Earl of Mexborough, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, appointed him Provincial Grand Deacon, A.L. 5859; Brother Dr. Fearnley being then the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Earl de Grey, now Marquess of Ripon, appointed him Provincial Grand Secretary on the death of Brother Nelson, in March, 5870, and during the succeeding Deputyship of Brother Bentley Shaw, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B. and D.L., reappointed him in April, A.L. 5875, under the Deputyship of Brother Thomas William Tew, and he has discharged the duties conscientiously, with zeal and fidelity, and with the esteem and respect of every Lodge and Brother, until this day, the 24th day of April 5885. He was one of the founders of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee in 5859, is a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to which he has served nine times Steward at the Anniversary Festival, contributing £127 10s. He is a Vice-Patron to the Girls' Institution, to which he has served seven times the office of Steward, contributing £105, and he is also a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to which, at the Anniversary Festivals, he has six times served the office of Steward, contributing £102 10s. For these services he deserves well at the hands of the Craft, and I therefore, by virtue of my office as the Grand Director of Ceremonies of this Provincial Grand Lodge, do call upon all the brethren present to salute our Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master five times, according to ancient form and established custom.

Bro. Smith having been saluted in due form, expressed his gratification at having been appointed to the high office of D.P.G.M. He yielded to no one in his desire to help the P.G.M. in all his plans for the promotion of the interests of the Craft in his Province, and to share the burden of his responsibilities as far as possible. He hoped that the experience he had acquired would inspire confidence in the brethren that the duties attached to the office would be discharged to their entire satisfaction. If they would forgive him for being slightly egotistical for a moment, he would state that he had been Provincial Grand Secretary for the last fifteen years, and for several years previously he had assisted the late Bro. Nelson, with whom he was associated in the formation of the Charity Committee, in 1859. Since 1870, fifty-eight Provincial Grand Lodge meetings had been held, all of which, with only one exception, he had been able to attend. During the same period the Charity Committee had had forty-five meetings, the whole of which he had attended. Of the fifty-nine Elections in London during the same time he had been absent but once, so that he might fairly say that he did not enter upon his new duties without some little experience, gained in all these years. It would be his earnest endeavour to maintain this great Province in its present state of efficiency, and to accomplish this he hoped he might rely upon the sympathy and support of every brother, which had hitherto been freely accorded to him. Again he tendered his sincere thanks.

The following Officers were then appointed and invested:—

Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P.	Prov. G. Senior Warden
Lieut.-Col. A. H. Charlesworth ...	Prov. G. Junior Warden
Rev. John James Needham ...	Prov. G. Chaplains
Rev. John A. Naylor	
Thomas Ruddock	Prov. G. Treasurer
A. W. Stansfield	Prov. G. Registrar
Herbert G. E. Green	Prov. G. Secretary
Right Hon. H. C. E. Childers, M.P.	Prov. G. Senior Deacons
Robert Schott	
W. C. Lupton	Prov. G. Junior Deacons
James Bedford	
J. Shaw	Prov. G. Supt. of Works
Edward Poppleton	Prov. G. Director of Cers.
George Sykes	Prov. G. Deputy D. of Cers.
Thomas Whitaker	Prov. G. A. D. of Cers.
T. B. Fox	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
Joseph Brailsford	Prov. G. Standard Bearers
Thomas Tyers	
A. Simonson	Prov. Grand Organist
W. B. Alderson	Prov. G. Assistant Sec.
James Wright	Prov. G. Pursuivant
R. Ackrill	Prov. G. Asst. Pursuivant
T. W. Embleton	Prov. G. Stewards
Jos. Burney	
T. Woodhead	
H. T. Gardiner	
W. T. Sugg	
J. Tinker	
Joshua Lee	Prov. G. Tyler

The brethren were then marshalled in procession, and, headed by the police band, marched to the Leeds Parish Church. As might be expected the whole route was crowded, and the regalia and dress of the brethren attracted great attention and regard. At the Parish Church there was a large gathering of ladies, who had been admitted by ticket, to take part in the service. Special music had been arranged, and this part of the ceremony was most enjoyable.

The Rev. Canon Bullock, Provincial Grand Chaplain, and Vicar of Holy Trinity, Leeds, preached, from the words "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." He said that outside the Craft very few would admit the claims, which Masons made, for an historic past, running back into pre-historic times. The very constitution of Freemasonry, as well as the objects it had in view, forbade the possibility of a military origin. So, too, they would decline to accept the position of a secondary order in chivalry. Least of all, could a Free and Accepted Mason suppose that he would find the source of his Order in an attempt by secret and far-reaching organisation to upset duly-constituted authority, or to destroy those obligations of true religion and morality so essential to our happiness here and hereafter. The science of Masonry could only be second in time to that of agriculture. Although Hiram was the first Master, it must not be forgotten that he was sent for as one already specially trained. Having pointed out the high moral code inculcated by Masonry, the preacher added that there was some danger of their good fellowship injuring souls for whom Christ died. The true line of safety lay in the observance of those principles which were at once Masonic and Christian prudence, temperance, and fortitude. Having alluded to the splendid charity which was a distinguishing badge of all Masons, the Rev. gentleman

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concluded by stating that that was a red letter day in the history of Masonry in West Yorkshire, and he hoped the gifts presented to the medical charities would be worthy of the occasion. There was much sickness and suffering, which their alms would alleviate.

After the sermon a collection was taken on behalf of the medical charities, which realised the handsome sum of £82 16s. The procession was then re-formed, and on arrival at the Albert Hall Lodge was closed. Afterwards a collation was served in the Victoria Hall. Bro. Tew presided, and was supported by a large number of brethren who had taken part in the earlier proceedings. The gallery of the hall was occupied by the Leeds Constabulary Band, and the orchestra by lady visitors. On the entrance of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Dr. Spark played on the organ the "Masonic Festival March." Bro. Tew, the loyal toasts over, gave the health of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Officers Present and Past. Not only Lord Lathom, but Colonel Starkie and Colonel Shadwell Clerke, had put West Yorkshire under an obligation by their presence. The Grand Lodge of England deserved well at the hands of the Provincial Lodges. It was composed of a body of noblemen and gentlemen, of the highest political, literary, and scientific attainments, of the most benevolent and unselfish aspirations, and of unbounded liberality, generosity, and charity. The R.W. Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom responded. Although a member of the Grand Lodge of England, he was not an active working member, and could therefore say without egotism that the Officers of that Lodge did their work thoroughly. No ceremony in which he had ever taken a part had been better performed than that which had called them together that day. It was by far the largest gathering that they had had, and included representatives from many districts. East and West Lancashire were there—two Provinces which—with West Yorkshire, were the largest in England, and which combined would be able to stand against the world. The Earl afterwards proposed the toast of the evening—the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire. Bro. Tew was far better known to them than to himself; yet rumour had brought to him something of the good works in which their newly-appointed Provincial Grand Master had been engaged. There could be no doubt that the choice of the Grand Master was the choice of the brethren, and he would have great satisfaction in informing His Royal Highness of that fact.

Bro. Tew, who was received with loud cheers, responded. He had no hesitation in at once assuring himself that the Officers and brethren of the Provinces would give to him every sympathy and support in his new circumstances of office.

Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., proposed the Visitors. It was gratifying to learn that all the Lodges in the Province were represented on that occasion. He trusted that the arrangements made for their reception had proved adequate.

The Dean of York, in response, thanked the brethren of Leeds for their hospitality. During the thirty-seven or thirty-eight years in which he had belonged to the Craft he had always found Freemasonry to be of benefit. In these days, when men were so apt to become estranged from one another, the advantages of Masonic fraternity could not be exaggerated.

Bro. Woodall Grand Treasurer also responded.

The toast of the Masonic Charities, given by the Worshipful the Mayor of Sheffield (Bro. W. H. Brittain), brought the proceedings to a close.

Bro. Powolny provided the banquet in a very satisfactory manner.

—*Yorkshire Post.*

Brethren of the "mystic tie" have not infrequently had to face objections raised against the Order because of their supposed leanings towards an excess of conviviality. If there ever was any substantial ground for this complaint it certainly is fast disappearing, and it is a source of congratulation, as adding to the influence of Freemasonry all over the land, that so many Lodges are now being opened on strictly temperance principles. One of these—Lodge St. George—was started in the Three Towns about twelve months ago, and has proved a success beyond anticipation. Recognising the value of the principle, and anxious to help forward the object in view, alike in the interests of Freemasonry and of temperance, moderate drinkers, as well as total abstainers, have given the movement their cordial support, and have done their best to make the experiment the success it has so far proved to be. Bro. G. R. Barrett, who was the first elected Master of the Lodge, and the Mayor of Devonport, who so worthily succeeds him, are to be congratulated not only on being associated with so commendable a feature in Freemasonry, but on the result of their efforts to make Masonic total abstinence popular. Bros. Barrett and Brickwood Hutchings, and those who were associated with them in starting this Lodge, have shown how easy it is to live down prejudice by example, and the example is one worthy of being largely imitated by the Masonic body throughout the country.

—*Western Morning News.*

Obituary.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Charles Tayler, a member of the Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765, which event occurred after a very short illness. He was a member of the Council of the College, and an active man on the Committee. A choral funeral service was held at South Hackney Church, and the funeral took place at the Tower Hamlets Cemetery. The Bursar of the College, Bros. J. Stedman P.M. Treas. and J. A. Hammond P.M. Sec., with several members of the deceased's Lodge, attended. Bro Tayler's death will be deeply lamented by a numerous circle of Masonic and other friends.

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EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your issue of the 18th ult. you were pleased to insert a letter of mine under the title of "Employment Bureau." In that letter I pointed out the high value of the existing Masonic Charities, and suggested a means by which the circle of charity might be completed. The widow and the orphan, the worn-out and distressed brother, are provided for by well-known agencies, but a link is wanting to make the unity of charitable work complete. Unless a brother frequents other Lodges than his own, he stands little chance of enlarging his acquaintance among the Fraternity; even when he does visit frequently he is forbidden to mention business matters in the Lodge room, and they are scarcely appropriate at the banquet table. Apart from these reasons it may be assumed that a brother who is often present at a strange Lodge, and a frequent guest at the festive board, is not likely to want the assistance of either money or employment. It is not the distressed brother who is the honoured guest, but he who can reciprocate invitations. For the out-of-work Mason the visiting offers but a poor chance of help. Were there a trade directory of Freemasons the needy brother would get the information he desired. Such a guide, however, is almost impossible, and it might be undesirable. There is another difficulty. The wearing of Masonic emblems is not considered good taste by many who hold high position in the Craft, and to use them as a means of recognition, especially for help, is strongly discountenanced. For those Masons who want employment the machinery of the Craft affords no help in bringing their needs before the brethren who might be in a position to give it. I proposed, therefore, that an Employment Bureau should be established at headquarters, under special supervision, where wants and vacancies should be registered. These should be advertised in the Masonic journals, the whole expense to be covered by fees received from the employers and the employed. As an institution it would be self-supporting; as a means of real help it would not be inferior to any of the existing Charities. It is hardly necessary to dwell upon the sorrows and hardships that too frequently follow the lack of employment. I think if the members of the Board of Benevolence were to analyse the causes that have led many of the applicants for relief to appeal to them, they would find enforced idleness among the chief. Doctors and visitors know too well that a scanty supply of food and the mental depression caused by disappointment lead to ill-health and premature decay. These effects operate among Masons as well as among others, and I cannot conceive a worthier object than that of bringing the unemployed and the employers among the Craft together. Each would be perfectly free to accept or refuse, but the grand end—opportunity—would be gained. Many a brother's heart is sad because of his isolation, because of the lack of sympathy. There are hundreds of brethren who are not eligible now for the Benevolent Fund, but who may shortly become so, owing to the evils resulting from lack of employment. It is a duty, therefore, to see if something cannot be done to lessen the existing distress, and to obviate the probability of distress in the near future. It would be economical to do so. Apart from this low estimate of motive, there would be the soothed conscience which would approve a good work done, and there would be the happy satisfaction of knowing on the part of the receiver of favours that the sympathy of the brethren was a living, helpful reality, and not a mere empty profession. Let any one read the letter of "A MASTER MASON," in your last week's issue, and try and realise that brother's position. Willing to work, but unable to get employment. Even his age, though it does not, perhaps, impair his ability, is urged against him. I cannot describe the painful picture "MASTER MASON" could depict. He discloses quite sufficient to show me that every effort ought to be made to cultivate mutual help. I have suggested a way in which it could be done. I am not wedded to it if any other plan can be framed. That something should be done is my importunate cry, and my hope and prayer is that the matter may be taken up by those who can give effect to their views. I can but aid with my feeble pen, and were I a Briareus all my hands and heads should be employed in forwarding the good work of helping distressed brother Masons to help themselves.

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you please give your valuable opinion as to the following, as general Rule 205 in new code of Constitutions is silent thereon. Whether, as W.M. of a Lodge I am entitled to print a brother's name on the Lodge Summons after notice of motion has been given for his exclusion, and whether it would be considered a Masonic offence and a libel, after receiving a notice of protest from the said brother against such action, and whether you would not consider it wiser, and more in accordance with the spirit of the Rule, to be done in the usual manner, as when members are excluded for non payment of dues. Of course such Summons must inevitably fall into the hands of non-Masons—from the Reader, Compositor, and Printer downwards—and in due course, probably be

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seen by hundreds who are strangers to our art, as is usual with all printed, published, and circulated matter?

I beg to enclose my card, and remain,

Fraternally yours,

A W.M.

[No good purpose can follow the publication of the name in such a case; in addition, we are of opinion that an action for libel might stand.—ED. F.C.]

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

HENRY LEVANDER LODGE, No. 2048.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday last, the 25th ult., and was well attended. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Henry Lovegrove P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Middx. W.M., C. J. Axford S.W., W. A. Scurrah J.W., C. P. McKay P.M. Sec., P. Cheek S.D., John Johnson J.D., R. M. Surridge I.G., W. H. Burgess D.C., Harry Webb S., James Very Tyler; also Bros. R. Wilkins, T. E. Worrall, T. Reece, T. Barfoot, W. W. Smith, A. W. Wace, E. R. Chinn, &c., &c. The Visitors were Bros. George Edwards W.M. 1507, James Stevens P.M. 720, &c., H. Dickey Sec. 1745, R. Ross D.C. 1745, W. Hunt Old Concord Lodge, C. Everett 1507. The Lodge was opened with commendable punctuality at 4.30 p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the F.C. degree was conferred upon Bro. Robert Wilkin, initiated at a former meeting, and, at the request, and in the presence of the W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, Bro. Edwards, on Bro. Charles Everett, of that Lodge. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, and Messrs. Edgar Robert Clunn and S. Reece were duly initiated into the Order, the W.M. (Bro. Lovegrove) and his Officers very efficiently rendering the ceremonies in both degrees. Bro. John Read P.M. 720, and of the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, was elected a member of the Lodge, and invested with the collar of Organist. The election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year then took place. In regard to the former office a practical exemplification of true Masonic feeling and brotherly love was given by the retirement from candidature of the S.W., Bro. C. J. Axford, who, though in every respect qualified for the chair of K.S., and certain of election to that high office if the ballot had taken the ordinary course, solicited the brethren to mark their high appreciation of the zealous services to Freemasonry, more especially in respect of recent strenuous efforts on behalf of the Masonic Institutions, of the J.W. Bro. Scurrah, by his unanimous election as W.M. for the ensuing year. It need hardly be said that Bro. Axford's single-minded desire to do honour to a truly deserving brother met with the acceptance he solicited, and he received at the hands of the brethren a cordial acknowledgment of his self-sacrifice on their behalf. Bro. Scurrah was consequently unanimously elected W.M. The retiring Master was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Very Tyler. Bros. Harry Webb, T. E. Worrall, and W. A. Wace were appointed Auditors. The elections having concluded, Bro. Scurrah addressed the brethren, thanking them for his election as W.M., and in the very fullest possible manner acknowledging his personal obligation to Bro. Axford, and the sense which the members of the Lodge entertained of his desire to promote their best interests. We feel compelled to say that a more pleasing incident, whether in the evidence it gave of a strong personal friendship between two worthy brethren, or of the preference of the welfare of Freemasonry to self-aggrandisement, we have never before met with in any of our Lodges, and the circumstance is all the more worthy of record as an example which might doubtless be advantageously followed elsewhere when the surrounding circumstances are of a similar nature. Five gentlemen were proposed for initiation, probably at an emergency meeting, as the next regular meeting being for installation, and the W.M. elect an exceedingly popular brother, the business of that day in placing him in the chair of K.S. will probably be considered sufficient. A few matters of ordinary arrangement having been attended to, the W.M. received the hearty good wishes of the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed in harmony. Refreshments followed labour, and after the cloth had been cleared the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. The W.M. finding it necessary to leave at an early hour, a practice of some W.M.'s "more honour'd in the breach, than the observance," the chair was taken by Bro. C. P. McKay P.M., the genial Secretary of the Lodge, under whose presidency the remaining complimentary toasts were given and received response. In replying to the toast of the Visitors Bro. James Stevens referred to the ceremonial work, and the thorough Masonic principles which had characterised the meeting, admitting the former to have been more than usually perfect, and the incident which had resulted in the election of Bro. Scurrah as W.M., consequently on Bro. Axford's retirement, as worthy of brethren connected with a Lodge bearing the revered name of that strict upholder of true Freemasonry in all its sublime principles, the late Brother Henry C. Levander. Bros. Dickey and Ross endorsed these remarks, and expressed the great gratification which they and all the Visitors had experienced from the cordial reception which had been accorded them. A very pleasant evening was spent by all present, the proceedings being enlivened by songs and recitations, and shortly before ten o'clock the brethren separated.

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UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

THE annual meeting for the election of W.M. of this Lodge took place on Wednesday evening, when on a ballot being taken there were eighteen votes for the S.W., Bro. Ellis; and twenty-five for the J.W., Bro. J. T. Bailey. The latter was consequently declared elected. At the same meeting Bro. Richard Clowes was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Munson Tyler.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 24th ult., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., Turner S.W., Sperring J.W., Thomas S.D., Bailey J.D., Cammill I.G., Andrews Preceptor; also Bros. Gillett, Morison, Norton, F. Botley, Hughes S.W. 869. After preliminaries, Bro. Norton, as candidate for raising, answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the second degree. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Turner acting as W.M. elect. Bro. Hughes was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Turner was elected W.M. for next Friday. Lodge was closed in due form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, 27th ultimo, at Brother Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Cooper W.M., Turner S.W., Rhodes J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Jennings S.D., McMillan J.D., Hasell I.G., Western Acting Preceptor; also Bros. Jordan, Mallord, and other brethren. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Brett candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Brother Western, who rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Stretch acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed and closed by Brother Cooper. Bro. Turner will occupy the chair on Monday, 4th instant.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, on Saturday, 2nd May, at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith, W., at 6·45 p.m. Bros. E. Ayling P.M. 975 W.M., George Read I.P.M. 1090 S.W., W. Mann P.M. 186 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Williams, Furze, Purdue, Price, Stroud, Landfield, Read. Second Lecture—Bros. Brown, Williams, Smith, Westley, Gardner. Third Lecture—Bros. Harvey, Greenway, Steng. Bros. Ayling Preceptor, Gardner Treasurer, Strong Secretary.

We learn that a warrant has been issued for a new Lodge, to be called The George Price, No. 2096, which will meet at the Greyhound, Croydon. The consecration will be conducted by General Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, and it will take place on Wednesday, the 27th instant. Brother J. D. Langton, No. 1, P.M. 1673, is to be the first Worshipful Master, while Bros. H. M. Hobbs and Ridpath are the Senior and Junior Wardens designate.

The following Dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 2nd May:—

Monday—Old King's Arms Lodge, Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge. Tuesday—Royal York Chapter, Lodge of Prudent Brethren, 4th Annual Anglo-French Ball, Royal Savoy Lodge. Wednesday—Grand Lodge Festival. Thursday—British Home for Incurables. Friday—Odd Volumes, Chapter of Fidelity.

Mr. James Kendal (Kendal and Dent, Cheapside), inventor of the double-dial watches, has been elected a member of the Society of Arts. Kendal and Dent have been selected by the executive council of the Inventions Exhibition, 1885, to supply the large clock in the interior of their building, South Kensington.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 6th day of May, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

The Regulations for the government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business to be read.

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

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 22nd January 1885 to the 14th April 1885, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	315	4	5	Disbursements during the quarter	261	4	0
„ Unappropriated Account	186	15	10	Balance „ in Unappropriated Account	375	17	5
Subsequent Receipts	327	5	0		192	3	10
	£829	5	3		£829	5	3

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

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

1st. From Comps. Ed. Lytton Hitchins as Z., Chas. Bourne Airey as H., Wm. Hilston Pigott as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1653, Sydney, New South Wales, to be called the Prince of Wales Chapter, and to meet at Sydney, N.S.W.

2nd. From Comps. the Rev. Thomas Bartrup Nichols as Z., John Thomas Davison as H., Charles Wright Henzell as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Priory Lodge, No. 1863, Tynemouth, to be called the Priory Chapter, and to meet at the Grand Hotel, Tynemouth, in the county of Northumberland.

3rd. From Comps. George Hudson Hibbert as Z., Thomas Fisher as H., John Angrave Howitt as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Forest Lodge, No. 1852, Mansfield, to be called the Forest Chapter, and to meet at the Swan Hotel, Mansfield, in the county of Nottingham.

4th. From Comp. Thomas Cull as Z., William Sergeant Lee as H., John William Mash as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Mount Edgcumbe Lodge, No. 1446, London, to be called the Mount Edgcumbe Chapter, and to meet at St. Botolph Chambers, No. 191 Bishopsgate Street, in the city of London.

5. From Comps. Thomas Charles Walls as Z., Henry Joseph Lardner as H., James Strugnell as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745, London, to be called the Farringdon Without Chapter, and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, in the City of London.

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

The Committee have also received the following petitions praying for Charters of Confirmation, the originals being lost:—

From the Principals and Members of the Enfield Chapter, No. 1237, Enfield.

From the Principals and Members of the Prince Frederick William Chapter, No. 753, St. John's Wood.

The Committee recommend that Charters of Confirmation for the above-named Chapters be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that two Chapters, through neglect of the law as contained in Article 67, page 22, of the Royal Arch Regulations (Edit. 1879), having recently exalted brethren at a less period than twelve calendar months from the date of their becoming Master Masons:—

The Committee have admonished the Chapters to be more observant of the law in the future, and have ordered the candidates in question to be re-obligated; and the Committee again call attention to this serious irregularity, with a view to greater care being taken in future that the "satisfactory proof" required by the above-quoted regulation be previously obtained, in every instance.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, P.A.G.S.
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
15th April 1885.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

POLISH NATIONAL CHAPTER.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 23rd ult. Comps. Palmer M.E.Z., Lowden H., and Dr. Corrie Jackson J. After some business matters had been considered, Comp. Lowden, who had been unanimously elected, was installed M.E.Z., Dr. Jackson H., and Dr. Jagielski J. Comp. Paas was invested S.E., Nowakowski Treasurer, Bryant S.N., Bieling P.S., Reed and Kelsey Assistants. The ballot was taken for Brothers J. Tolley, Dr. Charles Renner and Fauser. It proving to be unanimous in their favour, they were entrusted and exalted to the Supreme Degree by Comp. J. Palmer, who performed all the duties in the most able and impressive manner. The Treasurer's accounts, having been audited, were passed, and the Chapter was duly closed, it being nearly nine o'clock when the Companions retired to the dining room. In consequence of the lateness of the evening, the Companions restricted their remarks, but the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts received attention.

Since the members of the Camden Chapter of Improvement have taken up their quarters at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, good attendances have been the rule. On Tuesday last Comp. Knight filled the chair of Z., with Comps. Bolton H., Carter P.Z. J., H. Slyman P.Z. S.E., Roach N., and Sheppard P.S. There were also present Comps. Jacobs P.Z., King, Sheffield, Morgan, Gregory P.Z. The rehearsal of the ceremony of exaltation was creditably performed, Comp. Sheffield acting as candidate. Comps. Jacobs and Morgan were elected members. The Chapter room is well appointed, and Comps. Hammond and Bolton use every effort in their power to make their patrons comfortable during their stay.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement, on Thursday, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at the hour of 8. Comps. T. T. Phillips M.E.Z., G. W. Knight H., G. Gregory J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., J. Collinson P.S., S. George S.N., T. C. Edmonds Preceptor. The Officers went through their work most creditably. Companions seeking instruction should visit this Chapter of Improvement.

An exhibition of French cookery was held on the 22nd and 23rd ult., at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, under distinguished patronage. This was the first display of the kind in this country, and well merited the patronage it received. The artistic and marvellous specimens of the culinary art were thoroughly appreciated, over 4000 persons visiting the rooms. Amongst those who displayed their skill were Messrs. Lecomte, Cossart, Benoist, Rope, Jeannin, and Victor Mandin. The latter exhibited an "Easter egg box," carved out of the cuttle fish bone, with medallions cut on eggs, in various colours. The Exhibition was a success. In the evening a ball was held, when over 400 guests were present. As a matter of course, the supper was of a most *récherché* kind, while marvellous specimens of decorations were on view. The President, M. Ponard, Messrs. Penet, De Vien, Lecomte, Bohers, Benoist and Cabuzet acted as Stewards. Bro. Charles Godfrey's band discoursed the music, and Bros. Jarvis and Bareham were the M.C.'s.

At the regular meeting of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, at Cambridge, on Monday, 27th April, His Royal Highness Prince Edward of Wales, Royal Alpha Lodge, was elected a joining member.

Bro James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has accepted the invitation of the Priory Lodge, No. 1000, Southend on Sea, to deliver his lecture on Freemasonry, explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonial of the First Degree, at the Lodge meeting on Friday, 5th June, at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, at 7 p.m.

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FESTIVAL OF THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE annual Installation Meeting and Festival of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, and was presided over by the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master. His Lordship was supported by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight as Deputy Grand Master; and Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middlesex as Past Grand Master. The other Grand Officers present were Lord Cremorne S.W., the Lord Mayor of London J.W., Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Treasurer, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Registrar, T. Fenn President Board of General Purposes, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Secretary, Ernest E. Wendt, D.C.L., Secretary for German Correspondence, Baron De Ferrieres, M.P., S.D., James Smith Eastes and E. Letchworth J.D.'s, Horace Jones Supt. of Works, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) D.C., Griffiths Smith Assistant D.C., Major Edward Loocok Sword Bearer, Lieut.-Col. Taylor Standard Bearer, Professor Lott Organist, and Henry Garrod Assistant Pursuivant. Grand Lodge having been opened with the customary formalities, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton P.G.W. rose. Before the business of the evening was commenced, he desired the permission of the Grand Master to say a few words on an exceptional subject, but one which he felt should be referred to at that moment. Two years ago the Hall in which they were assembled was damaged by fire, and the work of restoring and redecorating it was shortly afterwards delegated to a Committee, consisting of himself and other brethren. The Committee had completed their labours, and on their behalf he now desired to hand back to Grand Lodge and its Board of General Purposes, who usually took charge of the building, the trust which had temporarily been confided to the Building Committee. In doing so he desired to express the warmest thanks of the Committee to the Grand Secretary and to the Grand Superintendent of Works for the able assistance they had rendered. He should not be right if he did not also refer to the services of those artistic brethren who had thrown their heart and soul, as well as their brushes and time, into the work of reproducing the pictures which surrounded the Temple. He hoped that the Committee to whom had been entrusted the work had completed it with some amount of credit to themselves and to the satisfaction of Grand Lodge. Bro. W. W. B. Beach said he desired to propose a resolution which he felt sure would meet the approval of every member of Grand Lodge—a vote of thanks to Sir John Monckton and the other members of the Building Committee on the successful completion of their labours. Much anxiety prevailed after the fire as to what was the best course to pursue, but it was ultimately settled by the appointment of the Building Committee. He was certain they had had an arduous and anxious task to perform; how they had performed it the brethren could themselves judge. He was quite sure the efforts of the Committee, and the success which had attended their exertions were appreciated. It was no light matter to restore a building which had been built and decorated many years ago, and which was worthy of those who had then decorated it. Still he felt the Committee who had had charge of the work were to be congratulated both on the skill and the taste they had displayed. He accordingly moved "That the best thanks of Grand Lodge be given to Bro. Sir John Monckton, and the other members of the Building Committee, and also to Bro. Horace Jones, Grand Superintendent of Works, for the skill and ability with which they had carried out the trust imposed on them of restoring and redecorating the Hall after its destruction by fire two years ago." Bro. Baron de Ferrieres seconded the proposition. The very appropriate yet modest terms in which Sir John Monckton, on behalf of the Building Committee, had presented the restored Temple must, he was sure, commend itself to all present. The work had been completed in a very short space of time. Even at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, it would be remembered, the walls were not painted, and the Hall was far from complete; but now all was perfect—an illustration of what Masonry could accomplish. When considered in connection with the time it took to complete other buildings, it was astonishing how short a time had been occupied. The acting Grand Master, before submitting the resolution to Grand Lodge, desired to offer his congratulations to Sir John Monckton and the Building Committee on the success which had attended their labours. He also congratulated the brethren on being again in their old home—not a new one—but one looking as fresh as if from the builder's hands, while he desired to particularly compliment the Building Committee, and especially the Grand Superintendent of Works, on the ability they had displayed in increasing the accommodation of the Temple. This was a much-needed improvement, and the additional accommodation afforded for one hundred brethren would doubtless be appreciated, especially as want of space had been felt at many of the past meetings of Grand Lodge. The proposition was then submitted, carried unanimously, and acknowledged by Sir John Monckton. The Earl of Lathom proposed that the votes of thanks be engrossed on vellum, signed by the Grand Master, and presented to Sir J. B. Monckton and the Grand Superintendent of Works. This was seconded by Sir Francis Burdett and carried.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies then proclaimed His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the year, after which the Earl of Lathom announced that the Grand Master had appointed the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, and himself (the Earl of Lathom) Deputy Grand Master. The following were then appointed and invested as the other Grand Officers for the year:—

Bro. the Marquis of Hertford	Grand Senior Warden
Col. Sackville West	Grand Junior Warden
The Rev. Canon Portal, The Rev. R. N. Sanderson	Grand Chaplains
Major John Woodall	Grand Treasurer
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	Grand Registrar
Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	Grand Secretary
E. E. Wendt, D.C.L.	Secretary German Cor.
Alfred Meadows, John Watson	Grand Senior Deacons
R. Collier Driver, F. Hastings Goldney	Grand Junior Deacons
Horace Jones	Superintendent of Works
Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter)	Director of Ceremonies
Dr. John H. Paul	Deputy Dir. of Ceremonies
Major Charles Harding	Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies
Charles Hammerton	Grand Sword Bearer
Butler Wilkins, George P. Brockbank	Grand Standard Bearers
E. M. Lott (re-appointed)	Grand Organist
Henry Garrod	Grand Pursuivant
A. Lucking	Assistant do.
Henry Sadler	Grand Tyler

The following were appointed Grand Stewards:—Bros. George Hughes, Charles Baxter Cousens, A. Taylor Day, George Ratcliff Steel, John Armytage Batley, William James Ford, Baldomerode Bertodano Lopes, Frederick Thomas Rushton, Edgar Figgis, Robert C. Grant, T. W. Chard Lenty, J. W. Robinson, Edward Terry, George Pitt Lewis, Arthur Josling, Thomas A. Logan, Henry Sutherland, M.D., and Charles Barry. This concluding the business, Grand Lodge was closed.

The Grand Festival followed, at Freemasons' Tavern, and was presided over by the Deputy Grand Master. The Stewards of the year sustained the time-honoured reputation of their Board for hospitality, and the efforts they made were ably seconded by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, the caterers. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual toasts were honoured. That of the Queen was followed by the National Anthem, and then the Chairman proposed the Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family. The mere mention of the name of the Princess of Wales evoked a cheer among Englishmen, and invariably was this the case when it was mentioned at an English Masonic meeting. Her Royal Highness was to be congratulated on her safe return from her visit to Ireland. The toast of the Royal Family was at times considered as somewhat outside the province of Freemasonry, but it was hardly so; inasmuch as the Duke of Connaught was one of their most prominent members, while more recently H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor had been admitted as an Entered Apprentice in the Order. The Order was largely indebted to the Royal Family for the part they took in upholding the Craft, and in their doing so lay a great portion of its strength for the future. This toast having been honoured, was followed by what the Chairman designated the toast of the evening. They were celebrating the Festival of Grand Lodge, but he felt it might more properly be called the Festival of the re-election of the Grand Master. It was impossible for any one who watched the events of His Royal Highness's life not to notice with what difficulty to himself the Grand Master contrived to attend Masonic meetings in one part of the country or another, and it was also impossible for any Mason to imagine that it would be otherwise. The Grand Master was thoroughly interested in the Order, and although his avocations were so numerous and the calls on his time so frequent, he gave to Freemasonry its fair share of attention. His Royal Highness had had the intention of being present at that evening's meeting, but his recent return—his happy return—from Ireland, and the quantity of business he had found waiting for him on his arrival had prevented his being among them. There was not the slightest doubt that, although he was not personally present, he was with them in heart. The toast of the Pro G.M. followed from the chair, and then the Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight submitted the health of the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., the Chairman of the evening. The acclamation which had greeted the announcement of the re-appointment of the Earl of Lathom as Deputy Grand Master was sufficient to show his popularity in the Craft. It was enough to say that whatever duty was assigned to him in Freemasonry he performed it, with courtesy and ability. The Earl of Lathom responded. He was flattered by the kind words of Brother Beach, and only hoped he thoroughly deserved them. As far as lay in his power he should do his duty as Deputy Grand Master. It was not often he appeared among the brethren on such occasions as the present, in fact, it was about a triennial arrangement. The Grand Master occasionally honoured them, Lord Carnarvon occasionally honoured them, and he came in third. Whenever he did come he was pleased to meet his brethren. He next proposed the toast of the Provincial Grand Masters. Looking round the country, and looking at the brethren on whom the choice of the Grand Master had fallen, he could but think that most excellent Provincial Grand Masters had been appointed. Col. Starkie (East Lancashire) responded. The Provincial Grand Masters took a great interest in their work, and would endeavour to discharge their duties in such a manner as to merit honour, and the esteem of the members of the Order. He was deeply indebted for the trust reposed in him. The Grand Wardens and the other Grand Officers Present and Past were next toasted. This toast signified more than generally appeared to the public eye. It meant that the Grand Master had collected from the whole body of Masons those he thought most capable and fit for promotion. The occasion was especially interesting to him, because among the Grand Officers appointed that day he noticed several old friends of his own. The Marquis of Hertford responded. The Grand Officers fully appreciated the honour done them by the Grand Master in appointing them to office. If anything could make them still further appreciate the honour, it was the way in which the toast had been proposed by the Deputy Grand Master, who had said, if he could quote the words correctly, that the Grand Officers were picked out on account of their being efficient members of the Craft. They ought to be very proud of that remark. The Rev. Canon Portal proposed "The Masonic Charities"—a toast more essentially Masonic than any other that could be introduced to the brethren's notice. It was well known there was no country more distinguished for its charities than

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England was, and in England there was no body of men more distinguished for their charity than the Freemasons. Our reverend brother then referred to some of the past doings in connection with the Charity Festivals, and urged that even more general support was deserved by the Institutions. Bro. Hedges acknowledged the toast. The Charities owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Craft. The Benevolent Institution had celebrated, at the beginning of the year, a Festival second to none in its annals, and now the Girls' and Boys' Schools stood before the brethren, hat in hand, waiting for their verdict. The Girls would hold their Ninety-seventh Anniversary Festival that day fortnight, when the Provincial Grand Master of Sussex would preside; he (Bro. Hedges) hoped he should then have to announce a result second to none in the annals of the Institution he had the honour to represent. The toast of the Grand Stewards was duly honoured, and was acknowledged by Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson. The Grand Stewards followed in the wake of many great men in the Craft who had had the honour of serving the office in the past, and he hoped they would vie successfully with those who had preceded them. The toast list having been brought to a conclusion the company again repaired to the Temple where a concert was given, under the direction of the Grand Organist, Bro. Edwin M. Lott.

The Temple with its approaches presents a most elegant appearance, but as so many of our readers have opportunities of personally inspecting it we do not, in our present notice, deem it necessary to furnish a detailed description of the improvements and decorations, we give, however, the following—

LIST OF PICTURES IN THE TEMPLE.

RIGHT SIDE (facing Dais)—

1. H.R.H. Prince of Wales, G.M. 1874.—By Bro. Chevalier Desanges.
2. 9th Lord Petre, G.M. 1772-77.—By Bro. Sydney Hodges.
3. 4th Duke of Manchester, G.M. 1777-82.—By Bro. Chevalier Desanges.
4. Marquis of Hastings, Acting G.M. 1790-1813.—By Bro. Stephen Pearce.
5. 4th Duke of Athole, G.M. 1775-81 and 1791-1813.—Restored.

LEFT SIDE.

1. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (afterwards George IV.), G.M. 1790 to 1813.—By Bro. B. S. Marks.
2. H.R.H. Henry 1st Duke of Cumberland, G.M. 1782-90.—By Bro. Stephen Pearce.
3. H.R.H. Edward Duke of Kent, G.M. 1813.—By Bro. W Hay.
4. H.R.H. Augustus Duke of Sussex, G.M. 1813-43.—By Bro. B. S. Marks.
5. 2nd Earl of Zetland, G.M. 1843-70.—By Bro. Chevalier Desanges.

LEFT OF ENTRANCE (facing Dais)—

Anthony Sayer, G.M. 1717.—By Bro. T. R. Beaufort.

RIGHT OF ENTRANCE (facing Dais)—

Dr. Desaguliers, G.M. 1719.—By Bro. T. R. Beaufort.

THE THEATRES.

Drury Lane.—All lovers of music—as an art, not as a fashion—will heartily rejoice in the triumph achieved by our young English composer Mr. Goring Thomas. Delighted and overflowing houses greet Nadeshda with growing enthusiasm. Mr. Thomas belongs essentially to the newer school of musicians, though, unlike his predecessors Balfe and Wallace, he declines to make the musical drama a medium for the introduction of detached songs, often episodical in purpose, yet never, in his exquisitely classical instrumentation, is their absence felt as a want of effective interest; and never does he sacrifice, after the manner of the great Master of the modern school, the emotional interest of the language he speaks to the temptation of scientific display or the vanity of fantastic orchestration. He has had the good fortune to secure an interesting story, ably versified by Mr. Sturgis, whilst scarcely on the operatic stage could he have found a lady more fitted for the part of the high-souled Nadeshda than Madame Valeria. Not only does she sing exquisitely, but the soul of tenderness and self sacrifice vibrates in the tones of her voice. It is Nadeshda's passion, despair or joy, that pervades her, not the triumph of the prima donna. Nadeshda's song, "Oh river, dear river," will doubtless become a favourite, and perhaps still more so the exquisite ballad, "As when the snow drifts." The ballet of the Second Act is delightful in its freshness. Mlle. Luna, as premiere danseuse, achieves well merited honours, so sparkling and full of colour is her assumption of the Russian village maiden. Mr. McGuckin has gained much in dramatic power since last season, and as the generous Voldemar sings with great taste and feeling. His "Now is the Hour" scored a marked success. Mr. Crotty, a thorough artist, has excellent opportunity as the wicked brother Ivan. "Our sires were stout and brave" was sung by him with splendid effect. Miss Yorke, who assumes the part of the Princess, possesses the valuable gift of clear utterance. Mr. Burgon, in the small part of Ostap, proved himself a true artist. The chorus is admirably drilled, while the orchestra, under Mr. Randegger, has the true perception of musical perspective, leaving the foreground to the voices. Very picturesque scenery forms the setting of this charming work; especially beautiful is "The Pine Forest" of Act III., with a red sunset through the lowering clouds.

Haymarket.—As Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft's last season foreshortens and the end approaches, we look jealously to each change in their programme, and with anxious hope that one of our especial favourites may once more be associated with the Bancroft name. "Ours" has been given us, but notwithstanding a certain fictitious interest due to the present Russian complications, and the old charm of the acting of Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft, the play seemed to lack vitality. The crude improbability of the plot would assert itself, and the humour of making jam puddings amid the tragic surroundings of a Crimean hut in that awful harvest of death had something irritatingly unnatural in it. Miss M. A. Victor, a clever actress in eccentric comedy, is but ill suited with the part of Lady Shendryn, and Mr. Kemble, though he plays with commendable earnestness and freedom from exaggeration, is certainly too meek and reasonable a "common Christian" for the preposterous deception the author imposes on him. Mr. Barrymore, one of our best emotional "heroes," seemed ill at ease on the first night as MacAlister, but we give praise to Mr. Brookfield for his well drawn and well thought out picture of the high-handed Russian. The audience gave the play but a lukewarm reception. Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft's friends are hoping they may yet enjoy the delightful little drama "Sweethearts," decidedly one of Gilbert's best. "Money," too, with the inimitable Lady Franklyn of the Manageress.

Toole's.—Those who love John Toole—and surely he must be "full of treasons, stratagems and spoils," who loves him not—have rejoiced to welcome back their old friend Paul Pry, and take a lesson in French before breakfast in King William-street. "Old Harry," we confess, we find somewhat disappointing, though the company with their chief do their best with it. It is in fact a fossil melodrama, and is at best interesting historically. A new play by Byron is shortly to be produced, and we trust may bring no less good fortune to Toole's than that kindly author's "Open House" has secured for the Vaudeville.

Surrey.—"Till Death do us Part" has been delighting large audiences over the water. It is a melodrama of the "old crusted" sort—daggers and revolvers; a wrongful heir of the intensest demoniacal pattern; a rightful heir with all the trials and virtues that belong to his kind. The clever company give vitality to the author's rather second-hand personages. Mr. Conquest jun., as a disreputable swindling Rev. H. Spriggins, trading on the secrets he possesses, might be a Fleet parson out of Hogarth. That accomplished villain Mr. Nye, first cousin to the "Spider," thrills his audience with the graceful audacity of his impersonation. Mr. Cruickshank gives a life-like presentment of a kindly old Preston mill hand. Miss Amy MacNeil plays with all her winsomeness the much persecuted heroine. We think, however, she somewhat misses her opportunity when she exhibits so little terror on finding herself a prisoner in "The Southwark den." We look forward with no little interest to her appearance next week in Mdlle. Beatrice's great part, "A Woman of the People." She will be supported by Mr. George Conquest, who may be termed our modern Robson.

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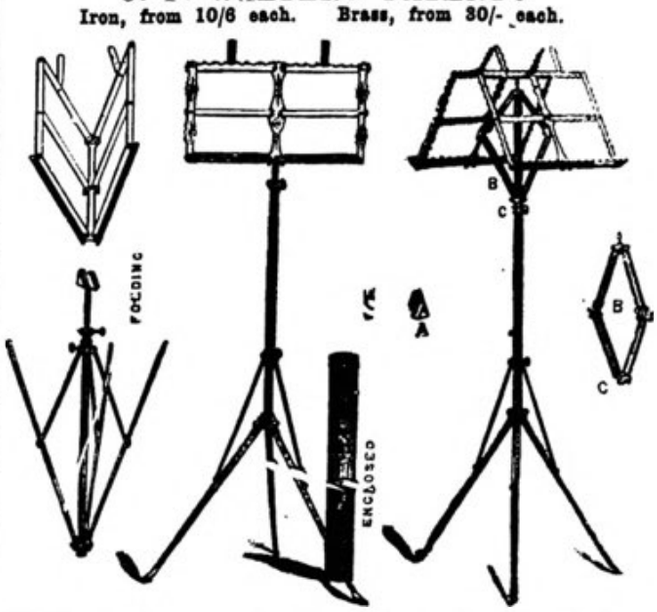

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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 MAY.

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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 4th 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)
73—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.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
549—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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

87—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
93—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
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
623—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
938—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
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
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester

R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 904—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull

TUESDAY, 5th MAY.

18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
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)
854—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, 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, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
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)
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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C. 79—Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
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
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

1003—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.)
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

WEDNESDAY, 6th MAY.

Grand Chapter, 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)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, 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, Poonin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1534—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
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.
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1519—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1812—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth

R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
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R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

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THURSDAY, 7th MAY.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
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)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden 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).
1734—Kaisr-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
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 763—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. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

34—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
81—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
61—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
80—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
380—Pmofret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
529—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
793—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1013—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1331—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1333—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1384—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshirre
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1478—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1560—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1839—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 496—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 8th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
167—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, 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)

1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1396—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1780—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (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. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
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.
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harriogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
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. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 9th 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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1938—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street E.C.

1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1433—Era, The Albany, Twickenham

TEMPERANCE FREEMASONRY IN THE THREE TOWNS.

THE first annual Convocation of the new Masonic Temperance Lodge of St. George, No. 2025, was held at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on Tuesday evening. Bro. A. Brickwood Hutchings, Mayor of Devonport, P.M. 893, of St. George's Lodge, was the Master elect. There was a large attendance, and the unprecedented occurrence of the presence of fifty-five installed Masters on the floor of a private Lodge at the same time took place. Business commenced with the raising of a candidate. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. elect was installed by the retiring P.M., Bro. G. R. Barrett Prov. S.G.D., assisted by Bros. C. Croydon, James Gifford, L. D. Westcott, James Griffin, John Lynn 2025, J. B. Gover 70. At the close of the installation the following brethren were invested as the Officers:—Bros. G. R. Barrett I.P.M., J. S. Sloggett S.W., J. T. Bond J.W., J. Austin Treasurer, J. Giffard Secretary, W. Cann S.D., C. G. Withell J.D., F. Crouch I.G., James Griffin D.C., S. H. Dawe A.D.C., T. Hele Organist, W. G. Hodge, W. J. Pengelley, H. Reynolds and W. H. Dillon Stewards, James Gidley Tyler, J. Griffin Charity Steward, A. B. Hutchings Representative at the Committee of Petitions. A dinner on a liberal scale was provided at the Temperance Hall, Devonport, by Bro. Bosworthick. After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were drunk. The principal feature among them was the health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. G. R. Barrett, and the presentation to him of a handsome portrait of himself, in recognition of his valuable services in connection with the institution of the Lodge. The portrait was an enlarged photograph in enamel, furnished by Bro. Hawke. The presentation was made by Bro. E. Aitken-Davies on behalf of the subscribers and Lodge. Bro. Davies said that from a prejudice in the minds of many persons who knew nothing of Freemasonry, that drink was too intimately connected with the Order, it had become important to show that the Lodges could be conducted entirely free from liquor. Hence the recent institution of Lodges in which one of their bye-laws involved the entire exclusion of liquor from any of their adjournments for refreshment or banquets. The St. George Lodge was founded upon that principle. At the institution of such Lodges there was generally much indirect opposition, and it required considerable zeal and labour to secure their institution. Such members as worked with that object were therefore entitled to much credit. Bro. Barrett, although not the original suggester of the St. George Lodge, had certainly been its most zealous and active promoter. Bro. Barrett had been its first W.M., and though from illness and other causes he had not been able to carry out all the work of that office, had certainly done much to further the interests of the Lodge. What he had done was held in very high appreciation among the members, and it had been determined, by the presentation of a testimonial in some form to mark that appreciation. The presentation of a portrait of himself was ultimately determined upon, and a very handsome enlarged photograph in the first style of art had been furnished by Bro. Hawke. In the name of the Lodge he (Bro. Davies) asked Bro. Barrett to accept that mark of the Lodge's gratitude. With the gift of the picture he proposed Bro. Barrett's health. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Barrett, in replying, said he felt very much the kindness shewn him. He could not express all he wished. What he had done in assisting to establish the Lodge was of itself fully rewarded in the great success of the Lodge. At its institution there were others who had rendered much assistance. Bro. Sloggett S.W. was the original designer of the Lodge; Bro. Gifford, the Secretary, had done a great quantity of necessary clerical work; and Bro. Davies had travelled with him (Bro. Barrett) far and near in assisting at its organization. During the evening a very pleasing entertainment of melodies and recitations was furnished between the toasts by Bros. J. Kinton Bond, E. G. Dyke, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, J. Gifford, and others. A liberal supply of the recently-introduced temperance drinks and hot coffee was furnished by Bro. Bosworthick.—*Western Morning News.*

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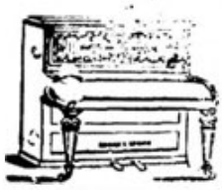

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AN ANCIENT PEOPLE—PAST AND PRESENT.*

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THE mission of Zoroaster was to suppress polytheism and establish monotheism. Dr. Haug, who is an authority and is often quoted by Dosabhai, says the leading idea of Zoroaster's theology was Monotheism, the principle of his speculative philosophy was Dualism—the supposition of two primeval causes of the real world and of the intellectual, while his moral philosophy was moving in the triad of thought, word, and deed. That Zoroaster proclaimed one God—Ahura Mazda, creator, ruler, and preserver of the universe, without form, and invisible—is incontestable, and Haug says that the Parsi conception of the supreme being is identical with the notion of Elohim or Jehovah of the Old Testament. Under one Almighty, two principles or spirits, called Mainyush-Spento Mainyush, meaning the creative spirit, and the Angro Mainyush, the destructive spirit—have been working day and night, and have been creating and destroying ever since the universe began. These are not to be regarded as a separate authority, but two spirits inherent in the nature of, and guided by, the Ahura Mazda. There are six Archangels, or guardian spirits, presiding over distinct gifts, but the great head of all is the one God. In speculative philosophy Zoroaster recognises two intellects—Asno Khratu (born wisdom), and Gaoshosruto-Khratu (acquired wisdom.) The first is innate from birth, and the second the result of teaching on earth. Zoroaster's idea of heaven (Garodemana) "house of hymns," is said to harmonise with our own Scriptural views. Here Ahura Mazda resides. Hell (Drujodemana) is the "house of destruction." "Between heaven and hell," says Dr. Haug, "is Chinvat Peretu (Chinvadpul) 'the bridge of the gatherer,' or 'the bridge of the Judge,' which the soul of the pious alone can pass, while the wicked fall from it down into hell." The Prophet taught the doctrine of the resurrection of the body. "The whole moral foundation of the sacred works of the Parsis," we are told, "is, as it were, built upon three important injunctions, which pervade the Parsi scriptures, and are fittingly expressed by three significant terms used in the Avesta, viz., Humata, Hukhta, and Hvarshta, which mean purity of thought, purity of speech, and purity of action. These represent the teaching of the Parsi religion, and on them the whole structure of the Zend Avesta is raised." Besides the books we have spoken of, a code of morals was drawn up, at the instance of King Ardeshur Barbekan, by Arda Viraf, called "revelations." It professed to be a description of a vision by Arda, wherein he was transported to the other world. His account of hell, says Dr. Haug, bears "a striking resemblance to the accounts to be found in Dante's *Inferno*." In some points it may be said to resemble the vision of the prophet Isaiah. Zoroaster contended that men are saved alone by their good deeds. A list of sins and crimes is given, twenty-two in number, some of which are curious, for instance, carrying a dead body alone, lest the person is overtaken by a danger he is helpless to withstand; the destruction of a bridge over a rapid river, disobedience of a wife to her husband, beautifying of faces and wearing the hair of others, walking without shoes. Broadly, what is intended to be impressed is "observance of sanitation, kindness to animals, hospitality to strangers and travellers, respect to superiors, and help to the poor and needy." Prayer is regarded as a very important duty, and regulations are made for its exercise. God, we are informed, "is the emblem of glory, refulgence, and light, and in this view, a Parsi, while engaged in prayer, is directed to stand before the fire, or to turn his face toward the sun." In order to meet this demand upon the faithful, fire temples abound in India, and are open day and night. The popular idea is that Parsis worship fire. This, it is urged, is a great error. A Parsi regards fire as "the most perfect symbol of the Deity on account of its purity, brightness, activity, subtility, fecundity, and incorruptibility." Hence the Parsis do not smoke, "from their religious instinct forbidding them to bring fire, which is pure, into contact with their mouth, which is deemed impure." The sacredness of fire is increased by the religious ceremonies and prayers that accompany its installation "in its proper place, in a vase on an exalted stand in a chamber set apart." Fire obtained by lightning is regarded as the best, but as this can only be got on very rare occasions, fires are secured from various places of manufacture and kept in different vases. Great care is observed in refining the sacred fire, which will be perceived by the order of procedure in establishing fire temples. "Over one of these fires a perforated metallic flat tray, with a handle attached, is held. On this tray are placed small chips and dust of fragrant sandal-wood. These chips and dust are ignited by the heat of the fire below, care being taken that the perforated tray does not touch the fire. Then from this new fire another one is created, by the same process. From this new fire another is again produced, and so on until the process is repeated nine times." This fire reverence has come down from time immemorial, and the lesson to be learned from the purification of fire is that it is necessary for the Parsi to be purified. Corruptions naturally grow up in all creeds, and the intercourse of the Parsis with the Hindus has led to innovations, but a Religious Reform Association was formed in 1852, "which has for its object the regeneration of the social condition of the Parsis and the restoration of the Zoroastrian religion to its pristine purity." Although the Parsi religion does not recognise the hereditary office of the priesthood, custom has ordered it that priests are born, not made. The son of a priest may follow any other profession if he pleases, but a "layman cannot be a priest." There are two orders of priesthood, both of which demand ordination ceremonies of a preparatory character, but which it is not necessary to describe.

We might quote a long list of Parsi worthies, extending over a period of two hundred years; but two or three instances must suffice, and these are given chiefly because of the associations that marked their career. Sorabji Kavasji, a native of Surat, displayed considerable mechanical skill, and a lucky circumstance laid the foundation of his fortune. The Emperor of Delhi had been presented with a clock by the Sultan of Turkey. By some means the clock got out of order, and no one could be found to repair it. At last Sorabji was sent for, who

* "History of the Parsis, including their Manners, Customs, Religion, and Present Position." By Dosabhai Framji Karaka, C.S.I., Presidency Magistrate and Chairman of Her Majesty's Bench of Justices, Bombay; late Member Bombay Legislative Council; late Chairman of the Municipal Corporation, and late Sheriff of Bombay. Author of "Travels in Great Britain," &c., &c. With coloured and other illustrations. In two volumes. London: Macmillan & Co. 1884.

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proved himself equal to the occasion, and who set the clock going again. He was kept at Court some time, teaching the subjects of the Emperor the art of repairing watches. He was the recipient of many favours, and on his return to Surat was promoted to offices of trust and importance. A grandson of Sorabji, named Dhanjisha Beheremandkhan who, in gallantly assisting to put down a false Mahdi, lost his life. His services were recognised, and his widow was rewarded with a pension. In 1692 a plague broke out in Bombay, and taking advantage of what was considered an opportunity the Sidis of Janjira, a powerful and independent people, organised a band of pirates along the Malabar coast. There were few English left to cope with the enemy, but Rastamji Dorabji came to the rescue. He formed a militia of the fishermen of the coast, and succeeded in repelling the enemy. Kamaji Kuvarji was the pioneer of ship-building at Bombay, and the founder of the Kama family. His two sons Mancherji and Edalji opened up trade with China, which their descendants continue to maintain to this day. The family honour is well upheld, and by no one better than by Bro. D. P. Cama, so long resident amongst us. We may here say that the Parsis in Bombay take kindly to Freemasonry. Then there was Jamshedji Jijibhai, born of poor parents, who became wealthy, and never wearied in well-doing. He was knighted for his charitable acts in 1842, he received the freedom of the City of London in 1855, and just before his death, which took place in 1859, he was made a baronet. He was open-handed, and gave without reference to "caste, colour, or creed." We might go on multiplying instances of enterprise, loyalty, and generosity, but we have said enough to show the character of the Parsi people in India. They were first in trade and commerce. Their ship-building achievements, both at Surat and at Bombay, were highly appreciated by the Government. In the English rulers and people the Parsis found a race they could esteem and serve, and Her Majesty has no more loyal and devoted subjects in the whole of her dominions. Their charity is almost unbounded, and is not confined to their own people. In this respect they show their confidence in the teaching of their prophet. "Good deeds" are the watchwords of the Parsi faith, and truly do the followers of Zoroaster honour them.

In one respect the Parsis seemed to fail. Up to within the last fifty years little attention was paid to the subject of education. Once alive, however, to the necessity, they set to work with a will, and now schools and colleges do for the mind what their numerous charitable institutions do for the body. Female education has made great strides, and no one is accounted educated who does not possess a practical knowledge of English. Indeed, it may be said that the Parsis are more English than the English themselves. They readily learn our language, and speak it with singular fluency. They follow us in our love for athletic sports, and a Parsi Eleven in the cricket field cannot be despised with impunity. This remarkable people seem to have recovered much of their ancient character before it became corrupted by the spoils of war and enervated by luxurious indulgence. For centuries the Parsis in India were content to live a peaceful, semi-nomadic kind of life. It is true that every now and then they displayed courage and resource in times of difficulty; they even indicated their peculiar fitness for handicraft trades and for enterprising commerce. But whether the field of operations was too limited, or whether the Parsis were not inspired by the people by whom they were surrounded, or whether they felt that in mind and body they were a superior race, but so vastly inferior in numbers as to be unable to cope with the other castes in India: whatever may have been the governing cause, it is certain that the Parsis did not put forth their strength until the English established themselves in Bombay, and continued to make the progress that showed that they were the dominant race. Then the Parsis seized their opportunity. They had confidence in the English, and they put out their strength. The result is seen in Parsi superiority over every other caste. They have been successful in every department of commerce; they have assisted in government, and enjoy the respect and esteem of the rulers of India because of their loyalty, their enterprise, and their benevolence. The contact between the English and the Parsis was like the appearance of the sun after a dreary winter. Life and light stirred up the latent powers, and once more the Parsis, emerging from the rust of ages, displayed their native genius. What they have accomplished is written on every page of Indian history during the last two hundred years. When we consider their number the result is astounding. According to the census of 1881 the Parsis in India numbered about 100,000—43,598 males, and 41,799 females. There were 6,618 male and 2,966 female mendicants in Bombay, and out of that number five and one respectively were Parsis. We have already alluded to their ideas of sanitation and purity of the body, and it says much for their system that they have the lowest death rate in the city where they most do congregate. But another fact is even of more importance, as illustrating their theory of morals. There is not a single Parsi woman living in shame in the whole of the city of Bombay. This is a welcome truth, and once more illustrates the force of the moral teaching of the faith of Zoroaster. Perhaps the singular equality in number of the sexes may have something to do with the absence of the social evil among the Parsis. It is not often that the males predominate in a community, but in this case they do so. The contrast is generally so great the other way that it is pointed at as an explanation of much of the social corruption that prevails in nearly all civilised countries. Still, when every allowance is made, the Parsi stands out with a bright record, and if his religion falls short of the genius of Christianity in its spiritual sense, it at least holds its own as it affects the conduct of life on earth. We take leave of these volumes with regret. They are something more than a history. The writer is proud of his race, and while he rejoices in their material achievements, he is not unmindful of the moral claims the religion of Zoroaster has upon his brethren. He has no word of disparagement for other castes, while he cheerfully recognises the good that his people have derived from all. We should add that the volumes are handsomely printed and illustrated, and form a fitting memento of a people who claim descent from kings who flourished thousands of years ago, and who are now living again the life of activity and progress that marked their ancestors in the golden days.

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The first Masonic Lodge in America was St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, organized in 1730, which met at "The Hoop Water street, first Monday." This Lodge appeared on the printed register of 1735, Dublin ("Freemasons' Pocket Companion") as Lodge No. 116 (or No. 79, English Register).

The first W.M. of a Masonic Lodge in America was Bro. William Button, W.M. of St. John's, Philadelphia, from St. John's Day, December 27, 1730, to St. John's Day, June 24, 1731.

The first Provincial Grand Master of any single English province in America was Bro. William Allen (afterwards Chief Justice), Provincial Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1731.

The oldest original Masonic record in America is the Secretary's Ledger (Liber B) of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, containing the records of this Lodge from February 1731 to June 1738, complete, giving the Masonic records of fifty Freemasons of that era, members of St. John's Lodge, including Brothers William Allen, William Button, Benjamin Franklin, Henry Pratt, James Bingham, Thos. Hopkinson, Joseph Shippen, Thomas Bond, Philip Syng, Dr. Thos. Cadwallader, Henry Lewis, and other menbers of what were then, and are still, the "first families of Philadelphia." This earliest original Masonic record (part of which is in the handwriting of Bro. Benjamin Franklin, Secretary in 1736-8) is now in the archives of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia.

The first reference to Freemasonry in any American newspaper, was that contained in Benjamin Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette, of December 23, 1730, of which the following is the opening paragraph:—As there are several Lodges of Freemasons erected in this province, and people have lately been much amused with conjectures concerning

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them, we think the following account of Freemasonry from London will not be unacceptable to our readers.

This was followed, in the issue of May 6, 1731, by another article, consisting of a "Description of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons," taken from Chambers' "Universal Dictionary of all Arts and Sciences," issued in 1728. The third earliest newspaper reference was that of the same paper, of date June 26, 1732, announcing the election of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1732.

The first Masonic letter written in America, of which any trace remains, was that from Bro. Benjamin Franklin, dated Philadelphia, November 28, 1734, signed "W. Franklin, G.M. Pennsylvania," and addressed to Bro. Henry Price, of Boston.

The first Masonic book issued in America was printed in 1734, by Benjamin Franklin, being a reprint of the A.D. 1723 edition of Anderson's "Book of Constitutions." On the title page are these words:—"Reprinted in Philadelphia by special order, for the use of the Brethren in North America."

The first Masonic Hall erected in America was on Lodge alley, west of Second street, Philadelphia, built in 1754 by the "Grand and First Lodges," and called "The Freemasons' Lodge." When sold, in 1793 the proceeds were given to the city of Philadelphia, to purchase fuel for the poor, and the funds are now under the control of the City Trust.

The first Royal Arch Chapter in America was Jerusalem R.A. Chapter, No. 3, of Philadelphia (still flourishing) whose minutes are in existence back to the year 1767, while these refer to prior minutes.

The first Provincial Grand Master and Grand Lodge warranted by the "Ancients" or Atholl Masons, in America, was the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Bro. William Ball, of Philadelphia, being Provincial Grand Master; the warrant bearing date June 7th, 1758, for Lodge No. 69, and duly registered in London. Thus the earliest warrants granted both by the "Ancients" and the "Moderns" for America, were for Lodges in Pennsylvania.

The first Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter in America was the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, organized November 23rd, 1795.

The first subordinate Commandery of Knights Templar in America was Philadelphia Encampment, No. 1, of Philadelphia, chartered February 14th, 1794.

The first Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in America was the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, organized May 12th, 1797.

The first Masonic periodical published in America was the *Freemason's Magazine*, issued in Philadelphia, commencing in 1811.

The first American reprint of Dermott's "Ahiman Rezon," was that revised by Bro. William Smith, D.D., Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, issued by authority of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, in 1782-3, and dedicated to Bro. George Washington.

In addition to this, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania chartered Lodges in the territory of the following States of the American Union, before independent Grand Lodges were organized therein:—New Jersey, Delawar, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Ohio, Indiana, Louisiana and the North-west Territory.

Who will venture to deny, after reading the foregoing record of facts, that Philadelphia is richly entitled to be styled the Mother-City of Masonry in America?—*Keystone.*

ATTENDANCE AT LODGE MEETINGS.

IF there is anything that will discourage a zealous officer, it is non-attendance on the part of the members of his Lodge. An officer that performs his whole duty, is early at his post. The faithful Master delights in opening his Lodge, performing the work to be done, and closing it, in due season, but, if the brethren do not second his efforts, and loiter by the way, early means late.

The degrees, to be properly worked, require more than the constitutional number to be present. Empty seats speak no words of encouragement to the faithful officer, therefore, my brethren, if you would encourage your officers in the faithful performance of their duties, come early, and stay; do not simply step in for a moment, plead business (?) engagements, and then spend the evening with convivial associates; but come to stay, and perform your share of the work that is to be done.

Every Mason has a duty to perform, which, upon no account, must be neglected, if they would sustain the position held by our Lodges, or individual Masons.

It is your duty, my duty, and every brother's duty, to closely examine the material that is being offered. It is not the welfare of any one individual that must occupy our attention, but that of the whole Craft.

We must have perfect men; not as much in a physical as in a moral sense. We must have good material, or none at all; better, by far, have a few genuine Masons, than scores of imitation ones; therefore, if he who asks for admission, does not conform, literally, to the tests of true manhood, reject him, as you would a viper: better, by far, have a man that is not quite perfect physically, than one that is perfect physically, yet imperfect in mind, taste, habits, character, or morality.

Committees, to whom petitions are referred, do not always perform their whole duty. In by far too many instances, petitions are reported favourably upon without that due inquiry that there should be; occasionally, there will be found committees that know their duty, and do not hesitate to perform it. On the supposition that the examining committee are derelect in the performance of their duty, let each brother appoint himself a committee of one; let him examine closely into the character, habits, and associates of the petitioner; and, if he does not conform to the true standard, use the negative ballot, without fear or favour, and consequently benefit the Craft more than any one act that can be performed. If the petititioner is found worthy, then accept him; but do not stop there. He has much to learn; he is commencing a new life; then take him by the hand, and teach him true Masonry.—*Canadian Craftsman.*

Obituary.

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BRO. SAMUEL DAVIES.

WE regret to announce the death which took place on the 1st instant of Brother Samuel Davies, Past Master of the Callender Lodge, No. 1052, Manchester, after a prolonged illness, at the age of 57. Our late Brother was initiated in the Callender Lodge, in 1872, and was installed Master in 1877. He occupied the chair with credit to himself and honour to the Lodge. In private, and as a Mason, Bro. Davies was held in high estimation by all who knew him. About 20 of the brethren of his Lodge attended his funeral, and marched in advance of the coffin, four of the oldest P.M.'s officiating as pall bearers. The deceased was a member of the choir of St. Paul's Church, Withington, at which place he was interred, on Monday last, the 4th instant, the members of the choir rendering a full choral funeral service with great effect. The coffin was covered with magnificent wreaths of flowers, furnished by the members of his Lodge, by the choir of St. Paul's, and by many sorrowing and sympathising friends.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the M.W. the Grand Master has been pleased to grant a warrant—on the recommendation of the R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. of Middlesex—for a new Lodge, to be called the "Cama," to meet at the Mitre, Hampton Court. Our highly esteemed Bro. Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama is the W.M. designate, Bro. John Read S.W. designate, and Bro. Henry Baldwin J.W. designate. The consecration will take place at an early date.

The installation meeting of the Abbey Lodge, No. 2030, will be held on Monday next, at the Town Hall, Westminster. The first W.M., Bro. Burdett Coutts, will instal as his successor Bro. W. H. Baker, who hitherto has served the office of Senior Warden in the Abbey Lodge. On this occasion the W.M. and Officers of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, will return the visit paid by the W.M. and Officers of the Abbey Lodge, a short time back.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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OUR NOBLE INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We never seem to tire of proclaiming the grandeur of our Charitable Institutions, and if there was not a really solid reason for all this pride we should be justly accused of being the worst of modern Pharisees. As it is there is rather more boasting than the results of our Charities warrant. It is admitted that the Craft has grown enormously during the last twenty years, and it may be that many have been admitted who were not eligible in a pecuniary sense, and who early become claimants for help rather than supporters. Still the increase of contributions at the Festivals roll round testify to the elasticity of the wealth possessed by the Craft at large, and the prevalence of the desire to meet the demands that are made upon the benevolence of the Fraternity. It would be folly to say that this elasticity should excuse all thought of prudence. On the other hand, it should bear a liberal construction. I believe the experience of most people connected with charitable institutions leads to the conclusion that generosity in spending generally leads to liberality in contributing. The want of funds to meet existing engagements has always been a powerful agent by which to work upon the feelings of the benevolent, and although I should deprecate the practice being carried to an unlimited extent, I think the Governors of our Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution might very fairly enlarge their charity. They are the custodians of an Institution that appeals with wonderful power to the brethren. They hold the premier place in the affections of the Craft, and I believe that they may rely upon being supported in any effort they may make in enlarging the scope of their work.

I read with pain the remarks you made in your last issue. Out of 118 applicants to be able only to relieve 35—really only 28, for six cases must be deferred—is a sad condition of things. It is not creditable to the Order, and calls for immediate action. I quite agree with you that it would be desirable to secure each Steward as an annual subscriber to the Institution, and as this need not involve more than the contribution of 5s per year I think the chairman of each Festival would not find it difficult to persuade his colleagues to agree to so reasonable a proposition. But I would go further, and say that a great effort should be made to induce every brother to become a yearly subscriber. Of course, many would refuse, but if a united attempt were made I am convinced that a goodly number would respond to the call, that the future of the old men and widows might be made brighter. If all were to do their duty there would be no need to send any claimant empty away. With this fact staring the brethren in the face, and seeing that the minimum contribution ranges as low as 5s, I do hope that a grand effort will be made, so that the Benevolent Institution shall become to the full worthy of its grand purpose.

I am,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

OBSERVER.

PROFESSIONS AND PRACTICE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is our pride and boast that, in connection with the Craft of which we are members, no deserving case is allowed to pass in which the benevolent principles of Freemasonry should not be exercised. It is enjoined upon us, moreover, that we should cast about us to ascertain whether there are not cases which demand our sympathy, even though unsolicited, and in which a cheering word spoken, or simple act of kindness done, may be gratefully welcomed by the sufferer. There is no doubt much is done in this way to assuage the sorrows of the distressed and afflicted, but whether the maxims so strongly insisted on in Freemasonry, and so ostentatiously professed amongst certain classes of Masons, are practically applied at all times is very much open to question. Not many months ago I happened to be at an installation banquet, and on leaving the hall temporarily I was accosted by a wan-looking individual in the corridor, whom I afterwards found to be a brother in distress. He told me in words which bore the impress of truth, that misfortune had suddenly overtaken him, and that having failed in business, he had tried in vain to obtain employment, so that he and his family were now literally on the verge of starvation. He pleaded that nothing but sheer destitution would have impelled him to seek a little assistance at the hands of the brethren. I mentioned the circumstance to the Secretary and Almoner of the Lodge, who went outside and interviewed the "poor fellow," but on being asked whether he had granted him any relief; reply was in the negative, although the "poor fellow's" credentials were such as that no fault could be found with them. In the next breath fresh bottles of champagne were ordered, and toast and song prevailed in the gaily-illuminated hall as the "poor fellow" silently wandered away in the cold and wet, on that chilly winter night. Immediately I heard the poor brother could not—or *was* not—relieved from the Lodge funds, I and others who had heard his story went immediately in search of him, being convinced of the veracity of his statements and the deserving nature of his appeal. But he had gone—gone with sad thoughts, no doubt, upon the mockery of the so-called charitableness of the Craft, and of the fallability of all mundane institutions. It is all very well to preach benevolence, and to guard against imposture; but it would be better far to curtail the luxuries of the fourth degree in such a case as I have mentioned than to allow a burdened heart to bear away its silent sorrow, intensified by the indifferent coldness with which its urgent appeal had been received. I knew of another case in which a brother who, when in health, was as active and popular as any of the rest, and who at times was the "merriest man in the company." But he was overtaken with affliction, and just at the moment when a kindly visit would have cheered the heart and rendered less bitter the sting of adversity, where was the comfort and solace he had heard so much about in the Lodge-room. It is all very well to send good wishes and exhortations to "bear up" under trial; but without practical and personal sympathy, it is on all fours with the Christian minister who leaves a tract and nothing else with a starving family. The brother to whom I refer expressed himself sorrowfully, though in no complaining mood, of the apathy and indifference of those whom he had known as professedly so ardent in their advocacy of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; and I fear many more such instances could be cited if one only took the trouble to look for them. It should not be so; let us each and all try to promote that active and personal interest in the welfare of our distressed and afflicted brother which is enjoined upon us by the principles we espouse on being admitted to a participation in the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

HARRY.

STATISTICS IN REFERENCE TO THE LATE ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Once more I venture to trouble you with some statistics of the late Elections. By the result sheets I regret to see that two last application cases have been unsuccessful. The one among the Girls was a first and last appeal, and as the father appears to have done good service, I am surprised at the feeble effort made on his child's behalf, though this may in some measure be accounted for by the fact that both parents are living. It appears also there are only two children in the family, and the parents are thought to have sufficient means to support them. If so, why did the Officers of the Lodge of Tranquillity put the child forward?—or why did the Committee sanction the application? If it is a case of desertion, or worse, all the more reason for lending a helping hand. The unsuccessful boy, from East Lancashire, after no less than five applications, can only show 192 votes in his favour. There must have been something radically wrong for such a Province to have shut the lad out of the School. The number of votes issued for the Girls was 36,515; there were polled on Saturday the 11th April 32,674, leaving 3,861 unaccounted for. A very unsatisfactory waste of strength, but in the case of the Boys it is worse. The number of votes issued was 49,890; there were polled on the 13th April 42,933; leaving a balance of 6,957 lost. Thus, between the two, nearly 11,000 were thrown away. The votes carried forward by each Institution are nearly equal, *i.e.*, Girls 5,701, Boys 5,934. A peculiar feature of the successful numbers of the Boys is the hiatus between the last but two, and one of 503 and the last but one, and last of 303. Now as to the candidates: 30 Girls, average age was 9 years 1 month; fathers' average subscription 8 years 7 months. Only six of these are recorded as having assisted one or more of the Institutions. The average number in each family is within a fraction of 5; 23 of the candidates are dependent upon the mother alone, 2 have both parents living, and 5 neither. 44 Boys, average age is 9 years 2 months, fathers' subscription 8 years 8½ months; of these 11 are recorded as having assisted the Institutions; average family nearly 4; 39 are dependent on mothers, 2 on fathers, 1 on mother-in-law, 1 on both parents, and 1 without either parent. There is one successful candidate among the Girls, "Myrtle Speed," who by reason of her age will not be eligible to be taken into the School until August twelvemonth, and a boy, "F. Watkins," from the same cause, until February next. Now this should not be. It smacks of the "dog in the manger" policy. If children are allowed to come forward at such an early age for election, and are successful, the highest on the unsuccessful list should meanwhile fill up the vacancy, and at the election previous to the applicant reaching the proper age less vacancies should be declared; this, of course, would not apply when the Preparatory School is ready, and the laws altered as to age of admission; but at present it is unfair to those who are eligible. Unless a first and last case or cases should be presented before October there will be only one last chance among the Girls at the next Election, and as the child in question carries forward over 1,400 votes, there will be little or no doubt as to her success. Among the Boys, however, there are already four in that category, first "F. T. Davis," (a sixth application), and only 7!!! votes to his credit. Whose fault is this? Surely not that of the lad, who perhaps is led on by false hopes. Is it the mother's? She has four other children to provide for. Surely that fact alone gives her a sufficient claim. Is it on account of her character? If this be so, take the child from her. It is not for us to visit the sins of the parents on the children. Or again, is it because she has ample means to support her children? If so, withdraw the name, that it may no longer disgrace the paper.

The other three are London cases; "Warner," Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834; this will be a fifth application, with 238 votes, eight of which were polled the other day (is not this a poor prospect?); "Henshaw," third application, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, No. 12, with 719 votes; and "Astington," second application, Old England Lodge, 1790, with 275 votes. Now, what a plea-

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sure it would be if the supporters of these cases were to put their shoulders to the wheel and hunt up some of the lost votes, and let the subscribers have the satisfaction of seeing a clean sheet as regards last application cases. There never should be any, and if the principles of the Order were properly attended to there never would be. All claimants should be equally worthy of support after the ordeal they undergo, or ought to undergo, before being presented to the Craft at large for admission. First, there is the Lodge to which the father subscribed. It should primarily be responsible for the merits of the case; and lastly, the Committee who decide upon the applicants' eligibility. Before now I have suggested that all last chances should be accepted, but have been met with the objection that children would be kept back for a last chance. I trow not, for those seeking the benefits of the Institutions would still be anxious to obtain them at the earliest possible moment, so as to relieve themselves of the expense. The great thing to be desired is that more care should be taken in sifting the merits of each particular case; very often where the family consists of two or three children the need is as urgent as when there are eight or nine. I have heard it stated there have been cases where some of the children have been visited by immediate relations in carriages; if this be so, it evidently shows such children were usurping the places of the necessitous; lately, however, I am glad to see much greater care has been taken in the selection of candidates than was the case formerly. I now finish my long letter with tables, showing how London and the Provinces are numerically represented in our Schools.

I remian, yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

	Boys.		Girls.		
London	52	...	79	=	131
Berks and Bucks ...	1	...	1	=	2
Bristol...	1	...	0	=	1
Cheshire	4	...	7	=	11
Channel Islands... ...	3	...	0	=	3
Cornwall	0	...	1	=	1
Cumberland and Westmoreland	4	...	2	=	6
Derby	1	...	2	=	3
Devon	6	...	6	=	12
Dorset	5	...	0	=	5
Durham	4	...	3	=	7
Essex	4	...	2	=	6
Gloucester	4	...	4	=	8
Hants	6	...	12	=	18
Herts	2	...	2	=	4
Kent	7	...	13	=	20
Lancashire, E.	10	...	7	=	17
Lancashire, W.	8	...	8	=	16
Leicester	1	...	1	=	2
Lincoln	6	...	4	=	10
Middlesex	6	...	5	=	11
Monmouth	0	...	1	=	1
Norfolk	3	...	1	=	4
Norths and Hunts ...	3	...	1	=	4
Northumberland ...	5	...	3	=	8
Notts	0	...	2	=	2
Somerset	5	...	5	=	10
Stafford	4	...	4	=	8
Suffolk	1	...	5	=	6
Surrey	3	...	0	=	3
Sussex	4	...	3	=	7
Warwick	3	...	5	=	8
Wilts	2	...	6	=	8
Worcester	3	...	2	=	5
York, N.	4	...	6	=	10
York, W.	15	...	21	=	36
N. Wales	3	...	2	=	5
S. Wales, E.	1	...	5	=	6
S. Wales, W.	3	...	2	=	5
Colonial	9	...	8	=	17
	206	...	241		447

A VAGRANT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On Wednesday, the 29th ult., there called on me an individual, who I at once "spotted" as a professional; and subsequent inquiry proved my surmise to be correct. This individual was at Basingstoke and Petersfield a few days before and turned up at Portsmouth the same evening, so he is probably by this time in the Western Counties.

Description—Height close on six feet, of military appearance; has a thick light brown moustache, no whiskers or beard; carries left arm in a sling. Gives the name of Hezekiah Ellison and Charles Johnson, and professes to hail from No. 553, Morning Star Lodge, Lucknow. He has no certificate.

SECRETARY 804.

Havant, 4th May.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Old Sores, Wounds, and Ulcers.—The readiness with which Holloway's Ointment removes all obstructions in the circulation of the vessels and lymphatics, explains their irresistible influence in healing old sores, bad wounds, and indolent ulcers. To insure the desired effect, the skin surrounding the diseased part should be fomented dried, and immediately well rubbed with the Ointment. This will give purity to the foul blood, and strength to the weakened nerves, the only conditions necessary for the cure of those ulcerations which render life almost intolerable. No sooner is this Ointment's protective powers exerted, than the destructive process ceases, and the constructive business begins—new healthy growth appears to fill up the lately painful excavated pit.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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AMHERST LODGE, No. 1223.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at the Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. C. E. Birch, who was supported by Bros. C. J. Craig S.W., E. T. Strange J.W., Durtnell P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.P.G.O. Kent Secretary, J. Birch S.D., Sparrowhawk J.D., Hanmer I.G.; T. J. Baker I.P.M., P.M.'s Duret, C. J. Dodd, E. J. Dodd, &c., and a numerous assemblage of members and visitors, including several distinguished Provincial Grand Officers. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The report as to the Treasurer's accounts was read, and the W.M. informed the brethren the funds were in a flourishing condition. A Board of Installed Masters was in course opened, and Bro. C. J. Craig S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Duret, who conducted the ceremony in a perfect and impressive manner, warranting the encomiums passed upon him at its conclusion. There were twenty-three W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. On the readmission of the brethren the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. C. E. Birch I.P.M., Strange S.W., J. Birch J.W., Durtnell P.G.S. of W. Kent Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.P.G.O. Secretary, Sparrowhawk S.D., Hanmer J.D., A. H. Lee I.G., Hamlen D.C., M. Williams A.D.C., Gascoigne W.S., Lee A.W.S., Ross Organist, South Tyler. Applause followed the investiture of each Officer; this showed the W.M. had made a good selection. Bro. Dodd P.M. proposed, and Bro. Jewell P.M. seconded, that the sum of £5 5s be placed on the list of Bro. Durtnell, who will act as Steward at the Anniversary Festival for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Duret was unanimously elected a member of the Charity Committee of the Province. Hearty good wishes were then tendered by the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed and adjourned until June. The brethren sat down to a very excellent dinner and dessert provided by Bro. Waller. The W.M. genially presided, and proposed in eloquent terms the Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were enthusiastically received. The W.M. in speaking to the toast of the Provincial Grand Master, said Viscount Holmesdale was one whom all respected and honoured; his good qualities and the interest he takes in the doings of the Order in his Province of Kent were fully recognised. The members of the Amherst Lodge had the honour of his presence at their last installation. On this occasion they had hoped the D.P.G.M. Bro. Eastes would have been present, but his engagements did not permit. However, he would couple with the toast the name of a Mason well known, and that was Bro. Durtnell P.M. and Treasurer P.G.S. of W. Bro. Durtnell in reply said he felt it an honour, as a member of the Amherst Lodge, to respond to the toast of the Provincial Grand Master Bro. Viscount Holmesdale and the rest of the Grand Officers. It was an honour to serve under so distinguished a chief. His (Bro. Durtnell's) tenure of office as Grand Superintendent of Works would soon be at an end; he thanked them for the hearty reception the toast had met with. Bro. Birch I.P.M. then rose; it was with great pleasure he did so, to propose the health of the W.M., who was one of his oldest friends. He had watched Bro. Craig's progress in Freemasonry; he had filled every office with credit, and as Master he would be sure to give them satisfaction. He (Bro. Birch) had had a successful year of office, but he trusted the next would excel it. The W.M. thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks; if in the past he had given satisfaction he hoped now to continue to do so. It would be his aim that the brethren should not have reason to regret the selection they had made. In speaking to the toast of the P.M.'s, the W.M. thanked Bro. Birch for introducing him into the Order. He had ever been an esteemed member of the Lodge; while as W.M. he had always given them satisfaction. The members all appreciated his zeal, and they felt he was one if known to be respected. He had now to present Brother Birch with a jewel; one they felt worthy his acceptance; of this he was assured, it never could be presented to one more worthy to receive it. The members of the Lodge hoped he might be spared for many years to wear it, in health and prosperity. The jewel is of very elegant design, and bears a suitable inscription, with the arms of Baron Amherst worked on it, in enamel. Bro. Birch in reply said it was pleasing to hear the remarks made by the W.M. He was intensely proud when he was placed in the chair, but on leaving it he felt he had a worthy successor. Judging by the jewel presented to him he knew he had gained their approbation; he should never forget their kindness. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Installing Master Bro. Duret P.M., whose rendering of the ceremony had rarely been excelled. It was a pleasure to listen to him. Not only in that capacity, however, was he a capable worker; in every ceremony he was equally perfect. To Bros. Graham P.M. 874, and Shaw W.M. 709, who had rendered special service that evening, the thanks of the Lodge were due. Bro. Duret P.M. in responding as the Installing Master said he had never felt greater pleasure than in installing the W.M. Bro. Craig had done everything in his power for the benefit of the Lodge, and he was sure he would continue to do so. Personally he felt it an honour to be elected a member of the Charity Committee of the Province; he was sure no Charities could cope with those of Freemasonry. The Institutions,—for the support of the Aged, for the Boys and for the Girls stood pre-eminent. He was pleased to see a member of the Lodge a Steward on the next occasion of the Girls' Festival. Bros. Graham and Shaw followed. Both thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. There were 24 present, and the Lodge was proud to see them. He would couple with the toast the names of Bros. Collins, Andrews, Dunn, Ballard, Hale, Clarke, and Hodges. These brethren, in responding, paid just compliments to the excellent working of the Installing Master, and expressed satisfaction at the hospitality they had received. Bro. Birch I.P.M., with the permission of the W.M., had now great pleasure in proposing the toast of the P.M.'s. He had to

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thank them for much valuable assistance during his year of office; they were always ready and willing to render assistance, not only to the W.M., but to every member. Bro. E. J. Dodd responded to this toast, and then said he had the permission of the W.M. to propose the next toast. That was the Masonic Press. There were but two Masonic journals in this country—the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE and the *Freemason*. Both gave Masonic information from all parts of the world. He, and numerous friends read the articles and reports in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE with great pleasure. The conductors gave faithful and unbiassed reports. They had Bro. Levy, one of its representatives, present. They were all pleased to see him, and he (Bro. Dodd) had great pleasure in associating his name with the toast. Bro. Levy in responding, thanked Bro. Dodd for his kind remarks, and for the eulogiums passed on the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. It was a source of pleasure to listen to them. He knew the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE would continue in the same course;—he hoped to their satisfaction. The toasts of the Treasurer, Secretary, Wardens, and Officers were consecutively given and responses made. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, and the brethren separated, after spending a very agreeable and harmonious evening. Amongst those present as Visitors we may mention:—Bros. Kipps P.G.O. Kent, Ballard W.M. 1414, Cleave 874, Wing 1678, Graham W.M. 874, Airey 1678, Clifford W.M. 1826 and 1706, Hodges P.M. 1706, Hale P.M. 1414, Bolton 1314, Harvey W.M. 1314, Clarke P.M. 706, Vine P.M. 173, Buller, Church 317, Dunn, Emblin 147, Hoole 1475, Willson 861, Collens P.M. 766, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. Bros. Hodges, Wing, Lloyd, and Katt contributed to the harmony.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 4th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. A. J. Martin W.M., J. W. Dewsnap S.W., L. Wall J.W., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary, G. Lion S.D., I. Botibol J.D., L. Davis I.G.. A. G. Dodson P.M. D.C., P. E. Van Noorden Organist, Lanzberg Steward, Hart A.D.C.; P.M.'s H. M. Levy, L. M. Myers. Messrs. I. Israel and J. Van Praagh were balloted for and afterwards initiated into the Order by the W.M., the Officers being perfect in their work. Bros. Bulford, Jacobs and Thomas were passed to the second degree. Two propositions for initiation were handed in, and Lodge was closed until October; the brethren then adjourned to the Crown Room to banquet. At its conclusion the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. That of the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge was responded to by Bro. H. M. Levy, as senior Vice President. He stated the Fund of Benevolence had formerly £1400 in hand, but now, in consequence of many liberal grants, it stood at only £700. He hoped the brethren would by their donations increase it to its maximum, and that appeals for its help might be less frequent. In the absence of the I.P.M. (Bro. Bean), who was unfortunately indisposed, Bro. Levy proposed the health of the W.M. He had that evening ably presided over them, showing his capability of performing the ceremony of initiation and passing. His experience as P.M. of another influential Lodge had better qualified him to fill the position of W.M. in the Joppa. The W.M. thanked Bro. Levy for his remarks. He had been suffering from a severe illness, but had carried out his duties to the best of his ability. His greatest endeavour would be to cement good feeling in the Lodge. He had a pleasing duty to perform—to propose the toast of the Initiates. He had initiated many brethren in another Lodge, but never gentlemen of greater promise than those he had admitted that night. They had paid such attention to the ceremony he was sure they would be a credit to the Order, and be raised to high position in it. Bro. Israel, in responding, hoped to become one of whom the Order and the Lodge would be proud. Bro. Van Praagh followed, in an excellent speech. The toast of the Visitors was given, and Bros. Stunt and Rawlings responded. Bros. Dodson and Lazarus responded as Past Masters, and then the W.M. proposed the Officers of the Lodge. Bro. J. W. Dewsnap acknowledged the toast, and the Tyler gave the parting toast. The Visitors were Bros. Stunt 1320, Rawlins 166, and Weston 1929. The W.M. had secured the services of several talented artistes for the entertainment of the brethren, and under the direction of the Organist, Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, they ably fulfilled their part. The artistes were Miss Pauline Featherby, Miss Edith Desmond, and Bro. Weston. Dr. Armand Semple also favoured the brethren with some capital songs.

ROSSLYN LODGE, No. 1548.

A MEETING was held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow, Essex, on Wednesday, 29th April. Present:—Bros. A. Rattray W.M., J. P. Lewin P.P.G.S. of W. P M. 276 S.W., W. Rowe J.W., W. de Vine Wade Secretary, H. Dehane acting S.D., E. F. Ferris J.D., G. Clapham acting D.C., J. I. Franklin I.G., Frederick Warne Tyler, H. Dehane I.P.M. P.P.G.S.D., G. D. Clapham P.M. P.P.G.R., C. Bint, R. Brazier, R. T. Scurr. Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries Bros. Brazier and Scurr were raised to the third degree. A vote of condolence with the late Bro. Rogers was adopted, as also one of congratulation to Bro. Dr. Lyle on his marriage with the daughter of the founder of the Lodge, Bro. the Rev. F. Sheppard P.M. P.P.G.C. The Lodge was then closed. After dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Dehane in proposing the health of the W.M. congratulated him on his excellent working, and on the fact of his having good Officers. Bro. Rattray was pleased and gratified that his work was appreciated; he hoped to see those brethren of the Lodge who lived at a distance attend Instruction Lodge at the George Hotel, Bishops Stortford, as being central and convenient. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. The W.M., Bros. Lewin and Brazier, by songs, added to the harmony of the evening.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

ON Friday, the 1st inst., there was an emergency meeting of this Lodge at the Queen's Hotel, York, for the purpose of passing a formal resolution to remove the place of meeting of the Lodge to the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate. Brother J. Blenkin I.P.M. was in the chair, and there was a good muster of the brethren for the last time in the house which has sheltered them since their formation in 1876. The formal business was soon completed, and the Lodge closed, and the whole party then adjourned to supper in the old Lodge-room. In proposing success to the Eboracum Lodge, Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. reviewed the history of the Lodge from its opening in that room by the Earl of Zetland nearly nine years previously; the work it had achieved, the losses it had sustained, and the prospects which were now before it. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, and the utmost cordiality prevailed round the table. Bros. G. Simpson P.M., G. Balmford P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., and most of the Officers were of the party, but several were absent, through indisposition and other causes. Amongst the visitors was Bro. G. Kirby P.M. 236.

PRIORY LODGE OF ACTON, No. 1996.

THIS Lodge,—consecrated two years since, during which time its career has been one of marked success,—entered on its third year on Monday, the 4th inst., when Brother George Wright was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Brother C. E. Botley W.M. presided, and was supported by his Immediate Past Master Brother W. Roebuck P.G.S. and the Officers of the Lodge. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the business of the evening was proceeded with; this embraced the reception of the report of the Standing Committee; the raising of Bro A. Louis Sacré, C.E., of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53, Bath, the passing of Bro. Russell, the installation of the Worshipful Master, the appointment and investiture of Officers, and the balloting of Bro. Sacré as a joining member. All of this business was carried out in due order. A special feature of the installation was the formal opening of the Board of Installed Masters, which was carried out in detail. The following brethren were appointed to office:—Bros. F. Botley S.W., Monson J.W., Earl Treasurer, Sugg P.M. Secretary, Cammell S.D., Turner J.D., Gunner P.M. I.G., Toynbee D.C., Harrison Tyler. Bro. Botley deserves great praise for the way in which he carried out his duties, his rendering of the installation ceremony being especially satisfactory, and it fully realised the expectations—and these were high—which had been previously entertained by brethren who knew him. Lodge was formally closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Lyric Hall, Ealing, to partake of banquet. Here Bro. Stephens had made every provision for the enjoyment of his patrons. The tables were bountifully supplied and were set out in artistic style. The menu was a most liberal one, and the service was in keeping with the surroundings. On the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were done honour to, the Queen and the Craft, the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, having each been proposed and heartily received, the I.P.M. submitted the toast of the W.M., and in a neat speech referred to Bro. Wright's Masonic career and ability. Bro. Wright in due course responded, and continued with the proposition of the toast of the Past Masters. He presented to his predecessor a handsome Past Master's jewel, accompanying the presentation with some well-chosen remarks. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Charles Edward Botley by the Brethren of the Priory Lodge of Acton, No. 1996, in appreciation of his efficient services as W.M. during the year 1884-1885." Speaking of Bro. Roebuck, the first Master, the W.M. said the Lodge was greatly indebted to him for much of the success which had attended it. His position in the Craft had no doubt influenced those in authority in favourably considering the petition for the Warrant, while his ability and experience had stood them in good stead in their earlier days. He trusted the Lodge might long enjoy the benefit of the services, advice, and co-operation of its present Past Masters. Bros. Botley and Roebuck each responded, the former thanking the Lodge for the jewel they had been pleased to bestow on him, and the latter expressing his satisfaction at the progress of the Lodge, and assuring the members that the interest he had taken in the Lodge would be sustained, if not strengthened, in the future. He referred to the support already given by the Lodge to the Masonic Charities, the Boys' School having had the benefit of the services of one of its members as Steward, while the Girls School would find a representative from among their members in the person of their present Worshipful Master. The interest Brother Roebuck takes in the Institutions is fully recognised, and his advocacy of their claim on this occasion will doubtless bear good fruit. The toast of the Visitors was given from the chair, the W.M. according to each a most cordial reception. The toast was acknowledged by Bros. P. A. Latham, Pickering, Andrews and others. Other toasts were given and full response was made. In due course the Tyler closed the proceedings. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Jarvis P.M. 14 P.G.P., Houghton 2032, Andrews P M. 77, Michad 1593, Gardner S.W. 2012, Pickering I.P.M. 35 P.P.G.D.C. Hants, Ward W.M. 1612, Martin 1811, Latham W.M. 2022 P.P.G. Reg. Oxon, Blackman S.W. 23, Morgan I.P.M. 211, Sharp 2022, Fenu 1823. Some good singing interspersed the several toasts, the following programme being rendered during the evening:—The National Anthem, Dr. John Bull; "God bless the Prince of Wales," B. Richards, Bro. E. Monson; Song, "Thy Sentinel am I," Watson, Bro. C. E. Botley; Glee, "Since first I saw your face"; Song, "Leaving yet Loving," Marzials, Bro. F. Botley; Song, "The Flying Dutchman," J. Parry, Bro. J. J. Gunner; Song, "The Runaway Musketeer," Bro. W. Jarvis; Song, "Will-o'-the-Wisp," Wiess, Bro. E. Monson. Bro. Sugg presided at the pianoforte. We must give especial praise to

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Bro. W. Jarvis, whose efforts to amuse elicited the warmest approval. We heartily congratulate the Priory Lodge of Acton on its prospects.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—The usual meeting was held at Bro. Lashbrooke's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday. The Lodge was opened at 7 o'clock, when there were present Bros. Saint W.M., Biddle S.W., Cubitt J.W., Gildersleve D., Egan I.G. P.M. Webb Preceptor, Pitt Secretary, Lashbrooke, Fernley, Simmonds, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Fernley candidate. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Simmonds candidate. Bro. Cubitt informed the Lodge that he had an invitation to attend Lodge Friendship, No. 100. at Great Yarmouth, under the presidency of Lord Suffield, K.C.B., R.W.P.G.M. Suffolk, for the 7th inst., when Prince Albert Victor, of Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, would be passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Simmonds was elected a member, and Bro. Biddle was elected W.M. for ensuing week.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 1st instant, at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, Bros Arthur Turner W.M., Sperring S.W., Thomas J.W., Strong S.D., Cammell J.D., Norton I.G.; Visitor, Bro. Furze I.G. 2012; also Bros. C. E. Botley, Gillett, Monson, Bailey, F. Botley, Wing, Gardner, Maton, &c. The ceremonial work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Bailey candidate. Bro. Monson answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, the ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Furze answered the questions leading to the third degree and was entrusted. Bro. C. E. Botley gave the Lecture on the second Tracing Board. Bro. Furze I.G. Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, was elected a member. Bro. Sperring was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge was closed and adjourned till Friday, 8th May, at 8 p.m.

THE THEATRES.

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Lyceum.—Among the theatrical fasti of the year, Saturday the 2nd May will assuredly hold a place. It was when London welcomed back its well-loved favourite, Henry Irving, from the artistic "Tom Tiddler's ground" across the Atlantic. A good many simple-minded persons were found awaiting the opening of the box-office, and it was amusing to see the smile of pitying courtesy with which Mr. Hurst assured them every seat had been booked weeks ago. Many visitors went early to see how Mr. Irving's plan of booked pit and gallery seats would work, remembering the wild confusion of the first night of booked places in the Gaiety amphitheatre for the Comedie Française. However, perfect order and good temper prevailed, and alike in pit and gallery there was no less sweet reasonableness than we may expect in the nirvana of the stalls. Mr. Irving's appearance was greeted with cheers unheard in the Lyceum since he bade farewell to his friends, and these so prolonged that it was minutes before the play could proceed. During the first act a most marked improvement in clearness of pronunciation and avoidance of that peculiar slurring method of running up to a point had evidently been gained by our actor, whose mannerisms have been a grief to his friends and much occasion for scorn to his detractors, but as the play proceeded, perhaps from the nervous excitement of the occasion, or the exhaustion of fatigue, those strange, almost Japanese, tricks of bearing grew painfully frequent. The gallant young prince, the "soldier-courtier, the glass of fashion, and the mould of form," had surely no representative in this strange creation, which, picturesque and refined as it is, so wants force and variety. Some happily-imagined business has been introduced, especially effective, in the grave-yard scene, where Hamlet falls on his mother's neck, exclaiming, "I loved Ophelia!" We cannot think it true or in good taste that in the play scene Hamlet should lean against Ophelia's knees and rest his head upon her lap, nor that he should crawl across the stage whilst the King trembles and starts up in guilty terror. Mr. Irving was, perhaps, at his best in his interview with the ghost; awe and love, horror and tenderness, were expressed as no other actor probably could express them. Miss Ellen Terry played Ophelia with her own unapproachable charm; the mad scene with greater power than of old, but never passing that delicate line which should divide the idealism of art from the realism of imitation. Of Mr. Wenman as the King it is best to say nothing. He has been doomed for a certain term to walk the night in a sort of King of Clubs' costume, and he struggles with indigestible blank verse. To us it seems he has more murders on his conscience than of the two Hamlets. Mr. Tyers makes a robust vyking of Horatio—enforcing the maxim that "silence is golden." Mrs. Pauncefort had a moment of inspiration in the closet scene, when she falls with agonized sobs into Hamlet's arms. The gravediggers, Mr. Johnstone and Mr. Gurney, are dull and ineffective, the grim cynicism which should mark the first, and which makes so weird an echo to the tragedy of the dominant motive, trickles away into the feeble meanderings of an old dotard. Of the second gravedigger our memory declines to furnish any report. Mr. Alexander showed considerable improvement of method as Laertes. Of the rest it is needless to speak. They constituted the dim gray background to which we have been accustomed in Mr. Irving's portraitures. Surely the gifted manager, who has done so much for art, and in days, too, when its friends did not sit in high places, will ere long awake to the fact that he is entrusting important parts without reference to the capacity of their exponents. In Mr. Mead he has a supremely good Ghost, dignified, pathetic, thoroughly grasping the demands of a difficult part; and in Mr. Howe the certainty of a thoroughly genial artist, always sincere, and merging himself in the personage he embodies. His clear elocution is a delight to the ear, as it is to the judgment. We, however, look forward to a second visit, and though the Court at Elsinore be as depressing as it may, we trust to find our Hamlet playing with his earlier force and fervour. We shall then willingly forget the misdeeds of Claudius and his companions.

Drury Lane.—The cause of the higher music drama, like that of its illegitimate sister of the Quatier Bréda Opera Bouffe, has of late seemed almost desperate. An opera season has usually been synonymous with insolvency for the unhappy impresario. We rejoice to find all this is changed under the spirited management of Messrs. Augustus Harris and Carl Rosa at Drury Lane. Last week we had to record the triumphant success of Goring Thomas's picturesque work "Nadeshda," which came to the musical world as a revelation amid the trivialities and pedantries of modern productions. The management last Saturday gave Mr. Thomas's admirers an opportunity of applauding his delightful work "Esmeralda," which, if wanting in the force and the sustained power of the Russian music drama, possesses the charm of exquisite vocal numbers, and an orchestration that proves its composer not only possesses true imagination, but is a master of musical science. The enthusiasm which greeted the work will doubtless induce the management to let the public hear it again this season. It has the advantage of a dramatic story, well interpreted by artists who for the most part assume not only the voice, but the actual personages assigned them, as though Richard Wagner had stage-managed the rehearsals. Miss Burns made a charming and spirited Esmeralda, Mr. MacGuckin a chivalrous Phœbus. He was in splendid voice and thoroughly entered into the realism of his work. Mr. Crotty was heard to the best advantage as the weird monster Quasimodo; his "What shall I do for my Queen?" had an agony of pathos in it, and it was with difficulty he withstood the demand for an encore. Herr Ludwig gained much applause as Frollo; this gentleman has rarely appeared to better advantage, while the music fits his voice and method. The chorus has been admirably drilled, and not only sang but acted with intelligence. The mise en scène was picturesque, and the costumes good; if not wholly correct, they had the greater merit artistically of picturesque harmony. All lovers of English music owe a debt of gratitude for the treat so liberally provided at our "national theatre."

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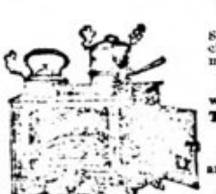

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ON Tuesday, the 28th ult., the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), attended at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, for the purpose of constituting a new Lodge, to be called the "St. Clair" Lodge, No. 2074, and of which Captain W. H. C. St. Clair, R.N., was designated the first W.M. The P.G. Master was supported by a large and influential gathering of members of the Craft, including the following:—Bros. J. E. LeFeuvre Deputy P.G. Master, Major W. Shalden Smith, Mark E. Frost, Rev. A. C. Hervey Chaplain, Edgar Goble Secretary, R. J. Rastrick Treasurer, R. W. Mitchell, Major Hooper, George Bond, J. W. Willmott, Frances Powell, J. W. Laverty, Rev. E. K. Kendall Chaplain (Cornwall), Rev. G. H. De Fraine Chaplain, H. Cawte, J. Woodhouse, J. Johns, H. W. Townsend, Ernest Hall Superintendent of Works, Edward Goldsmith, A. R. Holbrook, T. P. Palsgrave, T. H. Williams, W. Stanley, G. R. Strick, J. E. Buck, W. D. Parkhouse, J. Pomeroy, T. D. Askew, Latimer H. Saunders, J. Lind, T. Francis, and S. Hyne Past Masters; John Dempsey 903, J. C. Arlidge 1638, Arthur Jolliffe 257, H. E. Loader 487, W. Miles 1776, H. Long 1903, E. Nayler 1928, J. W. Gieve 309, Lieutenant Parker, R.N., E. Hopkins, W. Beckley, A. W. Hewett, G. Young, J. Ayton, H. M. Richards, J. Godding, W. Miller, T. Stretton, G. D. Lovegrove, J. Ludwig, R. Hyde, J. Jackson, J. Green, W. A. Hill, T. Heyes, W. Atkinson, E. Herbert Cooper, Major W. Campbell, A. Fletcher, A. C. Brookland, G. Sylvester, J. Armstrong, G. F. Williams, F. W. C. Waters, C. W. Bevis, W. Warne, J. W. Boughton, J. Jenkins, W. H. Bolitho, J. S. Senior, T. Palmer, J. Fowler, T. F. Wilton, W. H. Baker, and the following founders of the Lodge:—Captain W. H. C. St. Clair, R.N., J. Brickwood, C. V. Birch, William Dart, H. Kimber, G. P. Arnold, T. H. Woodrow, J. Wickens, Otway C. Cox, J. S. Gurden, A. R. Jones, G. Attrill, W. Hicken, E. Boorman, T. Drury, W. Holloway, J. Agnew, J. G. Harris, J. Dyson, B. J. Donnellan, Dr. C. F. Garrett, W. Gunnell, and S. Baker. The brethren having assembled in the Lodge room, the Prov. Grand Master addressed them on the nature of the meeting, and congratulated the new Lodge on having started under such favourable auspices. The ceremony of constitution was then proceeded with, the proceedings being conducted throughout by the P.G.M. in a most impressive manner. The Rev. A. C. Hervey, as P.G. Chaplain delivered an able and impressing oration on the nature and design of the Institution of Freemasonry, which was, he said, at once the most ancient and the most progressive; the most local, by virtue of the association of every brother with his own Lodge, and, at the same time, the most cosmopolitan throughout the campass of the whole world. A Mason might everywhere find a brother, and receive that help and fraternal sympathy of which he stood in need. With regard to the ancient character of Freemasonry, institutions which were really Masonic, whatever their Egyptian or Greek or Phœnician names might be, existed more than 3000 years ago. A writer of authority stated that without entertaining any extravagant opinions respecting the antiquity of the Order, it must be universally acknowledged that there is a striking resemblance between the Institution of Freemasonry and the Dionysian Mysteries, as well as between the more recent institutions of the Pythagorean. The Dionysians of Asia Minor, 1500 years B.C., possessed the exclusive right of building all temples and other stately edifices. They had attained considerable reputation, and were known to each other throughout all Asia, and as far as India, by appropriate signs; they were, moreover, formed into Lodges, and it was their regular practice to assist and relieve their poorer brethren. Flourishing as they did in the immediate neighbourhood of Judea, it was not at all unlikely that they would labour with the Jewish nations in the construction of a temple at Jerusalem. As to the nature and design of Freemasonry, they were taught that it was a perfect system of morality. It was more than this—it was a society of men bound together for the purpose of carrying out that system of morality, and for practising charity in its widest sense. Their signs and symbols were not frivolous and vain, but were calculated to teach important lessons to the thoughtful mind. They reminded them of their morality, and taught them how to conduct themselves. It was objected by some against Masonry that it was a secret society. But they did not keep their object secret; they only concealed their forms and ceremonies. The efforts of the society were patent to every man in the existence of their noble institutions for the relief of the aged and the education of the young. He was sure that that occasion must be a source of gratification to the P.G.M., as showing that the noble principles of their Order were so spreading themselves, and the W.M. and Officers of the St. Clair Lodge must be gratified at the large attendance on that occasion, but while it was a source of gratification it was also one of anxiety. Under certain conditions Masonry refused no man, but he feared many crowded into it under the belief that it partook of the nature of a benefit society, and it was therefore their duty to use caution in the selection of members. At the conclusion of the ceremony of constitution the P.G.M. installed Captain St. Clair as Master of the new Lodge and the Officers were appointed for the following year, as under:—Bros. W. Dart acting I.P.M., J. Brickwood S.W., C. V. Birch J.W., H. Kimber Treasurer, G. P. Arnold Secretary, Woodrow S.D., Wickens J.D., Jones Organist, Otway C. Cox I.G., Gordon Miller D.C., Gurden and Donnellan Stewards, Excell Tyler. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Prov. Grand Master for his kindness in attending, and for the able manner in which he conducted the ceremony, and the Lodge was closed in due form. The musical portions of the ceremony were ably conducted by Bro. G. Sylvester. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the dining room of the club, and sat down to a banquet. Captain St. Clair presided, supported by Bro. LeFeuvre, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and a large number of brethren from different parts of the Province. The P.G.M. was compelled to leave immediately after the Lodge business was over, to keep an important engagement in London.

—*Portsmouth Times.*

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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"Freemasonry from the Great Pyramid of Ancient Times. Historically Illustrated and Compiled from Researches, Ancient and Modern, Biblical, Astronomical, Mathematical, Geometrical, and Geographical. The whole forming a concise sequence, coequal, parallel and working smoothly in the one groove, side by side, without so much as a damaged link in the chain of Masonic rite, and in surprising unison with our Fifteen Lectures. To which is added the Practical Working, Construction, and Probable Geometrical Draft or Plan of the Pyramid: showing the parts, by illustrations, capable and intended to be removed without disfigurement or abrasion, and disclosing other Chambers and Hidden Mysteries now obscured from our view." Printed for Bro. Thos. Holland P.M. 1224 and 172, Sec. 1891 and P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk, and published by the Author, 2 Charles-street, Rutland Gate, London, S.W. 1885.

THIS is an extraordinary book. It abounds in startling assertions and speculations. Unfortunately, it is marred by many crudities of style, is very uneven in diction, as if it were the production of more than one mind. The author says he is indebted to other writers for much that appears in his work, and it may happen that he has unconsciously used their language instead of his own in some instances. Bro. Holland is not altogether unmindful of his position. In his preface he asks that he "may be criticised with gentleness and forbearance," and as he thus restrains, if he does not quite disarm, criticism, it will be enough to say that the work would be benefited by a careful revision by some skilful hand. Not only would unity of style have been secured, but the educated taste of those most likely to understand and appreciate the writer's views would have been satisfied. Brother Holland knows more of the science of building than he does of bookmaking. He is so earnest however, so full of faith, and has spent so much labour upon his work, that to deny him a hearing would be to shatter one of the most cherished hopes of his life. Some of his assumptions will be considered Quixotic, while many of them partake more of the character of a wish than of a conviction, yet there is something in his faith and simplicity that cannot be put aside with contempt. His theory is built up step by step. Bro. Holland is historian, philosopher, and prophet, and in his three-fold character it would be strange if he did not offer something worthy of contemplation. His great idea is to show a connection between the Scriptures and Freemasonry, and he takes the great Pyramid of Gizeh for his object lesson. This huge structure, one of thirty-eight, stands alone in its majesty and purpose. The other buildings, having the same outlines, have no interest for Bro. Holland. It is the monarch of Gizeh, that monument of science and labour, resting on and covering something like thirteen acres of a levelled rocky platform, that contains the grand lessons of life. The outward form and positions, the inward recesses and measurements, all teach universal truths in mathematics and astronomy specifically, and in all the sciences generally. The building was erected over four thousands years ago by Shem, the eldest son of Noah, and his wise followers. Bro. Holland says there was only one life, that of Methuseleh, between Shem and Adam, and that he had shaken hands with Methuseleh, who had shaken hands with Adam. Shem was the great-great grandfather of Abraham, whom he survived. Noah's Ark was built according to Divine instructions, and as its measurements find an exact illustration of the same principles in the great Pyramid, it is argued that the latter was erected under supreme guidance. Moreover, the structure shows such manifest signs of science, not possible to the human mind in that age, and not even known now, that the great Pyramid looks more like the work of the T.G.A.O.T.U. than of human hands. There were secrets of building, of science and of prophecy, which were made known to Shem. Some of those secrets have been revealed by measurement of the great Pyramid, and others are still hidden, awaiting the time when prophesy shall be further fulfilled. The knowledge of the secrets was entrusted to what Bro. Holland would call the fathers of the Craft, and they have been handed down from one generation to another; that their complete fulfilment is within the grasp of the time of the living, and that it will be accomplished by the chosen of God, the Freemasons, who are the inheritors of Shem, the trusted descendants of the Israelites.

We have already referred to the magnitude of the Great Pyramid, taking into account the ground it covers; but a few other facts will best illustrate its stupendous proportions and the lessons its position and character disclose. It is four hundred and eighty-six feet high, and at one time its four sides presented polished surfaces, which have been removed by the destroying hands

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of men. It is estimated to contain 5,000,000 tons of masonry, and to take seven hours to climb up to the top from the outside. Pliny and Diodorus say that 360,000 men were engaged for twenty years in building it. The base is "a true square, perfectly oriented, that is set due N.E., S.W., or parallel with the equatorial line." This result has never been accomplished since "without a variation of some points." We have already referred to the rocky platform on which the Great Pyramid stands. Bro. Holland says that the rock has been perfectly hewn, and that the surface has been levelled to the earth's curvature of eight inches to the mile—a wonderful fact—"for the vast weight and surface it covers gravitates to the earth's centre keeping it from convulsive damage as time rolls on." It is said to be built on the centre of the land surface of the whole earth, central to clime, where rust does not come nor moss grow, where frost destroys not, nor earthquakes overthrow. The slope from either of the corners of the Pyramid to the apex is the same as the slope of the earth from the pole to the equinox. The sun twice a year is vertical to its base, and shines on all four sides at the same time. Taking the slope already referred to, the true angle of the sun's altitude is obtained. Multiply the height of the Pyramid by ten to the ninth power, then by the feet to a mile, and the result would be the distance from the earth to the sun. The measurements of the Pyramid correspond to British inches, and to no other known standard in the world. Bro. Holland lays great stress upon this fact, for he says it contains other theories, to which he afterwards refers. He says, "the squaring of the circle" was practically illustrated at the building of the Great Pyramid, and that its proportions and cube measures are decimally the same as in Noah's Ark, the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, the Ark of the Covenant, King Solomon's Temple, and the stone chest within the Pyramid. Mr. John Taylor, quoted by the author, believes that the "Great Pyramid is the one necessarily material centre from which those practical things, weights and measures (in a primeval age, somewhere between the time of Noah and Abraham, take whatever chronology you will), were divinely distributed to certain peoples and tongues, and carried with the utmost care from land to land, for special purposes of some grand future manifestation which is yet to make its appearance on the stage of human history." As there are no signs, carvings, engravings, or delineations of any kind, either outside or inside of the great Pyramid, Brother Holland concludes that "a school or college was formed to instruct the uninitiated." That a brotherhood existed before the building of the Temple is proved, he says, by 1 Kings xx. 28-34, and that the part played in the economy of human events that occurred shortly after the flood has been handed down to us through Freemasonry. The lectures treat even from the Creation to Exodus, to the building of King Solomon's Temple, and to the Christian dispensation. But all this knowledge is supplemented by the discoveries in the Great Pyramid, which has been passed by in extolling the Temple. The former eclipses the latter, however, in interest, in that it is the first stone-masonry building on record, and shows in its construction mathematical precision and exquisite workmanship. It also tells a sublime story, and although the volume of Sacred Law is the foundation of Freemasonry, its prophets proclaimed the fact that the Great Pyramid is a sign and a witness in the midst of the land of Egypt.

We have seen to some extent to what the Great Pyramid bears witness. Bro. Holland says there are chambers within it, still to be revealed, in which may be found the Ark of the Covenant and the Tabernacle, which Jeremiah took with him into Egypt, whose whereabouts is at present a secret. We shall not follow the author through the history of the tribes of Israel and the speculations connected with their settlements. It will be sufficient if we take up the story of Jeremiah. It is a remarkable one, according to the narrative of Brother Holland. Nothing is absolutely told in Scripture of the death of Jeremiah, or of what became of the Ark of the Covenant and the Tabernacle. The author's theory is, that Jeremiah's mission was not only "to root out and to pull down, and to destroy and throw down," but also "to build and to plant." The first part of the mission had been accomplished, the second part then awaited fulfilment. The remnant of the Jews, together with the King's daughters, after the conquest of Jerusalem, contrary to the advice of Jeremiah, went into Egypt. Jeremiah and his scribe Baruch went with them. They had possession of "all the secret signs and hieroglyphics of their forefathers, also the Ark of the Covenant, and things therein contained, the pot of manna, Moses and Aaron's rod, the Urim and Thummim, the breastplate of the High Priest, the title deeds of the field of Anathoth, with the scroll and other evidences to be retained, and passed on." Taking with him Tea Tephi, one of Zedekiah's daughters, and Barnch, Jeremiah went to the north of Ireland. He is supposed to have either concealed the above articles in the Great Pyramid—a part of them at least, or to have taken them, or a part of them, with him, together with the earthen vessel, which Scripture says was to be sealed up and its contents to be opened in the latter days; "also the two tables of the law, the Stone of Destiny, or Lia Phail (the stone now in Westminster Abbey, in the Coronation Chair), on which mysterious stone all our kings and queens have been crowned, from Tea Tephi to Queen Victoria. This stone is said to be the same on which Jacob pillowed his head when he saw the vision of the ladder. Bro. Holland contends that the inhabitants of the North of Ireland were Israelitish settlers of the tribe of Dan, that Eochaid married the young princess, changed the name of his capital to Tara, and founded a "Mur Ollamham," or "school of the prophets." It is just possible that the sacred relics and emblems of antiquity previously referred to were deposited in the vaulted chamber said to have been constructed within the walls of Tara for that purpose. "When," says Bro. Holland, "we think of Jeremiah's disappearance, with his commission unfulfilled, of the independent grounds for believing that there was a colony from Israel in the north of Ireland, and of the events recorded as immediately following the arrival of the mysterious visitors, can we fail to see that Simon Brug and Baruch are the same; that the prophet is Jeremiah, and that Tea Tephi is one of the daughters of Zedekiah, and so a branch of the house of David? One thing is certain, that the line of sovereigns descended from Eochaid and Tephi has continued to the present day." It should be stated that Bro. Holland claims the British people as the lost Ten Tribes; if that is so, it is right that we should have a descendant of the house of David to rule over us. He says that all the Jews are Israelites, but all Israelites are not Jews; and in proof of his contention as to the British people he refers to the dream of Nebuchadnezzar, which was interpreted by Daniel. The king saw a figure with a head of gold (the Babylonians), the breast and arms of silver (Medes and Persians), belly and thighs of brass (Grecians), legs and feet of iron and part iron and clay (Roman Empire). There was a stone, which grew into a mountain, and is still growing, representing a fifth kingdom, "which shall never be destroyed, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." "This fifth kingdom," says Bro. Holland, "is Great Britain," and he adds "that we have blindly acknowledged ourselves the Khasdim, or Freemasons, conducting the lost Ten Tribes throughout their career to the present day. This supremacy is typified and proved by our noble works, by our emblematical signs, by our secret arts and hidden mysteries; by our language, by our traditions, by our symbologies, by our allegories, by our moral and Biblical teaching, by our phraseologies in our ritual and lectures, our illustrations of the patriarchal age, by the loss of our genuine secrets, by the untimely death of our Master Hiram Abiff, of the tribe of Dan, by the illustration of Jacob's ladder, and his taking a stone for a pillow, and afterwards anointing and setting it up as a pillar of witness, and the stone being now in Westminster Abbey."

Having settled that the British nation represents the lost Ten Tribes, and that the Freemasons are the chosen body to carry out prophecy unfulfilled, it remains to see where the relics of antiquity once in possession of Jeremiah are deposited, and when the time will arrive when the Jews shall be once again and for ever established at Jerusalem. Bro. Holland is quite certain that there are chambers still to be discovered in the Great Pyramid, but what they contain is beyond even his imagination to tell. He advocates that the hill of Tara should be excavated, and either there or in the Pyramid will be discovered all the lost treasures. This is a work he enjoins upon Freemasons. As to time, he considers that the end is approaching—not of the end of the world—but when prophecy shall be fulfilled, and when the Jews shall be restored.

We have passed over many details, but we have shown pretty fully what the work is. It will be regarded with amusement by some, others will ridicule it, a few may see in it much that is worth treasuring. As a study the subject is not without attraction and merit. The philosophical history of Freemasonry is one vast field of speculation, and no theory that has hitherto been launched has met with entire acceptance. The reasonableness of Bro. Holland's theory must be judged on its merits. There is a great deal in it that seems wild and chimerical, much that is sound and true. The sifting of the wheat from the chaff we must leave to our readers, promising them that the labour will not be altogether without pleasure and profit.

The installation meeting of the Hyde Park Lodge, No. 1425, was held on Thursday, the 7th instant, at the Westbourne, Craven Road, Bayswater. Bro. J. Stephens was installed as W.M., and an enjoyable evening was spent. We shall give a full report of the proceedings in our next issue.

The preliminary meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent will be held on Friday, the 29th instant, at the Pavilion Hotel, Folkestone, at 2.30, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Viscount Holmesdale. A dinner will take place at 4 p.m. The tickets (10s 6d each) will include wine.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE regular Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of England took place on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, when, in the absence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Comp. S. Rawson P.D.G. Superintendent China, presided as Z., Capt. N. G. Philips acted as H., and Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg acted as J. There was an exceptionally large attendance of Grand Officers and others. The minutes and other preliminary business having been disposed of, the acting M.E.Z. announced the re-election of the Prince of Wales as M.E.Z., and the appointment by His Royal Highness of the Earl of Carnarvon as Pro M.E.Z., the Earl of Lathom as H., and Lord Leigh as J. The latter post was not filled last year out of respect to the memory of the late Duke of Albany, who had held the office at the time of his decease. The following were then appointed and invested as the other Grand Officers for the year :—

Comp.	Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	Grand Scribe E.
	Col. W. E. Sackville West	Grand Scribe N.
	The Rev. Canon G. R. Portal	Grand Pr. Sojourner
	The Rev. R. N. Sanderson	Grand 1st A. Sojourner
	The Rev. W. C. Spencer-Stanhope	Grand 2nd A. Sojourner
	Major John Woodall	Grand Treasurer
	F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	Grand Registrar
	Alfred Meadows, M.D.	Grand Sword Bearer
	John Watson	Grand 1st Standard Bearer
	John Hayball Paul	Grand 2nd Standard Bearer
	Major Charles Harding	Grand 3rd Standard Bearer
	Butler Wilkins	Grand 4th Standard Bearer
	Charles Hammerton	Director of Ceremonies
	George P. Brockbank	Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies
	E. M. Lott (re-appointed)	Grand Organist
	Henry Sadler	Grand Janitor

The report of the Committee of General Purposes—as published in our last issue—then received attention. It was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. Comp. Robert Grey, President of the Board, formally proposed the granting of the new charters, and Comp. Frank Richardson seconded. The Committee of General Purposes for the coming year was constituted as follows: H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.E.Z., the Earl of Lathom H., Lord Leigh J; Comps. Robert Grey, Robert Turtle Piggott D.C.L. and Edward Letchworth, nominated by the M.E.Z., and Comps. W. H. Perryman, James Lewis Thomas, George Lambert, J. Sampson Peirce, Joseph Clever and Charles Frederick Hogard, elected by Grand Chapter, Comp. Grey being nominated as President. Grand Chapter was then closed, with the customary formalities.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUSSEX.

THE annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Sussex was held on Thursday, 30th ult., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P. The Grand Superintendent having addressed the assembled Companions, proceeded to appoint and invest the Officers for the year, selecting the following for the respective collars :—

Comp.	John H. Scott	P.G.H.
	Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph	P.G.J.
	V. P. Freeman	P.G. Scribe E.
	O. N. Wyatt	P.G. Scribe N.
	F. Rossiter	P.G. Sojourner
	W. H. Gibson	P.G. 1st A. Sojourner
	S. R. Legg	P.G. 2nd A. Sojourner
	R. Crosskey	P.G. Treasurer
	Gerard Ford	P.G. Registrar
	T. Packham	P.G. Sword Bearer
	J. Farncombe	P.G. Standard Bearer
	J. M. Kidd	P.G. Director of Cers.
	A. King	P.G. Organist
	J. H. C. Coles, I. P. M. Smith	P.G. Stewards
	I. Hughes	P.G. Janitor

Comp. V.P. Freeman G.S.E. of the Province read various statistics regarding Royal Arch Masonry in Sussex. From these it appeared that the Order was in a flourishing condition in the county, while the whole of the Chapters were represented at the annual meeting. The report of the Audit Committee was adopted, and several grants in relief of distress were agreed to. In the evening the companions partook of banquet, served in the Royal Pavilion in elegant style by Comps. Sayers and Marks. The Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given, while the proceedings were enlivened by the singing of the Orpheus Glee Union, accompanied by Comp. King, Prov. Grand Organist.

The North London Chapter of Improvement held its usual meeting on Thursday, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury. Comps. Phillips M.E.Z., Strugnell H., Brasted J., Sheffield S.E., S. George S.N., W. George P.S. We are pleased to say the Companions who attend this Chapter regularly prove themselves able to discharge their duties with credit.

The Committee meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Bro. W. Roebuck P.G. Steward, Vice-Patron and Trustee, in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. L. Mather, C. Belton, J. Moon, F. Adlard, L. Ruf, W. A. Scurrah, C. H. Driver, Rev. Richard Morris, LL.D. (Head Master), C. H. Webb, Charles Lacey, J. J. Murray, H. Webb, Alfred Williams, G. P. Gerrard, H. W. Hunt, W. M. Stiles, A. Middlemass, G. Cooper, R. W. Stewart P.G.D., G. Motion, W. H. Saunders, Edgar Bowyer, T. Hastings Miller, C. F. Hogard, C. E. Soppet, W. Maples, Edward Baxter, J. S. Cumberland, and F. Binckes Secretary. The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, those of the House Committee (Regular and Special) and Quarterly Court were read for information, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted and adopted. There were five new petitions submitted, four of which were accepted, while the other was deferred. Six applications for grants were considered, after which the following were nominated for election at the June meeting on the House and Audit Committees :—

House Committee: Bros. C. Belton, Edgar Bowyer, Richard Clowes, A. F. Godson, A. W. Hunt, J. L. Mather, J. Moon, J. H. Miller, J. Murray, W. Paas, F. W. Ramsay, D. Rolls, C. Sanders, W. H. Saunders, and W. Venn. Twelve to be elected.

Audit Committee: Bros. R. Berridge, G. Cooper, T. Cubitt, C. H. Driver, H. S Goodall, C. F. Hogard, W. Mann, G. Motion, W. Maple, C. E. Soppet, and W. H. Saunders. Nine to be elected.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the 87th Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday last, Bro. H. B. Marshall Past Grand Treasurer, was in the chair, and among those present were Bros. A. F. Godson D.P.G.M. Worcestershire, H. Carman, W. Taylor, J. L. Mather, Millner Jutsum, C. Belton, A. Steng, Edgar Bowyer, W. March, S. Richardson, W. A. Scurrah, G. R. Bolton, C. H. Driver, W. J. Parker, John Etherington, J. Crowden, G. Lambert, P.G.S.B., J. Faulkner, W. King, E. Swain, J. Glass, E. M. Money, H. M. Harris, Goodchild, Barfield, Josling, Harvey, Robinson, C. Wellard, Parker, and F. Binckes. The following brethren were chosen Officers of the Board :—Bros. Major J. Woodall Woodall President, H. B. Marshall, A. F. Godson, and Fitzherbert Wright, Vice-Presidents; W. Roebuck Trustee, Capt. G. Lambert, Lieut.-Col. Peters, and Edgar Bowyer, Acting Vice-Presidents; J. Lawrence Mather Hon. Treas., and F. Binckes Secretary. A Sub-Committee for making the necessary musical arrangement having been appointed, and other business transacted, the meeting terminated, with the usual vote of thanks to the chairman. The next meeting will be held on Friday, the 29th instant. It was announced that the Board comprised about 230 Stewards.

The following dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 9th May :—

Monday—Joppa Lodge, Lodge of Unions. Tuesday—Licensed Victuallers, Protection Society, Garrett's Testimonial, Highland Society. Wednesday—German Hospital, Grand Chapter Club. Thursday—United Lodge, St. Andrew's Lodge. Friday—Amersham Hall, Britannic Lodge. Saturday—Phœnix Lodge, Lodge of King Solomon.

Messrs. Cassell and Co. will open their annual exhibition of original drawings in black and white at La Belle Sauvage Yard, early in June. Among the works exhibited will be the original drawings executed by Mr. Frederick Barnard from his "Character Sketches from Dickens," published last autumn.

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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 MAY.

173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1375—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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street E.C.

1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
2069—Prudence Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham

MONDAY, 11th 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.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
1030—Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster.

R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 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
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
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
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, 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. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 12th MAY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Heremites Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Jopps, 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)
890—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, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
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)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1910—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Ken
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
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
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1515—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpoo

R.A. 70—St John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 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. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Lancashire.
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 13th MAY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3

8—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
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)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Strathope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pomnin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
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)
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
754—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)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 150 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)

1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llandilloes, Trewythen Arms, Llandilloes
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.

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R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 290—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 313—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 1549—Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

THURSDAY, 14th MAY.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Herculos 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, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—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).
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.
R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
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.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
303—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
316—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
349—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
353—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
359—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
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.
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Graystone, Forrester's Hall, Whitestable

R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
R.A. 464—Hwlffordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 15th 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
26—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—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
H.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 48—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
2541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1293—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. (Instuction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
2005—Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
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. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 16th 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. (Instruction)
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
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1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 69—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

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Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425—A meeting was held on Monday, 4th inst., at the Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed-street, Paddington, W. Present—Bros. Mason W.M., Chandler S W., Stroud J.W., Read P.M. 511 Treasurer, Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.S.D. Secretary, Mote S.D., Crattenden J.D., Middleweek Steward, Morse I.G.; P.M.'s Nicols 1795 P.D.G.S. W. Punjab, Purdue 834, Barfield 511; also Bros. Andrews, Laundy, Coleman, Purdue, Wood, C. Coleman. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Laundy and Wood candidates respectively. Bro. Chandler was elected W.M. for next meeting. After Lodge, the Auditors' report of the accounts of the Benevolent Fund was received and adopted, and a vote of thanks to them, and to Bro. Dehane for the careful manner he had kept these accounts, was passed.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday last, at Brother Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Hewes W.M., Collingridge S.W., Cooper J.W., Dixie S.D., Turner J.D., Hazell I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor; P.M.'s Bros. Hall, Mullord, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Clark acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. Bro. Marks, being a candidate for passing, answered the questions and was entrusted. Bro. Turner then occupied the chair and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned till Monday, 11th instant, Brother Collingridge having been elected to occupy the chair. Bro. Hewes S.W. Gresham Lodge, 869, and Bro. Hodges Harrow Lodge, 1310, were elected members.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—A meeting was held at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith, W., on 2nd inst. Bros. Ayling P.M. Preceptor W.M., Hilton P.M. S.W., Mann P.M. P.Z. J.W., Gardner Treasurer, Strong Secretary, Wortley S.D., Gardner J.D., Farze Steward, Wing I.G., Wicks Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Perdue, Collins, Smith, Johnson, Nicols; also Bros. Harvey, Fruen, Smither, Hopkins, Wood, Brown, Wilson, Price, Stroud, Tilbury, W. W. Williams, Davis, A. Williams, Sims. Visitors—Bros. Comber, Martin, Mason, Longley, Wells, Steng, Lang, Giddings, Reynolds, Greenway, Cox. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced to third degree and resumed to the first. The Fifteen Sections were then worked by the brethren, as follows:—First Lecture—Bros. Williams, Harry Price, Perdue, H. Price, Stroud, Collins, Hilton. Second Lecture—Brown, Williams, Smith, Westley, Greenway. Third Lecture—Harvey, Greenway, Steng. The following were elected members:—Bros. Giddings 146, Greenway 1260, Lang 141, Steng 141, Reynolds 1614, Lingley 1381. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Ayling Preceptor, for the very able manner in which he had filled he office during the evening. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Ayling, in returning thanks, remarked this was the first time the Fifteen Sections had been worked in this Lodge of Instruction, which had not yet completed its first year. This was the first time he had undertaken the duties of W.M. on such an occasion. He could but express his gratification at the admirable manner in which the brethren, one and all, had assisted him; he hoped they would have many such enjoyable evenings. He then proposed, and Bro. Gardner seconded, a proposition that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded to each of the brethren who had assisted in working the sections. This was carried. Bros. Farze, Tilbury and Brown were appointed to audit the accounts for the past year. Hearty good wishes were now given and Lodge was closed. A ballot will be taken on the third Saturday in May by the brethren who have attended the requisite number of times. This will be the second five guineas given to the Charities from the funds during the Lodge's existence. This result is due to the untiring energy of the worthy Treasurer.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

WHAT are termed "weeks" are well known in the cricket and racing world, and who knows but that at some time in the near future we may have a "Masonic "week" or two. The nearest approach to this condition of things is the arrangement made at this time of the year in connection with the oldest of our triple Charities—the Girls' School. A field day generally precedes the annual Festival, and the usual course was followed on Saturday last. It is now a well-established custom that the Stewards of the Institution shall have a special visiting day, when prizes, most generously subscribed by brethren and friends, shall be awarded to the successful students. The opportunity is seized to secure the attendance of some notable lady to present the prizes. Last year the Baroness Burdett-Coutts officiated, and this year Miss Fowler, daughter of Bro. R. N. Fowler, M.P., and Lady Mayoress, was the dispensing patron. Although the Lady Mayoress had another engagement, possessing special claims upon her, she had put it aside to keep her promise to the Institution. As will be seen the list of prizes is a long one, but the ceremony of presenting them was made additionally interesting by the remarks occasionally introduced by the lady president. Her pleasing, affable manner, was welcome to the assembled girls, and gave a charm to what some might call monotonous proceedings. The gathering took place in the large hall of the Institution, but it was altogether inadequate to hold all who sought to be present. So far as we could observe, the arrangements of the Stewards were complete and effective, but unfortunately the invitations exceeded by far the capacity of the building. The result was inconvenient crowding and excessive heat inside; there was disappointment and a chilly atmosphere without. It is very difficult to lay down a hard and fast rule to meet the requirements of Festivals, but we are well within the bounds of reason and of common sense when we say that boys and girls might very well be left at home on such occasions. Four or five in one group were rather too many under the circumstances, and their presence did not add to the usefulness or dignity of the gathering, while it was the cause of excluding many, who judging from their age and appearance might be supposed to take a warm interest in the School. As it happened, the wind offered an icy welcome, otherwise the pleasant grounds would have afforded an agreeable retreat for the disappointed visitors. As it was, the time for refreshments was welcomed the more eagerly because it brought the much-needed warmth in the shape of tea and coffee. It would be very easy to prevent overcrowding, but we confess that were we a Steward we should be so proud of the Institution as to wish all our friends and acquaintances to be present when it put on its holiday garb and exhibited its strength and beauty. The proceedings, it is fair to state, were carried out very successfully, and those who were fortunate enough to get a seat within the Hall were gratified with a sight that was both pleasing and satisfactory. The walls were decorated with pictures, the productions of the skilled and trained hands of the pupils, while the children themselves, clothed in blue and white, were disposed in such a manner as to present a very striking tableau. They looked the picture of health and contentment, and if any one doubted the liveliness, of at least the younger girls, should have witnessed their gambols on the green to the left of the refreshment tent. The presence of strangers seemed in no way to restrain their innocent enjoyment, and we were doubly glad to witness their displays of fun and agility, for it showed on the one hand that the children were well cared for and happy, and it helped to amuse those who could not get admission into the hall where the prizes were being distributed. We cannot afford space to give a list of all those who were present, and to make a selection of names would be an invidious task we are not prepared to enter upon. When the prizes had been presented Bro. Sir John Monckton proposed a vote of thanks to the Lady Mayoress, and in the course of his remarks held out encouragement to the unsuccessful scholars who at any rate had the pleasures of hope to console them. The following is the official programme :—

Part I.

Hymn—(to be sung by all present) "Old Hundredth."

Trio—"Jubelfeier"—Kramer—36 hands.—Norah Besley, Daisy Capon, Alice Corps, Ellen Delafons, Ellen Good, Minnie Gough, Charlotte Harrop, Kate Hebblethwaite, Minnie Howle, Louisa Johnson, Charlotte McMillan, Mabel Osmond, Rosa Pelham, Alice Pope, Amy Rogers, Ellen Senior, Ada Watson, Inga Wilkinson.

Duet—"Gavotte de la Dauphine"—Scotson Clark—24 hands.—Grace Bartrum, Emily Cecil, Julia Harvey, Catherine Hile, Minnie Howle, Mabel Lewis, Fanny Oberdoerffer, Mabel Osmond, Annie Parker, Agnes Stephenson, Susannah Tippler, Emma Williams.

Recitation—"The Walrus and the Carpenter"—Lewis Carroll—Agnes Stephenson.

Duet—"Overture Midsummer Night's Dream"—Mendelssohn—24 hands.—Effie Bellamy, Grace Bartrum, Rose Bridgeman, Lucy Busher, Maud Carter, Emily Cecil, Edith Hicks, Minnie Howle, Cecily Jardine, Agnes Stephenson, Susannah Tippler, Mary Wyatt.

Prizes to the Highest Pupils—

Julia Harvey, the Gold Medal for Proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Paas, with £5 by Bro. William Winn. Alice Cecil, the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, given annually by the Institution, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Prizes given by the Institution :—

For Passing Senior Cambridge Examination Mary Norrish, Mona Hennet, Eleanor Spurging, Clara Kingcombe.

For Passing Junior Cambridge Examination in 2nd Class Honours—Julia Harvey.

For Passing Junior Cambridge Examination in 3rd Class Honours—Alice Cecil, Edith Hicks, Jane Tayler.

For Passing Junior Cambridge Examination—Ellen Waud, Amy Swaine, Mary Wyatt, Cecily Jardine, Agnes Deeley, Ellen Senior.

Part II.

Part Song—"The Water Nymphs"—Henry Smart.

Recitation—"Nellie's Prayer"—G. R. Sims—Ada Crow.

Duet—"Ungarische Tänze," from Book IV.—Brahms—24 Hands.—Effie Bellamy, Rose Bridgeman, Maud Carter, Agnes Deeley, Mona Hennet, Edith Hicks, Geraldine Keighley, Agnes Stephenson, Rosina Symon, Mabel Ward, Clarissa Wright, Mary Wyatt.

Recitation—"Moïse"—Alfred de Vigne—Fanny Oberdoerffer.

Solo—"Allegro, Allegretto, and Presto," from Sonata VI.—Beethoven—12 Hands.—Maud Carter, Edith Hicks, Geraldine Keighley, Rosina Symon, Mabel Ward, Clarissa Wright.

Class II.—Susannah Tippler, Proficiency.

Class III.—Beatrice King, Proficiency.

Class IV.—Helen Foxall, Proficiency.

Class V.—Mary Sherington, Proficiency.

Class VI.—Isabella McLeod Proficiency.

Class VII.—Kate Stokes, Proficiency; Needlework, Rosamond Laybourne, Adelaide White, Adelaide Laycock, Ethel Stone, Mary Mott; Machine Work, Bessie Reed, Effie Bellamy; Order and Attention (as proved by Conduct Marks throughout the year), Gertrude Lee, Florence Mason.

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Part III.

Part Song—"Youth, Joy, and Hope"—J. L. Hatton.

Recitation—"A message from the Dead"—C. B.—Alice Cecil.

Duet—"Ungarische Tänze," from Books III. and II.—Brahms—24 Hands.—Effie Bellamy, Rose Bridgeman, Maud Carter, Agnes Deeley, Mona Hennet, Edith Hicks, Geraldine Keighley, Agnes Stephenson, Rosina Symond, Mabel Ward, Clarissa Wright, Mary Wyatt.

Recitation—Speech at a "Charity Dinner"—Litchfield Moseley—Lilian Stephenson.

Toy Symphony—Haydn—Voices, Toys, and 12 Hands.—Athalinda Allison, Grace Bartrum, Effie Bellamy, Rose Bridgeman, Maud Carter, Emily Cecil, Edith Corney, Agnes Deeley, Ellen Delafons, Helen Foxall, Eva Gibson, Kate Hebblethwaite, Edith Hicks, Minnie Howle, Cecily Jardine, Louisa Johnson, Charlotte McMillan, Hilda Newman, Fanny Oberdoerffer, Mabel Osmond, Eveline Pelham, Rosa Pelham, Florence Popkiss, Agnes Stephenson, Lilian Stephenson, Mary Wyatt.

Prizes given by Friends of the Institution.

By Bro. Robert Gray, for Religious Knowledge (as distinguished at the Cambridge Examination):—Alice Cecil, Ellen Wand.

By Bro. J. H. Matthews, for English Subject (as distinguished at the Cambridge Examination):—Julia Harvey, Alice Cecil.

By Bro. William Winn, for Theory of Music (Royal Academy Examination):—Edith Hicks.

The "Wentworth Little" Memorial Prize, for Music (2nd Prizes):—Geraldine Keightley, Mabel Ward, Rosina Symon.

Bro. and Mrs. Louis Hirsch, for Music (3rd Prizes):—Maud Carter, Agnes Stephenson.

The "John Boyd" Memorial Prize, for Drawing:—Mona Hennet Julia Harvey, Clara Coales.

By Bro. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., for French (as distinguished at the Cambridge Examination):—Edith Hicks.

By Mrs. Crick, for Elocution:—Lilian Stephenson, Ada Crow, Agnes Stephenson.

The Supreme Grand Council of the 33rd Degree, for Good Conduct (1st Prize):—Mary Norrish.

By Bro. Frank Richardson, for Good Conduct (2nd Prizes):—Geraldine Keighley, Ada Hodgson.

By Mrs. Edgar Bowyer, for Needlework (1st Prize):—Maud Muriel.

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work:—Edith Corney.

The "Yates" Memorial Prize (per St. James's Lodge, No. 482), for Domestic Duties (Cookery):—Bessie Reed.

By Bro. Ralph Clutton, for Cookery (2nd Prize):—Edith Corney.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Cookery (3rd Prize):—Geraldine Keighley.

By Bro. Robert Grey, for Calisthenics and Deportment:—Mabel Lewis, Constance Hart.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Amiability (selected by her School-fellows):—Maud B'adon.

Pianoforte Solo—Victoria—Kube—12 Hands.—Maud Carter, Edith Hicks, Geraldine Keighley, Rosina Symon, Mabel Ward, Claissa Wright.

Criticism on such occasions as this is not only unnecessary but undesirable, and the only remark we have to make is that the pianoforte exhibitions were rather overdone. As will be seen by the above list the prizes were varied and numerous. The subjects taught in the School range from the simple domestic offices to refined culture. Practical lessons of life are taught in the work-room, and in the kitchen—in needlework and cookery. The graces of life are inculcated by instruction in music and elocution, while the intellect is cultivated by a liberal English education and study of the French tongue. The health of the pupils is secured as far as it is possible for fresh air, cleanliness, and picturesque surroundings to secure it, and physical development is aided by calisthenics and swimming, in addition to the usual games girls delight in. We were particularly pleased with the swimming bath, and were somewhat disappointed that no prize was down on the programme for success in the healthful and delightful accomplishment of swimming. Perhaps on another occasion we may have the pleasure of recording the natatory doings of the girls, and of seeing prizes awarded for success in an art that is as useful as it is graceful. Notwithstanding the coldness of the outside air, the company remained, after partaking of refreshment, to witness the display of calisthenic exercises and marching, and at the close joined in the National Anthem. The whole of the proceedings were well carried out. There was no hurry or confusion, and we can only hope that among the many who were present a goodly number will be found as additional patrons of an Institution admirably managed and well adapted to meet the requirements and necessities of the inmates.

Bro. J. Tickle P.P.G.R. Middlesex, P.M. 1196, 1702, P.Z. 1196, &c.; has been unanimously elected first principal of the Eastern Star Chapter, No. 95, which meets at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C. He will be duly installed on the 5th day of June next.

Obituary.

BRO. SIR WATKIN WILLIAMS-WYNN, BART., M.P.

It is always a mournful duty to chronicle the death of a brother, but it is rendered doubly mournful when that brother held a welcome and abiding place in the hearts of all who knew him. The late Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn was the fourth baronet of that name, and the sixth of the boronetcy created under the name of Williams. The family, according to Sir Bernard Burke, "deduces descent from their immediate ancestor, the Lord of Anglesey, youngest son of Owen Gwynedd, Prince of North Wales, and from Anarawd, King of North Wales, eldest son of Rhodri Mawr, King of Wales. This last monarch, the descendant of a long line of regal ancestors, succeeded to the crown of Powys, and by inheritance and marriage acquired the kingdoms of North and South Wales. He was slain A.D. 876." Such a brilliant pedigree harmonised well with the vast estates possessed by the deceased baronet, and although he and his father refused—the one a peerage and the other an earldom—both were recognised by royalty and were regarded as being worthy to be called kings and princes. The third baronet, Sir Watkin's father, entertained Geo. IV. when Prince of Wales at Wynnstay. It is recorded that he welcomed his royal guest somewhat after the following manner: "How proud he felt to receive the Prince of Wales in his own Principality." To which His Royal Highness replied: "Ah, Sir Watkin, I know I am Prince *of* Wales, but you are a Prince *in* Wales." In 1832 the Queen (then Princess Victoria) was a guest at Wynnstay. Our deceased brother has been called the King of North Wales, and truly he was a king to his people. He was born in London in May 1820, and was therefore nearly sixty-five years of age. He died on Saturday last, and was buried yesterday at Llangedwyn, where the remains of his second and youngest daughter were interred some two years ago. Sir Watkin was educated at Westminster and Christ Church, Oxford, and succeeded to the title and estates in 1840. He was gazetted a Lieutenant in the First Life Guards in 1842, but he soon left the Army and devoted his attention to hunting. As a Master of Fox Hounds he had no superior; he was a devoted sportsman, and although a member of the Jockey Club, he took little practical interest in horse-racing. He encouraged the Chester meeting, however, and kept open house on each recurring event for his friends, at Wynnstay, most of whom preceded him to the grave. Sir Watkin, in 1852, married his cousin Marie Emily, youngest daughter of the Right Hon. Henry Watkin Williams Wynn, G.C.H., K.C.B., Her Majesty's Minister at the Court of Denmark. They had issue two daughters, one, Marie Nesta, as we have already stated, died two years ago; the other, the eldest daughter, was married to her cousin, Mr. Herbert Lloyd Watkin Williams Wynn. She was named Louise Alexandra, and the Queen of Denmark and our own Princess of Wales were her godmothers. Her husband now takes the title and the property—a goodly inheritance indeed. There is the shooting seat at Glan-y-Llyn, near to the Bala lake and mountains, where Tennyson wrote his "Idylls of the King," and where it is fair to suppose he gained much of his inspiration. Then there is the estate at Llangedwyn, and the princely domain of Wynnstay. The grounds at the latter place are eight miles in circumference, and there is a carriage drive of nearly a mile in length, underneath rows of stately oaks and elms. One oak is especially named "Sir John Wynn," and measures 36 feet in circumference. The whole domain is grand and beautiful, passing description. The old mansion was burned down in 1858, and the present building was erected somewhat later.

Our deceased brother was initiated in the Province of Cheshire, and in 1851 was installed W.M. of the Cestrian Lodge, on which occasion he invited the brethren to a banquet at Wynnstay. In 1852 he was appointed P.G.M. for North Wales and Shropshire, a position he held up to his death. The ceremony of installation was performed at Shrewsbury, by the late Lord Combermere, the hero of Bhurtpore, who was then Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, and Sir Watkin was presented by Colonel Burlton, C.B., District Grand Master of Bengal. The late Lord Dungannon was also present. The Rev. E. H. Dymock, of Penley, was appointed by Sir Watkin as his Deputy, in which capacity he acted until 1874, when he was succeeded by the late Lord Harlech. The late

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W. Bulkeley Hughes followed Lord Harlech, to be in turn succeeded, in November 1882, by Sir O. Wakeman, Bart., as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Of all the Officers appointed when Sir Watkin was installed, the only survivor is Brother J. P. White, of Shrewsbury, who has continued to act as Provincial Grand Treasurer. The late Brother Charles Wigan was at the same time appointed Provincial Grand Secretary. Brother W. H. Spaull succeeded him. There were but four Lodges in the Province when Sir Watkin was installed, now there are twenty-eight, and he was present at the consecration of twenty-three of them. In addition to this Masonic work, the deceased laid the corner-stone of Trinity Church, Llandudno, in 1864, opened the Masonic Hall in the same town in 1867, and laid the foundation stone of the Oswestry Cottage Hospital in 1869. When he had completed the twenty-fifth year of his office as Provincial Grand Master, a subscription was raised for the foundation of a Sir Watkin Presentation at the Masonic School for Boys. In 1853 Sir Watkin took the Royal Arch degree, and in 1859 he was appointed "Most Excellent Superintendent of the Province," in which capacity he presided over the Grand Chapters of Shropshire and North Wales. His loss will be felt in the Province and by the poor especially. He was a good man, and the memory of his deeds will be his best monument. We have already seen that he did not covet titles, and the following extract from an address Sir Watkin made to his constituents the electors of Denbighshire in 1868, whom he represented in the House of Commons for forty-four years, best indicate his views on the matter. He said, "It is a position which for more than a century and a half has been the most prized distinction of my family; it was preferred by my great grandfather to an earldom, by my father to an earldom, and by myself to a peerage." The highest honour he coveted was the goodwill and love of his neighbours. He gained both to a remarkable degree.

THE THEATRES.

Drury Lane.—Carl Rosa has scored an undoubted success with his latest production, Ambrose Thomas's "Manon." On each occasion the theatre has been crowded from floor to ceiling in honour of the French composer's work. To those who go to the opera expecting to bring away airs that will haunt them for days afterwards, the new work may produce disappointment; it is essentially tuneful, but in no way so in the Verdi sense. It is of the modern school of music drama—not the lyrical. For this school a more adequate libretto is demanded than for its predecessor, and "Manon" somewhat suffers from the baldness of the dialogue. The very force and fervour of the artiste uttering it accentuates its shortcomings. To enjoy it we should let the music speak only in the accents the composer gives, and it is then full of tenderness, gaiety, passion or despair, as the story is developed by him. Madame Marie Roze is at her best as Manon; full of gaiety and simplicity at the opening, changing to the vanity of the insatiate courtezan, and then awaking to a late remorse, she fixes the agony of the last scenes with tragic intensity. Her brilliant voice renders the music with the fluency and grace of a bird. Mr. Maas's gifts suit the requirements of de Grieux, though perhaps this talented artist looks somewhat too cherubic for a sentimental young Frenchman. Mr. Ludwig is excellent as Lescat, singing and acting with equal spirit. The scenery is good, especially beautiful the opening view of the City of Amiens, from an inn yard, with a diligence of the period. The costumes are accurate and handsome, and with Mr. Harris to direct the mise en scene we may be sure no pains or expense is spared to make the work an artistic success. We regret Mons. Massenet has left some of the dialogue to be spoken, though happily the orchestral accompaniment is a consolation, but this arrangement always has a jarring effect, and to our mind militates against the feeling of homogeneity.

Lyceum.—From the first hour that Mr. Irving, with his keen, sad eyes, looked at London across the footlights, his Shylock has been acknowledged one of his chief triumphs. Ideal in its tragic intensity, and yet touching reality; in its many toned presentments of human weakness, rage, and despair, some critics say this is not Shakespeare's Jew, with its embodiment of centuries of the vileness bred of scorn; for whom mercy itself fitly takes the form of new insult. With Mr. Irving the very relentlessness of Shylock seems to be but the wild justice of tardy vengeance for the sufferings of the race of Israel. The Pharisaical Antonio, the frivolous Gratiano, the reckless dandy Bassanio, and the scampish adventurer Lorenzo—how they shrink and dwindle in presence of this heir of contumely and injustice. Of the present rendering we would say, "custom hath not staled its infinite variety," whilst in the passages of greatest passion he no longer yields to uncontrolled rage; thus his grief gains doubly in pathos and dignity. That difficult point of "the wilderness of monkeys" was given with such heart-broken misery, the sob of the outraged father seemed echoed by every breast in the house. The Portia of Miss Ellen Terry has its own unapproachable charm, with something of more chastened dignity in her gay sprightliness than of old. The sweetest, the brightest creature; Shakespeare himself could have dreamed of no more exquisite interpreter of the Lady of Belmont. For the first act the scene has been changed from the actual Piazzo di San Marco to a street on the right, showing the San Giorgio over the water. A much greater air of reality is gained by the change, for the great Piazzo, with only half-a-dozen occupants, would not suggest Venice at midday in the cinque cento. Mr. Alexander plays with refinement and sincerity, especially in the sentimental passages. The Doge of Mr. Howe is of course stately and impressive. Miss Emery is a tender and graceful Norissa, making us almost forget her heartlessness; while Miss Payne is a bright and pleasant Jessica. The democracy of the pit demands the restoration of the old privilege of the crush at the door. Mr. Irving yields, and will find himself the richer by the salaries of the sixteen employés the new arrangement had called into requisition. If a humble appeal from us to Mr. Ball would induce him to restrain the vigour of his band it would be a boon to those who sit out the entractes.

Opera Comique.—The merits of "The Guv'nor" have so often been discussed, and the play criticised on so many occasions, that every one is by this time familiar with its details; we have therefore nothing to do but to criticise the actors and actresses engaged on its revival under the management of Mr. David James at the Opera Comique. Mr. James, as Old Macclesfield, portrays the character of the deaf boat-builder with his well-known vigour and humour, causing roars of laughter by his quaint manners and funny speeches. Mr. Irish as Mr. Butterscotch, and Mr. Gardiner in the part of his son Freddy, give clever and natural renderings of their respective characters, while the ladies' parts are well sustained. Miss Cicely Richards as Mrs. Butterscotch, Miss Lucy Buckstone as Carrie, the boat-builder's pretty daughter; Miss Erskine as Mrs. Macclesfield, and Miss Forsyth as Kate Butterscotch. "The Guv'nor" is followed by a farce called "Chiselling"; this is a humorous little sketch, in which the interest is sustained to the end.

Surrey.—"The Woman of the People," made famous by that delightful actress Mlle. Beatrice, has been produced at the Surrey, chiefly, we suppose, to offer Miss MacNeill the opportunity for appearing in the leading part. For so young an actress the risk was great, but Mr. Conquest's faith in the emotional power of this painstaking young lady has proved well founded. In the scene where Marie, agonised by the necessities of her ailing child, appeals to the better feelings of her ne'er-do-well husband, she rose to the intensity of the situation, and held her robust, nut-cracking audience in hushed expectancy. We are assured this lady will rise to high position as an exponent of her art if she continues the earnest student she now proves herself. Mr. George Conquest, who, if fame were less capricious, should stand in the foremost rank in his profession, is perfect as the workman who objects to work, though the character of Rémy gives no opportunity for his weird powers. Mr. Gurney, whose name will doubtless soon become better known, plays with careful truth to nature as the weak-minded husband, Bertrand. The way he depicted the gradual decline in position attributable to self-indulgence, and his sudden awakening to remorse was ably conceived. We, however, think he missed a fine effect when, finding his wife prostrate in the snow, he calls her by name before lifting her from the ground. The situation would gain greatly if the recognition came after he had seen her face. The piece throughout is carefully staged, and we fully endorse a remark made to us that if the same effects were produced at a West End house all London would go to see the snow scene.

Olympic.—Sir Randal Roberts has courageously taken "A Dangerous Game" to the Olympic Theatre. The play made a marked success in the North, due to the brilliant and facile style of the baronet actor, and scarcely less to Mr. Clynds, whose presentment of the British tar brings back pleasant memories of Davenport at the Haymarket, when a pit was there to weep and applaud.

FREEMASONRY IN HAMPSHIRE.

THE following details as to the progress of Freemasonry may prove of interest. In the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight there are 79 Lodges, of which 36 are in the Isle of Wight. Portsmouth heads the list with 12, Southampton has 5, Aldershot 3, and Gosport, Winchester, Havant and Ryde, two each; and Alton, Andover, Basingstoke, Bournemouth, Fareham, Lymington, Petersfield, Ringwood, Shirley, Woolston, Cowes, Newport, Sandown, Shanklin, and Ventnor, one each. There are 20 Chapters, 18 in Hampshire, and two in the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth having 5, Southampton 4, Aldershot 2, Basingstoke, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Lymington, Winchester, Woolston, Newport, and Ryde, one each.

—*Portsmouth Times.*

The following dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 16th May:—

Monday—Leigh Lodge, St. George and Cornerstone Lodge. Tuesday—Italian Ball. Wednesday—Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, New England Company, Lodge of Fidelity. Thursday—Lodge of Regularity, University of London Lodge. Friday—University Lodge.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 104.

A MEETING was held at the Ashton Arms, Greek-street Stockport, on Monday, the 11th inst. There were present Bros. John Bell W.M., E. Johnson S.W., Fox J.W., J. H. Andrew Treas., Geo. Gaskill Sec., William Gleave S.D., T. Davies J.D., J. Tutton acting I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. J. Beresford P.P.S.G.D., H. Finch P.G.D.C., W. Harrison P.P.S.G.D., Hy. Collier P.P.G. Org., Wm. Booth P.G.D.D.C., Major Preston, Lieut-Col. S. W. Wilkinson P.P.S.G.D., Geo. Balfe; Visitors, Bros. R. Walker W.M. 1052, Smith 1055, Edwards P.M. 1993, Derbyshire P.M. 1993, and 20 other brethren. The W.M. initiated (after ballot) Mr. Frederick Moore and Mr. Scott Adie Pollard, in capital style, with splendid musical accompaniment, about 9 of the Past Masters and brethren taking part in this portion, with all the ability of professional singers. It was resolved as being expedient to advance the fees for admission and subscription; the matter to be referred to the General Purposes Committee to decide upon the amount of the advance to be recommended to the Lodge. Bro. Collier was made an honorary member of the Lodge, in consideration of his valuable services to the Craft. Hearty good wishes were expressed from the Visitors, and the brethren then adjourned to a substantial supper. The usual toasts followed, and high encomiums were passed by the Visitors; all thanking the W.M. for the great treat afforded them in the Lodge, and the hospitality displayed at the social board. The able manner in which Bro. Johnson explained the first Tracing Board was especially praised.

HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

THE twelfth installation meeting of this Lodge, which is justly celebrated for good working, was held on the 7th instant, at the Westbourne, Craven-road, Bayswater, and was well attended by members and visitors. Bros. C. W. Hunt W.M., Hayes as S.W., J. Stephens J.W., W. Langridge Treas., G. Read P.M. Sec., J. Whitehead S.D., Coleman as J.D., Curtis I.G., Heaton Chaplain, P.M.'s Gellion, Craig, Mickleberg, Chalfont I P M., Sones, Longhurst. Visitors—Bros. Hughes 901, Tribbel P.M. 1287, Wickens 733, Baker P.M. 753, Hunt 172, Barnett P.M. 185, Foxley P.M. 173, Woolley W.M. 15, Captain Finch P.M. 173, F. Seager-Hunt S.W. 2030, Fornett P.M. 1348, Dorsett 172, Thomas 753, Blyth P.M. 173, Cole 177, Davie P.M. 173, Windsor 1555, Batley 73, Leach 25, Grover 172, Hughes P.M. 901, Drew 733, Chambers 834, Eaton 733, Day 1227, Humphries 733, Holmes 548, Hollis 140, Langdon P.M. 538, Jacobs, Andrews P.G D. Berks and Bucks, Balls S.W. 101, Rutton 73, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Phillips P.M. 173. After the Lodge had been opened, and the minutes of former regular Lodge and emergency meetings read and confirmed, Bros. Baradell and Wyndow were raised, and Bro. Chappell was passed, the ceremonies being conducted in a perfect manner. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Stephens W.M. elect was presented, and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., in a manner that warranted the praises accorded him. There were twenty-two members and Past Masters present at the Board of Installed Masters. The I.P.M. efficiently acted as D.C., assisted by Bro. Mickleberg. The newly-installed Master having been saluted according to ancient custom, appointed and invested his Officers:—Brothers Hunt I.P.M., Powell S.W., Whitehead J.W., Langridge Treasurer, G. Read P.M. Secretary, Hayes S.D., Payne J.D., Bond I.G., Mickleberg P.M. D.C., Rev. W. E. Heaton Chap., A. Stephens A.D.C., Vear S., Curtis A.S., Culloch Tyler. The applause that followed the investment showed the W.M. had made a good selection. Hearty good wishes were now tendered by the Visitors, and Lodge was closed until October. The brethren then sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Browning and Wesley. A very elegant menu card was provided by the W.M. It contained his photograph, and was essentially a work of art. The list of toasts was printed in "ye olde Englishe stylle." Grace having been said, the W.M. proceeded with the Loyal and Masonic toasts; he suggested that the programme was a long one, but he would abbreviate his remarks; he would, however, strive to honour those who so well deserved it. In speaking of the Worshipful Master Bro. Hunt I.P.M. said he had known Bro. Stephens for many years; in fact, he had the honour of introducing him into the Lodge. He was indeed proud that night to propose his health, and instal him as W. Master. He was one who would carry out every duty required of him, and would fill the chair of the Lodge with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. It was with great pleasure the W.M. rose to respond to the toast so kindly proposed by the Installing Master. He should never forget the ceremony. It was flattering to him to see 22 W.M.'s and P.M.'s at his installation. Such a gathering was unprecedented in their Lodge; he hoped to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, and thanked one and all heartily for the reception they had given the toast. The next toast was the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master. The Lodge had always been proud of its workers, and what the brethren had seen that evening was eminently satisfactory. During Bro. Hunt's year of office he had initiated ten candidates, and had been complimented over and over again for his work. The brethren had combined to present him with a Past Master's collar and jewel, and he (the W.M.) had now great pleasure, in the name of the Lodge, to present him with a gold Past Master's jewel, which all hoped he might live long to wear among them. In addition, he had to present him with an elegant illuminated testimonial on vellum. This was the work of Bro. Bailey, who requested Bro. Hunt to accept it as a gift from him. It, however, required a frame, and this he (the W.M.) had great pleasure in presenting. These gifts may be said to testify to the respect Bro. Hunt is held in. In the course of his reply, Bro. Hunt said he could scarcely find words to thank the brethren for the Past Master's jewel and the collar and jewel; while as to the testimonial on vellum, so artistically executed by Bro. Bailey, he felt he could not satisfy himself by anything he could express. However, he never should forget their kindness; it would make a lasting impression on him. The toast of the Past Masters came next on the list; their ability had been seen and appreciated in the past; no better could be found in any Lodge. He would call on Bros. Longhurst and Chalfont to respond. The former brother, in acknowledging the compliment, said it was a great pleasure so see the Lodge in so flourishing a condition, and to see the present W.M. occupying the chair. He regretted not being able to be more frequently with them. Bro. Chalfont followed. He said Bro. Longhurst was the first Master, and now the Father of the Lodge. He hoped to see many junior Officers eventually occupy the chair. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Visitors. He had been honoured with a distinguished company; among them was one he would especially refer to,—Bro. Seager-Hunt S.W. of the Abbey Lodge. Brother Hunt is known and respected, and they could indeed feel it an honour his being present. He would associate with the toast the name of Bros. Andrews P.G.D. Berks and Bucks, Baker P.M., Woolley W.M. 15, S. Phillips P.M. 173, and Davie W.M. elect 173. Bro. Hunt said he felt a pleasure in rising to respond to the toast, although he thought another brother should have preceded him. It was essentially a pleasure to listen to our grand ritual when it was eloquently rendered, and this had been especially the case that evening. What the new Worshipful Master had already done showed he was likely to prove a credit to the Lodge, and to add lustre to its reputation. He trusted he might be present on a future occasion, when he felt assured what he prognosticated now would be fully realised. The other brethren whose names were mentioned also bore testimony to the ability that had been displayed by those who were entrusted with the government of the Lodge. Other toasts comprised the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, the Wardens and Officers. To each satisfactory response was made, and then the Tyler's toast concluded one of the most agreeable evenings ever passed in Freemasonry. The W.M. provided an artistic concert. Miss Meredith Elliot, Miss Minnie Laurie, and Nita Reba sang most exquisitely. Bros. Toy, Wickens, and Edgar also contributed to the harmony.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

THIS Lodge held its Installation meeting on Wednesday, the 5th of May, at the Fox and Hounds, Putney. There were present Bros. Whitley P.M. W.M., Pardoe S.W., Collick J.W., Robinson P.M. Secretary, Watkins Treasurer, Williams S.D., Strong J.D., Collings P.M. D.C., Stacey P.M. Organist, Wing acting I.G., Walkley Tyler, Boehr P.M. Visitors—Pardoe, Gryce, Smeed, Game, Jonseffe, Turner, Foan, Williams, Nightingale, Dunlop, Botibol, Cox, Wilkinson, and Heath. The business comprised the reading and confirmation of the minutes. Brother Stephens was raised. Bro. Pardoe was then installed as W.M.; the ceremony being ably conducted by Brother Whitley and a Board of nine Installed Masters. The newly appointed W.M. invested the following as Officers for the year:—Whitley I.P.M., Collick S.W., Williams J.W., Watkins Treas., Robinson P.M. Secretary, Strong S.D., Wing J.D., Collings P.M. D.C., Stacey P.M. Organist, Blunderfield S., Walkley P.M. Tyler. A ballot was next taken for Mr. William Windsor, who was duly initiated. The report of the Audit Committee was presented and confirmed. Hearty good wishes having been given, Lodge was closed in due form. At the banquet, which subsequently followed, the I.P.M., Brother Whitley, was presented with the Lodge jewel, and later on the Secretary, Brother Robinson, was presented with a gold watch, subscribed for by the brethren as a mark of esteem. The usual Masonic toasts were given and in due course a very pleasant afternoon and evening was brought to a close.

SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their installation on Tuesday, the 12th instant, at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Isaac Quincey W.M., who was supported by Henry W. Casperd S.W., R. A. Kingsbury J.W., M. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treas., Baron D. Barnett P.M. Sec., C. Ochse P.M., W. T. Lover P.M., W. H. G. Rudderforth P.M., B. Field S.D., John S. Miller J.D., S. Lancaster D.C., and Isaac Levy Steward. The minutes of the last regular meeting, and of a Lodge of emergency having been confirmed, Lodge was advanced and Bro. Godard was examined, entrusted and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. Casperd was next presented, as W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation, and in due course was placed in the chair of K.S., Bro. Lover P.M. performing the ceremony in a most gratifying manner. The new W.M. having been saluted appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Quincey I.P.M., Kingsbury S.W., B. Fuld J.W., Loewenstark P.M. Treas., Barnett P.M. Sec., Miller (S.C. 93) S.D., Lancaster J.D., Levy I.G., H. Moss Steward, and Oberdoerffer Tyler. A vote of thanks to the installing Master having been proposed and unanimously carried, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was presided over by the new W.M. At the conclusion of the repast and after grace the customary toasts were honoured. Speaking of Her Majesty the Queen, the W.M. referred to the kindly sympathy and interest shown by Her Majesty in all that concerned the welfare of her subjects. The longer she lived the more she showed her womanly sympathy, whether it was towards her soldiers, the upper classes, or the peasantry her sympathies were drawn, the same feelings were

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manifest and such sentiments expressed as could only be found in one of England's truest daughters. The toast having been honoured, was followed by that of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The Grand Master was one of whom all Englishmen might well be proud. If there was one thing more than another they liked to see in a man it was true British pluck, and that the Prince of Wales exhibited to the fullest extent. As ruler of the Craft he was beloved by every Mason, and as heir to the throne respected throughout the Empire. The toast of the Grand Officers of England followed from the chair, and then Brother Quincey proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. In brief terms Brother Quincey congratulated Bro. Casperd on his accession to the chair, and the Lodge on having elected so worthy a Mason to preside over its destinies for the coming year. He hoped the Lodge would be prosperous during the future, and that Brother Casperd might enjoy a pleasant term of office. The W.M. tendered his sincerest thanks. It was a very proud moment to him to stand in the position of Worshipful Master. He well remembered his admission to the Craft, how he had considered the ceremony of his initiation a most impressive one, how he had looked upon his raising as far grander, but the ceremony which he had gone through that night was even grander still. He took a great interest in Freemasonry, and now that he had been appointed to the high office of Worshipful Master should endeavour to do all that lay in his power to advance the interests of the Order, and more especially of the Samson Lodge. His aim would be to maintain the high standard which had been acquired by the Lodge, and to endeavour to advance it. He appealed to the Officers for their support and assistance, feeling assured that with their help the Lodge might become even a greater success in the future than it had been in the past. In conclusion, he again thanked the brethren, and hoped he should not prove unworthy of the grand and honourable position which had been conferred on him. The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of the Initiate, or rather of the brother who had that day been raised. This was the first opportunity that had arisen of proposing his health in the Lodge, and it was with delight the Master submitted the toast. Bro. Casperd remembered the remark of the Master on the night of his initiation; when proposing this toast he said he never wanted to initiate a man into Masonry whose legs he should be ashamed to see under his own table. That was perhaps a strange way of expressing the matter, but it was a principle which, if generally followed, would maintain the high standard of the Order. The brother whose health he had the pleasure of proposing was one of whose company they could never be ashamed. On the contrary, he was an acquisition to the Lodge and a member of whom they might well be proud. Bro. Godard returned his warmest thanks. He was very proud in having been admitted among them, and hoped to please every one by the way in which he acted as a Freemason. The toast of the Visitors followed. The Worshipful Master, in proposing it, specially referring to the attendance of the Masters of the other Jewish Lodges of London—Bros. Martin W.M. of the Joppa, Norden W.M. of the Israel, and Vallentin W.M. of the Montefiore. They regretted the absence of Bro. Boas, the W.M. of the Tranquillity, but he had written expressing his inability to attend. The Samson Lodge was strong in itself, but owed much to the support and encouragement of its sister Hebrew Lodges—the representatives of which were always welcome. The other Visitors they were equally gratified to see, and he hoped they had all enjoyed themselves. Bro. Vallentin was the first to respond. One of the greatest privileges which could fall to a Mason was to respond to the toast proposed in honour of the Visitors. They sometimes heard the festive board—as the fourth degree of Freemasonry—spoken of with contempt and in ridicule. He thought this fourth degree a really important adjunct of Freemasonry. It was at the festive board that the teachings of Freemasonry were practised and its principles advanced. It was there that the claims of the Charities were urged, and the large amounts collected with which they were enabled to carry on the work of which they were all so proud. Bro. Clark followed. He was second to none in his sense of pleasure and satisfaction at being present. It was always gratifying to see a brother installed into the chair of a Lodge, but more especially so when the brother so honoured had shown by past work his ability to perform the work likely to be required of him—such was the case with the new Master of the Salmon Lodge. He was sure he was but echoing the wish of every visitor when he hoped that Bro. Casperd might have a happy and prosperous term of office. Bro. Martin was very proud, as a Christian, to respond on behalf of the Joppa Lodge, one of the best known Hebrew Lodges in Freemasonry. It had taken him just over twenty years to reach the chair of that Lodge, but he was amply repaid for waiting in the honour which was attached to the post. Bros. Norden, Marsh, Williamson, Dorme, Fisk, and others responded. The Master proposed the toast of the Past Masters, and in connection with it had much pleasure in performing a duty which fell to his lot—that of presenting to Bro. Quincey the Past Master's jewel, voted by the Lodge, in recognition of his services during the past year. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented by
The members of the SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668,
To BRO. ISAAC QUINCEY P.M.,
As a mark of their respect and esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. May 12th 1885.

Bros. Loewenstark and Quincey having responded, the Worshipful Master submitted the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. Lover. The W.M. had felt especial pleasure in being installed into the chair by Bro. Lover, as he had been initiated by that brother years since in another Lodge. It must also have been a source of gratification to the members to listen to the ceremony—so well carried out as it had been that night. Bro. Lover briefly acknowledged the compliment. It had afforded him great pleasure to instal one of his former initiates. The toast of the Officers followed, and was ably responded to by Bro. Lancaster S.W. He sincerely hoped he should have the gratification of finding he had set an example worthy of being copied by his brethren. His desire would be to carry out his duties in such a way as to satisfy every member, and he hoped that at the end of his year of office as S.W. he might have gained such esteem as should place him at the head of the Lodge for the following term. The Tyler was next summoned and the proceedings brought to a conclusion. Among the Visitors were Bros. George Williamson 1178, J. G. Marsh P.M. 284, 192, &c., George Fisk S.D. 209, G. A. Dorme 35, W. S. Frith 1005, L. S. Martin W.M. 188, T. Clark 1178, N. P. Vallentin W.M. 1017, E. H. Norden W.M. 205, and F. C. Hatfield 1585.

SAXE-WEIMAR LODGE, No. 1903.

ON Wednesday, 6th inst., the Lodge was opened by the undermentioned Officers and brethren:—Bros. Cox W.M., Page P.G.S.D. I.P.M., Long S.W., Knowles J.W., Good Chaplain, Haldane P.M. acting Treasurer, Emanuel P.M. Secretary, Pike S.D., Nelder acting J.D., Knight D.C., Livesay I.G., Sylvester Organist, Johns P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Townsend P.M., Gieve P.M.; also Bros. Charpentier, Backler, F. Bevis, G. Bevis, Austin, Truscott, R.N., Giles, R.N., Ford, Davis, Dale, Crowder, Maybour, Long. The Visitors included Bros. Lind, Dempsey, Barden, Attrell, Cunningham, T.C., Hill, Naylor, Miles, Powell, Larkins, Loader, Holley, Cook, Brickwood, Thackara, Long, Gunnell, Dobbyn, R.N., Batchelor, Gieve, Wallingford, Westaway, Williams, Joliffe, and Jones. After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the Treasurer's account was read, showing a balance of £116 17s 7d. Bro. Townsend then installed Bro. Long as W.M. for the ensuing year, after which the W.M. appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. Cox I.P.M., Knowles, R.N., S.W., Pike J.W., Good Chaplain, Backler Treasurer, Emanuel P.M. Secretary, Livesay S.D., Maybour J.D., Gieve P.M. D. of C., Sylvester Organist, Charpentier I.G., Long and Ford Stewards, Mansell and Carter Tylers. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Townsend for the impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, after which the W.M. presented Bro. Cox with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, of 18-carat gold, bearing the following inscription:—

Presented by the members of the
PRINCE EDWARD OF SAXE-WEIMAR LODGE, No. 1903,
To Bro. W. LATHOM COX,
As a token of their sense of his Masonic attainments, genial character, and able conduct in presiding over them. 1884-85.

Bro. Cox, he remarked, had made himself beloved and respected by all the brethren, and he trusted he might live long to wear the jewel. In reply, Bro. Cox said that looking back on the past year he felt that he was not entitled to the esteem in which he was held, but he thanked them most heartily for that token of regard, and assured them that he would do all in his power to further the prosperity of the Lodge, which was very dear to him. Votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. Captain Haldane, who has acted as Treasurer since the death of Bro. Threadingham, and to the Auditors for their services. At the installation banquet, which followed, under the presidency of the W.M., the company numbered about sixty.

WOLSELEY LODGE, No. 1993.

THIS Lodge, which commenced its career about two years ago so hopefully, and with the determination to exclude all alcoholic beverages from its social board, held its second installation meeting in the Masonic Rooms, King-street, Manchester, on the 5th inst, when the really elegant Lodge room was filled with members and Visitors, amongst the latter being several Provincial Officers, the presence of Bro. William Knights I.P.M. of Lodge 570 I.C., 5th Dragoon Guards, in Masonic and Military full dress, lent an additional charm to the scene. The Lodge being duly opened by Bro. Hunt W.M., Bro. William Harris, the W.M. elect, who was initiated in Lodge Fortitude, No. 105, Plymouth, in 1873, was presented for installation by Bro. Edwards, the first Master of the Lodge, and duly installed into the Chair of King Solomon according to antient custom, Bro. Hunt performing the ceremony in the style for which he is held in such repute in this Province. The elaborate musical arrangements, which might advantageously be adopted by other and older Lodges, added greatly to the beauty of the ceremony. The newly-installed Master having been regularly proclaimed and saluted, invested his Officers, as follow: Bros. Thomason S.W., Beresford J.W., Iliff Treasurer, Hatton P.M. Secretary, Griffiths S.D., Brabner J.D., Rattray I.G., Darbyshire P.M. D.C., Farquharson Organist, Holyoak Asst. Organist; Crowther McCallum, Barton, Evans, Rose, and Wilcock Stewards; Sharp Tyler; Bro. Hunt W.M. delivering to each an appropriate charge. There is a fair prospect of the new W.M. having plenty of work during the year, two candidates being proposed for initiation and one for joining. Although the expenses connected with the formation and furnishing of this Lodge, and the charges for alteration of the premises have had to be defrayed—these have been heavy—the members have been able to subscribe to the local Masonic Charity, and to forward 20 guineas to the Girls' School during the past year, thus endeavouring to fulfil the desire of the Founders, that economical working would better enable the members to carry on the true functions of Freemasonry. After the Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the adjoining room, where a sumptuous repast, provided by Mr. Edwards, awaited them, and to which they did ample justice. The toast of the Queen, with the National Anthem, sung by Bro. Brabner the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family, with "God bless the Prince of Wales" from Bro. Walker W.M. 1052; the Grand Officers, with a flute fantasia from Bro Thomason S.W. The W.M. proposed the R.W. P.G.M. Bro. Starkie, and the rest of the P.G. Officers, to which Bro. Roberts

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P.P.G.D.C. responded, assuring the brethren of 1993 that the R.W. P.G.M. had the interests of Freemasonry, and particularly of the Lodges in East Lancashire, at heart, and that he, as well as all the Provincial Officers, would do whatever they could at any time to promote the welfare of such a promising Lodge as the Wolseley. Bro. Roberts concluded by regretting he had not visited the Lodge since its consecration, but assured the brethren that it had been his loss and misfortune—not his fault—and that he would make amends to himself and the Lodge by visiting them more frequently in the future. The toast of the Worshipful Master was next proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Hunt, in terms of high commendation. He said that the high standard assumed by Bro. Harris in the duties he had already performed was a guarantee that the honour and dignity of 1993 were secure in his hands, and that his reign would be marked by a steady progress. The unanimity of the election was an augury of the esteem in which he was held, and of the undivided and loyal support which all would accord to him during the ensuing year. The toast having been drank with enthusiasm unbounded, Bro. McCallum sang, with powerful effect, "Here's to *his* health," the chorus being repeated by sixty to seventy stentorian voices, each vieing with the other in honouring the universally popular Master. Bro. Harris rose to respond, and at length, silence being restored, said, in tones evidently heartfelt, and with his customary oratorical ability: Worshipful Bro. Hunt, Past Masters, Officers and Brethren,—I trust you will believe me when I say that the handsome, magnificent and altogether too flattering reception which you have been so graciously pleased to accord to the toast of my health renders it very difficult indeed for me to respond in any adequate measure. But high as the eulogium passed upon me undoubtedly has been, and great as is the position to which by your votes and confidence you have placed me, I can assure you, without any mental reservation, that they are not higher, nor greater, than my best wishes and aspirations are for the prosperity and success of the Wolseley Lodge. I am deeply sensible of, and highly appreciate, the great distinction you have conferred upon me, and no one can be more conscious than myself that, in your generosity, you have far too highly estimated my poor abilities; my principal apprehension now is that, in the performance of the great, important and onerous duties appertaining to the Mastership I may be found unequal to them. Still, however this may prove, you will give me credit for having at heart the promotion of the best interests of this important Lodge. I think you will agree with me that the position of Worshipful Master in any Lodge is not a bed of roses, nor does it occur to me that a strong, healthy and sane man wants very often to lie on such a bed, but there are times of difficulty, of query as to the right thing to do or the right way to go; but I sincerely trust—indeed, I feel sanguine—that, should difficulties, complexities or trials cross my path, even in my case they will not prove insuperable, because I am assured that I shall have the fraternal aid of the Past Masters of the Lodge. They will give me the benefit of their ripe experience, wisdom, counsel and judgment, to enable me to discharge aright the high functions of my exalted office. But, Brethren, having a vivid remembrance of the high example, calibre, ability, and Masonic culture of the two tried Craftsmen who have so ably preceded me, I think you will at once concede the point with me that humility rather than self-assertion and arrogance becomes one who has so very recently received such a high command into his hands. And the Officers of the Lodge—my Officers—of whom any Master might well be proud, will, I am convinced, do their utmost to keep the Wolseley craft sailing well before a favourable wind, and, if possible, in smooth waters. Let us all pledge ourselves to have a good time and a great record. Above all, let us neither cherish nor foster any piques, factions, or dissensions, but work amicably in the spirit of love, harmony, and charity; let us encourage each other in what is good and great; united under the mystic tie of the badge of innocence and the bond of friendship, seek to exemplify, in our lives, character and conduct, those great Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. For the high honour and the great compliment which you have paid me, and the very cordial reception of the toast, allow me once again to thank you most sincerely. The Past Masters, Installing Master, Officers, Visitors, and Charities followed, and were ably responded to by Bros. Thomason, Rattray, R. Walker W.M., J. C. Cornish, E. Barton, Beresford, &c. During the evening telegrams kept arriving from different parts, and many letters were received conveying expressions of congratulation to the W.M. and good wishes to the Lodge, amongst them being communications from Bros. Hughan, Browning, Jew, Twose, Westcott, Pengelly, Cawsey, Gifford, E. Pillar, Major Baldrey, W. J Stanbury, A. E. Leans. The brethren separated at a late hour, having enjoyed one of the most pleasant evenings possible, even for a Masonic assembly, and many a lovely bouquet was culled from the well-covered banquet board to gladden the hearts of Masons' wives and sweethearts. Truly this may be said to have been a red letter day for 1993.

HAMPSHIRE LODGE OF EMULATION, No. 1990.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, for the installation of the Worshipful Master and appointment of Officers, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, on Saturday, the 9th inst. The Lodge is composed only of Past Masters of the Order in different districts in the Province. The members present on Saturday were Bros. G. Felton Lancaster (the retiring W.M.), Loveland Loveland, Rastrick Provincial Grand Treasurer, Edmonds, Ellis, Newman, Barfield, Francis, Main, Dr. O'Connor, Brickwood, Williams, Gale, Giere, Beale, Cawte, and Holbrook. Among the Visitors were Bros. Le Feuvre Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Edgar Goble Provincial Grand Secretary, Jellicoe, Sharpe, Tilling, Wheeler, Pack, J. W. Giere, Willmott, Good, Bond, Dampier, Child, Nayler, Miles, Niven, Bowyer, Westaway, Arlidge. Bro. Hayman, the first W.M. of the Lodge, was elected an honorary member, and the proposed bye laws of the Benevolent Institution about to be established in connection with the Province were discussed. Bro. Loveland Loveland was installed W.M. for the year ensuing, the ceremony being skilfully conducted by Bro. Felton Lancaster. Bro. Loveland appointed his Officers, as follow: Bros. Rastrick S.W., Newman J.W., Rev. A. C. Hervey Chaplain, Edmonds Treasurer, Ellis Secretary, Barfield S.D., Green J.D., Francis D.C., Eve I.G., Beale and Brickwood Stewards, Carter Tyler. A banquet was served in the dining-room, and subsequently a smoking concert was held in the commodious smoking-room of the club. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured. Bros. Le Feuvre, Goble and Rastrick responded to the toast of the Provincial Officers, and Bro. Arlidge acknowledged the compliment paid to the Visitors. The concert was of a very enjoyable character, an excellent programme having been arranged by Mr. Lancaster. The flute solos by Mr. Arlidge were highly appreciated. It is not bestowing too much praise to say that Mr. Arlidge proved himself a complete master of the instrument, and the variations with which he favoured his listeners were executed with rare facility. Vocal contributions to the programme were given by Messrs. Lancaster, Jellicoe, Miles, Bowyer, Holbrook, Tilling, and Beale, and recitations were rendered in good style by Messrs. Westaway and Brickwood. The accompaniments were efficiently played by Mr. R. Sharpe.

ABBEY LODGE, No. 2030.

THE installation meeting of this new, flourishing, and rapidly increasing Lodge was held on the 11th instant, at the Town Hall, Westminster. There was a large assemblage of visitors, and a numerous attendance of the members. A special invitation to the W.M. and Officers of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, had been sent for them to return the visit paid by the Officers of this Lodge some time since. At the opening of the Lodge, in the unavoidable absence of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Burdett-Coutts, Bro. H. B. Spink P.M. commenced the proceedings, with Brothers Baker S.W., Bull P.M. 145 as J.W., Rogers P.M. Treasurer, Shand P.M. 1563 Secretary, Sugg P.M. S., Montague J.D., H. Baker I.G., Schartau Organist, Goffin Steward, Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain. Amongst the Visitors and others present were Bros. Sir Francis Burdett Provincial Grand Master Middlesex, Richardson P.G.D., A. M. Broadley P.G.D.G.M. Malta, Frederick Binckes P.G.S., J. D. Allcroft P.G.T., Venn P.G S., Cox 2034, Farwig 180, Taylor P.M. 144, Everett P.M. 177, Lee 1563, Linscott P.M. 795, Woolley W.M. 15, Hunt P.M. 194, Soper P.M. 1769, Thomas 1744, Catterson P.G.S.B. Surrey, Lovejoy 1475, Matthews 1766, Cooper 1693, Wallace W.M. 907, Smith 1563 Hayes 1423, Musson 1604, Cox 1653, Burt P.M. 18, Smyth 1238, Ryspon 1085, Potter P.M. 281, Langton P.M. 1321, Hampson 1766, Land P.M. 742, Waugh P.M. 1563, Corderv P.M., Jones W.M. 1563, Lee 1563, Elliott 1772, Graham P.M. 1777, Brindley P.M. 1604, Potter P.M. 281, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Storr W.M. 167, Woodman W.M. 1950, Newman 901, Wray P.M. 1257 and 1604, Asher 1395, Goldschmidt W.M. 1622, Unite 55, Whitaker P.M. 1572, Ray 1624, Moser 19, Newton 1704, Holland 141, Dickeson P.M. 179, Evans 172, Bott 1563, Paige 1572, Barker 1275, Wellard P.M. 1319, Chivers 1772, Vincent P.M. 1624, Smith 1474, Hemming 1287, Oakman P.M. 1853, Flatterley P.M. 1624, Powell W.M. 1185, Gardner 2012, Richards 1246, Bignold 1024, Carter P.M. 141, Bolton P.M. 1604, White 1604, Robins P.M. 25, Jerrard 582, Ashton 373, Hughes 179, Gibb 34, Greenwood jun. P.P.G. Sec. Surrey, Jones 511, Hudson P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, J. I. Cantle P.M. 1791, Docker P.M. 1687, Hoare W.M. 1765, Hammond P.M. 1563, I. G. Unite P.M. and Treas. 144, After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. J. A. Richards, Y. Todman, and Thomas Flory. These gentlemen, with Mr. G. A. Cookson (already balloted for), were initiated by Bro. Spink I.P.M., with his usual ability. Bros. Bridgeman, Hodges, Hellier and White were next raised. Bro. Manley 1618 was unanimously elected a joining member. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, Bros. Spink I.P.M. and Bro. T. Bull P.M. 145 occupying the Wardens chairs, and Bro. W. H. Baker S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and in the presence of 68 W.M.'s and P.M.'s was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. Burdett Coutts, who rendered the ceremony perfectly and impressively; he was listened to with rapt attention. Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. with his usual courtesy acted as D.C. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow: Bros. Burdett-Coutts I.P.M., Seager-Hunt S.W., Sugg P.M. J.W., Rogers P.M. Treasurer, Shand P.M. Secretary, Montague S.D., Baker J.D., Gibson P.M. I.G., Goffin D.C., Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, Duncan A.D.C., Schartau Organist, Piper and Wheeler Stewards, Walkley Tyler. A letter of apology was read from Sir Albert Woods (Garter). Bro. Hodges, who had been raised that evening, stated he would with great pleasure paint the portrait of the first W.M. Bro. Burdett-Coutts, speaking of Bro. Spink P.M., said that their first I.P.M. had rendered great service to the Lodge, and he thought it but just that the Lodge should present him with a jewel of a special design, in recognition of his valuable services. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Burdett-Coutts next stated that the Rev. Bro. Simpson on a former occasion had presented the Lodge with a very elegant album. The Lodge appreciated his valuable services; he now on behalf of the Lodge thanked their worthy Chaplain for his kindness. Three candidates were proposed for initiation, and the name of Bro. Burt, P.P.G.J.W. Dorset, was submitted as desiring to become a joining member. Hearty good wishes from the Visitors having been tendered, Lodge was closed until October. The brethren now, to the number of 170, sat down to a sumptuous and récherché banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, and superintended by Bro. Woods. The tables were beautifully decorated, while some magnificent flowers were presented to the Lodge by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, which were the theme of general admiration. Grace having been sung, the W.M. said he did not intend to occupy the

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time of the brethren with speeches, but those in Freemasonry all over the world receive with pleasure the toast of Her Majesty the Queen; he would couple with it Prosperity to the Craft. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was the next toast, and this was followed by the health of the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past. On this occasion the Abbey Lodge was honoured by the attendance of Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G. Master Middlesex, the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain, J. Derby Allcroft P.G. Treasurer, Frank Richardson P.G. Deacon; the latter brother had rendered most effective service, not only at the consecration of the Lodge, but on that evening. He (the W.M.) would have much pleasure in associating with the toast the name of Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Past Grand Warden. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, in responding, thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. In reference to the Immediate Past Master, he was sure all would agree he had set a bright example; he felt that all who were present had felt gratified to see how well the duties of the chair had been performed. The Lodge had now entered upon its second year of existence; it did so under very favourable auspices; the out-going Master had performed the ceremony of installing his successor most excellently; in fact he (Sir Francis) had never heard it done better, and moreover he could speak with pride of one who had striven so successfully to sustain and support the Order. He was also essentially gratified to mark the sustained interest that noble-minded lady the Baroness Burdett-Coutts took in the progress of the Abbey Lodge; this was evidenced by the display of the bright flowers she had forwarded from Holly Lodge. Long may she live to continue her good and noble works. On behalf of the Grand Officers whose names had been associated with his in connection with the toast, he tendered the brethren his sincere thanks. Bros. J. Derby Allcroft P.G. Treas. and Frank Richardson also responded. Bro. Burdett-Coutts I.P.M. had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. Bro. Baker, to whom the successful inauguration of the Lodge was mainly due. He was respected and esteemed by every member of the Lodge, as well as by those outside of it with whom he came in contact. So long as he had the management of the affairs of the Lodge there was little doubt of its prosperity. The toast was heartily received and acknowledged by the Worshipful Master. He would endeavour to fulfil the duties which appertained to his office to the satisfaction of them all. He hoped to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor in the chair, whose health he would now ask the brethren to drink. They had seen with what ability Bro. Burdett-Coutts had carried out the duties of the first Master of the Lodge. He had the greatest pride and pleasure in presenting to him the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge—it was richly deserved, in recognition of valuable services rendered. The words engraved on it were the true sentiments of the brethren. He hoped the Immediate Past Master would never wear it without thinking that the brethren had the remembrance of what his well-directed efforts had done for the benefit of the Lodge. Bro. Burdett-Coutts expressed the pleasure with which he had spoken to them when occupying the chair of the Lodge. Now, on leaving it to his successor, he had to thank them for the elegant jewel they had presented to him, and which he should wear with the greatest pride and pleasure. He hoped the good which had been done in the past would be continued in the future. The toast of the Initiates was next given. The Master hoped that the brethren who had just been received among them, and who came with such good introductions, would become a credit to the Order, and brethren of whom the Lodge might be proud. Bros. Richards and Todman responded in excellent speeches. The W.M. had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the Visitors, who were very strong in numbers, and called on two brethren to respond—the W.M. of the City of Westminster Lodge, Bro. Jones, and the W.M. of the Kent Lodge, No. 15. Those brethren spoke in brief but appropriate terms of the pleasure they had experienced in witnessing the excellent working of the ceremonies by the I.P.M. The genial presidency of the W.M., and the hospitality afforded them. The toast of the Masonic Charities was given, and the W.M. in advocating their claims said they were proud of the presence of Bro. F. Binckes P.G.S. Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He hoped the next Anniversary Festival of that Institution, in June, would be the most successful of the present year. Bro. Binckes responded in one of those eloquent speeches for which he is celebrated. Twenty years ago, he said, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts had honoured them with her presence, and had written to him a letter which he should ever prize. He was pleased to say that the I.P.M. had given his name as a Steward for the next Boys' Festival, which would be held under the presidency of the Marquis of Hartington. It was a source of pride to him to respond to this toast in the Abbey Lodge, which he was sure would become one of the bulwarks of the Order. The W.M. proposed the health of the Treasurer, Bro. Rogers, and the Secretary, Bro. Shand, speaking of their qualifications and their zeal to promote the prosperity of the Lodge. This toast having been responded to, the W.M. proposed that of the Wardens and Officers, regretting the absence of the Senior Warden Bro. F. Seager-Hunt. Those who know him know what an acquisition such a brother was to a Lodge. In his absence a good working brother, well known in the Order, Bro. T. Bull P.M. 145, had taken his place, and had filled the chair of Warden to their entire satisfaction. Similar praise might be given to the J.W. and other Officers. He had been pleased to appoint them, knowing that the duties would be in every respect conducted to their satisfaction. This toast having been responded to, the Tyler's was given and the brethren separated. Some good singing interspersed the several toasts, the following programme being rendered during the evening:—Grace "Deum Laudate," Dr. J. Smith; National Anthem, Dr. John Bull; "God bless the Prince of Wales," B. Richards, Bro. J. Ion Cantle; Part Song: "Summer Eve," Hatton; Song: "The Sands of Dee," Clay, Bro. Arthur Thompson; Song: The Raft," Pinsuti, Bro. Henry Baker; The Initiate's Song; Song: "The meeting of the waters," Moore, Bro. Arthur Thompson; Duet: "Excelsior," Balfe, Bros. A. Weston and Henry Baker; Song: "The Old Brigade," Barri, Bro. Thos. Nettleship; Part Song: "Good night, beloved," Hatton.

RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Station Hotel, Richmond, on Tuesday, 5th inst., when there present Bros. Blasby W.M., Nunn P.G.S.B. I.P.M., Digby S.W., Houghton S.D. as J.W., Reynolds Treasurer, Phillips Secretary, Dare S.D., Sapsworth as J.D., Marjason I.G., Crew Organist, and many other brethren, members of the Lodge. There were also present the following Visitors:—Bros. R.W. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. Prov. G.M. Middlesex, &c., Smales P.P.G.S. Warwickshire, Cook P.P.A.G.D.C. Herts, Wrigglesworth 975, Argyle P.M. 946, Smith 1768, Kent 211, Aldred 2002, Honig 1319, Garner 2602, Brown 145, Coorlander 975, Cox 780, Morley 1924, Fyson 1768, Custance 975, Harling 975, Grafton 1656, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and the W.M. raised Bros. Meers, James, Cook and Trinder to the degree of M.M., and passed Bro. Hester, working the ceremonies in his usual able manner. The W.M. then proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. Digby, S.W. of the Lode as W.M. for the ensuing year. This ceremony was most ably and impressively performed, and proved to the brethren present that the late Worshipful Master of the Lodge had spared no pains to make this, the last public act of his Mastership, as perfect and pleasing as all that had previously occurred during his year of office. The newly-installed Worshipful Master then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow: Bros. Phillips S.W., Houghton J.W., Reynolds Treasurer, Rowland Secretary, Dare S.D., Sapsworth J.D., Marjason I.G., Crew Organist, Ireland D.C., Maton and Mossum Stewards, Banks Tyler. The newly-installed Master, after receiving the hearty congratulations of the brethren, proceeded to initiate Messrs. Rainbow and Clifford into the mysteries of the Craft, in the performance of which ceremony he and the other Officers thoroughly upheld the character hitherto enjoyed by this Lodge for the excellence of its working. The Lodge then adjourned to a banquet, provided by host Bro. Munro, which was served in his usual satisfactory manner. The toasts, which were most ably given and enthusiastically received, were responded to by R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett Bart., and Bro. Nunn for the Grand Officers. Bro. Digby received the hearty congratulations of all present on his elevation to the post of Worshipful Master, and when responding, in a few well-chosen sentences, presented to Bro. Blasby a handsome jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the brethren. Thus was inaugurated the second year of this young, flourishing and most successful Lodge.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, the 8th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. Sperring W.M., Thomas S.W., Bailey J.W., F. Botley Secretary, Cammell S.D., Norton J.D., Monson I.G.; also Bros. Andrews, Sherrin, Turner, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the second. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Andrews, and Bro. Sherrin answered the questions leading to the third, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was closed to the first degree, when Bro. Botley, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the second section of the lecture. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Sperring on his occupying the chair for the first time. Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the members of the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, at the Highgate Lodge of Instruction, No. 1366, Boston Hotel, Junction-road, N., on Thursday evening, 21st May, at seven o'clock. Bro. Cundick P.M. 1421 P.Z. 933 will preside. Bros. Musto S.W., Verry J.W., Frost I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Da Costa, De Casseres, Loane, Verry, Watkinson, McDonald, Stewart. Second Lecture—Bros. Smith, Moss, Myers, Dale, Musto jun. Third Lecture—Bros. Musto, West, Richardson. Bro. Bundy 902 Secretary.

At the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, at the Lion Tavern, York Street, St. James' Square, on Tuesday, 19th May, commencing at 7 p.m. Bros. Heming J.D. 1287 W.M., Smith J.W. 1754 S.W., Thom 957 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Kirk, Barrow, Thom, Greenway, Farwig, Davies, Smith. Second Lecture—Bros. Solomon, Corby, Woods, Paul, Smith. Third Lecture—Bros. Holroyd, Brindley, Swan. Bros. Smith J.W. 1563 Preceptor, Kirkaldy S.W. 1321 Treasurer, Swan P.M. and Sec. 1321 Secretary.

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FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Steward, V. Patron),
Secretary of the Institution.

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8th May 1885.

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AT the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on Friday, 15th May 1885,

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D.

in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 24 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 42 Candidates, and 26 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 76 Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.

	Votes		Votes
Dearsley, Henry	2973	Whitham, Joseph	1530
Budden, James P.	2161	Ward, Francis William ...	1525
Andrews, John Speed ...	2023	Dawson, John Richard ...	1351
Dyer, George	1957	Moore, Richard	1239
Butcher, John Edward ...	1919	Hawkes, George E.	1233
*Barrow, Joseph	1814	Marsh, John G.	1199
*Woolrich, Henry	1814	Harrison, John P.	1162
*Fuhr, Heinrich Carl	1706	Brokenshar, Benjamin ...	1066
*Osbaldiston, John	1620	Crabb, Gershom	1015
Adkins, John	1596	†Field, Henry	729
Sigrist, J. Bernard	1581	†Ensell, George	718
Carter, John	1579	†Prattent, William	614

WIDOWS.

	Votes		Votes
Marsh, Georgina	2018	Newman, Charlotte	1662
Cooke, Elizabeth Catherine...	1949	Pickford, Priscilla	1652
Archer, Eleanor Hills ...	1918	Barras, Elizabeth Ann ...	1646
Turner, Margery	1851	Shilstone Caroline	1645
Thomson, Sarah	1835	Feaviour, Elizabeth	1641
Thomas, Margaret	1762	Esnouf, Anne	1620
Searle, Mary Maria	1762	Huntley, Henrietta Maria ...	1581
Bartley, Mary Anne	1760	Evans, Harriet...	1528
Bennett, Elizabeth	1719	Geary, Mary	1520
Goodwin, Caroline	1700	*Tribe, Jane	1450
Allen, Sarah Ann	1680	†Hunt, Caroline...	1446
Madeley, Harriet Matilda ...	1678	†Bellerby, Priscilla M. ...	1418
*Hobbs, Elizabeth	1673	†Watts, Clarissa Anne ...	1396

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.	
Allies, Frederick	500	Coulton, Elizabeth	1355
Harrison, William	441	Elliot, Isabella	1249

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. Northa and Hunts,
Secretary.

15th May 1885.

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

BRO. JOHN ADKINS begs to express his heartfelt thanks to the many friends who supported him with their votes at to-day's Election, whereby he was successful in securing the 10th position on the List of Successful Candidates at the declaration of the poll.

15th May 1885.

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons.

BRO. BERNARD SIGRIST returns his sincere thanks to the Brethren and others, Subscribers of the above Institution, who kindly polled their votes on his behalf at the Election this day, whereby he secured the 11th place on the list of successful candidates.

15th May 1885.

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	A	B	C	D	E
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.
Euston Station	12 1 p.m.	7 30	8 50	11 30	6 30
Broad Street	10 55 Night	6 45	8 20	10 55	—
Kensington (Addison Road)	12 0	7 25	8 42	11 12	—
Victoria (L. B. & S. C. Ry.)	10 30	7 5	8 22	10 20	—

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Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows of Freemasons.

MRS. JANE TRIBE, with those Brethren who undertook the conduct of her case, desire to express their sincere and heartfelt thanks for the aid they received from the Subscribers and Governors of this Institution, by which means Mrs. Tribe was returned 23rd on the List of Successful Candidates at to-day's election.

15th May 1885.

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A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge will be held at the Town Hall, Uxbridge, on Saturday, 6th June, at 3 p.m. precisely.

By command of the Prov. G. Master,

J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.M.

Provincial Grand Secretary (pro tem).

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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

THE Ninety-seventh Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School took place on Wednesday, 13th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Lodon, under the presidency of Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master Sussex, and proved a grand success. The Chairman was supported by upwards of two hundred and seventy Stewards, and the amounts realised exceeded fourteen thousand pounds, being considerably in excess of any total previously announced in connection with this Institution. The usual banquet was served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and at its conclusion the toasts were honoured. The Chairman proposed that of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, chief Patroness of the Institution. The toast, he said, was always drunk with the greatest enthusiasm among Masons. Long might Her Majesty live to reign over us, and long might we have the honour and privilege of drinking her health as the Patroness of Freemasonry. The next toast was His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Patron and President of the Institution; the Princess of Wales, Grand Patroness; and the other members of the Royal Family. The chairman was sure all had felt pleasure in reading of the welcome given to the Prince and Princess of Wales during their tour in Ireland; had rejoiced at the loyal reception accorded them, and were thankful they had returned in safety. He was sure all appreciated the exertions of the Grand Master; whatever he undertook he carried out with heart and soul. He seemed determined to do his best for Freemasonry. The toast of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master; the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past, followed, the Chairman curtailing his remarks as, he said, there was a great deal of good music to be heard in the Temple, to which every brother would like to give ear, especially as ladies were waiting there for them. The Grand Officers were well known and their efforts appreciated. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart, Prov. G.M. Middlesex responded. After such an enthusiastic reception as had been given to the toast he felt considerable difficulty in responding as he should like to do. The Grand Officers performed their duty in such a Masonic and thorough manner that the was sure every one had pleasure in drinking their health. Although anxious to follow the example of the Chairman and make the speeches short, he could not help saying how happy he was to be supported by a representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in the person of Bro. Dr. Galbraith, Grand Chaplain of Ireland. He had another duty to perform, to say something of the Chairman. Sir Walter Burrell had, at considerable inconvenience to himself, come up and attended the meeting that day. The brethren knew he had the interests of the Institution at heart as much as any other brother who was present. He had been to the Institution, had seen it, and had admired it—as every visitor must admire it—as one of the grandest Institutions of Freemasonry. Sir Walter Burrell was esteemed by the brethren of his own Province, and by all others beyond his Province who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He was one of those genial, kind-hearted brethren who, whenever they had the opportunity of doing any good or assisting any brother who could do any good for Masonry would be always quite ready to do it, supporting any good work that was to be done. He concluded by formally proposing the health of Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart, M.P., the Chairman of the day. In reply, Sir Walter Burrell thanked the brethren for the very cordial manner in which they had received him that evening. He was unacquainted with most of those present but was extremely gratified with the reception given him—it had taken him rather by surprise. He knew, however, that when any one did their duty as regarded Masonry, they were generally respected among Masons. He had endeavoured to do his duty, and if he had failed he hoped they would excuse his shortcomings. When he was first asked to give his consent to occupy the chair that evening he hesitated, because he thought he was not really sufficiently worthy; but when he was pressed by some of the brethren of his Province, and told that if he would consent to take the chair his Province would produce for the benefit of the Girls' School a sum of not less than £1,000, he felt he should not be doing his duty if he said no. He therefore consented, and then believed that when the lists were read out it would be found that, owing to the Sussex Stewards doing their very utmost in supporting him, the £1,000 had been considerably increased. His Province was neither large nor wealthy, and in addition it was a very inconvenient one for getting about. He would not weary the brethren with statistics, but would refer them to the papers that had been handed to them during the dinner. They would then be able to understand the working of the Masonic Institution for Girls. The tuition at the School was something marvellous. He recently visited the Institution, and was never so much struck in his life as he was on seeing the happy and healthy faces of the pupils, and the extraordinary manner in which their tuition had brought them forward. One thing in particular he noticed. There were six pianos, and two girls at each piano, playing at the same time, yet he could not catch one of them out a single note, they all played so beautifully together. Their drilling and gymnastic exercises was the most beautiful sight he had ever witnessed. He would prefer, as he had said on his visit to the School, to see those girls manœuvre as they did, rather than go to any opera or any other amusement. It was a satisfaction to

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Masons to know they were educating and maintaining something like two hundred and forty-two girls in the Institution, and that since the foundation of the Charity it had educated 1,389 girls. They were met to celebrate the Ninety-Seventh Anniversary of the Institution, an Anniversary which he hoped and trusted would be an honour to Masons, a credit to the School, and an encouragement to that excellent Mason and Secretary, Bro. Hedges; he knew that Bro. Hedges worked hard, and that the Stewards of Sussex had worked very hard; but what the result might be he could not at present tell, he did not actually know; but he did know they were all bent on the support of the School, which he hoped and trusted, with the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, might last for many hundreds of years, long after all now present had passed away and gone to their rest. He also trusted that in those days Masons would be able to support the Institution in the same manner, and even to a greater extent than the brethren of the present day were supporting it. He had simply to thank those present for the kind manner in which they had drunk his health, and to call upon them to honour the toast of "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," coupling with it the health of the Treasurer, Brother Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Past Grand Treasurer. Brother Horace B. Marshall returned thanks. He assured the subscribers to the Institution that the Board of Management were united in the earnestness of their desire to judiciously and wisely expend the funds which were so generously placed at their disposal, feeling sure they were carrying out the desires and intentions of the subscribers in determining to spare no effort, no careful personal supervision of the details of management, so that the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls should rank in the future, as it had done in the past, second to no Institution of a similar nature in the United Kingdom. The Board were amply rewarded for their labour of love by the practical sympathy of the Craft, and the continuance of the generous support that had hitherto been afforded to the Institution.

The Secretary (Bro. F. R. W. Hedges) then announced the totals of the various Stewards' lists (particulars of which, amended to the time of going to press) will be found elsewhere. Bro. S. Pope gave "The other Masonic Charities, and success to them, viz., The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." Very early in his Masonic education he had been taught that obedience and charity were the two cardinal Masonic virtues. He obeyed the call of the chair, and invited the brethren to wish success—equal success—to the other Charities. Charity was a noble virtue, but individual charity was powerless. Organisation of charity was essential to its utility. It must have touched the heart of every Freemason present to find that the affectionate attachment to his Province of the Chairman of the day had resulted in so magnificent a contribution to the funds of the Institution as had been announced from Sussex. The members of the Craft had already done what they could for the Girls' School, but must not forget that in a short time the Institution for Boys and the Benevolent Institution would equally claim their support and enthusiasm. He believed that as soon as he became entitled to investigate the proceedings of the Masonic Charities he was convinced that there were no Institutions throughout the length and breadth of the kingdom deserving better of the support of those who sympathised with their objects than the Masonic Institutions. The Craft, held together perhaps by a somewhat slender thread, yet binds together in one bond an amount of charity and good will which must make it permanent and respected. It is because the Institutions are administered with a due regard to the interests of those for whom they are established that it is possible to induce such liberal support as had been heard of that night. He hoped it might be his privilege to attend at the Festivals of the other Masonic Institutions, and to hear they had subscription lists as large, as enthusiastic, and as heartily given as that announced that night. Bro. Binckes was exceedingly pleased to have the opportunity of being present that evening to respond to the toast of the other Masonic Institutions, which had been so admirably, so energetically, and so warmly proposed by their distinguished brother, Samuel Pope. It was only one of the practices congenial to Freemasonry that while they were establishing or celebrating a success in one direction, they had the largest hearts in wishing success to others of a kindred nature. The ceremonies told us that while we were happy ourselves, one of the highest duties devolving on us—and one which was thoroughly realised—was to communicate happiness to others. With reference to the other Institutions, the Benevolent Festival was celebrated in February last, with an enormous amount of success. The Institution under whose auspices they were met that evening had had a glorious success. They all congratulated each one who was bound together in promoting this good work on the great achievements of these Institutions. He came before them as the representative of the neglected Institution—coming last, obliged to be content with the crumbs that fall from the table of the rich. Their enthusiastic friend, in proposing the toast, had asked them to do what they could to promote the success of the Boys' School. What had they done in the past—and he could look back on his career when the School was in its infancy—what had they done? Brought it up from 50 boys to something like 215, and in obedience to the call of the Craft they were then laying out something like £15,000 to accommodate some 50 sons of Freemasons. Were they going to allow sentiment to operate—whether on the part of the aged or the more attractive children the Girls—to militate against whatever success there should be of what he had called, and should continue to call, the cause of muscular Freemasonry? Were they to meet with something like the success which had been achieved by the Festivals of the other two Institutions? He did not hesitate to state that he was then labouring under an enormous amount of anxiety—justifiable anxiety; with a much smaller number of Stewards than they had yet had, he positively shook and quivered with anxiety as to what would be the result of the Festival. Was it a matter of joke, or was it serious? He told them it was serious; and, as they were insisting on the Institution enlarging its borders, so he must insist that they should their liberality. Congratulating those who were connected with the other Institutions on their success—the Benevolent Institution in February last and the Girls' that night—might he hope that his Festival, to be presided over by the Marquis of Hartington, Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire, should not only not be neglected, but should be supported as liberally as the other Institutions? He appreciated the kindness which his poor efforts had invariably received, and, while thanking them heartily for what they had done, he asked them to support him largely in his present efforts. Bro. Terry followed. After the exhaustive appeal of his colleague of the Boys' School, he desired, in a few words, to express his gratitude for the favours which had been conferred upon the Institution with which he was most intimately associated, and to congratulate the executive of the Girls School upon the splendid result achieved that evening. He thanked the brethren for the compliment they had paid him, and Brother Samuel Pope for the kindly way in which he had wished success to the Institutions. With the toast of the Stewards was coupled the name of Brother Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph G.S.W. of Sussex, the President of the Board. That brother felt very proud of being the President of the Stewards by whose exertions upwards of £14,000 had been raised for the Institution. Though his speech might not be one of eloquence he would tell the brethren something practical—the Stewards of Sussex were not satisfied with having brought up £1800, and therefore had had a "whip" that evening which had resulted in increasing their total to £2000. Having made these remarks he would conclude by saying he thought Sussex had done its duty that night. The Rev. Dr. Galbraith followed. He thanked the brethren very heartily for conferring the honour of response on him; but calling upon him to address a few words to such a distinguished company as he saw around him, and particularly that his humble name should be associated with the Stewards of the English Constitution; men whose duties had been performed—not this year only, but in former years—in such a manner that their praise had resounded, not only through their country, but through others, as he could testify. All he could regret was that in Ireland they had not established in their system such a body of men as these admirable Stewards, for he fairly believed that if they succeeded in doing so—and that night's experience encouraged him to hope that they could—they would greatly augment their resources in Ireland in practical and active benevolence. Benevolence, as the word was, merely meant to wish well; but to wish well required action to be worth anything. Benevolence might be shown in many ways, as Masons knew, but he did not know any more agreeable, any more amiable, any more noble way, in which they could display benevolence than in succouring the children of the Masons who had departed and left them dependent on the liberality of the living brethren. In Ireland certainly, they had a Masonic Girls' School, as some of the brethren who had travelled could testify. It was a very fine Institution, and though they had not in it as many girls as the English Institution had, it must be remembered that Masons were not so numerous a body in Ireland as they were in England. It had, nevertheless, sixty girls, or a quarter of what the English School had; the sixty girls were well maintained, and well educated; while the two principal teachers had been taken from the English School. Brother the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. proposed "The Ladies," coupling with the toast the name of Brother J. H. Matthews.

The brethren then repaired to the Temple, where the customary concert was given. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Brother T. Lawler jun., who was supported by Miss José Sherrington, Miss Jessie Royd, Miss Frances Hipwell, Miss Mary McClean, Bros. E. Dalzell, Sidney Tower, Robert Hilton, T. Lawler jun.; Miss Nettie Carpenter (Violin), and Brother F. Meen (Piano).

We append the List of contributions.

LONDON.

Lodge		£	s	d
G. Stewards	Br. A A Richards	44	2	0
1	Br. Major G C D'Albiac (see also Sussex, 1466)	15	15	0
2	Charles R Rivington	21	0	0
3	J Barber Glenn	46	0	0
4	Geo Weldon, M.D.	15	15	0
5	Hugh Wyatt	51	18	6
6	R E Johnston	21	0	0
8	Joseph Russell	16	5	0
10	T Weller-Poley	73	10	0
14	Edgar Figgess	11	11	0
19	W M Bywater	68	0	0
21	Robert C Grant	35	14	0
21	Alderman Savory	10	10	0
22 and 1679	Bro. E F Storr	43	1	0
26	Br. Daniel B Ledsam	15	15	0
28	Thomas Clark	29	8	0
29	C C Black	12	12	0
33	A C Tanqueray	36	15	0
34	Walter H Glazier	46	14	6
45	H Follett	32	0	6
55	Jubal Webb	80	6	6
58	F W Smith	157	10	0
65	James H Hawkins	100	0	0
73	Thomas Palmer	26	5	0
91	H M Bates	30	0	0
96	John G Langton	65	4	6
108	E B Holloway	24	3	0
140	J Dundas Grant	15	15	0
142	H A W Reeves	17	17	0
145	C A Woods	47	5	0
157	Walter Snodin	21	0	0
162	G V A Schofield	28	7	0
172	W H Harris	37	16	0
192	W Darnell	36	4	6
193	W A Cubitt	52	10	0
197	Charles Barry	80	16	0
198	Frederick Orchard	15	15	0
206	John L Anderson	74	0	6
212	Donald Glass	68	5	0
217	James Glanville	50	0	0
222	Edmund D Schuter	89	5	0
235	Emanuel Emanuel	10	10	0
255	H D Cama	5	5	0
256	Henry Greene	33	12	0
259	Edward T C Darell	44	2	0
263	Dr. C M Matthew	45	8	0
435	E J Jeffs	24	0	0
469	George Fulcher	87	18	6

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Lodge		£	s	d
715	E W Richardson	12	12	0
733	M C Joy	33	12	0
753	J J Thomas	38	17	0
766	Alfred Le Grand	42	0	0
822	Edwin Cland P Scott	39	18	0
861	Frederick Hallows	45	13	6
902	William Batty	43	1	0
917	F Lovell Keays	12	12	0
1076	John Dorton	203	3	0
1158	W Belchamber	57	15	0
1158	William Holloway	41	13	6
1185	Francis Knight	80	6	0
1201	George Moss	26	5	0
1260	Samuel H Baker	101	10	0
1320	J R Johnson	105	0	0
1321	W Barnes Fendick	57	15	0
1328	Frank Swain	55	13	0
1366	R W Galer	15	15	0
1366	Thomas Underwood	26	1	0
1383	Arthur C Mitchell	94	8	0
1491	George S Waterlow	23	2	0
1507	George E Edwards	65	6	0
1537	Robert George Clutton	97	13	0
1538	Thomas J Robertson	52	10	0
1563	T W Eastgate	38	0	0
1572	R E H Goffin	85	1	0
1610	Samuel Pope, Q.C.	120	15	0
1613	James Westerby	57	15	0
1622	S H Goldschmidt	31	10	0
1623	George H Stephens	50	0	0
1641	David D Mercer	57	15	0
1642	Mrs D P Cama, Br. D P Cama	288	15	0
1671	George Lewis	100	16	0
1677	R Cummings	60	0	0
1687	E L P Valeriani	36	15	0
1704	Charles A Doggett	52	10	0
1708	John P Hamilton	59	17	0
1719	Richard Sandell	38	19	6
1724	T Barrett-Lennard	32	11	0
1768	W Alfred Dawson	80	6	6
1820	Henri Bué	42	0	0
1839	J W Dewsnap	35	5	0
1839	William A Maloney	10	10	0
1891	F E Pocock, M.D.	33	12	0
1900	H J Capon, M.D.	74	11	0
Chapter 1900	Comp. F R W Hedges, G P Festa	95	11	0
Lodge 1996	George Wright	45	0	0
2029	Harry Tipper	57	12	0
Chapter 898	Comp. George Graveley	52	10	0
K.T. H.S. Preceptory, Sir Knight Dr. L. Powell		23	15	0

UNATTACHED.

	Edgar Bowyer	52	10	0
	Ralph Clutton	26	5	0
	Robert Grey	115	10	0
	Charles Hammerton	100	0	0
	H A Hunt	10	10	0
	E Letchworth	47	5	0
	P De Lande Long	36	15	0
	E C Mather	10	10	0
	J H Matthews	15	15	0
	James Moon	21	0	0
	Lt.-Col. James Peters	10	10	0
	Frank Richardson	110	5	0
	J L Mather	105	0	0
	W H Kempster, M.D.	10	10	0
	R T Fennell	26	5	0
	Asher Barfield	36	15	0
	J A Rucker	10	10	0
	Rev. A F A Woodford	10	10	0
	Horace B Marshall	105	0	0
	T Eccleston Gibb	10	10	0
	Robert Berridge	10	10	0
	W A Scarrab	40	0	0
	T W C Bush	101	0	0
	Ernest E Wendt	66	3	0
	George Mickley, M.B.	15	15	0
	W G Kentish	38	17	0
	J Stanley	47	5	0
	J S Howell	10	10	0
	Frederick Kent	10	10	0
	Thomas Edmonston	10	10	0
	H H Room	10	10	0

THE PROVINCES.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

209	Br. Arthur H Apted	31	10	0
414	M J Withers	12	12	0
414	Samuel Wheeler jun.	21	10	6
574	H S Hanington	12	1	6
771	R G Barton	42	3	9
1101	John H Hawkes	50	0	0
1410	John Chas Hipwell	42	0	0
1566	H Arrowsmith	22	2	6

CHESHIRE.

Lodge		£	s	d
89	John Clayton, W T Jackson	10	10	0
295	Thomas Lockett	47	5	0
537	Thomas Maples	10	10	0
721	William Hy Finchett	32	11	0

CORNWALL.

The Prov., Bro. Chas Truscott		210	0	0

DORSETSHIRE.

The Province, Bro. S R Baskett		96	12	0

ESSEX.

160	Br. W V Wilson	10	10	0
650	Richard Clowes	44	2	0
1437	Thomas Beeson	31	10	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

130	J Robertson	210	0	0
309	Rev. A C Hervey	30	7	0

HERTS.

Chapter 403	Comp Hy Chas Heard	26	5	0
Lodge 1479	Br. O R Ilott	16	0	0

KENT.

429 and 1209	Bro. J O Eve	128	2	0
829	Br. H Greener	70	7	0
1206	R J Emmerson	67	4	0
1223	R Dartnell	24	14	6
1414	Edward Martin	18	7	6
	Rev V S Vickers	18	7	6

EAST LANCASHIRE.

221	James Walker	10	10	0
268 and 1322	Bro. W. Newton	21	8	0
317	Br. W J Cunliffe	21	0	0
317	John W Edwards	10	10	0
317	James Wilson	10	10	0
1723	Dr. Alex Cosgrave	10	10	0
1723	Matthew Fielding	10	10	0
1993	J E Iliff	13	13	0
Various		105	0	0

WEST LANCASHIRE.

155 and 680	Bro. E Pierpoint	31	10	0
Chapter 730	Comp. T Forrester	15	15	0
Lodge 1473	Br. John Duncan jun.	26	5	0
1505	Robert Foote	10	10	0
1505	William Ganley	10	10	0
1675	F H W Walker	52	10	0

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The Province, Bro. Capt. J G F Richardson		405	0	0

MIDDLESEX.

Lodge				
778	Br. E W Stanton	110	5	0
1309	John Davies			
1309	Henry Woods	10	10	0
1326	J A Wilson	13	13	0
1326	Samuel Wheeler	11	0	0
1494	F B Archer	42	0	0
1691	Edward Chatfield	28	5	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

1429	Master Willie Watkins	61	8	6

NORFOLK.

213	Br. C W Bacon	200	0	0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

The Province, S G Gilbert		100	0	0
Lodge 47	Br. John Toplis	161	14	0

NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

Prov. & 1896	Rev Robert Jackson	68	5	0
Lodge 1336	Br. Charles K Benson	36	15	0
1849	John H Platt	21	0	0
	F R Spaull	49	2	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

840	John W Messenger	29	8	0
478	R F Baynes	12	12	0
1703	Stephen C Wakefield	10	10	0
	Rev. A R Pritchard	16	16	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

The Prov. & 261	Bro. F T Elworthy	246	4	0
446	Br. Major A T Perkins	53	11	0

SOUTH WALES (East Div.)

The Province, Bro. T Y Matthews		200	0	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

The Province, Bro. W H Bailey		189	0	0
	C Orton, M.D.	26	5	0

SUFFOLK.

The Province, Bro. J M Canova		200	11	0
Lodge 1224	Br. Henry C Pratt	100	0	0

SURREY.

370	James R Boor	52	10	0
889	Alfred Tisley	11	11	0
1046	C Moody	22	12	0
1046	G F Roumieu, M.A.	10	10	0
1638	William Lane	25	0	0
1892	James W Baldwin	26	5	0

SUSSEX.

38	Br. R G Raper	1850	0	0
40	W H Russell			
56	Thomas U Price			
271	Gerard Ford			
311	C Briscoe			
315	W Belcher			
315	W H Gibson			
315	Henry Beaumont			
341	William Dawes			
732	V P Freeman			
732	S R Legg			
732	E Histed			
732	W Nell			
732	B Bennett			
732	F Daniel			
811	Alfred Hallett			
851	H H Jordan			
916	J H C Coles			
1110	C Tomkinson			
1141	H Woodhams			
1184	The Very Rev E R Currie (Dean of Battle)			
1303	George Stone			
1465	S W D Williams			
1466	Lt-Gen. C W Randolph			
1466	Major G C D'Albiac (see also No. 1)			
1619	G D Woolgar			
1636	W R Wood jun.			
1726	W H Cunston			
1797	E Broadbridge			
1797	Joshua Fitch			
1821	John Sayers			
1829	John Harrison			
1842	T Trollope, M.D.			

WARWICKSHIRE.

1163	F C Taylor	74	11	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

377	Br. J W C Chadwick	21	0	0
377	A F Godson	47	5	0
377	G W Grosvenor	21	0	0

N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

The Province	Br. J S Cumberland, T B Whytehead, Maj. J Woodall Woodall	150	0	0
1010	Br. Col. R G Smith			

WEST YORKSHIRE.

Prov. Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter		558	0	0
139	Br. George Williams			
139	Arthur Davy			
296	Charles Harrison			
296	Robert Schott			
302	J R Armitage			
448	John T Simpson			
600	Carl E Höffer			
600	John Beanland			
600	John Robert Welsman			
600	Charles Crabtree			
974	Herbert A Foster			
974	John Ridley Oddy			
974	Francis Willey			
974	George Henry Renton			
974	John Ambler			
974	Wm Chas Lupton			
1019	Lodge Sincerity			
1221	Defence			
1239	Br John Parker Hewett			
1301	Lodge Brighouse			
1513	Br. Richard Carter			
1513	Thos W Embleton			
1513	Jno Nelson Millar			
1513	James Lowrance			
1736	Fredk Greenwood			
Sir H Edwards Presentation		1050	0	0
Total for West Yorks		£1608	0	0

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 16th 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. (Instruction)
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

MONDAY, 18th 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1159—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.)
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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.

M.M. 224—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
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
486—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—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

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
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. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 19th MAY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
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)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
869—Dalhousie Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
881—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (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)
1369—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, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
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)
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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
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, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, 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
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. 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. 764—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, 20th MAY.

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)
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
534—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—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, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1384—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
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-st., Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 1594—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Sucreditch

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
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Bursiem
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
1056—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Rochdale Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1361—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Normanlerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 149 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1614—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Orm-kirk
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

THURSDAY, 21st MAY.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.

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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)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
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
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden 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)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill

R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 743—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 765—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.
R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
R.A. 1471—North London, 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. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Buralem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
303—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
368—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
533—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
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)
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. 2s3—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingfen
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 22nd MAY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
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)
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)
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, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
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
1713—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 1066—Walton, Skelmersdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.C. 28—William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

SATURDAY, 23rd 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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2013—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sanai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1444—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greitheenh
1631—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1962—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

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"Bye-Laws of the Jamaica Masonic Library." Kingston, Jamaica: H. Clark Duncker, Printer, 117 Water-lane.

The example set by the city of Kingston might well be followed in this country, certainly in every large centre of Masonry. A few earnest brethren in Jamaica met together to consider if it was not possible to form a library in connection with the Province. They formed themselves into a body, and put forth that their object "is the diffusion of Masonic information with regard to the History, Principles and Practice of Freemasonry, in times past and present throughout the world, and to enable this to be done an Association is organised . . . to provide the means of accomplishing its object." The proposed scheme took at once. The Governors of the Jamaica Institute furnished the necessary accommodation, liberal brethren contributed books and MSS., Lodges in the Province subscribed, and in November last the bye-laws now before us were sanctioned. The Library is established, and a very excellent beginning has been made. The contributions of the members have been numerous, and with the books ordered from London, stores of knowledge are furnished to the members which cannot but prove both interesting and instructive. We congratulate our brethren of the Province of Jamaica; they have set an example to the Mother country which it will do well to follow. We trust that the management will be as comprehensive as the enterprise is bold and worthy, and that no narrow prejudice or mean parsimony will prevent the fugitive literature of the Craft from finding a place on the Library table. There are many excellent periodicals connected with Freemasonry, both in England and America, and amongst them the Freemason's Chronicle, which has a status of its own, and without which no Masonic Library can be said to be complete.

"Masonic Calendar for the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight." Southampton: "Hampshire Advertiser" Office. Printed by Henry King. 1885-6.

There is necessarily much that is common to all Masonic Calendars, features that cannot be dispensed with, and variety can only be obtained by a change of arrangement. The information in the Calendar before us is of the usual type, clearly arranged, but in addition there is a record of past officers in connection with the several bodies that exist in the Province. The value of the work as a reference book is, in consequence, very much enhanced to those more immediately concerned, and those who take an interest in the growth of the Craft cannot fail to welcome such a means as this Calendar offers for satisfying their curiosity and desire for knowledge. Hampshire appears to be a flourishing Province, and Masonry in its various branches grows and thrives there to a greater extent, comparing its size and population, than in any other county or combination of counties. All branches of the Craft find a home in the Province, including the Swedenborgian Rite, Esoteric Orders, and Cryptic Degrees. No doubt three such important places as Portsmouth, Southampton, and Aldershot, have done much to encourage the growth and development of the mystic Orders, but the same spirit seems to prevail throughout the county, and in that beautiful spot the Isle of Wight. It is right that the various bodies in those places should have a worthy record, and they have it in the Calendar before us.

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THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION—A YEAR'S WORK.

AFTER the urgent appeals on behalf of the Masonic Charitable Institutions which are made throughout the country day by day, and week by week, from year's end to year's end, it is but fair the Craft should occasionally be told the result of the solicitations which are so pertinaciously continued, and what has been done with the money subscribed. English Freemasons are doubtless accustomed to hear that the Charities of the Order are doing a good work, that they are dependent on the liberality of the Craft for their support, that the claims on their resources are heavy, and that generally there is much to do, and perhaps little to do it with; but how many of them are really conversant with the facts of the case; know to what extent the Institutions do rely on the sympathy of the brethren of England, or what would happen if the flow of subscriptions should be stopped, or even materially lessened? Of course there are some who have taken the trouble to think the matter out, but the majority have given little or no serious attention to the subject. They may perhaps have heard one of the Secretaries of the Institutions make an appeal on behalf of the cause with which they are associated, and which they are so ably qualified to plead for. They have been struck with the argumentative or persuasive eloquence of the speaker, and have there and then determined to do something in support of so deserving a cause; but on reflection they have perhaps been led to look upon the forcible language which at the time impressed them as but the natural utterance of a man whose sole aim is to awaken the spirit of benevolence in his hearers, or in other words that the address was nothing more than the introductory remarks of a good man of business, whose desire it was to secure support for the Institution he represented. There are doubtless many who look upon the appeals of the Secretaries in this light, and not a few who do not subscribe to the Institutions because of the change which takes place in their feelings. But if they do so withhold their donations they do an injustice to a worthy cause. No matter how the Secretaries may appeal; how they paint the horrors of old age and poverty, youth with blighted prospects, together with the utter helplessness of the Institutions to cope with the many calls which are made upon them, we do not think they can exaggerate the claims of the Charities, even if they can plead for them as forcibly as they deserve. Nothing that can be said as to the worthiness of our Institutions is too strong, and no language is too forcible to make use of when advocating their support.

The Annual Report of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was presented to the Governors and Subscribers at their annual meeting on Friday, the 15th instant,—taken in connection with the election of annuitants which took place the same day,—affords us ample material on which to prove the truth of our remarks. Before going fully into details of the case, however, we will attempt to defend our views by one observation:—The Benevolent Institution has at the present time three hundred and seventy-five annuitants on its funds, receiving among them thirteen thousand eight hundred and four pounds per annum in annuities alone. If this was all we had to show as the outcome of this Masonic Charity, of which we are so proud, we think we should yet have good reason to boast, but as is known to our readers it is but the work of one Institution out of three, and is a fair example of what is being done by each. Let us, however, look at the Report, as presented by the Committee; it may briefly be described as a continuous round of congratulation, and when we consider what has been done during the past year it may well be so. In the first case, there is reference to the Anniversary Festival, which was held on Wednesday, 25th February, under the presidency of Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire. Last year, we are told, the Committee pointed out, with reference to the Festival of the year, that the total raised (£14,665 13s) was the largest amount ever contributed on a similar occasion in aid of the funds of the Institution, and therefore we can imagine with what pleasure they have to announce—and with what pleasure the news has been received—that this year's total is upwards of three thousand pounds in excess of last year, the actual figures being £17,770 6s 2d. This is indeed a grand total, and reflects the greatest credit on the Chairman and the 352 brethren who constituted the Board of Stewards at the Festival of 1885. Well may the Committee say, "It is impossible the Craft could have furnished a grander illustration than this of the loyalty with which it fulfils its most solemn obligations," and that "it is at a loss for words to sufficiently express its gratitude to the Right Worshipful Chairman and those who laboured so zealously and so successfully in securing this splendid result." Not only is this the opinion of the Committee; it must also be the verdict of every brother associated with the Institution which has been so nobly supported. We are very pleased to see that the Committee have recognised how much of this success is due to the exertions of Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, and have shown the sincerity of their recognition by presenting to that brother the sum of one hundred guineas, "in recognition of his great exertions to secure the success, and of the additional heavy duties which will devolve upon him in the future." There may be—indeed we believe there are—brethren who question the policy of this expenditure, but we ask them to look at the result and answer for themselves the question—how much of the success was due to the exertions of Bro. Terry? We are convinced that a large proportion of it has been the result of his untiring exertions; and if even the £3000 which this year's Festival realised in excess of last year's is all that has come to the Institution in consequence of the special work he has imposed upon himself, and we should be inclined to say that even more is due to his persistent appeals—day and night be it remembered—no one would begrudge the special recognition he has been the recipient of. It is one thing to attend a Masonic meeting once in a way, on pleasure bent, but quite another—as we can testify—to go to two, three, four or even more each week with a set purpose in view, which really amounts to business. An ordinary member of a Lodge can refrain from attending a meeting if he may feel indisposed, if he have other calls on his time, or if indeed he may be inclined so to do, but this is not the case with brethren who have public duties to perform; they must accept and attend to every invitation they receive, no matter when or where the meeting is to be held, and sacrifice all personal calls for the good of the cause they champion. Is it then too much to specially reward them when they have made

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special efforts—efforts, too, which have had the most satisfactory results?

The next section of the Report deals with the number of annuitants on the Funds of the Institution, the number seeking admission to its benefits, and the vacancies which were available for them. After the Election of 1884 the Institution had upon its Funds 352 annuitants (170 men and 182 widows), of whom 21 (18 men and 3 widows) died during the twelve months to the day of election of 1885. For this year's contest there were 118 approved candidates, for whom the twenty-one vacancies caused by the death of former annuitants were the only natural ones open. The Committee, however, in face of so formidable a list of applicants, decided, at their meeting in February, to increase the number of vacancies, by placing three more men and ten more widows upon the Fund, and later on the Governors and Subscribers, at the Annual Meeting on the day of Election, declared vacancies for ten more widows, so that the number of annuitants was raised to 375—173 men and 202 widows—to which number it was that day increased and now stands. The amount required for these 375 annuitants is £13,384 per annum, in addition to which it must be borne in mind that a further annual sum of £420 will be needed to provide the half of late husbands' annuities assigned to 21 widows, and payable during the first three years of their widowhood. This very considerable increase in the number of annuitants will of course necessitate even more strenuous exertions in the future, as any falling off in income must naturally be followed by a corresponding decrease in the number of recipients; but such an event we trust it will never be our task to record.

There are several other items of interest in the Report, but inasmuch as we give it in full in another column, it is not necessary to refer to them here. We may, however, again congratulate the Committee on the pleasurable task they have had to perform, and express a hope that their future annual statements may always be as satisfactory.

Referring now to the statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Institution, we find that the totals for the year under all heads have been: Receipts £19,822 0s 4d, and Expenditure £16,168 6s 7d, showing a surplus of £3,653 13s 9d, of which latter sum £2,077 10s has been expended in the purchase of Government Stock, the total The year's work, therefore, has resulted in an increase in the funded property of the Institution, at a cost of upwards of two thousand pounds, and an increase of £1,576 3s 9d in balances carried forward, in addition to the payment of the annuities and the current expenses of the twelve months. The Male Fund started the year (reckoned from 1st April 1884) with a balance of £3,445 12s 9d, and received, during the term under notice, a total of £8,397 19s 7d. Of the receipts, £2,017 10s 8d comes under the head of permanent income, comprising annual grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter £900, and dividends on Stock in Government Funds £1,117 10s 8d. The balance of £6,380 8s 11d is made up of special grants from Grand Chapter, donations from Lodges, Chapters and individuals, annual subscriptions, legacies, and sundries. The expenditure during the same term was £8,254 4s 5d (exclusive of the amount spent in the purchase of stock), and may be divided under three heads, as follows: annuities £6,700, expenses in connection with the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon (medicine, warden, pension to late gardener, gardener's salary, rates and taxes, entertainment of Stewards and annuitants, rent of field, &c.) £227 18s 5d, and expenses of management, postages, election, salaries, commission, &c. £1,326 6s. The Female Fund had a balance brought forward at the commencement of the year of £3,981 3s, and received £11,394 15s 9d during the twelve months. In this case the receipts under the head of permanent income amounted to £1,575 10s 4d, made up of grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter £850, and dividends on stock in Government Funds £725 10s 4d; while the donations from Lodges, Chapters, special grant from Grand Chapter, and individuals, annual subscriptions, legacy, &c. total up to £9,819 5s 5d. The disbursements (exclusive of the sum invested) amounted to £7,909 18s 2d, and, divided as in the case of the Male Fund, shows the following totals: annuities £6,297, expenses in connection with the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon £243 18s 8d, and expenses of management, &c. £1,368 19s 6d. The sustentation of Building Fund had a balance on 31st of March 1884 of £73 6s 7d, received during the year £29 5s (from dividends on stock in Government Funds), and expended £4 4s on repairs, so that it stood £21 5s better off at the end of the year than at the commencement. Summarising the totals of the three funds we have the following as the statement of the year: Balances brought forward £7,500 2s 4d, Receipts £19,822 0s 4d (£3,622 6s on Permanent income account, and £16,199 14s 4d donations, &c.), expenditure £16,168 6s 7d, Purchase of Stock £2,077 10s, and balances carried forward £9,076 6s 1d. The expenditure summarised under the three heads given above totals up as follows: Annuities £12,997, Expenses at Croydon £476 1s 1d, and Expenses of Management, &c., £2,695 5s 6d. This latter item is one which brethren are sometimes heard to refer to as being very heavy: but a brief examination of it will, we think, go far to correct this opinion, or at all events to considerably modify it. The totals for the year show an expenditure of £2,695 5s 6d, under what we have termed expenses of management, &c.; but this title is somewhat misleading, as the details of the several items comprised in it will prove. No less a sum than £1,313 10s 9d has to be deducted under the head of Postages, &c., including expenses of election (£472 1s); Stationery, Printing, &c. (£356 0s 4d); Provincial, &c. Expenses (£132 8s); Repairs, Painting, &c., and goods supplied (£119 8s 6d); Rent of Office and hire of Hall for election (£95 5s); Advertisements (£47 13s 9d); Votes of thanks to Stewards (£42 12s 6d); Messenger and Petty Expenses (£48 1s 8d). This leaves us a total of £1,381 14s 9d expended in management expenses proper, and even of this sum £496 6s 9d has to be deducted as the amount of the Collector's commission (£488 16s 9d), and premium on his guarantee policy (£7 10s), giving a final balance of £885 8s, as the expenses entailed in the Secretarial and Clerical duties necessary in connection with the receipt and expenditure of close on twenty thousand pounds. We do not think those who complain of this so-called extravagance can have given any attention to the subject; they have known that a large amount was being annually expended on matters outside actual annuities, without taking into consideration that a very large portion of this outside expenditure was represented by postages, printing, stationery, rent, &c., or they would never have imagined that the management of the Institution was an expensive one. The actual cost—exclusive of collector's commission, which we consider should be considered separately from management expenses—is less than four and a half per cent on the total raised! If we may judge of the value of services by the result which follows, and of the cost of management in comparison with what it realises, we may hold up the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as a pattern of excellence, rather than, as some would have us believe, an expensive and extravagantly managed Institution.

In conclusion, a few words as to this year's election. We have already seen that there were forty-four vacancies to be filled, and one hundred and eighteen approved candidates to compete for them. Of this latter number 5 died previous to the contest, so there were 113 left to go to the poll. Of these, forty-four were elected as immediate annuitants, six as deferred annuitants, and the remainder were sent away unsuccessful;—with the exception of the four (two male and two female) highest on the poll, who are entitled to receive the sums of money granted by the Committee of the John Hervey Fund. We offer our congratulations with those of the two former classes, and our sympathy with those of the latter. All we can hope for them is, that they may be more fortunate next year, when we trust it may be possible to give as gratifying a record as this has been of the year's work of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Last week we published the names of the successful candidates, with the number of votes polled; in another part of this issue we publish a list of the unsuccessful, with the number of votes standing to their credit, all of which will, as usual, be carried forward for their benefit next year.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As Spring advances a most favourable opportunity offers for rectifying irregularities, removing impurities, and erasing blemishes, which have arisen from the presence of matters forbad by winter from being transpired through the pores. This searching Ointment, well rubbed upon the skin, penetrates to the deeply-seated organs, upon which it exerts a most wholesome and beneficial influence. Well nigh all the indigestions give way to this simple treatment, aided by purifying and aperitive doses of Holloway's Pills, round each box of which plain "instructions" are folded. Bilious disorders, loss of appetite, fullness after eating, lassitude, gout and rheumatism may be effectually checked in their painful progress, and the seeds of long suffering eradicated by these remedies.

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THE THEATRES.

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Princess's.—The present brief but most successful run of the "Silver King" closed on Wednesday, when a crowded and enthusiastic audience gave the occasion almost the excitement of a "première." Mr. Wilson Barrett, Mr. Willard, and Miss Eastlake were recalled after each act, and when the curtain finally fell the manager was thrice summoned. As the audience would not depart without a speech, Mr. Wilson Barrett modestly thanked them for the reception given to the "Silver King," and announced the re-appearance of another old friend on Saturday. We trust ere long Mr. Barrett will present us with another Shakespearian revival. Personally we feel so classic an actor is unwise if he buries himself too much in the slums of "Horrible London."

Toole's.—The comic muse of King William-street, with sprightly impertinence, has seized upon the prevalent Japanomania, and offers us his delightfully preposterous "Japananza." Here Bro. J. Toole, as the "Great Tay-Kin," is almost unrecognisable when, like the dawn in Eastern "mantle clad," he appears in the gorgeous costume of old Japan. This merry little skit was written before the Japanese village met with such sudden disaster, but though the shops, the lanterns, the flags, the inhabitants with shaven heads, queer wooden clogs, foliated garments, with features and complexions to match, are introduced as matter for laughter, the laughter is of the kindliest sort. Mr. Toole is once more a henpecked spouse; he is indulging in the meekest little flirtation at the Village, whilst the villagers with native simplicity dance and sing with excruciating realism. To escape his angry wife, he assumes the dress of a native conjuror, and is under the necessity of dissembling his incapacity. But he is happily helped out of his difficulty by the charming native lady, Miss Osaker, who delighted every one with her pretty rendering of some capital palming and pass-pass tricks. There is a very clever duet in the true Gilbertian vein, introduced in praise of the great Tay-Kin family, with its cheap wines and cheap science, its poker for travellers, copper mines, co-operative companies, invention shows, with unlimited flirtation privileges, and all the newest productions of the gifted fraternity. The song is nightly encored, whilst a duet between Mr. Toole and Mr. Ward is equally fetching. Every one engaged entered with zest into the fun; especially amusing were Mr. Cheesman, Mr. Shelton, and Miss Emily Thorne. We must not omit to mention delightful Netty Grey, the three-year-old jap baby.

Mr. William Bull's Orchid Exhibition. — A short journey on the Metropolitan Railway and fifteen minutes in a Chelsea omnibus and we reach the enchanted palace of the queen of flowers, Orchidis—so devotedly served by her devoted liegeman William Bull. At Mr. Bull's nursery, 136 Queen's-road, Chelsea, we pass through a greenhouse where tall tree ferns spread their fans in happy disregard of London smoke, thence through a second door and we are amidst the loveliest, most brilliant and most fantastic wonders, whose forbears make the glory of the forests of Mexico, Peru, Ceylon, Java or the Indies. All colours that are fair, save blue—is it not strange that the hue of heaven should be denied these children of the air? There are multiform varieties of the slipper orchid, so quaintly graceful, but with its death-trap for prying insects. The saffron-toned octopus bloom, with its long groping arms. That merry conceit of a flower the bird on a rock, a loving mimicry. The graceful cluster of the cymbidium, with its delicate peach lines touched with deep red. The graceful calanthi, which condescends to grow on the earth. The pure white orchid from Borneo, the butterfly spreading its petal wings and waving its delicate stamen antennæ. A hundred varieties, all beautiful and all growing with luxuriance; one might imagine the scene a dream of the far East. Mr. Bull shows us some that will grow in an unwarmed conservatory, while there are many that can be purchased for a few shillings. Here is to be seen the divine Chelsiniensis, of which Mr. Bull asserts that he possesses the only plant that has ever bloomed in Europe. We advise those of our readers who may be depressed by the assertive character of the north winds to invoke Mr. Bull's kindly aid, we can assure them he can introduce them to a paradise of perennial bloom.

The Oxford.—Those who, like ourselves, find enjoyment in an abundant and refined entertainment can scarcely hope to secure any more congenial means of passing an evening than at this pre-eminently successful music-hall. By the exercise of that tact in management and judicious selection of *materiel* for which he has become proverbial, Bro. J. H. Jennings has made the Oxford par excellence the resort of those who admire talent in this particular line, and who love gay and sparkling humour as distinguished from boisterous buffoonery. On the occasion of our visit, after the usual prefatory incidents, we watched with interest the spirited and clever exploits of the Avolo Boys, "pine-stick marvels and musical wonders," whose performances justly entitle them to their self-assumed appellation. Then came the American speciality artistes, Rowe and Athol, who were well received, but one of the most notable features of the entertainment was the astounding pantomimic act of the Boisset Troupe, whose evolutions on the stage were of the most marvellous and interesting character. The troupe, six in number, were made up after the most picturesque fashion, French in every characteristic, and their "knock-about" work was of a novel and, to our thinking, hazardous character, for shoulders, shins, and other excrescences of the human frame. They received assistance from some cleverly contrived properties, in the shape of a cabinet, pianoforte, and other appliances. The musical ability of the troupe is also of a high order, and when the audience perceived that their instruments were capable of receiving the bodies of the performers, who dived or were literally thrown into them, their wonder may be better imagined than described. We think Bro. Jennings has done wisely in retaining the services of this truly clever troupe for the Whitsuntide entertainments, and we cordially recommend all who are in want of a thoroughly enjoyable means of amusement and relaxation to pay a visit to the Oxford. The tariff has recently been revised, and refreshments are now purveyed at the ordinary out-door prices, so that the public need not fear the tax which is often found at places of amusement, and of which complaint is so justly made. To those of our friends who are total abstainers it will be gratifying to know that a cup of tea, coffee, or chocolate, "eminently drinkable," can be obtained at the modest charge of threepence.

Alhambra.—Those of our readers who delight in ballets and a strong variety company should pay the Alhambra a visit. The Swans and Melusine ballets, with Mdlle Sampietro and Mdlle Palladino respectively as premières, give a chance of seeing some graceful dancing. Miss Vesta Tilley and Miss Jenny Hill are clever, though the songs of the latter lack refinement. Pierce and Monaghan sing and dance well; while Dutch Daly proves himself a master of the instrument he introduces. Mons. Trewey, performs some clever juggling tricks, while his balancing is exceptionally good. The Chiesi troupe go through some extraordinary acrobatic feats, while the hat throwing and catching of the men is effected with marvellous accuracy. Charles Coborn received the usual reception given to those artists who lay themselves out for political songs. In conclusion the band, which is under the direction of M. Jacobi, during the evening plays several popular selections in an admirable manner.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES, 1885 ELECTION.

MALES.

No. on List.		Forward.	Polled.	Total.
6	Allies, Frederick	15	485	500
3	Harrison, William	137	304	441
7	Robinson, John	2	267	269
41	Hackforth, Henry		257	257
4	Harper, Francis	40	201	241
10	Nichol, Robert	94	—	94
2	Sarl, Charles	39	36	75
40	Rowe, John		53	53
16	McLean, William John		50	50
13	Nixon, William		37	37
8	Leigh, Charles	8	12	20
35	Fry, Robert Henry		15	15
26	Hogg, Henry Leggott		9	9
5	Musham, John	6	2	8

FEMALES.

31	Coulton, Elizabeth	421	934	1355
1	Elliott, Isabella	1014	235	1249
11	Ramsey, Phœbe Ann	950	297	1247
9	Hill, Elizabeth	713	523	1236
22	Leaver, Jane	664	554	1218
64	Shayes, Helen		874	874
49	Owen, Cordelia		869	869
20	Townsend, Jane Mary	353	318	671
55	Shury, Maria		589	589
63	Death, Matilda Eleanor		538	538
3	Rowell, Margaret	411	30	441
54	Taylor, Mary A.		409	409
7	Pelton, Mary	264	102	366
40	Barnet, Elizabeth	83	272	355
16	Timms, Susan	291	14	305
30	Dann, Elizabeth Caroline	209	81	290
75	Andrew, Harriett		257	257
24	Cooley, Elizabeth L.	181	44	225
47	Tunstall, Ann	15	201	216
51	Coles, Emma		216	216
18	Heppel, Mary	137	35	172
70	Wardale, Rachel		135	135
71	Burrell, Elizabeth		98	98
46	Mannington, Elizabeth A.	34	60	94
62	Haskins, Emily E.		75	75
17	Lovelock, Louisa	61	4	65
4	Maddick, Jane	16	47	63
35	Jackson, Elizabeth R.	15	39	54
52	Bennett, Mary Ann		41	41
43	Percy, Mary	14	26	40
37	Babbage, Mary Ann C.	—	34	34
41	Ford, Mary Ann	2	31	33
57	Vile, Maria		31	31
25	Scott, Laura Kezia Simmons	19	11	30
28	Redman, Mary	16	12	28
69	Buss, Sarah		22	22
12	Parker, Annie	6	14	20
6	Copeland, Charlotte	17	—	17
8	Rigarlsford, Sarah	11	5	16
72	Baker, Ann E.		15	15
74	Weston, Julia		13	13
21	Greenwood, Helen	4	4	8
23	Cook, Elizabeth Ann	4	4	8
50	White, Mary		6	6
58	Lloyd, Annie		2	2
29	Salisbury, Jane	—	1	1
66	Knott, Jane V.		1	1
67	Oates, Elizabeth		—	—
68	Hartley, Isabella		—	—
73	Chapman, Charlotte		—	—

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PARSIS AND FIRE WORSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In looking over the *British Critic* for the half year ending December 1803, I notice a review of "Letters upon the Atlantis of Plato, and the Ancient History of Asia," by M. Bailly. The author fixes upon "the bleak and frozen regions of Siberia," as "the primitive seat of science, the abode of the first race of men, the famed Atlantides, who descending in latter ages from the overflowing plains of Scythia, and down the steeps of Caucasus, brought with them into Southern Asia the rudiments of the arts and sciences, and the worship of the sun and fire, which, he asserts, could only have originated in a climate, and in the cheerless empire of polar darkness." So writes the reviewer. M. Bailly was a Frenchman of great reputation as an astronomer, and it is said of him that he achieved notoriety not only for the views he held on the above subject, but also for his ingratitude. He is accused of having received a private pension from the King, and of having insulted and betrayed him. Whatever may have been the truth in this matter, M. Bailly gained favour with the revolutionary party, but the connection proved his Nemesis. He advanced too far for his reputation, but not far enough for his new friends, and from patriot to traitor was but a short step. He was guillotined in 1793. Like Voltaire, whom he so much admired and flattered, he was the enemy of all religion, and his views relating thereto must be received with caution, if not with grave suspicion.

M. Bailly's hostility to religion warped his judgment, and it may be influenced his estimation and statements of facts. Therefore the following must be taken with the limitations I have mentioned. He says the Persian nation, "in point of antiquity is at least equal to the Chinese." Popular opinion assigns to the latter nation a fabulous age, but if M. Bailly is to be relied upon the origin of the Chinese empire can be held within the grasp of time. He adds that the Persian empire and the foundation of Persepolis ascend to "three thousand two hundred and nine years before Jesus Christ." Whatever may be the value of this estimate, there can be no doubt of the antiquity of Persia, a claim urged by the author of the history of the Parsis, and confirmed by others well able to judge. With equal confidence M. Bailly says the Persians were "worshippers of the fire of the sun." Here he parts company with Dosabhai Framji Karaka, and falls into what appears to be a common error. That some Persians might have confounded substance with symbol, a physical fact with a spiritual type, as did the Egyptians of old, and as many do now, is quite possible, but the question arises—did the Persians really worship fire and the sun as material entities? M. Bailly assumes that they did, apparently upon the authority of tradition, and not upon facts duly weighed. There is good evidence against his assumption, for the learned Thos. Hyde, D.D., a century before M. Bailly's time, very clearly describes the theory of fire and sun worship. The reviewer in the *Critic*, on the authority of Dr. Hyde, says, that the Persians "paid not their worship to the simple element of fire, but adored it as the symbol of the Supreme Being, who pervades, animates and cherishes the universe. The sun was still a brighter symbol, and still purer image, the august temple in which the Deity was thought to have placed his throne, and was honoured with most fervent devotion, but still as a secondary object."

In "the Pillar of Fire: or Israel in Bondage," by the Rev. J. H. Ingraham, LL.D., one of the principal characters is made to say "This meaning . . . removes . . . the impression . . . that you and the queen and your whole court [Egyptian] worshipped the sun as the Persic and Parthian natives do." The following is put into the mouth of another important character: "We are not idolators like the Persian and Barbara Kings." These statements, coming from such a source, are rather staggering. While viewing with suspicion the authority of M. Bailly, that of Dr. Ingraham on the other hand claims respect. I do not pretend to decide between the rival statements, I quote them to show that the belief in the idolatry of the Persians is wide-spread, and is not confined to the uneducated. The Parsis of India seem particularly jealous of their religion, as is shown by the work of their latest historian. The idea of idolatry is repugnant to them, and yet it confronts them in the estimation of many at least who would not wilfully misinterpret their views, and who are entitled to speak with authority. The difficulty is for experts to settle, my part in the matter ends with calling attention to a very serious divergence of opinion. Whatever may have been the practice of the ancient Persians, I do not think it can be maintained that their descendants—the Parsis of India—worship either fire or the sun, or that they are open in any sense to the charge of idolatry.

I am, Sir,

Yours fraternally,

YOUR REVIEWER.

WHICH IS RIGHT?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You know Pope's query,—"When doctors disagree, who shall decide?" "W.M.," who wrote to you three weeks ago, and to your contemporary a fortnight since, is evidently between two stools. His question is a simple and natural one. Notice of motion for the exclusion of a brother had been given, and as Master of the Lodge he wished to know whether he should be acting Masonically and within the rules of the Constitutions and Civil law if he placed the name of the threatened brother on the Lodge summons, especially as the accused had written protesting against such action. As a key-note to "W.M.'s" sentiments, which were creditable to him, it may be mentioned that he asked also whether it would not be wiser to treat the case in the same manner as that of a brother in arrears.

Your answer is,—and it is worth repeating,—"No good purpose can follow the publication of the name in such a case; in addition, we are of opinion that an action for libel might stand."

Your contemporary says that not only would it be in accordance with Masonic authority "to give the name of the brother proposed to be excluded," but "that it constitutes no libel to do so. Such also appears to have been the opinion of Bro. Mr. Justice Field in a well-known case." I must plead ignorance of the "well-known case." Were I conversant with it, perhaps I might find that it was not on all fours with the case "W.M." mentions. Putting aside the question of precedent—for at present it is an unknown quantity in the argument—I propose to deal with the matter from a common sense view. First of all it is doubtful whether your contemporary has not volunteered its authority—that is, has inserted a letter from your issue of the previous week for the sake of airing its knowledge and of playing the scarcely friendly part of censor upon yourself. That this view is not altogether without warrant may be seen by an advertisement of the candidate for assistance from a Benevolent Institution. The election took place on 1st May, and it is stated in the advertisement that it would take place on that day, and yet the advertisement is repeated on the 9th. It is a clear case of copying, and not of order. The advertisement I refer to is that of a candidate for the Governesses' Benevolent Annuity Fund. I know of one or two cases in which you have inserted charitable advertisements gratuitously, when you have felt there were special claims, and I should not be surprised to hear that you had been solicited to assist in this instance. If that be so, it is rather singular that your contemporary should wait a fortnight before complying with a similar request, presuming, of course, such request to have been made. I am strengthened in this view by observing that in your contemporary's issue of the 16th inst. not only is this same advertisement repeated, but there is another one referring to the anniversary of the Ragged School Union, which actually took place on the 11th inst. I pass by other advertisements which have appeared from time to time, because your contemporary although dated Saturday is published on Friday morning, so that announcements referring to matters to take place on that day cannot fairly be claimed as anachronisms. The other cases I refer to are stupid blunders. They imply that what we in the country call "bucks" are largely used by your contemporary. There are other advertisements and matters of a suspicious character which indicate to me some of the tricks of the trade. And while I am in the censorious mood, I may as well say that I hold the editor responsible for the proper reading of his own matter at least. Your contemporary is often disfigured by typographical blunders, which show not only negligence but incompetence. The word "outline" for "outlive" is unpardonable in a leader in a paper that boasts in the very next sentence that it is "really and truly one of the leading Masonic journals in Masonry." Truly! how modest! Now I like the *Freemason*, and am sorry to notice, as I do from time to time, its many shortcomings. Its egotism, I admit, is occasionally too strong. The flavour is always present, but the element of self-praise now and then chokes one. I like a little Latin or French sometimes, not that I understand much of either, but it looks so learned to be able to use foreign words and phrases. It is true English would be equally, if not more effective, but then it would not look so nice nor please the "gods" nearly so well. Forgive me for trespassing thus far. And now let me say a few words about the two answers referred to above.

I do not think many will hesitate to say on which side lies the higher claim to morality and Masonic generosity. To the possible parading of a brother's Masonic delinquencies I have the strongest objection. It is contrary to the spirit of the Craft. If the offence were of a more serious character, then the publication of it would not only be immoral on the part of the brother who caused it to be done, but decidedly libellous in a legal sense. I should like to know where the Masonic authority is to be found for your contemporary's opinion. "W.M." cannot find a rule in the Book of Constitutions that applies to the case, and I do not remember any rule that can be appealed to. Surely your contemporary might have pointed out the authority, especially as "W.M." distinctly asks for it. But it does nothing of the kind; it speaks *ex cathedra*, and expects to be received as Sir Oracle.

Freemasonry, if it is anything, is a secret society. The law of the land sanctions its existence, but it in no way exonerates it from legal responsibility. Apart from the un-Masonic act of publishing anything that reflects on the character of of a brother, there remains the rights of citizenship, and no privilege ought to protect a man against Masonic unbrotherly feeling and the infraction of legal rights. I do not believe that the law would sanction such a violation as your contemporary suggests, and I am certain that every Masonic feeling is against such a proceeding. We are bound to uphold a Mason's honour, to deal generously with his faults, to protect him even against himself. To say then that it is lawful to publish a statement that might injure him, that would certainly leave a stain upon his character, is contrary to every right I ever heard of, and repugnant to that charity which hopeth all things, and covereth a multitude of sins. You have common sense, honour, morality and charity on your side;—I leave your contemporary to find out what virtue it can claim.

I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

FAIR PLAY.

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Obituary.

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THE LATE BRO. SIR W. W. WYNN, BART., M.P.

IT is difficult to understand how it is that the death of one man should cause such an extraordinary display of emotion as was witnessed in North Wales last week, except upon the supposition that Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, the object of the people's mourning, really reigned in their hearts. His birth was the signal for an outburst of enthusiasm, his marriage created great excitement, and his death is mourned as if a father in Israel had departed. In his life Sir Watkin displayed all the qualities of a prince, and although a strictly party man in politics, his generosity was never bounded by the narrowness of parties or of creeds. The representatives of the two political bodies vied with each other in bearing testimony to our deceased brother's excellent qualities, the Liberal organ just showing its party teeth, but not sufficiently to spoil the praise it was impelled to bestow. We are told by the *Shropshire Post*, the organ of the party to which Sir Watkin belonged, that it "would require the compendium of an extraordinary catalogue of kind and beneficent acts . . . to show the good that had been brought about with his co-operation and at his instigation." "Within the family circle Sir Watkin was regarded with the love and affection of all; outside he was looked upon as a public benefactor, and such he was. Few people in North Wales escaped the reach of his beneficence. His tenantry knew and appreciated his word as a landlord; the rich appreciated his genial presence and sound sense; the poor appreciated his kind-hearted and liberal generosity." All the circumstances bear witness to the truth of this picture. Mansion and cottage, church and chapel, in singular unanimity, felt the blow when Sir Watkin died. Those who know how extreme and bitter are the political dissenters of Wales, will estimate their testimony as to the worth of the deceased. Their better nature was touched, and with all the generosity and pride of the native Cymri, they yielded full and unstinted praise. If anything were wanted to show the depth of feeling that had been aroused it was shown at the funeral, which took place at Llangedwyn on Friday last. As early as five o'clock in the morning two thousand people assembled in Wynnstay Park, and the number was considerably increased by six o'clock, when the hearse was sent on its journey through the long avenue of stately trees, the branches and leaves of which formed a grand canopy. The sides of the road were lined with members of the Volunteer Batt. Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and by people of all classes. Throughout the whole route there was the same manifestation of interest and mourning. The hearse was literally covered with beautiful wreaths, and among those who contributed these emblems of respect and immortality were the Lodges Fitzalan, 1432, Oswestry, and Square and Compasses, 1336, Wrexham. There was a very large gathering of the brethren at the funeral to pay a tribute of respect to their deceased Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire, among whom were Bros. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart, D.P.G.C., Rowland G. Venables 611, P.G.S.W., Rees Buckly Williames 991, P.G.J.W., Rev. Robert Jackson 1896 P.G.C., Rev. John Lewis 1509, P.G.C., J. P. White 262 P.G.T., W. H. Spaull 1124 P.G. Secretary, Dr. E. Robinson 998 P.A.G.S., John Kitto 1582 P.G.S.D., W. Putman 611 P.G.J.D., W. J. Lovegrove 1988, 1509 P.G.S. of Works, W. H. Foulkes 1674 P.G.D. of C., Dr. F. H. V. Grosholz 1583 P.G.A.D. of C., A. T. Akeroyd 1432 P.G.O., W. Simms 1621 P.G.P., C. K. Benson 1336 P.A.G.P., V. C. L. Crump 117, Treasurer to the Charity Association, P.G. Steward, T. A. Forster 1594 P.G Stew., J. Maclardy 1432 P.G. Stew., R. Lewis 117 Auditor. The following Masters were present:—Bros. T. C. Royle 117, R. A. Craig 262, W. Morton 611, John Owen 998, G. P. Rayner 1113, L. E. Woolston 1120, G. J. Morgan 1124, J. Perry-Jones 1143, J. F. Edisbury 1336, Samuel Morris 1369, J. H. Parsons 1432, T. L. Evans 1488, John Ginders 1575, J. Jones 1584, H. A. Steer 1674. Each Mason carried a sprig of acacia, which he dropped on the grave as he passed. The scene at the little church and at the grave was most solemn and affecting. Mixed with the relatives of the deceased were peers and peasants, members of the House of Commons and ministers of many faiths. No fewer than a hundred vehicles found their way to Llangedwyn on the occasion of the funeral, and certainly the present generation have never witnessed such a sight as they saw in the village on Friday last. The occasion was a sad one, but the experience was a grand and noble one. The best side of human nature was presented; the simple faith of the people found exemplification in the breasts of the highest, and all combined to pay tribute to honest worth.

Wynnstay has had some rather remarkable inhabitants, of whom we do not desire to speak until we come to the time when the present family became its masters. The direct ancestors of the deceased's family bore the name of Williams, and the father of the first baronet of that name was Canon of Bangor. His son was a barrister, and while on his Welsh circuit is said to have danced with the daughter of Walter Kyffin, Esq., of Glasgoed, Llansilin, whose heart he captivated, and to whose hand he aspired. When he approached the father of the maiden he asked his would-be son-in-law, "What have you?" The ready reply was, "I have, sir, a tongue and a gown." Williams got his bride, and prospered amazingly. He was Speaker in the House of Commons in the time of Charles II., and Solicitor General under James II., when he was made a knight, and afterwards a baronet. While Speaker he incurred a heavy money fine for performing what was little more than an executive act, and as one of the leading counsel for the King against the Seven Bishops, he incurred no little public odium. Sir Thomas Powys was Attorney General, but the brunt of the great forensic fight rested on the shoulders of Sir William Williams, who displayed some fine qualities of mind, and a good deal of temper. The second Sir William married into the Wynn family of Gwydyr, of ancient and kingly descent, and his son became the first Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, of Wynnstay. This baronet was the type of his successor. Smollett said he was "brave, open, and hospitable," and his career proved it. The second Sir Watkin married a daughter of the Duke of Beaufort, but early become a widower. When he came of age a banquet took place in Wynnstay Park, at which were 15,000 guests. "Three coaches full of cooks were sent from London for the occasion," says the *Annual Register* Sir Watkin married a second time, the daughter of the Right Hon. George Grenville, Prime Minister, and his subsequent life was devoted to the encouragement of art, music, and the drama. He was fond of masquerades, and on one occasion Lelie says, "The jolly Sir Watkin produced great effect at a masquerade in the Pantheon, by riding in as St. David, mounted on a Welsh goat." It is said that he "established a Freemasons' Lodge at Wynnstay, and some of the furniture then used in it is now possessed by St. Oswald's Lodge of Odd Fellows, Oswestry." This "Jolly Sir Watkin," died in 1789 at the early age of forty-one, much beloved. The third Sir Watkin "doted on the military." He founded a regiment of yeomen, called the "Ancient British Fencibles," who did good service in quelling the rebellion in Ireland. They were called "Sir Watkin's Lambs" and "Bloody Britons," and when the strains of the Welsh air, "Sir Watkin's Delight," caught the Irish ear it roused them to fury. This baronet encouraged the Lancastrian method of teaching, and gave a building at Wexham "sufficiently large enough to educate 500 poor children . . . . besides subscribing very handsomely towards the support of the Institutions." In 1814 he equipped another regiment for foreign service, but was too late for the battle of Toulouse. His reception on his return was enthusiastic, and he was presented with a silver vase "weighing 1,500 oz., costing 19s 6d per oz., measuring 3 ft. 2 in. by 2 ft. 4 in. across, and containing 14 gallons." In 1817 Sir Watkin married Lady Henrietta Clive, who became the mother of the late baronet. His father died in 1840, when a demonstration similar to that of Friday week took place. The late Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn's successor is his nephew, who is only twenty-four years of age. He is said to have "a very genial disposition," and to have "won the hearts of all with whom he has come in contact." He has a rich inheritance, and richer than that the record of the good deeds of his noble-hearted predecessor.

BRO. W. W. MOXHAY.

On the 13th instant, at Reading, Bro. William Watkinson Moxhay, P.M. 414, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks. Bro. Moxhay, who entered the Lodge of Union, 414, on 13th February 1854, was well known and highly

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esteemed in the Craft. For many years he installed the Masters of the Reading Lodges, his correct ritual and impressive manner in so doing being always much admired. The respect and esteem in which he was held by the Craft was testified by the large attendance at his funeral, which took place in Reading Cemetery, on the 16th instant. The Provincial Grand Secretary, with the Masters and Secretaries of the three Reading Lodges, and the S.W. of the Union Lodge, acted as pall bearers.

BRO. J. E. CARPENTER, M.A., PH. D., P.M. 284, 1196.

THE unexpected and somewhat sudden death of the "Father" of the Urban Lodge, Bro. Joseph Edwardes Carpenter P.M. P.Z., has not only deprived it of its indefatigable and much-esteemed Secretary, but the music-loving public of the most eminent song and ballad writer since the ever-celebrated Tom Moore. Many of the late Bro. Carpenter's productions were set to music by well-known composers, amongst whom Charles Stephen Glover. Vincent Wallace, Macfarren, and Wrighton may be mentioned, and his works attained a universal popularity which has indeed made his name a household word. Wherever the English language is spoken, his "Beautiful Venice," "What are the wild waves saying," "Happy be thy dreams," "Her bright smile haunts me still," and other lyric gems are sure to be found. In addition to his reputation as a song writer, he will be remembered in connection with one of the most popular works of modern times—"Carpenter's Penny Readings," published by F. Warne and Co., the aggregate sale of which may be counted by hundreds of thousands. "Carpenter's celebrated Song Books," published in 8 volumes, containing some 6000 songs, with the names of the authors and composers correctly given, forms the most complete collection of national songs ever published. These and other works, which space will not permit us to enumerate, edited and compiled or composed by Dr. Carpenter, form a lasting memorial of our departed brother. "By their works ye shall know know them." The funeral, which took place on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at Highgate Cemetery, was attended by several of his literary and musical friends, many of whom are members of the Urban Lodge or Chapter, or the Urban Club, from which the former sprang. The Worshipful Master, Bro. C. Butler, and a strong muster of the Past Masters and members were present at the grave, amongst whom we noticed Bros. C. Hawksley I.P.M., J. R. Ware P.M., Jonathan Pearson P.M., J. Tickle P.M., J. Simpson P.M., R. W. Blatchford P.M., F. Eckstein P.M., G. E. Fairchild P.M., J. F. Beck S.W., J. W. Taan J.W., and the following brethren:—A. E. Jones, Francis Radford, R. W. Cheadle, J. Morison, W. E. Haycock P.M. 901, J. T. Plomer, E. Barge P.M. 167, J. J. Smith, R. H. Smith, Dr. R. Walford, G. Watts, Donald King, B. Jeffreys P.M.; also Dr. Lempriere, H. Church, and other members of "light and learning." The coffin, of polished oak, with massive brass mounts, was conveyed from deceased's residence in Norland-square to St. James's Church, Notting Hill, where the first portion of the Burial Service was performed. The procession then moved to the Cemetery, where it was joined by the majority of the before-named brethren and gentlemen, who had assembled at the grave to pay their last sad tribute of respect to departed merit. The sprig of acacia was duly placed at the head of the grave by a thoughtful brother, and the mourners separated. The deceased was seventy-two years of age at the date of his death.

MRS. SPEIGHT.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death, on Tuesday morning last, of Mrs. Mary Ann Speight, beloved wife of Bro. C. T. Speight, so well known in the Craft as Provincial Grand Tyler for Surrey, and Tyler of many private Lodges both in the City and suburbs. The lamented deceased, who was in the sixty-eighth year of her age, had long been afflicted with a cancer on the liver, for which she had been attended by Bro. Dr. Cock, of Peckham. Her malady, however, took a more serious turn about three weeks ago, when she was compelled to take to her bed, and after much suffering she expired shortly before nine o'clock on Tuesday morning, at her residence, No. 9 Mona-road, Peckham. The mournful intelligence will be received with profound regret amongst the very wide circle of Freemasons with whom Bro. Speight is held in high and deserved respect, for his unvarying attention and courtesy in the performance of arduous duties. We understand that the funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon next, at Brockley Cemetery, the cortège leaving Mona-road at three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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KENT LODGE, No. 15.

A MEETING of this ancient and excellent working Lodge was held on the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, which was numerously attended by members and visitors. This was the last meeting previous to the vacation, and many took advantage of the occasion to testify their regard for the genial and popular W.M. Bro. Woolley. Bro. James S.W., Cannell J.W., Sleeman P.M. Treasurer, Dukes P.M. Secretary, Pritchard S.D., Towers J.D., Burton I.G., Saunders Organist, Stimson I.P.M., P.M.'s Wells, Ginman, Hirst, Ball. Visitors—Nicholl P.M. 107, Woodruffe 87, Harrington 1563, Legg S.W. 1227, Dove 45, Balchin 2030, Skelton P.M. 1056, Tilling 765, Weeden S.W. 813, Levett 1982, Judd 1960, Roberts 1260, Weston 98, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After preliminaries, Bro. Williams and Hood Barrs answered the necessary questions satisfactorily, and were raised to the third degree, the W.M. perfectly and impressively reciting the Traditional History, and thus rendering the beautiful ceremony complete. Each of the Officers was perfect in his duties. In due course, routine business was completed, hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed until October. The brethren, fifty-two in number, adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a récherché banquet and dessert was supplied by Bros. Gordon and Hamp, in the Duke's Room. The W.M., who presided, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Stimson, on rising to propose the health of the W.M. said it was a pleasure to have to propose this toast, which he knew would be received with satisfaction by every one. On the evening of Br Woolley's election he (Bro. Stimson) had ventured to predict he would prove himself a credit to the Lodge. The members trusted he might have many candidates, and they felt assured that under his presidency the present would be one of the most successful years in the annals of the Lodge. The W.M. thanked Bro. Stimson for his kind remarks; if he had done his duty to their satisfaction he was amply repaid. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Past Masters; those present were admirably qualified to do their work. The I.P.M. Bro. Stimson was one who in many respects had rendered the Lodge service; while personally he (the W.M.) felt how great was his indebtedness to him; he would associate his name with the toast. Bro. Stimson was pleased to respond; he was always ready to give assistance to the W.M. for the time being, but their esteemed Bro. Woolley did not require help from any Officer; he was fully competent to carry out his duties. Still, he could assure the younger members who were aspiring to the chair that he as well as the other Past Masters would be pleased to render them any assistance in their power. The toast of the Visitors was next submitted; the Lodge was pleased to see them. Bro. H. M. Levy responded to the toast. The Treasurer and Secretary were next complimented. The W.M. said no more competent brethren could have been selected. Bros. Sleeman and Dukes having made suitable response, the toasts of the Wardens, the Officers, and that of the Tyler followed, and the proceedings were brought to a close. Bros. Stimson, Little, Collins, and Weston contributed some excellent songs and glees. Bros. S. Wells P.M. and Plummer looked after the comfort of the Visitors.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No 100.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS Prince Edward of Wales, or as he is popularly known, Prince Albert Victor, who was initiated into Freemasonry in the Alpha Lodge by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England a short time since, was passed to the second degree at the Town Hall, Yarmouth, on Thursday evening, the 7th inst. This was a Lodge of emergency, convened specially for the purpose. The ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. J. W. French W.M. P.G.S. Norfolk, the Royal candidate going through the ceremony in a manner which showed his appreciation of it, and he quite won the respect and goodwill of all present by his ready acquiescence and good-natured but dignified bearing. At the close, Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Prov. G.M. Norfolk, said that he could not let the occasion pass without conveying to the brethren the feelings of gratitude and pleasure he experienced at the most excellent manner in which all the Officers had performed their work. He presumed that the brethren had duly appreciated the honour that had been conferred upon them, and right well had they risen to the occasion. He paid a well-deserved compliment to Bro. French, the W.M., remarking that he performed his duties in a manner he had never seen equalled—a remark which every one present agreed with, for a more decided success could not have been possible. The assembly room presented a most charming appearance. The large body of Masons in full regalia, the presence of more than 30 Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, and the lovely display of hot-house flowers, forming a bank behind the dais, presented a picture never to be forgotten, and which must have made the ceremony more than usually impressive to a candidate. The brethren of the Lodge present were Bros. Owles I.P.M. P.G.S.B. Norfolk, Beeching S.W., A. E. Welch Junior Warden, Rev. E. Whitehead Chaplain, O. Diver P.M. Treasurer, Bond P.P.G.P. Norfolk P.M. Secretary, Southey S.D., Cubitt J.D., Boufellow P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., Sill I.G., Pyemont Organist, Blagg Steward, Knights Tyler; Past Masters Martin,

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Etheridge, Howes, Franklin, Johnson, Chipperfield, Bly, Fairbairn, Seaman, Bayfield, Dods, Sayer, George; also Brothers Steele, Pyeraft, Price, Harrison, Bales, Bond, Castle, Reeves, Thorne, Johnson, Boswell, H. Morgan, T. J. Morgan, Bray, Bullen, Mann, Chaston, Greenwood, Potter, Balls, Wilshak, Taylor, James, W. Diver, Wrate, Simmons, Blanchflower, Watson, Southey, Castle, Bostock, Brooks, Bartram, Weston, Green, Mitchell, Robinson, Calver, Keymer, Tunbridge, Franklyn, Lacon, and Bowler. The Visitors present were Bros. Lord Suffield P.G.M. Norfolk, Major Penrice D.P.G.M., Sir W. Ffolkes P.P.G.J.W., Barwell P.G.S.W., Aldis P.G. Secretary, Barnard P.G.R., Cubitt P.P.G.R., Jay P.P.G.D.C., Quinton P.P.G.R., Jewson P.P.G.S.D. Gunn P.G. Tyler, Holmes P.M. 85, Keppell, Yonell P.G. Treas. Suffolk, Palmer P.M. 313, Barnard P.M. 100, Wiltshire 313, C. Diver P.M. 313, P P.G.J.W., Baker 313, Everitt 71, C. Buckland 1631, W. H. Willis 100, Moss W.M. 943, Snowarts S.W. 943, Walesby P.M. 929, Fuller 943. Cubitt W.M. 193, Gibson 1816, Gee 1524, Hodgson P.M. 71, Skipper 1808, Laing 313, Mickelburgh 738, Moore J.W. 1194, Ecclestone P.M., Allen, Nobbs, Bowes P.M. 305, Hammant Sec. 313, Brown W.M. 313, R. C. Mann P.M. 929, Woolverton 100, W. H. Mann 929. Waters 313, Jeckels 71, Laddell W.M. 93, Hyde 213, Cooper 807, Saul Worshipful Master 71, Smith 93, Cunnell Senior Warden 93. Norman 71, Collier 1631, Blake 1631, Read 1631, Tennant 71, Tewson 929, Preston 313, Gwyn 53, Watling 313, Ferrier 313, Bunn 313. Ruddock 313, Baldwin 943, Jeay 807, Woolsey 228, Pankhurst 807, Thomas 71, Dance 71, Bellamy 1631, Fisk 1631, Wright 1631, Keymer 1631, Cockrill 1631, Harvey 1631, Smith 93, Beck 313, Wiseman 1631, Mayo 313, Burton 313, Cooper 71, Bateley 1631, Tonell I.G. 1631, Owles 313, Arnott 1631, Allerton 71, Welham 71, Rose 71. Smith 313, Rising 313, Reade 358, Pickford 104, Eden 313, Churchman P.G.S. 107, Elwes 1452, Tearne 1452, Pearce 52, Rackham 391. D. Hewett 313, Henry Brand 313, G. Bradbury 305, G. F. Crane P.M. 975, Newson 305, Taylor 313, Hewett 1671, Teasdel 1631 and others. After the ceremony H.R.H. left the hall, and on departing was loudly cheered by many persons who had assembled at the grand entrance. The visiting brethren were invited by their brothers of Friendship Lodge to join them at a collation at the Crown and Anchor Hotel later in the evening. The invitation was very generally accepted, and splendid provision made for them by Bro. Franklin P.M. Of course the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, and throughout the proceedings were most hearty and enjoyable. The thanks of the Lodge are due to Bros. Major Dods, Martin, Johnson, Etheridge, Diver, Bonfellow, and Chipperfield, who assisted the Officers in their various duties and in carrying out the arrangements for the day; to Bro. Pyemont for his excellent rendering of the musical portion of the ceremony, and to Bro. Bond P.M. for the efficient manner in which his Secretarial duties were carried out. In consequence of the admirable arrangements made for carrying out the ceremony the Prov. G.M. has since informed the brethren that the next Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Yarmouth at an early date. We may add that Bro. French W.M. 100 went through the whole of the degree quite unassisted, including the working tools and tracing board, the latter of which our Royal brother appeared to be particularly interested in.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

A REGULAR meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, 13th May, when there were present Bros. W. W. Ridley acting W.M., R. Dowsett acting I.P.M., R. C. Prickett S.W., W. Ravenscroft J.W., Stransom Treas., J. Greenaway Sec., H. Creed S.D., T. R. Vowles J.D., W. Rhind acting I.G., W. Hickie Organist, W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. W. G. Flanagan, and E. Margrett; also Bros. O. Erinton, W. A. Hukins, S. Biggs, James. Visitors Bros. J. Miller 723, and C. B. Tubbs I.G. 2043. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Stewart, a candidate for passing, satisfactorily answered the questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Stewart who had retired was readmitted and passed to the degree of F.C. by the acting W.M. Lodge was resumed and a ballot was taken for a candidate for initiation; the gentleman was approved. Bro. Stransom was nominated by the acting W.M. on behalf of the W.M. as Treasurer for the ensuing year, the S.W. seconded the nomination. Bro. E. Margrett P.M. proposed a resolution "That the brethren of this Lodge have heard with deep regret of the decease of Bro. W. W. Moxhay P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, and Hon. member of 1101, and that it be recorded on the minutes the deep sense of the loss which Masonry has sustained. That to show their respect they attend his funeral, and join the two other Lodges in placing a wreath on the coffin," it was also resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow and family of our late esteemed brother. Bro. R. Dowsett P.M. gave notice of motion "That the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge be applied to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that the same be added to the list of the W.M. who represented the Lodge." All business being ended, Lodge was closed and adjourned to the second Wednesday in October.

United Mariners Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.—The weekly meeting of this popular Lodge of Instruction was held on Wednesday evening, at the Lugard Tavern, Peckham, when Bro. Webster, as Worshipful Master, was supported by Bros. Wilkinson S.W., Harvey J.W., Wimble S.D., Monico J.D., J. G. Garland I.G., Walter Martin Preceptor, Best, Seaman, Lardent, Amphlett, Andrews, Tinney, and others. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, was advanced to the second and third, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Seaman as candidate. The traditional history was admirably rendered by Bro. Wimble. Lodge was then closed to the first degree, and the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Wimble. Bro. Lardner, of the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction, and suitably returned thanks. Bro. Wilkinson was unanimously elected W.M. for the first Wednesday in the ensuing month. The Preceptor announced that on next Wednesday evening Bro. Beavis W.M. of the Southwark Lodge, 879, would rehearse the ceremony of installation, when it was hoped there would be a large attendance of the brethren. Hearty good wishes having been expressed, the Lodge was closed in form and perfect harmony.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Held at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday last. Bros. Cubitt W.M., Simmonds S.W., Harrman J.W., P.M. Webb Preceptor, Pitt Secretary, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Farnley oand date. Bro. Harrman, of Pownall Lodge, No. 119, State of Maine, U.S.A. was elected a member. Bro. Simmonds was appointed W.M. for next meeting. All labour ended, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Wednesday, 3rd June, at seven o'clock.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 11th inst., at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present—Bros. Hurst P.M. W.M., Western S.W., Stockhall J.W., Forge J.D. and Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, Brett S.D., Potter I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor. P.M.'s Osborn, Mallord, Hammond, and other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Turner candidate. Bro. Stretch answered the usual questions. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was then closed in due form.

The regular meeting of the General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, the 20th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London. The President of the Lodge of Benevolence (Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B.) and the two Vice Presidents (Bros. James Brett P.G.P. and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P.) occupied their respective offices. A large number of brethren were present. The Board of Masters having been first opened, and the agenda paper for the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of the 3rd of June having been settled, the Lodge of Benevolence proceeded with the business of the day. Having confirmed the recommendations of the last meeting, they considered the new cases—of which there were thirty-one. Two were dismissed, one deferred, and the remaining twenty-seven relieved with a total of £620. The grants comprised two sums of £5 each, five of £10, eleven of £20, four of £30, three of £40, and two of £50.

A Masonic gathering of peculiar interest to Derbyshire was held on 11th May. Mark Masonry has recently made remarkable strides within our borders, and the Provincial Grand Mark Master has just given substantial proof of his appreciation of the fact. Bro. William Kelly, of Leicester, the dignitary in question, is one of the oldest and most distinguished of English Freemasons; of the Mark degree, he is undoubtedly one of the greatest living ornaments. He has been for seven-and-twenty years the venerated head of the united Province of Leicester, Northampton, and Derby, and is known and honoured throughout England. Holding the Provincial Grand Lodge under the banner of the Derby Lodge, No. 302, Bro. Kelly took the opportunity of distributing honours to the brethren of Derby and Derbyshire with a lavish hand. That he should have decided this course, was, as he pointed out, most natural. Since the establishment, in 1879, of the first Mark Lodge in this county (the Duke of Connaught, which formerly met in various towns on alternate Lodge nights, but which now has its permanent headquarters at Buxton), the degree has developed by leaps and bounds. It is less than three years ago that the Derby Lodge was consecrated, and it now numbers sixty members, whilst last summer a third Lodge, designated the William Kelly, was successfully launched, and is now being prosperously conducted at Winshill. Nor does the stream of progress stop here. A warrant has been granted for the immediate consecration of a fourth Lodge, the Dove Valley, to be held at Ashbourne, and steps are being taken to establish a fifth at Ilkeston. Bro. Kelly may well regard such results as exceptional. We doubt if he could point to a corresponding example of activity. Foremost in the prosecution of this good work has been Bro. Percy Wallis, who has already won Provincial and Grand honours, and who is now W.M. of the Derby Lodge and Master Designate of the Dove Valley—which latter Lodge, indeed, will, in a great measure, owe its existence to his praiseworthy labours. In selecting Bro. Wallis as his Senior Grand Warden, the Provincial Grand Master made an appointment which will be received with the utmost pleasure. Provincial honours were also bestowed upon the following members of the Derby Lodge: Bros. the Rev. Thomas Orrell P.G. Chaplain, William Whittaker P.J.G. Deacon, and J. Bland P.G. Steward. Three members of the Duke of Connaught were singled out for distinction, viz., Bros. G. T. Wright P.J.G. Overseer, J. H. Lawson P. Registrar of Marks, and James O. Manton P.G.S. of Works. Nor was the youngest of the Derbyshire Lodges, the "William Kelly," overlooked, Bro. W. L. Ball being appointed P.G. Master Overseer, and Bro. J. R. Cain P.G. Standard Bearer. Thus it will be seen that amongst the Provincial Grand Mark Officers for the current year there are no fewer than nine Derbyshire Masons.—*Derby Reporter.*

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RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION OF THIS Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of June next, when and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, and Overseers of private Lodges, are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock p.m.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G.J.W.)
Grand Secretary.

A Banquet will be provided in the Venetian Salon, Holborn Restaurant, at Seven o'clock, at which the Grand Master will preside.

The Tickets will be 15s each, including Wine, if taken before the day of meeting, and 17s 6d if taken out 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 30th of May.

Grand Lodge Office,
8a Red Lion Square, London, W.C.
20th May 1885.

PROVINCIAL
GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS
OF
MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The R.W. Bro. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Prov. G. Master.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, on Monday, 1st June 1885, when all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Acting Wardens of Lodges in the Province, are hereby *summoned* to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock.

Brethren to appear in full Masonic Costume of the Mark Degree, and Provincial Grand Officers in the clothing of their respective rank.

By command of the R.W. P.G.M.M.,

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A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge will be held at the Town Hall, Uxbridge, on Saturday, 6th June, at 3 p.m. precisely.

By command of the Prov. G. Master,
J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.M.
Provincial Grand Secretary (pro tem).

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

A MEETING of the ROYAL BRUCE CHAPTER of H.R.M. will be held at No. 33 Golden Square, London, W., on Saturday, the 4th day of July 1885, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

A meeting of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE of R.S.Y.C.S. of London and the Metropolitan Counties will be held at the same place, on the same day, immediately after the conclusion of the ceremony of H.R.M.

The names of Candidates must be delivered, not later than 26th June, to
Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON,
Prov. Grand Secretary.

28 Golden Square, W.

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows of Freemasons.

TO the BRETHREN and LADIES who so kindly assisted me at the Election, on 15th May, on behalf of Widow SHAYES, I beg to return my sincere thanks; and though unsuccessful in this most trying and truly deserving case I trust to have their support at the next Election, should we be spared until then. This is truly a case of great distress, and the applicant will meanwhile have to be supported by the East End Lodges, who have hitherto responded so freely to keep this poor widow from want. Again thanking you for your support, and trusting to receive its renewal in future,

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PROVINCIAL G. LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, AND DERBYSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Mark Master Masons in the Province was held at Freemasons' Hall, Derby, on Monday, the 11th inst. The Derby Lodge, No. 302, having been opened, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.S., accompanied by the Provincial Grand Officers, entered the Lodge-room, the Prov. G.M. being received with customary honours. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. E. C. Milligan as D.P.G.M., Thomas Worthington P.S.G.W., Thomas Cox P.J.G.W., S. Cleaver P.G. Treasurer, Clement E. Stretton (G. Steward England) P.G. Secretary, R Taylor P.G.S.D, W. L. Ball P.G.D.C., J. H. Lawson P.G. Standard Bearer, W. H. Barrow, F.C.O., P.G. Org., H. Brown P.G. Steward, M. J. Walker P.P.J.G.W., G. T. Wright P.M. 246, Percy Wallis W.M. 302, Rev. T. Orrell P.P.G. Chaplain, John Walker, T. Coltman, R. L. H. Mole Secretary 302, G. Small 302, W. Silver-Hall, J. H. Clarke, J. O. Manton, W. Whittaker, J. Bland, John Dove Harris, J. J. Hart, W. J. Curtis, James Tanser P.G. Tyler, and many others. The minutes of the last annual meeting were duly confirmed, and the rolls of Lodges and Provincial Grand Officers were called over and met with a general response. The Worshipful Masters of Lodges presented their reports, which together with the Registrar's summary of returns, and the report of the Committee of General Purposes, showed that every Lodge in the Province is working efficiently, and that Mark Masonry is making highly satisfactory progress, as evidenced by the fact that during the past year a new Lodge, No. 339, has been established at Winshill, Burton-on-Trent (bearing the name of the esteemed Provincial Grand Master), and a warrant has recently been granted for the constitution of another new Lodge in Derbyshire, to be held at Ashbourne, and named the Dove Valley No. 353. [This Lodge was consecrated on the 18th inst.] The Treasurer's accounts for the past year, showing a balance in hand of £43 0s 1d, were received; a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. S. Cleaver for his past services, and he was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer. The R.W.P.G.M. delivered a very interesting address relating to the prosperity of Mark Masonry in his Province, specially referring to the progress made by the Derbyshire brethren. At the conclusion of the address the Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the following brethren as P.G. Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Rev. S. J. W. Sandars	Dep. Prov. Grand Master
Percy Wallis P.G. St. Eng.	Prov. Senior Grand Warden
Henry Brown	Prov. Junior Grand Warden
Wm. Lawrence Ball	Prov. G. Master Overseer
Richard Taylor	Prov. G. Senior Overseer
George Thomas Wright	Prov. G. Junior Overseer
Rev. Thomas Orrell, M.A.	Prov. G. Chaplain
Samuel Cleaver	Prov. G. Treasurer
J. H. Lawson	Prov. G. Registrar
Clement E. Stretton G. Stwd. Eng.	Prov. G. Secretary
Arthur H. Marsh	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
William Whittaker	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
James O. Manton	Prov. G. Inspector of Wks.
John Dove Harris	Prov. G. D. of Ceremonies
John J. Hart	Brov. G. Asst. D. of Cers.
W. Rhys Williams	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
J. R. Cain	Prov. G. Standard Bearer
W. H. Barrow F.C.O.	Prov. G. Organist
James D. Bennett	Prov. G. Inner Guard
Edward Watson, W. J. Curtis, Joseph Bland	Prov. G. Stewards
Thomas Dunn, James Tanser	Prov. G. Tylers

A letter was read and ordered to be entered upon the minutes, thanking the Lodge for the address of sympathy forwarded to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany on the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany Provincial Grand Master. The sum of £10 10s was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, to be placed upon Brother Walker's list as Steward. The recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes that the Transactions of this Prov. Grand Lodge should be annually printed and circulated amongst the members, and that a state sword be purchased, were adopted. The invitation to hold the next annual meeting at Leicester, under the banner of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, having been accepted by the P.G.M., the P.G. Lodge was closed in ample form. The annual banquet then took place, after which the usual Loyal and Mark toasts were duly proposed and acknowledged, and a highly successful meeting terminated.

CONSECRATION OF THE DOVE VALLEY MARK LODGE.

MAINLY as the result of the efforts of Bro. Percy Wallis, a Mark Masons' Lodge, bearing the above distinctive title, has just been consecrated in the town of Ashbourne. A great deal of interest was manifested in the proceedings, brethren (many of them distinguished in Mark Masonry) attending in considerable numbers from London, Derby, Leicester, Manchester, Buxton, Nottingham and other neighbouring towns. The important ceremony of consecration was performed by R.W. Bro. Charles F. Matier Past Grand Warden England, assisted by V.W. Bro. Robert Berridge, G.D. of C. (England), Bros. Roebuck P.G. Overseer (England), Chas. Lane P.G. Overseer (England), and Bro. Arthur Middleton P.G.S.B. (England). There were also present—the Provincial Grand Master of the United Province of Leicester, Northampton, and Derby, R.W. Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., and Bros. Haughton C. Okeover P.M., E. C. Milligan P.M., J. H. Lawson W.M. 246, and the following mem-

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bers from the Derby Lodge: Bros. Thomas Horsley, F. Campion, A. Woodiwiss, R. L. H. Mole, W. J. Piper, F. Sale, T. Smith, the Rev. C. T. Bromwich, E. Horne, C. Webster, A. Frazer, and J. Walker. In the course of the consecration ceremony, which was performed most ably and impressively by Bros. Matier and Berridge, Bro. the Rev. C. T. Bromwich, acting on behalf of the P.G. Chaplain, Bro the Rev. T. Orrell, delivered a short but singularly happy and effective oration. Having referred to the recent remarkable development of Mark Masonry in Derbyshire, the Chaplain went on to express a fervent hope that the members of the newly-formed Lodge might learn a lesson from that peaceful valley after which it was named. There they saw how all nature was subservient to the will of the great Overseer of the Universe. Everything had been begun in order, everything was conducted in peace, and everything in that beauteous world of nature was free from strife and discord. But if these results were to be attained, the brethren must live up to the principles of their Order. If they did this, the outside world, who were curious to know the characteristics of Masonry, would be heard to say:—"We do not know, we cannot tell, but we know those who are Masons are religious men, are law-abiding citizens, men who are always willing to join in any good cause, and ready to help in time of need." The Consecrating Officer subsequently installed Bro. Percy Wallis as first Worshipful Master of the new Lodge, and Bros. John Howell and Arthur Stubbs were invested as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The other Officers appointed were Bros. G. M. Bond M.O., Prince S.O., Littleton J.O., J. H. Cooke Treasurer, Rigby Secretary, W. H. Tutt S.D., McLean Junior Deacon, and Brown Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony (which was conducted at the Town Hall) the brethren dined together at the Green Man Hotel. The post prandial proceedings were of the most agreeable character, it being intimated by more than one speaker that the creation of a Derbyshire Mark Province might be looked for at no distant date, although the brethren are loth to sever themselves from the genial rule of the R.W. Bro. Kelly, whose great service in the cause of Mark Masonry are so well known. Letters of apology were read from, amongst others—Bros. Binckes P.G.W. Grand Secretary, F. Richardson Grand Registrar, H. Hatherley P.G.M.O., John L. Mather Old Kent, John Toplis W.M. 344, Whittaker S.W. 303, Bland J.W. 302, George Small, Fletcher, C. Fendelow 33, C. E. Stretton G.S. Prov. Grand Secretary, W. L. Ball Prov. G.M.O.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Friday, the 15th instant, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Bro Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. The Report of the Committee of Management and the Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure (both of which we append) were adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. C. H. Webb desired to call attention to that portion of the Report which had reference to the candidates seeking admittance to the Institution, and to three of them whose ages exceed eighty-two years each. Many brethren would no doubt like to see these old people admitted as annuitants at once. They had been on the list so many times that he felt something should be done for them—the chances were they would not be elected. If the report could be amended in this respect he was sure the meeting would adopt it, as the increase in the expenditure by such a course would be small. Bro. Terry read the rule applicable to the case, and said that taking candidates off the list and making them annuitants could only be effected at the meeting of the Committee in June. They could not override the laws of the Institution, however much they might desire to aid these poor candidates. Brother Webb said he was sorry the privelege had not been made use of since the year 1876. He found it was adopted then. Bro. Terry said that any vacancies which occurred through death, and report of which reached the office up to the morning of the election were filled up that day. The power Bro. Webb sought had not been exercised before the meeting in June. The Committee had fully considered the question, and had found they could not do what Bro. Webb desired. In reply to Bro. Webb Bro. Terry said the three cases to which attention had been called had not been particularly considered. The following brethren were then elected as the Committee of Management for the year:—Frederick Adlard P.M. 7, Raynham W. Stewart P.M. 12, Stephen Barton Wilson P.M. 59, A. Forsyth, M.D. W.M. 140, W. Hilton P.M. 1351, Louis Stean P.M. 292, J. Balmer P.M. 174, C. H. Driver P.M. 905, Charles E. Soppet P.M. 60, Thomas Griffiths P.M. 907. Bros. A. H. Tattersball, J. Berry, and J. Newton were re-appointed as Auditors, and Bro. Bowyer elected as Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund. This concluded the special business of the meeting, the poll was declared open, and the election was proceeded with.

The Committee of Management has much pleasure in submitting a report of its proceedings, during the past year, to the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution.

The Annual Festival was held by direction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., Grand Patron and President, on Wednesday, the 25th of February last. The Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. of Gloucestershire, occupied the chair. A Board of Stewards, 352 strong, supported him, and the result was an aggregate of donations and subscriptions amounting to £17,770 6s 2d. It is impossible the Craft could have furnished a grander illustration than this of the loyalty with which it fulfils its most solemn obligations. The Committee, in its Report of last year, pointed out, with reference to the sum (£14,665 13s) raised at the Festival in February 1884, that it was "the largest amount ever contributed on a similar occasion," in aid of the funds of the Institution. Yet the total subscribed under the auspices of R.W. Bro. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, with the cordial assistance of the Board of Stewards (especially of those hailing from his own Province), and the generous co-operation of the brethren generally, was in excess of the total for 1884 by upwards of £3,000. In such circumstances it will be easily understood that the Committee is at a loss for words to sufficiently express its gratitude to the R.W. Chairman and those who laboured so zealously and so successfully in securing this splendid result.

The Committee has also to report that in consequence of the success attendant upon the Festival, the sum of 100 guineas was presented to Bro. James Terry, in recognition of his great exertions to secure it, and of the additional heavy duties which will devolve upon him in the future.

At the Election in May 1884, there were upon the Funds of the Institution 352 annuitants, namely, 170 men and 182 widows, while to-day there are 118 candidates—42 men and 76 widows—whose respective claims to be received into the Institution have been most carefully investigated and approved. In the face of a list so formidable in point of numbers, and having regard to the fact that only 16 vacancies, namely, 14 men and two widows, had occurred since the last Election, the Committee decided at its meeting in February last upon increasing the number of annuitants still further by placing 3 more men and 10 more widows upon the Fund, thus raising the aggregate of the two classes from 352 to 365. Since then there have died four men and one widow, so that the numbers to be elected to-day on the respective Funds, exclusive of the three deferred annuitants on each, would be 21 men and 13 widows. Having regard to the brilliant success of the Festival, and in the exercise of what it conscientiously believes will be found a sound discretion, the Committee consider themselves justified in recommending to the Governors and Subscribers in Annual General Meeting assembled to elect 10 more widows, so that in the event of this recommendation being adopted, the full number to be elected will be 24 men and 26 widows, the aggregate on the two Funds being thus increased from 352 to 375, and the amount annually required towards their support from £12,624 to £13,384. It must also be borne in mind that a further annual sum of £420 will be needed in order to provide the half annuities assigned by law to 21 widows, and payable during the first three years of their widowhood. Thus the total sum to be expended for annuities alone will be £13,804.

The Committee, however, in taking upon itself the responsibility of recommending this increase, is desirous of impressing upon the Governors and Subscribers, as well as upon the Craft generally, that the continuance of so large an expenditure for Annuities will only be possible in the event of the Institution continuing to receive that generous measure of support which has been extended to it as heretofore. The Committee nevertheless expresses its confident hope that upon these facts becoming generally known to the Craft the necessary assistance will be forthcoming to enable it to extend the good work for which the Institution was established.

The Committe take this opportunity of expressing its thanks to the United Grand Lodge for its renewed vote of £70 towards providing the residents of the Institution at Croydon with Coal during the Winter months.

It is desirous also of conveying its most cordial thanks to the Honorary Surgeons of the Institution, Henry J. Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for their great kindness and unremitting attention to those among the Annuitants who have had occasion to seek medical advice and assistance.

They are likewise pleased at being in a position to report that the building at Croydon is in a complete state of repair, subject to those ordinary cleansings which are periodically necessary in all such buildings, and that the recent introduction of gas and other improvements has had the effect of increasing the comfort and convenience of the Residents.

The Committee considers it would not be properly discharging its duty if it did not take this opportunity of placing on record its deep sense of regret at the death of Lieut.-Colonel Creaton (J.P.), Past Grand Treasurer of England, and a Patron and one of the Trustees of the Institution. During a connection with the Charity extending over very many years, Lieut.-Colonel Creaton always showed himself most assidnous and earnest in his endeavours to promote its welfare, and it feels it is only an act of justice that it should offer this heartfelt tribute of respect to his memory.

The Committee also wishes to express its sorrow at the death of Bro. James Norris, Warden of the Institution at Croydon. Bro. Norris faithfully and efficiently discharged the duties of his office during a period of 16 years, and is succeeded by his daughter, Miss Norris, who, as Matron, had shared with him the responsibilities of regulating and directing the interior arrangements of the Asylum at Croydon.

In submitting the audited statement of accounts for the past year, the Committee is satisfied it will be found to disclose a wise and economical administration of the funds of the Institution, and it appeals, as well to the Craft generally as to the Governors and Subscribers in particular, for a continuance of their support and encouragement, thereby enabling the Committee to discharge its arduous

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and responsible duties with satisfaction to the Subscribers, and with benefit to the Annuitants.

The Committee is desirous of expressing, in conclusion, the earnest hope that these increasingly urgent appeals for aid in carrying out the benevolent intentions of the founders and supporters of the Institution will be as generously listened to in the future as they have been in the past. Notwithstanding the great increase which has been made of late years in the number of Annuitants there has been concurrently, at the close of each successive annual election, a very large number of unsuccessful candidates, the alleviation of whose sad necessities has inevitably been deferred for at least a further twelvemonths, a circumstance which the Committee most deeply deplores.

Subjoined is a statement of the Receipts and Expenditure during the year ended the 31st March 1885, together with the usual particulars of the permanent income of the Institution.

MALE FUND.

Balance 31st March 1884		3,445 12 9
Receipts.		
Donation from Grand Lodge	800 0 0	
Do. Grand Chapter	100 0 0	
Do. Grand Chapter (special)	250 0 0	
Do. Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	5,266 8 0	
Annual Subscriptions	802 17 5	
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	1,117 10 8	
Rent of Field	8 15 6	
Legacies	14 5 0	
Donation for supply of Coals	35 0 0	
Bro. Fisher's account	3 3 0	
	8,397 19 7	
	£11,843 12 4	
Disbursements.		
Annuitants	6,700 0 0	
Salaries: Office	433 5 0	
Collector—Commission	218 6 9	
Messenger	5 0 0	
Provincial, &c. Expenses	66 4 0	
Medicine for Residents at Institution	12 10 0	
Warden	20 0 0	
Pension to late Gardener and Gardener's salary	54 12 0	
Rates and Taxes	64 0 4	
Repairs, Painting, &c. and goods supplied	59 14 3	
Stationery, Printing, &c.	179 15 2	
Advertisements	23 16 10	
Postages, &c. including expenses of Election	238 14 8	
Petty expenses	19 5 6	
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	59 17 5	
Hire of Hall on day of Election	2 12 6	
Rent, &c.—Office	45 0 0	
Do. of Field	16 18 8	
Purchase of Stock	1,038 15 0	
Votes of thanks to Stewards	21 6 3	
Premium on Collectors' Guarantee Policy	3 15 0	
Bankers' Charges	0 1 1	
Assistance in office	9 9 0	
	9,292 19 5	
Balance on this Fund	**£2,550 12 11**	

WIDOWS' FUND.

Balance 31st March 1884		3,981 3 0
Receipts.		
Donation from Grand Lodge	800 0 0	
Do. Grand Chapter	50 0 0	
Do. do. (special)	250 0 0	
Do from Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	8,164 12 11	
Annual Subscriptions	1,310 17 0	
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	725 10 4	
Rent of Field	8 15 6	
Legacy	50 0 0	
Donation for Supply of Coals	35 0 0	
	11,394 15 9	
	£15,375 18 9	
Disbursements.		
Annuitants	6,297 0 0	
Salaries—Office	433 5 0	
Collector—Commission	270 10 0	
Messenger	5 0 0	
Provincial, &c. expenses	66 4 0	
Medicine for Residents at Institution	12 10 0	
Matron	62 0 0	
Gardener's Salary	28 12 0	
Rates and Taxes	64 0 5	
Repairs, Painting, &c., and goods supplied	59 14 3	
Stationery, Printing, &c.	176 5 2	
Advertisements	23 16 11	
Postages, &c., including expenses of Election	233 6 4	
Petty expenses	18 14 6	
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	59 17 6	
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	1,038 15 0	
Votes of thanks to Stewards	21 6 3	
Premium on Collector's Guarantee Policy	3 15 0	
Bankers' charges	0 0 7	
Assistance in Office	9 9 0	
	8,948 13 2	
Balance on this Fund	**£6,427 5 7**	

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Balance 31st March 1884	73 6 7	
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	29 5 0	
		102 11 7
Disbursements.		
Repairs	4 4 0	
Balance on this Fund	**£98 7 7**	
Total Balance as per Auditors' Report		**£9,076 6 1**

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	1,117 10 8	
		2,017 10 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 4	
		1,575 10 4

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDINGS.

Dividends on £1000 Stock in Government Funds	30 0 0
	£3,623 1 0

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
15th May 1885.

The Chiswick Mark Lodge, No. 357, will be consecrated at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Saturday, the 20th of June. Bro. Dr. Alfred Meadows, G.S.D. Grand Craft Lodge of England, is the W.M. designate, and amongst the Founders are some of the best known Craftsmen of the day. We anticipate this new Lodge will be a great success.

DEATH.

SPEIGHT.—On the 19th inst., at 9 Mona-road, Peckham, MARY ANN, the beloved wife of Brother C. T. SPEIGHT, Prov. Grand Tyler Surrey, aged 67 years.

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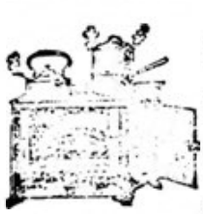

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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 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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Khury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greitheenh
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1962—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MONDAY, 25th MAY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.
R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1237—Enfield, Court House, Enfield

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Green's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Malden.
R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
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. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 26th MAY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
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)
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, 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)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (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, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
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)
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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 21—Cerne, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
169—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
319—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1714—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1820—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Hillingdon, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze

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. 175—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, 27th 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, South Lambeth 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, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
854—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, Poonin'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.
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.
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.

R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

96—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1264—Nerquis, 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
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
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. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
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M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 28th MAY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, 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)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
117—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
235—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)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
757—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
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
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)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (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.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden 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).
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1958—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington

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R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.
R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E
R.A. 147—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
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
206—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
296—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
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
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
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
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 293—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 29th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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)
854—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, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
552—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 243—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens

SATURDAY, 30th 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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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The following dinners were held at the Freemason's Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 23rd May:—

Monday—Grand Masters Lodge. Tuesday—May Ball. Wednesday—Novio Magians, Universal Chapter. Thursday—Club of Nobody's Friend, Royal Caledonian Asylum, United Pilgrims Chapter. Saturday—Army Pay Department.

REVIEWS.

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"Summer Tours in Scotland, Glasgow to the Highlands. 'Royal Route,' (*vid* Crinan and Caledonian Canals), with Time Tables and Lists of Fares, by David MacBrayne's Royal Mail Steamers." David MacBrayne, 119 Hope-street, Glasgow.

THOSE who have read Mr. William Black's novels and Dr. Johnson's "Visit to the Hebrides," can form some idea of the Western Highlands of Scotland, situate in the Atlantic, and extending from the southern point of the Mull of Kintyre to the northern extremity of Lewis, a distance little short of two hundred miles. In a pleasure-seeking sense, a much better idea of these romantic islands and the Highlands east of them may be gathered from the little work before us. It is all a guide-book should be, and something more. Issued by the owner of a line of steamers that have for a quarter of a century afforded the public easy access to spots that before then were seldom visited by strangers, it has the fullness and completeness that experience gives. The trips are varied and numerous, branching in every conceivable direction, embraced in a large scheme. Times, fares, routes, and accommodation are all set forth with clearness. 18 photo lithographs illustrate the text, which is written with a faithfulness and a real desire to instruct and amuse not always to be found in guide books. There is no striving after effect, and yet the descriptions have a charm in themselves which produces the natural desire to go and see the originals, so simply yet naturally depicted. A map accompanies the book, with the various routes of the steamers traced in red. The text explains all about the journeys, and what there is to be seen in a manner as pleasant as it is effective. We have no hesitation in saying that any one taking the map and the description together will get a better idea of that part of Scotland to the west of Thurso in the north, and Glasgow in the south, than in any single work that has ever come under our notice. The book only costs sixpence, and is really worth having for its own sake. It may be had at the various book stalls, and at the Glasgow address. Mr. MacBrayne has adopted the title of the "Royal Route," and has now added another new paddle-steamer, called the "Grenadier," to his fleet. This vessel has made her trial trip, and for the present has taken the place of the Iona on the Glasgow and Ardrishaig station, to be relieved by the Columba, when she will proceed to the north. This latter vessel is fitted up in the style of Pullman's cars, and the windows being carried round at the stern afford a pleasant look-out for the passengers. Separate circular tables are fitted up in the breakfast and dining saloon, and meals are served to suit the convenience of visitors. The cabins are fitted up with every convenience; a shampooing and hair-dressing establishment, with every toilet requisite, is provided, and there is a commodious bath-room, supplied with salt water, for the weary traveller, besides a cloak-room, where hand-bags and small articles may be left in security. Add to all this a post-office, "where letters, telegrams, &c., are received, stamped, sorted, and distributed at every calling place along the route, for transmission to all parts," and we think our readers will agree with us that nothing but money and time are wanted to make a trip in the "Columba" one of the pleasurable events of life. No doubt the "Grenadier" has been fitted up with the same regard to comfort, and that all that engineering skill and capital can do have been done to make the fleet swift, pleasant, and effective carriers.

OPENING OF THE HOTEL METROPOLE.

THIS enormous building, forming one of the stately edifices that have been and are still being built in Northumberland Avenue, Charing Cross, is just about receiving its finishing touches. We shall not attempt to describe the architecture of the hotel, but some conception of its size may be gathered from the fact that it contains six hundred bedrooms, and that the several rooms set apart for dining will accommodate a thousand persons. The furnishing has been entrusted to Messrs. Maple and Co., of Tottenham Court-road, and apparently all that modern art and money could command has been requisitioned. Beauty and utility have been combined in such a way as to please the eye and satisfy the demands of comfort. A formal, or, more strictly speaking, a complimentary opening of this public palace took place on Monday last, on which occasion there was a grand military concert at half-past eight in the evening, supported by the bands of the Royal Artillery, the Coldstream Guards, and the Portsmouth Division of the Royal Marines. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales were present at the concert, and we are told that the "long list of patrons and patronesses includes nearly all the members of the Royal Family, the great ducal houses, and many recognised leaders of aristocratic and fashionable society." Tickets for the concert were a guinea each, and were supplied by Lady Bective, 10 Stratford-place, W. We cheerfully give these particulars because the whole of the money received for tickets is to be handed to the Egyptian War Fund, thus charity was combined with pleasure. This is the reason why Lady Bective took so active a part in the concert. Visitors had an opportunity of inspecting the arrangements and appointments of the hotel, which formed no small attraction, we can assure our readers. The hotel will open for business on the 1st June.

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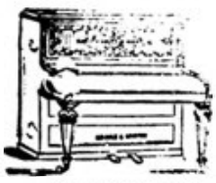

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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE very success which has attended the two Festivals of the Masonic Charitable Institutions held during the current year affords cause for increased anxiety as to what may be the result of the one that is yet to take place—the Festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which is to be held on Wednesday, the 24th of June next, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. The Freemasons of England have been most liberal in the support they have this year given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and we do not for one moment doubt there is any less desire to stand nobly by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in its turn. We do not question the desire to do equally well, nor do we care to entertain the idea that the desire cannot be as readily carried out as was the case with the other two Institutions, yet it is reasonable to suppose there is a limit to the means, if not the will, of the Masons of England. How long or short a time we shall have to wait for practical demonstration of this surmise we cannot of course say, all we can hope is, that it may not be soon, indeed that it may be postponed indefinitely; but at the same time we fear, even for the immediate future. The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys stands in many respects in an unenviable position among the Charitable Institutions of English Freemasonry. Its Annual Festival is always the last of the three, and falls too at a time when a very large majority of the Lodges are closed for the summer recess. The brethren who undertake the duties of Steward on its behalf have often to make their appeals at the same time as others in the Lodges are canvassing for the Benevolent Institution or the Girls' School, otherwise they find their turn does not come until the Lodge is closed for the summer, thus shutting them out from all participation in the benefits which are usually supposed to be associated with the banquet table as a field of operation in securing promises of support and assistance. Not only is this the case, but the closing of the Lodge months before the holding of the Festival, often deprives a Steward of all chance of personally soliciting the co-operation of his fellow members, and we all know the value of personal interviews in such matters Coming last of the three, and at a time when Masonry is, so to speak, slumbering, the Festival of the Boys' School must then be naturally shorn of many of the benefits which are associated with activity and its consequent enthusiasm, but it is not only in this respect that it compares somewhat unfavourably with the other Institutions. The Girls' School is its senior in the matter of age, and for this reason is supposed in some quarters to have a prior claim on the Order, but there is a far stronger feeling which works for the benefit of the Girls' School as compared with that of the Boys'—the sympathy which always surrounds the weaker sex; the feeling that girls are so much more helpless than boys to battle with the world, when calamity or misfortune has deprived them of their natural protectors, or the means of securing a fair start in life. This opinion that boys are better able to rough it, to fight their own way in the world, and to help themselves far more than girls can do, is a very old one, and it must be admitted its influence is strong in regulating the amount of support given to distinct Institutions, founded for the relief and support of the opposite sexes. Then again the Benevolent Institution undoubtedly receives at the present time more sympathy than the Boys' School, and it is not perhaps strange that such should be the case; Englishmen are proverbially respectful to old age. It appears to be part of an Englishman's nature to show respect to those in the decline of life, and more particularly so when misfortune accompanies the old age of those of one's own class. The Girls on the one hand, and the Aged on the other, it must then be admitted, receive more sympathy than is accorded to the Boys'. Should this be the case? Are the boys better able to take care of themselves than the girls, or are they less deserving of support than the aged? The only answer it is consistent for the Craft to give is, to afford assistance to the Institution which provides for the Boys equal to that given to the other two during the current year, thereby demonstrating to the world at large that in the eyes of Freemasons at least, all are equally deserving of support. We could give many and strong reasons why the Boys' School should receive the first attention, but we refrain from doing so because we think that the best appeal we can at present make is that all should be treated alike, feeling that if the Boys' Festival is as great a success this year as the two which have preceded it have been, there will be no cause for regret, much less grumbling. We must, however, point to one feature which should specially enlist support for the Boys—they will be the men of the future; it is on them will depend the maintenance in years to come, not only of the Charitable Institutions of Freemasonry, but of the Order itself. We should therefore render all the aid possible to those lads who from causes beyond their own control are compelled to look for aid outside their own family circle, as it is only by giving them the means of earning that we can reasonably expect them to subscribe.

As a charitable Institution, pure and simple, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys presents all that can be required by the most exacting. It has done good work in the past, is doing good work now, and, above all, is making preparation to do even more in the future. As regards the past, we can look back on eighty-seven years working of the Institution, and may reasonably feel proud of what has been done under its auspices. Since its foundation SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN sons of Freemasons have received its benefits, while at the present time two hundred and fifteen are being clothed, fed and educated in the buildings at Wood Green. Who shall estimate the amount of benefit to the world generally, and to the recipients particularly, which has resulted from the assistance rendered by the Institution to these 1657 lads? Is it too much to say that the world at large has been benefited by the Institution? We think not, for however small a proportion of the total number of helpless children these 1657 may be, it is but fair to suppose that their removal from the paths of ignorance and want to the ranks of knowledge and comfort must have had some beneficial results. It can at least be said the Institution has in the past brought, and now brings up, the lads in such a manner, educating them with such care, and training them with such efficiency, as to fit them for any position they may be called upon to fill, and all this has been and is now being done by the liberality of the Freemasons of England. At the present time, as we have already said, there are two hundred and fifteen lads on the establishment at Wood Green, of whom nine are admitted by virtue of purchased

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permanent presentations. Our readers know sufficient of the wor'd to be aware that the care of these two hundred and fifteen lads is no light undertaking, and will not be surprised when we say that the lowest amount which will suffice to meet the establishment expenses is between £9,000 and £10,000 per annum, the whole of which sum, exclusive of some £700 per annum permanent income, has to be raised by the voluntary donations of the Craft; while as regards the future even larger totals are contemplated, nay, demanded, if the Craft is desirous of keeping up its reputation, or is not disposed to turn back from work to which it has already put its hand. Within a short time the Masons of England will have to face a special claim in connection with this Institution, which they cannot in fairness ignore or lightly pass over even as easily as they might have agreed to reduce the number of lads now in the Institution, had necessity compelled them to do so. For some time past extra efforts have been made to increase the accommodation of the Institution, and so successful have these efforts been that an addition—in the form of a Preparatory School—is now in course of erection, and it is expected it will be so far finished during the next few months as to allow the Committee to recommend the election of a proportion of the number of Boys for whom the additional accommodation is provided not later than at the Quarterly Court in October next. This addition, be it remembered, has been provided on the demand of the Craft. In providing the funds necessary for its erection liability does not cease! It is no use unless its accommodation can be made available, and that can only be done at an expense of some £1000 or £1200 a year. Here, then, is an additional tax on the benevolent for the future, and we cannot believe it will be disregarded, although the present aspect of affairs in connection with the Festival leads us to wonder where the extra amount is this year coming from.

The number of Stewards who are working for this year's Festival is exceptionally small, and although the Chairman of the day, the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., and the brethren of the Province of Derbyshire, of which he is the Master, are working hard to ensure success, their sphere of operations is comparatively small. Derbyshire possesses one or two fine Lodges, but can hardly lay claim to anything like premier rank in point of numbers. Therefore, it cannot be expected the total it will be able to send up will be exceptionally large. No doubt for the number of Masons it embraces, and the number of Lodges which work under the rule of the respected chairman, its total will favourably compare with others, but more than that would seem to be needed this year for our Boys. At the present time the Board of Stewards contains the names of two hundred and forty seven only—a number which compares unfavourably with the past, and that too at a time when, as we have already pointed out, larger totals are needed. It therefore behoves every Steward to do his utmost during the next few weeks, not only on behalf of his individual list, but also in the way of inducing other brethren to undertake the work and assume the responsibilities of Steward.

The Festival of the Boys' School presents such a change from those of the other Charities that we often wonder the Institution does not receive additional support on that basis alone. It is the only one which ladies are admitted to take an equal share in, and if they will excuse us for saying so, they have not shown that they appreciate the distinction. Where are the Lady Stewards, who should vie with each other in proving how they can work in the cause of charity? Very many of the ladies who attend the Annual Festival of the Boys' School could do something in support of the Institution, and taken as a whole they might materially lessen the anxiety of those who have the management of the Funds. Would it be possible for them to take the Preparatory School under their special care? Ladies would be far more capable of managing lads of such tender age as its inmates will be than are members of the sterner sex, and they would then have something to refer to year by year, which would be a graceful acknowledgment of the pleasure most of them receive when attending the annual gatherings in connection with the Boys' School. In closing our remarks, we must again urge our readers to do what lies in their power on behalf of the coming Festival in aid of the Boys' School, and in doing so we confidently assure them, that while others may be equally deserving, there is none which has stronger claims, or which is more entitled to receive encouragement, than the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for the future of which we wish every success.

The distribution of prizes and annual entertainment of the Stewards will take place at the School at Wood Green on Saturday, the 20th June, under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., P.G. Warden. A favourable opportunity will then be afforded for an inspection of the School and its inmates by any brethren who may desire to become better acquainted with the internal arrangements, and if there are any of our readers who are wavering in their decision to support this deserving Institution a visit of inspection on that occasion would immediately settle the question with them. We are convinced they could not do better.

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EVERY Craftsman knows that he is entitled to certain rights and benefits, by reason of his becoming a Mason. Very likely, however, he would find it difficult to name these rights, and to classify them according to their true import. We propose, therefore, in this paper to consider the question, what are some of the inherent rights of a Mason?

1. First of all, there is the right of membership in a Lodge. When a candidate has received the third degree in a regular body of Masons, he is justly entitled to membership therein. The fact that he has been initiated, passed and raised, by a Lodge, gives him a claim for membership in that Lodge. This right to membership is now generally conceded. There are localities, however, where it is still held that conferring the degrees does not carry with it any claim to membership, and that a clear ballot after raising is required to admit the candidate to Lodge membership. This doctrine finds but few defenders in these days. It does not accord with the equities involved in the case.

2. A Master Mason in good and regular standing has the right of meeting with his own Lodge whenever and for whatever cause it may be convened. There is no barring out of a member from any Lodge communication. It makes no difference what the business to be considered is, or what may be the peculiar conditions under which a Lodge is called together, every member has a right to be present,—a right to sit with his Brethen whenever the Lodge to which they alike belong is open.

3. Every member has a right to participate in the transaction of the business of his Lodge—a right to vote and to hold office. In one sense there is perfect equality among Masons. The vote of one Brother counts the same as another, and all are alike privileged to seek the places of honour and preferment. Whatever rules and restrictions may be accepted, and whatever distinctions may be accorded, the great primal law which governs in the Lodge is that of equality. Each member has precisely the same rights as every other—no more and no less.

4. Membership in a Lodge carries with it the right to vote on the reception of all applicants, and by the casting of an adverse secret ballot, to bar the entrance of any undesired candidate. This is an inherent, absolute right, of which no member can be dispossessed so long as he remains in good standing in his Lodge. Its importance can hardly be over-estimated. It means in this country, where the rule of a unanimous ballot prevails, that each member of a Lodge is privileged to keep out any applicant whom he chooses. And it is his right to exercise this adverse power without being known in the transaction, for under the Masonic system it is not intended that a Brother should suffer by his opposition to an applicant. Thus the secrecy of the ballot is carefully provided for, and it is held to be a Masonic offence to reveal how another has voted, or to make known one's own vote. To maintain the right of casting a free ballot for or against any candidate, it is essential that ample safeguards should be thrown around the ballot to ensure its absolute secrecy. It ought never to be taken in such a manner as to allow one member to observe the vote of another. In balloting on applications, the best method is for the Secretary to slowly call the roll of the Lodge, the members going one by one to the box placed in the centre of the room, and there depositing their votes without being exposed to the scrutiny of each other, or of any of the officers of the Lodge. Then let all conversation as to the manner of voting be pro-

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hibited; and if an adverse ballot is cast, let it be considered an un-Masonic act to attempt to fix the responsibility for such a vote upon any member or members of the Lodge. Under such conditions the right of exercising a secret ballot will stand for its real worth, and will accord with what the Fathers intended by the provision made fundamental in the Masonic system.

5. A member of a Lodge in good standing is entitled to a diploma, certifying to his connection with the Craft, and also, if desired, to a dimit, setting forth his honourable retirement from the body with which he has been associated. Concerning the first-named right under this head, there is no difference of opinion, but there is not quite the same agreement on the second point. And yet, we think the one right is the natural outgrowth of the other. If a member may claim a certificate of membership, may he not also claim a clearance certificate when he chooses to resign that membership? Practically, a dimit is only the certified acceptance of a Brother's resignation But the right of resignation does not exist, say some. It is only a qualified privilege—something that may be asked, and which the Lodge may grant or refuse in its discretion. The Old Regulations, 1722, did indeed declare that no Brother should withdraw without a dispensation; but ten years later this restriction was struck out and withdrawal was made easy. Now, both in England and in this country, it is generally held that a Mason in good standing, free from all charges, has the right to withdraw from his Lodge and to receive a certificate, or dimit, to the effect that his membership has honourably terminated by his own request.

6. Every affiliated Mason has the "right to visit." The old rule on this subject is as follows: "Every Mason in good standing, having membership in a lawful Lodge, has a right to visit any other Lodge, wherever it may be, as may suit his pleasure or convenience." This right rests on the supposed identity and homogeneousness of the Masonic Institution. In theory, Freemasonry is of one quality everywhere. It is one great family, Lodges being only certain divisions made for the sake of convenience. In this view, membership in a Masonic Lodge is taken to mean membership in the Fraternity, and a Brother may expect a cordial welcome whenever he presents himself in any place where Masons are congregated. He has the right to visit in any jurisdiction, and he has the ability to make himself known in any assembly of the Craft. But under the modern expression of Freemasonry, the right to visit has become considerably abridged, and it can now be regarded only as a conditional right. Some Lodges transact business in private session, and receive no visitors on such occasions; other Lodges are occasionally obliged to decline to receive the visiting Brother, and so too much must not be claimed in the exercise of this prerogative. It must also be kept in mind that the "right to visit" may be set aside by the exercise of another right, which belongs to every Brother, when sitting with his own Lodge, viz., the "right of objection."

7. Any member of a Lodge has the right to keep out an unwelcome visitor. It has long been held that the harmony of a Lodge ought not to be impaired by admitting a Brother as visitor, when objection is made against his admission by a member present at the time of the proposed visit. This right of objection is in no sense a landmark, however, but only a provision that has properly come into force under the modern administration of the Craft. The right to object to an unwelcome visitor is now generally recognised, and though it is within the power of the Master of a Lodge to overrule such an objection, he would probably not do so except on rare occasions, where there were special considerations to influence such action.

8. Lodge membership carries with it the right of Masonic burial. The right to be buried with the ceremonies of the Craft is one that, under certain restrictions, belongs to every affiliated Mason. In discussing this right, it should be borne in mind that the Old Constitutions do not declare any law on the subject. Masonic burial was probably observed sometimes in the case of prominent or zealous Craftsmen, but not until 1754 was there any official regulation bearing upon such a matter. Preston put the rule into words generally accepted as defining the law governing in the case of Masonic burials. He states the law in this wise: "No Mason can be buried with the ceremonies of the Craft, unless it be by his special request, communicated to the Master of the Lodge of which he died a member,—foreigners and sojourners excepted,—and he must have been advanced to the third degree." From this last restriction, there could be no exception. A personal request for a Masonic burial, then and now, was requisite to the calling out of a Lodge to enact a solemn ceremony and to commit the remains of a departed Brother to earth. It was—it is—the right of every affiliated Mason to prefer such a request, and the obligation rests upon a Lodge and its Master to see the request complied with.

9. Every worthy Mason in need has a right to claim assistance from his Brethren. He may not demand a specific amount of money, nor help at specified times, as if a contract had been entered into between himself and his Lodge, or the Fraternity at large, to this effect. The Masonic Institution was not organized as a beneficial society. It does not administer help according to any formal demands laid upon it; but it does pledge itself to care for and aid distressed Brethren, and they have a claim upon its bounty. A worthy Brother on whom rests any burden of sorrow or need has the right to appeal for help to his Lodge, or to members of the Craft. If his case is one that will bear examination—that presents good grounds for sympathy and help—he may expect to be aided according to what is his need, and according to what is the ability of those Brethren to whom he properly makes appeal. It is the glory of Masonry that it endows its members with this right, and that it acknowledges and responds to its exercise whenever and wherever put forth.

These are but some of the *rights* that belong to Masonic membership; there are others, less direct, perhaps, but hardly less important, The thoughtful and intelligent Craftsman will appreciate what thus comes to him of privilege by his connection with the Order, and he will not need to be reminded of the fact that to all Masonic rights and benefits there are corresponding duties.

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WOMEN AS MASONS.

[COMMUNICATED.]

THE part taken by Brother Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., D.L., in works of philanthropy and benevolence, in the Craft as well as out of it, has become so proverbial, and has been so frequently commented upon, that to make further reference to it seems almost like an attempt to gild refined gold. But sometimes one is tempted to stray a little out of the beaten track when any special feature appears deserving of especial comment; and such an occasion came to my notice a few days since, when the memorial stones of a new Institute in connection with the Theatrical Mission were laid, on the site of the intended structure, in Henrietta-street, Covent Garden. It is taken for granted that ladies shall not be permitted to participate in the mysteries and privileges of Speculative Masonry, but that they may, and do most usefully, figure as Operative Masons we have frequent and abundant illustration. Aiding in the beneficent work of endeavouring to promote the movement for the spiritual and temporal welfare of theatrical employés of every grade—and we have before us the astounding fact that there are no fewer than twenty-eight thousand men, women and children engaged in the profession in London!—the Countess of Aberdeen, the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Bond-Cabbell and Mrs. Horace Brooks Marshall gracefully participated in a ceremony which was brimful of interest and animation throughout. At the conclusion of the business, when the perfect ashlars rested securely on their pedestals, and the strain upon the lewises was eased, it was only natural that hearty cheers should be given for the ladies who had given such proof of their excellent handiwork, and had entitled themselves to such further marks of favour. Upon Bro. Marshall fell the pleasant duty of acknowledging the cordial vote of thanks which had so ungrudgingly been accorded, and he rose to the occasion like a trout will rise to a May fly. His acknowledgment was terse and pithy, and would not probably extend over more than half-a-dozen lines in the ordinary column of a newspaper. But it contained matter enough for a homily, if one had the inclination and ability to pen one, which may well be taken to heart by the Craft in general. With a vein of quiet humour he referred to his wife as having that day played the part of an "operative Mason," in allusion, of course, to the laying of the memorial stone, and followed up the little *feu jesprit* by

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adding that she had had "considerable experience with the trowel." Upon the ears of an audience that was composed almost entirely of non-Masons the remark fell merely as a little piece of pleasantry, but to some who were present, and who have watched Bro. Marshall's career in Freemasonry, there was a twofold significance in the remark. It would be difficult to enumerate all the works of a similar nature which our Past Grand Treasurer and Mrs. Marshall have performed in aid of benevolent and philanthropic institutions, both in connection with the Craft of which he is so distinguished an ornament, and outside its pale as well; but we know enough to endorse most fully the sentiments that their "experience with the trowel" has been of the most extensive and useful kind, in the laying of foundation stones upon which are to be raised superstructures that shall be perfect in their parts, and honourable to the builders. But the little speech in reply to the vote of thanks did not end in sentiment merely,—Bro. Marshall does not do things by halves. After expressing his heartiest sympathy with the object of the mission, and raising a ripple of pleasant laughter by alluding to his estimable wife as an "operative Mason," there came the practical exemplification of that charity which is so distinguishing a characteristic of a Freemason's heart, and sympathy was backed up with a substantial gift of one hundred pounds towards the building fund. This, given on behalf of Mrs. Marshall towards so laudable an object fully entitled her to a Past Master's—or Past Mistress's degree—in operative Masonry, and is only another example of the happy blending of practical sympathy with practical help which we have so often seen practised of late. There was something eminently Masonic in the manner in which the whole matter was put before the audience, and so gracefully was the speech delivered that it made the gift of especial value. The thought aroused by this episode in the career of our Past Grand Treasurer is that although the gentler sex are of necessity excluded from the inner life of speculative Masonry, yet they can make themselves most useful in the operative part of a work which their husbands and relatives are called upon to perform. By kindly encouragement and co-operation in deeds of philanthropy and benevolence many a brother has been stimulated to activities that might otherwise have lain dormant; and I draw this unique and charming little picture of "mutual help and support" which came under my observation on Saturday last, as a means of suggesting to other ladies attached to the ranks of Freemasonry how they may well play their part in the social system by aiding, in kindly and gentle manner, those who are engaged in works of benevolence and charity. In that sense woman appears in her proper sphere, and let us hope there are many who, emulating the excellent example of the wife of Bro. Marshall, are doing good work in the cause of charity, and thus making themselves more extensively useful to their fellow-creatures. On the following Tuesday, Brother and Mrs. Marshall were following up their accustomed avocation at Brixton, when the foundation-stone was laid of the new School-room, dormitories and other buildings in connection with the Brixton Orphanage for Fatherless Girls, which took place in the presence of a large concourse of sympathising spectators. Although the events to which we refer are outside the pale of the Craft, we think allusion to them in our columns is by no means inappropriate, inasmuch as they testify to the Catholicity of the chief actors in them, and point a moral which should adorn the tale of doing good in whatever shape the opportunity may be presented. When the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone, "in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe," was completed, the response was an audible "So mote it be," significantly indicating the Masonic composition of the male portion of the audience; and we could not fail to recognise amongst the many ladies present the wives and sisters of well-known members of the Craft, who had thrown in their lot with those who were "doing good" in a manner thoroughly consonant and in harmony with the truest principles of Freemasonry. The feeding, clothing, and educating of a couple of hundred poor orphan girls is a gigantic undertaking for one individual to undertake, although there may be prospects of plenty of support behind; and the utmost credit is due to Mr. and Mrs. Montague for their self-denying and humane exertions in behalf of a peculiarly helpless and deserving class. It is not a Masonic Institution, pure and simple, but the principle is the same, and if we are not mistaken the chief promoter is not unknown in the ranks of the Fraternity. Anyhow, there was a very strong Masonic tinge upon the whole of the interesting proceedings, and Bro. Marshall, in his address to those assembled was eminently in keeping with the spirit of the Craft in which he has so distinguished himself. As a "working Mason," he spoke of the value of such Institutions as these, whose object was to care for the helpless and the indigent, and referring generally to the subject of charity he unhesitatingly pronounced his "horror and detestation" of allowing any buildings that were erected for religious or philanthropic purposes being in debt. He pointed out that "the silver and gold is the Lord's," and observed that he could prove in a minute that there was plenty of money in the treasury of the Great Architect of the Universe at the present moment. With pardonable pride he referred to the privilege he had enjoyed only a few days before, as Treasurer of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, situated not far from the spot on which he then stood—at Battersea Rise—when he received as a free will offering of the brethren of Freemasonry the magnificent sum of £14,187 11s 7d, an amount exceeding the annual requirements of that charity, and gathered from the brethren without any effort, certainly without any appeal to the outside public. "Now," said he, "if the Masonic fraternity, which labours at the present time under the direct excommunication of, and assailed by the fiercest anathemas from the head of the Church of Rome, could flourish—and it does flourish, particularly in respect of its Charities—if it can flourish under the direct antagonism of a certain section of the Christian Church, surely an Institution like this, which has the direct sanction and support of every Christian denomination, with scarcely an exception, ought to flourish still more." And then, after expressing the joy it afforded him in taking part in this labour of love. Bro. Marshall wound up in his accustomed munificent style by contributing a couple of hundred pounds to the fund required for the new enterprise. Such acts as these are most cheering to all whose hearts are touched with the tenets and principles of our Craft, and it is a part of Masonry in which women may exercise their enormous powers of usefulness and expend their peculiarly potent sympathies. I congratulate our Past Grand Treasurer upon several additions during the last week or two to the "silver trowels" with which he and his estimable wife have had so much "experience," every one of which is a jewel of far greater price than any that could be bestowed upon him for "valuable services rendered" in the ordinary acceptation of the term, inasmuch as it denotes the beginning of good work the influence of which is widely spread over a great and truly beneficent cause.

Obituary.

BRO. C. W. THOMPSON.

WE regret to record the death of Bro. C. W. Thompson, the Officer for letting vacant City lands, which occurred at his residence, Clock House, Catford Bridge, on Monday morning. His death was by no means sudden or unexpected, for during the past two or three years Bro. Thompson has been suffering greatly from illness, yet he fulfilled the duties of his office with skill and energy until within a few days of his death. Since his appointment in 1871 Bro. Thompson had gradually won his way in civic and other circles by the able and intelligent conduct of his duties, by the untiring energy which he displayed in all matters in which he was interested, and perhaps more than all, by the unvarying affability by which he was characterised. In works of charity and benevolence Bro. Thompson always played a leading part. His connection with the Dramatic Fund and other institutions having a similar object, will be long remembered and valued. By his death the City has lost a hard-working and conscientious officer, Freemasonry a prominent member, and the officers of the Corporation a valued friend. Brother Thompson was a member of the Court of the Loriners, Pattenmakers, and Fanmakers' Companies, and a liveryman of the Upholders' Company. He had served the office of Master of the Pattenmakers' Company, and was next in rotation for that dignity in the Fanmakers' Company. In Freemasonry he was equally distinguished. He was a founder of the Ravensbourne Lodge, a founder and Past Master of the Maybury Lodge, and a member of the Emulation Chapter. He was 42 years of age, and leaves two daughters and one son. The funeral took place on Thursday last, at Lewisham cemetery.—*City Press.*

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

THE closing of the session in connection with this sound and prosperous Lodge was marked by a very gratifying incident, on the evening of the 21st inst., when substantial recognition was made of the valuable services rendered for many years by Bro. R R. Harper, as Past Master and Secretary. The meeting took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, where there was a numerous attendance of brethren and visitors. The W.M., Bro. Alfred J. Potter, was supported by Bros. C. Weeden S.W., A. Perl J.W., Rev. C. Stevens Chaplain, R. R. Harper P.M. and Secretary, F. Perl D.C., J. J. Pilley I.G.; P.M.'s T. Bartlett, T. J. Cusworth, Sampson George, and L. C. Haslip, C. T. Speight Tyler, and many other brethren. The Visitors included Bros. Walter George P.M. 101, R. Pierpoint W.M. 177, Arthur Grace 177, F. A. Tinkley 1772, H. H. Whale 172, and others. After the transaction of some routine business, the W.M. called upon Bro. T. Bartlett, as the senior Past Master of the Lodge, and Treasurer of the testimonial fund, to make the presentation, which had been unanimously subscribed for, to Bro. Harper. In doing this Bro. Bartlett said he esteemed it a great honour and privilege to have been entrusted with the pleasant duty, inasmuch as Bro. Harper's connection with the New Concord Lodge was through his introduction. He had always made himself a useful member, from his initiation to the present time, and was ever ready to fill the office of any absent brother. Soon after his initiation he became permanent Steward of the Lodge, and he then passed through all the offices leading up to S.W., with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Lodge. By an arrangement with the then Master and himself, Bro. Harper filled the S.W. chair two years, until in 1879 he was elected to the chair, the duties of which he discharged in admirable and efficient manner. In that year he was also the custodian of the Lodge books, which, from circumstances which need not be reverted to, had become somewhat disorganised. Through his zeal and assiduity, assisted by Bro. Haslip, he made the books so that they could be understood and followed by his successor, Bro. S. George; and they all admitted that he performed a very difficult task most admirably. At the expiration of his term of office as Master, the Lodge elected him as Secretary, the duties of which post he had faithfully and zealously discharged up to the present time. That the brethren were satisfied with his efforts in that direction could be vouched for by the proceedings of that evening. At a meeting a short time ago, an opinion was expressed that such valuable services as Bro. Harper had rendered to the Lodge should be somewhat substantially acknowledged, and the suggestion was most readily and unanimously responded to. The result had been the purchase of a handsome Secretary's jewel or locket, together with a massive gold albert chain, in case, in the selection of which Bro. Harper's choice had been consulted. He had very much pleasure in presenting the testimonial, in the name of the Lodge, and hoped the recipient might live many years to wear it, and to enjoy the esteem in which he was now held by the the brethren generally. It was but a slight token of their appreciation of his services of Secretary during the past six years; but he hoped whoever might come into possession of it in the future would always be reminded of the motives which had prompted the gift. He then read the inscription on the reverse side of the jewel, as follows:—

Presented to
Bro. R. R. Harper, P.M. and Secretary,
by the brethren of the
New Concord Lodge, No. 813,
In appreciation of his valuable services, and as a token of their esteem and regard.
21st May 1885.

Accompanying the gift was an address, engraved on vellum, and beautifully illuminated in gold and colours, the whole being surmounted by a capital portrait of Bro. Harper. The address was enclosed in a neat frame and glazed, and the text ran as follows:—

This Testimonial,
Together with a gold chain and jewel, was
Presented to
Bro. R. R. Harper, P.M. and Secretary,
By the brethren of the
New Concord Lodge, No. 813,
In appreciation of his valuable services, and as a mark of their sincere regard and esteem,
21st May 1885.
[Signed by the present and past Masters, the Officers and many of the brethren].

The applause which followed the presentation having subsided, Bro. Bartlett proceeded to say that as there was a surplus of the fund remaining in hand, it was thought that no better or more graceful use could be made of it than by asking Bro. Harper to accept, for his wife, the present of a diamond ring, and concluded by expressing the hope that Mrs. Harper also might live long to share in the good feeling and kindly wishes which had been expressed towards her husband. Bro. Harper, who was evidently moved by the profuse expressions of regard which were showered upon him from all sides, said he was sure the brethren would pardon him if he failed adequately to express in words the feelings of gratitude within him for the kindness they had shown him. He asked them, therefore, to take the will for the deed; and as these splendid tokens had been given for services he had rendered to the Lodge he hoped not one of the brethren would regret having subscribed to them. He should endeavour in the future, as he had done in the past, all he possibly could to promote and sustain the interests of the New Concord Lodge. To him this was simply a labour of love; in fact he admired the New Concord Lodge and all its surroundings. What he did he did freely and willingly, and purely for the benefit of the Lodge. Perhaps he might have displeased one or two members at various times, but they must take the will for the deed; it was all done for their good. He again thanked the brethren for their handsome gifts, and resumed his seat amidst loud applause. On the motion of Bro. A. Perl J.W., seconded by Bro. Mustoe, a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the Committee, Treasurer and Secretary of the Harper Testimonial Fund, for the efficient manner in which they had carried out their duties. P.M.'s T. Bartlett and S. George briefly acknowledged the compliment paid them and their coadjutors. A grant of £10 from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge was made to a distressed brother; after which Bro. F. Perl S.D. said he had heard with deep regret, on entering the Lodge-room, of the death of Mrs. Speight, the wife of their respected Tyler. They had been associated with Bro. Speight many years, and they could not do less than testify their respect for him and their sincere sorrow at his bereavement, after forty-six years of happy married life. He therefore moved that the regret of the brethren be recorded on the minutes, and that the Secretary be requested to send a letter of condolence to Bro. Speight. In seconding the proposition Bro. Bartlett P.M. observed that Bro. Speight had been Tyler of this Lodge ever since its formation, twenty-five years ago. He was deservedly respected by all with whom he came in contact, and it was only due that the condolence of the brethren should be duly expressed. The motion was carried unanimously At the conclusion of the business the brethren and visitors repaired to the Throne-room, where an elegant banquet was served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Marchant. The prefatory toasts having been duly honoured, the health of the W.M. was proposed in complimentary terms by Bro. Bartlett P.M. and suitably acknowledged. For the Visitors Bro. R. Pierpoint, in responding, said he was a very old visitor to the New Concord Lodge. He remembered the brethren when they held their meetings at the Rosemary Branch, at Hoxton, and he had always received from them the greatest kindness and hospitality. The W.M. being a personal friend of his it gave him the utmost pleasure to be present this evening, and to witness the presentation of a testimonial to another very old friend. If ever a man deserved the name of "a brother Mason" it was Brother Harper; beneath his waistcoat was the true throb of a Mason's heart. He had received from Bro. Harper the greatest kindness, and he knew the brethren of the Lodge had also, Masonically. But he could speak of him outside Masonic circles, for he was brought in contact with Bro. Harper in business matters connected with the railway system, and he knew that after leaving the festive board he would be puzzling his brain, trying to adopt and improve appliances for the safety of the British public. Sooner or later he ventured to predict Bro. Harper would make his mark as a practical mechanical electrician. He had now an instrument under his charge which was calculated to reduce to a minimum the liability to accident to the British public, and for that alone he deserved thanks. He had always found Bro. Harper a true Mason, and it gave him the utmost pleasure to be present that evening and to see how the brethren appreciated him in the Lodge. He hoped he might live many years to wear the chain and jewel which had been presented to him, and felt sure it would it would be gratifying to take home to his wife that little token which was included in the testimonial, to show that she also was not forgotten amidst the expressions of recognition of the services her husband had rendered to the new Concord Lodge. Bros. Tinley, Whale, and Grace also responded, the latter observing that it had given him great pleasure to witness the presentation to his old and valued friend. Bro. W. George followed, in the same direction, and thanked the brethren for the right royal welcome they had extended to the Visitors. In responding for the Past Masters Bro. Bartlett referred to Bro. Harper as one of his children in the Lodge, and said that fact gave additional pleasure to him in making the presentation. During his six years secretaryship he had completely resuscitated the Lodge, and brought it back to its original new Concord form, which it had somewhat lost when he took office. Bro. Cusworth, in the course of his reply, said although a young Lodge comparatively, of only 25 years' standing, the New Concord was Vice-President of the three Masonic Institutions, which could not be said even of some older Lodges. As regarded the Charities, they had a Lodge Benevolent Fund, which was always at the disposal of the W.M. and the brethren. He hoped Bro. Potter would have a pleasant and happy year of office; he saw no reason why he should not, as he was supported by efficient and able Officers. Bro. Harper also responded, and in the course of his remarks said that from their Benevolent Fund they had recently confirmed a grant of £20 to the widow of a deceased brother, and to-night they had granted £10 to a distressed member of the Lodge. Still, they had a fund in the bank amounting to over £100, and he believed there was no other Lodge of 25 years' standing that had given so much to the Masonic Charities. Bro. S. George, in his reply, said nothing would be wanting on his part and that of the other Past Masters to forward the interests of the Lodge. If any Officer or brother anxious for office required assistance at any time, he had only to mention the matter to any of the Past Masters, who would advise him to the best of their ability, and make him fit for any office to which he might aspire. The utmost harmony and concord prevailed in the Lodge, and every member seemed to have its interest really at heart, which was most gratifying. Bro. Haslip also briefly responded, and the W.M. then proposed the Treasurer and Secretary, in doing which he regretted the absence of Bro. Stilwell P.M. through indisposition. The toast having been acknowledged, the Officers of the Lodge was proposed, and severally responded to, the list being brought to a fitting close by the Tyler's toast. The proceedings were interspersed by some excellent songs, and an unusually harmonious and agreeable evening was passed.

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UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

ON Wednesday, the 27th instant, the V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Essex (Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Recorder of Colchester) visited Colchester for the purpose of installing Bro. John T. Bailey as W.M. of this Lodge. There was a large gathering of members of the Lodge and visitors, and the proceedings passed off most successfully. The installation ceremony was performed in the most perfect and impressive manner by the D.P.G.M., and at its close the following were appointed as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Robert Smith I.P.M., the Rev. Morgan Jones S.W., Gosling P.M. J.W., the Rev. E H. Crate P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Richard Clowes P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Treas., Thos. Rix P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Sec., John G. Renshaw S.D., G. Pung Hazell J.D., Thos. Eustace P.M. P.P.G.S.B. D.C., H. J. Skingley Org., A. J. Norman I.G., S. Munson Tyler, H. C. Welch, Ward, Ashdown, and Manley Stewards. At the close of the Lodge business, a letter was read from Bro. Col. H. S. Somerville Burney P.G.D., one of the Founders of the Lodge, presenting to the Lodge a photograph of its first Officers. In the absence of Bro. Colonel Burney, the presentation was made by Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate, who, in a few well chosen words, spoke of the interest attaching to the photograph, and congratulated the Lodge upon the possession of so interesting a memento. On the motion of Bro. Thos. Eustace P.M., one of the oldest members of the Lodge, seconded by the W.M., a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Colonel Burney for his present. A cordial vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick D.P.G.M., Grand Registrar, for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony of the day. Between 40 and 50 brethren afterwards dined together, at the George Hotel, an excellent repast being provided by the hostess, Mrs. Guiver. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk, and the *post prandial* proceedings were much enlivened by some vocal music by Bros. C. Osmond, J. J. C. Turner, R. O. Coombs, Rev. W. Morgan Jones, and Masters Barton and Nunn. Among those present in addition to those already mentioned, were Bros. Thos. J. Ralling P.M. 51 P.G. Sec., Lewin P.M. 276 P.P.G.S. of W., Wiseman P.M. 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., Howard Ives W.M. 51 P.P.G. Steward, Osmond P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., Harrison P.M. S.D. 51, Tandy W.M. 1280, Hales W.M. 650, Sanders S.W. 650, Dunn J.W. 650, Adam Smith W.M. 433, Lord P.M. 433, Hutley W.M. 1024 P.G. Steward, Hanley 51, Reichter 51, Quilter 51, and the following members of 697, Bros. G. A. Eustace P.M. P.G.S.B., Mills P.M. P.P.G.P., Ashdown, Howe, Stanley Fitchett, Grant, Jelly, Beaumont, Davis, Page, A. F. Hart, Rixon Ford, Potton, E. J. Hart, Boulton, Stevens, &c., &c.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge, on Friday the 22nd inst., was well attended, both by members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. William D. Becket was supported by his Wardens, Bros. F. and C.E. Botley, and other Officers, with Past Masters Blasby Treasurer, Hilton Secretary, Gardiner, Littlewood, Walter Goss, Potter, and J. J. Gunner I.P.M. The business, other than that of the usual character, consisted of the raising of Bro. J. Fay to the degree of M.M. The ceremony was performed in excellent style by the W.M. A capital banquet followed, and at its conclusion the usual toast list was done justice to. The name of Bro. H. G. Buss was associated with the toast of the Grand Officers. In reply, the esteemed Assistant Grand Secretary referred to his long association with the Royal Alfred Lodge, in which he had filled the office of Secretary for a period of twelve or fourteen years. It was very gratifying to him to again attend the Lodge and see it prospering as of old. All appeared to be working harmoniously together, and he trusted the same spirit might always continue. Bro. Gunner proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, the toast he considered the principal one of the evening. He spoke of the ability displayed by Bro. Becket in the work of the Lodge, more particularly referring to the way in which he had worked the ceremony of raising that day. In replying, the W.M. said he had approached the work of Master with considerable diffidence. He had been a member of the Lodge some eight or nine years, and during that time had only been absent from one of its meetings. He had worked up step by step to the highest in the Lodge, and assured the members he should strive to carry out the duties of the chair to their satisfaction and to the best of his ability. The toast of the Past Masters followed. Bro. Gunner replied. He had experienced great pleasure throughout the period during which he had held the reins of office. Bro. Littlewood followed. He was ever ready to assist the Wor. Master for the time being. Bros. Gardiner, Goss, Blasby and Hilton also replied. The latter said he had the honour of being appointed Secretary of the Lodge on the retirement of Bro. Buss, which position he had held for nearly twenty years. Several other toasts followed, and during the evening some good songs were contributed.

LEWIS LODGE, No. 1185.

THE first meeting, after the usual vacation, was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, on Saturday, 16th inst. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Tollis I.P.M., Shipwright S.W., Hildreth J.W., Field S.D., Goodfellow J.D., Richards I.G., Durrant P.M. Treasurer, Lloyd P.M. Secretary, Chatterton Organist, Knight W.S., Sayer P.M. D.C., Church Tyler; also Bros. Row P.M., Harrison P.M., Conolly, Mackney, Stiffen, Murray, Gomm, Nash, Usherwood, Prentice, Greenslade, Buehl, Carter, Humphreys, Smith, Keddell. Visitors—Bros. Rickwood P.M. 192, Williams J.D. 1539, Walsham 55, North 473, Hulett 569, Sexton 1321, Calmady, Richardson 1641. After confirmation of the minutes of meeting held in October last, the W.M. passed Bro. Keddell. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Osterstock, Hewett, Passmore, and Goldsmith, and proved unanimous. Mr. Passmore was unavoidably absent, but the rest were duly initiated in an impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. Hildreth, having previously given notice, asked the Lodge to vote him the sum of five guineas on his list as Steward for the Boys' School. This was seconded by Bro. Tollis I.P.M., and carried unanimously. Lodge then adjourned to a banquet, provided by host Greenslade, and served in a manner which reflected great credit upon him. Having such musical talent present no more time than was absolutely necessary was spent by the W.M. in giving the various toasts. Our esteemed Bro. Mackney was in his usual form, and responded most willingly to the numerous calls made upon him; it is quite unnecessary to say that the risible faculties of the brethren were strung to the highest pitch. Bro. Sexton's singing was also thoroughly appreciated, and Bros. Keddell, Smith and Richardson also gave some excellent songs. In giving the Charities, the W.M. congratulated the Lodge upon the fact that all the Institutions would be represented by them this year. He thanked the brethren for so heartily supporting him at the recent Festival for the "Old Folks," when he took up the handsome sum of £150. Bro. Knight raised £80 for the Girls, and he hoped Bro. Hildreth would be equally successful for the Boys. The Worshipful Master advised all the brethren to join Charitable Associations, which were now very general, and attached to most Lodges of Instruction. To one in particular he referred, viz., that attached to the Star Lodge of Instruction, held at the Five Bells, New Cross, to which he felt greatly indebted, as over £100 had been placed on his list from that source. Bro. Hildreth responded for the Charities. The only other toasts calling for special mention were the Initiates and the Visitors. To the former very able responses were received from the newly-made brethren, and Bros. Rickwood, Williams and Richardson responded to the latter, congratulating the W.M. upon the able manner in which he had done his work, and the Lodge generally upon the very harmonious and friendly feeling which prevailed. The Tyler's toast brought to an end a most enjoyable evening.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.

THE annual installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Friday, the 22nd instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, by dispensation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the usual rooms at the Agricultural Hall not being available on this occasion. Bros. J. Greenfield W.M., Poulton I.P.M., Allison S.W., Payne J.W., Weston P.M. Treasurer, Osborn P.M. Secretary, Larter S.D., Heyse I.G., Wright Organist, Homan Steward, Thomas Tyler; also Bros. W. H. Lee P.M., Everitt, Dearing, Hiscock, Dresden, Garner, Brown, Warner, Field, Keogh, Southwell, &c. Amongst the numerous Visitors were Bros. Bird P.M. 1897 and P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Woodman W.M. 1950 J.W. 1897, Cave 127, Thomas 179, Snook S.D. 1693, Weeden S.W. 813, Wigley W.M. 1348, Martin 382, Brett 1471, Kew P.M. 179, Lee 1897, James I.G. 1441, Forge P.M. 1950 S.W. 1693, Hammond 1471, Wetenhall 201, Hughes 1897, Spiller P.M. 49, Potter 1693, Rennie 1891, Western W.M. 1693, Collings Organist 1693, Bayne Organist 1897, Probert 340. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Everitt and Banks, 1897, were passed to the second degree, after which the chair was taken by Bro. Weston P.M., who in a very efficient manner installed Bro. Edwin Payne W.M. elect. The following were appointed Officers:—Brothers Greenfield I.P.M., Larter S.W., Heyse J.W., Weston P.M. Treasurer, Osborn P.M. Secretary, Homan S.D., Dearing J.D., Brown I.G., Warner D.C., Wright Organist, Garner Steward, Thomas Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered in an impressive manner by Bros. Weston and Osborn. The newly-installed W.M. commenced his tenure of office by initiating Messrs. Keogh and Southwell, the ceremony being rendered in a style that convinced the brethren that Bro. Payne would prove himself a very able and efficient occupant of the Master's chair. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Greenfield, in recognition of his services during the past year. Several propositions were then received for the next meeting, after which the brethren adjourned to banquet. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been disposed of, Bro. Greenfield I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and congratulated him on the excellent and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation that evening. He was glad to see five candidates and one joining brother proposed for the next meeting, and predicted a flourishing year for the W.M. Bro. Payne was initiated in that Lodge the same evening as himself, and he was pleased to see him attain the honourable position he now held, and earnestly wished him health and prosperity during his tenure of office. Bro. Payne W.M., in reply, heartily thanked Bro. Greenfield for the flattering terms in which he had spoken of him, and also the brethren for the cordial reception they had accorded the toast of his health. He would use his earnest endeavours to promote the welfare of the Lodge and the comfort and happiness of the brethren. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the I.P.M., Bro. Greenfield, alluded to the efficient manner in which he had conducted the Lodge during the past year, and hoped he might long be spared to assist them with his counsel and advice. Bro. Greenfield I.P.M., in response, after thanking the brethren for the jewel that had been presented to him, and for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, said that he considered it was the duty of every Mason to practise the precepts that were inculcated in the Lodge. The health of the Initiates was proposed by the W.M., who said he was proud of having initiated two brethren that evening, and trusted they would be Masons in heart as well as in name. He was glad to see such a large number of initiates coming into the Lodge. Bro. Keogh, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception the initiates had received; he had had the pleasure of being acquainted with the W.M. for the last twenty-five years, and was pleased to be initiated by so old and valued a friend. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors, and said he was delighted to see such a large number present. In the name of the Lodge he gave them a hearty welcome, and trusted they had spent a pleasant even

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ing. In response, Bro. Woodman, W.M. 1950, said he appreciated the honour done him by coupling his name with the toast. He had had the privilege of visiting the Lodge frequently during the last few years, and was glad to see the progress that had been made. It had afforded him much pleasure to see the W.M. invest his Officers in so able a manner, and he was sure he would perform his duties to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. In conclusion, he heartily thanked the W.M. for his hospitality, and in the name of the Visitors wished him every success during the coming year. Brother Bird P.M. 1897 also testified to the excellent working and profuse hospitality. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters, which was responded to by Bros. P.M.'s Weston and Osborn. The toast of the Officers followed, which was suitably responded to. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, when the brethren separated, after having spent a very enjoyable evening. We must give a meed of praise to Bro. J. Baker, for the excellent manner in which the banquet was served. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Wright Organist, assisted by Miss Edith Phillips, Miss Coyte Turner, Bros. Probert and Bayne. The selection of vocal music rendered gave great satisfaction and deservedly gained applause.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THIS Lodge held its first meeting in the new Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Monday, the 11th inst. The brethren attended in full force, and the Lodge room was comfortably filled. The fittings of the hall were far from completed, but sufficient had been accomplished to give a good idea of what the effect would be when all was finished, and very general satisfaction was expressed at the handsome, comfortable, and well furnished appearance of the place. In the absence of the W.M., Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., and the I.P.M., Bro. John Blenkin (through indisposition), Bro. T. B. Whytehead, senior P.M., took the chair. After the usual formalities and successful ballots for a candidate and a joining member, Bro. Whytehead addressed the brethren on the occasion of their meeting for the first time under their own roof. He congratulated them on their efforts having been crowned with success, reviewing the progress of the Lodge since its commencement, and pointing out the result of harmonious working. He said that the spirit evinced by the members of the Lodge was of the true Masonic kind. Not only had they been able to purchase and pay for the handsome building in which they were then assembled, but members of the Lodge had come forward in the most handsome manner and offered to present various articles of furniture. Chairs, pedestals, and other important properties would be presented by individual brethren, and, indeed, no sooner was it known that anything was required for the Lodge than some brother at once came forward and offered to give it. He was proud to be a member of a Lodge containing so many good and true men, and he looked forward to a future both prosperous and happy. After the close of the Lodge the party met at the refreshment table, and passed a most harmonious evening, every one expressing the utmost pleasure at the accommodation experienced in the new building. Amongst those present were Bros. Balmford P.M. as S.W., Brown J.W., Chapman S.D., Dalton J.D., Kay Sec., Lackenby I.G., Stephenson S.; P.M.'s Millington, Padel, Seller, Simpson; Polkinghorne W.M. 1991, Major McGachen P.M. and S.W. 1991, Foster, Abbey, Mills, Ware, Pearson, Storry, Irving, Thorpe, Cooper, Wrigglesworth, Stubbs, Lamb, Taff, Thackray, White 1991, Kersopp 1991, Take 236, and two visiting brethren from the Leonox Lodge, No. 123, Richmond. A candidate for initiation and a joining member were proposed.

EWELL LODGE No. 1851.

ON Saturday, 23rd inst., this Lodge met at the Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, and was opened by Bro. George Joseph Dunkley (G. S. Graham) Worshipful Master, and Bro. Parker was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. After the ceremony, the W.M. was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, of 18-carat gold, bearing the following inscription:—

Presented by the Brethren of the
EWELL LODGE, No. 1851,
To BRO. GEORGE JOSEPH DUNKLEY P.P. Grand Org. Mddx.
And fourth Master. 23rd May 1885.

THE THEATRES.

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The Strand.—A great authority has declared that every possible combination on the dramatic chess board has been long ago exhausted, and that though we may give our plays new names, we must needs put them through some ancient opening to close in a denouement of no less ancient invention. Will Mr. Sidney Grundy's new comedy "The Silver Shield," so successfully given lately at a Strand matinée, disprove this pessimist view? The dialogue is brilliantly written, but not made too prickly with smart things; they seem appropriate to the speaker and the situation, not a mere firework show by the author. The play may take its stand, for its literary merit, a rare quality in these days, when the horse-collar school of wit is in the ascendant, but the merit is perhaps in the manner of the story rather than in the story itself. We have our lion raging in the forest of Arden, an animal as fierce and unaccountable as that which made sweet Rosalind tremble and turn pale. Mr. Grundy's lion is green-eyed, and this is the havoc it creates: Alma Blake, a charming actress and charming wife, when the curtain rises, is visiting at the house of Sir Humphrey Chetwynd. She is separated from her devoted husband. The lion of Arden has made Tom read a letter of scornful dismissal to an impertinent admirer, but so worded it that Tom thinks his wife faithless. She, instead of setting the misunderstanding right, as so clever and sensible a lady should have done, has allowed her husband to depart, and then advertised her own death. Tom, when the curtain rises, is embittered, but now seeks consolation from Lucy Preston, the ward of Sir Humphrey, a fair but illegitimate maiden, who is secretly married to her guardian's son Ned. When the fact of this marriage is intimated to the father, that amiable and genial old gentleman is suddenly transformed into the irascible father of "legitimate" days, and turns the son he adores and the girl he has loved out of doors, because of the misfortune of her birth. Then Sir Humphrey seeks consolation from Alma, and offers her his hand, only to learn that she too is married. Ned Chetwynd and his bride are in London in the second act—he a successful play writer, and engaged on a comedy in which Alma is to take a leading part. Now reappears our lion, with eyes greener than ever. A letter the actress has to read is found by Lucy on her husband's desk; she supposes it is an actual love letter. Here Miss Mary Rorke, as Lucy, showed a degree of emotional power that fairly carried away her audience. Those who have only seen this lady in the charmed circle of the Criterion, where displays of passion and grief are perhaps unknown, would scarcely be prepared for such ability as she displays. The lion has roared to such purpose that Lucy, like Alma, resolves to separate from the spouse she adores. We next find her, after three months, the leading actress at Alma's theatre. This achievement, for a country-bred girl, new to London and unknown to the photographers, surely demands too much strain on our faith. However, we now come to a magnificent scene between the ladies. Lucy charges Alma with the intrigue, and offers to prove the charge by producing the letter; when Alma, with half pity, half contemptuous good humour, shows a copy of the words in the part she is studying. Both ladies are reunited to their "loving husbands, waiting outside." The story, told in the grey air of the morning, seems crude and improbable; but probability is not a stage virtue. Mr. Beauchamp was excellent as the country gentleman, mingling the modern man of the world with a survival of Squire Western. Mr. Groves, as a very "shoppy" theatre manager, played with gusto—perhaps a little too much. Mr. Herbert, as Ned, was a pleasant jeune première. Mr. R. Barrington was a dignified Rev. Dr. Dozey; Mr. Arthur Dacre, always refined and earnest in style, suffered from nervousness. To our mind he spoke his words too slowly, The honour of the occasion, however, fell on Miss Amy Roselle. It is long since this charming artress has had a part so worthy her powers. The brilliancy and playful wit of the artist Alma, the tenderness and pride of the insulted wife, were all delicately rendered, and with the touch of a master hand. This lady commands, with equal readiness, tears and laughter. Only less important was the Lucy of Miss Kate Rorke, while Mrs. Leigh Murray was delightful as the fussy, good-natured clergywoman. There were, at the end of the second act, loud calls for the author, but he wisely deferred his acknowledgments till the end of the piece, when he had to appear twice. On the second occasion he was brought on by the tutelary genius of the occasion, Miss Amy Roselle.

The Avenue.—The sparkling comic opera "Les Manteaux Noirs" again sees the footlights at the Avenue, and will, we trust, bring back fortune's favours to the pretty house by the river. It is not long since Mr. Willing first adorned our hoardings with the mysterious triumvirate, suggesting the three avengers from the "Prophète," and we gladly welcome these gay dissemblers once again. Full houses give plenty of laughter and applause to the revival. Though the cast is not so strong—from a musical point of view—as the original one, the story, with its picturesque Spanish setting, and endless complications, has quite enough dramatic force to stand alone. However, Miss Hood deserves unqualified praise for her singing as the heroine, and very pretty she looks in her coquettish peasant dress. Mr. Walsham plays the hero, Don Louis, with spirit, and the right touch of cavalier gaiety. Mr. Wyatt is at his best as the Grand Chamberlain. The sincerity of his eccentricities have an irresistible charm, and whether he sings or declaims he is delightfully amusing. The piece is well mounted, and the costumes costly and tasteful. Whether comic opera can hold its own for any length of time is now doubtful, but M. Bucalossi's work, by its graceful songs and clever orchestration, well deserves the success its revival promises.

The Royal Arch Masons of Surrey will hold their annual Provincial Grand Chapter at the Masonic Hall, Chertsey, this day (Saturday) at 3·40 in the afternoon. There will be a banquet at five p.m., tickets for which are 12s 6d each. A large attendance of Companions is expected.

Two important Mark meetings will be held in London next week, the one being the summer half yearly communication of the Grand Lodge, and the other the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey. The latter will take place on Monday, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 5 p.m., and will be followed by a banquet, at 6.30. The communication of Grand Mark Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, at 5 p.m., and will also be followed by a banquet, which will be provided in the Venetian Salon, Holborn Restaurant, at 7 o'clock. The Grand Mark Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Kintore, will, it is expected, preside both in Grand Lodge and at the subsequent banquet.

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THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION OF THIS Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of June next, when and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, and Overseers of private Lodges, are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock p.m.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G.J.W.)
Grand Secretary.

A Banquet will be provided in the Venetian Salon, Holborn Restaurant, at Seven o'clock, at which the Grand Master will preside.

The Tickets will be 15s each, including Wine, if taken before the day of meeting, and 17s 6d if taken out 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 30th of May.

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20th May 1885.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS
OF
MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The R.W. Bro. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Prov. G. Master.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, on Monday, 1st June 1885, when all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Acting Wardens of Lodges in the Province, are hereby *summoned* to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock.

Brethren to appear in full Masonic Costume of the Mark Degree, and Provincial Grand Officers in the clothing of their respective rank.

By command of the R.W. P.G.M.M.,

Wm. G. BRIGHTEN P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.S.W., &c.
Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

May 1885.

Banquet at 6:30 o'clock. Tickets One Pound each, including Wine.

Brethren intending to be present should notify their intention to the Provincial Grand Mark Secretary on or before the 27th May.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

A MEETING of the ROYAL BRUCE CHAPTER of H.R.M. will be held at No. 33 Golden Square, London, W., on Saturday, the 4th day of July 1885, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

A meeting of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE of R.S.Y.C.S. of London and the Metropolitan Counties will be held at the same place, on the same day, immediately after the conclusion of the ceremony of H.R.M.

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PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

R.W. COL. SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, BART.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge will be held at the Town Hall, Uxbridge, on Saturday, 6th June, at 3 p.m. precisely.

By command of the Prov. G. Master,
J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.M.
Provincial Grand Secretary (pro tem).

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3rd June 1885, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th March for confirmation.

2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 29th April for confirmation.

3. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.

4. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.

5. Election of a Grand Lodge Auditor.

6. 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.)

7. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

The Widow of a Brother of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, London	£75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Wellington Lodge, No. 518, Deptford	50	0	0
A Brother of the Social Lodge, No. 93, Norwich	60	0	0
A Brother of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, Plumstead ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 673, Liverpool ...	50	0	0

8. 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 15th day of May instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £4,818 0s 11d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library £11 17s 6d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
19th May 1885.

At the Meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 19th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz.:—

> The Members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy displayed on all occasions by the Very Worshipful Brother Thomas Fenn, as President of the Board of General Purposes.

(Signed) RALPH CLUTTON,
Vice President.

9. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 15th May 1885, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

10. Application from a body styling itself the Grand Lodge of South Australia, stating that all the Lodges and almost all the Masons in that Colony had united in forming an independent Grand Lodge, and praying that it may therefore be recognised as such by the Grand Lodge of England.

11. APPEALS:—

(1) From the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1831, Ashfield, New South Wales, against a ruling of their District Grand Master, forbidding the discussion in open Lodge of a Resolution proposed by Brother Deacon Junior Warden.

(2) From a Brother of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, Twickenham, against a ruling of the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, sustaining a sentence of exclusion passed by that Lodge on the said Brother.

N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during office hours.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION:—

(1) By W. Brother RAYNHAM W. STEWART P.G. Deacon:—

> "That One Thousand Pounds (£1,000) be paid from the Fund of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' Preparatory School Building Fund, towards defraying the cost of Fittings and Furniture for the New Buildings now approaching completion."

(2) By W. Brother RAYNHAM W. STEWART P.G. Deacon:—

> "That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season."

List of Brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes.—

MASTERS.

FREDERICK WEST	4
Sir BRUCE SETON	6
FREDERICK WILLIAM SMITH	58
HENRY TRUMAN WOOD	99
EDWARD J. ALTMAN	101
STEPHEN RICHARDSON	183
Sir REGINALD HANSON	778
REGINALD ST. AUBYN ROUMIEU	1537
TOM DREW BEAR	1584
THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	1793
EDWARD GARNET MAN	1827
JAMES WILLING JUN.	1987

PAST MASTERS.

WILLIAM BRISTOW	G.S.L.
EDMOND K. BAYLEY	1
FREDERIC DAVISON P.G.D.	10
SAMUEL HILL	21
EDWARD F. STORR	22
HENRY BISHOP	66
CHARLES DAIRY	141
RALPH CLUTTON	143
CHARLES FREDERICK HOGARD	205
RICHARD GEORGE BARTON	771
THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER	907
HUGH HEUGH RIACH	1118
JAMES STEVENS	1216
FREDERICK T. C. KEEBLE	1426
JOHN LAURENCE MATHER	1471
ALFRED COOPER	1591
THOMAS WILLTAM C. BUSH	1728
WILLIAM A. DAWSON	1768
GIOVANNI P. FESTA	1900
JAMES WENTWORTH T. CHAPMAN	1922
AUGUSTUS WILLIAM STEAD	1997

List of Brethren nominated for the Colonial Board—

CHARLES ROBERT RIVINGTON	2
LEOPOLD G. GORDON ROBBINS	10
JOHN ANDREW MAITLAND	92
JAMES BRETT	177
THOMAS W. WHITMARSH	1150
EDWARD M. ROE	1593
GEORGE HALDANE (Lieut.-Col.)	1615

List of Brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

HENRY MOORE	73
ALFRED H. TATTERSHALL	140
CHARLES DAIRY	141
CHARLES GEORGE DILLEY	147
GEORGE L. MOORE	169
JAMES WILLING JUN.	177
JOHN E. DAWSON	404
THOMAS MOUNT HUMPHRIES	539
CHARLES A. COTTEBRUNE	733
ROBERT PERRY TATE	860
JAMES BOULTON	1056
ALFRED DURRANT (Captain)	1185
WILLIAM J. MURLIS	1642
THOMAS W. C. BUSH	1728

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 2090.—The Hammersmith Lodge, Hammersmith, London.
2091.—The Castleberg Lodge, Settle, West Yorkshire.
2092.—The Frontier Lodge, Cathcart, South Africa (E.D.)
2093.—Lodge Star of Rajpootana, Nusserabad, Bombay.
2094.—The Elthorne and Middlesex Lodge, Hounslow, Middlesex.

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2095.—The Caterham Lodge, Surrey.
2096.—The George Price Lodge, Croydon, Surrey.
2097.—The Newcastle Lodge, Newcastle, Natal.
2098.—The Harlesden Lodge, Harlesden, London.
2099.—The Ethelbert Lodge, Herne Bay, Kent.
2100.—The Cama Lodge, Hampton Court, Middlesex.
2101.—The Bramston Beach Lodge, Godalming, Surrey.

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 1885 is now ready; it can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

CONSECRATION OF THE GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

ONE of the last matters which are arranged in connection with a new Lodge, and yet one of the most important in regard to its future, is that of its name. Every detail may be settled to a nicety, every arrangement made for the petition to be regularly presented, and reasonable hopes entertained of the ultimate granting of the warrant, without serious thought being given to the naming of the Lodge. When the subject does come on for consideration among the founders, how many divergencies of opinion often arise, and how difficult it becomes to satisfy all the requirements which seem to be needed in connection with the name. For our part we are averse, as a rule, to the naming of Lodges after well known brethren, and we are of opinion that much may be said in opposition to such a course, but on the other hand there is much to be advanced in its favour. The Province of Surrey is particularly strong in this respect, it having several Lodges named in honour of its prominent Masons, notably the Brownrigg, the Arnold, and the Greenwood, and has just added another to its roll, having for its title the name of one of the most distinguished members of its Provincial Grand Lodge. No one will question the policy of the founders in selecting for their title the name of so distinguished a Mason as Bro. George Price, who has been intimately associated with the Masonic work of the district for over thirty years, during a considerable portion of which period he has filled the important post of Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The George Price Lodge was formally consecrated on Wednesday last, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Surrey acted as consecrating Officer, in the regretted absence of the chief of the Province, Gen. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., who was prevented from being present, as he had intended, in consequence of indisposition. Bro. Arnold nominated for his Officers Bro. George Price S.W., Dr. Strong J.W. John G. Horsey officiated as Director of Ceremonies and Charles Greenwood jun. as Inner Guard. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the opening hymn "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," was sung. In his preliminary address Bro. Arnold said the brethren had met that day to consecrate a Lodge. He understood that the brother who was designated to preside over it had been initiated into Freemasonry at a very early age. He felt sure, from a study of the names of the brethren who were the founders of the Lodge that they would do their best to maintain its efficiency, and to admit only good men and true into the Craft. He hoped the Lodge would become a good and useful one in the Province. The Acting Secretary (Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G. Sw.B. Prov. G. Sec.) having addressed the Consecrating Officer and received directions, the brethren of the new Lodge were arranged in order, and the Warrant was read. Approval of the Officers named in the Warrant having been given, the Chaplain was called upon. Bro. the Rev. G. P. Merrick, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, said that although on such occasions an oration was customary, he felt there was nothing new to say, neither were any lengthened remarks necessary, inasmuch as the precepts and principles of Freemasonry were so frequently being inculcated in the general working of its rites and ceremonies. Moreover, the ritual of the Order was a sermon in itself, and it was only necessary for the brethren to look around them to realise an oration in their Temple, their ritual, and the precepts taught thereby. The Temple of Freemasonry pointed to the Great Architect of the Universe, the ritual to the worship of the soul and its adoration and service to the honour of the Most High, while its precepts point to the love which commends our behaviour to the world generally and to the Brotherhood in particular. Our Order is established on the three pillars of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and tells of our attitude in relation to the three parts of our being—body, soul, and spirit. Is a sermon wanted with this text always before us? Practise devotion to the Most High, a pure faith, a universal charity, a blameless life. Masons have a noble profession, and should so act that their lives should illustrate their principles, thus letting the world know them as Masons, whose only impulses are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. The ceremony of consecration and dedication having been completed, Bro. Joseph David Langton was installed as Worshipful Master, and he in due course appointed and invested the following as his Officers:—Hugh Marcus Hobbs S.W., Francis T. Ridpath J.W., Joseph Langton (elected) Treas., J. S. Fraser Sec., Ernest Samuel S.D., M. L. Levèy J.D., W. G. Goode I.G., C. Shepperd Tyler. Several propositions from gentlemen seeking initiation and from brethren desiring to join the Lodge were handed in, and the thanks of the Lodge was voted to the Consecrating Officer and those brethren who had assisted him in the ceremony. Honorary membership of the Lodge was conferred on these brethren, and also on the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London and Bro. Col. Shadwell H Clerke G. Sec. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold acknowledged the compliment which had been conferred by their election as honorary members, and was followed by the Lord Mayor and Bro. Clerke. Lodge was shortly afterwards closed and the brethren proceeded to banquet. At its conclusion, the usual toasts were honoured. The Worshipful Master was pleased the cordial reception of the toast of the Queen and the Craft did not depend on any words of his. It was a sentiment at all times sure of a cordial reception among Englishmen generally, but particularly so among members of the Masonic Order. Speaking to the next toast, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the W.M. felt that Freemasons might congratulate themselves on having the Prince of Wales as their ruler. Ever since his election as Grand Master he had seemed determined not to let any long period pass without showing his interest in the business of the Craft. The initiation of his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, into Freemasonry was a striking illustration of the interest taken in the Order by His Royal Highness, and the brethren might look forward with confidence to the time when the young Prince would fill some high office in the Order. The W.M. concluded by referring to the recent visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince Albert Victor to Ireland, expressing the pleasure he felt at the success which had attended their tour in the sister Isle, and his gratification that it had passed off without any display of disloyalty to the Royal visitors. The toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers was next given. The Worshipful Master spoke of the honour conferred on the Lodge by the presence of the Lord Mayor of London, Past Grand Warden, at its consecration. They were indeed thankful to him for having found time, amidst his thousand and one engagements, to attend their meeting. The W.M. had the honour of belonging to No. 1 Lodge, the one over which the Lord Mayor had presided during the past year; he had there had the opportunity of seeing him in the position of W.M., and witnessing how well he performed the duties of that office. His proficiency in the work enhanced the character of the famous Grand Masters' Lodge, while personally he had endeared himself to each of its members. The George Price Lodge had also the honour of having among its guests several other Officers of Grand Lodge, notably the Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C., who had so ably officiated as the Consecrating Officer, Colonel Shadwell Clerke the Grand Secretary, Charles Greenwood P.G.Sw.B., the Provincial Grand Secretary; Bros. Dumas, Rucker, Dr. Ralph Gooding, and Bro. A. Lucking. The Lord Mayor was the first to reply. The toast, he said, would also be replied to by one who was a permanent Grand Officer, or permanent so far as any such appointment could be, and to that brother who would so respond—Colonel Shadwell Clerke—he and Masons generally were very deeply indebted. It was undoubtedly true that the brethren owed very much to the Grand Master and other distinguished members of the Order, but to Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke they looked, as the right hand man, for advice. They could always depend on getting it. He imagined that the Grand Master, previous to authorising the foundation of this Lodge, had had the advice of Bro. Clerke, and had doubtless acted on it. Speaking for himself, the Lord Mayor warmly thanked the brethren for coupling his name with the toast, and more particularly for having invited him to the Lodge and conferring on him the honour of membership. He knew he was an indifferent Mason, and felt he ought to do more for Freemasonry. When accepting the invitation to be with them that day he had known he should be received with that kindness which was ever displayed under such circumstances. It had afforded him great pleasure to visit the Lodge, which he hoped would flourish. Bro. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, followed. Being a person of unquestionable modesty, he said, he had felt entirely taken aback in having to respond to the toast properly assigned to the Lord Mayor. His Lordship had been good enough to say very kind things of him, and coming from such a generous hearted brother they were very acceptable. He did not, however, thank his lordship for having brought him to his feet, although he was at all times pleased to say a word on behalf of the Grand Officers who, in their various capacities, well filled the responsible positions given to them. They were brethren who had all done good suit and service to the Order, and the Grand Master, in appointing them, had rewarded merit. It was to them a pleasure to receive the kind and hearty reception they experienced at Masonic meetings, and they appreciated it. He was sure the time would never come when they would not receive it. They always took interest in the purposes of Masonry, and were delighted to find a Lodge started under such favourable auspices as the George Price Lodge. They considered it a most graceful tribute to the worth of a very old member of the Province, and they congratulated him on the honour done him. They also congratulated the Lodge on being presided over by such excellent Officers. With such brethren at the head of affairs it could but prosper. He felt sure it would be a most successful Lodge and a credit to the Province of Surrey.

The W.M. next gave the toast of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., reading a letter from that brother, regretting his inability to be present owing to a severe cold, and congratulating the Lodge on its having taken so loved and honoured a name as that of Bro. George Price. The W.M. was sure the brethren one and all deeply regretted the absence, and the cause of the absence, of General Brownrigg, but they might congratulate themselves on having his Deputy with them. They thanked Bro. Arnold most sincerely for coming amongst them and performing the ceremony of consecration and installation. The other Provincial Grand Officers they were also delighted to see, and they trusted that during the years the Lodge existed it would never do anything which would cause the Provincial Grand Officers to regret for a moment that the Lodge came into this Province. He hoped rather that they would look back with pleasure to the day when it was brought into existence.

Bro. Arnold in responding, said it was a source of great regret to Gen. Brownrigg that he was not able to be present that day. He was with him at Caterham on Saturday last, which was, unfortunately, a wet day, and the Prov. G. Master was not well at the time.

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Gen. Brownrigg was afraid he would not be able to attend this consecration, and had asked him to prepare for taking his place. He was pleased at having the opportunity of performing the ceremony, in which he always took a very great interest. It had given him great pleasure to instal the W.M., and he was certain that the Lodge would become a thoroughly Surrey one. He trusted the brethren would join with the Surrey Masons in all that they did in the Province, and especially in promoting the great Charities, which they all had so dearly at heart. They wanted, if they could, in Surrey to work most heartily for those Charities, so as to meet together and join and bring in their different candidates, because all the brethren must agree that there was nothing so trying to the candidates for the Charities as to be kept in suspense for some time. If they could at once carry in their candidate so much the better. They would excuse him for saying it, but he had the Charities very much at heart, and the brethren would agree with him that it was right to bring the subject before a Lodge at its induction. He had had great pleasure in bringing a new Lodge into the Province, presided over by such a Mason as Bro. Langton, who was a thorough worker, not only in the Lodge of Emulation, but in another Lodge, which had done good work in Masonry. He trusted this Lodge would do the same, and make its mark. He then proposed the health of the W.M., wishing he might have plenty of work. Bro. Langton was deeply grateful to the founders of the George Price Lodge for having selected him as its first W.M. He was very proud of the position, and would do everything in his power to prevent the brethren regretting they had placed him there. He trusted that during his year of office he should have, as Bro. Arnold hoped, plenty of work, and he thought that in proposing eight initiates that evening there was a good prospect of work, both for regular and emergency meetings. With the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers was associated the name of Bro. C. Greenwood, who was sure the Lodge would be a success. He had been for nearly thirty years associated with Bro. George Price, and was glad the brethren had so honoured that Lodge by naming it after him. The W.M. next proposed the health of Bro. George Price, and reminded the brethren of the letter of the Provincial Grand Master, which spoke of the loved name of George Price. That was echoed by every Mason in the Province. Bro. Price had consented to let his name be associated with this Lodge. He (the W.M.) trusted he would never look back with regret to having given that permission, but rather that he might look with a certain amount of pride to the fact. All the brethren would strive to their utmost to make the Lodge one of the first in the Province. Bro. Price thanked the W.M. for the many kind words he had uttered with regard to himself, and the brethren for the very warm manner in which they had received the toast. He considered it a very great honour indeed to have his name associated with the Lodge. When the proposal was made he considered it was a great compliment, and he felt certain the Lodge would be a success. In a meeting of the promoters and founders of the Lodge which he attended, he found them to be brethren well skilled, energetic and determined Masons. He felt assured they were the men to establish a Lodge and to work it successfully. The proceedings of the day had fully justified this view. He trusted the Lodge would promote and strengthen Freemasonry in the Province, and more especially in the good town of Croydon. It was a large town now, with something like 100,000 inhabitants; it was a corporate town, with at least two Lodges—the East Surrey Lodge of Concord and the Addiscombe Lodge. He thought three Lodges would be none too many for a town of such importance. In conclusion he thanked the Provincial Grand Master for his very kind and flattering remarks in the letter which had been read. The W.M. next gave the Officers who had assisted; the beautiful ceremony of consecration could not have been more perfectly performed, and he, and all the brethren, thanked the Consecrating Officer most sincerely for so kindly officiating. They were deeply indebted to the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Brother Merrick, for the duties he had performed, and for his oration. Dr. Strong acknowledged the compliment; so far as the part he was called upon to perform was concerned, it was very slight. It was a long time since he took part in a consecration, and consequently was a little rusty; but should there be another consecration in Surrey he should perform his part better. It had been a great source of pleasure to him to be present, more especially as, with Brother Greenwood, he had been associated in the Grand Lodge of Surrey twenty-five years with Bro. Price. It had always been a matter of congratulation to him that his initiation took place in the hotel in which they were now assembled. He had never regretted it, because it had enabled him to make the friendship of Bros. Greenwood and Price. Brother Saxelby P.M. 463 replied to the toast of his health, proposed in connection with the "Recommending Lodge." He was not now Master of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, but was so at the time the petition came to be signed. When they found the Lodge was to be named after so highly respected a member of the Province there was no hesitation at all with the members in recommending that the petition be signed. They felt it an honour due to him who had held such a high position amongst them for a great number of years. Personally, he knew all the founders of the Lodge; he knew they had Masonry at heart, and desired to do good to Masonry. With such founders, and knowing to some extent the men who would guide the new Lodge, they had very much pleasure in signing the petition. This was a summer Lodge; the East Surrey was a winter one, and there was no reason why brethren wishing to do good to Masonry should not belong to both. The East Surrey desired to do good in the Province, and they thought the establishment of the George Price Lodge was a step in the right direction. In speaking of his Officers the Worshipful Master said the Senior Warden, Bro. Hugh Marcus Hobbs, was known to every one associated in the formation of the Lodge. He had not been very long a Mason but had taken a foremost place as a worker, both in the matter of ritual and on behalf of the Charities. He had already acquired a reputation as Preceptor of a Lodge of Instruction in Croydon. Moreover, Bro. Hobbs possessed the happy knack of being able to impart instruction. Bro. Ridpath, the J.W., had also distinguished himself as a worker. After modest reference to the qualities of the Treasurer, the W.M. eulogised the capacity for business displayed by the Secretary, while he spoke of the Senior and Junior Deacons as earnest members of the Craft, who would not be found wanting in the proper discharge of their duties. The thanks of the Lodge were due to Bro. Garland, who, although not formally appointed, had ably fulfilled the duties of Steward during the evening. Before offering the toast for the acceptance of the brethren he had pleasure in intimating that Bro. Merritt had consented to act as Immediate Past Master. Bro. Hobbs, in reply, felt he expressed the opinion of his brother Officers when he said they were fully cognisant of the responsibilities of their respective positions. All they could do they would strive to carry out to the advantage of the Lodge. Brother Langton, Treasurer, could add but little. He also assured them he would strive to do the best he could to advance the interests of the George Price Lodge. The Tyler was now summoned, and he gave the concluding toast of the evening. The musical arrangements gave the greatest satisfaction; the singing of Bros. Franklin Clive, J. A. Brown and Henry Taylor being all that could be desired. We append a list of those brethren who were present:—The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor P.M. No. 1, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Ralph Gooding, M.D., G.D. G.M. Lodge, A. Lucking A.G.P., H. P. Dumas P.G.D., J. A. Rucker P.G.D., Charles Greenwood P.G. Sword Bearer Prov. Grand Secretary, H. Sadler Grand Tyler, W. D. Merritt P.M. 1000, James S. Fraser, John G. Horsey P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, C. Greenwood jun. P.G. Reg. Surrey, Turle Lee S.W. 1922, H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, James Browning, C. H. Woodward P.M. 463 P.G.W. Surrey. George Price P.M. 463 P.G. Treasurer Surrey, R. W. Price P.M. 463, J. R. Hubbard 463, H. Saxelby P.M. 463, H. W. Turner Chaplain 1347, B. Ridge P.M. 413, F. Cambridge 463 Prov. Grand Org. Surrey, T. W. Eastgate I.P.M. 1563, Charles Lacey P.P.G.D. Herts, Rev. G. P. Merrick P.M. 1826, W. H. Lee P.M. 975, John Rhodes P.P.G.O. Surrey, J. Newton P.M. 174, J. F. H. Woodward P.G. Secretary Middlesex, J. Sargeant W.M. 1790, E. Whittaker P.M. 1790, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, W. Foulsham P.P.J.G.W. Northumberland, H. J. Strong, M.D., P.M. 1616, Thomas F. Harvey W.M. 174, C. Wilson 1195, Robert Bover P.M. 1762, Thomas Perrin P.M. 1297, W. Lake P.M. 131, J. H. Garland 1987, Walter Herbert W.M. 463, C. Kingsley 1185, W. Fraser 174, J. A. Brown 1672, F. Clive 1519, F. West P.P.G. Reg. Surrey, C. White 1790, W. P. Brown P.M. 90, R. C. Sudlow W.M. 263, C. E. Ferry P.M. 65, E. H. Tayler P.M. 586, &c.

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ROYAL MIDDLESEX CHAPTER, No. 1194.

THIS prosperous Chapter met at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, 23rd inst., when there were present Comps. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Superintendent Middlesex, T. Keene M.E.Z., A. J. Altman H. M.E.Z. elect, R. Clay Sudlow J., Arthur Taylor P.Z., Charles E. Soppet P.Z. and P.P.G.A.S., H. Bateman P.Z., Geo. Cordwell P.Z.; and other Comps. Amongst the Visitors were Comp. E. J. Altman. The minutes of the previous Convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. Hay W.M. 1627, and two other brethren, were ballotted for and accepted, and were duly received, obligated, and exalted as Royal Arch Masons, the impressive ceremony being ably conducted by Comp. T. Keene. The installation of the three Principals was ably performed by Comp. Keene, assisted by Comps. Taylor and Dodd. Comp. A. J. Altman, M.E.Z. elect, was then presented by the Prov. Grand Superintendent of Middlesex, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. The Officers for the ensuing year were duly invested. The M.E.Z. presented a most beautiful P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. Keene, on behalf of the Chapter, on the conclusion of a most successful year of office. The Chapter was duly closed, and the Comps. adjourned to the banquet, when the usual pleasant evening was spent, and the Visitors cordially welcomed.

The usual weekly Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury. Comps. W. Radcliffe M.E.Z., S. George H., J. Carter J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., H. Dehane S.N. The Companions mustered in goodly numbers, and a pleasant evening was spent. Comp. T. C. Edmonds is 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, 30th MAY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
188—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 8. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey, Masonic Hall, St. Anne's Hill Road, Chertsey, at 3.30 p.m.
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1905—Fastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 1st JUNE.

Provincial Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of Middlesex and Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 5 p.m.
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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
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
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Witton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 108—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 557—Vallctort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 2—Phœnix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 2nd JUNE.

Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 5
Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
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)
859—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Downshire-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (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)
1366—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, Three Stags, Isamonth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1511—Islington, Chamberlain, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Romney 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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

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
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester

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, 3rd 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)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, 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)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

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)
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. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
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.
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth

R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
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, 4th JUNE.

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)
445—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
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warn Lon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

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1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden 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)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.
R.A. 1471—North London, 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. (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
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1068—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
1283—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshirre
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
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
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. 429—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. 998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 5th 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)
1834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1276—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)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwe
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instuction)
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—Gostorth, 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, 6th JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1376—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)

1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Grand Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 173 Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, Town Hall, Uxbridge, at 3 p.m.
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

Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275.—Notwithstanding that Saturday last was an "off night," and many brethren had gone away for their Whitsuntide holidays, there was a numerous attendance at this popular Lodge of Instruction, and some excellent study was pursued under the direction of the worthy Preceptor, Bro. Andrews. Bro. Tullett was Worshipful Master for the evening, and was supported by Bros. Finch S.W., Eaton J.W., Harvey S.D., Nightingale J.D., Medcalfe P.M. I.G., Tokely Secretary, Powell Organist, Olding P.M., Waterman P.M., Bear P.M., Good P.M., Captain F. Wilkinson, Amphlett, and many other brethren. Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, was resumed in the second, and Bro. Arlage, the candidate, having answered the questions satisfactorily, was entrusted. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, the working of Bro. Tullett, who gave the whole of the tradititional history, being much admired. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. was saluted by the brethren in rotation; and the brethren having been called from labour to refreshment, and vice versa, Lodge was closed in form, and the usual harmony followed. Bro. Medcalfe P.M. will act as Worshipful Master this (Saturday) evening, when a goodly master is expected.

Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321.—At a meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held at the Red Lion, York-street, St. James's-square, on Tuesday, 19th inst., the Fifteen Sections were most ably worked by Bros. Jas. Hemming J.D. 1287 as W.M., J. C. Smith J.W. 1744 as S.W., J. Thom 957 as J.W., assisted by the following, viz., Bros. Kirk 1681, Hunter W.M. 1321, Thom 957, Greenway W.S. 1260, Farwig P.M. 180, Davies 72, J. C. Smith J.W. 1744, Kirkaldy S.W. 1321 Treasurer, Corby J.W. 957, D. Davies 72, Paul D.C. 1287, W. C. Smith J.W. 1563 Preceptor, W. H. Holroyd W.M. 9, Brindley P.M. 1604, Swan P.M. Sec. 1321. At frequent intervals warm expressions of approval greeted the workers, who, with the W.M., conducted their respective sections in the most praiseworthy manner, and afforded intense gratification to those who attended to receive instruction. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. Wetherilt W.M. 1681, Fendick I.P.M. 1321, S. Holroyd J.W. 9, Price Treasurer 1321, Gammell 2012, Fort 25, Barrow D.C. 1321, Taylor 1791, Holmes 1608, Ashenden 1677, Ludwig 179, Pfeifer 1507, Woolstein 1604, Rayner 1681, Brand 25, Holland 1681, Arduino 1559. A vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Jas. Hemming, and that he be made an honorary member, for the correct and ready way he had asked the questions. Another vote of thanks was also accorded to the brethren who had assisted. The whole working was such as cannot be too warmly praised, and it reflects great credit on the indefatigable Preceptor and others who regularly attend this Lodge of Instruction. A word of praise is due also to Bro. J. Holmes who with his wife always strive their utmost to contribute to the comfort of the brethren.

A warrant has been granted for the Elthorne and Middlesex Lodge, No. 2094, to meet at the Town Hall, Hounslow, Middlesex.

The Dean of Canterbury will write the paper on the Revised Bible, which is to appear in the forthcoming issue of the *Quiver*. It will be remembered that the Dean was a member of the Old Testament Revision Company.

The new serial story which, under the title of "My Namesake Marjorie," will be commenced in *Cassell's Magazine* for June, is from the pen of the author of "Who is Sylvia?" The scene is laid partly in England and partly abroad.

In connection with the coming Handel Festival, the Editor of *The Magazine of Art* has arranged for the publication of an article, by Mr. R. A. M. Stevenson, on "Handel and His Portraits." Its purpose is partly musical and biographical, and partly one of art criticism. It will be illustrated with engravings of the "Chandos Portrait," painted by Thornhill, from the Fitzwilliam Museum; of the fine Grafoni, in the same collection; of Mr. Henry Littleton's famous Roubillac, the "Vauxhall Statue," as it is called; of Zincke's graphic and interesting miniature, now the property of Mr. H. B. Lennard; of the engravings by Schmidt, which Hawkins thought the best likeness of all; and (by permission of Earl Howe) of the full length, painted by Hudson, for Charles Jennens, the librettist of "Messiah," and from the first an ornament of the "Messiah Room" at Gopsall.

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is an "open secret" that at the ensuing Quarterly Communication a question of very grave importance will be submitted to Grand Lodge on an appeal against the exclusion of a member from a private Lodge, and the confirmation of such exclusion by the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Province in which such Lodge is holden.

With the merits of the case, in so far as the vote of exclusion is concerned, it would be most improper to interfere until after our respected Grand Registrar shall have given his opinion to the members of Grand Lodge assembled. But the "question of grave importance" which will arise out of certain proceedings connected therewith is already known to a large number of Masons; and is, so far, public information, in no wise affecting a matter which is "sub judice," and can therefore be discussed without impropriety.

There has already appeared in the pages of both Masonic journals correspondence which leads up to the question, which not I alone, but many others, desire to have answered, viz., "Can any Masonic authority whatever sanction that which in the ordinary course of legal practice would be deemed libellous, and claim privilege?" The printing and publishing a man's name without his consent, and to his certain prejudice is, without doubt, and notwithstanding the dictum which has been referred to, a libel or slander for which the law of the land provides a remedy. This remedy is more or less forcible according to the nature of circumstances which constitute privilege, and therefore it is most important to ascertain in what manner any and what privilege not given by "lawfully constituted authority" to any individual "peaceable subject" can be claimed by Freemasons as a body. I cannot believe that any privilege is accorded to Freemasons to the exclusion of all other men, or societies of men, nor that the protecting "ægis" of the Masonic Order can be thrown over direct violation of the "laws of the country in which we reside."

In the instance which will come before Grand Lodge (I write advisedly) a brother's name and full Masonic rank has been printed in connection with a motion for exclusion in an ordinary Lodge summons which has circulated beyond the "limits" of the Lodge. The W.M. had been cautioned that such publication would be considered objectionable, and if persisted in would be resented. Whether or not the brother named had committed a Masonic offence meriting exclusion, or capable of explanation, has nothing to do with the present question. He may be "white as snow," or "black as soot," that has yet to be determined; but even if proved the latter in respect of "Masonic line and rule" there is, to my mind, no justification whatever for doing that which, known to the outer world, would most emphatically injure his repute. If a justification or privilege—call it which you please—exists, then let it be known under what rule or regulation of our Constitutions, setting aside, for the present, the "ordinances of the realm," it is expressed. I can find no such thing.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, Whit Monday 1885.

PROPOSED NEW LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A movement is on foot here for the formation of a "Northern Counties" Lodge, and the promoters would be much obliged to you if you would kindly make it known through your widely-read columns that a meeting to consider the matter would be held on Wednesday, 24th June.

Any brother willing to take part in this meeting is invited to send his name to you, when he will be duly informed of the hour and place.

Yours fraternally,

London, 28th May 1885. A LANCASHIRE FREEMASON.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has accepted the invitation of the Priory Lodge of Instruction, No. 1000, to deliver his "Lecture on Freemasonry," explanatory of the ritual and ceremonial of the first degree, at the annual meeting of the Lodge, on Friday next, the 5th June, at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, Essex, Bro. F. Dorrel Grayson W.M. of the Mother Lodge will preside. A large gathering of members from surrounding Lodges is expected. Lodge will be opened at 6·30 p.m., and full Craft clothing will be worn.

The following dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 30th May :—

Tuesday—St. James's Union Chapter. Wednesday—Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers, Lodge of Antiquity, Bootmakers' Benevolent Institution, Evening Star Lodge. Thursday—St. George's Chapter, Mount Moriah Lodge, Bedford Chapter, Liverpool Victoria Legal Friendly Society.

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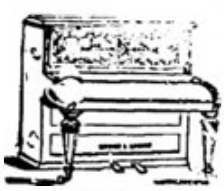

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PROVINCIAL CHARITY FUNDS—CHESHIRE.

FEW Masons, we imagine, outside the Province of Cheshire know much, if anything, of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution, and yet it can boast an existence of upwards of twenty years, as evidenced by our now having before us the twenty-second annual report of the Committee, with details of the work done, and the manner in which the necessary funds have been raised, for the past year. Its record is a most satisfactory one—a record of which Cheshire Freemasons may pride themselves, and on which other districts may look not only with envy, but in many cases with shame, for what is accomplished in one Province is equally possible in others, although the actual state of affairs might induce the opposite belief; with but very few exceptions Cheshire stands alone in its efforts to afford local relief to cases of Masonic distress. English Freemasons, and more particularly London brethren, are very apt to refer to the three Central Masonic Institutions as the sole representatives of Masonic Charity, unmindful of other organizations for the relief of the poor and distressed of the Craft, sometimes even to the exclusion of the Lodge of Benevolence itself. These brethren speak of the work done by the three Institutions as representing the sum total of Masonic benevolence for the year, but in reality they form but a portion only of what is done. Here in Cheshire alone we have a local fund paying for the education of twenty-four children, and the advancement of one other, at an expense, last year, of £176 9s 4d, or a trifle over £7 each.

This total of £7 per head does not appear much, but it is the practical working of a system we should very much like to see considerably extended among Freemasons. It is impossible for any district, we may almost say for any Lodge, to secure places in the two central Schools for all the cases of distress among the children of their brother Masons which occur around them, and which they would, were they in a position to do so, unhesitatingly relieve. This being the case, it behoves them to take such steps as shall enable them to afford partial relief, where actual education and maintenance is impossible, and in doing so they cannot do better than look to the Province of Cheshire as an example. Every Lodge in that district—excepting only one which has been too recently established for its members to have done anything—appears in the list of voters of this local charity, while many of the Chapters, Mark Lodges and other Masonic bodies also figure among its supporters. During the year the Cheshire Institution received a total of £650 12s 5d, and expended £221 3s 10d, so that its working for the twelve months showed a surplus of £429 8s 7d. It started the year with balances in hand of £285 15s 10d; received, donations from Lodges, Chapters and brethren, £249 17s 6d; subscriptions from Lodges, Chapters and brethren, £104 13s; fees from Lodges and Chapters, £26; proceeds of concert at Birkenhead (February 1885), by brethren of Lodge No. 605, £42; collection at Halton Church (Nov. 1884), per Bro. Lockwood, Vicar, £6 11s 10d; and interest on investments, £221 10s 1d. The expenditure consisted of the £176 9s 4d already referred to as the amount paid for the education and advancement of the twenty-five children on the foundation; and £44 14s 6d the working expenses of the year. The invested Funds were increased at a cost of £275 2s 10d, and balances of £440 1s 7d were carried forward. With such details before them the Committee may well "have pleasure in making their twenty-second report, as it gives evidence that the brethren of the Province are taking greater interest in the welfare of the Institution." At the close of the year the Invested Funds amounted to £5,060 10s 8d, the interest on which is alone sufficient to provide for all claims on the Institution, as now carried on, thus leaving the amounts received in the form of donations, subscriptions, fees, &c., to be added to the Invested Capital. Six of the children on the Education list and the one on the advancement list, went off at the close of the year, while there were six new candidates seeking educational grants, so that it would appear that in Cheshire at least the Freemasons are able to keep pace with the calls made upon them, or at least such of the calls as are deemed worthy of recognition.

Notwithstanding the success which has attended the working of this Charity in the past, even greater efforts are apparently being made to extend it. Prominently among those who have exerted themselves during the year 1884, and who are especially thanked in the Report, are the brethren of the King's Friends', the Combermere and the Ellesmere Lodges, while the Committee are informed that further efforts are being made in Birkenhead and Hyde. Another step in this direction, and we think a wise one, has been the decision of the Committee to hold the annual meetings at various centres in the Province, it being hoped that by the adoption of this course individual brethren will be induced to subscribe more regularly and generously.

We append a summary of the totals contributed during 1884 by the members of the several Lodges, &c., together with other receipts, and also show those Lodges which received assistance from the funds of the Institution:—

Lord de Tabley Prov. G.M.				5	0	0		
Lady de Tabley				2	0	0		
G. W. Latham P.G.D. P.P.S.G.W.				1	1	0		
Lodge	89	Unanimity		5	5	0	1 child	10 0 0
	104	St. John		10	10	0		
	267	Unity, Macclesfield		7	7	0		
	287	Unanimity		10	10	0	1 child	3 0 0
	293	King's Friends'		78	15	0		
	295	Combermere		7	7	0		
	321	Unity, Crewe		0	12	0	2 children	20 0 0
Chap.	321	Faith		21	0	0		
Lodge	322	Peace		2	6	0	2 children	9 9 0
	323	Concord		22	12	0		
Chap.	323	Charity		15	15	0		
Lodge	324	Moira		6	1	6	1 child	20 0 0
	336	Benevolence		3	17	6	1 child	10 10 0
	361	Industry		11	5	0	2 children	11 4 3
	425	Cestrian		17	2	0		
Chap.	425	Cestrian		0	12	0		
Lodge	428	Sincerity		5	15	0	1 child	5 5 0
	430	Fidelity		3	6	0		
	461	Fortitude		5	5	0	2 children	5 15 5
Instruc.		"		5	5	0		
Lodge	477	Mersey	(nil)				1 child	2 8 0
	533	Eaton		1	5	0		
	537	Zetland		18	3	0		
Chap.	537	Zion		0	12	6		
Lodge	605	Combermere		1	15	0	1 child	5 1 8
		Proceeds of Concert		42	0	0		
	721	Independence		26	11	0	5 children	41 10 0
	758	Ellesmere		10	10	0	3 children	15 10 0
	941	De Tabley		6	8	0		
	979	Four Cardinal Virtues		0	5	0		

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1045	Stamford	. .	5	5	0	2 children	16 16 0
1088	Royal Edward	.	0	10	0		
1126	Oakwood	. .	12	7	0		
1276	Warren	. .	20	12	0		
1289	Rock	. . .	4	6	0		
1357	Cope	. . .	3	18	0		
1408	Stamford and Warrington	. .	2	0	0		
1565	Earl of Chester	.	5	15	0		
1576	Dee	. . .	5	5	0		
1908	Cholmondeley	.	3	15	0		
Mark 11	Joppa	. . .	0	7	6		
165	Egerton.	. .	0	5	0		
Non-members of Lodges, and members out of the Province		.	2	6	6		
Collection at Halton Church		.	6	11	10		
Interest on Investments		. .	221	10	1		
			£650	12	5	25 children	£176 9 4

It may be thought that the contribution of this sum of £650 12s 5d during 1884 to a local Institution by the brethren of Cheshire acted detrimentally to the Masonic Institutions in London, but a moment's consideration of what Cheshire has done during the past twenty-two years for the central Charities will at once dismiss the idea that its local Institution has been maintained at the expense of the London ones. Looking to what has been accomplished by Cheshire it may well be said that the more Masonic benevo'ence is preached and practised in any district the stronger the sympathy of the brethren becomes. There is little fear that so long as the London Institutions can show such merit as they do at present they will be ignored by the brethren of Cheshire, while as regards the local Charity we can only hope, as we have every reason to believe will be the case, it will prosper and flourish in the future as it has done in the past. We sincerely wish that the example it sets may be followed ere long by other districts, in which we are convinced equally satisfactory results might be achieved.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of the Earl of Limerick, Provincial Grand Master Bristol. He was supported by Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middlesex as Deputy Grand Master, and Brother Samuel Rawson P.D.G.M. China as Past Grand Master. The Grand Officers present were the Marquis of Hertford S.W., Colonel Sackville West J.W., Revs. G. R. Portal and R. N. Sanderson Chaplains, J. W. Woodall Treasurer, F. A. Philbrick Registrar, T. Fenn President Board of General Purposes, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Secretary, E. E. Wendt Secretary German Correspondence, Dr. Alfred Meadows S.D., F. H. Goldney J.D., Sir A. Woods D.C., Major L. Harding Assistant D.C., Butler Wilkins Standard Bearer, G. P. Brockbank Sword Bearer, E. M. Lott Organist, H. Garrod Pursuivant, and A. Lucking Assistant Pursuivant. Grand Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the election of members of the Board of General Purposes was proceeded with. The acting Grand Master announced that H.R.H the Prince of Wales had been pleased to nominate the following brethren for the Board:—T. Fenn (President), Sir Albert W. Woods, Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Sir J. B. Monckton, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Dr. A. Meadows, J. E. Saunders, J. A. Rucker, R. Grey, Major C. Harding, and C. Hammerton; while G. Lodge ultimately selected the following as its representatives:—J. L. Mather, Sir R. Hanson, Sir B. Seton, R. Clutton, T. C. Walls, W. A. Dawson, T. H. Miller, G. P. Festa, J. Willing jun., R. St. Aubyn Roumieu, Charles Frederick Hogard, Edward F. Storr, Frederick West, and Tom Drew Bear. The M.W. the Grand Master nominated Bros. John Anthony Rucker (President), Major George Haldane (Vice-President), H. D. Sandeman and Brackstone Baker for the Colonial Board, while the brethren nominated by Grand Lodge (of which we gave a list last week), not exceeding the number required, were declared duly elected. Bro. Stanley Harding was proposed as Grand Lodge Auditor, and unanimously elected. The following brethren were chosen to serve on the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons; Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, T. W. C. Bush, A. H. Tattershall, J. Willing jun., C. E. Dawson, Capt. A. Durrant, J. Boulton, W. J. Murlis, J. Dairy, and T. M. Humphries. The Report of the Board of Benevolence was received, and the recommendations contained therein were confirmed. The report of the Board of General Purposes was also adopted, while the Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was laid before Grand Lodge.

The application of the Grand Lodge of South Australia for recognition by the Grand Lodge of England was next considered, and on the proposition of Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., it was unanimously agreed to enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of South Australia, a result which we are particularly pleased to record, and to which we shall devote attention in our next issue.

The two appeals submitted to Grand Lodge were dismissed, and then Bro. Raynham Stewart's notices of motion were formally submitted, and both were agreed to, after which Grand Lodge was closed.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

THE annual meeting of the Companions of Surrey was held at the Masonic Hall, St. Ann's Hill-road, Chertsey, on Saturday, the 30th ult., under the presidency of the R.W. Comp. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Superintendent. The meeting was held under the auspices of the St. George's Chapter, in the hall recently erected by the brethren and Companions of the district, and we may take the opportunity of stating it seems admirably suited for the purposes for which it has been designed. After Provincial Grand Chapter had been formally opened the roll of Chapters was called over, and the report of the Finance and Audit Committee was received and adopted. Comp. George Price was re-elected Grand Treasurer, and the following Companions were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp.	C. W. Arnold	Prov. G.H.
	Henry C. Lee Bennett ...	Prov. G.J.
	George Price (re-elected) ...	Prov. G. Treasurer
	Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. ...	Prov. G. Scribe E.
	West	Prov. G. S.N.
	Bowles	Prov. G. Registrar
	Amor Owens	Prov. G. Principal Soj.
	Wigley	Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj.
	T. Wood	Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj.
	Smith	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
	McKay	Prov. G. Standard Bearer
	S. P. Catterson	Prov. G. Director of Cers.
	Wale	Prov. G. A.D. of Cers.
	J. Rhodes	Prov. G. Organist

After the usual routine business Provincial Grand Chapter was closed by the P.G. Superintendent, who expressed his regret that other engagements would prevent his remaining with the Companions to the banquet. As Comp. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Prov. G. Haggai, was also obliged to leave, Comp. Charles Greenwood assumed the functions of President, and most ably fulfilled the duties attached to that post.

CHAPTER OF HARMONY, No. 309.

AT the meeting held at the Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., M.E. Comp. the Rev. A. A. Headley was installed as First Principal, Comp. E. Goldsmith as Second Principal, and Comp. Edgar Goble P.G.S.E. as Third Principal for the ensuing year. The following Companions were invested:—John W. Gieve S.E., A. W. Leaver S.N., A. R. Holbrook Treasurer, the Rev. A. C. Hervey Principal Soj., Geo. Harry First Asst. Soj., W. A. Hill Second Asst. Soj., R. Eames Janitor. The ceremony of installation was most ably rendered by M.E. Comp. the Rev. Dr. White P.P.G.S.N., who was assisted by M.E. Comp. J. E. LeFeuvre P.G.H., and M.E. Comp. G. Felton Lancaster P.P.G.J., Comp. Dr. E. T. Crouch, H. Cooke, H. J. Lyon, &c. After the ceremony an excellent banquet was served by Mr. G. Bond. During the evening M.E. Comp. C. G. Adames P.Z. presented to the Chapter four very handsome collars for the Officers.

Bro. H. G. Buss will not offer himself for re-election for the office of P.G. Treasurer of Middlesex at the P.G. Lodge this day (Saturday). Bro. T. B. Archer P.P.G.S.W. will be nominated for the post by the P.G.M., and seconded by the D.P.G.M.

We understand that the subscription list to the Brockbank Testimonial Fund will close on the 30th instant. All subscriptions must be sent to Bro. Josiah Taylor, Town Hall Square, Bolton.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THE members of this Province held their annual meeting on Monday, under the auspices of the Kintore Lodge, No. 333, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road. The Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, presided, and Provincial Grand Lodge was honoured by the attendance of the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore Most Worshipful Grand Master, whilst amongst others who were present we may mention the following:—Bros. Davison D.P.G.M., Henry Faija S.W., J. Proffitt J.W., Revs. Viscount Molesworth and T. M. Gorman Chaplains, C. Hammerton Treasurer, W. G. Brighten Secretary, D. P. Cama M.O., W. Vincent S.O., S. E. Taylor J.D., H. Goodall Supt. of Works, Pargeter D.C., John Stedman Sword Bearer, James Halliday Standard Bearer, Horace White, J. F. Rumball, J. Smith Stewards, G. Harrison Tyler, H. D. Cama, N. D. Francis, James Lovelock, G. Graveley P.G.S.B., E. Whittaker, C. W. R. Harrington, J. R. Hubbard. C. H. Roberts, E. West, John Aillard, C. Quennell, W. Fisher, Thomas Clark, W. E. Williams, J. Shilcock, P. McCarthy, C. J. Axford, E. N. Sumner, J. H. Clutton, James Linzell, J. Lavies, M.D., J. Terry, G. Gardner, John Rhodes, W. A. Scurrah, F. T. Bennett, W. W. Morgan, &c.

After Provincial Grand Mark Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes of the last meeting, held 10th July 1884, had been confirmed, the roll of Lodges of the Province was called over, and report made as to the position of each; this showed there were twenty-eight Lodges, embracing a total membership of 585, apportioned as follows:—Lodge No. 3 17, 4 13, 5 9, 7 59, 13 32, 104 24, 114 6, 139 39, 144 23, 173 25, 176 20, 181 15, 197 39, 198 8, 199 15, 211 22, 223 17, 224 19, 234 30, 236 13, 238 17, 239 17, 244 19, 251 22, 284 20, 315 14, 331 14, 333 17. This gives evidence of a considerable increase over last year's returns, and is a proof of the prosperity of the Degree in the Province, which is yet further illustrated by the fact that four new Lodges have been warranted during the past few months, one of which—the Temperance in the East Lodge, No. 350—has already been consecrated and has enrolled on its list the names of no less than twenty-three members. The Treasurer's accounts were next submitted. They show a balance in hand, on account of the General Fund of £69 15s, while there stands to the credit of the Benevolent Fund £10 14s 8d. The balance-sheet was unanimously adopted. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., was formally nominated and appointed as Provincial Grand Mark Master for a further term of three years, and in acknowledging the compliment he said he was much obliged for the honour done him. He had been associated with the Province since its formation—now fifteen years since. He was intensely gratified at the progress it had made since he had had the pleasure of presiding over its destinies. At the time he was referring to there were but five Lodges in the district; they now numbered thirty-two, with every prospect of still further increasing at an early date.

Bro. Thomas Clark, 173, was appointed Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, and a contribution of £10 10s was voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge in support of his Stewardship. Bro. C. Hammerton P.G.D.C. was re-elected to the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, which compliment he briefly acknowledged; it was satisfactory to know they had a balance in hand, which was due, in a very great measure, to the exertions of their esteemed Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. W. G. Brighten. The following were then appointed and invested as Officers for the year.

F. Davison	7 ...	... Deputy Grand Master
Hector Helsham, M.D.	5 ...	... Senior Warden
G. H. N. Bridges	333 ...	... Junior Warden
W. E. Williams	3 ...	... Master Overseer
James Terry	315 ...	... Senior Overseer
J. Boulton	173 ...	... Junior Overseer
Rev. T. M. Gorman	331 ...	... Chaplain
Rev. C. H. Roberts	284 ...	... Chaplain
C. Hammerton	144 ...	... Treasurer
W. G. Brighten	4 ...	... Secretary
H. White	7 ...	... Registrar
Thos. Clark	173 ...	... Senior Deacon
T. Kingston	13 ...	.. Junior Deacon
J. F. Rumball	...	... Superintendent of Works
J. Smith	176 ...	... Director of Ceremonies
H. Handel	181 ...	... Assist. D. of Ceremonies
J. Lovelock	...	... Sword Bearer.
E. Whittaker	139 ...	... Standard Bearer
A. W. S. Hoare	244 ...	... Organist
C. Quennell	144 ...	... Inner Guard
J. H. Clutton	224 ...	Stewards
C. H. Nevill	333 ...	
J. Shilcock	4 ...	
J. Badkin	236 ...	
H. T. Nell	176 ...	
Mayer	...	

Bros. Lambert, Hogard, Lardner, and Klenck, in addition to the recognised officials, were appointed the Committee for General Purposes, while the following brethren were recommended for appointment as Grand Stewards: Bro. J. Boulton, from the Temple Lodge; Bro. J. Edwards, from the Prince of Wales Lodge; Bro. James Terry, from the Henniker Lodge; and the W.M. elect from the High Cross Lodge.

The next business was to consider the best mode of recognising the past services of the Provincial Grand Secretary. Bro. Davison, in bringing the matter before Provincial Grand Lodge, referred to the zeal Bro. Brighten had always displayed. He felt the time had now arrived when a Committee should be formed to arrange for the expression in some tangible form of the sentiments of the brethren. It was then proposed that a sum of fifteen guineas should be voted from the Lodge funds, and that the General Purposes Committee should decide what form the proposed testimonial should take and arrange for its presentation. This proposition was seconded, and supported by the Provincial Grand Master, who readily bore testimony to the good will with which Bro. Brighten entered upon the performance of his duties, Bro. J. M. Klenck also spoke in support. He had had some experience of the duties attached to the office of Secretary, and he could bear testimony to the energy Bro. Brighten brought to bear upon their fulfilment. The vote proposed was unanimously agreed to, and the sum of five guineas set aside for clerical assistance during the year. Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren partook of a banquet, after which the usual toasts were done full justice to.

REVIEWS.

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"International Inventions Exhibition (South Kensington), London. 1885. Railway Guide and Route Book."

THIS work has been compiled by Mr. J. R. Somers Vine, a brother well known in the Craft; and is printed and published, under the authority of the Executive Council, by Messrs. Clowes and Sons. Perhaps no one is so well qualified to edit and compile a work like that before us as is Mr. Vine. His City work for years past, and his connection with previous Exhibitions, have given him excellent experience, and the result is a first-rate general book of reference. Attached to the work is a plan of the building and its contents, showing the approaches and entrances thereto, a scheme of the Inner Circle Railway connections, and a railway map of the lines running into London from a radius of twenty-five miles. Official advertisements indicate the general as well as special musical arrangements, and Messrs. Spiers and Pond, the refreshment contractors, tell of the good things they have always ready for the hungry visitor, on a scale large and varied enough to meet every want and all pockets. A general summary of the objects of the Exhibition is given, and then follow "Useful and Interesting Notes," which our readers must peruse for themselves. There is a well-digested scheme of railway, omnibus, road-car, and tram-car service, also an admirably compiled table of cab fares and distances. The "Railway Guide and Route Tables" are the most complete we have seen. Taking in the radius already mentioned, every station is given; the lines they are on, and the fares (inclusive for the whole journey, passage through South Kensington subway and admission to the Exhibition); how often trains run is shown, duration of journey, where to change for the South Kensington trains, what time to leave the building, and times when the last trains leave for home. No visitor should be without this Guide; it virtually makes him independent of railway and other officials, and is so plain in its directions that none can mistake the instructions given.

At present we can do little more than announce the fact that Mr. H. M. Stanley, the African explorer, has written, and that Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston, Searle, and Rivington, have just published a new work, entitled "The Congo and the Founding of its Free States." As the contemporary of and successor to the great Livingstone, Mr. Stanley has special claims to be heard. His work "How I found Livingstone," apart from the value of his own distinct labours, was sufficient to warrant a warm welcome from Englishmen. His other book, "Through the Dark Continent," consolidated his claims. His present issue, while in some measure proceeding on the same lines as his former books, records other labours and struggles, which, if successful, will result in blessings that can scarcely be imagined, much less described. The Congo is the King of Rivers, and runs a course of over three thousand miles. Trading stations have been established for hundreds of miles, through a country "rich and fertile almost beyond the dreams of avarice," comprising "vast areas covered with the finest timber in the world, teeming millions ready and anxious to barter their produce for European manufactures." The population is estimated to be fifty millions, inhabiting a country the richest and most fertile in Africa. "The International Congo State," says the prospectus, "was established by the Berlin West African Conference, the final act being signed by nineteen plenipotentiaries representing nineteen European powers; of these Great Britain, undoubtedly, has the greatest interest in the new State, as offering her merchants and manufacturers new and almost unlimited markets for their goods." As a record of work done, methods employed, results and discoveries, this latest production of Mr. Stanley ought to be received with favour. It affords hope at a time of deep depression, and promises relief when most needed. The work is in two volumes, both of which contain maps and illustrations.

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Bowyer	7	0	0				
Festa	1	10	0				
Dr. Morris	5	5	6				
Balance due to President - - - -	1	12	0				
	£33	18	0		£33	18	0

J. J. BERE, Hon. Sec.

Many brethren kindly contributed to the "Athletic Sports Fund," in sums ranging from one shilling to two guineas. Amongst the donors may be mentioned the following:—Bros. H. B. Marshall, E. Bowyer, Binckes, Mather, Festa, Godson, Hunt, Moon, Ramsay, Saunders, Mickleby, Clarke, Stewart, Farnfield, Barham, Strong, Taylor, Clever, Adams, Boulton, Cale sen., Cale jun., Willan, Godman, Knight, Hobbs, Calling, Painter, Legge, Tilley. A few friends at Lloyd's (per Bro. Knight) subscribed £3 10s. There was no printing account to pay, as Bro. Kenning made the Fund a present of the programmes.

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PROFESSIONS AND PRACTICE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is to be hoped there are not many cases such as that pointed out by "HARRY" in one of your late issues. I certainly never came across a similar case, but then my visiting experience has been of the most limited character, and such an incident would have been impossible in my Mother Lodge. Nevertheless, I do not for a moment doubt the veracity of "HARRY," nor do I envy the feelings of the "Secretary and Almoner" he refers to. When a brother seeks relief, and his credentials are unimpeachable, it is a violation of the fundamental principles of the Order to send him empty away. But when an appeal is made during the time brethren are revelling in comfort and luxury, surely it is little less than brutal to refuse assistance. The case mentioned by "HARRY." is the more heartless because it appears that special attention was directed by himself to the applicant for relief. He saw him, wan and seedy, outside of the banquetting-room; he listened to his story of success and disappointment, of trouble and want, even to the verge of starvation of himself and family, of his failure to obtain employment. Struck with the man's truthfulness, and filled with pity for his distress, "HARRY" made known the case in the proper quarter. The poor, needy brother was questioned; he proved his poverty and he pleaded necessity, but a deaf ear was turned to his entreaty, and whilst feasting and merriment reigned within the room, coldness met the wanderer as he emerged into the street. Sick at heart, stunned with the cruelty of a so-called brother, I can imagine his feelings. If the facts be true as stated, and I have no reason to doubt them, then no words I can command would do justice to the disgust I feel for the man who could be so false to his duty, so recreant to the true spirit of Freemasonry. It is true, that "man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." It is such as this "Secretary and Almoner"—Almoner!—heaven save the mark!—who brings discredit upon the Craft, who represents the corruption that festers like a wound and poisons the life-blood of the Order. It is such as he who gives opportunity to our enemies, many of whom reproach us with extravagance at the table, with luxurious indulgence, and all the evils that follow upon the gratification of selfishness and lustful desires. I hope that such men, wherever they may be found, will be purged of their offences, and stripped of their office. A Lodge should not suffer for the faults of one man, and such a man, who could listen unmoved to a true and pitiful story, and deny relief that laid within his grasp. Help in this case, if only in the shape of a good meal, would have been welcome, but this heartless Secretary did not even invite his poor brother to eat or drink. I blush for such a man, I repudiate his brotherhood. He is outside of the pale of humanity, much more is he outside of the circle of Freemasonry.

Now, Sir, I would just say a word or two in favour of a proposition made by "WATCHMAN" two or three weeks ago. If I remember rightly he advocated the establishment of what I should call a trade agency. I believe that if the authorities were to take up the matter, that another valuable Institution would be added to our existing relief organisations. It would be a good thing to bring employés and employers, who are Masons, together. I feel sure that were that done, many a heart would be made glad, and an opportunity would be afforded to give help in the best and most practical form. I cannot see any objection to the plan, especially as it might be established and carried on at little or no cost to the executive. Anything that will prevent the recurrence of such a case as "HARRY" describes would be welcome. A scheme, however, that leads to self-help commends itself so strongly that I wonder something has not been done long ago. Perhaps a few more instances such as I have referred to may lead to something of the kind being done.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION ELECTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Once again the Election for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has come and gone, and through the munificence of the brethren the Committee have felt themselves justified in increasing the number of the annuitants by four additional brethren and eleven more widows. 24 of the former and 26 of the latter, making in all fifty (three in each class being deferred until vacancies occur), who have thus been relieved from pecuniary anxiety for the remainder of their days; but great as this number is, how much more is required to be done. There are fourteen brethren and no less than fifty widows left out in the cold. One case especially seems hard, that of Mrs. Elliot, who has already been a candidate for twelve years, and is still unsuccessful. Her husband was a member of Lodge No. 124, in the Province of Durham, and subscribed from the time he became a Mason till his death, yet the Province has evidently deserted the cause of this widow, inasmuch as it appears the Province has been successful in securing the return of other candidates since; doubtless there is some good reason for this, but *primâ facie* it appears very hard. Warwickshire and Devonshire have two seventh applications in perhaps a still worse plight. Of fifth applications Lincolnshire has one, as well as a fourth, and second, with 17, 20, and 15 votes respectively. But as the Province has so many annuitants—boys and girls, on the respective Institutions—for which she is indebted to the kind assistance of other Provinces, I am afraid she cannot help the above candidates much, consequently their ultimate success appears far off. Kent likewise has a fifth application case, which the Province does not appear to favour, as the applicant has only 366 votes to her credit. Surrey is leaving her fifth application case with but 16 votes. Hants and Devon combined, and Lodge of Friendship, London, with their fifth applications, should have no difficulty next year. Of third applications London has two; one from Mount Lebanon Lodge, with 30 votes polled, and one from the Vitruvian; the latter Lodge is somewhat in the same category as the Province of Lincoln, in the cases it already has, and candidates are still coming forward for the benefits of the various Institutions. Hants has a candidate to whom apparently the cold shoulder has been shown, inasmuch as only 64 votes have been polled. Kent has two cases, with 671 and 225 respectively. These applicants are evidently out of favour, as Kent is a Province which can always command the return of one, if not two candidates, and here are three left to shift for themselves, while a second application case is returned successfully. East Lancashire and Suffolk have one candidate each, with 8 (!) votes a piece; something is evidently wrong here, as both these Provinces returned first applications. There remains one more in the category of third applications, viz., from Berks and Bucks, but as she carries 1215 votes forward, she may look with tolerable certainty for success at the next election. As for the second and first applications, with so many candidates and so few vacancies it is only exceptionally strong Provinces or combinations of Provinces, or if in London, of Lodges, that applicants can count upon any reasonable hope of success. It is a curious fact how closely the average number of years that the late husbands of the whole of the candidates and of those who were successful have subscribed agree. The aggregate of the former is 1675, with an average of $22\frac{3}{7}$ years, and of the latter 569, with an average of 22 years $3\frac{2}{5}$ months. The same coincidence occurs among the male applicants, viz., Total aggregate, 996 years 3 months, average 23 years $9\frac{1}{12}$ months; successful 573, average $23\frac{1}{2}$; and yet one of the unsuccessful ones accumulates 90 years' subscription himself. The election of the male annuitants is a much easier matter, as there are never so many candidates, and as a rule more vacancies. The reasons for this are first, that the applicants are not eligible for five years after the time allowed for widows; secondly, that they shrink from the painful necessity as long as they can; and lastly, the obitnary list is far higher in their case, as for instance no less than four deaths occurred between the time of making up the lists and the Election. I am sorry to observe how few of the candidates are recorded as having done anything when in their power towards the Institutions one of which they are now reaping or seeking benefits from.

Out of the 42 male annuitants only 3, or 1 in 14, viz., Bros. Dearsley, Adkins, and Prattent, all of whom happily are successful; even the brother who accumulates 90 years subscriptions seems to have forgotten the principles of our Order, another unfortunate brother who has subscribed 29 years, and in or about 1880 lost £12,000, seems to have been equally oblivious; while others again who have obtained Provincial Grand Honours have ignored the claims on them. Among the late husbands of the 76 widows, 7, or 1 in 11, appear to have contributed to one or more of the Institutions, and only 3 have been successful. The seven contributors were Bros. Timms, Cooley, Redman, Shury, Feaviour, Searle, and Bellerby, the three last successful. There were also 13 with Grand or Provincial honours, only one of whom remembered the Institutions, viz., Bro. Bellerby P.G. Steward. I must now make a few observations as to the result list of the male candidates. The highest on the list is a sixth attempt; in it the applicant succeeded, though his annuity is one of the deferred; it is a case from Warwick, with 718 votes. There are two fourth applications, and both are far behind; one is from Hants, with only 75 votes

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polled; the other from London, formerly a member of St. James's Union Lodge, and latterly of the Westbourne, this candidate has polled 441. Of third application cases all three have been left out in the cold. The first has been a member of two London Lodges, for altogether 22¾ years—the St. Michael's and Royal Union—yet has only polled 241. The second of these candidates hails from Scarborough, and has only subscribed 5½ years, yet being permanently paralysed, which affliction, together with blindness, or other visitation, brings him under the exception to the rule, requiring a candidate to be 15 years a M.M., and a subscribing member for 10. It is to be hoped North and East Yorkshire will put forth its strength and add a sufficient number of votes to this applicant's present 8. The last case comes from Worcester, and by the number polled *this* time 485 and brought forward, 15, making a total of 500, I presume the members of this Province mean to return their applicant next year. This brother is likewise afflicted with paralysis, and has only subscribed 7 years. The claims of the second and first application cases I shall not attempt to analyse, but will merely remark that out of the 24 successful applicants one came up for the sixth time, one for the second, and the remaining 22 for the first. Now, as to the number of votes used, unrecorded, or spoilt, and those carried forward. Males—Total polled, including 1047 brought forward, 37,175; spoilt or not recorded 10,047; carried forward 2065. Widows—Total polled, including 13,386 brought forward, 57,538; spoilt or not recorded 5,876; carried forward 13,000. Average number of votes required to succeed: for males 1506½; for widows 1674.

The following Table shows how London and the Provinces are severally represented in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

	MALES									FEMALES									
	Men		Deaths		Total		Elected		G. Total	£ Cost	Widows		Deaths		Total		Elected		G. Total	£ Cost	£ Total Cost
London	53	−	9	=	44	+	9	=	53 or 2120		66	−	3	=	63	+	9	=	72 or 2304	=	4424
Berks and Bucks	—		—		—		—		—	—	—		—		—		—		—	—	—
Bristol	1	−	0	=	1	+	0	=	1	40	—		—	=	0	+	1	=	1	32	= 72
Cheshire	6	−	1	=	5	+	1	=	6	240	4	−	0	=	4	+	1	=	5	160	= 400
Cornwall	3	−	0	=	3	+	2	=	5	200	5	−	0	=	5	+	0	=	5	160	= 360
Cumberland and Westmoreland	—		—		—		—		—	—	2	−	0	=	2	+	0	=	2	64	= 64
Derbyshire	1	−	0	=	1	+	0	=	1	40	—		—		—		—		—	—	= 40
Devonshire	9	−	1	=	8	+	1	=	9	360	10	−	0	=	10	+	0	=	10	320	= 680
Dorsetshire	6	−	1	=	5	+	0	=	5	200	2	−	1	=	1	+	1	=	2	64	= 264
Durham	1	−	0	=	1	+	1	=	2	80	1	−	0	=	1	+	1	=	2	64	= 144
Essex	5	−	1	=	4	+	0	=	4	160	3	−	0	=	3	+	0	=	3	96	= 256
Gloucester	—		—		—		—		—	—	2	−	0	=	2	+	1	=	3	96	= 96
Hants and Isle of Wight	4	−	0	=	4	+	1	=	5	200	6	−	0	=	6	+	1	=	7	224	= 424
Hereford	—		—		—		—		—	—	0	−	0	=	0	+	1	=	1	32	= 32
Herts	—		—		—		—		—	—	1	−	0	=	1	+	0	=	1	32	= 32
Kent	9	−	1	=	8	+	2	=	10	400	7	−	1	=	6	+	0	=	6	192	= 592
Lancashire E.	10	−	1	=	9	+	1	=	10	400	10	−	1	=	9	+	1	=	10	320	= 720
Lancashire W.	5	−	0	=	5	+	0	=	5	200	4	−	0	=	4	+	0	=	4	128	= 328
Leicestershire	—		—		—		—		—	—	—		—		—		—		—	—	—
Lincolnshire	4	−	0	=	4	+	0	=	4	160	4	−	1	=	3	+	0	=	3	96	= 256
Middlesex	0	−	0	=	0	+	1	=	1	40	—		—		—		—		—	—	= 40
Monmouthshire	1	−	0	=	1	+	0	=	1	40	1	−	0	=	1	+	0	=	1	32	= 72
Norfolk	2	−	0	=	2	+	0	=	2	80	4	−	0	=	4	+	0	=	4	128	= 308
Norths and Hunts	4	−	0	=	4	+	0	=	4	160	2	−	2	=	0	+	0	=	0	0	= 160
Northumberland	4	−	0	=	4	+	0	=	4	160	1	−	1	=	0	+	0	=	0	0	= 160
Nottinghamshire	—		—		—		—		—	—	1	−	0	=	1	+	0	=	1	32	= 32
Oxfordshire	—		—		—		—		—	—	2	−	0	=	2	+	1	=	3	96	= 96
Somersetshire	1	−	0	=	1	+	1	=	2	80	1	−	0	=	1	+	0	=	1	32	= 112
Staffordshire	—		—		—		—		—	—	2	−	0	=	2	+	0	=	2	64	= 64
Suffolk	4	−	0	=	4	+	0	=	4	160	7	−	0	=	7	+	2	=	9	288	= 448
Surrey	1	−	0	=	1	+	1	=	2	80	—		—	=	—		—	=	—	—	= 80
Sussex	2	−	0	=	2	+	1	=	3	120	5	−	0	=	5	+	0	=	5	160	= 280
Wales North and Shropshire	—		—		—		—		—	—	1	−	0	=	1	+	0	=	1	32	= 32
Wales South (Eastern Division)	—		—		—		—		—	—	—		—		—		—		—	—	—
Wales South (Western Division)	1	−	0	=	1	+	0	=	1	40	—		—		—		—		—	—	= 40
Warwickshire	1	−	0	=	1	+	1	=	2	80	2	−	0	=	2	+	0	=	2	64	= 144
Wiltshire	—		—		—		—		—	—	3	−	0	=	3	+	1	=	4	128	= 128
Worcestershire	—		—		—		—		—	—	2	−	0	=	2	+	0	=	2	64	= 64
Yorkshire N. and E.	8	−	2	=	6	+	0	=	6	240	—		—		—		—		—	—	= 240
Yorkshire W.	19	−	3	=	16	+	1	=	17	680	18	−	0	=	18	+	2	=	20	640	= 1320
Channel Islands	3	−	0	=	3	+	0	=	3	120	2	−	0	=	2	+	2	=	4	128	= 248
Colonies	4	−	1	=	3	+	0	=	3	120	6	−	0	=	6	+	1	=	7	224	= 334
	172	−	21	=	151	+	24	=	175	7000	187	−	10	=	177	+	26	=	203	6496	= 13496

THE THEATRES.

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Lyceum.—Deep was the interest created in artistic circles, and great the misgivings, when the manager of the Lyceum announced his intention to appear as Dr. Primrose in "Olivia." The very gifts, the cynic scorn, the bitter irony, the mighty depths of passion which paint for us in a touch a Richard the Third or a Shylock would threaten wreck to so tender and gentle a creature as the Vicar; so pathetic in his foibles, so noble in his very weaknesses. A house crammed in every corner, a representative pit, for the foremost seats of which only two or three ladies had withstood the "Sturm und Drang" of the long hours outside; familar faces we are wont to see at every great dramatic event, awaited the rising of the curtain. The Vicarage garden is the scene of the festivities in honour of the Vicar's silver wedding. A lovely landscape in golden sunlight fills the distance, while the Vicarage, with its bright climbing roses, glittering casements, and quaint gables, is the very realisation of a lovely English rustic home. A crowd of merry children rush in, and, climbing the tempting ladder, threaten destruction to the king pippins hanging ripe and red on the big apple tree shading the lawn; the villagers come to wish joy to their beloved parson, and a pretty vision of the days when George III. was King is made by these groups. Sophia, pretty and sensible; Moses, the discreet young scholar; Farmer Flamborough, an admirably bluff and sturdy ancient Briton; Mr. Burchell, very tedious in his superior virtue; the young Squire, looking superbly handsome; comely Mrs. Primrose, the quintessence of matronly discretion; Olivia, the very type and realization of happy innocent girlhood. But now, claiming attention, the subject of loud and universal cheers, here is the Vicar. Surely Mr. Irving, but as surely bearing no trace of all those weird creations he has given life to on the stage. Like every worker in art Mr. Irving has his limitations, and perhaps the vividness of his imagination tends to conceal these limits from his judgment, and we have regretfully witnessed failure for want of the physical means to realize intention. In the first gesture, however, the first words uttered by Dr. Primrose, all the house felt that not only Mr. Will's, but Oliver Goldsmith's Vicar was before them. When farmer Flamborough indignantly reproaches the parson's wife for her fine lady airs, the smile of gentle superiority in which the doctor excuses "those foibles of the weaker sex" was a comedy in itself. When the sunny morning clouds over, news comes of the ruined fortunes of the family. Here Mr. Irving's treatment is singularly fine. He accepts the blow, not as the result of human wickedness, but as a divine decree. He is crushed at the thought of the sufferings that threaten his loved ones, but he and they are in the hands of God. No more pathetic or noble picture has been seen on the stage than where the Vicar sits in patient despair, his wife behind him gazing into space in a condition of dazed misery. Sophia pitiful and bewildered, and his beloved Olivia weeping at his feet. The various members of the family are to be scattered abroad, while a place as a companion is found for Olivia at York by Mr. Burchell. Beautiful and poignantly pathetic is her leave-taking, for she has promised to fly with the "false squire." Tears were falling all through the house, and in Olivia's eyes were real tears as she bade good-bye to her old father, in an agony of remorseful love. We next find her, after three months, at the Dragon Inn. She is full of the happiness of her wedded love; no misgiving of the squire's intention has reached her; she is longing with all her soul to again see and comfort her aged father, and tell him all is well with her. The squire has, however, grown weary of his fancy, though he realizes the infamy of his conduct; he forces himself to tell her they must part; the marriage was a false one. Olivia stands bewildered; for some minutes she cannot grasp the meaning of his words; she is stunned with the horror of his wickedness and her misery; and when he would offer excuse she thrusts him back from her, and the house was electrified by the realism of

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the agony which thus transforms this brightest and gentlest of English maidens into a wild creature, defiant and at bay. Mr. Terriss, who in the earlier scenes was somewhat wanting in the lightness and pleasantness which should mark a Don Juan of the period, and moreover had rather the air of an antique Roman than the pretty fellow and particular friend of the demireps and madames of Ranelagh. But Mr. Terriss cannot help being in earnest, and when his opportunity came—the quarrel with Burchell, who had tracked him and Olivia to the inn—the rage of the insulted fine gentleman had a splendid ring of reality in it. The part is a disagreeable one, and though Mr. Terriss fails to give it any extraneous charm, he always displays refinement of bearing that leads us to hope he is not quite beyond reclamation. The Vicar was at his very best in the splendid scene where the broken-hearted father finds his Olivia crushed by her wrongs. The feminine gentleness of his caresses, broken for an instant by an endeavour to assert the severe dignity of the outraged parent; but at the sight of his child's forlorn contrition, there is nothing but pitying love left in his full heart. The home-coming was very touching in the cold light of the winter night—snow on the trees and housetops; still, beautiful and poetic as the background is, we prefer the original and more simple arrangement, where the first act takes place in the Vicarage parlour. Now the garden is slowly turned into the parlour, and though the pathos of the way-worn, heart-sore wanderer is felt acutely, surely it is not well conceived for the old Vicar to compose himself to sleep on the sofa whilst Olivia lights the fire, before his anxious wife and Sophia have learned the news. When at length they appear, the reconciliation between the poor outcast Olivia and her mother is exquisitely brought about; the gentle Vicar seems clothed for a moment with apostolic dignity, when he bids his wife remember the duty of forgiveness. Mr. Burchell, who has contrived that the supposed false marriage shall be a valid one, now appears in his true character of the elder Thornhill, and brings the tardy penitent to beg forgiveness from his outraged wife. Olivia's shudder and cry of horror at the proposal was terribly eloquent, but Christmas morning breaks, and once more the scene changes to the garden, lighted by the kindly sun. We feel the squire's remorse will be met with tender commiseration; the church bells ring out, and the curtain falls upon the promise of a happy future. We predict a happy future for the play at its present home. On the first night the waits were very long, and this trial of patience was aggravated by the unnecessary loudness of Mr. Meredith Ball's musicians.

Her Majesty's.—We are glad once more to see at "Her Majesty's" the pensive façade lighted up for festive intent, and still better pleased that the much-talked-of spectacular ballet "Excelsior" merits the success it enjoyed in Paris. It goes with a spirit, humour and dashing dramatic effect, and one can scarcely realize it has no spoken dialogue. It is the fashion to declare male dancing a thing hateful and effeminate, but surely virility is not the quality lacking in a Highland fling or Hungarian sword dance, and in "Excelsior" the men dance with such fun, as it were possessed by the very demon of the art, that the feminine graces of the ladies are enhanced, and the dramatic intention of dancing seems to find expression. The much-vaunted scenery is good, while the troupe in its entirety is far and away the best we have ever seen on the English boards. The story of the ballet lies in the efforts of the spirit of Light and Progress to circumvent the Demon of Darkness, the latter splendidly impersonated by Sig. Montanara; his pantomime is wonderful for its force and fury; by the way he wears blonde hair and moustache, while every one else has black or dark brown. It is rather refreshing to see two or three hundred coryphées and not one yellow-haired wig among them. The prima ballerina, Adelina Rossi, is the impersonation of grace and harmony, a symphony without sound. Each of her dances was loudly applauded, but especially enthusiastic became the house over her exquisite bayadere dance, with Indian tarabock accompaniment; lovely she looked as the brown-tinted daughter of the sun, while quaint and delightful were the little black boys, with their native instruments. Recalls occurred again and again, during and after each act. It is long since such resonant plaudits have been heard within these walls. At the same time it is to be regretted the management has not more effectually advertised their season. We think also that in so large a theatre popular prices would have proved more successful. The music is of no little merit, and is admirably rendered by an orchestra of some sixty performers.

St. James's.—It is consoling for the feeble and superannuated minority still finding delight in a play neither studied from 'Arry nor from Fagin, to find "The Queen's Shilling" still flourishing at St. James's. It has reached its 50th night with unwaning popularity. Mrs. Kendal is still delightful as the wilful heroine, while Mr. Hare and Mr. Kendal are at their best in their respective parts. If only Mrs. Murray would tone her treatment of the strong-minded lady militant, the cast would be one of the most perfect we have seen for a long time.

Haymarket.—The announcement of the last change of programme at the "little house in the market" rather startled its habitués. "Robinson est mort. Vive Shakespear!" It was not, however, Shakespear of the last folio or first quarto, but the Garrick version—"Taming the Shrew," reduced to the dimensions of a one-act farce. Let us be thankful for Shakespear,—even so! Mrs. Bernard Beere, as Kate, looks her loveliest, and plays with the spirit and distinction which ever characterize her. We cannot quite believe this queenly dame is to be broken to harness by mere whip-cracking, plate-smashing, and the general rowdyism of a ragamuffin Petruchio. It may be the fault of the scrambling version used, which gives so little scope for detail of characterization; but we remember when Edwin Booth played Petruchio it was with such high-bred humour, such gallant deference, that in the taming process one could believe the fair patient was not so much subdued by the masterful violence of her spouse as by the fascination of the true lover sparkling through the carnival masquerade. Mr. Forbes Robertson usually plays with refinement; we cannot but believe he will perceive how greatly his present impersonation will gain by elimination of needless bluster and violence. Petruchio is a gentleman of birth and fortune, and an Italian gentleman; in his wildest pranks the gallantuomo should be evident. Mr. Kemble might, perhaps, be complimented as an eager aspirant to the honours of farcical comedy. That a soldier and man of the world should have such a henchman as Mr. Kemble's Grumio is even beyond a Garrick gospel. Of the rest of the cast it is needless to speak. The costumes are in excellent taste. "Sweethearts" is the second item on the bill. Mrs. Bancroft plays with all the pretty coquetry of her earliest impersonation at the Prince of Wales Theatre, in the first act; whilst in the "thirty years later" of the second, her art is still more tender, more delicate, and as full of pathos as in her younger day. Mr. Bancroft, as the egotistical old Indian, to our mind realises perfection. For this, one of Gilbert's brightest and least cynical gifts, playgoers will be grateful; the treat here awaiting them should alone be sufficient to ensure full houses; but "Sweethearts" is followed by Buckstone's "Good for Nothing," and here Mrs. Bancroft once more commands our tears and laughter. She has the taste to keep her poor little "Nan" out of the sordid rags and dirt some actresses delight to disguise her in, and the transformation at the end seems all the more probable. Mr. Brookfield plays with self-restraint and realism as Charley. Mr. Kemble, as Tom Dibbles, might have been excellent had he left out half his business and two-thirds of his rhetoric.

Grand.—Mr. Edward Terry and a strong company from the Gaiety have been drawing full houses during the week. In "The Rocket" Mr. Terry with his usual briskness plays the part of Chevalier Walkenshaw, while Miss Broughton distinguishes herself as Florence. Mr. Royce (Lord Leadenhall), Mr. Tyndal (Joslyn Hammersmith), Mr. Stephenson (John Mable), Miss Maria Jones (Lady Hammersmith), all score well. "The Rocket" is followed by the burlesque, "Robbing Roy." Mr. Terry as Roy, Miss Clara Jecks Francis Osbaldistone, Mr. Royce the Dougal Creature, Miss P. Broughton Diana Vernon. Islingtonians will doubtless embrace the opportunity of supporting these popular favourites.

The Picture Galleries.—To those who seek abstraction from the perversity of nature in the sweet calm realms of art, those we counsel to pay a visit to that most pleasant of realms of enchantment opened by the "Sesame" shilling, the French Gallery, Pall Mall. The present exhibition has a magnificent work, No. 52, it is by a young Servian painter, his third exhibited picture. For brilliancy of colour and intense dramatic characterisation it would hold a place of honour in any gallery. It shows us a blind old minstrel, surrounded by the picturesque wild Servian peasants, who listen with rapt attention to the "words of gold." There is an exquisite bit of sunshine and colour in No. 46, three fair damsels discussing the merits of a canvas in the absence of the artist. No. 10, a Meissonier, shews exquisite finish and dramatic feeling. No. 9, a delightful episode of cynic humour. A Knight, bearing important despatches, has sought shelter within a Dominican cloister. He has received such hospitable entertainment that he has fallen asleep, and now the good monks are busy reading his papers. The short-sighted brother greedily devours their contents, while the air of triumphant virtue in the abbot, who sits at the table with the empty wine flask, tells the story with wonderful force. The picture has the quiet harmony of Meine's colouring, well known to his admirers. Heffner has a delicious Italian moonlight, recalling that exquisite picture we used to enjoy at the Lyceum in the earlier Belmont. Works by Professor Müller, Windmaier, Gérome, Israels, Kleginsky, Andriotti, Schachinger, and a dozen more names of European fame are gathered within Mr. Wallis's hospitable walls. The Exhibits may be described as an epitome of European Art. Some of the best of each important nationality are there.

Crystal Palace.—The Saturday evening Illuminated Fêtes, which proved so delightful a feature of the Crystal Palace summer attractions last year, will be recommenced to-day, the 6th instant. It need hardly be remarked how naturally the beautiful grounds, with their charmingly grouped trees and shrubs, their grassy lawns and slopes, their terraces, statuary, lakes and fountains, lend themselves to the purposes of illumination; and these features have been well treated by Messrs. C. T. Brock and Co., who contract with the Company for the lighting up of the various spots in the grounds deemed most picturesque and suitable for pleasing effects of light and shade. To the thousands of gracefully festooned Venetian lamps and Chinese lanterns, as employed last summer, will be added this year a new feature, in the shape of electric light, which will illuminate the walks and terraces by means of many large arc lamps at carefully studied elevations. The band of the Scot Guards, the London Vocal Union, and the Company's Military Band will supply appropriate promenade music; and nothing but fine weather will be needed to make these fêtes the most enjoyable *al fresco* entertainments of the season. It may be added that the price of admission on Saturdays being now reduced to one shilling (with but one exception at present), these fêtes will be within the reach of all classes.

With the assent of Mr. Irving, his dinner committee, who had a surplus of £55 15s in their hands, have given £40 to the Actors' Benevolent Fund and fifteen guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 205.

AN emergency meeting was held on the 27th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Present—Bros. E. H. Norden W.M., A. J. Henochsberg S.W., A. Bassington P.M. as J.W., A. M. Cohen P.M. Treas., C. F. Hogard P.M. Sec., Rev. M. Haines Chaplain, J. Lichtenfeld S.D., J. Mosquito I.G.; P.M.'s J. A. Gartley I.P.M., W. Littaur, M. J. Emanuel, H. J. Phillips, J. Da Silva, and Bros. E. J. Ehrenberg, Hart, &c. Lodge was opened, and Mr. I. Rosalki was balloted for, but was absent through a domestic bereavement. Bros. Corrie and Levy were passed to the second degree, and Bros. Dansiger and Harris were raised. The ceremonies were excellently worked by the W.M. and Officers. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated.

GROVE LODGE, No. 410.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge, with one exception the oldest in the Province of Surrey, was held at the Sun Hotel, Kingston, on Saturday last, the 30th ultimo. The attendance of the members and Visitors though large and satisfactory was limited, and affected by the fact that the Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey was being held at the same time, under the auspices of General Brownrigg the Provincial Grand Superintendant, at Chertsey, where many members of the Grove Lodge in office were necessarily compelled to be present. Some members of the Lodge were, however, enabled to leave Chertsey in time to arrive at Kingston for the installation ceremony, previous to which the W.M. Bro. H. C. Tepps had vacated the chair in order to allow Bro. H. P. Dumas P.M., Past Grand Deacon of England, to initiate his son Mr. H. F. Dumas, after which Bro. Tepps proceeded with the business which included the passing of Bro. Porter, and the installation of his successor in the chair of the Lodge, Bro. Thomas Moreton. The working was up to the usual excellent standard of the Grove Lodge, the Deacons proving themselves especially competent. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. H. C. Tepps for his exceptionally brilliant services in the chair as W.M. All business being ended, the brethren and Visitors adjourned to an excellent banquet, after which the newly initiated brother was duly honoured, and the E.A. song was capitally rendered.

FINSBURY LODGE, No. 861.

THE installation meeting was held on the 28th ult., at St. Botolph's Chambers, Bishopsgate-street-without. Bro. F. Hallows W.M., J. R. Edwards S.W., Byat J.W., Legg P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Preston P.M. Secretary, J. Millington S.D., D. Job J.D., Salter I.G.; P.M.'s G. Leach, W. G. Hallows, W. Mackey, W. Groom, R. W. Parkes, Finch and Hart. Visitors—Bros. Roberts P.M. 188, Harvey W.M. 1314, Paterson 1662 P.P.G.O. Herts, Inman 1662, Bathard W.M. 1287, Braine P.M. 66, Allone 609, Hemming 1662, Solomon P.M. 1732, Devin 862, Harvey 1314, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Stenner, Cobb and Powell were raised. Bros. French and Allkins were passed to the second degree. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; it showed the Lodge and Benevolent Funds were in a prosperous condition. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. J. Benjamin Edwards S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed in the chair by the retiring W.M., who was warmly congratulated at the conclusion of the ceremony. There were 17 W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. Bro. W. Groom P.M. acted as D.C. The W.M. having been formally saluted, in appropriate terms appointed and invested his Officers:—F. Hallows I.P.M., Byat S.W., Millington J.W., Legg P.M. Treasurer, Preston P.M. Secretary, D. Job S.D., Salter J.D., Hallem I.G., Groom P.M. D.C., W. G. Hallows P.M. Stwd., Thomas Tyler. The reception accorded the new Officers evidenced the fact that the W.M. had made a good selection. Hearty good wishes were now given by the Visitors, and Lodge was closed until the fourth Thursday in October. The brethren, 57 in number, adjourned to the Great Eastern Hotel, where a sumptuous and récherché banquet was provided by Bro. Bolton. The tables were beautifully decorated, button-holes being provided for all. The W.M., who genially presided, proposed in appropriate terms the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. He would not indulge in long speeches, and he hoped every toast would meet with a warm response. Bro. Hallows rose; he had to propose the toast of the evening—the health of the Worshipful Master. They were fortunate in having a brother to preside over them who could do all the work; he had had the pleasure of installing Bro. Edwards in the chair; he was one who would carry out every duty required of him. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Hallows for his kind remarks. Nothing should be wanting on his part to give them satisfaction. The Lodge was in a state of prosperity, and long might it so continue. In speaking to the toast of the I.P.M., the W.M. said that no better worker than Bro. Hallows could be found. All present could not but notice the able manner in which he had conducted the installation ceremony. Their I.P.M. had not only gained the esteem of all in the Lodge, but also of those with whom he was associated in private life. He (the W.M.) had now with great pleasure to present him, in the name of the Lodge, with a gold Past Master's jewel; and in placing it on his breast he hoped he might live long to wear it. In addition the brethren had subscribed to present Bro. Hallows with an elegant clock, in token of the respect they all entertained for him. Bro. Hallows said it was with feelings of pride he listened to the encomiums passed on him by the W.M. This was his mother Lodge, and it was gratifying to hear he had carried out the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of the members. It would always be with pride that he should wear the P.M.'s jewel voted to him so unanimously. He also thanked the brethren for presenting him with such an elegant clock. It would ever be recognised as a token of brotherly love from the members of his Lodge. To the toast of the Visitors Bros. Roberts, Bathard, Solomon, and Paterson replied. In proposing the toast of the Past Masters, the W.M. mentioned their names seriatim, and said how proud he felt to be so well supported. They were all pleased to see Bro. Parkes again among them, after his severe accident, and he trusted when they met again to see him entirely recovered. Bros. Leach and Hart, in very excellent terms, responded to the toast. The Treasurer and Secretary were next complimented, the W.M. giving them a just meed of praise. The toast was responded to by Bros. Legg Treasurer and Preston Secretary. The toast of the Wardens and Officers was next given and responded to, and the Tyler concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening. The W.M. provided a very excellent programme of music, under the direction of Bro. H. Schartau, who was assisted by Bros. E. Dalzell, E. Moss, and R. De Lacy.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

THE installation and annual festival of the Arnold Lodge, No. 1799, took place on Wednesday evening, the 27th May, in the Public Hall, Walton-on-the-Naze, which had been specially engaged and prepared, and a goodly number of the brethren attended, including several P.P.G. Officers, P.M.'s, and other distinguished visitors. Amongst them were Bro. Alfred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W. Essex (who impressively performed the ceremony of installation), Walter J. Nunn P.M. 2063 1592 1008, W. M. Foxcroft I.P.M. 177 2063, J. M. Wheler 1495, W. Roston Bowrke 794, W. Cattermole 1663 2963, W. R. Bloom P.M. 1799, C. Hempson P.M. 1799 P.P.G.A.D.C., A. G. Rickarby W.M. 1799, R. H. Scott W.M. elect, &c. The ceremony of installation having been duly performed, the W.M. Bro. Scott proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Henry Finer S.W., W. Finer J.W., T. W. Taylor S.D., Womack J.D., A. G. Rickarby Secretary, R. Welham Treasurer, W. R. Bloom P.M. D.C., C. Woodroffe Organist, Rugg I.G., J. James Tyler, C. Randall Steward, &c. Bro. Charles Hempson was unanimously appointed to represent the Lodge upon the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. A banquet was afterwards partaken of, at the Portobello Hotel, and the remainder of the evening was passed in a very pleasant manner.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—At the monthly meeting of this Lodge on Thursday, 28th ult, Bro. Joseph Grimes S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. At the same meeting Bro. Lewis P.M. P.P.G.D. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Munson Tyler.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Star and Garter Kew Bridge. Bros. Bailey W.M., Norton S.W., Turner J.W., Andrews (Preceptor) S.D., C. E. Botley J.D., Thomas Inner Guard, F. Botley, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. F. Botley candidate. Bro. C. E. Botley answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the third, and closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Norton was elected W.M. for next meeting.

It is worthy of record that during the Healtheries Exhibition, when so many thousands visited the building at South Kensington, there was not a single complaint recorded against the police. The courtesy they have always displayed is fully recognised; we hear this is mainly due to Bro. Superintendent Hamblin, of the Abbey Lodge, who brings to bear on his duties a calm deliberation that produces the most satisfactory results.

An Emergency Meeting of the Maybury Lodge will be held on the 11th instant, at the Inns of Court Hotel, at half-past five, to pass a vote of condolence to the sorrowing widow and children of the late respected Bro. C. W. Thompson P.M. Bro. Thompson was initiated in this Lodge, and was Master for two successive years; he fulfilled his duties with great credit and ability.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at St. MARK'S SCHOOL, St. ANDREW'S ROAD, SURBITON, on Saturday, the 27th day of June 1885, at 2·15 o'clock in the afternoon.

By command,

CHARLES GREENWOOD P.G.S.B.
Prov. Grand Secretary.

Morning Dress.
61 Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road, S.E.
30th May 1885.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service at St. Andrew's Church, Surbiton, at four p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Brethren not to appear in Masonic costume at Divine Service.

A dinner will take place at 5 o'clock. For tickets apply to W. Bro. Dr. GIBBS, Surbiton Hill, Surbiton, enclosing 7/6 (which will not include Wine). N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets, and no Ticket will be issued after 24th June.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

A MEETING of the ROYAL BRUCE CHAPTER of H.R.M. will be held at No 33 Golden Square, London, W., on Saturday, the 4th day of July 1885, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

A meeting of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE of R.S.Y.C.S. of London and the Metropolitan Counties will be held at the same place, on the same day, immediately after the conclusion of the ceremony of H.R.M.

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GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

THE Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, held its half-yearly communication on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London. The M.W. Grand Mark Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore presided, and was supported by Lord Henniker Past Grand Master, Rev. Canon Portal Past Grand Master, the Marquis of Hertford, and the following among other Grand Officers:—Lord Egerton of Tatton Deputy Grand Master, Lord J. Taylour S.W., G. P. Brockbank J.W., H. Venn M.O., J. S. Cumberland J.O., Rev. Dean Currie and Rev. F. H. Richardson Chaplains, F. Davison Treas., F. Richardson Registrar, F. Binckes Secretary, C. W. Duke S D., E. L. Shepherd J.D., R. Berridge D. of C., Bryant Std. Br., W. Ganz Organist, W. Morris I.G., E. H. Thiellay, C. F. Hogard, H. Stephens, W. E. Stewart, and F. W. Driver Stewards.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, and the minutes confirmed, the following report of the General Board was submitted. It was eventually adopted and its recommendations agreed to.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

The number of certificates issued in the half-year, ending 31st of March last, was 809, the largest number as yet granted in a similar period—the total of registered advancements being now 20,196. During the same period ten warrants for new Lodges were granted, viz.:—

No. 346	Tristram	Newcastle-on-Tyne.
347	Albert Edward	St. Thomas, Danish W.I.
348	Fidelity and Unanimity ...	Taunton.
349	Aldershot Army and Navy ...	Aldershot.
350	Temperance in the East ...	Poplar, E.
351	St. Anne's	East Looe, Cornwall.
352	Prince Leopold	Ripon.
353	Dove Valley	Ashbourne.
354	Rose and Lily	Waltham Cross.
355	Royal Savoy	London.

In the degree of Mark Mariner, the number of certificates issued was 127, bringing the total registered elevations to 1797.

Warrants for new Ark Mariner Lodges have been granted to Noah Lodge attached to Ramsay Lodge 180 Marree, Panjab; Byron Lodge attached to Newstead Lodge 71 I. Nottingham; Stella Lodge attached to Star of Burmah Lodge 88, Rangoon, B.B.

The M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to appoint the R.W. Bro. Rev. John Fairclough Provincial Grand Mark Master of British Burmah.

The R.W. Bro. J. Woodall Woodall, J.P., has been re-appointed Provincial Grand Mark Master of North and East Yorkshire for a further term of three years.

The Board has the melancholy duty of recording its deep regret at the loss of V.W. Bro. H. C. Levander, who for upwards of ten years discharged the duties of Grand Registrar in a manner highly advantageous to the best interests of Grand Lodge.

It having been reported to the Board that a brother had been installed in the chair of W.M. who had not served the office of W.M. in a Craft Lodge, and who had not procured the necessary dispensation (article 64, page 13, Book of Constitutions), the Board recommended the M.W. Grand Master to issue a special dispensation to cover this irregularity, and inflicted a fine of two guineas on the Lodge.

A petition has been presented from Derwent Lodge 282, supported by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmoreland, praying that the Board would recommend Grand Lodge to condone certain irregularities in the installations of Bros. Coverdale and Salkeld, who, by unintentional error and inadvertence, had only filled the chair of W.M. for ten months each. The Board having carefully considered the whole of the circumstances connected with the case, has pleasure in recommending Grand Lodge to confirm Bros. Coverdale and Salkeld in the rank and privileges of Past Master on payment of a fine of two guineas each.

A Petition has been presented by the Leopold Lodge 235, stating that the Installation in 1884 was unavoidable postponed, and that in consequence of inadvertence and forgetfulness, the then installed W.M., Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G. Chap., only served eleven months in the chair of W.M., and praying Grand Lodge to confirm Bro. Bent in the rank and privileges of P.M. The Board has carefully considered the reasons for this course, and begs to recommend it to Grand Lodge, on payment by the Lodge of a fine of *Two Guineas*.

The Board regrets exceedingly to announce that by the failure of the Bankers of Grand Lodge, Messrs. Ridgway and Sons, a severe loss will fall upon the various funds. The balances in Messrs. Ridgway's hands were:—

General Fund	£87 14 0
Benevolent Fund	298 2 1
Educational Fund	62 9 0
Dewar Fund	253 16 0
Festival Fund	11 5 7
Duke of Albany Fund (Balance of)	5 10 9
	£718 17 5

No statement has yet been received from the Official Receiver in Bankruptcy, but the Board recommends that the last three amounts mentioned be made good from the General Fund of Grand Lodge.

An account has been opened at the London and Westminster Bank Limited, Bloomsbury Branch, and the Board requests that all cheques, &c., may be crossed thereto.

The Board has to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of Proceedings of the following Grand Chapters:—Michigan, Maine, Maryland, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Colorado.

Several of these deal with the question of exclusive jurisdiction with reference to the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and all of them support the action of that Grand Chapter, as was to be anticipated, though the manner in which the question is treated varies considerably, and the Board begs to express its appreciation of the Masonic courtesy which distinguishes some of the reports on the subject. No fresh step has been taken by the Executive of Grand Lodge since the last half-yearly communication, owing to the action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in severing all intercourse with the United Grand Lodge of England and the Lodges under its jurisdiction. As all Mark Masters in Quebec holding under this jurisdiction are Master Masons under the United Grand Lodge, this action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, to be followed no doubt by the Grand Chapter, would render useless all attempts at an arrangement for the present. This Grand Lodge can only continue to reassert the principles which have always guided the Grand Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland, viz.: That a minority of Lodges cannot be coerced by a majority into joining a new organisation. That a Grand Lodge to be a lawful body must be constituted in accordance with the laws of the States, and as regard the Mark Degree, that Mark Lodges have a right to a separate charter or warrant, should they desire it, and ought not to be compulsorily merged in the more modern degree of Royal Arch Mason.

The Seventeenth Anniversary Festival in aid of the "Mark Benevolent Fund" is appointed for Wednesday, 22nd July, and the R.W. Bro. the Lord Egerton of Tatton, Deputy Grand Master, Prov. Grand M.M.M. of Cheshire, has most kindly consented to preside—with every prospect of success, which, it is hoped may be assured by the sympathy and support of the members of the Mark Degree.

There are now twelve Boys and five Girls receiving the advantages of the Educational Branch. The reports of progress are in all cases highly satisfactory. The Board has presented the Silver Medal to David William Russell Symon, now being educated at King Edward VI. Grammar School, Southampton, of whose progress an exceptionally favourable report has been presented by the Head Master.

The Board recommends that the Grand Director of Ceremonies, for the time being, should, for the future, be an *ex officio* Member of the General Board.

The Board has relieved the following cases:—

Bro. J. L., 65	£5 0 0
„ M. E. 118	£5 0 0
„ W. P., 176	£10 0 0

And recommends the following grants for confirmation by Grand Lodge:—

£50 to C. R., daughter of Bro. S. R., Old Kent.
£25 to Bro. J. A., 34.
£25 to Bro. J. C. G., 59.
£20 to Bro. M. E., 8.

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL,
Past G.M.M.M., President.

The Invested Funds are as follows:—

General Fund	£2,900 0 0
Benevolent Fund	2,000 0 0
Educational Fund	1,400 0 0

The Grand Treasurer's Accounts for the six months ending 31st March 1885 show the following results:—

Dr. GENERAL FUND. *Cr.*

To Balance 30th Sept. 1884	£213 0 3	By Ordinary Expenditure	£533 6 9
Half-year's Receipts	906 13 2	Geo. Kenning, jeweller, &c.	28 17 0
Interest on Investments	63 13 9	Spencer & Co. do.	156 6 0
		Hughan Testimonial	10 10 0
		Homann & Son, decorators	154 4 6
		Cash at Ridgway and Sons at date of Receiving Order in Bankruptcy (subject only to a dividend)	87 14 0
		Overdrawn Dewar's Fund	2 19 0
		Balance at London & Westminster Bank	209 9 11
	1,183 7 2		1,183 7 2

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BENEVOLENT FUND.

To Balance 30th Sept. 1884	£400	6	7	By Grants in Relief	£103	0 0
Half-year's Receipts	99	17	6	Transferred to Education Fund	91	10 6
Interest on Investments	50	15	1	Expenses, Pewtress, printing	0	11 6
Cash received on account of Festival Fund	6	6	0	Cash at Ridgway & Sons at date of Receiving Order in Bankruptcy (subject only to a dividend)	298	2 1
				The late D. M. Dewar	15	12 6
				Due from Education Fund	7	11 7
				Balance at London & Westminster Bank	40	17 0
	557	5	2		557	5 2

EDUCATION FUND.

To Balance 30th Sept. 1884	£26	2	9	By Education Fees	£74	9 6
Transferred from Benevolent Fund	91	10	6	Expenses, Pewtress, printing	11	9 0
Interest on Investments	23	2	8	Cash at Ridgway & Sons at date of Receiving Order in Bankruptcy (subject only to a dividend)	62	9 0
Balance from Benevolent Fund overdrawn	7	11	7			
	148	7	6		148	7 6

. Audited and approved this 1st day of May 1885.

(Signed) CHARLES E. SOPPET, *Auditor.*

Regrets having been expressed at that portion of the report which had reference to the loss which would be occasioned by the failure of the bankers, it was suggested that any loss which might fall on the Benevolent and Educational Funds should also be made good out of the General Fund of Grand Lodge; the other deficiencies having already been made chargeable thereto, by the adoption of the report of the General Board. This proposition was ultimately agreed to. The M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason then addressed the brethren. Before closing his first year of office he had great pleasure in asking his predecessor in the chair, Lord Henniker, to allow him to confer on him the jewel of a Past Master of Grand Lodge, in recognition of the eminent services which he had rendered during his presidency. The brethren well knew that Lord Henniker's aspirations were always of the highest, and that the interests of their Grand Lodge were at all times a most powerful attraction to him; it had consequently been most difficult, almost impossible, for him (the Earl of Kintore) to follow the example set by his predecessor. The jewel was then presented and in acknowledgment Lord Henniker expressed his deep gratitude for the kind reception which had been accorded him, and also for the jewel which he had that day received. He assured the brethren he should keep it and value it as a lasting remembrance of three very happy years of his life, when he had the honour to rule over the Mark degree. He was sorry—indeed it was a matter of very deep regret to him—that he had not been able to be present at either of the last half-yearly communications. That time last year he met with a very serious accident, which made it necessary for him to remain in a dark room for some days, while in December other engagements had made it impossible for him to be present. He would tell the brethren why he regretted not being able to be with them—because he could not thank them for the kind support they had given him, and the indulgence they had shown him during his term of office, and also because he could not tell them with what pleasure he looked back upon the three years when he ruled over the Order. He believed he made a great many friends during those three years, and he hoped the friendships then made might be lasting ones. He hoped, too, that during that term he had made no enemies among Mark Masons. He was pleased to say he still ruled over a Province of Mark Masonry, and so was yet able to take an active part in the business of the degree, in which he had tried to prove he felt the warmest interest. He hoped to be allowed, whether he ruled over a Province or not, to take some part in the future in promoting the welfare of Mark Masonry, and added that any service of his which could promote the interests of the Order or make it more flourishing than it was, would be most willingly rendered. Lord Henniker continued; he had already told them it was with great sorrow he had been obliged to stay away from their meeting last year, and one of the causes of his sorrow was that he had not been able to place the Grand Master in the chair, as it was his duty to do. It took away, however, some of his regret in being now able to perform that very pleasing task. He was sensible of the great services of the Grand Mark Master to the Mark Degree, and of the help he had given him during his three years tenure of office. He congratulated the Order on having secured the Earl of Kintore as its head. Not only did he bring them, by his high office in Scotland, nearer to the Scottish brethren, but he believed that, although there were many members of the Mark who had done much for the Degree, there was none better fitted to fill the high position of Grand Mark Master. It was unnecessary for him to say more, because a few sincere words—and his were purely sincere—were worth a hundred which were not sincere. He hoped the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master during the rest of his term of office might be blessed with prosperity and health, and that the Lodge might prosper under his rule. The Grand Mark Master Mason was then formally invested and saluted. In acknowledgment the Earl of Kintore said, The kind language of Lord Henniker when investing him as Grand Master for a second year, and the enthusiastic reception given by the brethren to that investiture demanded words of hearty and grateful thanks. He was no speechmaker. There was nothing he found more difficult than to open his mouth in the presence of more than two or three people, but he could not allow the opportunity to pass without assuring them how warmly he felt their kindness. If there was any alloy to the regret which he had felt that time last year at the absence of Lord Henniker, it was that by his absence they were not only able to condole with him on the accident which had prevented his attendance, but he had also had a fair opportunity of framing language in which he had tried to express gratitude for his services, a task rendered perhaps more easy by his not being present at the time. He knew, as he had already said, that his example was difficult to follow, but the brethren having been good enough to place him in the office a second time, he believed that such as he did was considered for the benefit of the Grand Lodge. He hoped when the time came for his term of office to close, he might have as many friends and leave behind him as few enemies as his predecessor had done.

Bro. James Moon was next elected to the office of Grand Treasurer, he being proposed for that post by Bro. F. Davison, the former Grand Treasurer, and seconded by Bro. A. F. Godson Prov. G.M.M.M. of Worcestershire. The Grand Master expressed the thanks of Grand Lodge to Bro. F. Davison for his past services, a compliment which that brother suitably acknowleged. The following were then appointed and invested Grand Officers for the year:—

Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton	Deputy Master
Marquis of Hertford	Senior Warden
Love Jones Parry, M.P.	Junior Warden
Col. Somerville Burney	Master Overseer
James Smith Eastes	Senior Overseer
Dr. Ralph Gooding	Junior Overseer
Rev. Havman Cummings, Rev. T. W. Lemon	Chaplains
James Moon	Treasurer
Frank Richardson	Registrar
F. Binckes, P.G.W.	Secretary
R. P. Spice, Percy Wallis	Senior Deacons
W. Nicholl, Dr. George Mickley	Junior Deacons
Robert Berridge P.G.M.O.	D. of Ceremonies
Henry George, A. Tisley	Asst. D. of Cers.
R. W. Edis	Inspector of Wks.
Miles J. Walker	Sword Bearer
R. B. Reed, W. P. Collins	Standard Bearers
E. J. Hoare	Organist
G. Graveley	Inner Guard
Bros. W. E. Williams, P. A. Scratchley, D. P. Cama, E. Tyson, H. Ellis, H. Stone, Capt. McWhinnie, W. Rainforth, G. W. P. Harris, T. H. Smith, W. B. Williams, and C. A. C. Jones	Stewards
Bro. C. T. Speight	Tyler

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The following brethren were nominated by the Grand Master to serve on the General Board:—Bros. Rev. Canon Portal President, Frederic Davison, A. Williams, C. H. P arson, W. Roebuck, R. P. Spice, and T. Cubitt; while the following were elected by Grand Lodge:—Bros. George Cooper, Charles H. Driver, A. F. Godson, R. Loveland Loveland, and John L. Mather.

Votes of regret at the death of Bros. H. C. Levander and Dr. Hopkins having been passed, Grand Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to banquet, which was presided over by the Grand Mark Master. The toasts of the Queen and Mark Masonry having been honoured P.G.M. Canon Portal proposed the Grand Mark Master. The toast was one which came naturally after that of the Queen, as the Grand Master was their Masonic sovereign. They had ample illustration of the geniality of their Grand Master. All his life he had been engaged in upholding the flag of Freemasonry, and was now almost at the highest office both in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Scotland. He was sure the brethren rejoiced that in the person of the Earl of Kintore the bonds of union between English and Scottish Freemasons were so closely drawn together. It rejoiced him very much, after more years than he cared to look back upon, to find that all degrees of Masonry were pulling together, without any of that jealousy and uncomfortable feeling which undoubtedly did exist in days gone by. Although it might perhaps be invidious to point to any one that had taken the lead in abolishing this feeling of jealousy, he could honestly say, looking back to the history of their Degree, that it was owing to the liberality and Masonic spirit of the thirty-third that that result had been achieved. The Earl of Kintore, in reply, said of all races of men who, in his short life, he had been privileged to meet, he thought Freemasons were the most long suffering. For no other reason could he account for the brethren's kind reception of him. The best he could do he had honestly done. He had tried to hold his office creditably, and with the assistance of the Grand Officers hoped still to do so. Among these he would like to mention the services of the Grand Secretary, and the President of the General Board. During his year of office charters had been granted for 16 new Lodges, while 657 certificates had been issued; and they had £6,300 invested. Grand Lodge had that day resolved to make up what had been lost to different funds by the failure of their bankers. He looked forward with interest to the result of the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which would be held, under the presidency of the Deputy Grand Master, at the Crystal Palace next month, and he felt sure that next year he should find further opportunity of forwarding the interests of Mark Masonry. Bro. Kelly proposed the Past Grand Masters, coupling with the toast the name of Canon Portal, whose immense services to the Order every Mark Master would readily acknowledge. Canon Portal replied; all the Past G. Masters, from the time of Lord Leigh to the I.P.M. had endeavoured to do their best. To none were they more indebted than to Lord Henniker, in whose reign the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Albany became important additions to the Order. He was delighted to be able to state, on behalf of the Grand Master, that there was every reason to believe that Prince Edward of Wales would be admitted under the banner of this Order, in the Isaac Newton Lodge at Cambridge. Sir F. Burdett proposed the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers, and said that under Lord Egerton of Tatton the interests and success of the Order were quite safe. After a response from Colonel Somerville Burney, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke proposed the toast of Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund. It was gratifying to see what was being done through the agency of this Fund, which was firmly established on a substantial basis. This was evidenced by the number of children who were being assisted in their education from it; moreover, the grants made in the Grand Lodge that day were further illustration of the good work that was being carried on. In conclusion, Col. Clerke advocated the establishment of a Fund for the special relief of aged and decayed members of the Mark Degree and their widows. Bro. F. Binckes replied. He commenced by expressing his gratification that the proposition of this toast had been entrusted to a brother holding a similar position in Craft Masonry to that he himself filled in the Mark. The interest manifested in the Mark Degree was greatly on the increase. He then sketched the history of the Festivals in connection with the Mark Benevolent Fund, and showed how the interest taken in its working had steadily progressed. It was the desire of those associated with the Fund to anticipate calamity, and struggle to avert it rather than to wait until those who sought relief were literally crushed by misfortune. Lord John Taylour proposed the health of the Visitors, with which toast was associated the name of Bro. D. P. Cama, who, in reply, thanked the company for the kind reception given to the toast. He regretted his command of English precluded him from expressing himself so adequately as he could desire, but if he fell back on his own language he was fully aware he should be equally unintelligible. What he desired to convey was, that he fully recognised the cosmopolitanism of Freemasonry. With respect to what had been said as to his contributions on behalf of the Charities of the Order, he had simply subscribed according to his means, and as a humble representative of the two hundred millions of Eastern subjects, whom he felt justified in proclaiming among the most faithful adherents of the Empress of India. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Edward J. Hoare G.O., who was assisted by Bros. John Probert, Egbert Roberts, and Thomas Tremere. The latter brother, however, was compelled to leave early, to fulfil an engagement at Buckingham Palace, but Bros. Probert and Roberts ably compensated for the absence of their confrère.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire will be held on Thursday next, the 11th inst., at Northampton, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master His Grace the Duke of Manchester having accepted the invitation of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764, to hold the meeting under the banner of that Lodge. The members of the Eleanor Cross being exceedingly anxious the visit of the brethren shall be a pleasant one, are making exceptional efforts to entertain those who may attend the meeting. At 12.30 the Eleanor Cross Lodge will be opened at the Town Hall, and at 12.45 Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened, and the business of the year transacted. The brethren will attend Divine Service at all Saints' Church, at 3 o'clock, when a sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, M.A. and LL.M., Prov. Grand Chaplain, and a collection made in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and the Peterborough Cathedral Restoration Fund. A banquet will be served at the Peacock Hotel, at 5 o'clock, and at 8 a Conversazione will be held in the Town Hall, including performances of vocal and instrumental music and a reading, illustrated by Sepia sketches (by the late Mr. G. J. De Wilde). Dissolving Views will also be exhibited by Bro. T. P. Dorman P.P.G S., while an efficient band will be in attendance for dancing. Dispensations have been granted by the authorities of the Craft, Royal Arch, Mark, Royal Ark Mariners, Rose Croix, Knights of the Temple, and other Masonic bodies, to wear the clothing of their respective degrees at the Conversazione, while by arrangement with the Committee of the Northampton Fine Art Exhibition the corridors and gallery, containing their loan collection of pictures, will be open to the brethren during the evening. Tickets for the banquet (which also admit to the Conversazione) are 6s 6d each, and those for the Conversazione (for Masons and their friends 2s 6d each). These latter are not transferable, and as the circular announcing the meeting states they "must" be applied for before the 5th inst., we fear it is too late for those who have not already applied to obtain any. We cordially wish the Eleanor Cross brethren success in their efforts.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will take place to-day, at the Town Hall, Uxbridge, at 3 p.m. It is expected that the Provincial Grand Master, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., will preside in person, and there is every prospect of a large attendance of brethren.

The consecration of the Chiswick Mark Lodge, which was announced for the 20th inst., has been deferred till the 27th, the former date being the day appointed for the annual entertainment at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, thereby preventing the attendance of Brother F. Binckes, who is to be consecrating Officer. The meetings of the "Chiswick" are to be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 6th JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
188—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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Royal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, Town Hall, Uxbridge, at 3 p.m.
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

MONDAY, 8th 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 302 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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham

R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
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
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Manle-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
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, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, 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
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, 9th JUNE.

57—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
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—Industrie, Victoria Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (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.)
1419—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1365—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lamveth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
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)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Tocsaders, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30,
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

83—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Ken
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
498—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
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
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
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpoo

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, 10th JUNE.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
13—Waterloo, Union 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)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (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.
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
1628—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)
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. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7 30 (Instruction)
R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
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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)
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1358—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.

R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
R.A. 88—Pythagoras, Red Lion Hotel Cambridge
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 350—Meridian, Grapes Inn, Stonecliugh, near Manchester
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, 11th JUNE.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
117—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)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
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
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (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)
1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden 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 8 (Inst).
1744—Royal Savoy, York-shire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

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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. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W
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)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
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.
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1915—Graystone, Forrester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 213—Perseverance, 13 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 12th 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)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1842—E. Carnarvon, Ledbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (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, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
1458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Bazzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 13th JUNE.

176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
185—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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sun Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
2089—Prudence Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

The following dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 6th June:—

Monday—Grenadier Guards, 29th Regiment, Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, Tuscan Lodge, Premier Conclave. Tuesday—34th Regiment, 30th Regiment, 82nd Regiment. Wednesday—Grand Officers' Mess. Thursday—19th Regiment, 9th Regiment, Westminster and Keystone Lodge. Friday—103rd Regiment (Royal Bombay Fusiliers), 79th Cameron Highlanders, Odd Volumes. Saturday — Royal Tradesmen's Association, Phœnix Chapter.

"Odd Volumes."—The *City Press* states that at the request of the President of the "Sette of Odd Volumes," Bro. J. R. Brown, the eminent librarian of the "Sette," Bro. Bernard Quaritch, has consented to exhibit some of his choicest treasures in early printed books and MSS. at the Freemasons' Tavern during the evening of Friday, 5th inst., on which occasion ladies have been invited. The celebrated "Psalter" (1454) will be among the books shown.

MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL.

THE general half-yearly meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the School House, Balls' Bridge, Dublin, on Tuesday, 2nd instant. The result of the ballot for the election of seven pupils was announced as follows:—

C. M. Rankin	2530
M. Fisher	2297
K. E. Haughton	2256
M. A. Lloyd	2190
L. F. Delandre	1924
H. Creighton	1787
S. J. Johnston	1523
E. K. Bronte	1440
M. Tait	1338
L. Layng	909
J. Prescott	868
F. H. Milligan	646
A. R. Hare	484
K. Tizard	265

The first seven candidates were accordingly declared elected.

The arrangements for the fete (this day) at the Masonic Female Orphan School are in active progress. The programme, illustrated with a view of the building, has been published, and promises a most agreeable series of entertainments. At their four o'clock concert, besides instrumental selections, the pupils will sing Handel's chorus, "O Lovely Peace," Smart's part-song, "The Water Nymphs," and two other choral pieces. Haydn's well-known "Toy Symphony," never so pleasingly rendered as by a band of children, and Farmer's amusing arrangement of Nursery Rhymes as a choral quadrille, will appropriately close this part of the programme, to be followed at half-past four by the calisthenics and school drill. At five o'clock the concert, which some of our most distinguished artists have so kindly promised, to assure the success of the Orphan's Annual Festival, will commence. Mr. Grandison will conduct a most attractive programme. Among the items we notice that Miss Mullen pays a graceful compliment to one of the best friends of the Institution by singing Richard J. Moncton's delightful song, "Awakening;" Mrs. Harte, who never fails to show her lasting interest in the School, which is proud to remember her as a pupil, will join Messrs. Beaumont and Oldham in Bishop's trio, "Maiden Fair," and will also sing "Waiting." Mr. Oldham and Mr. Beaumont will each give a solo, and the concert will end with J. O'Rorke's arrangement of "No, not more welcome," as a quartette, to be rendered by Mr. and Miss Mullen, Mr. Oldham, and Mr. Beaumont. At six o'clock the distribution of prizes to the pupils of both Schools will take place, introduced by the usual procession and Masonic salute, and the girls will afterwards repeat their picturesque "school drill." The performances will close with a pleasant selection of music by the bands of the 18th Hussars and King's Own Borderers. These attractions, and above all the object of helping and encouraging these most deserving and admirably managed Charities, cannot fail to bring together a large assemblage.—*Irish Times.*

A FRENCHMAN FALLS AMONGST "FREEMASONS(?)"

AT the Oswestry Borough Police Court, on Monday, 2nd inst., before E. Shaw and T. P. Parry, Esqs., Ovine Portisina, a Frenchman, was charged by P.C. Calcott with being drunk and disorderly, in Bailey-street, on Saturday night. The constable stated that the defendant was creating a great disturbance, shouting in French, and when he (the defendant) was placed in the lock-up he began saying his prayers. In his defence, the defendant said, "Me fifty years of age to-day. Me never before magistrate before, and me never in lock-up before. Me come here Saturday, and me meet gentlemen, who said dey was Freemasons, and dat dey see me in Paris. Me had £5 Saturday, but me gave de gentlemen champagne, and now all gone; me have no money now. Me no customed drink English beer; it flew to my head. Me never drunk before: me now sign de pledge, and me never get drunk again. Mr. Shaw: Will you leave the town if we let you off? Defendant: Yes, monsieur; me leave de town for Swansea, and me never get drunk no more. Mr. Shaw: Be off, then.—Defendant: Tank 'u, gentlemen; bon jour, messieurs. It transpired that the "Freemasons" were gipsies, who had encamped on the horse market for the night, and they evidently succeeded in completely fleecing the unwary foreigner.—*Shrewsbury Journal.*

The Cama Lodge, No. 2100, will be consecrated, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Monday, 15th inst. The ceremony will be performed by the R.W. the P.G.M. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., assisted by the D.P.G.M. Bro. R. H. Thrupp as Installing Master and Director of Ceremonies, Bro. J. F. H. Woodward P.M. Prov. Grand Secretary as S.W., and Bro. Henry Lovegrove P.M. P.P.S.W. as J.W.

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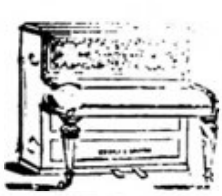

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EXCLUSION AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

THE brother whose appeal to Grand Lodge against the sentence of exclusion passed on him by his own Lodge was dismissed at the last Quarterly Communication, seems to have a very faint idea of the pains and penalties he has incurred by his un-Masonic behaviour, and there also appears to be a diversity of opinion among brethren generally as to the full effect of the sentence passed upon him. There is little doubt but that Grand Lodge will ere long be appealed to for an official decision on the matter, but in the meantime, certainly before the next regular Communication, questions of grave importance may arise, even if the work of Freemasonry in one Lodge at least is not delayed, through the action of the brother implicated. It is not our intention to devote any consideration to the actual facts of the case which led to the sentence of exclusion; suffice it to say that for most un-Masonic behaviour a brother has been excluded from his Lodge, the Master of the Province in which the Lodge is held has sustained the sentence, and Grand Lodge has unanimously refused to entertain an appeal to set the sentence aside.

Before coming to any decision as to the full effect of this sentence, we must discover the Masonic significance of the term "exclusion." The note to Rule 210 of the Constitutions, to which we are referred by the Index for "the meaning of the term," defines it as being used "upon the removal of a brother from a private Lodge," while "*expelled* is used only when a brother is removed from the Craft by the Grand Lodge, or a district Grand Lodge." This note then defines when it is to be used, rather than "the meaning of the term," and we must look elsewhere for a more reliable definition, before we can proceed further. This we are unable to find in the Constitutions, except by implication; but by tracing the several Rules applicable to the subject, and taking them in connection with a resolution of Grand Lodge specially made to meet such decisions, we feel we can make out a case. The Report of the Board of General Purposes submitted to Grand Lodge at the Communication of March last, and which was formally adopted, contained among other matters, a resolution to the effect that "the *suspension* of any particular brother involves an entire incapacity on his part to exercise *any* right or duties as a Mason, or to participate in *any* Masonic privileges during the period such suspension remains in force," thereby putting a stop once for all to the idea that a brother might be suspended from one Lodge, and laugh at the sentence by appearing in another of which he was a member. In other words, suspension from a Lodge means suspension from Freemasonry, and by the same argument exclusion from a Lodge must equally mean exclusion from the Craft. We have already shown the connection between expulsion and exclusion—the one being used (Note to Rule 210) "when a brother is removed from the Craft by the Grand Lodge," and the other "upon the removal of a brother from a private Lodge"—and therefore we may look to Rule 273 for further assistance in defining the meaning of the term used. Rule 273 provides that—"The Board [of General Purposes] may proceed to admonition, fine or suspension, according to the laws . . . . but should any case be of so flagrant a nature as to require . . . . . the expulsion of a brother, the Board shall make a special report thereon to the Grand Lodge." This Rule then clearly shows that expulsion by Grand Lodge is a much more severe penalty than suspension, and the same must equally apply to the case of a private Lodge as regards its sentences of exclusion and suspension. Being then a more severe punishment than suspension it naturally follows that "exclusion" is not less severe in its application, and thus we find that the sentence of exclusion passed on this brother "involves an entire incapacity on his part to exercise any rights or duties as a Mason, or to participate in any Masonic privileges during the period such . . . . . remains in force."

There are other points in connection with the case which confirm our ruling, even if what we have adduced is not sufficient. Grand Lodge has been appealed to to upset the decision of the private Lodge, which was duly sustained by the Provincial Grand Master, and has unanimously refused to interfere. Grand Lodge has accordingly confirmed the sentence, and by so doing we think has brought it within the scope of Rule 5 of the Constitutions, which states that "the Grand Lodge alone has the power of . . . expelling brethren from the Craft, a power which it does not delegate to any subordinate authority in England." This might perhaps have been a point for argument previous to the passing of the resolution as to the effect of a sentence of suspension (already referred to), but now we do not think there is any necessity to touch upon it, as the Rule and the resolution taken together imply that although Grand Lodge does not delegate its power of expelling brethren from the Craft to any subordinate authority, it does so far delegate this authority as to uphold a sentence of suspension (which is now virtually the same as expulsion or exclusion) unless appealed against, and decided in opposition to the verdict given by the private Lodge.

So far we have considered the sentence as affected by the laws of the Order alone, and it is of course on that basis the case must be decided, but there is also the spirit of Freemasonry to be taken into consideration, and this would surely never tolerate the presence in our midst of a brother who has behaved in such a manner as to bring down the condemnation of the members of his own Lodge, of his Provincial Grand Master, and of Grand Lodge also, much less allow him to force his presence among the brethren he has personally insulted. But the brother who in this instance is the one implicated is, we believe, one of the principal Officers designate of a new Lodge, which is to be consecrated by the Provincial Grand Master who sustained the sentence of exclusion, while some of the founders are so circumstanced in connection with the case that they can hardly truthfully say, when called upon at the consecration, that they approve of the whole of the officers named in the warrant, and here arises a point of considerable difficulty, unless the special sanction of the Grand Master is sought and obtained previous to the consecration. Rule 121 of the Constitutions is to the effect that "No Brother shall be . . . . invested as a Warden of a new Lodge, except the Brother named in the warrant for such office, unless by special sanction of the Grand Master." This, taken in conjunction with Rule 120, which provides that "every new Lodge shall be solemnly constituted," and Rule 129, which stipulates that "the regular Officers of a Lodge consist of the Master and his two Wardens, &c." would seem to imply that the Lodge cannot be properly consecrated unless some special steps are taken, or the Consecrating Officer and Founders are

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prepared to associate with the excluded brother, and that to at the risk of disregarding a sentence which in our opinion precludes the offending brother from all his rights or duties as a Mason. Under all the circumstances we feel convinced an appeal to Grand Lodge must be made, when we shall have an official definition of the sentence. This will, we think, convince our "excluded" brother that his behaviour at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was neither becoming nor consistent with his present position in the Craft.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

IT was with extreme pleasure we last week announced that the prayer of the brethren of South Australia for recognition as an Independent Grand Lodge had been granted by the United Grand Lodge of England, it having been unanimously resolved at the last Quarterly Communication of the latter body "to enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of South Australia." This recognition by our own Grand Lodge will no doubt be followed by similar action on the part of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, each of which has subordinate Lodges working in the district now comprised in the Grand Lodge of South Australia, for in answer to correspondence addressed by our Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland we gather that the action of those bodies would, in a great measure, be guided by that of the Grand Lodge of England. Having been formally recognised as an Independent Grand Lodge by the three bodies which origir ally warranted the Lodges and issued the certificates of the brethren who have now formed themselves into an Independent Grand Lodge, recognition from all parts of the world must speedily follow, a result which we again heartily congratulate our South Australia brethren upon having achieved in a truly Masonic manner.

As we said at the time we reported the inauguration of this Grand Lodge of South Australia the whole of the proceedings which culminated in the establishment of the Independent Grand Lodge appeared to have been conducted with becoming gravity and decorum, while a more important fact still was, that a vast and overwhelming majority of the members of the Lodges there holding under the three Constitutions of England, Scotland and Ireland were in favour of the new order of things. At that time thirty-two of the thirty-three Lodges working in South Australia approved of the formation of the Independent Grand Lodge, but even this has been improved upon since the application for the official recognition was formally presented to the Grand Lodge of England, for now all the Lodges, and almost all the Masons in the Colony have given their adhesion to the project of self government. Was there any ground then for refusing the prayer of the South Australian brethren? Certainly not, and however much we may regret the loss of the twenty Lodges of South Australia which have hitherto recognised the Grand Lodge of England as their Masonic head, we can but wish them continued success under their new government.

The action of South Australia, now that it has met with fraternal recognition, will no doubt serve as an incentive to other brethren to adopt a similar course, and we may expect, ere long, to hear of other of our Colonial Districts setting up Grand Lodges on their own account. If in such cases the same unanimity is shown as has been the case in South Australia, there can be no opposition offered. It is only when a minority strive to impose their views on the majority that opposition is called for, and in such cases there is little doubt but that existing Grand Lodges will combine in upholding the true principles of Freemasonry —to respect the opinion of the minority, however small. Even in the case of South Australia there are some brethren who desire to continue, as they have always been, recognised Masonic subjects of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, or Ireland, and the new Grand body has expressed its willingness to preserve and recognise their rights, a course which will no doubt soon result in their enrolment of the registers of South Australia, for individual brethren could hardly desire to ignore such truly Masonic spirit as is here displayed.

The request of the brethren to retain their original warrants from the home Grand Lodges also showed they fully recognised their position, and were yet alive to the benefits attached to their Masonic parentage. No doubt the original warrants will be prized equally with the new ones under which future proceedings will be conducted, while as historical documents they will be treasured and handed down with as much care as though they still formed the most important part of the Lodge furniture. In conclusion, we can but repeat our congratulations, and at the same time hold up the Craftsmen of South Australia as a pattern for any who may desire to create an Independent Grand Lodge for themselves.

The withdrawal of the twenty English Lodges of South Australia from the rule of the Grand Lodge of England has made a still further addition to the vacancies on the English roll, and has served to again stir up the feeling that a renumbering of our Lodges is desirable. We are strongly opposed to such a course, and shall use every legitimate means to prevent it, as we feel that the confusion and annoyance resulting therefrom would more than counterbalance any supposed advantage which might accrue. We may return to a consideration of this subject at an early date.

NATIVE AND AMERICAN FREEMASONRY—A CONTRAST.

YEARLY reports of Institutions, as a rule, are very dry reading. Few care to peruse them, unless personally interested. The loss is not great, except it be to the Institutions themselves. A mere record of work done is not enough to awake dormant interest. An anecdote, an apt illustration, or facts marshalled in graphic and bold array, as if the writer were thoroughly in earnest, are qualities far more likely to be successful than the dryasdust reports that answer well enough to the letter of requirements, but do not breathe an inspiring spirit. Our American brethren seem to have unconsciously fallen into the habit of making the reports of their proceedings attractive. We say unconsciously, because there is no appearance of design. What they say is natural enough. Sometimes their language is magniloquent, and frequently takes a "high falutin'" tone, common to that class of Yankees who believe that England can lick creation, and that they can lick England. Bathos and boasting now and then commingle and disturb the sensitive nerves of the staid Britisher. Beneath it all there is an intense love of Freemasonry—a right gennine human feeling,—"a heart that leaps at every bound" to assert right and help the distressed brother. It should never be forgotten, in estimating the character of American Freemasons, that they have had to fight a long and severe war against opposition and calumny, and that the battle is still going on. We in England have never known such bitter struggles as have marred and damaged the brethren in America. Our path has been smoothed by the patronage and support of the wealthy and powerful—by princes and statesmen—by the very executive of national power. Freemasonry to us has always been fashionable, and with the exception of the Pope and a few of his more ardent disciples, we have hardly known what opposition is. Even the anathemas of the Pope, terrible as they are regarded by some people, have passed over our heads without leaving us one whit the worse, either in reputation or in influence. Our progress has been like the rippling stream, with just enough disturbance on the surface to show that it is moving. Now and then it hastens its progress when bearing royalty on its surface. It rarely, however, loses its dignity, and the only fear is that it may become too cold and impassive. As a counterpoise to this calmness we have our Charities. These keep alive and foster the warmer instincts of the brethren, and are the best correctives of that spirit of selfishness which is too often the offspring of exclusiveness and of unchequered peace. If anything, we are too respectable, too anxious for the proprieties of social life. We perform all our charitable actions in a stately way, after an approved and fashionable model. We cultivate our literature upon absolute methods, and try to convert a speculative into a mathematical science. Because we cannot logically prove our origin, we are continually discounting sentiment; aiming in fact at impossible historical accuracy. We are very Pharisees in striving after form, but not quite so heartless. We are not as dead in practical faith as we are intellectually cold, formal, and unimaginative. Our academic tendencies have not taken

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all the heart out of us, and our charities remain as the golden links which unite faith and practice. Our Lodge meetings, lifeless as they too frequently are, stimulate obedience and respect for authority; they keep alive the love of ritual and do something towards strengthening the formal ties of brotherhood, while our banquets satisfy the grosser wants of the animal man. The spiritual influence of the teachings of the Craft always makes itself felt in the Lodge-room, but it loses too much of its power when the brethren separate. They then become strangers, except in isolated cases where personal friendships are formed, and which would exist apart from Freemasonry. Were it not for our blessed Charities we fear that the Craft in England would be but a skeleton, a cold and rigid formalism, enlivened occasionally by the social enjoyments of the table.

"Feast, and your halls are crowded;
Fast, and the world goes by;
Succeed and give, and it helps you to live;
But no Companion can help you to die.
There is room in the halls of pleasure
For a large and lordly train,
But one by one we must all file on
Through the narrow aisle of pain.

"Rejoice, and Companions will seek you;
Grieve, and they turn and go;
They want full measure of all your pleasures,
But they do not heed your woe.
Be glad, and your friends are many;
Be sad, and you lose them all;
There are none to decline your nectared wine,
But alone you must drink life's gall."

American Freemasonry having passed through the fiery furnace of opposition and persecution, seems to approach nearer to the spirit of equality, one of the principal bases on which the Order rests. Personal liberty, no doubt, sometimes degenerates into license, and public displays too often minister to personal ambition at the cost of dignity. Bro. Leonidus F. Pratt, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, put the matter very clearly in his annual address, delivered to the Companions in April of last year. He said: "We are coming rapidly to make much display and parade of our Masonic standing and handsome apparel. We are gradually drifting away from that simplicity and those practical features of Freemasonry which in our early experience so charmed and delighted us. We compromise our faith and our teachings, and we belittle our profession by too much Masonic display and too little Masonic labour." This love of display, to our mind, is the great danger of American Freemasonry. There is another evil less defensible and still more dangerous, which has the same root in the desire for novelty and show. America is overrun with so-called Masonic offshoots. Their name is legion, and their influence far from good. There are many men in this country who would undertake the command of the Channel Fleet who had never seen a war-ship in their lives, but we have few, if any, who would undertake to paint the Masonic lily, or gild Masonic gold. These pretensions seem to be the special property of our American brethren, who delight in isms, and who are ever hankering after something new. They want a little of our superfluous ballast, a little of our decorous refinement, just to keep them more faithful to their original inheritance. It is easy to condemn, easier still to give advice. We cannot do the former without giving some show of reason, the latter is generally offered without the least sense of responsibility, yet the evils are too glaring to be disregarded, and too perilous to be neglected. It is with pleasure, therefore, that we notice that there is an awakening sense of the danger of running after false gods, of seeking outside the display of that ardour which would be better exercised within the Lodge. American liberty is unlike our own, in its manifestation at least. It came to them ready made; to us it has come through centuries of trials and difficulties, through civil struggles and bloody wars. The Americans are the children of prudent fathers, and not unlike many prodigals they deal lightly with an inheritance that cost them so little to obtain. The same spirit that animates them in their political life has found a partial existence in Freemasonry. All the shows are on a huge scale, and to deprive an American of the gaudy trappings of civic and national life would be to arouse his fears of the loss of liberty. Time alone can eradicate what after all are excrescences. Americans have shown that they are worthy descendants of a giant stock, and if they gallop a little too fast now, they will ultimately settle down into a quiet stride that betokens endurance as well as progress.

No doubt the peculiarities of character incidental to the American people have left their mark upon native Freemasonry. They do not account for all that is strange to us. The explanation must be sought in other directions. The difficulties in the Craft that we have escaped have strengthened their faith. They have fought for it, are still fighting for it, and were it not for their own follies, they would have completely triumphed long ago. To them Masonry is a living reality, which embodies the fruits of their own labours and sufferings. They cherish it accordingly, and try to make out of it something more than it really is. Their success has made them forget the beauty and reality of the substance, and they run after false shadows. They have had no such controlling forces as exist in this country. The principles of their national constitution are opposed to the spirit of patronage, and while they have gained in independence, they have lost in soberness and stolidity. They are more earnest than we are, more zealous in the cultivation of Masonic literature. Their zeal is not always tempered with discretion, nor does their charity partake of the same fixed character as with the Craft in England. Their writing abounds in sentiment, is sometimes marred by wild speculations, and too much outspokenness. Still, with it all there is the true spirit of inquiry, the strong desire to know more of the esoteric meaning of the Order, and that manly will to defend it against all comers. If they have few fixed charitable organisations, there is no lack of charity among the brethren. They rise to occasions, and give with a liberality we do not exceed. Their welcome to strangers is unbounded, and we believe we are justified in saying that they give a much wider interpretation to the word brother than we do in this country. With all their faults we cannot help loving them. Their impulsiveness, their love of show, their defiance of what we deem etiquette, lose much of their significance when we realise their good qualities. We may truly say of them, "Be to their faults a little blind, and to their virtues very kind."

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norths and Hunts was held at Northampton, on Thursday. His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Provincial Grand Master, presided, and there was an excellent attendance of Masons of the district. Bro. Butler Wilkins Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided at the banquet, which took place after the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, and the conversazione and soirée which we announced last week was to follow proved most enjoyable. Indeed, the brethren of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, who made the arrangements for the meeting, achieved a grand success. We shall give fuller particulars in our next issue.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, under the presidency of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. After the confirmation of the minutes and the reading of others for information, an application was considered on behalf of one of the pupils of the Institution for a grant towards his education and clothing out of the establishment, the reason assigned for the departure from the general rule being the delicate health of the lad. The request was granted, and then the new petitions were disposed of. These were thirteen in number, all of which were approved, and the names ordered to be added to the list of candidates for the October election. The election of the House and Audit Committees was then proceeded with. Three of the brethren who had been nominated for the former having withdrawn, no ballot was needed in the case of the House Committee, the following brethren, the same as those chosen in March, being declared elected; E. Bowyer, A. F. Godson, H. W. Hunt, J. L. Mather, James Moon, T. Hastings Miller, J. J. Murray, W. Paas, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., D. Rolls, C. Sanders, M.D., and Henry Venn. A poll was needed in the case of the Audit Committee, and in due course the scrutineers reported the following as having the greatest number of votes: George Cooper, T. Cubitt, C. H. Driver, H. S. Goodall, C. F. Hogard, W. Mann, W. Maple, W. H. Saunders, and C. E. Soppet. The proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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INTERESTING MASONIC INCIDENTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Freemasons, I fear, are like many other people in this go-ahead age, who let single events escape them, and only see their important bearing when massed, like flowers, in a rich garland. The method, too, of recording facts, under present circumstances, is not the best that could be devised. It is absolutely imperative that a scientific lecture, a financial statement, or a controversial discourse should be reported by a shorthand writer. It is desirable that Parliamentary proceedings should be dealt with by the same master hand. But for ordinary purposes the narrative form is the best. It permits of description, and provided the writer be honest, not only can a report be correct in all essential points, but it can also be made really interesting. It is the custom for stenographers to look down upon those who attempt to report without knowing shorthand. My own experience leads me to the conclusion that the descriptive reporter, for most purposes, has the advantage over his skilled rival. One is free to colour his matter and make it agreeable as well as true; the other records facts in a dry, mechanical way. Points are thus lost, except to the painstaking reader, or the few directly interested in any special topic. One great reason why Society papers are so popular is, because all matters are condensed into a readable form; the husk is winnowed and the grain remains concentrated and palatable. I purpose dealing with two or three events, and if I do not make them interesting it will be because I lack practical acquaintance with my own theory.

I recollect seeing something about Lewises in connection with the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire as far back as last August. I had heard so little of Lewises in London that the bare record of the incident made an impression upon me. The subject, however, was recently brought under my notice, and I made some inquiries. It appears it is the practice with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, at their annual gatherings, when they proceed to church, to have the volume of the Sacred Law borne in procession by four Lewises. The act itself is reverent and beautiful. It is an open recognition of the sovereignty of the Great Architect of the Universe, and a proclaiming of the Bible as the grand charter of our faith. It is a homage of the creature to the Creator, and an open testimony that Freemasonry is based upon religion. Such a scene must have a good effect upon the spectators, and those who take part in it, like bridesmaids at a wedding, will remember it to the end of their days. No standard bearer should feel prouder than the Lewis selected to bear the Bible in a Freemasons' procession; and it is quite certain that the memory of such an event will long be cherished. It is an honour that is sure to bear fruit. It is calculated to stimulate a desire for intimate connection with the Craft, and to make the humble Lewis a faithful and honoured ruler in the Israel of Freemasonry. No better introduction to the Order could be found than the bearing of the book that rules and governs our faith, the great landmark by which we steer, and the great teacher which inspires charity in word and act. The brethren in Worcestershire not only paid outward homage to the Bible, not only gave a pleasant duty to the four Lewises, but each one was presented with a copy of the volume of the Sacred Law as a memento of the part he took in an interesting ceremony. Invited to partake of the banquet, the Lewises were treated as honoured guests, and having taken a glass of wine with the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and shaken hands with him, they were dismissed with their treasure before the ceremonial business of the table began. I leave it to your readers to imagine what must have been the feelings of those young men, but I think I am right in saying that the proceedings of that day would linger in their minds and stimulate to good actions in the future.

In looking down the list, the glorious list of contributions to the Girls' School at the recent Festival, I noticed under the head of Monmouthshire, "1429, Master Willie Watkins, £61 8s 6d." I learn that this little fellow, just rising five years of age, is the son of a worthy brother, who has thus early initiated his boy into the faith of Masonry. It was, I believe, his Masonic baptism, and the day of his confirmation no doubt is looked forward to with hope and joy. May his father be spared to witness the day when the seed that has now been sown shall be matured first into blossom, and then into the fruits of charity. Here is an example that might well be followed by others. It is all very well to say that the brethren might bestow their gifts in their own name, and that the introduction of so young a child into matters of which he can know nothing nor understand is a mere bit of sentimentality. Granted all that objectors can say, there yet remains the fact that most of the actions of life are governed by sentiment, and that without it there would be less enjoyment than there is. The linking even of a child's name with something noble and good must have its influence in after life, and young as Master Willie Watkins is, he will never forget the figure he made in the list I have referred to. As an example it is worth much in the cause of charity. There are few parents who are not proud of their offspring, and I can imagine no better method of the early inculcation of the spirit of charity in their young minds than that of associating their names practically with a good cause. Both boys and girls can be treated alike, and there is this advantage, that as the object is pure and praiseworthy there is less danger of pride being inculcated. With some people giving is a habit, but it must have its origin in a good heart, and no time is too soon or inappropriate for laying the foundation of a practice that once learned is never forgotten. St. Paul says, "Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth." One of the first and most beautiful lessons an initiate learns is charity. Our ceremony describes it as sister to mercy, and we echo the words of Shakespeare—

"It is twice bless'd;
It blesseth him that gives, and him that takes."

I fear this letter is getting too long, but I cannot close without saying that I endorse the sentiments contained in your contributed leader last week, entitled "Women as Masons." Those who are intimately associated with our Charities know the value of woman's help; were it more encouraged I should have still more faith, great as it is already, in the future of our Institutions. There are many honoured names associated with the Craft. Her Majesty the Queen, monarch though she be, is a promoter of the art. Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales cannot fail to share the Masonic enthusiasm of our Royal Grand Master, and the young widow of his brother, another noble Mason, must retain a strong affection for the Order. None afforded her more loyal sympathy at the time of her bereavement than Freemasons, and the high estimation in which the late Duke of Albany was held by the Craft is a source of pride to her still. It is enough if I mention the name of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. That lady's soul beats in sympathy with every good movement, and the fact that she takes so warm an interest in Freemasonry should stimulate our faith and nerve us to further exertions. Mrs. Horace Brooks Marshall is a worthy coadjutor of her husband, and although her store of silver trowels must be great, I hope she may live long to add to it, and to swell the list of noble deeds done in the name of charity. I might go on adding name to name, but what I want is to see ladies brought more into contact with the spirit of Freemasonry; to see them actively identified with our Charities. They would then forgive the absence of their husbands more freely when engaged in Masonic work and pleasures. Their influence is mighty, and their sympathies are easily secured, but they must share a little in the outward signs of glory. They might be partakers of the banquet occasionally, like the Lewises I have named, without in the least infringing on either decorum or the laws and principles of the Order. Indeed their presence at the banquet table would add to the pleasures of dining, and their intercourse would tend to refine and chasten the more boisterous spirits. I want the ladies to be made real helpers in the blessings of charity, and, as far as possible, partakers of the enjoyments that most Freemasons so much appreciate. I am sure the Craft generally would benefit, and it is equally certain that the Charities would receive a fillip and a sustaining power, which would be a blessing all round.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

4th June 1885.

LIBEL AND MASONIC PRIVILEGE (?).

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I fully agree with Bro. P.M. Stevens in his surmise that the publication of libellous matter would not be exempt from the action of the law of the realm, by any privilege, or supposed privilege, associated with the Order of Freemasonry; and I am surprised beyond measure that your contemporary should imagine otherwise. I read your answer to the query of "A W.M." in your issue of the 2nd ult. on this point, and I also read the answer to the same question given by the *Freemason*. I thought the old adage, "when doctors disagree," &c., was most applicable here, but I felt that even if you were wrong you at least erred on the side of consistency. I very much question, however, if you were wrong; indeed, my opinion is that not only "an action for libel *might* stand," but that it certainly *would* stand, and I am pleased to find so high an authority as Bro. James Stevens support your and my opinion. I think it would be monstrous to place libels published under the "square and compasses" outside the reach of the remedy provided by law. Such a course would not only be detrimental to Masonry, but would cause such scandals as would fully justify the strongest denunciations of the Order by its greatest enemies. Supposing such a privilege did exist, it would only be necessary to join the ranks of Freemasonry previous to the publication of the grossest libels, and as a defence to any legal proceedings which might be commenced plead Masonic privilege! It need not signify whether or no the person libelled was a Mason, the defence would be, "I only desired to warn Freemasons of him," or "I only desired to show Freemasons what men there are in the world."

Another view of the case which upholds your opinion is, that Freemasonry is not, so far as I am aware, recognized by law. It has no *locus standi* in a court of law, either collectively or by Lodges or individuals. I believe that in order to attain legal recognition it would be necessary for every Lodge to be registered under the Friendly Societies Act, or some such statute, but on this point I am open to conviction. I only write what I believe to be the facts of the case, and they are based on the result of an action some years since by which a Lodge sought the assistance of the law to recover certain fees from a backward member. This may not be a very creditable event to refer back to, but it illustrates my view. Even if I am wrong in my ideas—in which case you and Bro. Stevens will also be wrong—I hope the day will never arrive when libels will be published, and excused on the plea that they were privileged by Freemasonry.

I am,

Yours fraternally,

RIGHT, NOT MIGHT.

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LODGE NOMENCLATURE,

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your report of the consecration of the George Price Lodge, in a late issue, you say you "are averse, as a rule, to the naming of Lodges after well-known brethren," and further that you "are of opinion that much may be said in opposition to such a course." I am at a loss to know what objections there can possibly be to this very popular method of honouring distinguished Craftsmen, and I think your remarks, unless you have very strong grounds for them, should not be allowed to go unchallenged. I consider that to name a new Lodge after some distinguished member of the Order is not only endeavouring to do honour to the individual selected, by trying to perpetuate the memory of his name among Freemasons, but it is also an honour for the Lodge to have the permission, which I suppose is always obtained before using a name, more especially when, as is usually the case, the name is associated with all that is desired in a perfect Freemason. What can be the objection?

Yours fraternally,

SUBURBAN.

TRANSATLANTIC MASONIC CONGRATULATIONS.

THE following communications from the two Masonic Lodges at Newburyport, Mass., U.S.A., have lately reached the Secretary of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope (Bro. Stephen Knight P.M.), in response to addresses adopted by the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope in February last, congratulating their Masonic brethren at Newburyport on the approaching celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the settlement of that town :—

S. Mark's Lodge, F. and A.M.,

Newburyport, Mass. U.S.A.,

April 27th, 1885.

To the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren
Of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, Newbury, Berks, England.

Greeting,

Your kind communication of February 25th 1885, addressed to St. Mark's Lodge, F. and A. M., congratulating the Lodge upon the 250th anniversary of the settlement of our town, and also upon the prosperity of Masonry in our community was duly received and read in open Lodge, and by unanimous vote it was ordered to be entered upon the records, and the Secretary was directed to draft a reply.

In compliance with those instructions I am very happy to report that the brethren of St. Mark's Lodge fully appreciate the fraternal congratulations of our sister Lodge in old Newbury. We sincerely thank you for your good wishes, and should any of your members visit these shores we hope to meet with them and to have the pleasure of extending a Masonic welcome.

We wish you all prosperity and every blessing, and assure you that of all the memories of this Anniversary none will be more warmly cherished by us who are Masons than that of the kindly words we have received from the Loyal Lodge of Hope.

Yours fraternally and truly,

MOSES BROWN W.M.
GEO. H. CRAIG S.W.
RICHARD S. DODGE J.W.
JOS. L. JOHNSON, Secretary.

Newburyport, Mass, U.S.A.
13th May 1885.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—At a meeting of St. John's Lodge, in Open Lodge assembled, the kind and fraternal congratulations of Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, were read, and the undersigned were appointed a Committee to reply to the same. Craft Masonry is substantially the same the world around. Its signs and symbols may everywhere be recognised. Its bond of sympathy and fraternal regard is ever a joy and comfort. The W.M., Officers and Brethren of St. John's Lodge were highly pleased at this recognition, and heartily reciprocate your good wishes. May every success attend your Lodge, and may it ever be a beacon light shining more and more brightly till faith shall be lost in sight and hope in complete fruition.

We are, Dear Sir and Brother,

Truly and fraternally yours,

JOHN PIKE
GREEN DAVIS
SAMUEL BROOKINGS JUN. } Committee.

To Stephen Knight, Secretary,
Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope,
Newbury Berks, England.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Safely and Securely.—When the severities of winter have yielded to the genial spring, invalids should make a determined effort to regain their lost health; when, through confinement indoors, want of appetite, and disturbed sleep, the entire system has been weakened, and the spirits have been broken down, Holloway's remedies are equal to the occasion. The Ointment rubbed over the regions of the stomach and liver, aided by the internal administrations of his Pills will rectify the digestion, regulate the bile, and purify the blood—three sanatory actions which will speedily confer renewed vigour, brace up the falling nerves, confirm the flaccid muscles, and restore to the ailing cheerfulness, that great charm of existence.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, on Thursday, 4th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Sargeant W.M., H. Baber S.W. W.M. elect, W.H. Ranson J.W., W. Foulsham P.M. Treasurer, H. M. Hobbs Secretary, C. Tarry S.D., F. T. Ridpath J.D., J. Kilvington I.G., E. Samuel D.C., W. Best and W. Horton Stewards, W. Lane Tyler; also Bros. F. C. Pascall P.M., E. Whittaker P.M., C. Daniel P.M. 65, White, Cox, Pierson, Wadsworth, Wilmot, Horton, Potter, Chamberlain, Griffin, Hearth, Greenfield, Astington, Shakespeare, Dr. Klein, Davies, Russell and Gillingham. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. C. H. Woodward P.P.G.W. Surrey, C Streeter P.P.G. Reg. Surrey, Byron H. Ridge P.P.G.A.D C. Surrey. J. Rhodes P.P.G. Org. Surrey, J. D. Langton 1, P.M. 1673 W.M. 2096. E. Mitchell P.M. 720. F. T. Laughlin Organist 1365, E. Hand Organist 901, R. H. Linnett 1623, W. H. Edwards 619, R. Rogers, T. J. Wicks 184, E. Fielder 172, J. T. Woodrow 404, E. R. Holton 2021 and J. Browning 1308. After the Lodge had been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for two gentlemen for initiation; it resulted in their being elected, but as they were not present the ceremony of installing Bro. Baber in the chair of K.S. was proceeded with, the Installing Master being Bro. W Foulsham P.M. P P.G.J.W. Northumberland 30 deg., who afterwards gave the addresses in the most impressive manner. Bro. C. Daniel P.M. 65 officiated as D C. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow :—Bros. W. H. Ranson S.W., C. Tarry J.W., W. Foulsham P.M. Treas., H. M. Hobbs Sec., F. T. Ridpath S.D., J. Kilvington J.D., E. Samuel I.G., J. Wilmot Org., W. Horton D C., W. Best S., C. A. Wadsworth A.S., W. Lane Tyler. Bro. F. C. Pascall P.M. having taken the chair, Bro. J. T. Hearth was raised to the third degree. During this and the installation ceremony Bro. J. Rhodes, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, kindly presided at the organ. Hearty good wishes having been offered by the Visitors the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the W.M. presented to Bro. J. Sargeant I.P.M. the P.M.'s jewel, which the Lodge had voted, and congratulated him on the continued prosperity of the Lodge during his year of office. Bros. Woodward, Streeter, and Langton ably responded for the Visitors. A capital selection of music, which gave great satisfaction, was performed during the evening by Bros. Shakespeare, Wilmot, Astington, Ridpath, Kilvington and others, Bro. Frank Laughlin kindly assisting at the piano.

ROYAL ARCH.

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JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

A CONVOCATION of the above Chapter was held on the 8th inst., in lieu of the regular meeting which this year would have fallen on the Bank Holiday, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. A. J. Henochsberg M.E Z., W. Littaur P.Z. H., J. Da Silva J., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, J. W. Dewsnap P.S.; P.Z's S. Lazarus, L. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, H. P. Isaac. Visitors—C. T. Hogard P Z. 10, 141, 142, Hart P.Z. West Lancashire, G. Van Volen late 188, W. Hopekirk P.Z. 742, W. George P.Z. 657. After preliminaries, ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. L. Kool 188, Rev. M. Haines Chaplain 205, J. Lichtenfeld 205, and J. Myers 188. All were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The working of the M.E Z., Principals, and Officers was perfect. Comps. Littaur P.Z. was elected M.E.Z., J. Da Silva H., J. W. Dewsnap J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., L. M. Myers S.N., H. J. Phillips P.S., Goddard Janitor. Comp. H. P. Isaac P.Z. proposed, and Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z. seconded, that the sum of two guineas be given from the funds of the Chapter for the purpose of presenting a P.Z. jewel to the retiring M.E.Z., this to form a nucleus for presenting him with a testimonial for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair. This was carried unanimously. The Chapter was then closed until November, and the company, thirty-two in number, sat down to a sumptuous and récherché banquet, provided by Comp. Swayne, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The M.E.Z. proposed loyalty to the throne and devotion to the best interests of R.A. Masonry. Comp. L. Lazarus rose: It was his privilege for the last time to propose the health of their present M.E.Z. They had seen how ably Comp. Henochsberg had performed his duties; he had given satisfaction to every one in the Chapter. The M.E.Z. thanked Comp. Lazarus for the encomiums he had passed on him; he felt he hardly deserved them; when he was elected he feared he could not do the work; he had had such good examples before him, still he trusted he had done his duties; the manner in which the testimonial had been so unanimously voted to him showed the Companions appreciated his efforts; his services were always at their command. The M.E.Z. proposed the health of the Exaltees, whom he had the pleasure of exalting into R.A. Masonry. Comp. Rev. M. Haines, in an eloquent speech, responded; he was followed by Comps. Litchenfeld, Kool, and Myers. The M.E.Z. next proposed the toast of the Z. elect. This will be the fourth time Comp. Littaur will have occupied the chair; no better worker was known in the Order. This compliment was eloquently acknowledged by Comp. Littaur. Several other toasts followed, and suitable responses were made. The Janitor in due course brought the proceedings to a close.

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EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1611.

AN emergency meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 2nd instant, at the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. The Chapter was opened and a conclave of installed Principals was formed, when Comp. M. Millington, the H. elect, was installed in his chair by Comp. T. B. Whytehead P.Z., Comp. Millington having been prevented by illness from being installed at the regular meeting. Successful ballots were taken for four candidates, and Bro. T. E. Abbey was exalted by the First Principal, the mystical lecture being given by Comp. Whytehead P.Z. A notice was read from the Prov. Grand Scribe E. announcing that the Prov. Grand Chapter would be held at Middlesborough on the 19th inst., and the M.E.Z. invited the companions to accompany him. After the close of the Chapter the members and visitors adjourned to the supper-room and partook of an excellent spread, provided by the resident Tyler, Bro. Hall, and a social evening followed. The following companions were present:—George Simpson M.E.Z., M. Millington H., T. B. Whytehead P.Z. J., J. T. Seller P.Z., C. G. Padel P.Z., W. H. Porritt P.Z. 734 P.P.G.H., J. Todd P.Z. 236 P.P.G.J., George Balmford P.Z. 236 P.P.G.O., Jas. Kay S.E., John Blenkin S.N., W. Brown P.S., G. Chapman and S. J. Dalton Assist. S., W. Stephenson Steward, W. Lackenby. B. L. Mills, W. B. Dyson, E. Thackeray, R. Ware, and P. Pearson Janitor.

THE THEATRES.

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Prince's.—The general verdict of approval accorded to Mrs. Langtry's Lady Ormond seems the more justified by subsequent representations of "Nos Intimes." Genuine success in the part has inspired her with the quiet self-possession which previously had been marred by a mechanical jerkiness fatal on the stage. Though Mrs. Langtry has not yet acquired command of the lighter and more tender tones of emotion in all the passages where outraged dignity, anger or indignation should be expressed, she rises fully to the author's intention. We have rarely seen the famous "barring out" in the third act achieved with more genuine passion. The husband at the locked door, the lover on the balcony, and the distracted wife speechless on the awful reaction of her escape from the peril over; while terror of the precipice on which she stands, is assuredly one of the most poignant scenes the modern drama offers. M. Coghlan plays with force and ease, but his Lothario is as dull as if he were a mere husband, and he scarcely offers the contrast requisite to good prosaic Sir George. Mrs. Langtry is shortly to appear, under very courageous conditions, in a new play, "The Young Tramp." We trust she may maintain the higher position won for her by Lady Ormond. In our earlier notice we had to regret the exaggeration of Sir Woodbine's peculiarities under Mr. Beerbohm Tree's treatment. This, however, has been greatly reformed, and the portrait is now wonderfully crisp and carefully made out to the mere crooking of a finger. Mr. Ecrill is as pleasant as ever as the benevolent medical fairy, who saves those infatuated people in spite of themselves. In short, the cast generally works with more smoothness than hitherto.

Royalty.—If a cleverly written book, wedded to charmingly bright music, are passports to public favour, "Dr. D.," should have a long and successful career. The principal characters represented are Dr. D., proprietor of a hydropathic establishment at Bollenstein, very humourously played by Mr. Henry Ashley; while as his three daughters, Miss Amy Florence, Miss Ethel Pierson, and Miss Cissy Judge showed a thorough appreciation of the various situations. Miss Amy Florence in the "Spring Legend," displayed a voice of much flexibility, and was compelled to respond to a loudly called for encore; while Miss Ethel Pierson's dramatic rendering of "Tell him, breezes of morning," showed a voice of considerable compass and power, which should be heard more of. Miss Emily Cross as Miss Seraphine Loveridge, an English lady of undecided age, gave much zest to the opera by her intelligent rendering of one of its most important characters. Mr. Lanmare, as Sir Lancelot, displayed a tenor voice of good compass and pleasant quality, and will no doubt make his mark amongst operatic vocalists, but should guard against a tendency to force his voice. Of the orchestra and chorus it is impossible to speak too highly, the whole working zealously together under the able direction of Mr. Andrew Levey, to whom a great deal of the credit belongs for the undoubtedly successful performance.

Highbury Athenæum.—Miss Adelaide Arnold gave her annual harp concert on Tuesday, the 9th inst., before a crowded and fashionable audience; she was assisted by Miss Clara Samuell, Miss Margaret Hoare, Miss Frances Harrison, Mr. John Probert and Mr. Forington (vocalists), Mr John Thomas (harpist), and Mr. Fountain Sheen (pianoforte). Several selections were played by a band of ten harps, under the direction of Miss Arnold, a noteworthy number being Gounod's "Marché Solenelle." Miss Clara Samuell was in splendid voice and gave a beautiful and sympathetic rendering of Handel's ever welcome, "Angels, ever bright and fair." Miss Margaret Hoare rendered Meyerbeer's "Roberto, Oh! tu che adore" in a most finished and artistic manner. A new song, "Tell her," was introduced by Mr. John Probert and was favourably received. Miss Arnold, in her solo, "Mosé in Egitto" gave evidence of a thorough mastery over her instrument, and there is no doubt she deserves, and will attain, high rank among contemporary harpists. She is to be congratulated on a most enjoyable, and in every way successful concert.

Albert Palace.—This new palace of art and amusement, situate close to Battersea Park, was formally opened on Saturday last by the Lord Mayor (Bro. R. N. Fowler, M.P.), in the presence of the Lady Mayoress (Miss Fowler), the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and a numerous assembly. Sir Robert Carden, M.P., is the chairman of the company, which has transferred the building that served for the purposes of the National Exhibition in Dublin in 1872 to its present site. A fine organ, said to be the largest and most perfect in the world, has been erected; there are a picture gallery and workshops where handicrafts are carried on. Musical and other entertainments will be given, and once a year there will be a distribution of works of art. A grand concert was given at the opening, and Bro. Pain, despite the rain, succeeded in pleasing the visitors with a fine display of fireworks. Battersea Park is a great attraction of itself, but now that this Exhibition has been built, the number of visitors ought to increase tenfold. The palace is meant for the people, and we hope they will appreciate the boon that has been provided for them.

CONSECRATION OF THE BRAMSTON BEACH LODGE, No. 2101.

THIS Lodge was consecrated on Friday, the 5th instant, at the Public Hall, Bridge-street, Godalming. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.G.C., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Surrey (in the absence through indisposition of Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., the Provincial Grand Master) acted as consecrating Officer, assisted by the Rev. G. P. Merrick the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and Bro. Pulley Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Chas. Greenwood was unable to attend, and in his absence Bro. John G. Horsey P.P.G.D.C. acted as Provincial Grand Secretary. The ceremony commenced at 2·30, and was followed by that of the installation of W.M. designate, Bro. J. Payne P.P.G.P., the first S.W. being Bro Jas. Gould and the first J.W. Bro. T. Dodd. Among the brethren were the R.W. Bro. W. W. Bramston Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, Bro. J. LeFeuvre D.P.G.M. of the same Province, and Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G. Stwd. A banquet was afterwards held at the Angel Hotel.

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YORK COLLEGE.

THE quarterly meeting of this body was held on the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Victoria-avenue, Harrogate, which had been fraternally lent for the purpose. At four o'clock p.m. the M.C. was formed as follows: Fras. J. W. Meek V. Suffragan, Tudor Trevor III. Celebrant, C. L. Mason V. as Deputy, Dr. B. L. Mills I. Sec., C. Fendelow IV. P.A., Col. J. Monks II. S.A., W. F. Tomlinson I. as T.A., J. J. Wilkes II. Q.A., J. L. Atherton II. C. of N., Major McGachen I. T.B., J. W. Monckman I. Herald, R. W. Moore IV., G. Locking, Rev. W. C. Lukis VII., J. R. Dore I., and C. Palliser I. Amongst the apologies read for unavoidable absence were letters from Fras. T. B. Whytehead Ch. Ad., W. H. Cowper Prov. Sec., W. B. Williamson, W. Brown, W. Fraser, W. Logan, W. Marshall, G. Althorpe, E. H. Drury, and others. Successful ballots then took place for four brethren, who were all accepted, as aspirants, and two of them being present, were duly received into the M.C. Some formal business was then discharged, and the Celebrant proceeded to read a paper he had given notice of, whose title was "Jachin and Boaz." In the course of it he went in detail into the history and construction of those two remarkable features of the Temple at Jerusalem, their moral signification, &c. Some conversational discussion took place, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Celebrant for his able essay, which it was decided should not be published, but placed in the College archives. Two brethren were proposed as candidates, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, the 19th August, at Pontefract. A vote of thanks was passed to the Harrogate brethren for the use of their Hall, and the members then adjourned to the White Hart Hotel to tea, where they were joined by the Chief Adept, who had been unexpectedly detained by business in York.

We regret to hear that Bro. Horace Jones, City Architect, Grand Superintendent of Works, has latterly been in somewhat indifferent health, though this has not prevented him from attending to his official duties.

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HOW SHALL WE ATTAIN UNIFORMITY IN THE WORK.

ACCURACY, uniformity and impressiveness in the rendition of the "work" throughout the Lodges are all-desirable in every Masonic jurisdiction; always sought after, but very rarely if ever attained. This is not surprising. To successfully accomplish all of these would be to work almost a miracle. But a degree of perfection may be attained in each of these respects; and how best to do this is to day exercising the minds of the most thoughtful and active members of the Craft. Among the agencies employed are, Grand Lecturers, Grand Instructors, District Deputy Grand Masters, documentary instruction in exoteric matters by Grand Secretaries, and Grand Visitations by Grand Masters. Each and all of these are more or less valuable, but still the desired work is not anywhere accomplished. We propose to examine somewhat into this subject, and endeavour so to elucidate it that advantage may result to the Fraternity.

We take the easiest and simplest matter first, and yet the one which is practically most neglected. The procedure and minutes of all of the Lodges in a jurisdiction should be uniform. To ensure this, each Lodge should be furnished with a blank "Form of Minutes," and a copy of the Constitutions of the Craft—in Pennsylvania styled the "Ahiman Rezon." Every Lodge in this jurisdiction has been supplied with these, and yet if the book of minutes of a Lodge in A— should be compared with another in B—, only a hundred miles distant, the two might be found to be as dissimilar as two books can well be, written in the same language. This is the fault, primarily, of the Secretaries, and secondarily of the Worshipful Masters presiding over them. *Neither will take the pains to follow a plain precedent.* This is inexcusable. It does not require any extraordinary exercise of brains to avoid this error, but only such ordinary care as any intelligent, or even semi-intelligent, man should exhibit. All lapses in this matter must be attributed only to sheer carelessness, and the only way to remedy them is by persistently and repeatedly calling the attention of Secretaries and Masters of Lodges to the importance of uniformity of Lodge procedure, under the plain directions of the "Ahiman Rezon," and uniformity in the recording of Lodge minutes, following strictly the official form furnished for their guidance.

If we cannot easily attain uniformity in the written forms of Masonry, how much more difficult must it be to accomplish correctness in the unwritten work of the Craft. Here there cannot be any but oral instruction—how shall this best be given? This is the conundrum that puzzles Grand Masters and Grand Lodges. The trouble is, that instruction goes in at one ear and out at the other It has sometimes seemed to us unfortunate that man has two ears. Men presume upon their wealth of ears. Not everything that flaps is an ear—not everything that stares is an eye. "O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes and see not; which have ears and hear not." We sometimes think that committees of inquiry do not inquire sufficiently about the seeing and hearing of candidates for Masonry, for surely if these senses were both as acute as they ought to be we should have fewer (practically) deaf and dumb Masons.

Of course it is impossible for a Grand Master to personally visit a tithe of the Lodges in his jurisdiction—hence he must largely do this work by Deputy—by District Deputy Grand Masters, or other authorized instructors. The plan is an excellent one, but it does not work, because so often the Deputy is either careless or uninstructed. To be able to teach he must first learn. Learn what? To do the work, all the work—and to do it *accurately*, as officially authorized by the Grand Lodge and Grand Master, and *efficiently*, so that it is not words, mere words. Words must be made things in Masonry; they must be permeated with ideas, and expressed impressively and forcibly. How many Masons are marred in the making! If the W.M., or S.W., or J.W.—whoever it is that occupies the Master's station—were presenting a material stone for a material edifice, such a stone as is symbolized by the half-made piece of work that sometimes is sent out of a Lodge Room, only fit to be cast out among the rubbish, he would get his discharge forthwith. Not a few Masonic officers merit such a discharge. Those who *will* occupy official station, and *won't* learn to properly perform the necessary duties thereof, should be placed where they belong, on the floor.

The duty of every Grand Master is (1) to learn all the work; (2) to visit every Lodge in his district, several times a year if possible, and once *if possible or not;* have the officers perform the work before him, correct their errors, then perform it correctly himself; and call the Officers together subsequently in the Lodge Room for personal instruction. Any Brother who is not willing to do this should not be willing to assume to be a District Deputy.

A Grand Visitation by a Grand Master, accompanied by his Grand Officers, is an important means towards the end of accuracy, uniformity and impressiveness of Lodge work, but it cannot supply the place of the labours of a District Deputy. At most it can only supplement those labours. If there has been gross carelessness and neglect, all that the Grand Master can do is to expose to the Brethren their ignorance, which is pleasant to neither party. If there be a fair amount of accuracy in the work, a Grand Visitation is most salutary. It inspires the Brethren, excites their enthusiasm, wakes up the forgetful, brings out the indifferent, enhances the interest taken by all in Masonic matters, strengthens the "Mystic Tie" which unites Freemasons in a common brotherhood, diffuses light in the Craft, and promotes those strong social feelings which should be inseparable from Freemasonry. That Grand Master is to be envied who has a conscientious, industrious, intelligent and efficient staff of Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters. Brethren, of whatever station, let us all do our *duty*, wherever we stand, and then it will be well with Masonry as a whole in the jurisdiction, well with the subordinate Lodges, and well with ourselves as individual Masons. Then the work will be "*improved*" not by adding to it, or taking from it, but by giving it just as it authoritatively is, correct in form, and as a result unvarying in the several Lodges, and impressive in manner, thereby forcibly teaching all that the words express.—*Keystone.*

THE LATE DR. HOPKINS.

THE funeral of this worthy brother took place at Locksbrook, on Friday, the 5th instant, the service being conducted by the Rev. Prebendary Anderson. The body was interred in the same grave as his wife. Wreaths were sent by the following Lodges of Freemasons, as well as a vast number of individual Masons and friends of the deceased:—Royal Cumberland Lodge, Royal Cumberland Chapter, the Cumberland Mark Lodge (T.I.), and the Royal Albert Edward Lodge (906). Among the friends present were a large number of Masons from the Royal Cumberland Lodge (41), of which deceased was a Past Master.

Dr. Henry Hopkins, Ph.D. and M.A., of the University, Giessen, was a Fellow of the Royal College of Preceptors, one of its Founders, and was for nine years a member of the Council. He was formerly principal of the Hazelwood School, and afterwards of Summer Hill School, Birmingham, from Midsummer 1833, till Christmas 1857. Then owing to bad health he retired and settled in Jersey. In 1866 the late Dr. Hopkins removed to Guernsey, in 1867 to Totnes, and to Bath in August, 1874. He was born at Kidderminster on the 27th June, married on the 12th July 1833, his wife dying 23rd April 1880. The late Dr. Hopkins was a prominent Freemason, being P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, P.M. 41 and 43, Founder and P.M. 958, hon. member 43, 301, 377, 379, 590, 958, 1443; P.Z. of R.A. Chapters 328, 587, 710; member of 41; hon. member 328, 377, 379, 590; Past Grand Junior Warden of Grand Mark Lodge of England; P.M. 26; Founder, P.M. and hon. member 74; Chaplain of the Royal Cumberland Lodge (T.I.); hon. member of the Union of German Freemasons, Leipzig; Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. Dr. Hopkins has by his will, under which his sister and Mr. William Peach are executors, left considerable sums of money to the Masonic Charities.

Sir H. W. Williams-Wynn, Bart., M.P., has expressed his intention of erecting a cottage hospital at Ruabon as a memorial to his late uncle, R.W. Bro. Sir W. Williams-Wynn, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. North Wales and Salop.

Bro. E. Palmer S.W. of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, held at the high School for Boys, Plumstead, Kent, was on Thursday, the 4th inst., unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Brother Coupland P.M was re-elected Treasurer, and Brother W. Lander Tyler. A Committee was formed to take into consideration the advisability of building a Masonic Temple in connection with the Lodge.

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By command,
CHARLES GREENWOOD P.G.S.B.
Prov. Grand Secretary.

Morning Dress.
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30th May 1885.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service at St. Andrew's Church, Surbiton, at four p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Brethren not to appear in Masonic costume at Divine Service.

A dinner will take place at 5 o'clock. For tickets apply to W. Bro. Dr. GIBBS, Surbiton Hill, Surbiton, enclosing 7/6 (which will not include Wine). N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets, and no Ticket will be issued after 24th June.

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Tickets for the Banquet, price 7/6 each, exclusive of wine, for which a remittance must be sent, can be obtained from the Provincial Grand Scribe E. **No tickets for the Banquet will be issued on the day of the Convocation, or after Friday, the 19th of June.**

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Uxbridge, on Saturday last, the 6th instant. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Grand Master, who had the support of the following: Bros. R H. Thrupp D.G.M., James Inglis P.S.W. as S.G.W., H. J. Adams J.G.W., Rev. R. Fawssett Chaplain, H. G. Buss Treas., J. W. Lambert Registrar, J. F. H. Woodward P.G. Secretary, A. G. Fisher S.D., A. Bryant J.D., D. P. Cama Sword Br., E. M. Lott G.O. Organist, W. H. Lee A.G. Sec., J. Featherstone A.G.D.C., John Gilbert Tyler. Amongst others present were the following Past Provincial Officers:—G. Cordwell P.P.G.R., D. W. Fenn P.G.R., W. Coombes P.P.G.S.B., F. C. D. Crespigny P.P.G.C., W. H. Green P.P.G D.C., J. M. Stedwell P.G.J.W., F. Walters P.G.D., J. George P.G.O., H. Lovegrove P.P.G.S.W., J. Tickle P.P.G.Reg., J. W. Baldwin, F. W. Levander P.P.G.S.D., Edwin Gilbert P.P.G.S.; C. W. Pridmore, C. J. Axford, W. A. Rogers, W. Taylor, Dr. J. B. Ryley, C. Graham, T. W. Cooper, J. J. Marsh Standard Bearer, T. Noton W.M. 1309, George Tegg W.M. 1237, Fletcher Knight S.W. 1326, J. J. Wilson J.W. 882, W. H. Rohrs P.M. 946, H. W. Nicholson, I.P.M. 382, J. C. Jessett P.M. 1512, K. R. Montgomery W.M. 1871 C. Stevens I.P.M. 1793, C. A. Walter P.M. and Treasurer 865, R. H. Williams J.W. 865, J. Ferguson P.M. 1691; G. Gregory P.M. Sec. 2087, Rev. S. R. A. Buller 1503, W. Angus P.M. 1310 and 619, J. Etherington S.W. 1310, T. G. Holdsworth S.D. 1310, H. A. Pitkin 382, R. C. Hall S.W. 382, G. J. Jenkins 382, T. Aitken 382, Joseph Lonsdale P.M. 382, James Taplin J.D. 382, E. Cotton W.M. 382, Charles Veal Sec. 1549, E. Stanton 778, A. Bailey Org. 382, G. Clark jun. P M. 1777, Harston S.W. 865, F. J. Parks I.P.M. 1777, R. Bilby 1702, J. J. Schloss 1702, P. W. Morfitt 1861, J. T. Briggs S.D. 1503, J. A. Wilson 1326, E. Baber P.M. 1238, F. G Mitchell 1226, Scurrah J.W. 2048, H. H. Room I.G. 1777, W. J. Spratling J.W. 1293; G. Febrenbach P.M. 382, C. C. Cruickshanks P.M. and Secretary 1777, W. Cassila J.W. 1326, John Guest 1777, S. Larcombe P.M. 788, W. S. Dunkley W.M. 1777, J. Galt Fisher P.M. 1191, M. L. Larlham P.M. 1777, J. Finch J.D. 1793, J. Osborn W.M. 1897, E. Rogers J.W. 1238, C. Corston P.M. 865, J. Proffitt P.M. 1389, J. Woodmason 1639, C. S. Buck W.M. 1702, John Hill Secretary 1702, W. T. Buck P.M. 1702 J. Hepburn P.M. 1702, C. J. Knightley 1744, H. D. Cama 255, N. D. Fracis J.W. 255, G. T. Clayton I.P.M. 1782, H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, &c. After the roll of Prov. Grand Officers and of Lodges had been called, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read; also the Reports of the Audit and Charity Committees. All of these were unanimously confirmed.

A recommendation that the sum of £10, from the funds, be voted to a distressed brother was agreed to, and then the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master announced that after many years association with the Province Bro. H. G. Buss had intimated a wish to resign the Provincial Grand Treasurership. Sir Francis said that all the members of Provincial Grand Lodge would regret that ill-health was the cause that made it incumbent on Bro. Buss to adopt this course; they all hoped that Bro. Buss might be spared for many years to visit Provincial Grand Lodge in the capacity of a Past Provincial Grand Treasurer. He (the Provincial Grand Master) had looked round with a view of proposing a brother possessing the necessary qualifications for the post, and he had now much pleasure in proposing Bro. Archer, Past Provincial Grand Warden, as Provincial Grand Treasurer. This proposal was seconded, and carried unanimously. At the same time some discussion ensued as to the advisability in the future of making a change in the representative of this office at each recurring Festival.

The following brethren were then formally invested as the Officers for the next twelve months:—

Bro. Dr. W. A. Rogers	Prov. G. Senior Warden
William Taylor	Prov. G. Junior Warden
Rev. S. Saunders, Spencer R. Buller	Prov. G. Chaplains
F. B. Archer (elected)	Prov. G. Treasurer
John Proffitt	Prov. G. Registrar
J. F. H. Woodward	Prov. G. Secretary
W. Coombes, Chas. Graham	Prov. G. Senior Deacons
C. A. Walter, J. W. Baldwin	Prov. G. Junior Deacons
W. T. Buck	Prov. G. S. of W.
S. Larcomb	Prov. G. D. of C.
C. J. Axford	Prov. G. Deputy D. of C.
J. Lonsdale	Prov. G. Assist. D. of C.
J. C. Jessett	Prov. G. Sword Bearer.
J. Osborne, C. W. Pridmore	Prov. G. Standard Bearers
C. Stevens	Prov. G. Organist
W. H. Lee	Prov. G. Assist. Secretary
J. Featherstone	Prov. G. Pursuivant
Edwin Gilbert	Prov. G. Assist. Pursuivant
R. H. Williams, 865, J. G. Fisher, 1194, Dr. J. B. Ryley, 1423, John Ferguson, 1691, Thomas Goodchild, 1793, K. R. Montgomery, 1871	Prov. G. Stewards
John Gilbert	Prov. G. Tyler

The Prov. G.M. when investing the Officers expressed great dissatisfaction that the Prov. Senior Grand Warden had not been present last year to be invested, and was also absent that day. He sincerely thanked the Prov. Grand Secretary for the great assistance he had rendered him the last five months, which he did not hesitate to say was the most trying period he had experienced since he had been Prov. G.M.; the Province owed Bro. Woodward a debt of gratitude for having brought its affairs into perfect working order. He pointed out that eight of the Lodges had lost their appointments to Provincial office this year because the Secretaries had not sent in the returns of Officers as required by the Book of Constitutions. Some had not sent them in for five years, consequently he was quite ignorant who the Masters and Past Masters were. In future he should not appoint any brother to Provincial office unless the returns were sent in immediately the W.M. was installed, and the other requirements of the Book of Constitutions in every respect complied with. He therefore strongly recommended the Worshipful Masters, and Past Masters of Lodges to keep a sharp lookout after the Secretaries, if they wished to obtain Provincial honours.

The following grants were made from the Provincial Benevolent Fund:—To the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls £15 15s, to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys £15 15s, and to the Benevolent Institution £15 15s. Provincial Grand Lodge next voted twenty guineas towards the fund being raised to place a tombstone over the grave, in West Hampstead Cemetery, of the late P.G. Secretary, Bro. H. C. Levander. It was agreed that the sum of £100 should be transferred from the Benevolent Fund of the Province to the General Fund. It was arranged, on the motion of Bro. Japheth Tickle, that a committee be appointed to consider the best means of recognising the services of Bro. Buss, and it was also arranged that a revision of the Bye Laws governing Provincial Grand Lodge be forthwith entered upon. Shortly afterwards Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The banquet was supplied by Bro. Phillips, at the Chequers Hotel, and notwithstanding that nearly double the number sat down over those who had previously intimated their intention so to do, Brother Phillips's arrangements seemed to give general satisfaction. At the same time, in future we think it would be well if tables were spread in a second room for those who are behind time in applying for banquet tickets. This would remedy the overcrowding so general on these occasions.

The Provincial Grand Master after dinner proposed the health of the Queen, and of the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., whose efforts on behalf of the Order of which he is the head Sir Francis highly commended, and referred with satisfaction to the initiation of Prince Albert Victor by the Grand Master as a proof of the interest he took in the Craft. The toast of the Grand Officers was responded to by Bro. H. G. Buss Past Assistant Grand Secretary, and Past Provincial Grand Treasurer Middlesex, who said that the toast should really have found a respondent in Bro. Thrupp, who was of higher rank in the Craft than himself. But as the Master could do no wrong, and as the Provincial Grand Master had called upon him (Bro. Buss) to reply, he felt bound to do so. Sir F. Burdett having referred to his (Bro. Buss's) services to the Province of Middlesex, he thanked him much for his kind observations. The brethren had so fully exhausted the subject of the qualifications of those who held office in the Craft that any words of commendation from him in responding for the Grand Officers would not be necessary. The Provincial Grand Master had spoken of the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom in terms which every member of the Craft would know they were entitled to; both were most excellent Masons and Grand Officers, and were always willing to do everything they could for the service of the noble Craft. On their behalf he therefore thanked the Provincial Grand Master and brethren, but he regretted his name had been coupled with the toast, because if Bro. Thrupp had had to respond the brethren would have been favoured with a speech worth listening to. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp P.G.D., who was loudly called for, said the brethren had already had a very good reply from an old and experienced Mason, but as they required a few more words he would add that all the Grand Officers appreciated the encomiums passed on them at the banquets wherever they went, as well as the high estimate they experienced of the efforts they made for the Order. Bro. E. M. Lott Grand Organist also replied, in answer to repeated calls. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M., proposed the R.W. Prov. G.M. All Provincial Masons had known Sir Francis Burdett for a good many years, but no brother however humble in the Lodge, even if he had been only a year in the Craft, could say that he did not receive a hearty greeting from the Prov. Grand Master. That was one of the distinguished characteristics of the Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex. He had always a kind word for every brother in the Province, and that was the reason there was such a large gathering at the table that evening, even though they met in such a remote part of the Province. The Prov. G.M. in reply to the toast, which was most warmly received, thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of him, and also thanked the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for his kind words. He felt he did not deserve them, though he could confirm the statement that he was always ready to receive every brother that came before him, whether he was a junior or a senior member of the Order. He was also glad on all occasions to see brethren of the higher grades and the older members of the Province. As long as he could see the brethren rally round him as they had on that occasion, he should do all he could for the Province and the brethren. He was now an old member of the Province, and he must say it had gratified him very much to see the advance it had made, in the last six or eight years especially. They were now out in a far district of the

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Province, and he could not be expected to see so large a number of brethren assemble at such an inconvenient place, but as they had come, and so readily too, he must thank them most sincerely. He had believed there would be a very indifferent attendance, in consequence of the difficulty of getting there, but it might yet be better when other railways came down to Uxbridge. The Prov. Grand Chapter will be held at the Mitre, Hampton Court, on the 22nd of this month, and he would be very glad to see Royal Arch Masons there. He then proposed the health of the Deputy Prov. G. Master, a genial, kind-hearted Mason, who if anything was wanted to be done was ever ready to do it, not only the ordinary working of Masonry, but in all degrees he was perfectly up in any work he might be asked to perform. He did not think there was a brother in the Province so efficient, and he (the Prov. G.M.) felt very small indeed by the side of him. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp D.P.G.M. of Middlesex responding said, there was a very strong body of Provincial Grand Officers, and they all endeavoured to keep up the prestige of the Province. They were only too proud and pleased to work for the good of the Order. Every one of them did all he could to promote the welfare of the Craft in the Province of Middlesex, and so long as they had Sir Francis Burdett to preside over them they would continue to do everything they could to promote its interests. The Prov. Grand Master next proposed the Visitors, and apologised for cutting the toasts so short, accounting for it by the circumstance that the brethren were anxious to leave by the 8.20 p.m. train. They were much gratified to see the Visitors, and should be ready to see them again. When these banquets took place the brethren of the Province were not more gratified with them than they were to see Visitors enjoy them. He hoped on the next occasion there would be even more Visitors than there were at present. He called upon Bro. H. Massey to respond. Bro. H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, in reply said, that though he was there as a humble member on the roll of Visitors, he believed there was no one present more competent to acknowledge the hospitality of the Grand Lodge of Middlesex, as no Visitor had experienced more of it. On all occasions he had been received in the Province with the most unbounded hospitality, and though he was never fond of replying to toasts, he was glad on this occasion to have the opportunity afforded him of, even though inadequately, acknowledging so much past kindness. The Prov. Grand Tyler, Bro. Gilbert, then gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated. An excellent programme of music was performed, under the direction of Bro. Edwin M. Lott, Past Prov. G. Organist, by Bros. Collins, Arthur Weston, Colson Philips, and Franklin Clive.

PROVINCIAL G.L. OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge and commemoration of the different Lodges (now numbering 22) in the Province of Lincoln was held on Thursday, the 4th instant., at Boston, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. H. Smith, of Elkington Hall, near Louth. There was a large gathering of the brethren from all parts of the county, over 200 being present. Every accommodation had been provided by the two Boston Lodges, the "Harmony" and "Franklin," the former being the oldest Lodge in Lincolnshire, its charter dating back to 1719. An interesting feature of the day was a vote of thanks to Bro. Dr. Badley for his services to the Province in connection with the Central Charity Organisation, of which he was appointed the first Secretary, in 1868. The report of the Charity Committee showed that since the last annual meeting two Lincolnshire boys had been elected into the Royal Masonic Institution, and that they had now in the Central Institution and enjoying its advantages seven boys, three girls, three aged Freemasons, and two widows of Freemasons. On the proposition of Bro. H. Clark, W.M. of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, No. 792, Grimsby, it was unanimously resolved to raise a sum of 1,000 guineas for the relief of necessitous Freemasons and their widows, and that as a slight testimony to the great Masonic services rendered to the Charities and the Craft generally by the late Bro. John Sutcliffe, of Stallingborough, near Grimsby, such fund should "for all time" be known as the Sutcliffe Memorial Fund. At the conclusion of the Lodge, the brethren dined together in Shodfriars' Hall.

PREPARATORY MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

THE annual preparatory meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held on Friday, 5th inst., at the Pavilion Hotel, Folkstone, the Most Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master Viscount Holmesdale occupying the chair. He was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Eastes and Bro. R. T. Tatham Senior Grand Warden, and by the Provincial Grand Treasurer Bro. Thorpe, and the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. Alfred Spencer, the Grand Chaplain the Rev. V. S. Vickers; also Bros. Emerson, Warde, Green, Lovett, W. Wimble, A. Wimble, T. P. Franklyn, George Friend, S. W. Shaw, F. Hughes-Hallett, George Baker, Thornhill, C. S. A. Atkinson, and Sears, the W.M. Bro. Joseph and the following brethren of the Temple Lodge, Folkestone—J. Kennett, G. L. Hart, J. English, A. J. Crane, A. Petts, F. Klatt, G. Spurgen, H. Waite, A. H. Holbein, H. Samson, and others. The usual routine business of the Lodge was transacted, and resolutions adopted for the disposal of the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge in support of the various Charitable Institutions in connection with the Craft. It was also decided to hold the annual Provincial meeting this year at Gravesend, on Wednesday, 1st July next. At the conclusion of the meeting the brethren adjourned to partake of a *réchorché* banquet, provided at the hotel by the proprietors, Messrs. Spurgen and Waite. We understand the South Eastern Railway will make special arrangements for the conveyance of the brethren to and from Gravesend at the annual meeting.

REVIEWS.

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"Proceedings of the Most Excellent Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, for the year ending 27th December 1884." Philadelphia, J. Spencer Smith, 501 Chestnut-street. 1885.

AMID the dry bones of formal reports there is not a little in these pages that is instructive and interesting. We learn that a "Dr. W." could not be recognised as a Royal Arch Mason because he had been made by a Chapter under the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and therefore did not possess the necessary qualifications. The M.E. Grand High Priest, Companion A. R. Hall, wished the Charity Committee to be better organised, but the Committee, feeling that the R.W. Grand Lodge, insubordinate Lodges, and Royal Arch Chapters under the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania were well provided with funds and that they did the charitable work so well, it was not desirable to offer any new proposition. There is thus no permanent charitable fund in connection with Grand Chapter, but there seemed to be no fear as to the means when necessities arose. The welcome fact is announced that the "Home for Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania would be formally opened on the 1st January, at a house rented for the purpose 3337 North Broad-street." No doubt it is now in full operation. Companion Hall, the M.E. High Priest, in his annual address, alluded to the satisfactory financial position of Grand Chapter and of the Mark Lodges under the same jurisdiction. He lamented, however, the decay in usefulness that had set in among the latter. He said that when the Grand Chapter established them they permitted the Mark Degree to be conferred upon Masons who had not passed the chair in a Lodge of Craft Masons. That privilege had since been rescinded, with the result that the Mark Lodges had declined, and they were now living upon their means. Companion Hall approved of the principle of life membership in Chapters. It keeps good brethren in the Fraternity, but he objected to the amount as being too low. The money too, he said, was spent instead of being invested. He recommended that Grand Chapter should fix the sum for life membership and annual dues, and make them uniform, as they did in the case of admissions. The whole tone of the report is excellent; business-like, bold, and manly. Companion Hall knows how to hold office with dignity and effect; for instance, the M.E. Grand High Priest has power to confer the Capitular degree without report from an investigating Committee and a ballot, but he held that it was only right to act upon that power in extreme cases, and not then until the unanimous consent of the brethren present had been obtained by ballot. Companion Hall having retired from office, Companion Geo. W. Kendrick jun. was appointed M.E. Grand High Priest, and in his address he exhorted his hearers to take a deep interest in the Chapters, and to be regular in their attendance. An Appendix contains reports from other Grand Chapters, and from the address of the M.E. Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, Companion Henry Macpherson, we learn that at the establishment of the Grand Chapter in 1857 there were only three Chapters held under the English jurisdiction. In nine years the number had increased to 24, in eighteen years to 67, and in twenty-seven years to 80, notwithstanding that during the latter nine years "a daughter had been born," under the title of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. The thirtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of California was held on the 18th April 1884, when the Grand High Priest, Companion Leonidas Pratt, delivered an address, admirable in tone, though somewhat inflated in style. We quote two extracts, with which we shall take our leave of this excellent record. He said:—

"It can scarcely be denied that the world, that humanity is growing colder and more selfishly practical. The nobler impulses, the holier aspirations, and the loftier purposes of life are smothered and lost sight of in the wild and reckless wrestle for fortune, fame, or position. Let us, measurably at least, set our breasts against this demoralising storm, and make Freemasonry once more practically what it has always been in theory, the grandest of all human institutions."

"Exalted sentiment, though wrapped in polished and well-rounded periods, will not clothe the naked, feed the famished, nor heal the sick and suffering. The tears of the desolate will flow in spite of gorgeous moral formulas, and neither prayer nor exhortation will turn back the piercing blast from homeless and defenceless childhood. Let us mingle something more of homely relief with our holy pretensions and saintly invocations."

"Official Directory for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall." Edited by William James Hughan, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, Past Provincial Grand Secretary of Cornwall, &c., &c. "Royal Cornwall Gazette" Office, Truro. 1885.

ANYTHING coming from the pen of Bro. Hughan is sure to be welcomed by the Fraternity, and this little book is not unworthy of notice. It is a model of arrangement and clearness, and contains all that the brethren in the Province require to know, and something that is useful to the Craft in general. From a list of the towns where the festivals have been held we find that in 1863 there were fifteen Lodges, in 1884 there were twenty-nine. These are set out according to their towns, with days of meetings, and afterwards in full detail. The roll of Lodges gives the actual places of meeting and the dates of warrants, and "notes" are appended giving useful information to the brethren, brought up to date. An analysis of returns from 1877 to 1884 is instructive. St. Petroc Lodge did not come into existence until 1878, and the Molesworth Lodge not until 1882, but with the returns of these added the number of subscribing

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members has declined from 1567 in 1877 to 1473 in 1884. During the latter year there were 94 initiations, the highest in any one Lodge being nine. A table of precedency is given, as well as the order of procession as followed in the Province. The laws and regulations are printed in full, there is a statement of accounts and of the Central Masonic Charties in London, setting forth the number of recipients from Cornwall. An official directory for the Provincial Grand Chapter, with returns up to 15th April of the present year is also furnished. The Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund had £3,740 16s 10d in hand at the end of last year; a list of beneficiaries is recorded, and the whole cost of management is set down at only £18 3s 6d. There is a directory of all the officials in the Province, and a list of the Officers of the United Grand Lodge of England, but this unfortunately is valueless for present reference. Lord Cremorne (not Cremone as printed) is not Grand Senior Warden, but the Marquess of Hertford. Col. Sackville West and not Bro. R. N. Fowler, M.P. (Lord Mayor) is Grand Junior Warden. This is a slight defect, but it mars an otherwise really excellent little book. Either it should be issued earlier or kept back until a later period. In the present instance Bro. Hughan would only have had to wait a little over a fortnight to be able to correct the return to which we have referred. He gives information up to the 13th of April and Grand Lodge met on the 29th. Perhaps Bro. Hughan will consider this matter before another issue of his work appears.

"Report of the Protestant Defence Association of the Church of Ireland for the years ending 5th November 1882, 1883, and 1884, with Lists of Subscriptions, Balance Sheets, &c."

"The Pope and Secret Societies."

BOTH these publications—the one a pamphlet, the other a broad sheet—are issued by the Protestant Defence Association of the Church of Ireland, from their Committee-room, Clare-street, Dublin. This Association is composed of some of the best and most loyal men in Ireland, and have for their objects "the diffusion of Protestant principles, the vindication of Protestant truth, and the promotion of Protestant unity and action." The pamphlet sets forth, in calm and temperate language, how these objects are to be accomplished, and we commend it to all those who desire the welfare of the Church in Ireland. We invite especial attention to an extract from a lecture delivered by Bro. Dr. Magee, Bishop of Peterborough, when at Bath, on the sacerdotal office. Funds are urgently needed, and it says little for the patriotism of Protestants that the association should be so poorly supported. Without for one moment wishing to trench upon political ground, we may with propriety quote the authority of Mr. Gladstone as to the necessity of unity amongst the friends of the Protestant Church of Ireland. Replying to the late Mr. Miall, in the House of Commons, Mr. Gladstone said: "I am not going to recant anything which I have said on the subject of the Irish Church disestablishment, but I am bound to say, in reference to the present condition of the Church, whether there is not more freedom for religious thought in the disestablished Church in Ireland—that she is less free than she was before. . . I must honestly confess that if, as an individual member of the Church of England, more than as a Minister, my honourable friend thinks to lure me out of the condition in which I find myself in the Established Church by pointing out the felicity or tranquillity our brethren in Ireland are at this moment enjoying, I entirely differ from him, and I would rather remain where I am." There is no reason to believe that matters have mended in Ireland since the above memorable words were spoken by Mr. Gladstone. Indeed there are grave fears that the present condition of things is getting worse, and that it will require all the energies of the Irish and English brethren combined to resist the Priest on the one hand and the Home Rulers on the other.

The broad sheet is one of the most effective placards we have seen. The principles of the Orange, Masonic, and Jesuit societies are printed side by side in three columns, in orange, blue, and red ink respectively. At each corner, underneath, are recorded, "some fruits of Romish teaching," and in the centre bottom panel are engravings of the two sides of the "medal struck by order of Pope Gregory XIII. to commemorate the massacre, on Bartholomew's Day, of 60,000 French Protestants, in 1572." Anything more repugnant than the principles of the Jesuits as are here given from their own writers it is impossible to conceive. Our own are well known, and we cordially recommend a perusal of those of the Orange Institution. Apart from their special significance, they are generally, in a high degree, moral, religious, and charitable.

The annual distribution of Prizes to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, will take place on Saturday next, the 20th inst.

At the installation meeting of the Hermes Chapter, No. 77, held at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on the 10th instant., E. Comp. W. H. Dean P.Z. P. Prov. Grand Reg. Dorset, was presented with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel, for the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of M.E.Z. during the past year.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, on Thursday, the 11th inst. Comps. Knight M.E.Z., Radcliffe H., Strugnell J., Sheffield S.E., Edmonds S.N., Sheppard P.S. The respective offices were well sustained.

HOW FREEMASONS SHOULD MEET FREEMASONS.

HOW should they meet; how should they act, and how should they part? Masons should meet their Brother upon the level, if they remember their obligation. If they obey the teachings of Freemasonry they will extend the hand with their heart in it whenever and wherever they meet a brother Mason, no matter what kind of a coat he may wear, or what position in life he may hold, he is a brother.

We should ever be ready to speak a kind word and do all in our power to promote his welfare and advance his interest. We should always and be ever ready and willing to even put ourselves out to do an act of kindness, for we are bound together by the strongest ties—our sacred honour. We should never speak ill of him, or allow another to do so if it lies in our power to prevent it. We should dwell together in unity. We should bear each other's burdens. If he is sick, visit him; if he is poor, help him with our means, for we know not how soon we may be in his place. When we hear a brother speak ill of another we think he has forgotten his obligation, and the teachings of the Lodge has been like sowing seed on poor ground. And when we part with a brother let us part upon the square, by leaving an impression on his mind that we are his friend indeed; that what he tells us is lodged in a faithful breast. But we are sorry to say it, we have met those who are not what they should be to be true Masons; we have heard them speak unkind words against their brother Masons, and in our opinion there is no meaner man on God's green earth than a man taking his petty spites into the Lodge; because he does not like another for some cause, he will try to poison the minds of the brethren of the Lodge against him. He will say mean things about him in a sly mocking way. He will insinuate something, but he will not come out like a man and a true Mason and tell what his grievances are, and give the brother a chance to defend himself. Fie, for shame! Such a person is worse than the midnight assassin who steals behind his innocent victims and thrusts the stiletto in his back, for the assassin has taken no obligations nor has he had the teachings of the Craft. Brethren, let us remember that life is short, there is none of us perfect. If we were weighed in the balance we would be found wanting. Let us act like men and be Freemasons indeed. Let us act well our part, there all the honour lies. Let us forgive as we hope to be forgiven. There is a place where all are equal and we are hurrying there fast. We will meet upon the level when the gates of death are past, we shall stand before the orient; our Master will be there, to try us by his unerring square. So, brethren, let us meet upon the level and part upon the square.—*Detroit Freemason.*

As it is the hope of reward that sweetens labour so it is the hope of winning a prize which to a very great extent ensures the enjoyment of "Our Boys" on the occasion of their annual athletic sports in the School grounds at Wood Green. But the prizes have to be provided, and their provision costs money, which has to be raised irrespective of the general funds of the Institution. Last year a total of £32 6s was collected, but this sum left a balance "on the wrong side of the sheet," £1 12s, which at present stands as a reminder to the President of "the sweets of office." We hope a better fate is in store for this year's "audit," but in order to ensure such being the case it will be necessary for additional funds to be forthcoming, as it will never do to have to lower the number or value of the prizes, which have doubtless ere now been decided upon and won time after time in the imagination of the youthful competitors. Donations, which last year ranged from one shilling upwards, and which this year may be equally varied, will be received and fraternally acknowledged by ourselves, by Bro. F. Binckes the Secretary, or by Brother Dr. Morris, the Master of the School. We gave last year's balance-sheet in our last issue.

The following dinners have taken place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 13th June:—

Monday—60th Rifles, 5th Dragoon Guards. Tuesday—Royal Engineers. Wednesday—18th Royal Irish, 7th Royal Fusiliers, United Lodge. Thursday—90th Regiment, 8th Hussars, Coffee and Eating House Keepers.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 13th JUNE.

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)
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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
2069—Prudence Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 15th 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, 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)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill

R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
238—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
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
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, 16th JUNE.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
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, Prewall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (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)
1361—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, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
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)
1695—New Finsbury Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Tresidders, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 188—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 903—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1148—Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 278—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—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
980—Rute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, 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. 793—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 17th JUNE.

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)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (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)

1288—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)
1669—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
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. 903—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 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)
633—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
1046—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1341—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
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales

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. 1357—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

THURSDAY, 18th JUNE.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, 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)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
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
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1305—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (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, Belfort Head Hotel, Maiden 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.
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
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.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Bursledon
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne

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343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
346—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

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
1590—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, 19th JUNE.

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, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (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.
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
463—Chigwell, Public Hall, 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
1383—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
2005—Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
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, 20th JUNE.

Stewards' Visit and Distribution of Prizes, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys Wood Green
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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Royal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Priory Lodge of Instruction, No. 1000.—There was a large attendance of Essex brethren at the annual festival of this Lodge, held at the Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, on Friday, 5th inst. The close of the session was appropriately marked by the delivery, by Bro. James Stevens, of his highly interesting and instructive lecture on the ceremonial and ritual of the first degree, under the title of "Knobs and Excrescences." Lodge was opened promptly at 6.30 by Bro. F. Dorrell Grayson W.M. of the Mother Lodge, assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. G. R. Dawson S.W., J. F. Harrington P.M. 160 J.W., Rev. H. J. Hatch P.Prov. G. Chap. Chaplain, A. Lucking P.M. 1000 Treasurer, T. F. Barrett P.M. 1000 P. Prov. G. Reg. Secretary, C. Floyd S.D., L. Warren J.D., F. C. Woodman I.G., C. Martin Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. Col. the Hon. O. G. Lambert P.M. 1460, W. M. Peacey, W. Waterhouse, W. H. Lackey, H. Kerridge, W. E. Bridgland W.M. 933, A. M. Gernise, R. Dempster, G. F. Innes P.P.G.S.W., A. Cayton, &c.; and on the roll of Visitors were Bros. F. Wood P.P.G.S.W., Bradshaw Brown P.M. Grand Steward's Lodge, H. Harper P.P.G.S.B., M. V. Willson P.P.G.S.B., G. J. Glassock P.M., D. Smith, M. Pearson, G. Thomas, J. W. Lightowlers, &c. The only business before the Lodge being the lecture which Bro. Stevens had been specially invited to deliver, the W.M. at once introduced that worthy brother to the meeting, and for a space of two hours the earnest attention of the brethren was given to his most interesting address. There can be no doubt as to the usefulness of this lecture, for it was evident that the discussion and explanation of the several "points" kept all present absorbed in the subject of discourse, and but for the exigencies of time, the desire for its extension would have been complied with. As it was the brethren were reminded that provision had been made for their entertainment before separating, and the W.M. then, in a very neat and appropriate speech, moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to our distinguished brother, James Stevens P.M., for his admirable lecture, which had afforded much instruction to the brethren, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. This was seconded by Bro. Lucking P.M., and carried unanimously. Bro. Stevens suitably acknowledged the vote and Lodge was closed, and adjourned until September. Refreshment followed labour, and a couple of hour's of social enjoyment, in the course of which some excellent songs were given by talented members of the Lodge, and two admirable Masonic recitations by the guest of the evening, brought to a close a session of Masonic work in connection with the Priory Lodge, of which the Mother Lodge may well be proud.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 4th June, at the White Horse, Liverpool-road. Present—Bros. Turner W.M., Ware S.W., Hughes J.W., Brown S.D., Weeden Preceptor, Ashton I.G., Southwell Tyler. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Southwell candidate, who also answered the questions leading to the second degree. The first section of the first lecture was worked by the Preceptor. The meetings of the Lodge were adjourned from Thursday evening next until the first Thursday in September.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday, 1st June. Present—Bros. Collingridge W.M., Parker S.W., Marks J.W., Norton S.D., Snook J.D., Brett I.G., Forge Treas., Fenner Acting Preceptor, and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Edmunds acting as candidate. Lodge was called off and on, and then adjourned.

On Monday, 8th June. Bros. Parkes W.M., Marks S.W., Cooper J.W., Turner S.D., Western I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Collingridge being a candidate for raising, answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Collingridge acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in the three degrees. Bro. Marks was elected W.M. for Monday, 15th June. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned. Bro. Western W.M. 1693 will rehearse the ceremony of installation on Monday, 22nd June.

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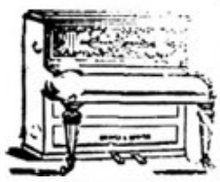

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WAITING FOR THE VERDICT.

THE suspense of the next few days will be to English Freemasons—or those of them who take an interest in the doings of the Charities—very much like that experienced by litigants while "waiting for the verdict." The Eighty-seventh Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held on Wednesday next, and the question of the time is, "What will be the verdict?" what will be the total of subscriptions announced on that occasion? It is beyond our power to even make an estimate, or to publicly state what our estimate is, for while on the one hand we should fear to understate the amount, and cast discredit on the Board of Stewards; on the other we fear to mention too high a sum, lest we may be grievously disappointed. We have had two such grand successes this year that we hope for a continuance of good fortune, and at the same time tremble lest the successes of the other two Institutions have exhausted the stream of liberality. Certain it is that there is need for a grand total—a total even in advance of the most sanguine expectations; but need is not always followed by proportionate relief, and it frequently happens that the more urgent the requirement the less hearty the response. Let us however hope that this is not to be the case in regard to the Boys' School, but rather that a magnificent total may be forthcoming to meet the calls to be paid from it.

The Board of Stewards at the present time contains the names of about 270 brethren, officered by some of the most popular members of English Freemasonry, and if the result depends on the energy with which the claims of the Institution have been brought to the notice of Craftsmen, it should be one of the most satisfactory ever known, for as year by year comes round the experience gained by past Stewards is made of service by the Secretary of the Institution in supporting the efforts of the present ones, who, profiting by his advice, are able to fulfil their duties much easier and better than they could without it. There is yet time for any of our readers who may be disposed to increase the number of Stewards or supporters of the Institution, and if the total of their contributions be only a small one, it will none the less be welcome. In the words of Shakespeare, the latest comer may be, "though last, not least in love," and may prove his devotion to better purpose on some future occasion, but it is not necessary he should wait until then to show he has the love.

As our readers are aware, the Festival will take place at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, under the presidency of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire, the dinner being fixed for five o'clock precisely. Accommodation has been arranged for close on 700 guests, and as the attractions of the Palace—the day of the Festival being one of the Handel Festival days—will be added to the attractions of the Festival itself, we should not be surprised if the accommodation is tested to its fullest extent. The price of the banquet tickets is—for Ladies, 16s; and for Gentlemen, 22s; in each case admission to the Palace being included. We hope it will be our duty next week to record as a most gratifying result the day's meeting.

THE EDUCATIONAL BRANCH OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

"BY the solemn Act of Union between the two Grand Lodges of Free-masons of England in December 1813, it was 'declared and pronounced that pure Antient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.'" Such are the words with which the Regulations for the Government of the Craft commence, and such is the constitution of Freemasonry at the present time. While, however, "pure Antient Masonry" does not extend beyond the three degrees specially mentioned, there are other Degrees or Orders which are fully recognised as being purely Masonic, if not a part of pure Masonry, and among these none is more popular than the Mark Degree. Within the past few weeks we have had occasion to devote much of our space to reports of the proceedings of Mark Masons, and whether it has been in connection with the Grand Lodge of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey, or one or other of the subordinate Lodges, our duty has been to record successes in the past, and brilliant prospects for the future. The Report of the General Board, submitted at the last meeting of the Mark Grand Lodge, states that the number of certificates issued in the half-year ending 31st March last was 809—the largest number as yet granted in a similar period—while the total of registered advancements to the same date was 20,196. With such an organisation as this represents, and bearing in mind that the Mark degree, like the three Craft degrees which must precede it, recognises Charity as one of its grandest principles, it is not to be wondered at that special means are provided for the relief of the aged and distressed within its ranks. The foundation of the Educational Branch of the Mark Benevolent Fund and its progress during the past few years are among the most pleasing episodes in the history of the degree, and if the usefulness of this offshoot is continued in the future to the same extent as it has been in the past, it will always shine as a brilliant jewel in the Order of Mark Masonry, while it will afford such assistance to the distressed within its range as will ensure for it a lasting sense of gratitude.

As is the case with the three Institutions usually associated with English Freemasonry in its broadest sense, a Festival is held each year in aid of this branch of the Mark Benevolent Fund. This year's anniversary, the seventeenth, is fixed for Wednesday, the 22nd July next, and will be held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. the Lord Egerton of Tatton, Deputy Grand Master, Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason of Cheshire. The prospects for the Festival are most gratifying, and we have little doubt but that the total realised from it will be almost, if not quite, double what has ever been reached before. Already the Board of Stewards nearly approaches twice the number of last year, which year was considerably in excess of its predecessors, while strenuous efforts are being made to enrol the names of other Mark Masons willing to take a hand in the work. Last year the Board of Stewards comprised the names of forty-seven brethren, in addition to the Chairman; this year's Board, so far, consists of eighty-eight, so that

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another half-dozen will be sufficient to score the "double," but then the total will be so close on a three figure list that nothing short of a round hundred will be considered satisfactory. It is ever thus in the cause of Masonic charity; first a list of Stewards is sought for in advance of previous years, and when that is realised, with a good surplus over, nothing short of twice the highest number of the past will do, and when even that appears likely to be accomplished, we want more—and hope to get it, as the cause is a good one and the need great. We have already said the present will be the seventeenth anniversary Festival of the Fund, and a glance at the result of the sixteen which have preceded it will not only be interesting, but will also show what steady, and at the same time rapid, progress has marked the Fund in the past. The first Festival was held in 1869, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, at that time M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason. The Board of Stewards, if small, was an influential one, as any of our readers who remember Mark Masonry in those days can testify, but as some from whom support is now asked may not be able to look so far back, we may say that the Chairman of the first Festival was supported by five Stewards, viz., Bros. Fred. Binckes, Thos. Meggy, T. J. Sabine, Thos. Wescombe, and S. Rosenthal, who, together with the Chairman, collected a total of £97 2s 8d. The sixteen years which have passed since then have seen great changes, none greater than those worked by death, which has lain its hand on no less than four out of this original Board of Stewards. While regretting their loss, we can, however, rejoice that we have still among us such energetic Mark brethren as the chairman of that day (Bro. G. R. Portal) and the much respected Grand Secretary of the Degree (Bro. F. Binckes).

We now append a summary of the sixteen Festivals of the past, as fuller details would occupy too much space, and would perhaps be of little interest to the general body of our readers; moreover, any who desire further particulars will be at once supplied on application at the offices of Mark Grand Lodge.

Year.	Chairman.	No. of Stewards.	Amount realised. £	s	d
1869	Rev. G. R. Portal M.W.G.M.M.M.	5	97	2	8
1870	Earl Percy D.G.M.M.M.	5	53	4	10
1871	J. C. Parkinson J.G.W.	11	85	8	0
1872	Colonel Francis Burdett* Prov. G.M.M.M. Middlesex and Surrey	13	177	0	0
1873	Colonel J. Whitwell	12	141	15	0
1874	Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., P.D.G.M.M.M.	12	91	19	0
1875	W. Romaine Callender, M.P., D.G.M.M.M.	17	176	11	0
1876	Lieut.-Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., J.G.W.	12	96	15	0
1877	Earl of Donoughmore S.G.W.	17	221	9	0
1878	Lord Skelmersdale M.W.G.M.M.M.	25	371	4	0
1879	Lord Arthur Hill P.G.S.W. Sussex	30	537	8	0
1880	Lt.-Col Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M.M.M.	29	550	9	6
1881	Lord Henniker M.W.G.M.M.M.	21	346	17	0
1882	Earl of Kintore D.G.M.M.M.	33	553	11	6
1883	Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., Prov. G.M.M.M. South Wales	36	710	12	0
1884	Major J. Woodall Woodall, J.P., P.G.M.M.M. N. and E. Yorks	47	832	19	0

With such results as have attended the sixteen Festivals above referred to, to guide us, we may confidently expect to hear a sum of £1600 at least announced at the Festival in July next, but as we have already said it is hoped the Board of Stewards may ultimately reach the number of one hundred, and it is also hoped they will make even greater efforts than have their predecessors, so that there is a chance of a much larger total being subscribed than we have referred to. We can only say that no member of the Order will be more delighted than we shall be to find that our estimate is below the actual result. Having thus referred to the amounts which have been raised, we will now devote some attention to a sketch of what has been and is still being done with the monies subscribed.

The object of the Educational Branch of the Mark Benevolent Fund is to assist in the education (under the charge of their parents or guardians) of the children of Mark Master Masons, who on application to the Board shall be considered eligible for the Fund. Under these conditions there are at present twelve boys and five girls receiving the advantages of the Fund, one of the conditions of which is (Bye-law XVIII.) that "a Quarterly Report of the progress, conduct and health of every child assisted shall be required from the head of the educational establishment where the child is placed." From last accounts all the pupils are making highly satisfactory progress.

The children are entitled to receive the benefits of the Fund until they reach the age of sixteen, and looking at the list of pupils we find that the vacancies arising among the existing pupils from retirement on completion of age limit will be very small for some time to come; indeed, the stoppage of claims from this cause will only be two in number till the end of next year inclusive, viz., one boy will be sixteen on the 22nd November of the present year, and another on the 16th January 1886. It will thus be seen that if more than two of the applicants whom it may be expected will present themselves during the next eighteen months are to be relieved, it can only be done by undertaking increased liability, and while the success likely to attend this year's Festival may in a measure warrant this, it will be necessary for the Order to show it fully appreciates the responsibility before undertaking to do more than it is now doing. There is no doubt but that this Mark Educational Fund will ere long, even if it has not already done so, take its place among the most useful associations of Freemasonry, and that its future will be a credit not only to the degree with which it is more particularly associated, but also to the English Brotherhood in general. Under such circumstances we feel we are not asking too much if we urge its claims on the attention of Mark Masons throughout the country, and the Colonies and Dependencies ruled over by our Mark Grand Lodge, while we may even ask brethren who have not yet been advanced, should they be in a charitable mood, to bear its claims in mind. It may fairly be said that relief rendered by the Mark Educational Fund lessens the calls on the General Masonic Educational Institutions, for be it remembered that no child can be relieved from it unless the father has been a subscribing member of a Mark Lodge, and consequently must have previously passed through the three grades of Craft Masonry.

At the last assembly of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons Col. Shadwell H. Clerke (Grand Secretary Craft Masonry), when proposing "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," advocated the establishment of a Fund for the special relief of the aged and decayed members of the Mark degree and their widows. Our distinguished brother will pardon us for saying that his wish is not a new one; nay, he will be gratified to learn that it is the ardent desire of a very large number of Mark Masters, and knowing, as he does, what the brethren of England are capable of if once they set their minds on the completion of a good work, he doubtless expects, with us, that the suggestion will soon assume a more tangible form. That such a fund is needed, and that it is possible, are two facts fully recognised among Mark Masons; it only requires such a public reference to the subject as it received at the hands of the Grand Secretary of English Craft Masonry to rouse these thinkers into activity. Let us hope that the success of the coming Festival may be such as to act as a still stronger incentive to the brethren, and that before another year is passed we may have to plead on behalf of a more extended field of operations, or, should it be thought desirable, for an Aged as well as an Educational Branch of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

* In 1872 Col. Francis Burdett acted as Chairman in the absence (through indisposition) of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., Prov. G.M.M.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland.

LET THE CRAFT WAKE UP.

THE matter of "high degrees," as all degrees beside the three degrees of the symbolic Lodge are usually called by those in possession of them, appears at this time as likely to become the most important subject with which the Masonic bodies of the United States will have to deal. So far as this matter may concern the preservation of the simple and sublime system known as Ancient Craft Masonry—the maintaining in full force and effect of that vital principle of the Craft to which every Master and Grand Master must publicly announce his assent, and which he stands bound from the moment he assumes the gavel to support and defend to the end of his official career, "that it is not in the power of *any man or body of*

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men to make any change in the body of Masonry;" no question of greater moment can come before the minds of the Craftsmen of this country.

As a question of mere duty on the part of Officers, and Lodges, and Masons, from the Grand Master to the youngest Entered Apprentice, there is nothing more important or obligatory than to maintain this principle at every hazard. This duty devolves with as much weight upon those who are in possession of the greatest number of degrees, as upon those who have remained content with the three degrees of the Masonic Lodge, and more than this, if any danger to the "body of Masonry" should be likely to arise from the effect of multiplying degrees and organizations outside the regular Lodge, it becomes those who enjoy whatever benefit may flow from such supernumerary establishment to be the first to come to the assistance of the Craft, as their own position is claimed to give them greater influence and opportunity for good.

As a question of maintaining Masonry in a state most effective for all the good and great purposes of its institution, the questions which it seems may likely arise are absolutely vital. They involve the complete dissipation of the system of Masonry—the assertion that there is no such thing as the Masonry which our predecessors understood and believed they were maintaining and transmitting to us—the assumption that there is no difference between the Masonic Lodge and the many modern social and benevolent associations, which have imitated our external forms, and terms, on account of their excellent adaptability to such purposes as they have in view.

I say that it seems likely that such questions as involve the above mentioned matters may arise, if they have not already arisen, from official action alleged to have taken place in one of our Grand Lodges. I do not charge that such action has taken place, as I find asserted in the reports of committees of correspondence lately published, for I am unwilling to believe that any Grand Lodge in the United States can be so reckless of its trust, or otherwise so ignorant of the purpose for which it was created, as to do what is alleged against the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. If what is published be a correct view of what that Grand Lodge has committed itself to there will be time enough after being certain on that point for any Mason to express his opinion of the transaction, and if it should turn out, as I hope, that a misunderstanding exists, there will be no harm in silence.*

But, aside from that particular matter, it is easy to see that there is a tendency toward a state of things which, unless all good Masons exert themselves prudently and fraternally to counteract, augurs of trouble to come.

This tendency has been long noticeable. It is not from any wicked or corrupt design on the part of any, except as may happen in all good institutions in a few individual cases of no great consequence, nor does it arise from the acts of a few, but it is the general drift of habits of thought and action, as well in the Masonic Lodge as among those who cultivate the degrees belonging to the various organisations which have sprung up among Masons.

The lack of attention to the principles of Masonic law—to the import and effect of Masonic principles in general—the want of knowledge of what the system of Masonry is, either as to its organisation, or its symbolic order and mode of representation, and want of a reasonable regard for the preservation of the peculiar characteristics of the whole Masonic system, are the most notable of the causes which now tend to loosen and dissolve the integrity of the Masonic body. They all grow out of negligence, and that negligence is partly the result of so many Masons bestowing all their attention on the outside degrees.

In consequence of such things, a great mass of the Fraternity never think of Masonry as consisting of three degrees, but regard it as embodied in a great number of degrees, of which the "first three" are committed to the Lodge, the next four to the Chapter, and so on; and as the highest degree in the Lodge is supreme, they suppose that every degree which follows is higher in dignity and authority than those which precede. And these notions are all the time gaining ground, both in the Lodges and in all the other bodies, and one consequence is, that all those who intend to "*go through*" are disinclined to pay much attention to the study of Masonry in the Lodge. They regard that as a very good commencement; quite a good thing to be so low down in the scale. They say if these degrees are "so nice to have" it must be grand when one gets away up in the thirties and fifties; and, in truth, from this point of view they are right, for as they have never learned to esteem Masonry for its realities, but look much to theatricals and display, the "higher up" the degrees the more likely they are to be gratified, as they hasten on from one department to another of the Masonic universal exposition. Consequently, they inquire how long they will have to wait in the Lodge before they can "get in" to the Chapter. A large number would make for the Commandery forthwith, if the Chapter did not stand in the way. Before they have learned more than the alphabet of the Entered Apprentice degree, they are seated as Masters, and before they have an introduction to even the rudiments of what pertains to that degree, they are occupied as Masters of Veils or Captains of the Host, and directly one turns up as an officer in a Grand Commandery, and another as Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of a Royal and Select Council; and so on they go until they have "taken in" the thirty-two degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and are far gone in the mazes of one of the rites which can furnish ninety-six degrees or upwards already on hand, where the English language has ceased to furnish superlatives adapted to the increasing dignity of titles. This is not an exaggeration as to thousands of cases, and in thousands of others it is about the truth, so far as the money and time at command of the parties will permit. All this time the Masons who stay in the Craft Lodges are kept busy "putting through" more candidates, to follow as far as they can the same course, and hence they are prevented from improving themselves as they might, and so it goes on from year to year.

Now what is to become of Masonic law, or Masonic lore of any description, while matters are carried on in this way? Who wonders that we hear Royal Arch Masons and Templars speaking of the "*inferior* degrees," and "the first three degrees," or the "Blue Lodge," or "Blue Lodge Masons," and that too as though the Lodge were really an inferior body, once very useful no doubt, and quite satisfactory to those who had nothing better, but which is now "behind the times," and really a hindrance to Masonry?

One thing is certain, that the mere taking of degrees will not inform the mind of any one on the principles of Masonry or the time-honoured laws of the Craft. For if it were so, we should not witness so many lamentable instances of men who have been for years in high official positions in the Chapter, and Commandery, and Council, and other bodies, who do not even know by what right they appear in their regalia as forming part of a *Masonic* procession. I have heard such knights denouncing Masons of "inferior degrees," as they called the Master Masons of the Lodge, because they assumed to take control of Masonic processions at the laying of corner-stones. And these were good and respectable men; no such persons as I have seen misconducting themselves on certain occasions, while publicly wearing the regalia of degrees. But they were just such persons as might bring about what is alleged against the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, if they should find themselves and those under their influence with a majority of votes in such a body, for as Masonry with them is turned wrong end up, and they know no better than that the "higher degrees" should rule the "inferior," as in the case of most other societies of modern origin, and have never supposed that their degrees acquired outside the Lodge were anything but superior, they might well deem it right and Masonic to use the opportunity to wage a quarrel about "high degree" jurisdiction on the floor of a Grand Lodge, and prostitute their trust and the power of the Grand Lodge to the purpose of putting down by regulation a rival clan. We must not wonder at such things being done, if they should unfortunately come to pass,—as come to pass they surely will, unless averted by timely action of all parties in all Grand Lodges in states containing a large number of considerable towns and cities where high degree bodies can find localities in which their expensive ceremonies can be carried on, and Masons be found who can afford to devote most of their time to the cultivation of endless rituals.

Two evils out of many may be noticed here, which are constantly growing and are already fraught with danger to the Craft. One is the ignorance and negligence, for they each year grow out of the other and are always together, concerning Masonic law, ethics and usages, which more and more abound in the Lodges as well as all the other

* Unfortunately the charge against Massachusetts is true.—Editor *Voice of Masonry*.

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organizations, in consequence of which both Lodges and Grand Lodges become more and more incapable of protecting their own rights, and the dignity and integrity of the Masonic institution, against the encroachments of innovation, and the destruction of landmarks, and particularly against the covert designs of those among them who might desire to convert the Lodges to the use of outside associations, and prostitute the powers vested in the Grand Lodges to the advancement of pernicious assumptions.

The danger from this cause is, that little by little the notion that all degrees which are called Masonic are part and parcel of Masonry, and that the higher the number of the degree the greater the authority belonging to its proprietors, will be imposed on the Craft as veritable law, and with this falsity established nothing could prevent the whole swarm of European innovations from making their nests in every department of our Institution.

Then the ancient and noble institution of Craft Masonry, which came to our hands as the most worthy and beneficent which humanity has founded, would be utterly devastated —disputes in every form would end in schisms, which would from time to time be settled by contemptible compromises, each more and more subversive of law and order, and the end would be that of the Master's Lodge degraded into a mere ante-room to receive and prepare business for the hands of higher authorities, and expedite on his way every quidnunc in search of preposterous traditions and ridiculous titles. And even this function must then be shared with like beggarly coadjutors of high degree origin, empowered by exercise of the "reserved right of making Masons, to furnish the same accommodations to those who might apply to "go through" on their line. As to men of capacity and knowledge they would no longer be where they could offer any obstruction, for all such would avoid the whole concern, and it could not be long until Masonry, as understood by the public, would take its place with astrology, fortune-telling, and the like, as a relic of barbarism.

The other evil above alluded to is the inordinate amount of mere temporary legislation, which takes up the time of all grand bodies, and makes it impossible for officers or members of Lodges to keep trace of the tangle of constitutional amendments, regulations, resolutions, edicts, and decisions, with which the Craft are deluged from year to year, the most of which, like the greater part of the work of our State Legislatures, is nothing more than a continual attempt to make up by profusion of laws for the want of observing and enforcing those we already have. The rage for excessive legislation in this country is fast subverting all regard for law whether good or bad, and the same effect is manifest everywhere in Masonry.

Almost all this, like the disputes, negligences and grievances which it is designed to remedy, has grown out of innovations, suffered to continue and grow into precedents in the estimation of the uninformed, and as this state of affairs goes on, it breeds more and more the very evils which produced it, and aggravates, instead of ameliorating the condition, and makes things possible in the action and general conduct of the Craft which would have been scouted by all, only a few years ago.

Now what is to be expected in a few years more, if we cannot effect some change in the general tendency toward innovation and consequent confusion? What remedy or preventive can be applied—by what means can the simplicity and dignity of the Craft be restored? Certainly not by contention and uproar, accusations of dishonesty and recriminations, such as are growing out of the Massachusetts embroglio, and the quarrels about jurisdiction among the assignees of certain so-called patents of authority, or patent inventions for high degrees, in which the Lodges of Masonry are in danger of being embroiled.

The greatest prudence and fraternal sentiment is demanded in dealing with such mischiefs, together with firmness in maintaining the landmarks of the Craft, in the Lodges and Grand Lodges, and also in every association in which Masons see proper to meet for special purposes, whether they be Chapters, Commanderies, Sovereign Councils, or any other.

Every Mason must understand and be prepared to maintain the established rights and dignity of the Ancient Craft in the Lodges of the Craft, and not only there but wherever he goes in other bodies which claim to be in any way allied to Masonry. His allegiance to the institution of Masonry as he found it established in the Master's Lodge, and as he can find it in its most ancient form in the direct line through which it has come down to us, is his first and paramount fealty, wherever he may choose to go, and he can never by his own act, either by himself or in concert with others, change the form or substance of his duty to be on the Lodge floor in defence and maintenance of the dignity and honour of Craft Masonry against any assumptions to the contrary, originating where they may.

A Mason never came from the Chapter, Commandery, or other body, to the Lodge. He came from the Lodge to the Chapter and the others. It was not the Lodge which made it a law that every member of a Chapter or Commandery should be a regular Master Mason. The Chapter and Commandery made this their law, and thereby fixed the status of their own members, and reaffirmed the allegiance they were under to the Lodge; and consequently the Ancient Constitutions and Charges, Grand Lodge Constitutions, regulations, rules and edicts of Ancient Craft Masonry are part of every constitution, obligation, rule or edict of those bodies, and cannot be severed from them.

Seeing that all members of every body claiming to be Masonic are thus affirmed and reaffirmed in allegiance to the Grand Lodges, let what dispute may arise, is it not reasonable to hope that every worthy Mason, a member of any of the Orders, will, as soon as he has notice, govern himself accordingly, and according to his light, and seek more light as quickly as he can? To insure this, it would be well to seek all the light obtainable in advance, that none may be taken unprepared.

A common resolution to study and maintain Masonic principles will shortly settle the greatest difficulty. Faith in those principles can remove mountains.

The Grand Lodges must do something to awaken the attention of the Lodges to the laws and obligations of the Craft, and the duties of all parties toward the supreme and established authority, in order that the Grand Lodge floors may not be filled with members who know not whence they came nor whither they are going.

Good intentions alone will not arrest the evils growing in the Lodges, there must be some proper conception of what is right to be required, and what course is to be pursued.

Let the Craft wake up, and turn their attention for a time to *Masonry*, and the light that will thence arise will shine for all, and while it tips the "highest hills" with silver, the golden glow of charity will fill the "lowest valleys," and the craftsmen hand in hand go forth in gladness to their labours.—*Voice of Masonry.*

GRAND LODGE AND THE BOYS' PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

IT was with extreme pleasure we heard of the proposition of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, that £1000 should be voted by Grand Lodge towards defraying the cost of Fittings and Furniture for the New Buildings being erected for the Preparatory School of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and this pleasure was greatly enhanced when the proposition was unanimously carried by the brethren at the last Communication of Grand Lodge. We think the grant then made was one which is universally approved of, while it illustrates the interest taken by Grand Lodge in the work being carried on outside its actual sphere, and its readiness to help in any cause promoted for the welfare of English Craftsmen or those dependent on them. The Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys takes place next week, and no doubt this grant of £1000 has been looked at as a splendid means of swelling the total of subscriptions then to be announced, but we think it would be unwise if it were included in this year's returns, even if it would not be "counting unhatched chickens" to let it figure among the subscriptions until the vote is confirmed. We do not for one moment wish to imply there is even a possibility of its not receiving confirmation. On the contrary, we have said the vote is one universally approved, but—perhaps because we wish it held over—we are of opinion it would be best not to reckon on it until it is formally settled by Grand Lodge, and then it would make a splendid nucleus with which to start next year's return. Again, it is for another reason we advocate its being held over. It would serve as a pattern for imitation by Provincial and Private Lodges, and we feel sure it

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would be very generally followed, if all the special grants in aid of the Preparatory School could be announced together, but not so generally adopted, even if at all, if the £1,000 from Grand Lodge were disposed of at once. There are other matters in connection with this Preparatory School, beyond the fittings, for which special grants would be very acceptable, and we venture to suggest this means of encouraging them, ere it is too late. This, from our point of view, it will be if the £1000 voted by Grand Lodge is included in next week's returns.

We would even go so far as to suggest to the Provincial and Private Lodges that they should each take into consideration the advisability of imitating the example of Grand Lodge in giving the Preparatory School a good start. If the project were taken up with anything like spirit a handsome total might be realised, which would not only clear off all charges in connection with the actual starting of the School, but might leave a surplus for investment which should produce an amount that year, by year, would serve to illustrate the benefit of a good example.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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RENUMBERING OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am in entire agreement with your "Editorial" in objecting to any alteration in the numbers of Lodges, simply because of the few Lodges which have so peacefully and Masonically left us to form the Grand Lodge of South Australia, or because of any other reason that has been offered. I am old enough a Mason to remember the dire confusion caused by the last change of numbers, which was in 1863. The previous alteration was in 1832, and the first this century was in 1814. Now, the last mentioned was a necessity, and was separated from the *second* by a period of 18 years, the lapses even amongst old Lodges being rather many in the interim. The third alteration, however, was not until 1863 or 31 years removed from the previous renumbering. To my mind there should be no more such violent alterations this century, especially as there are but few vacancies in the "*Union*" Lodges, holding warrants granted in 1813 or back to the earliest on the Roll.

In 1832 the last of these Lodges was moved from 647 to 424, and in 1863 from 424 to 339, whereas in 1885 the number 339 would only be raised to 333, or six higher than now.

But the change would be still less in respect to several of the older Lodges. From 18 to 117 the whole of these 99 Lodges would only be moved *one* higher. From 119 to 121 inclusive, the numbers would be altered to 117-119, and from 123 to 137 simply *three* higher. Those ranging from 139 to 160, if altered as desired, would be each moved up *four*, and 162 to 181 would each be *five* higher! Now I submit that these differences in numbers, distinguishing the old "Union" Lodges, would be a loss in every sense but one; and that single or solitary advantage, would be as nothing compared with the numerous disadvantages.

I do not allude to much younger Lodges, because the foregoing facts should be enough to prove how needless is the change demanded.

I intend referring at greater length to this subject before long, but could not let your kind notice of my Masonic labours pass without a line in appreciation.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am pleased to see, from your leader on the Grand Lodge of South Australia, that we may rely on your assistance in opposing the suggested renumbering of our Lodges, a course which would result, as you say, in confusion and annoyance in many quarters. I am, perhaps, differently circumstanced to the majority of brethren, inasmuch as I have to communicate with many of our Lodges in the course of the year, but at the same time there are many others similarly circumstanced with myself, and doubtless they will agree with me that number, name, and locality each and all serve to call to mind the correct address of a Lodge without the necessity of referring to the printed list. To explain my meaning: I can sometimes remember the number of the Lodge meeting in a particular town, but for the moment cannot recollect the name; when, however, I get the number and associate it with the town, a visit in years gone by, or some other of the many "points" which serve to assist one's memory, the whole comes to mind. It frequently happens this knowledge is of service to me, and I certainly think a renumbering would be very inconvenient to me personally, if not to brethren generally.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL SCRIBE.

REPRESENTATIVE PROVINCIAL STEWARDS AT THE FESTIVALS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am aware my present remarks may not meet with universal approval; they may even call down on my head a storm of abuse, but with your permission I will make my views public, in the hope that the question on which I address you may be ventilated, and that, in the end, good may result from my humble efforts. For some time past there has been, I think, a growing desire on the part of influential Provincial brethren to monopolise for the year the benevolence of their district for one or other of the Masonic Charities, for which they act as exclusive Steward for the time being. Their efforts are doubtless actuated by good motives, but I question whether the Institutions have reaped any benefit from this system of monopoly.

In many districts where an influential brother undertakes the responsibility of representing the whole Province it is impossible for him personally to canvass all the Lodges comprised in it; the work accordingly falls on deputies, indeed, it is not unusual for the Province Steward to enlist the help of a member of each Lodge, but I very much question if these "representatives" take as much interest in the work as they would if they were personally acting as Steward. I will relate my own experience in connection with this matter. I agreed to serve the office of Steward for one of the Charities, and later on one of the officials of my Province undertook a similar office for the same Institution. Perhaps he did not know I was already acting, and using my endeavours to get a good list together. In any case he became a poacher on my preserves; in other words, he sent circulars to my Lodge, saying he was acting as Steward for the Province, and asking for support. The officials, either frightened of offending the Provincial dignitary, or fearing lest their chance of Provincial honours would be lessened, felt they should support his Stewardship rather than that of their own member, and I know the Institution suffered in consequence, as many amounts were lost to my list on the plea that the other was the "Provincial representative," and lost to him because not properly looked after by this self-constituted monopolist. I decided to serve in the future, if ever I again undertook the duty, as an unattached Steward, and the growing number of this latter class leads me to wonder if any of them have had experiences similar to my own. In any case I fully believe that the system of "representative" Stewardships is open to question, and if once it canbe shown in its true aspect I feel a change will take place, resulting in benefit to the Charities. I hope, Sir, neither you nor any of your readers will imagine I have been actuated by feelings of jealousy in writing this letter to you. I assure you such is not the case. I have long since dismissed the circumstances, except to mention them in illustrating my views on the subject.

I am,

Yours fraternally,

J. M.

CONTEMPT FOR PROVINCIAL HONOURS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—From your report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, I learn that the Provincial Grand Master, when investing his Officers, expressed great dissatisfaction that one of those selected last year had not then been present to be invested, and was also absent from this year's gathering. I was present at the meeting of 1884, and can fully understand the disgust of Sir Francis Burdett that the brother complained of was still treating the appointment with contempt. Surely it would have been much better for him to have declined it rather than to offer insult to one of the most enthusiastic brethren the Craft has ever known. I feel the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex has done a service to Freemasonry in saying he will not in future appoint any brother to Provincial office unless the requirements of the Order are complied with, as once having been publicly drawn attention to, it is to be expected the rules will be more generally respected.

As W.M. for the usual term of a private Lodge, in which one of the Officers was conspicuous by his absence, I can fully appreciate the feelings of Sir Francis Burdett, and in still further drawing attention to his remarks, I hope I may be the means of saving others from similar annoyance. Such is my excuse for troubling you with this epistle.

I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M.

LODGE NAMES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If it were necessary and your space admitted of a full discussion of the subject, it would not be very difficult to show that the practice of naming Lodges after well-known brethren is not a sound one. I may not be able to convince "SUBURBAN," whose letter appeared in your last issue, but I should like to offer a few thoughts for his consideration. I might begin by asking "What's in a name?" A good deal when the record of deeds is one of more than local importance. Then the name associated with such deeds becomes a perpetual example and monument, and is ever honoured by being used. A local reputation, except under very exceptional circumstances, is generally gained by the exercise of qualities which should be common to all Masons, which demands no high social position, and which finds sufficient distinction in the various offices the Craft has to bestow. A name of a Lodge

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should express one or more of the unities of which it is composed, should express a concrete and not a single idea. With all due respect to the brother especially referred to I venture to say he is scarcely known outside his Province, and if he is it is only among those who take especial interest in Grand Lodge, and who form a small and by no means the better part of the Craft. What has this brother done for Freemasonry that his name should be so conspicuously associated with it? Has he thrown any light upon its esoteric mysteries? Has he left the mark of genius upon its ritual? Is he distinguished for his knowledge of the jurisprudence of the Order? If he cannot claim any of these qualities, he is just in the position of crowds of others who have done much good and honourable work, whose long service is rewarded by promotion where possible, and whose name lingers in the Lodge as long as it can be serviceable. A time does come when names of infinite greater moment than that of the brother in question lose their virtue, and it is hardly to be expected that this latter should escape the general doom. With the decay of a name is often associated the decay of the cause with which the name is associated, and although Masonry is not likely to be seriously affected by any name given or withheld, yet it is possible Lodges bearing special local titles may suffer when the original ceases to exist. An honour like that referred to carries with it the seeds of its own destruction, whereas a general name lives on, and escapes the discredit that attaches to failure.

Local names given to Lodges create jealousy. They stimulate a selfish ambition. They are a temptation to the wealthy brother and a stumbling-block to many of the really worthy.

The foregoing are a few reasons against using names of persons for Lodges. There are others, one of which I commend to "SUBURBAN." True merit vaunteth not itself, nor will it suffer others to play the trumpeter.

Yours fraternally,

CANDOUR.

16th June 1885.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "SUBURBAN," in challenging your views on this subject, has touched on a somewhat delicate point—"the naming of Lodges after well-known brethren," and if you will allow me, I will endeavour to explain one or two matters in connection with it which appear to me to uphold your view of the case, To my mind, the principal objection which can be raised against the naming of Lodges after well-known brethren is that it seldom happens the "well-known brethren" are the only persons of the same name in the district, or even if they are at the time they may not always continue so. Then it sometimes happens that events may occur which rob the name of some of its glory—perhaps even at a distance of two or three generations—and a name once respected and revered in association with a thorough gentleman, may many years after become a reproach in view of its association with some local scamp or criminal.

The naming of Lodges after mere individual members of the Order, *no matter how well known or deserving of honour they may be*, seems to me to detract from the honour of Freemasonry, by making it, in a measure, subservient to its component members, while at the same time it virtually raises the brethren selected to the rank—may I say it—of a god in the Masonic circle.

You may have other objections to urge in support of your view, and other brethren may be able to argue in opposition to it, but I feel this letter, provided you give it insertion in your pages, will be some answer to your correspondent's query.

Believe me,

Yours fraternally,

ANOTHER SUBURBAN.

NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Kindly allow me, through the medium of your valued journal, to remind all North Country Masons who may be living in, or passing through London, that the meeting convened by Bro. J. S. Cumberland to further consider and finally arrange the matter, will be held on Thursday next, the 25th inst., at 3 p.m., in the Masonic Rooms, 16a Great Queen-street.

On that occasion it is to be hoped that Bro. Cumberland will be supported by a numerous assemblage of the brethren, and that opinions and advice, which I know he is anxious to obtain, will be freely tendered by those present at the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. BULLOCK,

(No. 1086, Walton.)

74 Aldersgate-street, E.C., 19th June 1885.

LIBEL AND MASONIC PRIVILEGE (?).

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Before reading the letter in your last issue on this subject I was inclined to oppose your view that anything contained in a Masonic communication—even if printed—could be made the subject of an action for libel, but now I must admit I am so far shaken in my opinion as to all but agree with you, I may say to fully coincide with your views. Your correspondent "RIGHT, NOT MIGHT" has, I think, expressed the whole gist of the subject in his signature. Freemasonry may certainly give us "might" of an exceptional nature, but it does not give us "right" to injure another; indeed its teachings are in every way opposed to such a course, and it must be admitted the circulation of anything approaching a libel must be detrimental in some way or other, even though the injury may be deserved or justifiable.

Your correspondent's idea that Masonry would suffer if "Masonic" documents were privileged I now see is quite correct. It would soon become a difficult matter to draw a line between Masonic and non-Masonic papers, and while the squabble was progressing the Order would be open to every insult and abuse that could be poured on it.

I am not so well informed as to the legal standing of Freemasons even as your correspondent is, but I always thought we were fully recognised by law, and that our meetings and proceedings were perfectly legitimate. However, it is useless my discussing subjects of which I admit I have no knowledge, and which I hope it will never be my province to test. All I desire to say is, that I now approve of your view as to the non-existance of Masonic privilege in all cases where the law of the land is violated, and I beg to thank your correspondent for having brought me to my senses.

Iam, yours fraternally,

E. B.

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution assembled on the 10th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, under the presidency of Bro. H. B. Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer. The deaths of five annuitants—two male and three female—were reported, and other matters of detail transacted. The Finance Committee for the ensuing year was constituted, as follows:—A. H. Tattershall, W. J. Murlis, T. W. C. Bush, C. F. Hogard, and J. E. Dawson, while the following were re-elected to serve as the House Committee:—Raynham W. Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, C. J. Perceval, Thomas Cubitt, and Edgar Bowyer. Bro. C. H. Webb proposed that three of the widows unsuccessful at the last election, being over eighty years of age, and having competed at two elections, should, in accordance with Law 37, be placed on the list of annuitants without further competition. The proposition was duly seconded, and discussed by the brethren present, who ultimately agreed to place one of the widows on the Fund forthwith. The Secretary announced that that meeting was the twenty-first anniversary of his election as an officer of the Institution, and gave the following statistics of the position of the Institution at that time, and at the present.

	1864.	1885.
Income Male Fund - - - -	£2 999	£8,398
,, Widows' Fund - - -	1,847	11,394
Permanent Income Male Fund - - -	1,098	2,017
,, ,, Widows' Fund - - -	563	1,575
Invested Capital Male Fund - - -	16,600	39,450
,, ,, Widows' Fund - - -	7,100	28,075
Paid in Annuities, Male Fund - - -	1,562	6,920
,, ,, Widows' Fund - - -	992	6,464
Festival, 69 Stewards producing - - -	2,376	
,, 352 ,, ,, - - -		17,770
Number of Annuitants Male Fund - -	80	173
,, ,, Widows' Fund - -	47	202

The above will give an idea of the increase of the work in connection with the Institution, and will also show what immense strides have been made in the cause of Masonic Charity. As Bro. Terry pointed out, the only additional expense incurred in the management of the Institution now, as compared with twenty-one years ago, was that of the clerk; while in the interval the Annuities had been increased from £26 to £40 in the case of the Male Branch, and from £25 to £32 in that of the Female. That the figures were a surprise to the brethren was evidenced from the enthusiastic manner in which they proposed and carried a vote of thanks and congratulation to Bro. Terry, while their hope that his tenure of office might be prolonged for very many years will be universally endorsed throughout the Craft. The customary vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

The Board of Benevolence held its monhtly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 17th instant. Bro. James Brett Senior Vice President presided, with Bro. C. A. Cottebrune Junior Vice President in the chair of Senior, and Bro. Driver J.G.D. in that of Junior Vice President. The recommendations made at the May meeting having been confirmed, twenty-nine new cases were taken into consideration. Two of these were deferred, and the remainder relieved with a total of £703, made up of one grant of £3, one of £5, six of £10 each, nine of £20, three of £30, one of £40, five of £50, and one of £75.

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MASTERING MASONRY.

A DESTITUTION of genuine Masonic knowledge is the cause of much evil in our Fraternity. Many of the initiated are too easily satisfied with their proficiency. Before they acquire any tolerable degree of skill in the ritual they become satisfied with this advancement. What is the result? An entire ignorance of everything that forms the intrinsic beauty of Masonry. Even brilliancy in the ritual is not Masonry. It is only its outposts and framework. The real excellencies and beauties of the Fraternity lie far beyond. They are ensconced in the highest principles of reason and morality. They cannot be grasped by an ordinary effort of intellect. All the powers of man's intellectual and moral nature must necessarily be brought into vigorous action in order to their full development.

Prejudice and passion must be subdued; brotherly love and charity must be cultivated, and all the social, moral and religious virtues.

In our opinion, greater efforts should be made in every Lodge to inculcate the general principles of Masonry. Instead of considering this as a secondary object, it should be made the first, but probably this may be going a little too far. It may be incorrect to say that either should be made the object of first importance. With great show of reason it may be said that both are equally important. Well, let it be so. Taking the positions, then, that both are equally important, what is the duty of every Lodge? The path is already pointed out. The wayfaring man, though he is not exactly what he ought to be, can perceive and trace it. A great part of the business of the Lodge, according to this view of the subject, should be the inculcation of the great cardinal principles of Masonry. Can anything be more apparent? What is the course pursued in mastering any of the great professions, the legal profession, for instance? Does a through and efficient knowledge of this profession consist in a knowledge of forms, and the general routine of business? Very far from it. These are necessary, and even indispensable in their places. They contribute a part of the lawyer's legal capital. But with these alone, no man can be a lawyer. Before he can establish his title to this appellation, he must investigate, deeply and profoundly, the great principle of law, taken in its most comprehensive sense. The knowledge thus acquired, accompanied by a knowledge of the forms and routine of business, make the complete lawyer. So it is with the master-workman in Masonry. He must be skilled in the ritual, and thoroughly imbued with the spirit and general principles of his profession. In this way alone can he be brought to realize its rich fruits and ample benefits.—*Hebrew Leader.*

The popular weekly, *Choice Chips*, will in future be published by Mr. Joseph Hughes, of Ludgate Hill, London. It will be edited by Mr. W. Davenport Adams, who may be trusted to make it a thoroughly readable miscellany.

The brethren of Kent will hold their annual Provincial Grand Lodge at Gravesend on Wednesday, 1st July. Provincial Grand Lodge will be held in the Town Hall, after which the brethren will attend divine service in St. George's Church, while a banquet will follow at the New Falcon Hotel. Especial interest is attached to this year's meeting, from the fact that it is the twenty-fifth during which the Right Hon. Viscount Holmesdale has fulfilled the duties of Provincial Grand Master. We anticipate a very large assembly.

The installation meeting of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, will take place on Thursday next, 25th inst., in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Colchester, by kind permission of the Mayor (H. J. Gurdon-Rebow, Esq.) Lodge will be opened at half-past four o'clock, and after the appointment of a representative to the Essex Provincial Charity Committee the W.M. of the past year, Bro. R. Haward Ives, P.G. Stwd., will instal his successor, Bro. Joseph Grimes, the present Senior Warden. A banquet will follow at the Cups Hotel, at 6 o'clock, tickets for which (10s 6d each including wine and dessert) may be had at the Hotel. We wish our Colchester brethren a successful gathering.

By command of the Rt. Worshipful Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, the annual meeting of the brethren of the Province will be held at the Town Hall, Reading, on Monday, the 29th inst. Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 1·30 p.m. The business to be transacted is of the usual formal character, and after the close of Provincial Grand Lodge a banquet will be served at the Town Hall, at 2·30. Tickets for this may be obtained of the Provincial Stewards, price 6s 6d each.

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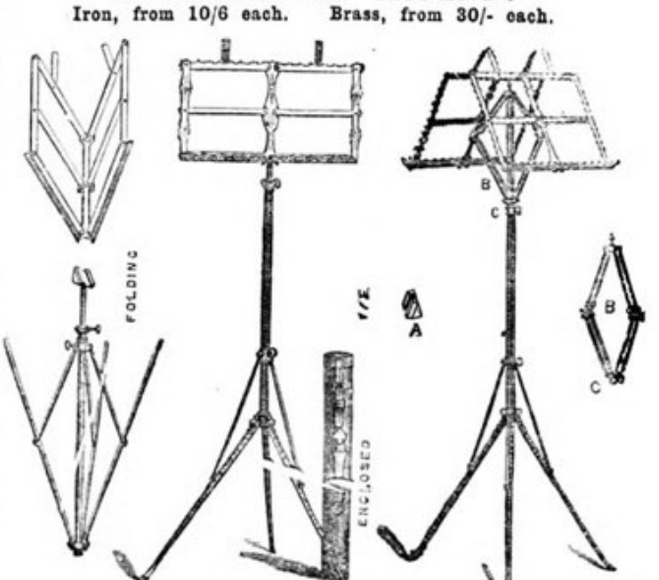

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By command,

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30th May 1885.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service at St. Andrew's Church, Surbiton, at four p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Brethren not to appear in Masonic costume at Divine Service.

A dinner will take place at 5 o'clock. For tickets apply to W. Bro. Dr. GIBBES Surbiton Hill, Surbiton, enclosing 7/6 (which will not include Wine). N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets, and no Ticket will be issued after 24th June.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.

THIS annual gathering took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Northampton, under the Banner of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764, when his Grace the Duke of Manchester R.W.P.G.M. presided, assisted by Bro. Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M. The business of the day began as early as eleven o'clock, when the Board of Benevolence and Charity Organisation Committee met at the Masonic Hall. A very satisfactory balance sheet was presented, and the proceedings were of a very hopeful character. The Lodge was duly opened at 12·30 p.m. by the W.M. Bro. the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg P.P.G.C., in the Town Hall, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion by Bros. T. P. Dorman and T. Emery. All the Officers were in their places, and a large number of brethren of the several Lodges ranged under their respective banners. Statuary and plants were gracefully arranged round the room, and on the walls were suspended many handsome banners, some of them being very artistically designed. The corridor was hung with Chinese lanterns, which produced a pleasing effect. The carpet, forming the Lodge floor, was laid in the centre of the room, around which the brethren were seated. The arrangements of the day were made by a committee comprising Bros. the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg W.M., T. Emery, T. P. Dorman, H. Brown, Geo. Ellard and G. Butcher Secretary. Immediately after the opening of the Lodge a deputation, composed of the Masters of all the Lodges in the Province, proceeded, under the guidance of the Director of Ceremonies, to make a presentation to Bro. Butler Wilkins, who has been appointed Grand Standard Bearer of England by the Prince of Wales. The deputation was headed by Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, as Master

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of the Senior Lodge, Bro. Buckle P.G.S., and Bro. G. Osborn, the oldest Past Master of the Province. Bro. Sanders spoke in laudatory terms of the conduct of Bro. Butler Wilkins, and turning to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, he wished him long life and health to enjoy the honours, and expressed the pleasure the Province felt in his elevation to the dignity. The following address, with specially designed border and frame, and illuminated by Bro. Atkins, of Abington-street, was then read by Bro. Buckle:—"To the Worshipful Bro. Butler Wilkins, P.M. 360, D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, P.Z. 360 P.G.H. and Grand Standard Bearer of England. Worshipful Sir and Dear Brother,—We, the Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and Brethren of the Province of Norths and Hunts in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire to express to you our congratulations on your appointment to office in the Grand Lodge of England, and offer for your acceptance the Grand Lodge clothing and other gifts which accompany this address. We rejoice in the tribute of merit thus awarded. Your career in the past, as one of the rulers of the Craft in this Province, the impartiality of your decision, the genuine goodwill at all times exhibited, the energy for the good of Freemasonry unceasingly displayed, the qualifications necessary for a ruler so worthily manifested; these have inspired us, one and all, with feelings of the highest fraternal esteem and affection, and have deservedly earned the distinction which his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, has been pleased to bestow on you in appointing you to the office and rank of a Grand Standard Bearer of England. That it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to grant you long life, health, and strength to enjoy your dignity, and a continuance of all the blessings of the past is our earnest and united prayer. Signed, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Northampton, 11th June, A.L. 5885, MANCHESTER P.G.M., F. G. BUCKLE P.G. Secretary.". A complete suit of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter clothing was offered by Bro. Osborn, and Bro. Wilkins proceeded to array himself in the garments. He was then, under the Director of Ceremonies, saluted by the brethren as Grand Standard Bearer of England. It may be stated here that the promotion of Bro. Wilkins to be a Grand Lodge Officer was a general theme of congratulation by the brethren. Another event of the day, which will long be held in remembrance, was the presentation of a superb banner by the Treasurer, Bro. T. Phipps Dorman, to the Eleanor Cross Lodge. The speech that accompanied the gift was marked by good taste, and the wish was heartily expressed that the banner might long wave over the brethren of the Lodge, and in years to come welcome other meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Rev. Worshipful Master accepted the banner, in the name of the Lodge, and in returning thanks reciprocated all the donor's good wishes. The emblem of the Lodge, the famous Queen's Cross of Northampton, from which the Lodge takes its name, forms the centre of the banner, with the motto "Amor Constantia Fides." After the foregoing ceremonies had been concluded, and the necessary business of the Lodge had been transacted, the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was proceeded with, the following being the Officers appointed and duly invested by his Grace:—

W. Jackson W.M.	737	...	...	Senior Warden
J. A. S. Bouverie W.M.	1911	...	...	Junior Warden
Rev. S. J. W. Sanders P.M.	1911	...	...	Chaplain
Rev. J. Jenkins	445	...	...	Asst. Chaplain
J. U. Stanton P.M.	369	...	...	Treasurer
T. Oldham W.M.	445	...	...	Registrar
F. G. Buckle P.M.	442	...	...	Secretary
T. Emery J.W.	1764	...	...	Senior Deacon
W. Green W.M.	373	...	...	Junior Deacon
S. J. Harding W.M.	455	...	...	Supt. of Works
Geo. Ellard P.M.	360	...	...	D. of Ceremonies
J. T. Smith	442	...	...	Asst. D. of Cers.
A. Cockerill J.D.	360	...	...	Standard Bearer
G. C. Caster	442	..	...	Sword Bearer
Geo. Butcher Sec.	1764	...	...	Organist
F. L. Gooch	466	...	...	Pursuivant

It was stated that the Grand Lodge would next year be held at Kettering, under the banner of the Perseverance Lodge. A few minutes before three the brethren, carrying banners and wearing the insignia of the Order, left the Town Hall, and went to All Saints' Church for Divine Service. The Provincial Grand Master was, however, compelled to leave Northampton early in the day. The following is a list furnished of the brethren attending either the service or some other portion of the day's proceedings:—Bros. the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Rev. S. Wathen Wigg P.P.G.C. Norths and Hunts and Leicester and Rutland P.M. 1911 W.M. 1764, Butler Wilkins P.M. 360 D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts P.Z. 360 Prov. G.H. and Grand S.B., J. A. S. Bouverie P.P.J.W., E. J. Orford P.P.S.G.W., Henry Brown P.P.G.J.W., G. A. Eldred P.G.S., George Ellard Prov. G.D.C., John Wheeler P.G. Supt. Wks., Henry J. Eunson P.G.S., A. G. Evans P.P.G.P. P.G.S.B, W. Dixey P.P.G.S.D., William Ward P.P.S.B., J. G. Green P.G.J.D., R. Croft P.G.O., Thomas Emery P.G.S., John T. Smith P.G.A.D.C., Rev. Jas. Jenkins, Hen. Shepheard P.P.G.J.W., James C. Jones P.P.G.J.W., A. Bunting P.G.J.W., J. Marson P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, H. J. Atkins P.G.S.W., John J. Hart P.P.G.P., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders P.P.G.C., W. M. Cowley P.M. 445, John T. Green P.P.G.S.W., G. Osborn P.P.G.S.W., Rev. T. C. Beasley P.P.G.C., J. G Buckle P.G.S., G. Cotton P.P.S.D., W. H. Watson P.P.G.S.B., Henry Norton P.P.G.J.W. Norths and Hunts, J. U. Stanton P.G. Treasurer, L. C. Knight P.P.G.D., W. Warwick James P.P.G.D., Robert McClure P.G.S.B., John Slinn P.P.G.R., W. H. Smith P.P.G.R., Frederick J. Airs P.G.S.D., John Bingley P.P.G.J.D., W. H. Linnell P.G.J.D., Robert Griffin P.P.G.S.W., Horace Wright jun. P.P.S.D., Rev. W. A. Howes P.G.C., J. Terry P.P.G.S.W., George C. Caster P.G.S., W. Jackson W.M. 737, Elliott R. Adams and George T. Wooldinge 373, J. Wilson Kirby W.M. 442, Thomas Oldham W.M. 445, James W. Fisher 937, C. Matthews, W. Packwood and Horace Dainty 737, J. Wood Ingram D.C. 373, J. R. Shearsmith 360 and 1000, C. Roberts 466, Henry A. Robinson, P.P.G.S., Alfred Cockerill P.P.G.S., Charles Roberts 360, H. Myers 1180 Warwickshire, S. J. Harding W.M. 455, H. Bowles P.P.G.O., D. Bloodworth P.M. 468, G. Lewis 455, J. C. Royce and J. Woolston 466, M. A. Baine P.M. 360, E. Pierce S.D. 455, E. Roberts, J. Snow, and H. Martin 360, John C. Price W.M. 373, T. D. Hensman 360, Henry Thomas West 1764, Frederick W. Gooch 466, Thomas Wetherell 360, P. J. T. Henery, John Eunson, W. H. Bullock, and E. Montague Brown 1911, C. Heald 388, Stephen Gough 293, T. Cook, W. Robertson, C. Foote, J. E. Eustance, E. Harrison S.W., T. W. Harrison J.W. 442, Thomas Franks 360, George Leopold Michel P.G.S.D., R. Myers 373, E. Snedker 445, H. S. G. Preedy 455, H. Rose 607, A. Coulson 466, A. Jones, Harry Hodges, Beeby Thompson, Frederick Laycock 1764, C. F. Cox 1911, R. J. Johnston 1764, L. F. Cogan 1760, G. H. Perceval P.M. 1911, Rev. R. H. Cox 76, James Clayson 360, T. Cockerill, S. S. Campion, W. Goldney, T. Emery P.G.S.D., H. Manfield P.G.S., George Butcher Secretary, J. A. Jowett, and Joseph Gold 1764, Brook Sampson 1764 and 1911, P.P.G.C., G. Wilcox-Smith P.P.G.C., W. A. Smith 445, J. Haviland 1764, E. C. Ashford and J. Jeffery 360, T. P. Dorman P.P.G.S. Treasurer, H. W. Kennedy Markham 1911, J. C. Franklin 1764, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, &c.

The seats in the central aisle of the church were reserved for the Freemasons, and the general public—many of whom watched the procession as it passed along George-row from the Town Hall to All Saints'—occupied the side seats. Mr. Ebenezer Law was at the organ. Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. R. B. Hull; special psalms, the 122nd and the 145th, were used; the lesson was read by Bro. the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg. The anthem was taken from the 133rd Psalm, "O, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity." Two hymns were sung, "Lord, Thy Word abideth," and "Through the night of doubt and sorrow." Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders preached the sermon, from Ezekiel xliii. 10, "Thou, son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities, and let them measure the pattern." No summary would give a fair conception of the eloquent discourse delivered by our Rev. brother, and as it is to be published in a complete form we feel that there is no necessity to do more on the present occasion than to say the sermon ought to be universally perused by brethren, and even by the non-Masonic public. It is a masterly vindication of the principles of the Order, and a reverential recognition of its divine source. The offertory amounted to £20, and was divided between the Girls' Institution and the Peterborough Cathedral Restoration Fund. At the close of the service the members of the Order returned to the Town Hall.

At five o'clock a banquet took place at the Peacock Hotel, the D.P.G.M. Bro. Butler Wilkins presiding; he was supported by Officers of the Grand Lodge and others. Mrs. Forth provided a capital dinner. The toast of the Queen and the Craft having been duly honoured, the P.G.M. gave the Most Wor. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Bro. the Rev. J. S. Sanders gave the M.W. the Pro G.M. Lord Carnarvon, the D.G.M. Lord Lathom, and Officers of the Grand Lodge, observing that this was the first time for many years that they had had any one present who could respond personally for the Grand Lodge. The D.P.G.M., in reply, was very grateful for the honour which had been conferred not only upon him individually, but on the Province of Norths and Hunts. The Province owed this recognition to the reception given to the Grand Lodge by the St. Peter's Lodge, Peterborough, on the occasion of laying the corner-stone of the centre tower of Peterborough Cathedral. The first thing that struck him on taking his seat in Grand Lodge was the fraternal spirit which prevailed, all the Officers, whatever their relative position, were regarded on a footing of equality, and the brethren were reminded that all could aspire to the purple. Bro. Wilkins gracefully alluded to the honour done him that afternoon, and concluded an excellent speech by some capital remarks as to the admission of candidates. Bro. Buckle P.G.S. gave the health of the R.W. the P.G.M., his Grace the Duke of Manchester, a toast which was duly honoured; and then Bro. Timpson proposed the W. the D.P.G.M. and the Grand Officers of the Province present and past. This was replied to by Bro. W. Jackson P.G.S.W., who referred to the splendid hospitality extended that day, a day which the brethren would bear in their minds for many years to come. Bro. Atkins P.M. 1764 P.P.G.S.W., who showed that he is thoroughly versed in the subject, gave the Royal Masonic Charitable Institutions, remarking with pride the liberality of the Province; and Bro. Terry, whose name was coupled with the toast, said during the time he had been the representative in London the Province had had five cases for election, and with one exception the whole of the candidates were elected on the first application. He referred to the earnest spirit with which Bro. Atkins himself, the D.P.G.M., the P.G. Treasurer Bro. Stanton, and others had acted as Stewards for the Charities and urged their claims. Bro. Campion proposed the Visiting Brethren, for whom Bro. Tyndall, P.M. of St. Peter's Lodge, Market Harborough, responded. Bro. Kingston P.M. 360 proposed the W.M. and Brethren of the Entertaining Lodge, Eleanor Cross, No. 1764, and the other Lodges of the Province, and paid a tribute to the magnificence of the preparations made for the entertainment of the brethren, and the programme which had been so ably devised and carried out. He had an experience of 30 years of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and he had never seen a meeting carried out with so much *éclat* as on the present occasion. A great debt of gratitude was due to the brethren of the Eleanor Cross, whom he congratulated not only on the success of the present occasion, but on their work as a Lodge. Bro. the Rev. T. C. Beasley S.W. responded, and afterwards proposed the health of the W.M.'s of the Sister Lodges of the Province. Bro. T. M. Oldham W.M. of the Fidelity Lodge replied, and expressed the gratifying surprise with which he witnessed the attendance of brethren that day, and the general success of the admirable arrangements made by the Eleanor Cross Lodge. The sermon of the afternoon he also commended, as giving a correct idea

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of the principles of Masonry to the outer world. The remaining toasts were the Ladies—proposed by Bro. Bird, and acknowledged by Bro. Preece, both of the Chicheley Lodge—and that of the Tyler.

A conversazione took place in the evening at the Town Hall, which was open to the friends of the brethren, both ladies and gentlemen. Dispensations having been obtained for wearing the clothing of the several degrees, the brethren entitled to honour in that respect, together with the gay dresses of the ladies, presenting a very pretty *tout ensemble*. Bro. the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg, the W.M., announced the several items on the programme, and opened the proceedings with the following address of welcome to the company:—Worshipful brethren, brethren, ladies and gentlemen,—On behalf of the brethren of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England, I bid you welcome. The brethren are deeply sensible of the honour which his Grace the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master has done them in consenting this year to hold his Grand Lodge under the banner of the Eleanor Cross. We can claim neither the experience nor the antiquity of many Lodges in this Province; we cannot hope to rival them in anything but our zeal for Masonry and our desire to entertain our brethren with hearty good will. We have ventured, notwithstanding our youth and inexperience (for we are only seven years old—the seventh unworthy Master stands before you), in fear and trembling, but with all the audacity of early childhood, to throw open our doors to that part of the population which, certainly since the days of Solomon King of Israel, has been carefully excluded from our gatherings and denied admission to our Fraternity; I mean the ladies. But to-night not only have we invited ladies to be present, to see us arrayed in blue and crimson, in purple and gold, but we are prepared to let them into all our secrets (all, at least, which we think they may be trusted to keep). Before you leave this hall, fair ladies, to adopt the usual words of a professor of legerdemain, we shall inform you "exactly how it's done," and shall trust you to keep these secrets in the same faithful manner as you have kept those which we have already confided to you. Masonry has many great and valued privileges, but none we prize more than the interest our ancient and honourable Fraternity always excites in the breasts of the ladies and the confidence they repose in us. The brethren of the Eleanor Cross Lodge especially claim to be your devoted servants. There is not a single brother in the Lodge—if they are single when they join, we insist on their getting married immediately—and I can offer you no greater proof of our devotion and attachment. Further than that we have placed upon our banner, and bear upon our breasts, the memorial of that noble and gracious lady, Queen Eleanor, as an example of self-devotion and a tribute to her heroic courage. We venture to hope that the simple entertainment which we have provided this evening will be agreeable to you, and, if it is, I am sure the brethren whose speeches we have so mercilessly curtailed at the banquet will forgive us, for

> "No mortal can more the ladies adore
> Than a free and an accepted Mason."

A concert then followed, which afforded considerable pleasure. The card, containing a list of the songs, duets, &c., was tastefully got up, and was studded with appropriate Shakesperian mottoes, selected by Bro. H. Brown. The programme was as follows:—Grand March (on the great organ), Bro. Brooke Sampson; duet, "When the wind blows in from the sea," Bro. and Mrs. Myers; song, "The message," Bro. W. Hart; song "The Mariner," Bro. Myers; song, "O haste, ye birds," Mrs. Myers; song, "The harbour bar," Miss Florence Wilkins; duet, I've wandered in dreams," Bro. and Mrs. Myers; song, "Down deep within the cellar cool," Bro. S. Gough; song, "Bid me discourse," Mrs. Myers; recitation, "At the ringing of the curfew," Miss Hope Wilkins; song, "I fear no foe," Bro. Myers. Bro. T. P. Dorman then gave an exhibition of fine dissolving views, many of them of a local character, with a powerful oxy-hydrogen lantern. The last view was a portrait of the Prince of Wales, and the company sang "God bless the Prince of Wales." The concert, like everything else that had preceded it, was a success, and without wishing to be invidious, we may mention the reading of Miss Hope Wilkins as being specially worthy of commendation. Praise, too, is due to Bro. Myers, of Birmingham, and to his talented wife, both of whom contributed very much to the pleasure of the evening. Bro. Dorman accompanied his views with some happy illustrative remarks, which would have borne amplification, but his modesty and his desire to set his audience free for the dancing that followed constrained him. He nevertheless proved his capacity to amuse, as was shown by the applause he received. Soon after ten o'clock the room was cleared, and the lovers of Terpsichore enjoyed themselves until the early hours of the following morning.

To show how thoroughly the Eleanor Cross Lodge had entered into their duties as hosts and entertainers, it should be mentioned that the managing committee made arrangements with the Committee of the Northampton Fine Art Exhibition to throw open the corridors and gallery, containing their loan collection of pictures, during the evening. This exhibition is well arranged, and contains some fine works of art, among them being several productions of Mr. Harris Brown, son of Bro. Henry Brown. This rising artist is only twenty years of age, and has already distinguished himself. His exhibits include two sets of water colours, one of Barry Sullivan's characters, and the other of the company that accompanied him on two visits to Northampton. There is another work of his, entitled "Eighty Summers;" a painting of Mrs. Holdings; also the head of a local Irishman, with the title "Luck to Ould Ireland." We should say that Mr. Harris Brown has a bright career before him. At any rate, he is honoured in his own town, and has the satisfaction of knowing that his abilities have received a wider, and we may truthfully add, a well-earned recognition. We cannot take leave of our Northampton brethren without expressing our obligations to our confrère the *Northampton Mercury*, to whom we are indebted for information, and to whom we here make our grateful acknowledgments.

THE THEATRES.

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Drury Lane.—Bro. Augustus Harris, ever victorious, challenges envious fate with a Summer season, trusting that the cool corridors and lofty domes of the National Theatre may be able to compete with Strauss and the "ten thousand additional lamps" of culture at Kensington. "The True Story," told by Mr. Galer, will owe little of any success it may achieve to its author. Mr. Harris, however, has done everything in his power to make this venture worthy his other triumphs. The scenery is fine, especially the view of Mont Valerian, with the desperate sortie of the French garrison. Nothing so realistic in the way of stage battles—the thunder of cannon and the flash and flame of flying shells—has ever been achieved on the stage. A most beautiful winter scene is that of the German trenches, with the snow falling in the winter night, whilst dead and dying, tended by sisters of charity, strew the ground. Then there are some clever reproductions of our own slums, with costermongers, roughs and females of the specie, as true to nature as if just caught in Clare Market. Whether such realization serves any art end might be questioned. The great Crummles prophetically beheld the coming glories of the new school when he introduced the real pump and washing tub upon the stage. The story of the play, which is in four acts and a sequel, is rather complicated. In the course of its ramifications several of the wicked or embarrassing personages who are supposed to have died re-appear, as their own children, or have washed their faces, taken the pledge and devoted themselves to a realization of the domestic virtues. In the first act a wicked nobleman Lord Cholmondeley (Mr. Marshall) has two sons, the virtuous heir (Reginald), and the villain (Frederick), a younger brother. Both love the same lady, Edith Vere. She has just accepted the elder son, when his father tells him he is illegitimate. Then the wicked brother offers his hand, which she rejects in defiance of her mamma's commands, and elects to embark in the wide world with her disinherited lover. Ere she goes, however, there is a sudden commotion, and in rushes a distraught Polly Smithers, in humble attire, to sink at the feet of the wicked brother and claim him as her husband. The second act takes us to a wretched garret in a slum, where the deserted wife Polly (Miss Amy McNeill) is living with her drunken father, Jack Smithers (Mr. Harry Jackson), and her costermonger brother Sam (Mr. Harry Nichols). Now appears her husband to demand her marriage certificate, evidently under the impression that a two-and-sixpenny copy constitutes the validity of the marriage. This denotes singular simple-mindedness on the part of a stage villain. A desperate scuffle for "the scrap of paper" ensues; but at the last moment the scoundrel's design is baulked by the arrival of the costermonger, who strips to his striped jersey and gives villainy a dose, straight from the shoulder. Next we are taken to Paris; the disinherited Reginald has enlisted in the French army, and leads the sortie at Mont Valerian, to fall into the hands of the Prussians. The father, the lawyer, and Jack Smithers, are also in Paris; the latter has stolen his daughter's child, just to oblige the wicked husband, and is living upon the blackmail he is thus able to extort. He gets some two hundred pounds from the lawyer, with a full accompaniment of cognac, and in due course falls asleep; now the lawyer re-appropriates the money. At this stage Mr. Harry Jackson had his opportunity; his drunken bewilderment gradually disappears as the certainty of the robbery forces itself on his conviction. The brutal sot rises to almost tragic intensity as he swears vengeance against his confederate. Every one gets back to England, except the wicked younger son, who is incontinently shot, at the request of his injured sister-in-law's landlady. This sister-in-law is discovered in the next Act starving, with her child, outside a workhouse, and is persuaded by the converted costermonger, old Smithers' son, to seek its shelter. Then we have a very realistic picture of a workhouse infirmary. Poor Edith is dying. Here is the doctor, the nurse, the texts on the walls, and an agonized death scene, very well done, and without exaggeration, by Miss Brough. Here young Smithers and his sister, the deserted wife of young Cholmondeley, appear to console the dying woman; they promise to adopt her child. In Act V., or the epilogue, this child has grown into a girl of eighteen. Young Smithers is living in a pretty cottage, and whilst he nails up the roses over the porch his adopted daughter sketches the landscape—his sister looks prettier than ever, though her hair is touched with grey; that sister's unknown son, the future Lord Cholmondeley, the inheritor of all his mother's virtues, is making himself agreeable to his cousin incognita. Mr. Day, once the late Frederick, now personates the virtuous son Walter. Miss Brough, who died in the workhouse, re-appears as the blonde Miss, her orphan child, and from this point the intelligent playgoer will perceive how the curtain will shortly descend on wrongs righted and virtue rewarded. The mysterious certificates turn up at the proper moment, and a faithful retainer, weak in the knees, as all faithful retainers are found to be, produces the evidence of the legal union of Reginald's mother with Lord Cholmondeley, and every body is married who ought to be, and to the proper person. This happy result brings down the curtain. Messrs. Harry Jackson and Harry Nichols both work with a will to win their honours; Mr. Herbert, as Reginald, is manly and unaffected; while Mr. Day, as Frederick, deserves much praise for his clever variations on the masher miscreant motif. Miss F. Brough rose well to the pathos of her part in the difficult dying scene. Miss Amy McNeill, of whom London will assuredly see more, as she must certainly ere long take a high place among emotional heroines, is greatly to be commended. Her absence of self consciousness and wholesome girlishness is delightful; while especially pretty is her bright and tender little scene at the baked potato banquet with brother Sam. Of the stage management, alike as regards the London crowds and French and German soldiery, we cannot speak too highly.

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Opera Comique.—The London playgoer demands that Thalia shall wear the cap and bells, or is still better content if she borrow Grimaldi's bismuth and red lead, and stand upon her head to emphasize her humours. This being so, the more a comedy is less a comedy and more a farce, so shall author, manager and public find reason for satisfaction. The Duke of Swindleton, produced at an Opera Comique matinée last Thursday, the 11th inst., fairly fulfils this condition. The plot is as preposterous as can be desired, the characters are no less ridiculous. There is a country mayor, fond of high society and words in four syllables, of the Mrs. Malaprop style; there is a lodging house widow to match; there is the Duke, actually an escaped convict, who makes love to the respective daughters of these "confusers of epitaphs," as he imagines the one or the other the better match; there is his friend, a London burglar, who dissembles as a footman; an Irish maid servant, the one instance of genuine human nature in the piece; the two daughters, about whom nobody cares a jot, though they are adored by their respective lovers, represented by Mr. S. Buist and Mr. S. Herbert; essentially brothers in misfortune, for the feebleness of their actions and the force of their language brought universal condemnation in ironical laughter whenever they opened their mouths. The Mayor's part, which we imagine Mr. David James intends to adorn at some future time, was carefully played by Mr. Ben Greet, who succeeded in giving an air of sincerity and unconsciousness to the lines allotted him. Mr. Lestocq was really excellent as the London rough, and avoided the exaggeration which, at times, we so much regret to see. Miss Cicely Richards was delightful as the Irish servant, and Mr. Smily made his Swindleton Duke have an air of possibility. The actors engaged had evidently worked with a will, and for the time disguised the weakness of the material supplied them. The theatre was crammed, and at the close of the performance there were loud calls for the author; in response, however, it was announced he was not in the house. A friend of ours suggested he had fled from the wrath of the two much injured "young premiers" who had been mocked and derided for his sins. The play, if it is to take a place in the evening bills, must be rewritten in many of the scenes, the twaddle must be eliminated, and the young people rescued from deserved contempt.

The Grand.—Miss Lizzie Coote made her appearance here on Monday last in "Cherry and Fairstar," a musical extravaganza, written expressly for her by the late Mr. Frank Green. Though there is little that is really funny in the dialogue, the principal items of the programme give ample scope for the display of pretty dresses, while the action is sustained by merry jigs, breakdowns, and excerpts from the music halls. The story is not deep in its ramifications. Conrad, the corsair, an extravagant pirate, has carried off the children of King Mopus, and. has been wrecked on an island, where he is compelled to marry a witch, who dominates the isle. Oppressed with a weighty secret as to the paternity of the children, he manages to escape from the island by aid of a sprite, and, accompanied by his young charges, repairs to sea. Followed by the vengeance of the witch, he is again wrecked, and cast upon the shore of King Mopus's kingdom, where, after various vicissitudes, he is enabled to restore to the king his royal progeny, thus defeating the evil machinations of the monarch's brother, who hopes to place his own son on the throne. Mr. E. W. Royce, as the pirate, manages to sustain the thread of interest when it is inclined to flag; while Miss Coote as Cherry, and Miss Fanny Robina as the sprite Papillo, were most indefatigable, both with their songs and dances. Mr. Storey appeared as the King's brother, and Mr. Harry Parker gave force to the witch Hagrimosa. Mr. Fred Walton was good as King Mopus, as also was the Misses Ida Rochester and Frances Weston, as Bright Face and Sunshine respectivela. The extravaganza was preceded by Halliday's "Checkmate," a comedy in two acts. Miss Coote, as Martha Bunn, somewhat overacted her part, while Mr. E. W. Royce gave an amusing impersonation of Sam Winkle. Mr T. F. Nye was the Sir Everton Toffee, and Miss Clitherow Charlotte Russe. Next week "Boccaccio," with a company from the Comedy Theatre, will be the attraction.

St. George's Hall.—Many and painful are the experiences of the devoted stalker of the "matinée;" despondingly he goeth forth, and oftimes sadly and sourly he returneth. Empty benches, or the too well known faces of extra ladies and gentlemen surround him in front; while the voice of the prompter runs an obligato to the Juliet or Julia of the occasion. At St. George's Hall, at Miss Cowen's afternoon, on Friday the 12th, a pleasant surprise awaited the jaded critikeer. Every seat was occupied; the yellow hair and the smooth chin vowed to art was not present, but, instead, row upon row of pretty Oxford and Cambridge girl "juniors" and "seniors," all evidently determined to enjoy the delightful dissipation of a "real performance." Here and there, balancing the harmless necessary chaperon, appeared the countenance of some well known Lord High Executioner (dramatique). But such an one, looking round at those sympathetic and happy faces, felt his cherished capticusness desert him. Though Miss Cowen's dramatic talent may be problematic, she has the grace of excellent elocution, distinct and just emphasis, and if she will modestly forego pretension to "juvenile lead" she may do excellent work yet. Mr. Eric Lewis gave a very pleasant and sprightly support in the bright little duologue, "A Lyrical Lover," to Miss Cowen's "heiress." His subsequent musical sketch, describing the Camden Townley's private theatricals, was one of the brightest things of the kind we have heard for some time, and Brandon Thomas greatly delighted his audience with "Ferdinando and Elvira." Miss Cowen played Jane Dudley in the dramatic fragment by Mr. Bell with excellent intention, and managed her rhymed lines with discretion, but her acting is marred by angularity and too much facial action. As a reciter Miss Cowen has assured success, but on the stage she will perhaps find herself handicapped heavily by the lack of qualities which neither industry nor intelligence can give, nor even compensate for.

Obituary.

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BRO. JOHN LIVINGSTON, M.D., P.M. 1385.

A brother with whom we have been intimately associated since our admission to Freemasonry has just passed to his rest, in the person of Bro. John Livingston, P.M. of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385. He it was who took charge of us as Deacon during our admission to the several degrees, and many are the meetings we have attended with him. Our deceased brother, at the time of his death, which took place on the 10th instant, was in active practice as a medical man, and had for many years past carried on his profession over a very wide area, which entailed an amount of travelling and bodily fatigue which doubtless has had some effect in leading to his comparatively early decease. Brother Livingston, conscious of unusual fatigue on the Friday previous to his death, remained in bed the greater part of the day, but towards evening, in response to what he believed to be an urgent call, rose and went out on a professional visit, almost immediately returning, however, to seek his bed again. Symptoms of apoplexy soon became apparent, and on Sunday, after consultation with a physician—called in by his assistant who had so far attended him—it was decided the patient was suffering from congestion of the brain. The attack was very severe, and the worst symptoms rapidly developed, terminating with our brother's decease at half-past five on Wednesday morning, at the early age of forty-five. Bro. Livingston leaves a widow and four children to mourn his death, and to them we desire to offer our sincere sympathy, feeling assured that in doing so we are but echoing the sentiments of all who were intimate with the deceased. Bro. Dr. Livingston was for many years the surgeon of both the Odd Fellows and the local Court of the Foresters, as also of the Police stationed at Barnet, while as honorary surgeon to the Barnet Volunteers he was invariably found on the occasions of church parade, besides taking a part in most of the public prize meetings and social gatherings of the corps, especially the annual one at Aldershot. The funeral took place on Monday, at the Colney Hatch Cemetery, and was attended by a very large concourse of personal friends of the deceased, prominent among them being the members of the Gladsmuir Lodge and other members of the Masonic Order.

The late Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins has left one hundred guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in the name of Lodge 43, Birmingham, of which he was a P.M.; and fifty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in the name of the St. Aubin's, Lodge, No. 958, Jersey, of which he was a founder and P.M. His other gifts were paid before he died, save the large one to the Royal College of Preceptors.

The annual Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the Province of Hampshire is to be held at Southampton, on Thursday, the 25th instant. The business includes the election of a brother to be recommended to the M.W. Grand Mark Master for appointment to the office of Provincial Grand Mark Master, in succession to the Rev. Canon Portal.

The following dinners have taken place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 20th June:—

Monday—Asaph Chapter. Tuesday—United Law Clerks' Society, Industry Chapter. Friday—The Buffs, 12th Suffolk Regiment, 98th Regiment.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Glad Tidings.—Some constitutions have a tendency to rheumatism, and are, throughout the year, borne down by its protracted tortures. Let such sufferers bathe the affected parts with warm brine, and afterward rub in this soothing Ointment. They will find it the best means of lessening their agony, and, assisted by Holloway's Pills, the surest way of overcoming their disease. More need not be said than to request a few days' trial of this safe and soothing treatment, by which the disease will ultimately be completely swept away. Pains that would make a giant shudder are assuaged without difficulty by Holloway's easy and inexpensive remedies, which comfort by moderating the throbbing vessels and calming the excited nerves.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 20th JUNE.

Stewards' Visit and Distribution of Prizes, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green
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, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
M.M. 261—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1104—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

MONDAY, 22nd 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1446—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, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, at 5 p.m.
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 23rd JUNE.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
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)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (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.)
1449—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, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
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)
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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1999—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford

WEDNESDAY, 24th JUNE.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
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)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (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)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 616 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)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
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. 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, Aberbury Lane
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, 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
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
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, 25th JUNE.

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.
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)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
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)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (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.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden 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)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
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
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonechough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
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784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germau's, Cornwall.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester

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1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1826—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. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 26th 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)
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, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (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. 749—Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden-square, W.
R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 223—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex
K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel Eastbourne
R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 27th JUNE.

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
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sussex Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, St. Mark's School, St. Andrew's Road, Surbiton, at 2.15 p.m.
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greitheenh
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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PALATINE LODGE, No. 97, SUNDERLAND.

THERE was a large muster of brethren of the town and neighbouring districts on the 23rd ult., to witness the initiation of Mr. Ardasir Cowasji Nusservanji Homji, 23 years of age, engineer, a Parsee, from Bombay, at a Lodge of emergency, Mr. Homji being about to leave England. The Lodge was duly opened by the W.M. Bro. J. R. Pattison, who was supported by Bros. Taylorson Sharp as I.P.M., Robert Singleton S.W., Thos. Atkinson acting J.W., Thomas Millican Watson P.M. Treasurer, G. C. Watson P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Secretary, Christopher M. Wake S.D., John Geo. Nasbet J.D., John J. Clay P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. P.G. Deputy D. of C. Director of Ceremonies, E. G. Watson Organist, James R. Nicholson and Thomas Campbell Stewards, H. Campbell, J. Brown Tyler. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. T. Dinning W.M. St. Peter's, Newcastle; C. Cobham P.P.G.S. of W., A. T. Munro P.P.G.S.B., J. G. Kirtley W.M. 949, William Liddell P.P.G.D., M. Douglass P.P.G.D., &c. The candidate having been duly elected, was introduced, and initiated in accordance with the mode applicable to candidates of the Parsee faith, being obligated upon the Zend Avesta by the W.M., Bro. J. R. Pattison. After the ceremony, the Lodge was closed, and the newly-initiated brother was cordially greeted by the brethren. At the previous regular meeting of the Lodge, the W.M. was honoured with the presence of the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. R. Hudson, P.G. Secretary, complimented the W.M. and Officers on the manner in which the work of the Lodge was performed.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1 611.

THE regular monthly meeting of this Lodge t took place on the 8th instant, at the Eboracum Masonic Hal l, St. Saviourgate, York. There was a large muster of the brethren , and the appearance of the Hall was improved by the addition of new seats in the dais of massive mahogany, upholstered in crimson plush. The Lodge was opened by the I.P.M., Brother J. Bleukin, who apologised for the absence of Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., he W.M., who was compelled to attend to his parliamentary duties in London. After the confirmation of the minutes, successful ballots were taken for Bros. J. W. Woodall Grand Treasurer of Engl and as an honorary member R. Wigglesworth 1991 as a joining member, and for a candidate. The chair was then taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. who proceeded to initiate a son of the I.P.M., wh o received the charge from Brother W. Brown, the J.W. The I.P.M having resumed the chair, then raised Bro. Dodson to the degree of a Master Mason. Subsequently several presentations were made, including two framed pictures from Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M., sev eral books from Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., and other volumes fr om Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D., and Bro. Ware. It was also resolved that the reading and smoke rooms should be open for the use of me mbers on every Friday evening from 8 to 11. Votes of thanks wer e passed to the donors, and also to the Agricola Lodge for their fraternal courtesy in offering the use of their room during the removal of the Eboracum Lodge from the Queen's H otel to its new premises. After the Lodge was closed the t ables in the refreshment room were filled, and a most harmonious evening was spent. The candidate's health was proposed, and it w as mentioned as a curious coincidence that Bro. J. Bleukin P.M. was the first candidate initiated in the Eboracum Lodge after it s foundation, and that his son was the first candidate initiated in th e new hall. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Bleukin I.P.M., Whytehead P.M., Cumberland P.M., Balmford P.M., Selle r P.M., Millington P.M. Simpson P.M., Polkinghorne W.M. 1991, Major Baldrey W.M. 5th Dragoon Guards Lodge, Major McGachen P.M., Brown J.W., Chapman S.D., Dalton J.D., Kay Sec., Lacken by I.G., Stephenson Stwd., Abbey, Foster, Wilkinson, Irving, Th ackray, Chapman, Horner, Ware, Thorpe, Storey, Dyson, Nance, Pe rson, Lamb, Kersopp 1991, Harding 1991, White 1991, Sample 236, a nd others.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.

—A meeting was held on Thursday, 11th inst., at the White Horse, Liverpool-road. Present—Bros. Payne W.M., Ashton S.W., James J.W., Osborn Treasurer, Hughes Secreta ry, Von Holtorp S.D., Turner J.D., Weeden Preceptor, Ware I.G., and several other brethren. After preliminaries the ceremony of in itiation was rehearsed, Bro. Southwell acting as candidate. Bros. S outhwell and Keogh answered the questions leading to the second degree. Brothers Southwell and Keogh having retired, the Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Brother Osborn acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed and the meetings adjourned until Thursday, 3rd September.

Kingsland Lodge of Instru ction, No. 1693.—At the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday. Present—Bros. Cooper W.M., Marks S.W., Weare J.W., Parks S.D., Collingridge J.D., Kirk I.G., Western Acting Preceptor, and se veral others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of init iation was then rehearsed, Bro. Turner acting as candidate. Bro. Ke ogh, Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, answered the questions le ading to the second degree, and was elected a member. Lodge was c losed in due form and adjourned till Monday next, when Bro. Forge P. M. 1950, S.W. 1693 will rehearse the ceremony of installation at 8·30 sharp. Bro. Western W.M. 1693 will rehearse the ceremony of insta llation on 29th inst. The usual harmonious gatherings are continu ed at this Lodge of Instruction after closing of Lodge, and are much enjoyed by members.

The annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex will b e held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Monday next, the 22nd inst., at five o'clock p.m. precisely. The usual business of the year will be transacted, and a ban quet will follow, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets for the latter, exclus ive of wine, are 7s 6d each. We hope to give a report of th e proceedings in our next.

A Convocation of the No rth London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, on Thursday, 18th inst. Comps. Knight M.E.Z., Strugnell H., Radcliffe J., Sheffield S.E., Edmonds S.N., Gregory P.S. It is gratifying to record the zeal displayed by the Companions attached to this Chapter of Improvement; the ceremonies on this occasion were especially well sustained.

Bro. James Terry Past Pro v. S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, Secretary Royal Masonic Ben evolent Institution, &c., will rehearse the consecration and installation ceremonies on Monday, the 29th inst., at the Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7 o'clock sharp. Brethren to appear in full Masonic Craft clothing. The Hotel is five minutes walk from Victoria Park Station.

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FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE third of the Masonic Charity Festivals of 1885 has been celebrated, and the total contributions of the Craft for the year show a result which reflects the greatest credit on the Order, and those who are enrolled under its banner. The three Festivals which have been held during the last six months have produced a total of £45,000, which sum represents the free offerings of the Craftsmen of England, on behalf of the three Institutions founded for the relief of the aged and the young of both sexes who, through calamity or misfortune, are compelled to seek assistance from their brother Masons, or from the brothers of their deceased parents. It is not our present intention, however, to devote any lengthened remarks to the whole of this year's Masonic Charity work, that we reserve for a more convenient occasion; we have more particularly to speak of the result of this week's Festival, held on Wednesday, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, under the presidency of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Derbyshire, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Speaking generally, the Festival was a grand success; but the result—in the form of the total contributions announced—was somewhat disappointing, although in many quarters it was expected that a falling-off would be shown in this year's returns, as compared with those of the last. We have had occasion in recent issues to refer to the causes which it was expected would affect the total of the Boys' School, and it is almost universally admitted that the success of the other two Institutions is the main, if not the sole cause of the falling-off experienced this week:—in other words, that there is "a limit to the means, if not the will, of the Masons of England," in regard to the amounts they subscribe for the Masonic Charities.

It must, as a matter of course, happen that one of the Institutions is each year lowest as regards total subscriptions—this year the turn has fallen to the Boys, next year it may be the Girls or the Benevolent; we do not know of the existence of any preference in the minds of Craftsmen generally which should accord to one of the Institutions either a run of undue prosperity or the reverse. Certain it is that no real prejudice exists in the minds of English Freemasons; while it is also certain that the Boys' School has lost none of that prestige which has played so important a part in raising it to its present high position. The lull of this year in the enthusiasm which has been shown on behalf of the Boys' School is, we trust, but the calm which precedes the storm; the storm which, if it does not come next year, will at least prove to us ere long that the sympathy of the Craft is still strong on behalf of the lads who look to English Freemasons for assistance in their hour of need.

The total of this year's contributions was announced at the Festival as £11,746 10s, as compared with £14,060 subscribed last year, a falling off of some £2,300 odd, which can ill be spared at the present time, when a large addition to the accommodation of the School is all but completed and, as a consequence, an increased amount is needed to render the resources of the Institution available to their fullest extent. We are afraid that under the circumstances it will not be possible for the Preparatory School to be opened as early as was anticipated, so that the falling off will almost immediately make itself felt throughout the country, thus leading to the hope that it will be more than counterbalanced at the corresponding Festival of 1886.

This year's Board of Stewards comprised the names of 275 brethren, of whom 87 represented London Lodges, 30 were unattached, 156 acted on behalf of Provincial Lodges, one represented the Royal Order of Scotland, and one the Foreign Stations. Small as these numbers are in comparison with what we have been accustomed to in the past; the number of small lists among them is even more conspicuous, but small as many of the individual totals undoubtedly are, they are not to be despised. Certain it is each Steward has done his best, and all we can ask them to do is to serve again,—and do better. We would, however, respectfully point out to those Stewards whose lists consist of their own donations only that it ought to be comparatively easy to secure at least a similar donation to their own with which to swell their totals. If this had been accomplished in each case where a Steward's own donation stands alone on the record this year's result would have been a different one. We heartily approve the principle which induces a brother who decides to qualify as a Life Governor also undertaking the duties of a Stewardship, but hope it will never come to be recognised that those duties cease as soon as a personal donation is entered on the list. Let every Freemason qualify as Life Governor, or otherwise, of each of the Masonic Institutions, and let as many of them as choose give their names as Stewards for the Anniversary Festivals, but in doing so let it be remembered there are responsibilities attached to a Stewardship which have been recognised by the Institutions, each of which gives votes in return for "services rendered," for it must be distinctly understood that the Stewardship votes are in no way associated with the Stewardship fee, which is in every way distinct from the Institution itself, being appropriated solely to the actual expenses of the Annual Festival.

There are, however, a large number of lists which give evidence of wide and persistent efforts, and we may briefly refer to the highest of these. Among the London Lists there are thirteen of three figure totals; Mrs. Cama (1642) £220 10s, Wm. Roebuck (Committee Dinner Club) £210, James Willing jun. (1987) £169 17s, W. A. Scurrah (167) £157 10s, G. A. Barclay (1608) £136 10s, Robert Pierpoint (177) £133 1s, W. Burdett-Coutts (2030) £126 5s, Adolphus Steng (141) £110 10s, W. Williams (1791) £110 5s, C. H. Phillips (1986) £106 11s, James Chapman (194) £105, Horace B. Marshall, C.C., £105, Millner Jutsum (95) £101 17s. The Provinces show 16 three figure lists; among them Geo. Rice Bolton (1314, Kent) £432 12s, A G Prince and W. H. Bailey (Province of Staffordshire) £388 2s, J. E. Curteis (Devonshire) £257 10s, Percy Wallis (850, Derbyshire) £250, D. C. Jones (Province of South Wales, East) £200, Joseph Pym (787, Derbyshire) £170, T. Young Strachan (Province of Northumberland) £162 15s, H. W. H. Elwes (1452, Suffolk) £143 17s, W. J. Nosworthy (Province of Somersetshire) £136 10s, Fitzherbert Wright and J. Allen (1324, Derbyshire) £182 2s, J. MacLeod (1661, Nottinghamshire) £120, John H. Lawson (1235, Derbyshire) £119 5s. The Steward of the Royal Order of Scotland also figures for a three-figure total, in a round £100. We give elsewhere a full list of the Stewards, and the amounts collected by each, while

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below will be found an account of the proceedings at the Festival itself.

The Festival at the Crystal Palace, was attended by a large and distinguished company of ladies and brethren. The banquet was one of the best ever provided in connection with the Boys' Festivals, which, considering the season of the year at which they are held possess advantages entirely their own, as compared with the anniversaries of the other Institutions. The banquet was not only well supplied, but was also efficiently served, a most important feature in connection with the most elaborate menu, and we heartily add our congratulations to the many accorded to Bros. Bertram and Roberts on the success which attended their efforts.

At the conclusion of the banquet grace was sung by the musical quartette—Miss Margaret Hoare, Madame Raymond, Bro. Arthur Thompson and Bro. Franklin Clive—and then the Chairman proceeded with the toasts. The first, Her Majesty the Queen, was one, he was sure, would be received in the way which, according to his experience, it always was received amongst Freemasons. There might be other nations in which Freemasonry was under some suspicion, or where its secrecy was liable to some misapprehension, but it was not the case in England. He ventured to say the Queen had no more loyal subjects than the Freemasons of this country. He felt all were tolerably well satisfied with the monarchial institution under which they lived. It was only on such occasions as the crisis just passed through that they could fully realise how much they owed to the personal influence of the Sovereign, and he had no doubt that when the history of the recent transactions came to be laid fully before them, they, with the whole country, would have reason to be satisfied, as they had been before, with the great constitutional knowledge and judgment displayed by her Majesty. The toast, having met a hearty response, was followed by the National Anthem.

The Chairman next proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M., the President of the Institution whose Festival they were that day celebrating. For many reasons it was not necessary he should waste time in stating why the toast should be heartily received. They should drink it as loyal citizens, and not only should they honour it as the health of one who would one day sit on the throne of this country, but also as the head of the Order—one who had at all times taken a great interest in all that related to Freemasonry. He was sure there were many present who could say much more on this subject than he; who could tell them how much the Charity whose Festival they were that day celebrating, and the other Masonic Charities, owed to the exertions of the Prince of Wales, ably assisted as he had been by other members of the Royal Family. His Royal Highness had recently shown his interest in the Craft by personally initiating his eldest son into Freemasonry.

Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke next proposed the health of the Chairman. He was privileged in submitting a toast which he was confident would be received by every person in the room with the greatest enthusiasm. He was quite sure his brother Masons would agree with him, and that the ladies would believe him, when he said it was a very great advantage, and certainly a very great pleasure, that among the earnest and good men enrolled among us were a very large number of noblemen and gentlemen of the highest stations in the country. These noblemen and gentlemen occupied themselves in furthering the interests and welfare of their Sovereign and their country, and still found time to act as true and earnest Masons, coming among the brethren to advance the interests of the Order, and the Institutions associated with it. In fact, he might describe them as true specimens of the English working man. Of this truism the noble Chairman of the day was an excellent example; he belonged to one of those exalted houses which had provided old and tried statesmen in the past, who had contributed to the great success of the country, and was himself a statesman who had for many years given his services for the benefit of his country and his Queen. Yet among his multifarious duties he had found time to be Grand Master of the Province of Derbyshire for upwards of a quarter of a century, and had presided over that Province with the greatest skill and ability. The Marquis of Hartington had that day been good enough to come among them to preside over the Festival of the Boys' School, and Bro. Clerke felt he might, on behalf of the Institution, offer him the heartiest thanks of all associated with it. He was sure Lord Hartington's presence that night would be productive of much good to the Institution, and trusted that at future Festivals they might always have such a distinguished nobleman to preside over the meeting.

The Marquis of Hartington replying said, he need scarcely say he felt much indebted to Bro. Shadwell Clerke for the way in which he had proposed the toast, and to the brethren for the way in which they had received it. He admitted he felt he could hardly take credit for what had been said about the way in which he had discharged his Masonic duties. It was true he had had the honour of being Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire for more than a quarter of a century, and if the affairs of that Province were—as he honestly hoped and trusted they were—in a satisfactory state, the credit was entirely due to the distinguished brethren who had successively occupied the position of Deputy Provincial G. Master, and who had relieved him entirely, or almost entirely, of the duties which ought more properly to have devolved on him. He had, as had been said by Bro. Clerke, made excuses, some of them good excuses, for his neglect of his Masonic duties. He blamed himself that he had so long resisted the frequent applications which had so kindly been made to him to take the chair on such an interesting occasion as the present, and it seemed that in overcoming his diffidence in this respect with regard to the present Festival, he had shown something approaching to the gift of prophesy. He had always excused himself on the plea that his official engagements in Parliament were very severe, and that his time was so constantly occupied that it was impossible for him to undertake other than absolutely necessary duties. For reasons which he felt he need not then trouble them with, he had, some months before, acceded to the request of the distinguished and most energetic Secretary of their Institution, Bro. Binckes, that he would take the chair; trusting that Providence would, in some way or other, enable him to fulfil the responsibilities which he thus undertook. Providence had helped him, and he was enabled to carry out his promise at the commencement of what he hoped would be to him a substantial and satisfactory holiday. He had to apologise for having kept them waiting that day. He was late only because he had just returned from Windsor after performing his final duties in connection with the formal resignation of his political post. He proposed to depart somewhat from the order in which the toasts had been arranged, and to take the opportunity of at once bringing to their notice the most important one of the day. Not having attended, as he had explained, on any similar occasion in the past, he did not know what had been said in proposing this toast, or what sort of speech it was customary to make. He could but feel that those who had attended on many of these occasions, must have found a very considerable similarity in the topics brought before them, while he was afraid that anything he might be able to say would be even more well worn than what they were accustomed to hear. He could not omit the consideration that they were in the midst of a very extraordinary and sudden change in our somewhat variable country, or that the temperature of the room in which they were seated, and likely to be seated for some time, was somewhat high, while the grounds outside the beautiful Palace appeared to be more inviting than listening to speeches, whether new or stale; he did not, therefore, propose to detain them very long with observations on what was really the toast of the evening. There were difficulties in the way of his dilating at any length upon purely Masonic subjects. All the world knew they possessed recondite and innumerable secrets, but the presence of the numerous ladies whom he was pleased to see around him prevented his entering into a discussion of any of them as to which they would be so glad to obtain information. He could therefore only speak upon those topics connected with the Craft which were known to the world at large. He had already said, in proposing the first toast, there were countries in which Freemasonry, on account of the secresy of its proceedings, laboured under some suspicion, and was connected in the minds of the governments and ruling powers of those countries with the proceedings of other secret societies, but enough was known of English Freemasons to satisfy everybody that their secrets were in no degree antagonistic to any of the fundamental principles on which society rested, or that they were antagonistic to any of the principles either of morality or of religion. It was known to all the world that some of the first principles of the Craft were contained in the words "Brotherhood" and "Benevolence," and it was in furtherance of and in endeavouring to carry into execution those principles they were met that evening. There may have been times—now long past, when society and the world was not so large, and when Freemasonry was not so large—when it was not necessary that the charity they inculcated should be organised as it was necessary it should be organised now. In those times it might have been possible for Brother to appeal to Brother, or, at all events, for one in distress to obtain the assistance and sympathy he needed from his own Lodge; but everything was so large now, and their own body was so large, that some organisation of the benevolence and the charity which is an essential principle of the Order was absolutely required. They all knew that indiscriminate charity and indiscriminate benevolence practised by individuals was likely to do more harm than good, and he could but feel that but for the organisation which had been introduced into the Masonic Charities, Masonic benevolence might have tended to have had the same effect. Therefore he felt they owed a deep debt of gratitude to those brethren who in times gone by, and still more so at the present, devoted themselves to the work of organising Masonic charity. As a consequence of their exertions they had three splendid Masonic Institutions, of which that whose Festival they were then celebrating was, if not the leading one, at all events in the very first rank. He would not detain them with any history of the Institution, as no doubt very many of those present were better acquainted with such details than he was; but there were one or two facts which would be of interest to those who were perhaps not fully acquainted with them. The present was the Eighty-seventh Festival of the Charity. During the eighty-six years the Institution had been in existence the number of boys who had received its benefits was 1,657, that was to say, 1,657 sons of Freemasons had received the education given by the Institution. When first founded there were only twenty-five boys, who, in a somewhat irregular and unsettled manner were receiving education at various schools throughout the country. There were now 215 lads in the School of the Institution at Wood Green, while arrangements had been made, by providing fresh buildings and other accommodation, for the reception of fifty additional boys. It was hoped that in October of the present year a number of additional candidates would be elected for admission in January 1886, and he need scarcely say that for the completion of these buildings funds were most urgently needed. The ceremony of laying the copestone of this increase to the buildings of the Institution was to be performed by a lady well known for her benevolence, and for the lead which she had taken in works of public utility of every description—the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. The Institution was, he believed, essentially and completely a Masonic Institution—a few outside benefactors they might have had, but he believed only to a very small extent. They asked for no assistance from the State; they asked for no assistance from any other Institution; they asked for assistance only from the Masonic body. All they had asked from outside bodies had been that they might take advantage of the liberal and generous procedure of the Universities, and had availed themselves—that was to say the Institution had availed itself—of the facilities which had been given by the Universities of Oxford

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and Cambridge for examining and inquiring into the educational results achieved by the Institution. Since 1867 two hundred and thirty boys had passed the University Local Examination, of whom 148 had obtained honours, while 82 others had earned certificates. Results such as these he had endeavoured to bring before them were not accomplished without a considerable expenditure of money. He was informed that the ordinary expenditure of the Institution during the past year was £9,793, in addition to which there was a special outlay of £1,000. To meet that expenditure the Institution had only got some £17,000 invested, the dividends upon which—really the only reliable income—amounted to £732 per annum. He had been struck, when he first read these figures, with the boldness of a Committee which could carry on operations involving so large an expenditure upon an income so precarious as one all but relying on annual subscriptions. But when he looked at the result of past Festivals, when he saw the vast amount, and, on the whole, the steady and continuing amount, which each had brought into the coffers of the Institution, he no longer wondered; he only admired the confidence with which the Committee of the Institution relied upon the benevolent and fraternal principles uniting the whole Masonic body, and believed that they would receive in the future, as they had in the past, a generous support for this most deserving and most useful Institution. He formally proposed Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. George Plucknett its Treasurer.

Bro. Plucknett having responded, the Chairman followed. He proposed to give the next toast, and after that would ask those in charge of the Festival to request some other brethren to propose the remaining ones, so as not to make it necessary for him to inflict any more speeches on them. He should be sorry, however, to entrust the toast he now had to propose to any other hands: it was to the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Masters and Present and Past Grand Officers. Two of the high officials he had just described by their Masonic titles were the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom. He should have been extremely sorry if it could have been supposed for a moment that any such trifle as a difference in political opinion would have prevented him from proposing the health of these two esteemed friends of his own, whose conduct in the discharge of the important Masonic duties which they fulfilled had commended them to the universal approval of the Craft. He must say he thought it a singular coincidence but at the same time extremely probable that the train which he met on leaving Windsor that afternoon contained the Grand Officers whose health he was then proposing—the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom. It might be that the country could not do without Masons. If the House turned out of office any members of the Craft they had to replace them with other members of the Craft, and perhaps they might even have to say of themselves they were something like the great families in the time of the civil wars of the Stuarts, who used to keep one branch acting on behalf of the Stuarts, the other on behalf of the Hanoverians, in order that they might be certain of being on the right side, whichever might prove victorious. He was not sure whether this was a very wise proceeding or a very excellent political manœuvre, but he appealed to them, as a non-political body, whether they did not do well to receive and cherish in their midst members, and as far as they were able the most distinguished members, on both political sides, and to honour their names, whatever might be the party to which they belonged, as they had honoured the names of Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom that day. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Horace B. Marshall P.G. Treasurer.

Bro. Marshall replying, tendered his thanks for the very kind and fraternal way in which the health of the Grand Officers had been proposed and received. The brethren had often heard from the Grand Secretary that the Grand Master invariably exercised the soundest discretion, judgment, and wisdom in selecting the rulers of the Craft. It would have been highly improper for him, placed in his position by the generosity and magnanimity of his brethren, to say they had displayed the same great discretion, judgment and wisdom, but he could say with propriety, and did assert from his heart as well as from his lips, that he would try to be as worthy of the position in which he had been placed as any Grand Officer selected by the Grand Master.

Bro. Frederick Binckes then rose to read the lists of donations. He had hoped the year would have proved a bright exception to some which had preceded it, but when he saw the totals subscribed for the Aged in February, and for the Girls in May, he began to despair of the success of the Boys' School. The only hope he had of being able to render a good account to the brethren that day was the fact that he had the good fortune to enlist the support of the Province of Derby and the presidency of the Marquis of Hartington. He had no hesitation in saying that his success in that direction had been the salvation of the Festival. He was sure the brethren would be disappointed with the day's result, but whether they had succeeded or whether they had failed, they had done the best in their power, and he hoped the result would be considered in that light. Bro. Binckes then proceeded to give the several totals, remarking in doing so that the Metropolis had signally failed in according that sympathy he felt the Institution deserved. He also mentioned that the list from the Lodge of Antiquity included among other amounts, the thirty-third annual donation from Her Majesty the Queen. Derbyshire, with twenty-five Stewards, had most nobly supported their Provincial Grand Master, the Chairman of the day (who had personally completed his qualification as a Vice-Patron), with a total of subscriptions amounting to £1,467 odd.

Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., gave Success to the other Masonic Institutions, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He had had no idea of being called upon to propose this toast, but should be a sorry brother of the Craft and a lame member of his profession if he hesitated to do so upon the request he had received. He had been much impressed that day with the general feeling of brotherhood which prevailed among the Craft. There were some who rejoiced that an enforced illness had enabled their Right Worshipful President to be present and rally them to this Charity. There were others, and he rejoiced to know it, who felt it was an honour to the Craft that if Her Majesty required advisers she found them among the Masons of the country. His duty was to invite them to consider, not only the Institution whose Festival had called them together, but the other Charities of the Order. He did not share the feelings of Bro. Binckes that the subscription lists had given cause for anxiety or despondency. It seemed to him a magnificent display of the benevolence and charity of the Craft that, early in the year and in May, such grand subscriptions could have been made for the Benevolent Institution and for the Girls School and yet a sufficient amount of responsibility left to raise the magnificent sum of £11,700 odd in support of the Boys' School, thus making a sum of more than £44,000 subscribed by Masons in support of their Charities during the present year. Of course, while they desired to see their boys sent out into the world with the advantages of the education which the School could afford to them, they equally desired that the future mothers of Masons should have advantages equal to those of the boys. While they looked to the future and to the youth, they also looked back upon the aged, who had consecrated their lives to the service of the Craft, and felt they were equally deserving of sympathy and support. He urged them, while they had that night celebrated the Festival of the Boys' School, to remember when the year came round that the Charities were one and all the same, and hoped they would do next year, if possible, more than they had done this, in order to support the Charities upon the basis which they had hitherto maintained.

Bro. Hedges replied. He had not anticipated it would fall to his lot to have the honour of responding to this toast, but he was sure all present would share in his deep regret at the very serious indisposition which had compelled Bro. Terry to ask him to speak on his behalf as well as on his own. But for this regret he rose with the very greatest amount of pleasure possible to acknowledge on behalf of the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School the very hearty reception which had just been accorded to the toast which had been drunk to their prosperity. He desired to express his deep acknowledgments for the share those Institutions had received of the large amount contributed by the Masons during the year, and to tender to the Boys' School congratulation on the sum which had that night been announced. Taking the past into consideration, he did not think Bro. Binckes should be in any way despondent.

Bro. J. Lewis Thomas proposed the Patrons, Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, Trustees, and Members of the Committees. He was sure they were all deeply indebted to the brethren comprised in this toast for the manner in which they conducted the affairs of the Institution, and for the splendid way in which they had supported it. They had heard from the Chairman that they could not inform all the company present of the secrets of Freemasonry, but they could refer to the outward and visible signs displayed to the world in the Masonic Charities. He was sure the noble way in which the Institution had been supported that evening would cause great rejoicing throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Brother George Lambert responded. He returned, on behalf of the Patrons and others, their most grateful thanks for the manner in which year, after year, the brethren were pleased to refer to their services. He little thought when he first joined Freemasonry that he should ever have the honour of being a Patron of this Institution, and well remembered how he opposed Bro. Binckes in removing the School, or doing anything at Wood Green. He felt they were amply repaid for the trouble, the toil and the anxiety of that time when they saw the magnificent pile of buildings, and, what was more important, the magnificent education which the boys received in them. The best meed of praise that could be meted out to the Officers was to enlarge the education and do the best that possibly could be done to aid the lads in fighting the battle of life which they must face. They were much indebted to Bro. Dr. Morris, the Head Master, for the way in which he conducted the School, and he was proud they had a man of such sterling character, and of such high education, to train such lads. While all would willingly share in the work of the Institution, he could but feel a few members could do it better than a large body, and was thankful the Committee took the labours off their hands.

Bro. Smith P.G.W. Derbyshire proposed the Board of Stewards, to which Bro. Edgar Bowyer responded and then the Chairman gave the Ladies. They had reached the last toast, but not the least important one of the evening. Before separating he knew the brethren would join in drinking the health of those who had contributed so much to the grace and success of the meeting—the Ladies who had been good enough to honour them with their presence. In doing so they would only be doing what was just. The Boy's Institution was the one which had taken the lead in the civilised and civilising habit of admitting ladies to their Festivals, and while he believed their body did not, as a rule, approve of innovations, this was an innovation which they fully, entirely, and completely approved of. He hoped the Ladies who had honoured them with their presence that evening would impress upon all their friends, and all those over whom they exercised so good and beneficent an influence that they should support this and the other Masonic Institutions and that the brethren might rely in future on their cordial support in promoting the success of those most excellent Associations. The toast was honoured and the proceedings brought to a conclusion.

The distribution of prizes and annual entertainment at the Institution took place on Saturday, the 20th instant, but owing to the demands on our space we are compelled to hold over our account of this and some other meetings until next week.

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LONDON, TILBURY, AND SOUTHEND.

FENCHURCH Street Station, the London terminus of this railway, is in the centre of one of the busiest districts of the metropolis. Since the line was opened, now over thirty years ago, many changes and improvements have taken place. The station itself is always full of activity, the people who use it represent various nationalities, and it affords an excellent vantage ground for the study of character. The neighbourhood around is a vast artery of commerce, and the streets, despite the alterations that have taken place to meet the development of trade, often present a congested appearance, owing to the mass of human and material freight that mingle together apparently in inextricable confusion. Time, patience and skill successfully combat these difficulties, and when evening comes the ordinary every-day work has been accomplished, if not with ease, at least without more than the usual display of bad temper which is often not very unnaturally provoked. It has often struck us that strangers to London, and, indeed, all who desire to study character, might profitably visit the several railway stations. The time would be well spent also in observing the marvellous capacities of the gigantic railway operations of the metropolis, and nowhere could they observe a more varied—we might almost say a cosmopolitan—illustration than at Fenchurch-street.

From the terminus the London and Tilbury line goes to Stepney, Bromley, Plaistow, Upton Park, East Ham and Barking, thence keeping by the side of the Thames to Rainham, Purfleet, Grays, Tilbury (for Gravesend and Margate by boats), Low Street and Mucking. The main line continues through Stanford-le-Hope to Pitsea, Benfleet, Leigh, and Southend, and is now extended to Shoeburyness. This latter addition is not only of service to those engaged at this great military station, but it affords increased opportunity for visitors to Southend to witness the experiments that are frequently made at Shoeburyness. The station is close to the School of Gunnery, and is therefore exceedingly convenient both for visitors and those engaged in the School. Near the Thames the country is flat and marshy, but as the country recedes from the river it rises to a considerable height, and in many parts presents pretty and diversified scenery.

No doubt the neighbourhood of East and West Ham has an ancient history. Near the former a stone Roman sarcophagus and some Roman coffins of lead were found while excavating for the great service of the North London system. Murray's Handbook for the Eastern Counties says it is probable that a cemetery existed at East Ham in connection with a Roman camp at Uphall, a short distance to the north of Barking. Some large earthworks are still to be observed at Uphall, on the left bank of the Roding, containing an area of forty-eight acres, which afford a topic of interest for the antiquarian, especially as to their origin. The church at West Ham is not without attractions, while the remains of Stratford Abbey in the locality, now built up in the wall of the Adam and Eve public house, suggest the contrast that time and circumstances have wrought. The church at East Ham possesses more decided features. It contains some fine specimens of Norman architecture, curious wall paintings, and monuments. Green Street House, used as a Roman Catholic Reformatory, "is a fine old mansion, with a brick tower," and is said to have been occupied by Henry VIII. and Anne Boleyn. Barking once had a magnificent Abbey, but all that remains is an embattled gatehouse, called Fire Bell Gate, which stands at the entrance of Barking Churchyard, where the curfew bell was formerly rung to warn the people to put out their lights and retire to rest. Like all other Monastic institutions of olden time, Barking Abbey had its miracles and a chequered career. It was founded about 670-5 by St. Erkenwold, Bishop of London, and his sister Ethelburga was the first Abbess. Under her rule, the Abbey prospered and became famous for its wealth of worldly goods, as well as of visions and miracles. St. Eckenwold died here, and it is stated that upon the removal of his body to London for interment, the procession was stopped by the flood at Ilford and Stratford Ferry. By a marvellous interposition of Providence, like that which caused the waters of the Red Sea to divide and let the Israelites pass safely through, the flood ceased, and an easy passage was made for the corpse and its attendants. This Ferry was a terrible nuisance, and it is reported that Queen Matilda or Queen Maud on one occasion got a drenching in crossing it. This accident led to a remedy, and the Queen caused the road to be turned, and a bridge and causeway to be built. This was the origin of the first "Bow Bridge," described as a "rare piece of work, for before that time the like had never been seen in England." What was intended as a free gift, with the addition of manors and a mill to maintain it, was afterwards made an instrument of charge upon the people. One, Pratt, imposed a toll and made the following singular charges: "For every cart carrying corn, wood, coal, &c., one penny; of one carrying tasel [the name for a male hawk] twopence; and of one carrying a dead Jew eightpence." Living or dead the Jews were considered fair spoil, and are still so regarded in some countries. But to return to the Abbey, the dedication day of which is the 11th October, a date memorable in 1883 as being that on which the first sod of the new railway from Barking to Pitsea was turned. St. Alburg's Day, as it used to be called, in honour of the patron saint St. Ethelburga, was set apart for the gathering together of a store of "wheat and milk for Frimité," or "Frummety," or "Furmety," as some call it, or "Thrummety" as it is called in Northamptonshire. It is made of new wheat, boiled in milk, with sugar and plums, thickened with flour and eggs, and is a very dainty dish. We are speaking of what used to be the Lincolnshire custom many years ago, when a Frumety feast betokened the ingathering of the harvest. Clare, in his "Shepherd's Calendar," says Furmety formed part of the fare at sheep-shearing festivities—

> "The high bowl was in the middle set,
> At breakfast time, when clippers yearly met;
> Filled full of furmety, where dainty swum
> The streaking sugar and the spotting plum."

Furmety was also a Christmas dish for breakfast and supper. From these incidents it is quite clear that new corn was not essential to the compound, for in June (sheep-shearing time) it would not be ready, and in December it would be approaching middle age at least. To make the corn serviceable under these circumstances it was "creed," otherwise soaked and rendered soft. Besides "Frimité," much else was provided by the Abbey on the Feast of St. Ethelburga. We read that on that day the cellaress was bound to provide half a goose for each lady, not a bad supply if a goose in those days was like what they are now. With all their piety the nuns loved good fare, and they had it too. The Abbess of Barking Abbey became so important a personage as to take with three others the high rank of baroness. She was often of royal or noble blood, and took precedence of all other Abbesses in England. Thomas à Becket's sister was appointed Abbess of Barking, after her brother's murder; Eleanor, Duchess of Gloucester, died there after the murder of her husband, towards the end of the fourteenth century. Indeed, before and after this period the Abbey of Barking was of great importance. Hainhault Forest was situate in the parish of Barking, and once possessed the celebrated Fairlop Oak, an enormous tree, the shadows of whose boughs it is stated covered an acre of ground. It was truly a monarch of the forest, but time and the depredations of excursionists sadly damaged its dimensions and hastened its decay. A composition was applied to it in order to preserve its remains, and a board was affixed to its limbs, bearing the following inscription: "All good foresters are requested not to hurt this old tree, a plaster having been applied to its wounds." A fire, caused by some incautious cricketers in 1805, further damaged the decrepid oak, and in 1820 a high wind completed its destruction. Part of the remnants were fashioned into a pulpit and reading desk for St. Pancras church. The mighty tree has vanished, Hainhault has been disaforested, Fairlop Fair has gone, and nothing now remains but the pulpit and desk referred to, and memory and imagination to recall the past.

The church is Norman and perpendicular, and contains numerous monuments, one to Sir C. Montagu, brother to the first Earl of Manchester, who is represented in a tent. The church will be best remembered as the place where Captain Cook, the great circumnavigator, was married to Elizabeth Betts. Not far from Barking is Eastbury House, a very fine specimen of the Tudor style of architecture. It is built of brick, the chimney stacks and pinnacles at the corners of the gables being especially noticeable as examples of moulded work. Tradition gives it that the Gunpowder Plot conspirators met in this house, and that the plot was discovered owing to a warning letter intended for Lord Monteagle finding its way by mistake to Eastbury House, occupied at the time by one named Montagne. Some of the rooms at Eastbury are painted in fresco, and in one of them is a coat of arms.

Little of interest marks the line from Barking to Purfleet, the churches at Rainham and Wennington alone being worthy of a visit, and these only by persons who are concerned in architectural and archæological inquiries. Aveley is but a short distance from Purfleet. It occupies an elevated position, and has a church dedicated to St. Michael, the architecture of which is marked by three distinct periods—Norman, Early English and Late Perpendicular. There is a small brass in the chancel, of Flemish workmanship of a peculiar and interesting character. Within a mile further on is Belhus, a family seat built in the time of Henry VIII., now in the possession of Sir Thomas Barret Lennard. It contains some family portraits of the "Dacres of the South," a few works of the old masters, rich old tapestry, and ceilings of carved oak. The house stands in a fine deer park, and speaking of it in 1751 Walpole says: "I never saw a place, for which one did not wish, so totally devoid of faults." In olden times the Bretts occupied a moated house in the same parish, possibly Le Bret, one of the murderers of Thomas à Becket, being one of them. It is now occupied by a farmer and has lost its ancient appearance, but is still of interest to the antiquary. There is a very old church at West Thurrock, along the line from Purfleet. It possesses curious architectural features and effigies. Adjacent is Grays-Thurrock, picturesquely situate, with Belmont Castle standing on a cliff, and overlooking the landscape below and beyond. Grays is the next station. It was a market town as early as 1207, and at one time was a place of considerable importance; even now a large trade is carried on in the lime quarries. Stifford, and South and North Ockendon lie to the north of Grays. The churches at these places are worth a visit, that of South Ockendon being one of seven in Essex having round towers. Many antiquities have been found in the neighbourhood, and amongst items of interest are monumental brasses, mural tablets, and stained glass. North Ockendon was once famous for the healing qualities of the water of seven springs, but they are now quite forgotten. Little Thurrock, about a mile east of Grays, is remarkable for excavations in the chalk known as "Dane-pits," "Dane-holes," or "Cunobeline's Gold-mines." Similar excavations exist at East Tilbury, near the fort, and are supposed to communicate with those of Chadwell, adjoining Little Thurrock. There are many others of the same character on both sides of the Thames, and they have given rise to many speculations as to their origin and uses. A narrow entrance from above leads to spacious chambers some thirty feet below. It is believed that these holes were made for the sake of the chalk itself, which was largely exported in very early times, and many afterwards have been used as hiding places for the Danes. They are evidently very ancient, as British coins and remains of British pottery have been discovered in some of them.

But Tilbury Fort is the great centre of attraction. Around it cling the associations of war and national glory, which time cannot dim nor modern progress obliterate. It will ever be connected in the minds of Englishmen with the defeat of the Spanish Armada, with

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the gallant deeds, the heroism and patriotism of those famous warriors—Drake, Frobisher, Howard, Raleigh, and indeed the whole nation. It is related that when the news reached Drake of the threatened attack, he was playing a game of bowls on Plymouth Hoe. The grand old sea lion was not at all flustered; he continued to play on, saying "there was plenty of time both to win the game and beat the Spaniards." Never were the hearts of England so stirred as at this period; the people rose to the Spanish challenge with high-strung souls and defiant hearts. Stow says, "It was a pleasant sight to behold the soldiers as they marched towards Tilbury, their cheerful countenances, courageous words and gestures, dancing, and leaping wheresoever they came; and in the camp their most felicity was hope of fight with the enemy; where ofttimes divers rumours rose of their foe's approach, and that present battles would be given them; then were they joyful at such news, as if lusty giants were to run a race." One of the most memorable incidents, and one of the proudest too, was the conduct of Queen Elizabeth. She put on the armour of a warrior, mounted her war house, and with truncheon of command in her hand, was prepared if need be to lead her gallant troops to battle in defence of her authority and kingdom. Her address to her "living people" of Tilbury was one of the most spirited ever delivered to an army, and is worthy of a place among the lessons taught in every school where the English tongue is spoken. We make no apology therefore for quoting it here. She said, "We have been persuaded by some that are careful of our safety to take heed how we commit ourselves to armed multitudes, for fear of treachery; but I assure you I do not live to distrust my faithful and loving people. Let tyrants fear! I have always so behaved myself that, under God, I have placed my choicest strength and safeguard in the loyal hearts and goodwill of my subjects; and, therefore, I am come amongst you as you see at this time, not as for my recreation and disport, but being resolved in the midst and heat of bataile to live or die amongst you all—to lay down, for my God, and for my people, my honour and my blood, even in the dust. I know that I have but the bodie of a weak and feeble woman, but I have the heart of a King, and of a King of England too! and think foul scorn that Parma or Spain, or any Prince of Europe, should dare to invade the borders of my realm! To which, rather than any dishonour shall grow by me, I myself will take up arms—I myself will be your general, judge and recorder of everie of your virtues in the field. I know, alreadie, for your forwardness you have deserved crowns, and we assure you, on the word of a Prince, they shall be duly paid you." We need not attempt to describe the effect produced by such an appeal, nor need we dwell upon the discomfiture of the Armada. They are matters of history. As a topic of interest it may be mentioned that Daniel Defoe, the author of "Robinson Crusoe," had a tile manufactory at Tilbury and lived in a house near the river. He was not as successful in trade, however, as he was in fiction.

From Tilbury the line goes to Low Street, Mucking, and Stanford-le-Hope. The churches in the locality of Stanford-le-Hope and the Manor House, at Hassels, once the seat of the Fetherstonhaughs, are objects of interest, while from Horndon-on-the-Hill some good views can be obtained. In the neighbourhood are Corrington and Fobbing. Both villages possess ancient churches, and Fobbing is noted as the place where Jack Straw's rebellion broke out. Murray's Handbook says: "Jack Straw was a priest who assumed that name; and under his leadership the men of Fobbing killed the collectors of the pole-tax, placed their heads on poles, and set out on their march, gathering strangers as they went, until they joined the main body of the insurgents under Wat Tyler." Near Benfleet station is Canvey Island, evidently an ancient settlement or place of note. Legth is a little fishing town famous for shrimps and winkles. It is prettily situated, part of the houses being built on a wooded acclivity. The church holds a commanding position, it is of ancient foundation, and contains a number of monumental brasses, painted windows, and carved oak stalls. The next station is Southend, a growing popular watering place, directly opposite the river Medway. The old town stretches along the shore, but a new town has been built at the western extremity on a cliff 80 feet above the water, the descent from which has been planted with shrubs and trees, forming a very pleasant walk. Thousands of visitors flock from London in summer by rail and boats. For the accommodation of the latter there is a pier, a mile and a quarter long, which, when the tide is up forms a very agreeable promenade. Little rain falls at Southend, and for children especially it is considered very healthy. Interesting trips can be arranged particularly to villages containing some old churches. As early as the ninth century Shoeburyness, a short journey from Southend, was selected for the construction of military works. There the Danes built up earthworks, the remains of which are to be seen to this day on the farther side of the ness towards Wakering. During the Crimean war Shoeburyness was chosen for camping-out training, and troops were embarked from here. It has since become the headquarters for experiments in Artillery, and is to this branch of war what Shorncliffe is to the infantry and cavalry troops. In a military sense it is the most important place in the Kingdom, for here are tested the monster arms that enter into the lists with distance and defy the old defences that were once thought to be impregnable. Only the privileged few can obtain admission to the main trial ground on field days, but there is always something going on to interest the general visitor. The country to the north of the line is more picturesque than that on the south, and contains many attractive features. At the north-east corner is Burnham, on the River Crouch, noted for its oysters, the culture of which is here carried on with skill and success. Lower down, and on a fork of the River Roach, is Rochford, a small town, of no importance of itself. It had a market as early as the middle of the thirteenth century; it also had the right of wrecks at sea, and a tumbrel, or ducking-stool, for the punishment of scolding wives. This instrument of correction of virago was once in common use, and a Frenchman named Niesson, thus describes one he saw—in his work, entitled "Travels in England"—about the year 1700:—"This method of punishing scolding women is funny enough. They fasten an arm chair to the end of two strong beams, twelve or fifteen feet long, and parallel to each other. The chair hangs upon a sort of axle, on which it plays freely, so as always to remain in the horizontal position. The scold being well fastened in her chair, the two beams are then placed, as near to the centre as possible, across a post on the water side, and being lifted up behind, the chair, of course, drops into the cold element. The ducking is repeated according to the degree of shrewishness possessed by the patient, and generally has the effect of cooling her immoderate heat, at least for a time." The form of the instrument varied in different places, its effects were generally of the same curative efficacy. What is known by the name of the "Lawn" is situate at the entrance of the town from the west. Here once stood Rochford Hall, successively the seats of persons of more or less distinction. On the marriage of Sir William Boleyn, of Blickling, Norfolk, with the co-heiress of the Botelers, Rochford passed to him. His son, Sir Thomas, the father of the unhappy Queen of Henry VIII., inherited the estate, and here no doubt Anne passed some portion of her earlier life. The associations of the place, therefore, are interesting, and the avenue that once led to the Hall, nearly a mile long, affords a pleasant shade for contemplation. Further westward is Rayleigh, near which is what is called the "Castle," but which is a large mound formed to a great extent of made earth. It resembles somewhat a similar hill at Castle Rising, Norfolk, but unlike it in this respect that there are no ruins, nor has any trace of stonework been found. That it was once a stronghold there can be no doubt, but of what material the "Castle" consisted can only be conjectured and not determined. South of Rayleigh is Thundersley, with a church that is worth a visit. At South Benfleet there are signs of Danish work, but the object of surpassing interest in the locality is Hadleigh Castle, the ruins of which have been aptly described as "fragmentary walls and broken towers slumbering in solitude like the remains of a mangled giant of other days, on the brow of a steep hill which rises boldly from the water and impart a peculiar interest to the beauty of the surrounding scene." The Castle was built in 1231 by Hubert de Burgh, and could its walls speak they would tell tales of love and war, and of joy and despair. As it is, they are silent witnesses of a past grandeur, the extent of which requires the aid of imagination to discover. The ruins are grand in their decay, from the beauty of the situation they occupy and from the framework in which they are set. They are a tempting shrine at which all tourists who visit that part of Essex should pay their devotions.

The new line of which we have previously spoken, joins Pitsea with Barking. The route lies through a hilly part of the country, and offers some points of commanding eminence. The first station from Pitsea is among the Langdon Hills. They form the highest ground in the county, except Danebury, and from their summit grand views can be had of London, the sinuous Thames and its ever-moving freight. Morant says, it is "the grandest prospect in England." This statement must be taken *cum grano salis*. Hornchurch and Upminster, farther on, afford, if possible, views of a still more magnificent landscape. These places are among the principal charms of Essex, and take one back into that rural life of England which is fast departing owing to the facilities for intercourse that railways furnish. Hornchurch was once renowned for its fellmongery, and is "still noted for the annual wrestling match among its residents for a boar's head on Christmas Day." When the custom arose we cannot say, but it would be no great stretch of imagination to fix the time when forests existed and wild boars roamed through them. Hornchurch is a quaint old town of two straggling streets, with church and gabled houses, and old-time ways. Upminster, only about a mile distant, is of a similar character, with very pleasant surroundings. Both places should on no account be missed by the tourist, especially now that the railway has opened them up. A journey of considerable distance would have to be taken to see what is now brought to our very doors by the new line. Near Barking is Dagenham, well known to anglers for the sport a pool yields to lovers of the "gentle art." A large tract of land in the parish lies lower than the bed of the river, and was often inundated. Engineering skill, immense labour, and a large outlay of money ultimately triumphed, and the water was kept from flooding the country round about. The church is not remarkable except that it contains a monument of Sir Richard Allybone. He was advanced to the post of judge, although a Roman Catholic, by James II., and took part in the trial of the Seven Bishops, in which he displayed a strong Court partizanship. Two of his colleagues engaged in this memorable trial—Judges Holloway and Powell—were displaced in consequence of the thoroughly honourable and independent course they adopted on that occasion.

We now leave the London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway, in the hope that what we have said may induce tourists to visit a part of the country but little known, but which in many parts is very picturesque and beautiful, and in some quaint and rare.

According to the summer arrangements of the above line we find that trains at cheap fares run every week-day from Fenchurch-street at 8·23 and 9·13 a.m. (calling at each station to Barking) for Southend and Shoeburyness. Return fares—Southend, 5s first class; 4s second class; 3s third class. To and from Shoeburyness 6d, 4d, and 3d, according to class, extra. Cheap fares by all Sunday trains. Cheap return tickets are issued to and from Gravesend by several trains leaving Fenchurch-street on week-days. Fares—2s 6d first class, 2s second class, 1s 6d third class; including admission to Rosherville Gardens, 2s 9d, 2s 3d, and 1s 9d respectively. Cheap fares by all Sunday trains.

Every Sunday and Monday a special through train runs on the North London line to Southend and Gravesend *vi*à Bow and Bromley, leaving Chalk Farm at 9.10 a.m. Fares to and from Southend—5s first-class, 4s second-class, 3s third-class. To and from Gravesend—2s 6d, 2s, and 1s 6d respectively.

The Margate boat season commences to-day, the 27th inst. A train leaves Fenchurch-street every day at 10·15 a.m. for Tilbury,

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where steamers belonging to the Steam Navigation Company meet them, and convey passengers to Margate. There is also a return service, the fares for the double journey being 7s first class, 5s 6d third class; children 3s 6d. Add 6d to these fares from stations on the North London line. The single fares are 5s, 4s and 2s 6d from Fenchurch-street, and 6d extra from North London stations.

It should be noted that special provision is made for picnic, white-bait, and other pleasure parties, and every facility is offered for school treats, bean-feasts, or any other small or large gatherings.

THE FESTIVAL STEWARDS AND THEIR LISTS.

THE following is a full list of the Stewards for the Boys' School Festival, with the amounts accredited to each up to the time of our going to press :—

LONDON.

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	Lodge		£	s	d
Grand Masters'	1	G Ratcliff Steel	15	15	0
Antiquity	2	Wm Harry Rylands	47	5	0
Royal Somerset House and Inverness	4	Harry E Pollard	16	16	0
St. George's and Corner Stone	5	C Herbert Shoppee	42	0	0
Friendship	6	J Harvey Brand	21	0	0
Royal York of Perseverance	7	Albert Sauvée	16	16	0
British	8	S G Glanville	23	2	0
Tuscan	14	S R V Robinson	5	5	0
Emulation	21	W Grellier	36	15	0
Robert Burns	25	J W Harvey	52	10	0
Castle of Harmony	26	J W Robinson			
	Lodge and Chapter				
Old King's Arms	28	E M Money	45	8	0
	Lodge				
Britannic	33	F T Bennett	71	18	6
Mount Moriah	34	R A Meyer			
Constitutional	55	Jubal Webb	31	10	0
Royal Naval	59	G R Ousey	85	1	0
Peace and Harmony	60	Arthur Josling	33	12	0
St. John's	90	J A Allison	85	1	0
Regularity	91	W J Parker	42	0	0
Eastern Star	95	Millner Jotsum	101	17	0
Faith	141	Adolphus Steng	110	10	0
Middlesex	143	W E Stewart	28	7	0
	Chapter				
Prudent Brethren	145	Henry Venn	30	5	0
	Lodge				
Honor and Generosity	165	Chas Belton	52	10	0
St. John's	167	W A Scurrah	157	10	0
Amity	171	Joseph Clever	40	19	0
Old Concord	172	W O Beazley	16	16	0
Domatic	177	Robert Pierpoint	133	1	0
St. James' Union	180	Douglas Chester	41	9	0
Universal	181	E W Stanton	68	15	0
Unity	183	Stephen Richardson	37	16	0
St. Paul's	194	James Chapman	105	0	0
Percy	198	J C Carr			
Israel	205	M H Harris	65	2	0
St. Michael's	211	Alfred Withers	63	0	0
Nine Muses	235	Joseph Kincaid			
Prince of Wales's	259	J H P Wilson	38	17	0
Salisbury	435	August Ross	31	0	0
Wellington	548	Henry Carman	31	10	0
Beadon	619	W Angus	10	10	0
Nelson	700	Edward Tappenden	79	16	0
Camden	704	Nathaniel Goodchild	27	16	6
Panmure	715	Herbert Cuff	25	4	0
Panmure	720	George Lambert	42	0	0
Westbourne	733	Alfred Arrowsmith	44	2	0
Crystal Palace	742	John Bertram	52	10	0
Victoria Rifles	822	J C Partridge			
Burgoyne	902	W Wilkins	25	4	0
Excelsior	1155	G G Benedetti	19	19	0
Southern Star	1158	W Belchamber	10	10	0
Lewis	1185	W G Hildreth	36	15	0
Burdett-Coutts	1278	J J Berry	77	14	0
West Kent	1297	James Crowden	53	0	0
Asaph	1319	C Willard	15	15	0
Friends in Council	1383	M P F Canfield	83	10	0
Earl Spencer	1420	J W Hiscox	68	5	0
Islington	1471	A C Halestrap	85	11	6
St. Martin's-le-Grand	1538	John P Parkes	21	0	0
Royal Commemoration	1585	J W Robinson	52	10	0
Ravensbourne	1601	A T Layton	15	15	0
Kilburn	1608	G A Barclay	136	10	0
Northern Bar	1610	S Pope, Q.C.	89	5	0
Crichton	1641	C H Stone	26	5	0
Earl of Carnarvon	1642	D P Cama Mrs. Bhicaiji D P Cama	10 220	10 10	0 0
Adelphi	1670	R L Barnes	29	5	6
Henry Muggeridge	1677	W F Darnell	22	1	0
Londesborough	1681	Asher Barfield	82	3	0
Anchor	1704	T Wells Thorpe	42	0	0
All Saints	1716	Joseph House	26	5	0
Evening Star	1719	Walter King	29	18	6
Old England	1790	F T Ridpath	50	8	0
Creaton	1791	W Williams	110	5	0
Coborn	1804	E G Johnson	15	15	0
Sir Thomas White	1820	W Brown	33	10	0
Duke of Cornwall	1839	H Cattermole	15	15	0
	Chapter				
Montague Guest	1900	G P Festa	50	0	0
	Lodge				
Shadwell Clerke	1910	Bro. Franklin R Kendall	48	16	6
Wickham	1924	W A Adam	40	18	6
Southgate	1950	Edwin Woodman R P Forge	84	0	0
Honor Oak	1986	C H Phillips	106	11	0
Strand	1987	James Willing jun.	169	17	0
St. Botolph's	2020	Alderman J Staples	68	5	0
Queen's Westminster Rifles	2021	Capt G Lambert	21	0	0
Abbey	2030	W Burdett-Coutts	126	5	0

COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.

Wm Roebuck	210	0	0

UNATTACHED.

Robert Berridge	31	10	0	J Lawrence Mather	42	0	0
F Binckes	12	12	0	T Hastings Miller	10	10	0
Edgar Bowyer	10	10	0	James Moon	10	10	0
Jabez Church	10	10	0	W W Morgan	10	10	0
A A Drew				E S Norris			
C H Driver	48	6	0	Col. James Peters	10	10	0
G E Fairchild	15	15	0	John Stanley	10	10	0
George Gardner	15	15	0	E F Storr			
Chas Greenwood, jun.				David Stroud	10	10	0
Charles Hammerton	42	0	0	James Terry	10	10	0
George Kenning	10	10	0	J Lewis Thomas	10	10	0
Wm Klingenstein	16	16	0	Abner Torkington	52	10	0
C Sherriffe Lane	10	10	0	James Warren	26	5	0
W March	10	10	0	Master Willie Watkins	26	5	0
H B Marshall, C.C.	105	0	0	Rev. A F A Woodford	10	10	0

PROVINCES.

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BERKS AND BUCKS.

	Lodge		£	s	d
Scientific	840	Rev F W Harnett	26	5	0
St. Hilda	1887	Edward Horne	34	13	0
Wellesley	1899	S G Kirchhoffer	21	0	0
Chapter					
Union	414	Jno Early Danks	73	10	0

BRISTOL.

	Lodge				
Beaufort	103	W Parnell	24	3	0
Royal Sussex of Hospitality	187	H Fitzhardinge Price	91	7	0

CHESHIRE.

Sincerity	428	Wm Masters	15	15	0
Stamford	1045	Wm Prince	10	10	0
Earl of Chester	1565	John Lewis	10	10	0

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

The Province	G J McKay	52	10	0

DERBYSHIRE.

The Chairman, the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P.		73	10	0
	Lodge				
Tyrian	253	Thomas Cox	47	5	0
Royal Sussex	353	Richard Roberts	47	5	0
Mundy Grove	506	Thos Edw Yeomans	26	5	0
Devonshire	625	Samuel Robinson	27	6	0
Peveril of the Peak	654	Jos Taylor Wright	31	10	0
Scarsdale	681	Chas G Bushby	52	10	0
Arboretum	731	Cawthorne Webster	73	10	0
		John Smith	52	10	0
		Edgar Horne	10	10	0
Beaureper	787	Joseph Pym	170	0	0
Repose	802	Samuel Steele A J Waller	51	9	0
St. Oswald	850	Percy Wallis	250	0	0
Derwent	884	Joseph Stone	24	3	0
Royal Alfred	1028	Alfred Schofield	56	2	6
Hartington	1085	Jos H Richardson	50	18	6
Rutland	1179	T Salisbury	66	3	0
Phœnix of St. Ann	1235	Jos Hy Lawson	110	5	0
Okeover	1324	Fitzherbert Wright J Allen	128	2	0
Arkwright	1495	Thos Parker	26	5	0
Buxton	1688	J W Orme	68	5	0
Carnarvon	1739	John Hassall	76	18	0
High Peak	1952	J B Boycott	21	0	0

DEVONSHIRE.

J E Curtois	257	10	0
J Bradford	31	10	0

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DORSETSHIRE.

			£	s	d
The Province		W Douglas Dugdale	68	5	0

DURHAM.

	Lodge				
Harbour of Refuge	764	Hans B Olsen Joseph F Wilson	105	0	0

ESSEX.

True Friendship	160	Harry Sims			
Repose	432	R D Poppleton	24	8	0
Hope and Unity	214	F W Imbert-Terry	31	10	0
Good Fellowship	276	James Pearce Lewin	52	10	0
Chigwell	453	John Glass	63	10	6
Star in the East	650	Richard Clowes	15	15	0
St. John's	1343	Jas Godwin	32	15	6
Trinity	1734	Wm Wilson	10	10	0
	Chapter				
Priory	1000	Thos King, M.D.	21	0	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

	Lodge				
Royal Lebanon	493	Edwin F. Parker	36	15	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

Albany	151	W T Wav Buckell	55	6	6
Hengist	195	A H Jolliffe	37	14	0
Harmony	309	Ernest Hall	26	5	0
Oakley	694	Rev. Alfred Crosby Barker Alfred S Baker	59	6	6
Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar	1903	Thos Page	34	13	0
	Chapter				
Royal Sussex	342	John Brickwood	21	0	0

HERTS.

	Lodge				
Hertford	403	Frank Hall, L.D.S.	20	0	0
Cecil	449	Edward Swain	11	11	0
Halsey	1479	Christopher Miskin	15	4	6

KENT.

Harmony	133	E J Acworth	60	0	0
Temple	558	J N Rogers	57	11	6
St John and St Paul's	615	John Allud	71	8	0
Lord Warden	1096	George Band	52	10	0
Acacia	1314	Geo Rice Bolton	432	12	0
Knole	1414	Charles Holcroft	40	16	0

LANCASHIRE—East Division.

Virtue	152	William Jaffrey	31	10	0
Affability	317	W J. Cunliffe	15	15	0
		James Wilson	15	15	0
		John Edwards	15	15	0
Humphrey Chetham	645	George Taylor	10	10	0
Egerton	1030	W H Vaughan	21	0	0
St. George's	1723	Matthew Fielding			

LANCASHIRE—West Division.

		Reginald Young	10	10	0
St. George's	32	S G Sinclair	10	10	0
		Robert W Bourne	10	10	0
Ellesmere	730	Thomas Forrester	21	0	0
Equity	1384	W J Thompson	10	10	0
Emulation	1505	Robert Foote	10	10	0
		W McGanley	10	10	0
Antient Briton	1756	T H W Walker	10	10	0

LEICESTER AND RUTLAND.

		Clement Stretton	26	5	0

MIDDLESEX.

Acacia	1309	Henry Woods.			
Harrow	1310	J Etherington	22	1	0
Lebanon	1326	W R Vassila	5	5	0
		J Clark Gosling	11	11	0
		H J Dawe	10	10	0
		John Alfred Wilson	10	10	0
		Sam Wheeler	10	10	0
Era	1423	John Faulkner, L.D.S.	12	12	0
Sir Francis Burdett	1503	W Taylor	40	8	6
Elliot	1567	W H Goodall	38	17	0
St. James'	1579	Captain H Stephens	74	0	6
Wolsey	1656	R W Forge	27	11	0
Raymond Thrupp	2024	Carter Millbourn	26	5	0
	Chapter				
Royal Middlesex	1194	W Taylor	39	3	0

NORTHUMBERLAND.

The Province		T Young Strachan	162	15	0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

	Lodge				
Newton	1661	J M MacLeod	120	0	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

	Lodge				
Alfred	340	G H Osmond	12	12	0
Windrush	1703	Alfred Buck	10	10	0
Thames	1859	Frederick Marsh	10	10	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

The Province		W J Nosworthy	136	10	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

The Province		A G Prince W H Bailey	338	2	0

SUFFOLK.

St. Margaret's	1452	H W H Elwes	143	17	0

SURREY.

St. George's	370	Jas Richard Boor	59	17	0
Surrey	416	F A Guimaraens	15	15	0
Royal Alfred	777	J C Collier	21	0	0
Dobie	889	A Tisley			
Weyside	1395	Arthur H Bowles	14	18	0
Brownrigg	1638	Abel Laurence	13	8	6
St. Margaret's	1872	Geo T Clayton	10	10	0

SUSSEX.

South Down	1797	E Broadbridge	73	10	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

St. Paul's	43	Bro. the late Hy Hopkins	105	0	0
Rectitude	502	James Acheson	10	10	0
Arnold	739	James Taylor	57	15	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

The Province		A F Godson Geo Taylor J W C Chadwick W C Green	136	10	0

YORKSHIRE—NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS.

		J W Woodall John S Cumberland M C Peck	115	0	0
		Christopher Palliser	27	16	0

WEST YORKSHIRE.

Britannia	139	John Hy Barrows			
		Simeon Hayes			
		Hy Hall Bedford			
		Geo W Hawksley			
		John Shaw			
		J Briggs Curtis			
Amphibious	258	Rawson Kelly			
Royal Brunswick	296	Lieut.-Col. J E Bingham			
		Hy W Pawson			
		Harold Thomas			
		G T W Newsholme			
		G B Wood			
Phœnix	904	James Jenkins			
		Frederick Cleeves			
St. Oswald	910	Robert Fisher			
		Caleb England			
Pentalpha	974	Herbert A Foster			
Harrogate and Claro	1001	The Lodge			
Sincerity	1019	John Wordsworth			
Mirfield	1102	E W H Anderson			
Goderich	1211	J W Fourness			
Wentworth	1239	Saml Morton			
Zetland	1311	Thos Crossley			
Friendly	1513	T W Embleton			
		Ed J Massie			
		William Senior			
Prudence	2069	William Watson			
			355	19	0

NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

The Marches	611	R G Venables	57	15	0
Square and Compass	1336	C K Benson	26	5	0
Castle	1621	W L Southwell	32	11	0
Caradoc	1674	Harry A Steer	37	16	0
Royal Leek	1849	Major J H Platt	30	5	0

SOUTH WALES—East Division.

The Province		D C Jones	200	0	0

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

J M P Montagu			100	0	0

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THE annual meeting of the Staffordshire Grand Lodge was held at Lichfield on Thursday, the 18th inst., and was attended by nearly 300 brethren. The members of St. John's Lodge assembled in the Guildhall, and Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. J. J. Perkins at noon. It was nearly an hour later that the Provincial Grand Officers were received. The R.W. P.G.M. Bro. G. S. Tudor, and the V.W. D.P.G.M. Bro. Foster Gough were greeted with Masonic honours. Col. Tudor then proceeded to open Prov. Grand Lodge. The other Prov. Grand Officers present were:—Bros. J. B. Piercy 418 S.W., G. M. Waring J.W., J. Webberley 516 Registrar, W. Cartwright 460 Secretary, E. H. Croydon 460 Assistant Secretary, F. W. Tomkinson 451 S.D., Henry Oliver 1060 J.D., T. E. Fowke 726 D.C., F. Weston 98 Sw.B., J. C. Clemesha 966 Std.Br., F. Mountford 460 Organist, W. A. Wood, G. Haynes, and T. Cox Stewards. The Tyler's book was signed by the following brethren:—Frank James 539 P.D.P.G.M., W. J. Gothard 624 P.P.G.S.W., C. Trigg 1039 P.P.G.S.W., T. Taylor 418 P.P.G.S.W., W. H. Hales 418 P.P.G.S.W., W. Bayliss 539 P.P.G.S.W., A. L. Broad 460 P.P.G.J.W., E. Storey 624 P.P.G.J.W., the Ven. Archd'con Iles P.P.G.C., W. C. Trevor Parkins P.G.C. Warwickshire, F. C. Lee 526 P.P.G.C., T. B. Mundy 1039 P.P.G.C., R. Tooth 637 P.P.G.R., W. J. Whittall 482 P.P.G.R., T. Turner 460 P.P.G.R., J. S. Barber 1039 P.P.G.R., J. Senior 726 P.P.G.S.D., S. Briggs 624 P.P.G.S.D., A. G. Prince P.P.G.J.D., C. Bunting 456 P.P.G.J.D., W. J. Stubbs 696 P.P.G.J.D., J. Ingamells 460 P.P.G.J.D., F. W. Grove 1942 P.P.G.J.D., E. Roberts 637 P.P.G.J.D., S. Clapp 662 P.P.G.S.Wks., T. M. Humphries 539 P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, R. Dain 98 P.P.G.A.D.C., J. F. Pepper 482 P.P.A.D.C., C. W. Graham 526 P.P.G.A.D.C., F. Arkinsall 662 Past P.G.S.B., F. M. Julian 451 P.P.G.P., C. T. Cavendish P.M. 456, C. E. Smith P.M. 347, E. S. Hilditch W.M. 539, J. Bromley P.M. 418, J. L. Hamshaw W.M. 418, J. T. Snape W.M. 460, W. T. Aggutter P.M. 460, G. H. Pickburn P.M. 98, R. Hilditch P.M. 98, B. H. Brough P.M. 516, G. S. Furnival P.M. 533, R. Crosskey P.M. 1039, R. Barton P.M. 1520, J. Powell P.M. 347, J. T. Eayres W.M. 662, W. Boon W.M. 347, F. Woolley W.M. 726, J. Mottram P.M. 726, John Chadderton P.M. 1060, J. P. Lee P.M. 1792, T. Ryder W.M. 1792, B. S. Wainwright P.M. 1792, S. J. Turley P.M. 1792, W. Mould P.M. 662, H. C. Faram P.M. 637, W. T. Copeland P.M. 637, D. H. Dunning P.M. 617, G. C. Kent W.M. 516, G. Bennion P.M. 516, G. H. Stanger W.M. 419, W. Cooke P.M. 419, H. Hare P.M. 160, James Williams P.M. 539, R. Benbow P.M. 451, T. K. Pedley W.M. 98, C. T. Bladon W.M. 456, J. E. Wood P.M. 456, H. Bostock W.M. 1587, S. M. Smith P.M. 539, J. Davenport 451, and many other members of different Lodges, including Bros. J. H. Hodson (Mayor of Lichfield) and Tomman Mosley. The first business was the consideration of the accounts. The receipts for the year were stated to have been £242 1s 5d, and the expenditure £179 3s 1d, leaving a balance of £82 18s 4d. The statement of accounts had been printed and circulated amongst the members. It was taken as read, and, on the motion of Brother Col. Gough, seconded by Brother F. James, it was adopted.

The Provincial Grand Master said that, with the assistance of his Deputy, who had visited all the Lodges in the Province, he had made out a list of Officers, which he trusted would meet the approval of the brethren. It was impossible to find offices for all who deserved promotion. The announcement that Bro. Bridgeham, No. 726, Stafford, who was unavoidably absent through having to attend a funeral, was willing to continue to act as Treasurer, was received with expressions of satisfaction, and he was unanimously re-elected to

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that office, both the D.P.G.M. and the P.D.P.G.M. testifying to the value of Bro. Bodenham's past services. The appointments by the Provincial Grand Master were as follow:

James Clark, M.D.	1039	... ...	Senior Warden
C. T. Cavendish	456	... ...	Junior Warden
Rev. Thos. Lloyd	526	... ...	Chaplains
Rev. G. Tuthill	696	... ...	
W. H. Bailey	624	.. .	Registrar
W. Cartwright	460	... ...	Secretary
E. H. Croydon	460	... ...	Assist. Secretary
W. T. Aggutter	460	... ..	Senior Deacon
H. C. Faram	637	... ...	Junior Deacon
T. K. Pedley		... ...	Supt. of Works
T. E. Fowke	726	... ...	Direc. of Ceremonies
John Deeley	482	... ...	Assist. D. of Cere.
G. W. H. Tudor	1838	... ...	Sword Bearer
G. W. Walker	526	... ...	Standard Bearers
W. M. Mould	662	... ...	
F. Mountford	460	... ...	Organist
F. C. Bastick	419	... ...	Pursuivants
J. Mottram	726	... ...	
H. Baggaley	460	... ...	Tylers
R. Tomlinson	726	... ...	
R. Crosskey, G. Haynes, F. Harper, T. Cox, W. A. Wood, J. T. H. Gladman 1039			Stewards

The brethren, on adjourning from the Lodge-room, formed a procession, which was marshalled by Bro. Fowke P.D.C. Between the Chaplains and the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy were four Lewises—Charles Lomas, George Owens, Henry Barnes, and Harry Edwin Smyrk—carrying the Volume of the Sacred Law. The brethren in procession marched to the Cathedral for Divine Service. The Dean of Lichfield (Dr. Bickersteth) had kindly undertaken to preach on the occasion, and Mr. J. B. Lott, the Cathedral organist, presided at the grand instrument which the Cathedral contains. The service was impressive throughout, and afforded the greatest satisfaction to the brethren. The lessons were read by the Rev. T. Lloyd P.G.C. and Archdeacon Iles P.P.G.C. The Dean, taking as his text the words "God setteth the solitary in families," said—

It was doubtless by a Divine arrangement that mankind associated themselves in communities, whether great or small. Human society was nothing else but a vast system, a network of mutual dependencies which would not tolerate anything like solitariness. He could not, but think that the origin of Freemasonry, lost as it is in a very remote antiquity, was due to that love of association which finds its highest and most perfect expression in the Church of God. Signs were a common feature of most associated bodies; and they were probably used at first to supply the deficiencies of language, and to enable persons of different races, and using different languages, to communicate with one another. It was to the honour of Freemasonry that the principles of kindness and morality, of truth and justice, had always been associated with it. Even so far back as the 8th century before the Christian era we found distinct allusions to the symbolism of the Masons' art—the "square" and the "compass," as representing order, regularity, and propriety. In a famous canonical work of Chinese origin, called the "Great Learning," we read that "a man should abstain from doing to others what he would not that they should do to him;" and this, added the writer, was called the principle of "acting on the square." To the same purpose Mencius (a disciple of Confucius), who lived about 300 B.C., taught that men ought to apply the "square" and "compass" to their lives, and the "level" and the "marking line" besides, if they would walk in the straight and even paths of wisdom, and keep themselves within the bounds of honour and virtue. The Dean proceeded to trace the history of Freemasonry in this country from A.D 304 when St. Alban, Britain's first martyr, was president of a council of Masons, if we may believe the old traditions respecting him, and in the course of this sketch, took the opportunity of expressing his own obligations and those of the Chapter to the Staffordshire Lodge of Freemasons for their generous offering of the beautiful statue of Henry III., as well as to the St. John's Lodge, for their gift of the striking figure of Solomon, both of which figures, the work of the clever sculptor, Mr. Bridgeman, adorn the west front of the Cathedral. In conclusion, the Dean said: In the year A.D. 1717 Freemasonry ceased to exist as an operative brotherhood. But it has never ceased to enjoy the favour and the patronage of the noble, the great, and the good. In more recent times the Duke of Wharton and the Duke of Buccleuch have been its Grand Masters; and at the present moment I need not remind you that its Grand Master is his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who is never wanting when occasions worthy of his presence and support invite his attendance. It is not saying too much for the society of Freemasons that it tends to promote friendship, mutual assistance, loyalty to our Institutions, in Church and State, and religion and morality. Here are some of the present regulations of Freemasonry: "A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understands his obligations he can never be a stupid atheist or a godless libertine." He "of all men should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth; for the Lord looketh in the heart." "A Mason must therefore never act against the dictates of his conscience." "Let his religion or his mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order provided he believe in the glorious Architect of heaven and earth and practices the sacred duties of morality." Masons are taught "to regard the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive, by the purity of their own conduct, to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith which they profess." So that Freemasonry is "a bond of union between good men and true." A Mason is a peaceable subject of the civil power." He pledges himself "to conform to all lawful authority, to uphold the interests of the community, and to promote the prosperity of all ranks and classes in his own country." Hence "kings and princes in every age have been disposed to patronise the craftsmen on account of their peaceableness and loyalty." Permit me my brethren of this ancient and honourable Brotherhood, to remind you once more of that higher and nobler association into which Christianity admits you. Talk of honour, and truth and justice; talk of warm-hearted friendship and generous devotedness; talk of all that is lovely and of good report; where will you find these and other virtues in higher perfection than in him who has accepted Christ and His salvation, and has resolved to live "to Him who died for him and rose again." This Masonic association, good and excellent as it appears to be, is terminated, as far as you individually are concerned, by death. But he who has a place in the family of God is beyond the reach of earthly change or mortal decay. Death, which breaks up earthly alliances, makes this Brotherhood eternal. May God by his Spirit unite us all in this heavenly companionship through Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the close of the service the brethren returned to the Guildhall, and business was resumed. The D.P.G.M. said he was sure they must all have been intensely delighted with the very beautiful service to which they had listened. The sermon was fine, and the service was enhanced by the splendour of the beautiful temple in which it was held. They could not help being struck by the peculiar appropriateness of the service, having reference to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, embodying as they did the lessons of "brotherly love, relief, and truth." They had been favoured with an exceedingly able discourse, and they were greatly indebted to the Dean. It was a matter of astonishment that the Dean, not being a Freemason, was so skilled in Masonry, and it was a source of regret that he was not a member of the Fraternity. He proposed that the Provincial Grand Master should be specially requested to convey to the Dean of Lichfield the sincere thanks of the brethren for his kindness in opening the Cathedral, arranging for such an admirable service, and especially for his sermon. Bro. James, in seconding the proposition, said the remarks of the Dean made him wonder whether in the earlier period of his life he (the Dean) had been initiated into the Craft. At any rate, the history of Freemasonry was well known to him, and they might feel that at any rate there was one good man outside their ranks who did not hesitate to speak well of Freemasonry. The proposition was carried with applause.

Bro. Cartwright announced that the collection at the Cathedral amounted to £15 13s 10d. Bro. James proposed that £5 5s be given towards the fund for restoring St. Chad's Church and £5 5s to the funds of the Lichfield Nursing Institution. Bro. Dr. Clarke seconded the proposition. He bore personal testimony to the value of the Nursing Institution, which he said had been in existence about three years. The motion was passed unanimously.

After the close of the Lodge, a large number of the brethren proceeded to the George Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Mrs. Owen. The toasts were interspersed with some unusually good vocal music; glees and songs being given by Brothers Harrison, Bickley, Fredericks and Mountford, the accompaniments to the songs being played by Brothers Mountford and Harper. The Provincial Grand Master, who presided, gave the Loyal toasts, remarking with reference to the Prince of Wales that during the time his Royal Highness had held the office of Grand Master of England, a period of ten years, the Masonic Lodges had nearly doubled in this country. Bro. Dr. Clarke, in appropriate terms, proposed the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, Earl Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past, coupling with it the name of Bro. Foster Gough G.S.B., who said he did not consider the Province of Stafford had been fairly dealt with in the matter of appointments in the Grand Lodge, and he hoped he should soon have a Staffordshire colleague who would wear what might be termed the imperial purple. Bro. James, alluding to the sermon which the Dean had preached, said they had the history of Freemasonry unfolded to their view by a master hand. They had had Freemasonry introduced into this country, under varying circumstances, since at any rate the fourth century. It had been interdicted and resisted in various forms, but there never was a time when it was so progressive as it was at the present day, and particularly in Staffordshire. Referring to the fact that the Provincial Grand Master was obliged to spend a considerable portion of his time in Wales owing to the delicate state of his health, he (Bro. James) jocularly suggested that in these days of rapid and cheap travelling it might possibly happen that at some future day the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire might be held on the Great Ormshead to suit Bro. Tudor's convenience. He proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master, which was very heartily received. Bro. Tudor, in reply, said while he regretted the state of his health had not enabled him to visit the Lodges, they had been visited by his Deputy, who had kept him informed of everything that was going on. During the last ten years the number of Lodges in Staffordshire had increased from 19 to 27, of which he had consecrated six himself. He urged the necessity of exercising caution so as not to admit members who would do discredit to the Craft. He spoke of the great value of the Masonic Charities, of which he said the Fraternity had cause to be proud. He trusted that they would continue to support the Charities and carry out the principles to which the Dean of Lichfield alluded—"brotherly love, relief, and truth." The health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master was proposed by Bro. W. H. Hales and suitably acknowledged. Bro. Cartwright proposed the Visitors, for whom Bro. W. T. Parkins, No. 468, Birmingham, responded. The toast of the Worshipful Masters and Officers of the Lodges in the Province was proposed by Bro. the Rev. T. Lloyd and acknowledged by Bro. Perkins W.M. 1039. Bro. F. James, in proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities, said they were the outward and visible sign of that true Masonic spirit, which he hoped was always present in the breast of every Freemason. They were substantial outward signs, and conveyed to the world some reason why persons should band together to assist their poor unfortunate brethren and also for that high and noble object of thinking charitably of all men. While describing the Masonic Institutions as extremely

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valuable, he pointed to the Wolverhampton Orphan Asylum and other Institutions as being efficiently managed at less cost per head than the Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls, and he expressed a hope that a reform in this direction would be effected. He directed attention to the rapid growth of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Institution, and suggested for consideration whether some of the recipients of the Benevolent Fund could not be maintained in the Provinces instead of at Croydon. The list of toasts was shortly afterwards concluded.—*Staffordshire Advertiser.*

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REPRESENTATIVE PROVINCIAL STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I do not think that "J. B." need have been apprehensive of being stormed at or abused for his letter on the above subject, although I confess that Masonic correspondents seem frequently to display unnecessary excitement in the tone of their fraternal controversies. He has spoken from experience, and doubtless there is something in his argument. I always thought that the object of any brother in undertaking a Provincial Stewardship was to secure to that Province the benefit of the *cumulative* vote, which would otherwise be lost. If a number of brethren go up as Stewards from a Province each bringing his own list, the chances are that such lists will be small and will not carry with them any extra votes, whereas if all these lists were added together the result would be a gain in the shape of a number of extra votes. If a brother acts as Provincial Steward it is certainly his duty as well as to his interest to do his best for his list. My own impression is that the increasing number of unattached Stewards is occasioned by these "rovers" finding themselves better able to annex stray subscriptions from all quarters as independent Stewards than if they represented any particular Province or Lodge.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

T. B. W.

22nd June 1885.

READING ROOM AND MUSEUM.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Every now and then an attempt is made to awaken interest in the intellectual culture of Freemasons, and although efforts in that direction have hitherto remained stillborn, I am not without hope that something will ultimately be done if a few earnest men keep pegging away. It is no use railing against the social habits of the brethren, and it is, to say the least, questionable tactics to talk about the monotony of our ceremonies. Freemasons, like most other people, enjoy the pleasures of the table, and why should they not? Englishmen are, and always have been, what may be termed good livers, and it would be strange indeed if members of the Craft who possess special facilities should be an exception to the general rule. Monotonous, as I admit the proceedings of most Lodges to be, and abused and shamefully shorn of their beauty as the ceremonies often are, it is gratifying to know that so many brethren attend to Lodge business and are therefore compelled to listen to the ceremonies, the good seed of which does not always fall on stony ground.

Lectures have been recommended as a means of varying the proceedings of Lodges. That is an excellent plan provided lecturers can be found competent to fulfil the necessary conditions of office. It should be remembered that there are few brethren so capable as Bro. Woodford and Bro. Stevens to entertain and interest a Lodge. At any rate only one here and there has come forward, and among that honourable number may be mentioned Bro. W. W. Morgan. A lecturer, to be successful, should be well-read in the literature of the Order, should have a cultivated mind, a ready address and pleasing manners. These qualifications are not often found in combination, and where they, or any of them are absent, their efforts are more monotonous than the ceremonies are alleged to be. Still, I would not discourage even the feeble efforts of those who think they have something to say. The chief object at present is to galvanise dead bones, to stir up the dormant energies of the few, and to educate the many.

I am of opinion that much good might be done in Lodges of Instruction were questions put by members to the Preceptors, not only as to the precise words of the ritual, but as to the history of the ceremonies and their relative bearing. Discussion might very fairly be raised on questions of jurisprudence, such, for instance, as to the meaning of suspension and exclusion; also as to the naming and numbering of Lodges, Provincial honours, and many other matters of interest. No doubt it would be discovered that the Preceptors, as a rule, are as ignorant as the brethren generally of all questions outside of their immediate duties. Were they pressed with questions they would either have to seek information, or point out where it could be obtained. By this means a spirit of inquiry would be aroused, and a demand for Masonic literature would be created. Once make ignorance an object of contempt, or even unfashionable, and one great step towards a remedy will have been taken. There would soon be a library worthy of the name at Freemasons' Hall, with a Reading Room where brethren could go and sit and peruse the Masonic literature of the world at their leisure. The same room would do for the brethren who have to attend on matters of business. For example, at elections and on occasions when the Lodge of Benevolence meets. Instead of the brethren having to lounge about in corridors, sometimes for hours, in semi-darkness, kicking their heels, or ruminating over their misfortunes, they might be snugly ensconced in a room well-lighted, with papers and books as companions. The weariness of waiting would be lessened if not removed, and unwholesome and troublous thoughts would be superseded, for the time at least.

Once get the Reading Room, the Library would soon increase, and naturally would follow a Museum. The way to get both is first to awaken a spirit of inquiry, one method of doing which I have pointed out, and then to insist upon Grand Lodge loosing its purse-strings and doing a duty it has too long neglected. "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." Masonic bliss has dwelt too long in ignorance, and time is long past for action at improvement. I do not expect that many will stir in the matter, but the earnest ones need not despair. Great things from little causes spring, and who knows how near the future may be when a brother shall be esteemed for his qualities of head as well as of heart, and not, as is too often the case now, because he possesses the one only qualification of being rich.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

THE THEATRES.

Vaudeville.—Much praise and all possible encouragement is due to the plucky little society modestly calling itself "The Dramatic Students." It was constituted by certain scholarly juniors of the dramatic profession, who purpose from time to time to present some play of recognised value from those rarely seen on the stage. By this arrangement there will, from time to time, be offered works tempting to the curiosity of younger spectators, interesting recollections for those of the elders. On Friday afternoon, the 19th inst., at the Vaudeville, a large and very appreciative audience gathered to see our "Students'" interpretation of the "Two Gentlemen of Verona," a play that has not seen the footlights in London for some thirty years. Anticipatory irony lurked in the corner of many a critical eye, and surprise was no less great than pleasure when the audience listened to the refined and manly elocution of both gentlemen—Valentine and Proteus. Proteus is at the best an ungrateful character. He betrays his friend, and is false to the fair Julia; for love's sake sinking to a very cad. Shakespeare, however, makes us forgive him—for this same love's sake. In some hands, Proteus would be simply detestable, but Mr. Charles Fulton, by youthful impulsiveness and gallant bearing, made him sympathetic despite himself. Mr. Bernard Gould, as Valentine, attained great excellence; he spoke his lines with a ring of sincerity, and evidently felt the music of Shakespeare's exquisite verse. It was a fine bit of comedy, touched with pathetic sentiment, where Valentine's plan to escape with Silvia is discovered by her father, who snatches the lover's cloak from his shoulder and discovers the rope ladder. Mr. C. Thorpe played the small part of Eglamour with taste and feeling. Mr. Haydon Coffin won a well-deserved encore in the delightful song, "Who is Sylvia?" He sang as a true artist, and kept well within the scene, gazing at the lady's window, not as though addressing the orchestral stalls. Mr. Ben Greet created pleasant astonishment by the thorough way in which he realised the uncouth drollery of Launce; his scene with the dog delighted the house. Mr. Besley's Speed was a bright and racy vignette. He has the happy faculty of smiling so that the whole face seems illumined with a flush of fun. Miss Norroys was charming as Sylvia—graceful, tender, and dignified. We congratulate her heartily on such evidence of power and earnest study. Miss Webster, as Julia, marred her opening scenes by too much effort and too loud a delivery. Towards the close, however, when nervousness, to which these blemishes undoubtedly were due, had been overcome, her final scene was very pretty. The rest of the cast was efficient, but we would especially praise Mr. Mark Ambiant for his gracefully impertinent Sir Thurio. It was a pretty bit of comedy, in the Osric vein.

The Students next propose giving Charles Lamb's "Mr. H.," and Douglas Jerrold's "Housekeeper." We wish them a full house, and that success intelligence and hard work merits.

Strand.—So popular with playgoers is Mr. J. S. Clarke that a mere mention of the fact that he has increased the interest taken in the comedy of "The Heir at Law" by a double impersonation ought to draw full houses. Mr. Clarke now sustains the *rôle* of the mistrustful young rustic Zekiel Homespun, in addition to that of the self-satisfied pedant with whom he has so long identified himself. In both characters he demonstrates that his power to provoke laughter has increased rather than diminished. Other artists worthy of special mention are Mr. H. B. Conway as Dick Dowlas, and Miss Lucy Buckstone as Cicely Homespun. The "Heir at Law" is preceded by Mr. Rae's comedietta "The Sunny Side."

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Rheumatic gout are the most dreaded of all diseases, because their victims know that they are safe at no season, and at no age secure. Holloway's Ointment, after fomentation of the painful parts, gives greater relief than any other application; but it must be diligently used to obtain this desirable result. It has been highly commended by rheumatic subjects of all ages and of both sexes, for rendering their attacks less frequent and less vigorous, and for repressing the sour perspirations and soothing the nerves. In many cases Holloway's Ointment and Pills have proved the greatest blessings in removing rheumatism and rheumatic gout which has assailed persons previously and at the prime of life.

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WHICH SHALL IT BE?

SAINT JOHN the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist have long held a place of special honour among the Craft in Christian lands. Distinct recognition is given them in the Prestonian system, and also in the ritual formulated by Webb, which is so generally adopted in this country. The two Saints John are denominated "eminent patrons of Masonry," and it is provided that Lodges shall be dedicated to the memory of these illustrious Christian worthies. Webb used the singular term, the "Holy Saint John," in announcing his formula for the dedication of Lodges, and some have supposed that he intended to show a preference for John the Baptist who was in some sense identified with the Craft organisations prior to the time of the "Revival," while there is no satisfactory evidence that St. John the Evangelist was so recognised until after 1717. Probably, however, Webb intended to refer to both Saints in the dedicatory sentence, and it was only a want of care that led to the printing of the formula in the manner stated. Elsewhere in his references he brings both names together as representing two eminent patrons of the Craft, and seemingly he would have both the Saints held in equal favour by the Fraternity.

In this country when Masonic Lodges are dedicated there is a recognition of the Saints John in the form observed, but in England the practice is to dedicate Lodges to King Solomon, and there is no reference to the Saints John in the ritual usually followed.

In this country, also, the Saints John are denominated "eminent patrons of Masonry," and their connection with the Order is supposed to be signified by the symbolism of a "point within a circle bordered by two parallel lines." According to the Webb explanation, "the point represents an individual brother, the circle represents the boundary line of his duty to God and man, beyond which he is never to suffer his passions, prejudices or interest to betray him on any occasion. The two perpendicular, parallel lines embordering the Circle represent St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, who were perfect parallels in Christianity as well as Masonry; and upon the vertex rests the book of Holy Scriptures which points out the whole duty of man. In going round this circle we necessarily touch upon these two lines, as well as upon the Holy Scriptures, and while a Mason keeps himself thus circumscribed it is impossible that he should materially err."

There has been a general use of the foregoing form of words in the rendering of work in American Lodges, and in this manner the symbolism referred to has received its usual explanation. Intelligent Brethren in their use of the formula have not intended to declare their belief that the Saints John were actual members of the Order, or that it is possible to trace a line of historic connection between them and the organisation which bears the Masonic name. The thought has been rather that the two Saints John, so admirably qualified by manifold graces to represent the noblest types of Masonic character, might well be associated in a moral and symbolic way with the Institution. No harm can come from such an identification, we think; yet there is an urgency of feeling on the part of many Brethren that the ritual and work should be so modified as to eliminate all reference to the Saints John. Lodges ought not to be dedicated to their memory, it is said, and there should be a return to first principles by pointing out the astronomical meaning of a "point within a circle bordered by two parallel lines," and teaching the candidate what most likely may have been the ancient significance of such a figure, viz.: its reference to the "annual path of the sun among the constellations of the zodiac," such a path being defined and limited by the parallel lines of the tropics. That the sun, as a symbol, is intimately connected with the Masonic system, cannot be doubted, and a reference of the figure to which attention has been called may well be made to the apparent movements of the sun as marked by the summer and winter Solstices. The sun's orderly course within these appointed limits may remind Masons of their moral duties, and also suggest to them that they will be apt to fall into no grievous error if they hold themselves within the lines that are made evident to the reason as bounding the exercise of man's just responsibility.

Which shall it be? Shall the form that recognises the Saints John be retained, or shall the astronomical reference and suggestion be taken in its place? We incline to the usage in which we were instructed—to an adherence to that form of explanation which brings two eminent types of human excellence into the case, besides allowing for a secondary reference to nature, and to the seeming movements of the sun in its defined and beautiful path. It can do no harm to point Brethren to the noble and heroic John the Baptist—to the saintly and loving John the Evangelist, and in a well-understood use of words, refer to these illustrious men as characteristically the "Patrons of Masonry."—*Freemasons' Repository.*

AN UNHOLY AMBITION.

THE times, Masonically, are not propitious for the encouragement and advancement to stations of honour and trust of merely ambitious persons, who, in most respects, unworthy of consideration, are selections not fit to be made. Where ambition is so selfish and unholy as to seek to thrive on disintegration, on the alienation of other and true men from interest and sympathy with the general work, making their successes to be built upon their own vanities and the enforced withdrawal of the regard of better and really influential brethren from the active work,—all such ambition should be rebuked, and the persons cherishing and nursing it should be told, with a pronounced emphasis, that they are not of the kind that is wanted.

Not only are the times not propitious for the advancement of such persons, but it will require the best judgment in the brethren of the Exaltation; the nicest discernment of what is proper to be done, and of who is fit to do it; the most generous recognition of the general brotherhood and the absolute silencing of the defaming and maligning tongue—by which unholy ambition seeks to soar; for however much brethren may be assured of and rest happily in the consciousness of their personal integrity and honour, the time comes when the assaults of vicious tongues employing sinister and damning insinuations for the merest selfish ends, are resented with the active, honourable contempt of good men, active in such form, place and influence, as will consign the selfish and the vicious to the punishment they deserve.

It must needs be, however, "that offences come"; it is also said, "wo unto that man by whom the offence cometh." It is also "expedient that one die for the people." It is further said: "Judgment must begin at the house of God."

No judgment can come upon Masonry; for like Divinity, it bears a charmed life, and its soul is truth itself, but Masonic brethren in their "most improved estate" cannot well bear without a sense of indignation, nor successfully resist, the processes of disintegration which may go on until brethren will either cherish hostilities, or lapse into indifference to the Institution, its grandeur of principle and its greatness and majesty of work.—*Masonic Review.*

The Chiswick Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be consecrated to-day (Saturday), at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. The proceedings will commence at 2·30.

The Dowager Lady Henniker has presented to the Church of Great Thornham, a painted window from the Studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, in memory of her husband, the fourth Lord, who died on Easter Eve, 1870. The subject of the window appropriately illustrates the "Eve of the Resurrection."

Under the title, "The Roll-Call of the Heroes," the editor of the *Quiver* will publish in the July number of that magazine an account of the brave deeds in recognition of which the first batch of silver and bronze medals have been awarded, from the fund now being raised by the readers of the *Quiver* for the institution of medals for heroic conduct in the saving of life by land and sea. Among the first recipients are a college student, a clergyman, a miner, a fisherman, a policeman, and a life-boat coxswain.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 27th JUNE.

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
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Royal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. (Consecration)

Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, St. Mark's School, St. Andrew's Road, Surbiton, at 2.15 p.m.
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1162—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1965—Fastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MONDAY, 29th JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
145—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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1189—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
907—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Malden.
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

TUESDAY, 30th JUNE.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Dematic, 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)
891—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Prescott-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (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)
1362—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
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)
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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
418—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
1624—St Peters, Masonic Hall, Malden
1658—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

WEDNESDAY, 1st JULY.

8—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
20—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
165—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Horse, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Parliament-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Bargoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1248—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, Mape-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Rose of Denmark, Churchers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Lansdowne, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
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—Dematic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 9 (Instruction.)
R.A. 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
R.A. 903—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden Square, W.

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
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.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
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.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth

R.A. 200—Old Globe, Londesborough Rooms, Scarborough
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 2nd 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)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
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)
1278—Barnets Comts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1309—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1456—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden 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).
1724—Kaisir-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
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
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.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
266—Nanthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
569—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
702—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bethlehem-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1142—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Ealand
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1254—Brent, Globe Hotel, Totnham, Devonshire
1267—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1284—Fenny, Albert's Chambers, Widnes
1509—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1514—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Fitzwilliam, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Beara House, Lindley
1551—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1574—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1587—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecon-shire
1617—St. Andrews, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1629—Barrell, George Hotel, Skipton-in
R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 116—Crux, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
R.A. 157—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

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R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Mason c, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 1074—Be tive, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lon dale
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

FRIDAY, 3rd JULY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—R yal 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 Ca-tle, 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, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley

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.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instuction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth

SATURDAY, 4th 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)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union Arms Street, Regent-st., W., at
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

AN emergency meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 23rd inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Bros. A. J. Martin W.M., L. M. Myers P.M. as S.W., Wall J.W., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary, G. M. Lion S.D., I. Botibol J.D., M. Lenzburg and M. Hart Stewards, A. Dodson P.M. D.C., P.M.'s L. M. Myers, H. M. Levy, M. Spiegel. Visitors—W. W. Westley 186, H. Ward Cripplegate Lodge, J. Spiller 1677, R. Kimpton 1728, J. Villing W.M. 534, D. Woolf 72, Mosquito 205. The Lodge was opened and ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Frank Isaacson, A. Jonas, L. Isaacs, and Rev. Sampson J. Rocco. The result being unanimous in their favour, the candi lates proposed were duly initiated into the Order in the W.M.'s perfect and impressive manner. Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent cold collation provided by Bro. Dawkins. The W.M. stated he did not intend to make long speeches. In speaking to the toast of the Benevolent Fund, the W.M. said each of the newly-initiated brethren had given 21s. Bro. Isaac Botibol also gave 21s. Bro. L. M. Myers P.M. said he regretted the absence of Bro. Bean the I.P.M. (through illness); all hoped he might speedily recover. In his absence, however, he had pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. The W.M. responded in a very excellent speech. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Initiates, said he felt sure they would be a credit and honour to the Lodge; he hoped to see them eventually occupying the chair. Bro. Rev. S. J. Rocco eloqnently and impressively responded; he was followed by Bros. Isaacs, Jonas and Isaacson. For the Visitors Bros. Villing W.M. 534 and D. Woolf 72 responded. Several other toasts followed.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday. Bros. Fenner W.M., Turner S.W., Snook S.D., Kirk J.D., Marks I.G., Forge Installing Master and Treasurer, Trewinnard Preceptor, Collingridge Secretary; also P.M.'s Western, Jordan, Osborn and Hall. After preliminaries, Bro. Fenner, as candidate for installation, answered the questions and took the obligation. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and a Board of Installed Masters formed. The new Master was saluted in the various degrees, and Bro. Forge gave the addresses in his usual able manner. Lodge was closed, and adjourned till 29th inst., when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Western W.M. 1693. Afterwards the brethren spent a pleasant hour. Bros. Bayne, Collins and Wright at the piano; Bros. Snook, Woodman, Bayne and others singing.

We announced, last week, that Bro. James Terry would rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation on Monday next, the 29th inst., at the Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park. We regret to state that owing to an indisposition, which necessitates our energetic brother resting for a few days, Bro. Terry has been compelled to postpone his visit. As, however, several brethren had already promised to attend, arrangements have been made that Bro. W. H. Lee, Prov. G. Assistant Secretary Middlesex, will take Bro. Terry's place as regards the installation ceremony. In addition, Bro. W. W. Morgan, I.P.M. 211, has kindly consented to deliver his lecture on "The Masonic Institutions; their Establishment and Development." Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock. Brethren to wear Masonic Craft clothing. The Hotel is five minutes walk from Victoria Park Station.

The Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, No. 25, has removed from the North Pole, Oxford-street, to the Portland Arms Hotel, 40 Great Portland-street, W.C.

We have been requested to state that the Annual Match of the Commercial Travellers' Cricket Club—London v. Country—will be played at Catford Bridge, on Saturday the 4th proximo, the ground being kindly lent by the "Private Banks." An excellent Military band will be in attendance. Bro. H. Baldwin is Captain of this old Club, and of the London team on this occasion, while Bro. E. Bowles, a man of Kent, will guide the destinies of the Country Travellers. The match is for the benefit of the Commercial Travellers' Schools and Benevolent Institutions. During the past few years this enterprising Club has divided between the above-named Institutions the large sum of 940 guineas.

The following dinners have taken place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 27th June:—

Monday—Staff College. Tuesday—Old Paulines' Club. Wednesday—Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers, Manchester New College.

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JORDAN LODGE, No. 319.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Torquay, 17th inst. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. Bro. A. T. Blamey W.M. occupied the chair, and ably installed Bro. W. Bradnee as his successor. The ceremony was most accurately rendered, and the appropriate charges were impressively delivered by Bro. John Lane P.M. Prov. G.M.O., the other members of the Board of Installed Masters consisting of Brothers W. J. Hughan P.M. 78 Past Grand Warden and Dr. Searle P.M. 215. The installation having been completed, the following Officers were appointed and invested by the W.M., viz.:—Bros. A. T. Blamey I.P.M., John Dodge S.W., George J. Pepprell J.W., Benjamin Knight M.O., W. E. Taylor S.O., George Rowland J.O., Thomas Taylor Treasurer (re-elected), John Lane P.M. P.G. Steward Secretary (re-appointed), R. Letheren R.M., W. Hill Chaplain, Thomas Prust S.D., William Taylor J.D., James Murray D.C., Professor Brooks Organist, George Hussey I.G., J. H. Brown S.S., H. C. Bolt J.S., and J. E. Newton Tyler re-elected. The Treasurer's and Secretary's Reports were most satisfactory, and the congratulations of the visiting brethren—Bros. Jarman 215, Atkins 173, and Heywood Prov. G.P., of 215—were tendered to the Lodge on the gratifying success which had attended the efforts of the members, for though a young Lodge, it has proved itself effective and increased in prosperity year by year. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Royal Hotel, and partook of a repast, which was well served, and the host (Bro. Bolt) was warmly thanked for his excellent arrangements, which gave general satisfaction.

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